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REMEMBERING OCTOBER 7 WITH EVENING OF UNITY AND COMMUNITY

As we mark the anniversary of the horrific attack on Israel by Hamas and pray for the return of the remaining hostages, we'll gather on Monday, October 7 at 7 p.m. at the Temple to join in solidarity with the people of Israel and Jewish communities around the world.

Please join us for this evening of unity and community, sponsored by [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).



TWO TRADITIONS COME TOGETHER DURING EVENING HOLIDAY SERVICES



Please join us when we welcome the [New Year 5785](#) as a community, with both Reform and Conservative *minyanim* worshipping together as one congregation on Erev Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday, October 2 and on Kol Nidre on Friday, October 11.

[Rabbi Meir Barger](#) will lead the services, weaving together aspects of both liturgical traditions to inspire new

insights during this time of reflection, forgiveness, and renewal. He'll be joined by [Hazzan Penny Myers](#), who will lead Conservative worship on the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah and the Day of Atonement.

Maestro Robert Nance will join us throughout the holidays for evening and Reform services. Brian Klickman will be our cellist for Kol Nidre. He is a member of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, where he holds the Linda and Joseph D. Ruffolo Family Foundation Chair, and is Principal Cellist of the Canton (OH) Symphony Orchestra.

Our annual [New Year's Reception](#) will provide an opportunity for our Temple family to share good wishes and enjoy a delicious nosh. New this year is [a healing service](#) on Yom Kippur afternoon. The RO-MEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will host [Break-the-Fast](#) meals after both concluding services on Yom Kippur. Plan to join us in person or [via livestream](#) throughout the Days of Awe. Find the full schedule on page 2 and more holiday news on pages 6-8.

22nd CORNED BEEF ON RYE - SURE TO SATISFY SALE COMING IN NOVEMBER

Get ready to savor delicious delicatessen when our Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser returns on Thursday, November 7 for a 22<sup>nd</sup> year.

**What's new this year?** The biggest change is that we will not have drive-thru pick up of orders. Simply park in our spacious lot and walk up to the building, where multiple pick-up stations will be set up for your convenience. In addition, customers who pre-order meals will be able to take advantage of special early bird pick up beginning at 10 a.m., an hour before our regular 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. hours. New sponsorship opportunities also are available.

Boxed meals are \$18 each when ordered by Friday, October 25. After that date and at the door, meals are \$21 each. Meals include a heaping 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, giant pickle, creamy coleslaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink.

[Order online](#) or [download an order form](#) at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org). Additional pounds of bulk corned beef are for sale for \$20 per pound. Delivery service is available when you order 12 meals or more by Friday, October 25 for \$15 per address.

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## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS IN OCTOBER

### HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE 5785 (2024)

#### Selichot Service

Saturday, September 28  
7:45 p.m.

#### Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Wednesday, October 2  
7:30 p.m. All Congregation Service  
Reception Follows

#### Rosh Hashanah, First Day

Thursday, October 3  
*Conservative Services:*  
8:30 a.m. Shacharit  
10 a.m. Torah Service with D'var Torah  
11 a.m. Musaf  
*Reform Service:*  
10 a.m.  
Noon—All Congregation Tashlich at  
[Foster Park West, Winchester Road](#)

#### Rosh Hashanah, Second Day

Friday, October 4  
*Conservative Services:*  
8:30 a.m. Shacharit  
10 a.m. Torah Service with D'var Torah  
11 a.m. Musaf

#### Shabbat Shuvah Service

Friday, October 4  
7:15 p.m. Memorial Plaque Dedication  
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

#### Shabbat Shuvah Service

Saturday, October 5  
9:45 a.m. Shabbat service

#### Cemetery Services

Sunday, October 6  
1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery  
2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery

#### Erev Yom Kippur Services

Friday, October 11  
7:15 p.m. Mincha (Chapel)  
8 p.m. All Congregation Kol Nidre

#### Yom Kippur Services

Saturday, October 12  
*Conservative Services:*  
8:30 a.m. Shacharit Service  
10 a.m. Torah, Haftorah, D'var Torah, Yizkor  
11:30 a.m. Musaf  
3 p.m. Healing Service (MRRC)  
6 p.m. Mincha  
7 p.m. Neilah  
8:23 p.m. Havdalah  
Break-the-Fast follows  
*Reform Services:*  
10 a.m. Morning Service  
3 p.m. Healing Service (MRRC)  
4 p.m. Yizkor  
5 p.m. Neilah  
Break-the-Fast follows

#### Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat & Sukkot Service with Musician Joanie Calem

Friday, October 18  
5:30 p.m.  
[RSVP for Pizza Dinner](#)

#### Shabbat & Sukkot Service

Friday, October 18  
7:30 p.m. Followed by a Nosh in the Sukkah  
Oneg Shabbat: Fran & Irv Adler and Beth & Dan Zweig

#### Shabbat & Sukkot Service

Saturday, October 19  
9:45 a.m.

#### Simchat Torah & Yizkor Service

Friday, October 25  
7:30 p.m.  
Oneg Shabbat: Nola & Matthew Katinsky

#### Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 26  
9:45 a.m.



### OCTOBER EVENTS

**Alzheimer's Walk**  
Saturday, October 5  
9 a.m. to noon

**Remembering October 7: An Evening of Unity and Community**  
Monday, October 7  
7 p.m.

**Thoughtful Thursdays**  
Wednesday, October 9  
7:30 p.m.

[Beginning Adult Hebrew](#)  
Starts Monday, October 14  
7 to 8:15 p.m. on Zoom

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

**Corned Beef Prep Night**  
Wednesday, November 6  
6 to 9 p.m.

**Corned Beef Fundraiser**  
Thursday, November 7  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (opens 10 a.m. for advance orders)  
Volunteer shifts beginning at 7 a.m.

**Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat**  
Friday, November 8  
5:30 p.m.

**IAJGS Conference Information Session**  
Sunday, November 10  
2 p.m. on Zoom  
[Sponsored by NEIJGS](#)

**Lifelong Learning**  
Wednesday, November 13  
7 p.m. on Zoom

**Sephardic Genealogy: Sarina Roffe**  
Sunday, November 17  
2 p.m. at ACPL and Zoom  
[Sponsored by the NEIJGS](#)

**Temple Book Club: Once We Were Home by Jennifer Rosner**  
Tuesday, November 19  
7 p.m. on Zoom

**A Creative Life: The Architecture and Art of Alan Grinsfelder**  
Exhibit opening, Panel Discussion, and Reception  
Sunday, November 24  
2 p.m. at the Temple

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**  
Tuesday, November 26  
7 p.m.

### CAN'T COME IN PERSON? JOIN US ONLINE!

Please join us in person or via livestream for worship services. Friday evening services are offered on [YouTube](#). Saturday morning services are available on Zoom and YouTube.

Zoom links are in the weekly email to our Temple family. We warmly welcome guests. Please contact the Temple office for online access information on Zoom at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org)



#### Lunch with the ROMEOS

Join the [Retired Old Men Eating Out](#) for lunch at noon:

**Thursday, October 3**  
No Lunch - Rosh Hashanah

**Thursday, October 17**  
[Casa! Ristorante](#)

7545 W. Jefferson Blvd.  
For more information, please contact Denny Reynolds at [dennisreynolds@me.com](mailto:dennisreynolds@me.com).

[Find the lunch schedule](#)

## Rabbi Meir Bergeron: A TIME OF CELEBRATION AND LAMENT

On the morning that I am writing these words, the Temple is at the height of preparations for the High Holy Days. Charlie and Timmy are painting the portico ceiling, so that when our members and friends arrive, they are welcomed with an entry way that is clean, bright and warm. Lily is taking calls, answering questions, preparing materials, and looking after a long list of items that are important *and* invisible to most, but are essential for us to be ready. Jamie is ensuring that Temple dollars flow where they need to go, and Samara is conducting all of the Rifkin Campus operations like a finely tuned symphony.

I, myself, am collaborating with Ron Friedman and Maestro Robert Nance, as well as our guest hazzan, Cantor Penny Myers, to make sure that every page and every moment of services have been considered and are ready for our congregation to experience together. Really, this is the most exciting time of the year at the Temple!

When we gather to pray during the Days of Awe, we sing these familiar words: "[Hashivenu, Adonai elecha venashuva chadesh yamenu k'kedem](#). Turn us unto You, O Lord, and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old." This verse and its memorable tune are the entry point to the High Holy days for many of us. It is as if Hashiveinu originates from the [machzor](#), but in fact this plea for God's closeness comes from the book of Lamentations (5:21). It is from lament that we begin our journey through Rosh Hashanah and into Yom Kippur.

Lament may feel ill-fitting, especially on Rosh Hashanah when we celebrate the beginning of creation. But this year, in between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will also be marking the first anniversary of the horrifying attack by Hamas on Israel on October 7, 2023.

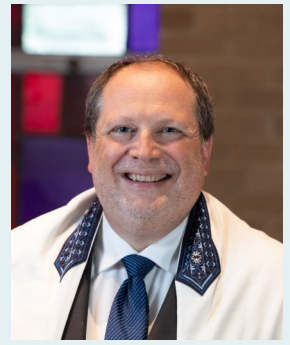
For Jews in Israel and everywhere, the intervening months

have brought with them a range of emotions including shock, fear, anger, and grief. Many have described the attack and kidnappings as one of the most traumatic events for Jews since the Holocaust. The attack has left a lasting impact, reopening wounds and reinforcing fears about anti-Semitism and the fragility of safety in many parts of the world. The sense of unity and resilience within Jewish communities has been evident, but so too has the deep mourning for those who were lost or affected by the violence.

For many, the feelings have been overwhelming, leaving some speechless. There is simply very little to say that can describe the horror of the attack, or the depth of the pain that has followed for the survivors and the Jewish people as a whole. This pain, this muffled scream, is lament. While the experience of pain is very personal, we can provide communal support to one another – simply by knowing that we are in this together.

On Monday, October 7th at 7 p.m., the Fort Wayne Jewish Community is invited to join together for a [program of remembrance](#), lament and hope, as we commemorate the passing of a full year since the attack by Hamas. Through readings, prayers, and music, we will remember and continue to integrate this previously unimaginable catastrophe into our consciousness. We will turn to one another to support Israel and each of us. Please mark your calendar and come to this special communal moment.

Until then, I wish everyone *Shanah Tova u'metukah*, a good and sweet new year. — *Rabbi Meir*



## A CREATIVE LIFE: THE ARCHITECTURE & ART OF ALAN GRINSFELDER OPENS IN NOVEMBER



A new exhibit called "A Creative Life: The Architecture and Art of Alan Grinsfelder" opens on Sunday, November 24 at 2 p.m. at the Temple. The afternoon also includes a talk and panel discussion at 3 p.m. and reception at 4 p.m..

This inspiring exhibit highlights Alan's designs and architectural contributions to the Fort Wayne skyline during his long career with Grinsfelder Associates Architecture, along with the creativity displayed in his ongoing fine arts endeavors.

Alan's building projects featured in this exhibition include Headwaters Park, the Foellinger Theatre, the Pyramid Building, the Hanna Creighton block (Urban League, Head Start, and Pontiac Public Library) and the downtown Community Center. His artwork has been on display in local

coffeehouses and galleries. Alan, who will turn 89 days before the exhibit's opening, has been touted as Purdue Fort Wayne's oldest student and continues to take art classes.

Alan and his wife, Maureen, are long-time members of the Temple and past presidents.

The panel will be moderated by Irene Walters. Joining Alan on the panel will be **Geoff Paddock**, Fort Wayne City Councilman and former executive director of Headwaters Park, and **John O'Connell**, dean of the College of Visual & Performing Arts at Purdue Fort Wayne.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support. Thank you to Jon Tam for developing the exhibit and program.

### ADDITIONAL EXHIBIT HOURS:

**Tuesday, November 7 p.m.**, following the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

**Friday, December 6** from 5 to 9 p.m. (before and after the Temple's Shabbat service)

**Saturday, December 7** from 1 to 4 p.m.



## CHECK OUT SOMETHING SCARY AT THE TEMPLE LIBRARY

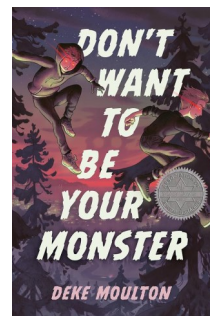
October can be a time for a good scary story, and we have plenty of them to offer in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#). We have a large collection of Golem titles, but those have been covered before and would take up another full article. Here are a few suggestions for those interested in goblins, ghosts, witches and vampires:



For our youngest readers, there are some newer goblin books that aren't particularly creepy. Susan Tarcov's *There's a Goblin on the Ark* includes goblins in the "Noah's ark" story. Two Shabbat titles include *The Porridge Pot Goblin* by Jacqueline Jules and *The Goblins of Knottingham: A History of Challah* by Zoe Klein. *Zombie Vacation* by Lisa Rose is a unique introduction to Israel that might fit the creepy vibe for picture book readers. A perennial picture-

book favorite for Halloween is Marilyn Hirsh's *The Rabbi and the Twenty-Nine Witches*. This classic folktale is perfect for a younger audience.

For middle grade and teen readers, there are several scary options to choose from. Samara Shanker's *Rebecca Reznik Reboots the Universe* is our newest title in this category. Thirteen-year-old Becca's home is haunted by demons. *Don't Want to Be Your Monster* is a recent Sydney Taylor Honor Book by Deke Moulton. Adam and Victor, the brothers and main characters, are vampires. A not-so-scary witch book is Laurel Snyder's *The Witch of Woodland*, a recent Sydney Taylor Award winner. Zipporah, or Zippy, has just discovered magic powers.



Finally, for adults we offer both of Helene Wecker's titles, *The Golem and the Jinni* and *The Hidden Palace*. And Lavie Tidhar's *Jews vs Zombies* is a collection of short stories with a horror theme.

[There are more scary stories in our collection](#). Remember that you can [check out our full catalog](#). Self-checkout is available at the library desk whenever the building is open.



## TEMPLE BOOK CLUB TO MEET IN NOVEMBER

On Tuesday evening, November 19, our Temple Book Club will meet to discuss [Once We Were Home](#) with author Jennifer Rosner. The novel was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award and tenderly addresses the issue of Jewish children taken by Christian families during the Holocaust. A copy is available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).

We will meet at 7 p.m. on Zoom to discuss the novel, and the author will join the conversation at 7:30 p.m. The meeting link will be included in the weekly e-mail in November. We hope you will plan to read the novel and join us for the discussion.

## THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS BAG ASSEMBLY TEAM MEETS OCTOBER 9

Join the Jewish Community's Thoughtful Thursdays team on Wednesday, October 9 at 10 a.m. when we assemble bags of food and household items for the 51 Brightpoint Head Start families who attend class in our building.

Contact Chair Cheryl Schorey at [cheryl\\_schorey@yahoo.com](mailto:cheryl_schorey@yahoo.com) to learn more. Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).



The Jewish Community's Thoughtful Thursdays team began its 15th year on September 4 assembling bags of food and household items for the 51 Brightpoint Head Start families who attend class in our building.

## HELP PURCHASE APPLES FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS FAMILIES

Help supply a bag of fresh apples for the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple through the 14th annual [Thoughtful Thursdays](#) Apple Project.

Many of these students rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits or vegetables. Thoughtful Thursdays provides fresh apples to Brightpoint students purchased from a local orchard.

This mitzvah is a way to combat hunger in our local community! A tree will be on display at the Temple with decorated paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$18 or more for the apple project. Pictures of the tree will be posted on the Temple's Facebook page as it grows. We hope to see your name on it soon!

[Donate online](#) by Friday, October 18 at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org). Indicate the amount of your donation, designate project Assist/Thoughtful Thursdays, and indicate the name you would like to appear on the apple for the tree. You may also mail checks made payable to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for "Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project." Thank you!

Thoughtful Thursdays is a joint project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

# Youth News



Parents, children, grandparents and friends gathered outdoors on September 13 to welcome Shabbat during Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat. Rabbi Meir Bergeron and Stephanie Gottesman led the service. The group celebrated with a birthday boy, who was honored by participating in the candle lighting and blessing. A joyous Shabbat celebration with music, singing, and dancing **Please see page 8 for details about October's Joy Vey Sukkot celebration.**



## TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### MEET OUR NEW HEBREW TEACHER: BARBARA SILVERMAN

The Temple's Hebrew program for Religious School students in grades 4 to 6 is offered online, which allows us to access teachers from all over the country and

helps families fit Hebrew studies into their busy schedules. We're pleased to welcome Barbara Silverman, who teaches three classes organized by Hebrew level, and is also providing B'nai Mitzvah tutoring.



I am thrilled to be the new Hebrew teacher for the CAV Religious School. I am a licensed teacher, and I have been teaching in both Hebrew schools and in a public school system for many years.

In addition, I have been an administrator in a Reform Temple in New Jersey, where one of my jobs was Ritual Educator. I oversaw their two B'nai Mitzvah programs and taught Hebrew and

B'nai Mitzvah studies to students of all ages including adults.

The Temple in Fort Wayne is not new to me. I am so fortunate to have been there many times. I am proud to say that my cousin was Rabbi Emeritus Richard B. Safran z"l. In fact, the first time that I read from the Torah at a Shabbat service was at the Temple on the Shabbat of Rabbi Safran's Retirement Weekend in 1995. So, Congregation Achduth Vesholom holds a very special place in my heart.

I wish everyone at Congregation Achduth Vesholom a *Shana Tovah U'metukah* (Have a Good and Sweet Year). May this coming year be a year of good health, happiness and PEACE.  
—Barbara Silverman



We welcomed students on September 15 for a new year of Jewish learning in our Religious School! Parents and their children age 5 through 10th grade gathered for a nosh before the students headed to their classrooms.

Our Alef class learned about the High Holy Days and the Jonah story while enjoying apples, honey and pomegranates. The Bet class practiced Kiddush and motzi, and learned about the Jewish calendar year. The Gimmel class did some introductory activities and explored identity charts. Parents also enjoyed social time and a nosh.

Thank you, our teaching staff - Rabbi Meir Bergeron, Dave Flapan, David Crell and Kate Crell - and Religious School Coordinator Lily Noga, as well as the parents and students, for their support of our school!

## SUPPORT THE TEMPLE WITH HIGH HOLY DAYS DONATION

Thank you to our holiday sponsors who sent donations in time to be included in our announcement booklet for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur! If you'd like to be added to our booklet on Yom Kippur, please send your sponsorship donation of \$54 or more no later than Monday, October 7.

Your generous gift will be used for needs during the holidays and beyond, from replenishing the floral fund to assisting with security, music, technology, and congregational events.

We're proud to be one congregation with two worship traditions. Whether your customary gift is through sponsoring *aliyot* during Conservative services or your annual donation contributes to other congregational needs, we value and appreciate your assistance.

We have several ways to give:

- [Donate online](#) and choose "High Holy Days" on the dropdown menu. Please indicate if your gift is "in honor of" or "in memory of" a special person, or celebrates an occasion.
- For *aliyot* during our Conservative service, please contact Josh Tourkow at [jtourkow@tcrlaw.com](mailto:jtourkow@tcrlaw.com). (To donate online, choose "High Holy Days – Aliyot" on the dropdown menu and indicate if your gift is "in honor of" or "in memory of" a special person, or celebrates an occasion.)
- Send a check payable to "CAV- The Temple" to sponsor the High Holy Days (5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807).



## JOIN US FOR BREAK-THE-FAST MEAL HOSTED BY THE ROMEOs

The [ROMEOs](#) (Retired Old Men Eating Out) are preparing a delicious break-the-fast meal for the

congregation following both Reform and Conservative services on Saturday, October 12. Everyone is invited for tuna salad, egg salad, bagel, lox, herring in wine sauce, herring in sour cream, blintzes, fresh fruit and other delicacies.

Please make a [reservation online](#) or contact us at (260) 744-4245 by Tuesday, October 8 so that we can prepare enough food and seating. Thanks to the generosity of the ROMEOs, there is no charge. However, cash donations gladly will be accepted to help offset the costs.

Volunteers are needed to help with set ups and other tasks. Please contact the Temple office to offer your assistance. If you would like to sponsor the sweet wine for Kiddush, please let us know. Thank you to Denny Reynolds for organizing and the ROMEOs for hosting!

## Healing Service

### COME TOGETHER FOR HEALING, COMFORT AND SUPPORT ON YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON

*On this sacred day, what kinds of healing or comfort do you need?*

Has it been a hard year for you physically, mentally or spiritually? The work of Yom Kippur can open up our vulnerability and this will be a time to come together in sacred community to offer healing, comfort and support.

Please join us on Saturday, October 12 at 3 p.m. when Rabbi Meir leads a special Yom Kippur afternoon healing service, which may be helpful for those who are physically ill, those in need of emotional and spiritual healing, those friends and family who care for those in need of healing, and for anyone seeking additional prayers to add meaning to their High Holy Day experience.

The service will be in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. It will not be livestreamed.

## SWEETS, TREATS, AND MORE NEEDED



Please volunteer to help and to bake for the Rosh Hashanah Reception following our service on Wednesday, October 2. Baked goods are needed at the Temple no later than Tuesday, October

1. Items may be put in the freezer, but please mark them for the reception including your name.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up. Please contact the Temple office to offer your assistance at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org). Thank you to Dawn Hammond and Sheryl Merritt for chairing the reception!

## CAST AWAY YOUR SINS ON TASHLICH

The Hebrew word *tashlich* literally means "You shall cast away." In the book of Micah (7:18-20) we find the verse: "And you shall cast (*tashlich*) into the depths of the sea all their sins." Traditionally, Jewish communities throughout the world have taken Micah's words to heart by gathering on Rosh Hashanah and symbolically casting away their sins by throwing breadcrumbs into a lake, stream or ocean.



Join us for Tashlich on Thursday, October 3, following Rosh Hashanah morning services (about noon). Meet in the lobby for directions to [Foster Park West, Winchester Road](#) (street address 3900 Old Mill Road). Bread will be provided. No livestreaming will be available.

## REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES AT MEMORIAL SERVICES

If you wish to have a loved one's name included during memorial services on Yom Kippur, please provide information to the Temple office by Tuesday, October 8. Call us at (260) 744-4245 or email at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).

Join us for memorial services in person or on [YouTube](#) on Saturday, October 12 at 10 a.m. during our Conservative service or 4 p.m. during our Reform service.

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## VISITORS WELCOME FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS



Do you know someone who is new to Fort Wayne? Will you have family or friends visiting for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur? Please ask them to join us!

Our High Holy Days services are open to all. Services are offered both in person and via livestream ([YouTube](#) for all services and

Zoom for Conservative morning services). We look forward to welcoming everyone. To access Conservative services on Zoom, please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).

We're especially eager to welcome those who are new to our Jewish community to explain the benefits of membership at Achduth Vesholom. Please call us to let us know so we can reach out to newcomers.

Traveling to another URJ congregation that requires tickets? Contact the Temple office as soon as possible if you need a letter verifying that you're a member in good standing of Achduth Vesholom in order to obtain tickets at another Reform congregation.



## MACHZORIM ARE AVAILABLE TO BORROW



For those attending services online for the High Holy Days, we are making the Temple's *machzorim* (holiday prayer books) available for congregants to borrow during

the Days of Awe for both Reform and Conservative worship. [Find out more](#)

On Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre when both minyanim worship together, we will be using Mishkan HaNefesh, the Reform machzor.

For the best worship experience, we encourage congregants to either borrow or purchase copies. If borrowing, members must follow guidelines for keeping the prayer books in great condition and return them no later than Thursday, October 31.

Please note that the borrower is responsible for replacement of any misplaced or damaged books at \$55 per copy.

To make arrangements for borrowing, please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).

Other options include:

- *Mishkan HaNefesh*, the Reform machzor - available for purchase or in a Kindle ebook format. [Find out more](#)
- *Mahzor Lev Shalem*, the Conservative machzor – [Find a book for purchase](#)

## HAZZAN PENNY MYERS WILL LEAD CONSERVATIVE HOLIDAY SERVICES



As one congregation with two traditions, the Temple is pleased to have [Hazzan Penny Myers](#) join us for the [High Holy Days](#) 5785 to lead our Conservative services in October. She will also serve as hazzan co-leading the combined Erev Rosh Hashanah service and for Kol Nidre services with Rabbi Meir Bargeron. "Versatile," "engaging," "warm," and "gifted" are a few of the many

attributes people have said about Hazzan Myers.

In 1996, following a successful tour in Central Europe as the primary lyric soprano soloist, she received a BA in Music-Voice from Buffalo State University. Her studies continued at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, earning a Master of Arts in Teaching-Music Education in 1999.

While a music teacher at an inner-city school in Durham, North Carolina, Hazzan Myers was a nominee for Teacher of the Year and discovered the Cantorate in Durham, N.C., where she moonlighted as cantorial soloist.

She received her *Hazzan credential through the Cantors Assembly, a branch of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the world's largest professional association of Jewish Cantors.*

In 2022, Hazzan Myers received her Rabbinic s'michah from Mesifita Adas Wolkowisk/ Rabbinical Academy of America, making her the first dually ordained Jewish clergy in Western New York.

She also teaches and lectures about female clergy, emphasizing the challenges and blessings of how [#metoo](#) has affected awareness in Jewish organizations.

Hazzan Myers is married to neurologist Dr. Bennett Myers. They have three children: Hunter, Saul, and Corrinne.

## SUPPORT HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE WITH THANKSGIVING ITEMS

This year for the High Holy Days, we're asking you to help those who need food assistance get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving. [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#), which counts the Temple among its congregational faith partners, will provide all the fixings their clients need to enjoy a delicious holiday meal. **And we can help!**

Please take a paper grocery bag from the lobby on Rosh Hashanah and return it on Yom Kippur with the following items in cans or boxes:

### Shopping List

Mashed potatoes  
Stuffing  
Mushroom Soup  
Green Beans  
Sweet Potatoes  
Cake Mix/Frosting  
Gratin Potatoes/Scalloped  
Gravy  
French Fried Onions

**If shopping is not your thing**, we accept checks! Write a check to "Wellspring Interfaith Social Services" for any amount you can donate, get it to Temple, and we will take all checks to Well-spring. You can always make a [direct donation](#) at [www.wellspringinterfaith.org](http://www.wellspringinterfaith.org)  
**Fill yourself with the holiday spirit and give what you can!**

Thank you from the Social Action Committee!

## SHARE SUKKOT CELEBRATIONS & VISIT OUR SUKKAH



Shake the lulav and inhale the lovely scent of the etrog during the Temple's Sukkot celebrations in honor of the harvest festival. We'll observe Sukkot and Shabbat both in person and on [YouTube](#) during worship services.

Please join us on **Friday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m.** when we celebrate Sukkot and Shabbat, led by Rabbi Meir. We'll light the Sabbath candles, learn

more about the symbols of the holiday, and enjoy an autumn evening of community. Enjoy Kiddush and a nosh afterward in the Temple's sukkah, hosted by Fran & Irv Adler and Beth & Dan Zweig.

We'll also celebrate Sukkot and Shabbat during a lovely morning of Torah and learning on **Saturday, October 19 at 9:45 a.m.**, led by Ron Friedman with a D'var Torah by Rabbi Meir.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Temple sukkah throughout the seven-day holiday.

## CEMETERY SERVICES PLANNED OCTOBER 6

Memorial services will be held Sunday, October 6 at 1 p.m. at [Lindenwood Cemetery](#) and 2:30 p.m. at [Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery](#). Join Rabbi Meir for the traditional *El Maleh Rachamim* and *Kaddish* prayers, along with the appropriate psalms, poetry and prayers.

MEMORIAL  
*service*

## A MUSICAL SUKKOT SERVICE & PIZZA DINNER FOR FAMILIES



Families with kids of all ages are invited to join us for an outdoor Sukkot and Shabbat celebration on Friday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m. with guest musician [Joanie Calem](#).

Shake the lulav, light Shabbat candles, listen to stories in the sukkah, make holiday decorations, and enjoy Pizza in the Hut.

Joanie is a singer-songwriter, storyteller, educator and inclusion advocate. She grew up in Israel, where she worked both in Jewish-Arab relations and as a musician. Later, as the mother of an autistic child, Joanie began to understand the experience of exclusion and sensory needs more deeply, and, because of that, all her work has focused on inclusion and compassion.

She loves sharing music, stories and creating community with groups of all ages. Her seven CDs for young people, three CDs for adults, and six children's picture books all focus on not "othering" people. She spends her days performing, singing, writing and teaching.

Pizza will be provided, but please [RSVP online](#) or to the office at (260) 744-4245 by Sunday, October 13 so we know how much to order. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Contact Kate Crell at [eisenka@gmail.com](mailto:eisenka@gmail.com) with any questions.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of Joanie's visit. Thank you to our Joy Vey and Holiday Celebration teams, including Wendy Soltz, Stephanie Gottesman, Kate Crell, Deborah Bauer.



## COMPLETE THE CYCLE AND BEGIN ANEW ON SIMCHAT TORAH

Be part of our festive Simchat Torah celebration on Friday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. when we parade our sacred scrolls through the Sanctuary, enjoy festive singing and flag waving, and complete the reading of the Book of Deuteronomy while also beginning the Book of Genesis. We'll also observe Yizkor.

Join us in person or on [YouTube](#). An Oneg Shabbat follows hosted by Nola & Matthew Katinsky.

As we finish the annual reading of the Torah, we'll continue our beautiful tradition of completely unrolling the scroll. Please come and offer your assistance!

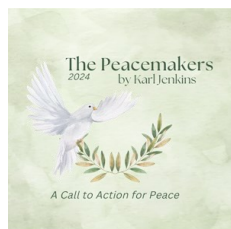
## A CALL TO ACTION FOR PEACE

Join Heartland Sings Vocal Artists and Orchestra on Sunday, October 13 at 4 p.m. at Southside High School for "[The Peacemakers](#)" by Karl Jenkins, a call to action for peace.

"The Peacemakers" is a work extolling peace, which we need now more than ever. One line from a section of the work sums up the ethos of the piece: "All religions, all singing one song: Peace be with you."

The words found in "The Peacemakers" are by iconic figures who have shaped history as well as those who are less known. They include Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Mother Teresa, Anne Frank, the Persian poet Rumi, Christ, the Qur'an, Judaism, Saint Francis of Assisi, Bahá'u'lláh, and more.

Suggested donation: \$5 or more



## OLD MILL ROAD TRAFFIC UPDATE

We appreciate your patience with construction work near the Temple.

To access the Temple, drive south on Old Mill Road from Pettit Avenue. If trucks are blocking your way, please gently beep your horn and workers will let you pass to the Rifkin Campus. The Temple's north driveway is open (though temporarily gravel).

We'll keep you posted when the street reopens.

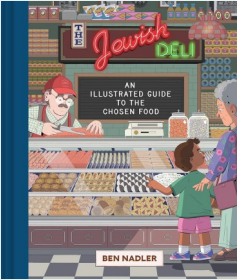




## 22nd CORNED BEEF ON RYE *continued from page 1*

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

**Become a sponsor!** Four sponsorship levels are available for donations made by Friday, October 25. [Make your sponsorship donation online](#)



**Become a platinum sponsor with a donation of \$1,800 or more** – along with GOLD benefits, you will receive a copy of *The Jewish Deli: An Illustrated Guide to the Chosen Food*, by Ben Nadler. A delightful celebration of Jewish delicatessens in an accessible comics format, full of history and humor, and guaranteed to make you hungry.

**Become a gold sponsor with a donation of \$1,000 to \$1,799** – you and/or your business will be recognized

on an enclosure inside each of the boxed lunches, on our website, and in our paid Facebook advertising of the sale. At this level, you also can provide a coupon or small advertisement (limited to 3x5 inches with approved wording) to be included with each meal. Attention: restaurant operators – we are your target market!

**Become a silver sponsor with a donation of \$500 to \$999** – you and/or your business will be recognized on an enclosure inside each of the boxed lunches, on our website, and in our paid Facebook advertising for the sale.

**Become a bronze sponsor with a donation of \$180 to \$499** – you and/or your business will be recognized on an enclosure inside each of the boxed lunches and on our website.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PREP NIGHT



Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, November 6 for Prep Night from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, November 7, with shifts beginning at 7 a.m. Contact the

Temple at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or (260) 744-4245 to say you'll help.

Whether you're new to our sale or a veteran member of the Corned Beef Crew, we can use your help on what is one of the most fun nights of the year at the Temple. This is a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with lots of people and help us raise money to support activities year-round.

### WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

Look sharp and celebrate our unique fundraiser by wearing a custom apron and cap with our corned beef sandwich logo while supplies last. [Find an order form](#) or [order online](#) when purchasing meals or sponsoring.



### THANKS TO OUR CORNED BEEF CREW

Co-Chairs Micah Soltz & Amy Krouse and their team: Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Barger, Jamie Fritz, Lily Noga, Denny Reynolds, Samara Sheray, Celeste Sexton, Rachel Tobin-Smith, Jon Tam, Steve Zacher, Mimi Zelman, Beth Zweig, and Dan Zweig

## BEGINNING HEBREW FOR ADULTS COMING IN OCTOBER

A great opportunity begins online on Monday, October 14 for adults interested in learning to read Hebrew through a collaboration between the Temple and [Shir Tikvah Congregation](#) in Minneapolis.



If you would like to learn to decode (read) Hebrew, the class and textbook *Aleph Isn't Tough* offers extensive opportunities to learn and practice reading with Steve Greenberg, a fun-loving Hebrew instructor and member at Shir Tikvah!

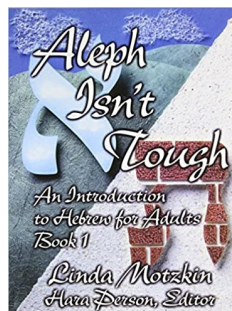
Hebrew reading provides a deeper path into Jewish texts and prayer. The class will meet from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. ET for 12 Monday evenings from October 14 through

January 13, with days off for holidays and breaks. Tuition is \$216.

[Register here](#) (select "Reading Hebrew for Beginners: Aleph Isn't Tough.")

The required text can be [purchased from Amazon](#) at a discounted price and with free shipping for Amazon Prime members.

The Temple can offer scholarship support to members and conversion students. Please contact Rabbi Meir for more information.



## JOIN US FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATION ONSHABBAT SHUVAH

Please join us for [Shabbat Shuvah](#), the Sabbath of Return between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, on Friday, October 4.

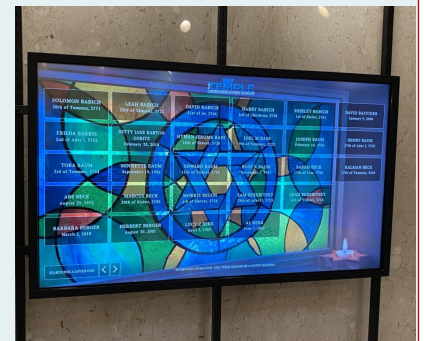
We'll begin at 7:15 p.m. with the dedication of [memorial plaques](#) added during the past year.

We'll also remember those honored on our virtual plaques and on the [yahrzeit sculpture](#) in the courtyard, which brings together bronze plaques from Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob. (The dedication will not be livestreamed.)

Our Shabbat service will begin at 7:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir Barger. Share in the evening in person or on [YouTube](#).

The name of this special Shabbat comes from the first word of the reading from the Haftarah reading from Hosea, which also shares the same Hebrew root with *t'shuvah*, *repentance*.

We warmly welcome guests. Please contact the Temple office for online access information at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).





## EXPLORING JEWISH FAMILY HISTORY

Jewish Family History Day on September 15 began with a docent-led Jewish Heritage Tour by trolley focusing on Jewish life in our community from the early days of Jewish immigration to the present.

Sponsored by Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society, the family history event (also known as “Meet Your Mishpocha”) continued with an opportunity to learn more about family history resources, the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library, and the IAJGS conference next August in Fort Wayne.

“Growing Up Jewish in Fort Wayne,” a video developed by the Temple’s Oral History Project team, also was shown, featuring interviews with members of our community. We

also held a drawing for a DNA test kit donated by the ACPL. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support. Thank you to Connie Haas Zuber and ARCH for leading the tour. We appreciate the help of NEIJGS and Temple members including Betsy Gephart, Beth Zweig, Samara Sheray, Irv & Fran Adler, Pam & Ron Friedman, Curt Witcher, John Stein, and Bruce Colegrove.

For more information about the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, visit [www.iajgs2025.org](http://www.iajgs2025.org).



## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS MICHAEL & KATE THEISE

We’re pleased to welcome Kate & Michael Theise as the newest members of our Temple family. Michael started in early September as the new Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. They moved here from Sylvania, Ohio.

For the past 30 years, Michael has worked in the automotive industry, primarily in operations, quality, and finance. He’s also taught Business, Quality, and Accounting for the past 20 years at Owens Community College in Toledo. Michael said he is now utilizing his energies, skills, experiences, and passion in the organized Jewish community.

Kate has worked in a variety of industries, including research and development, quality management and finance. She

currently works in the Retail Pharmacy industry. Kate also enjoys volunteering in the community, having held board positions at Congregation ETZ Chayim in Sylvania (where they were members), the greater Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, and the David S. Stone Hebrew Academy.

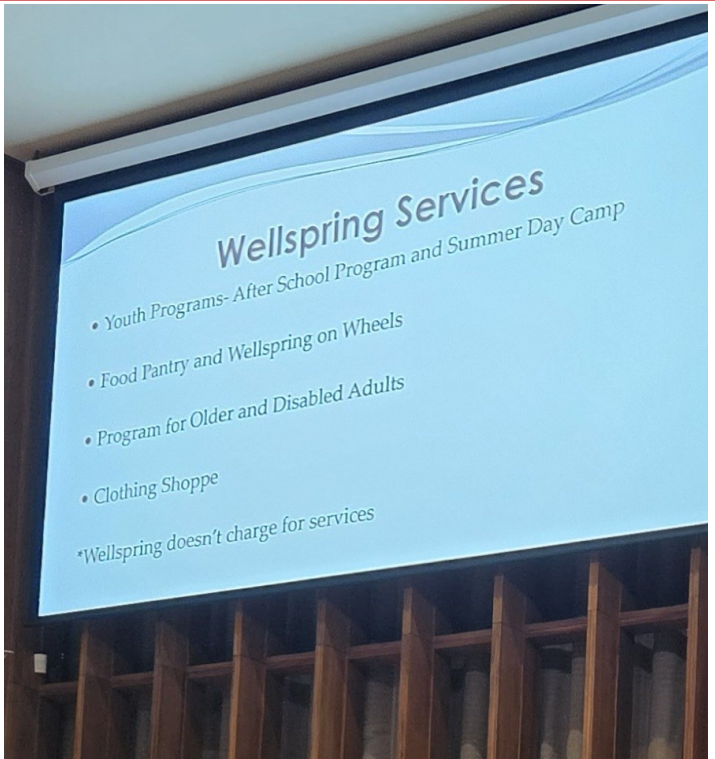
Michael and Kate raised their family in Ohio, including Cleveland, Troy, and Sylvania. They have two daughters – Hillary, a social worker for Children’s Services who lives near Cleveland, and Harriet, who is finishing her degree at Eastern Michigan University and beginning a position in December as a special education teacher.

Both Michael and Kate have participated in and volunteered for many Jewish activities, including immigrant-resettlement support programs, Holocaust education, and particularly the International Maccabiah Games, where the whole family has been involved as competitor, volunteer, or manager.

They are interested in getting involved with a wide variety of activities at the Temple, including adult education, Religious School, Thoughtful Thursdays, social events, and services.

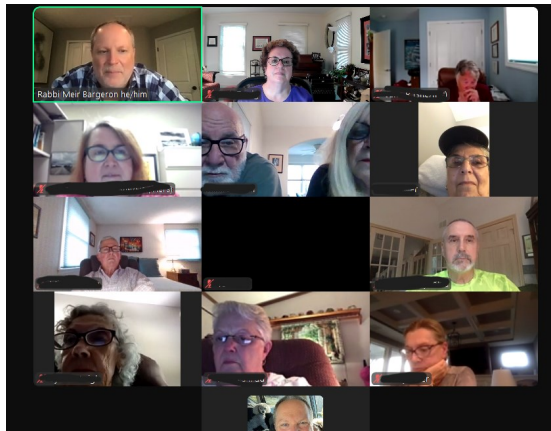
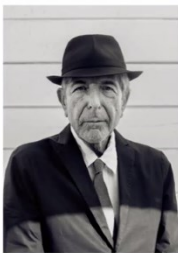


Ermina Mustedanagic, Chief Executive Officer of Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, discussed food insecurity in the greater Fort Wayne area on September 20 during our Hot Topics Shabbat. She talked about opportunities to volunteer at Wellspring, donate clothing to the Wellspring Shoppe, and give to the food bank. Thank you to Rena Black and the Social Action Committee for organizing the program. [Watch the Hot Topics Shabbat presentation](#) Learn more about the High Holy Days food drive on page 7.



- Wellspring Services**
- Youth Programs- After School Program and Summer Day Camp
  - Food Pantry and Wellspring on Wheels
  - Program for Older and Disabled Adults
  - Clothing Shoppe
- \*Wellspring doesn't charge for services

## The Prayers of Leonard Cohen



During our first lifelong learning session of the season on September 11, Rabbi Meir Bargeran led an outstanding exploration of "The Prayers of Leonard Cohen."

We listened to five songs -- "Who By Fire," "Story of Isaac," "You Want It Darker," "Whither Thou Goest," and "Hallelujah" -- followed by an interesting discussion of related Jewish texts.

### Meaning of "Hallelujah"

"This world is full of conflicts and full of things that cannot be reconciled. But there are moments when we can reconcile and embrace the whole mess, and that's what I mean by 'Hallelujah.'"  
—Leonard Cohen

## A NEW WAY TO VOLUNTEER – BECOME A SHAMASH!

Are you interested in becoming more involved on Friday nights at the Temple? Consider becoming a *shamash*!



You may know the term from Hanukkah when we refer to the candle used to light the others on the menorah as the *shamash* or "helper" candle. The Hebrew word *shamash* also refers to a person who helps take care of things. That's what we envision at CAV.

In this volunteer role at the Temple, the shamash will assist about a half-hour before our 7:30 p.m. services with preparing the wine, juice and challah for *Kiddush* and *motzi*. The shamash also will help for a few minutes afterward by removing the leftover items. Not only do we appreciate the assistance, but this is an especially great way to get to know others in our congregation.

If you are interested in joining the Shamash team, please contact the Temple at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or Dawn Hammond at [dawnghammond@gmail.com](mailto:dawnghammond@gmail.com). If you're interested in helping as an usher on Fridays, please also let us know.

## JOIN TEMPLE TEAM AT ALZHEIMER'S WALK

Sheryl Merritt is heading up a team representing the Temple for the 2024 [Walk to End Alzheimer's](#) on Saturday, October 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at Parkview Field.

If you're interested in joining her and making a small contribution, it would be much appreciated. Rhonda Gerson has kindly offered to sponsor our team so individuals will not have to solicit others for contributions. If you are interested, please contact Sheryl for a registration form at [eletone@frontier.com](mailto:eletone@frontier.com).





## ROMEO LUNCH BUNCH

Pizza was on the menu for the ROMEOs during their lunch on September 5, when they continued their schedule of twice-monthly dining adventures (see page 2). The tradition started in 2012 when the group started gathering to share stories, meals and friendship.

Their social time has expanded over the years to include many contributions to the congregation, including hosting our upcoming Break-the-Fast for an 11th year! What a great group!

## BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER WITH A PLANNED GIFT

One of the best ways we can sustain a Jewish presence in northeast Indiana is through a lasting gift to Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

More than 40 congregants already have become members of the L'dor Vador Legacy Society since it was established in 2012 to encourage individuals to make arrangements to remember the Temple in their estates. Legacy society members are recognized at the Temple's Annual Meeting in June.

To become a society member, please inform the Temple in writing that you have made provisions to remember the congregation in your estate. For further information about the L'dor Vador Legacy Society or making a planned gift now or in the future, contact Planned Giving Committee Chair Beth Zweig at blzweig@msn.com.

## WE APPRECIATE OUR CHALLAH BAKERS AND SPONSORS!

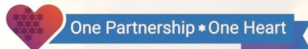
Our dedicated team of challah bakers and sponsors add to our Shabbat experience by providing delicious and beautiful challot to enjoy on Friday evenings after services. If you'd like to join our team, please contact Jon Tam or Beth Zweig.

Thank you to Jamie Berger, Becky Guttstein, Nola Katinsky, Joanne McCrory, Bonnie Pomerantz, Wendy Soltz, Jon Tam, and Beth Zweig for baking and/or sponsoring challot.



**P2G Western Galilee**  
Invites You to a Special Zoom Event

**For the October 7th  
Commemoration**



**Sunday, October 27th**

**11:30AM ET / 10:30AM CT / 18:30 Israel / 17:30 BU**

**RSVP**

Please visit the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne at [www.fwjf.org](http://www.fwjf.org) to RSVP and receive the link .

## Event Itinerary

- Opening and Yizkor - by our P2G Co-Chairs
- Communities Candle Lighting Slideshow
- Speakers' Panel from the Western Galilee that were affected by October 7th attack, facilitated by writer and journalist, **Diana Bletter**:
  - **Liat Atzili** - was kidnapped from Nir Oz and released. Her husband's body is still held in Gaza.
  - **Dubi Ganor**- his son was mortally wounded on October 7th, and is gradually recovering with the help of his family and his community.
  - **Omri Dagan** - a bereaved twin brother to Shalev Z"l who was killed on October 7th.
  - **David Vaknin** - an evacuated businessman from Liman in the WG, was called up for reserves and have been deployed to the war in the north since then.
- A moving video clip by the Matte Asher Community Center choir and dance company
- HaTikva



## JOIN FEDERATION'S ROSH CHODESH GROUP FOR BRUNCH

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Rosh Chodesh group will meet for brunch on Sunday, October 13 at [Granite City Brewery](http://Granite City Brewery) (3809 Coldwater Road) at 9 a.m.

Food and drinks are on your own, but having fun, making new friends, meeting Michael & Kate Theise, and catching up with cherished friends will be shared by all!

Please RSVP to office@fwjf.org or call (260) 456-0400. This event is open to all Jewish women in our area.



*Save the Date!*  
45TH IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
**JEWISH GENEALOGY**



**FORT WAYNE, INDIANA  
AUGUST 10-14, 2025**

*And We Settled Here...The Jewish Journey*  
[www.iajgs2025.org](http://www.iajgs2025.org)



## LOOKING AHEAD TO GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

Several members of the [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) attended the 44<sup>th</sup> IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy in August in Philadelphia. They were there not only to learn, but to promote [next year's conference](#) happening in Fort Wayne, August 10-14, 2025! Bethany Sutherland, from [Visit Fort Wayne](#), and Curt Witcher, from the [Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center](#), traveled to Philadelphia to help promote the conference.

Thus began a year of planning, marketing and fundraising for this major event in our Jewish community's history. Approximately 900 people attended the 2024 conference, and we hope to draw a similar number to our area next summer.

**Publicity.** The website for the conference – [www.iajgs2025.org](http://www.iajgs2025.org) -

is now online with lots of information and four promotional videos that highlight Fort Wayne and the Genealogy Center. A virtual informational event is planned for Sunday, November 10 at 2 p.m., which will include information about the Genealogy Center and Fort Wayne, and allow for lots of Q&A.

And the IAJGS 2025 Conference Discussion group on Facebook is up and running, fielding questions about the conference. Thanks to Betsy Gephart and Pam Friedman for their work in this area.

**Fundraising.** Irv Adler has been hard at work raising funds for the conference, with the help of Irene Walters. Thanks to several large donors, \$60,000 has been raised toward a goal of \$100,000. Larger donors include the Leona Zweig Rosenberg Charitable Trust, NEIJGS board members, the Goldenberg Charitable Trust, NEIJGS member Jody Tzucker, and a grant from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation. Those interested in contributing to this effort can contact Irv at [irv@adlerfw.com](mailto:irv@adlerfw.com).

**Volunteers and Hospitality.** Fran Adler is heading up our volunteer effort, along with Elizabeth Hodges from the Genealogy Center. If you are interested in helping, please contact Fran at [fran@adlerfw.com](mailto:fran@adlerfw.com). Beth and Dan Zweig are leading our hospitality efforts for the conference and are already working with Visit Fort Wayne.

**Upcoming Program.** In addition to the November 10 Conference program, the NEIJGS will be hosting genealogist Sarina Roffe for two programs at the Genealogy Center on Sunday, November 17. She will begin at 2 p.m. with "Sephardic Pirates of the Caribbean," and continue at 3:30 p.m. with "Sephardim in Colonial America." More information will follow in next month's Bulletin.

## SERVE IT FORWARD AND HELP WELLSPRING

[Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#) is excited to announce a fundraiser that will benefit our clients. Serve It Forward aims to raise funds to enhance the lives of low-income residents right here in Allen County. The Temple is one of Wellspring's congregational faith partners.

Serve It Forward will take place on October 27, 2024 from 1 to 5 p.m. at [Ace Pickleball Club](#). Players can get professional lessons, have open play time, enjoy food and drinks, watch sports on the TVs while overlooking the pickleball courts, and each player receives a gift. This relaxed atmosphere is perfect for beginners to experts to just enjoy the game of pickleball.

Round up your team or register as a single and we will provide you with a partner.

Spots are limited and you do not want to miss our early bird special pricing!

Early bird pricing of \$50 per player ends on October 12. After that it is \$75 per person.



## EVERY VOICE, EVERY VOTE CAMPAIGN FROM THE REFORM MOVEMENT

Our Jewish tradition is clear: "A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted" (Babylonian

Talmud *Berachot 55a*). *We want a strong democracy and a community where everyone - whatever our color, background, or zip code - belongs.*

Democracy thrives when every voice is heard and every vote is cast and counted. But today, forces of division are spreading racism and antisemitism while restricting the freedom to vote, reproductive freedom, and more. We can create a safe future for ourselves and for all people by working together to strengthen our democracy.

Join the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism's nonpartisan [Every Voice, Every Vote campaign](#) to ensure all have an equal say in decisions that impact our lives.

## Donations

### Jack & Gertrude Adelman Facility Improvement Fund

In memory of Jack Adelman and Rita Lewis:  
*Carol & Larry Adelman*

### Adult Education Fund

In memory of Todd Sider: *Pam & David Jones*

### Art & Beautification Fund

A donation was received from *Rachel & Geoffrey Gordon*

### Endowment Fund

In memory of Joe Congress: *Marcia & Denny Reynolds*

### General Operations

A donation was received from: *Juan Suarez*  
In memory of Gladys Friedman: *Norma Friedman*  
In memory of Evelyn Feldman: *Pam & Ken Feldman*  
In memory of Muriel Yentis: *Jay Yentis*  
In memory of Howard Levin: *Howard Levin Trust*  
In memory of Leah Cohen Malay: *Lori & Frank McCutcheon*  
In memory of Edward Pownall: *Sue & Jerry Pownall*  
In memory of Steve Weitzman and Harriet Weitzman: *Jo Ellen & Mike Rush*  
In memory of Tobi Greenspan Kepes: *Micki & Sherwin Kepes*  
In memory of William Edward Pownall: *Linda Bullerman*  
In memory of Fira Kutsenok: *Yefim Kutsenok, and Irina & Dmitry Samoylovich*

### Ryan Goldstrom Memorial Fund

In memory of Ryan Goldstrom: *Lori & Rob Goldstrom*

### Holocaust Memorial Fund

In memory of Leonid Finkelshteyn: *Dora & Leonid Itkin*

### Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural Enrichment Fund

In memory of Dorothy Rothberg and Aaron Borenstein:  
*Stephen Rothberg*

### Himelstein Children's Library

In memory of Asher Lechleidner-Stoll: *Juli Dominguez*

### Nancy & Mike Dicker Youth & Religious School Fund

In memory of Frieda Hyman: *Nancy & Mike Dicker*

### Thoughtful Thursdays

A donation was received from: *Joanne & Elliot McCrory*  
In memory of Todd Sider and Moses Safirstein:  
*Kay Safirstein*

### Rabbi Kornspan Tzedakah Fund

A donation was received from: *Jan & Bill Chambers*  
In memory of John Gilbert: *Barbara & Alan Gilbert*

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

A donation was received from: *Joanne & Elliot McCrory and Jaki & Eric Schreier*  
In memory of Marilyn Sax: *Enid and Stanley Rosenblatt*  
In memory of Robert Black: *Rena & Don Black*  
In memory of Asher Lechleidner-Dominguez: *Juli Dominguez*  
In memory of Arlene Leib, Michael Leib, Rose Leib Rothman, James Leib, Bill Siegle, and Rosetta Siegle: *Jere Leib*  
In memory of his mother, Rose Walters, and his grandmother, Henya Rose Walter: *Irene & Robert Walters*  
In memory of Terri Darienzo: *Jamie & Jon Berger*  
In memory of Francis Shine: *Steven Shine*

### Religious School Fund

In honor of Joy Vey's September Service: *Amy Krouse*

### ROMEO Fund

A donation was received from: *Mike Rush*

### Temple Gardens Fund

A donation was received from: *Rachel & Geoffrey Gordon*

### Temple Gardens—Spouseep Outdoor Chapel Fund

In memory of Samuel Spouseep: *Elissa & Steve Cohen*

### Wyle S. Weiman Youth Activities Fund

In memory of Myrtle Shine: *Lawrence Shine*

Explore all our [Tribute Funds](#) or make a [Donation](#)

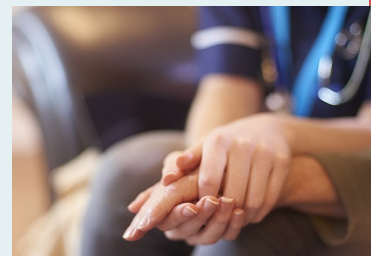
## MISHEBEIRACH HELPS US COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

Our Mishebeirach list helps us come together as a congregation and community to think of those among us who especially need healing, care, and compassion. We encourage you to add your loved one's name by calling the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or emailing us at [office@TempleCAV.org](mailto:office@TempleCAV.org) so that those we hold dear will be called to mind during our Shabbat services.

Names will remain on the list for four weeks. For those who wish to have a family member or friend's name listed for longer, please contact us to make another request. Thank you for helping us keep our list current. You also may share your loved one's name during services when the service leader asks for additional Mishebeirach names.

[Learn more about the Mishebeirach prayer.](#)

Rabbi Meir and the Temple's Caring Committee are available to offer support and comfort, so please let us know when situations arise



## ADD A LEAF TO THE OLIVE TREE



Purchasing a [leaf on the olive tree mural](#) in the hallway leading to the Madge Rothschild Resource Center is a wonderful way to recognize an important person or significant occasion. Leaves are \$180 each and may be personalized with three or four lines to highlight a lifecycle event, anniversary, or special

## September Jahrzeits

### October 4-5

Gladys Adams  
Herb Albert  
Marie Amber-Koons  
Chester Ambler  
Betty Desmonde  
Martin Dicker  
Bernard Frankenstein  
Ivan Franks  
Iva Gordon Tutor  
Karl Hesslein  
Fannie Katz Kaplan  
Lev Kletsky  
Caroline Leopold  
Herman Levin  
Clauda Levine  
Oscar Mastbaum  
Joseph Mayer Levy  
Milton Mendelblat  
Dorys Meyers  
Robert Nusholtz  
Dr. Bernard Ress  
Namuel Roseman  
Meyer Ruchman  
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Harry Silberg  
Arlington Smith  
Samuel L. Sposeep  
Harry Wagner  
Pat Waterman  
Bessie Zacharia  
Robert Zacher

### October 11-12

Jack Adelman  
Leah Berebitsky  
Jack Berger  
Eula Black  
Harry Bosell  
Louis Israel Brateman  
Herman Brateman  
Ruth A. Brenn

Amelia Bruebach  
Howard P. Cole  
Harriet Cristil  
Israel DuBow  
Clifford Ewing  
Rena Farber  
Ida Feltman  
Marshall Glickman  
Hyman Goldstine  
Jack Goodman  
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Ruth Guerrasio  
Jack Harmon Harris  
Carol Harris  
Byrde Jordan  
Goldye Kaplan  
Siegmond Kaufman  
Shirley Ruth Konigsberg  
Adrienne Korr  
Leonid Isakovitch Kyner  
Max Lee  
Sima Lowenhar  
Joseph Lowenhar  
Ernest A. Lowens  
Simon Merin  
Fanny Merin  
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Sylvia Werner Bernstein  
Meyers  
Jack Moyer  
Mariam Nemeroff  
Barry Pass  
Mary Peurye  
Maurice Rothberg  
Mildred R. Schultz  
David Seligman  
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Mashe Soloway  
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Nellie Stillpass  
Barbara Strouse

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Mamie W. Wolf  
Irving Zelinger  
Richard Zinn

### October 18-19

Edward Baum  
Charles Bernstein  
Sam Boudaie  
Louis Bukowski  
Flora Dessauer  
Israel Edelman  
Bess Felstein  
Bella Rachel Fink  
Eugenia Frank  
Louis Goldberg  
Sheldon Goltz  
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Lillian Starr Messe  
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Robert Porwancher  
Roberta Rezits  
Maryleonne Ronsheim  
Marco Rosanis  
Rose Rubenstein  
Lottie Shatsky  
Roger Sheyer  
Simon Singer

Lazarus Stern  
Sara Stern  
Freida S. Strauss  
Ira Tanner  
Esther Rose Weinstein  
Samuel N. Weinstein

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Isabel Banks  
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Gertrude Brateman  
Simon Crell  
Alfred Stern Engelhard  
Abraham Fichman  
Dorothy Marks Fidler  
Samuel Field  
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Lee Gottlieb  
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Esther (Ebby) Krakower  
Dena Levant  
Anna Levin  
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Manuel Michelson  
Ruth Morris  
Linda Shulkin-Nail  
Albert Nirdlinger  
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Sadie Rush  
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Bernhard S. Trauerman  
Sonya Turetzky  
Alfons Warschawski  
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### CONDOLENCES TO:

Charlie & Sherri Smiley and family on the death of his father, Thomas, on September 16, 2024. Charlie is the Temple's Facilities Manager.

### WE CARE

Please let the Temple office or Rabbi Meir know if a family member is in the hospital or if other situations arise when the congregation may be of assistance or comfort. We aren't always aware of situations unless family or friends notify us.





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**The deadline for the November Bulletin is Tuesday, October 15**

**President's Corner**  
**Ronnie Greenberg**



It seems like I say this every year, but this past year really WAS a momentous year for our congregation, our fantastic 175th anniversary celebrations aside. Changes in our Bylaws have allowed board members to begin to focus our collective attention on the future of our congregation rather than current operations.

We have begun studying and discussing issues such as the Religious School, programming, long-term financial issues, membership engagement and leadership development. These are not easy issues, and they require the broad diversity of backgrounds and opinions that our board members bring to the table to ensure meaningful discussions and good conclusions.

At the September board meeting, under the leadership of board member Leise Rosman, the board participated in a survey to identify barriers to accepting leadership positions, which includes everything from chairing an oneg to serving as an officer. The first major barrier we identified was "not enough time." I understand that, having only 24 hours in my day, too. However, with our new organizational structure, in the case of board leadership and service, the time requirement is not unreasonable as it may have been in the past.

The second reason was "I don't feel qualified." I don't accept that reason and here is why, based on my personal experience.

No one is alone at the Temple. If an issue comes up that I need to address and I'm really unsure how to handle it, there are so many people I can consult. Rabbi Meir and Executive Director Samara Sheray are always available and willing to help. I can also consult with the other officers and perhaps the entire board. I may not have all the answers myself, but I know where to go for help. The same applies to chairing a committee or an oneg. There is always someone there who can advise and help. We're a community – that's what we do.

Another consideration is that each person brings their own strengths, weaknesses, and preferences to a position and, within certain limits, sets their own parameters for their job. As an example, I have a fairly strong background in not-for-profit finance so quarterly financial statements are not intimidating. If that's not a strength for you, we have a VP Finance and a finance committee who do understand them and can guide and inform you.

On the other hand, knowledge of childhood education is not a strength for me, and I rely on the guidance of Rabbi Meir, the Religious School Committee and their chair, Leise Rosman. Remember, whether you are chairing a committee or event or serving on the board, you may do it your way, and you are never alone.

We are stronger when we do things together, and strongest when we are willing to step up when called upon to lead. I hope you will, each in your way, endeavor to do more this coming year to ensure the continued wellbeing of our congregation. Think about what you would like to see happening at your congregation, both in the short-term and the long-term. And then ask yourself how you can be involved. I always appreciate hearing from another congregant who wants to volunteer.

From me to you, from my family to yours, Shana Tova! May it be a sweet year, a year filled with good health and happiness, a year of peace and blessings for us all.

