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Reflect, Renew, and Return to What Matters Most: Our Shared Humanity



*"In a place where no one is human, strive to be human." –
Pirkei Avot 2:5*

This High Holy Days season, we come together to reflect, renew, and return to what matters most — our shared humanity. During this time of year, we are called to take personal responsibility to show moral courage, and to bring our Jewish values to counter injustice in our community, our nation and the world.

Join us at Congregation Achduth Vesholom as we enter the sacred Days of Awe, guided by the wisdom of our tradition and the warmth of community. Together, we'll open our

hearts, lift our voices, and strive to be more compassionate, just, and whole.

Please join us when we welcome the [New Year 5786](#), with both Reform and Conservative minyanim worshiping together as one congregation, on Erev Rosh Hashanah on Monday, September 22 and on Kol Nidre on Wednesday, October 1.

[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 provide musical accompaniment.

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please join us for the
BAR MITZVAH
of our son

Guy Edward Copeland

on Saturday, September 13 at 10 a.m.

at Congregation Achduth Vesholom

Hannah & Jack Copeland

Kiddush luncheon follows the service

Shabbat Services

Shabbat morning services are held
on the first and third Saturdays of the month



A NEW TIME TO CELEBRATE SHABBAT

WORSHIP SERVICES ON FRIDAYS
WILL START AT 6 PM,
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 5

SEPTEMBER

Intergenerational Shabbat Service & Consecration

Friday, September 5, 6 p.m.

A family-friendly Oneg Shabbat follows

Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 6, 9:45 a.m.

Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat

Friday, September 12

5:30 p.m. at the Temple

Shabbat Service & Blessing for Rebekah & Laura Long on their 25th wedding anniversary

Friday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.

Followed by Oneg Shabbat, hosted by Hannah & Jack Copeland in honor of Guy's Bar Mitzvah

Shabbat Service & Guy Copeland Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m.

Kiddush luncheon follows, hosted by Hannah & Jack Copeland

Selichot Service

Saturday, September 13, 7:45 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, September 19, 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 20, 9:45 a.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Monday, September 22, 7:30 p.m.

All Congregation Service

Reception follows

Rosh Hashanah Service – First Day

Tuesday, September 23

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.

All-Congregation Tashlich

- Noon at [Foster Park West, Winchester Road](#)

Joy Vey Rosh Hashanah Service

- 4 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Service – Second Day

Wednesday, September 24

Conservative Services

- 8:30 a.m. – Shacharit
- 10 a.m. Torah service with D'var Torah
- 11 a.m. Musaf

Shabbat Shuvah Service

Friday, September 26, 6 p.m.

Dedication of digital yahrzeit plaques added in past year

Shabbat Shuvah Service*

Saturday, September 27, 9:45 a.m.

*Traffic pass required from the Temple office due to Fort4Fitness race

Cemetery Services

Sunday, September 28

- 1 p.m. at [Lindenwood Cemetery](#)
- 2:30 p.m. at [Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery](#)

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OCTOBER

Kol Nidre

Wednesday, October 1

- 7:15 p.m. Mincha (Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel)
- 8 p.m. All Congregation Kol Nidre (Sanctuary)

Yom Kippur Services

Thursday, October 2

Conservative Services

- 8:30 a.m. Shacharit Service
- 10 a.m. – Torah, Haftarah, D'var Torah, Yizkor
- 11:30 a.m. Musaf
- 3 p.m. [Healing Service](#)
- 6 p.m. Mincha
- 7 p.m. – Neilah
- [Break-the-Fast follows](#)

Reform Services

- 10 a.m. Morning Service
- 3 p.m. – [Healing Service](#)
- 4 p.m. – Yizkor (Memorial) Service
- 5 p.m. – Neilah (Concluding) Service
- [Break-the-Fast follows](#)

Shabbat Service

Friday, October 3, 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 4, 9:45 a.m.

Shabbat & Sukkot Service Memorial Prayer for the Victims of October 7 and its Aftermath

Friday, October 10, 6 p.m.

Wine & Cheese Oneg Shabbat follows, hosted by Fran & Irv Adler and Beth & Dan Zweig

Musical Sukkot Service

with Juliette Nehring

Saturday, October 11, 10:30 a.m.

RSVP by October 3 and [sign up for a potluck contribution](#)

Simchat Torah Service

Tuesday, October 14, 7 p.m.

Oneg follows, hosted by Nola & Matthew Katinsky

Shabbat Service with Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society

Friday, October 17

6 p.m. at the Temple

Oneg Shabbat follows, hosted by NEIJS

Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, October 24, 6 p.m.

Dinner follows the service
RSVP by October 17

Shabbat Service

Friday, October 31, 6 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

Rabbi Meir Barger



Striving to Be Human in the New Year

[Elul](#), the month in the Hebrew calendar immediately preceding [Rosh Hashanah](#), is sometimes called a time of spiritual stretching. The shofar is sounded each morning to remind us that something

big is coming, and that we still have time to prepare. Elul invites us to ask: *Am I living the life I am meant to live? Am I treating others with the humanity they deserve?*

Our humanity must never be taken for granted. We read in *Pirkei Avot*: “In a place where no one is human, strive to be human.” (2:5) It is precisely in this season when we account for our lives and can commit to **“Strive to Be Human.”**

It may be tempting to think of the [Days of Awe](#) as being only about God: what God wants from us, whether God forgives us. But Jewish tradition makes it clear that the real work begins with one another. Maimonides teaches that [Yom Kippur](#) does not atone for wrongs between people until we make them right. Before we face God, we must face each other.

Elul gives us the breathing room to begin. A phone call to someone we’ve neglected. A note of appreciation to someone who has carried us. An honest conversation with ourselves about the ways we’ve fallen short. None of these are grand gestures. They are simple, deeply human ones, and they prepare our hearts for the holy days ahead.

Then comes Rosh Hashanah, the threshold of the new year. The shofar blasts ring out not as calls to perfection, but as reminders of our shared humanity. They awaken us to the possibility of beginning again. They remind us that while the past shapes us, it does not have to define us.

To strive to be human is to embrace our contradictions: strong and fragile, flawed and capable, wounded and healing. It means resisting the temptation to turn away from each other in a difficult world, and instead leaning into compassion, connection, and courage.

As we prepare to step into 5786, let us not measure ourselves against impossible standards of perfection. Instead, let us measure by the quality of our relationships, by the depth of our kindness, by the ways we show up for each other and for the world.

Our task is not to be superhuman. It is to be human—to the fullest, most compassionate, most courageous extent possible. It is everything, and it is enough.

L’shana tovah—may it be a good, sweet, and deeply human New Year.

Celebrate Intergenerational Shabbat Service & Consecration



Please join us when we kick off our new fall service schedule with an Intergenerational Shabbat service on Friday, September 5 at 6 p.m., connecting children and adults of all ages for a lively worship experience with music, singing, and stories. We’ll also celebrate Consecration with our youngest Religious School students.

Led by Rabbi Meir with music by Norm Greenberg, please share in a special evening in person or on [YouTube](#). A family-friendly Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

Neighborhood Block Party with Whip & Chill, Music & More

Bring a picnic lunch and join us for a neighborhood block party with our friends from the [Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne](#), as well as our Woodhurst and Southwood Park neighbors, on Sunday, September 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. on the beautiful grounds behind the Temple.

We’re looking forward to a fun afternoon of connection, music by the [Fort Wayne Pride Band](#), and activities for kids. Dessert available will be available for purchase from the Whip & Chill. Water bottles will be provided. Bring lawn chairs, sunscreen, and bug spray. In case of rain, we’ll move indoors to the Social Hall.

Thank you to Dawn Hammond for chairing. Questions? Contact the Temple office.

Learning Café Returns in September

Pirkei Avot for the 21st Century – Being Human Today
Wednesday, September 3
at 12 PM in person at the Temple and on Zoom



Join us for a timely and thought-provoking session of Learning Café as we explore ancient wisdom for modern times. Rabbi Meir will lead a deep dive into teachings from the classic text of Jewish ethics, reflecting on what it means to live with integrity, compassion, and purpose in today’s complex world.

Whether you’re new to *Pirkei Avot* or a longtime student, this conversation will offer fresh insights and meaningful dialogue. Bring your lunch, your questions, and your curiosity.

Learning Café is designed to nourish both the mind and the soul. Whether you’re looking to deepen your understanding of Judaism or simply eager to engage in thoughtful conversation, this program is for you. We meet in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center from 12 to 1 p.m. Virtual participation is available on Zoom. Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 2 to office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245.

LIBRARY NEWS

How Does Our Library Select Book Titles?

To address a few questions that have occasionally arisen, I thought I'd write something different for the Temple Bulletin this time. A few members have asked how books are selected for the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#), so this is a brief description of what goes on "behind the scenes."

The three main ways of selecting titles are through the [Association of Jewish Libraries](#) newsletter, [National Jewish Book Award winners](#), and our subscription to [Kar-Ben's "ASAP"](#) program.

Through the latter, we receive all Kar-Ben's new titles, sent twice a year to our library.

The Association of Jewish Libraries is a group of librarians from various Jewish libraries. Our membership entitles us to their quarterly newsletter, which includes dozens of reviews of books for children and adults. Several titles are selected to add to our collection from those reviews.

The AJL and the Jewish Book Council award the Sydney Taylor Awards and the National Jewish Book Awards annually. Almost all the award-winning books for young readers are purchased for our collection along with some adult fiction titles.

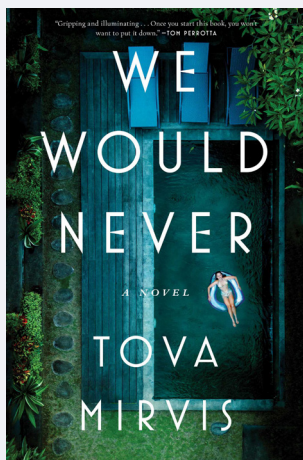
Beyond that, we rely on recommendations from Rabbi Meir and Temple members, particularly for adult titles. If you have something you would like to see added to our collection, please contact Betsy at library@templecav.org.

Funding comes from two Temple funds – the Himmelstein Children's Library Fund and the Temple Library Fund. [We welcome donations to both funds](#). These funds not only support book purchases, but also provide supplies for processing our titles, including book covers, labels, and more. Your support is appreciated!

If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact Betsy at library@templecav.org. We hope you'll take advantage of this member resource.

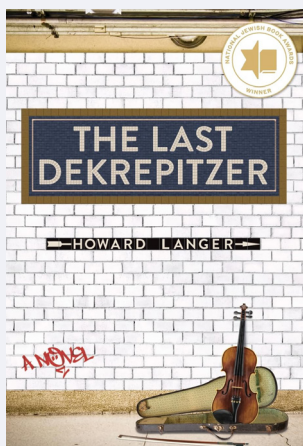
Betsy Gephart, Librarian

Temple Book Club Titles Announced



Our Temple Book Club will return this year in November and March, with [LiveChats](#) through the [Jewish Book Council](#). All Temple members are invited to read the books, join our discussion on Zoom, and virtually meet the author.

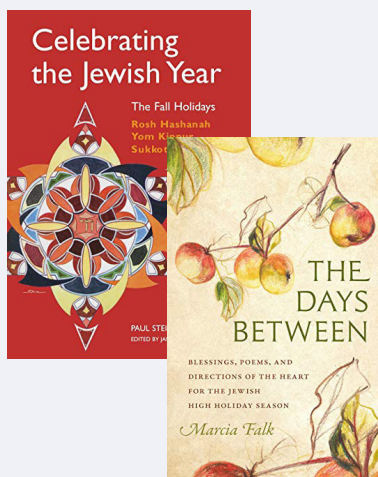
On Tuesday, November 11 at 7 p.m., we'll discuss [We Would Never](#), a novel by Tova Mirvis. A murder mystery centered around a separation and custody battle, *Hadassah Magazine* called this novel, "More than a whodunnit, Mirvis's characters are multidimensional, wrestling with doubts and guilt, not just about murder, but also about a lifetime of questionable choices."



On Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m., we'll discuss [The Last Dekrepitzer](#), with author Howard Langer. A winner of the National Jewish Book Award, the novel tells the story of the Dekrepitzer Rebbe, a fiddler who survived the war, tracing his journey from the mountains of Southern Poland to the Columbus Circle subway station in New York City. From Marc Katz in the *Jewish Book Council Review*, "The Last Dekrepitzer is a novel that will surprise readers with its depth and introduce them to one of the more unique characters to appear on the contemporary Jewish literary scene."

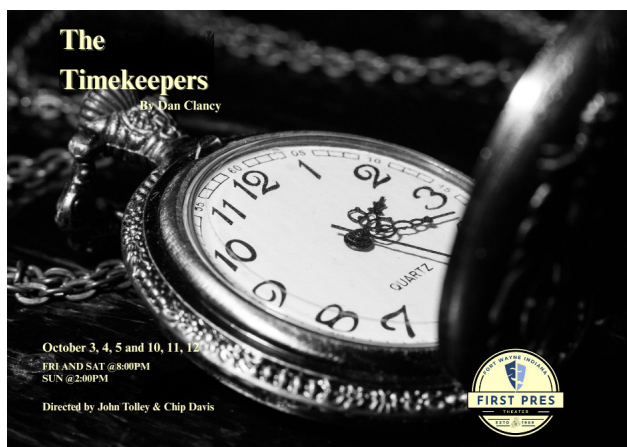
Please plan to join us for our two Temple Book Club sessions. Both titles are available in the Temple

Library, and the Zoom link will be included in the Temple's weekly e-mail before our discussion. Thank you to Betsy Gephart for arranging our book clubs.



High Holy Days Books in the Library

The [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#) has more than [200 titles for the High Holy Days](#) that can be found online. [Find a "one-sheet" with recommendations](#) on the Temple's website.



Jewish Community Invited for *The Timekeepers* at First Presbyterian Theater

Members of the Temple and Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne communities are invited as guests of [First Presbyterian Theater](#) on Saturday, October 11 at 8 p.m. for their production of *The Timekeepers*.

Written by Dan Clancy and directed by the Rev. John Tolley, the play is set at a concentration camp in the Nazi era and tells the deeply moving story of an unlikely bond between a Jewish prisoner and a homosexual inmate.

Described as an inspirational tale of transcendence in the midst of a world gone mad, *The Timekeepers* has been praised for its masterful storytelling and emotional depth. A “talk back” that includes Rabbi Meir Barger on follows the play. The theater is located at 300 West Wayne Street.

Though tickets are complimentary for the Jewish community, reservations are required. [Please RSVP to the Temple online](#) or to (260) 744-4245 no later than Wednesday, October 8. Seat assignments will be given in the theater lobby for those with reservations, beginning about 30 minutes prior to the performance.

We are grateful to First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Annie Epling, and Rev. John Tolley for their kind invitation to host the Jewish community.

Join us for Shabbat Shuvah - Pick up traffic pass for Sept. 27

We'll celebrate Shabbat Shuvah, the Sabbath of Return between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, on Friday, September 26 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, September 27 at 9:45 a.m. Please allow extra time on Saturday to get to the Temple because the [Fort4Fitness](#) race will be taking place in our area. Contact the Temple office to get a traffic pass. [Find out more](#)

Upcoming Events

Need more information? Visit our website (templecav.org) or give us a call!

SEPTEMBER

Thoughtful Thursdays
Wednesday, September 3,
10 a.m.

Learning Café: Pirkei Avot for the 21st Century: Being Human Today
Wednesday, September 3
Noon to 1 p.m. at the Temple
or on Zoom

Religious School Begins
Sunday, September 7, 10 a.m.
to noon
Registration required

Neighborhood Block Party
Sunday, September 7
1 to 3 p.m. at the Temple

Apple Picking and Potluck Picnic
Sunday, September 21
10 a.m. at [Cook's Orchard](#)
Lunch at [Silverbirch Studios](#)
RSVP to Temple office and [sign up for a potluck contribution](#)

Indiana Landmarks Tour with Wendy Soltz
Tuesday, September 30
2:30 p.m. at the Temple
RSVP required to Temple office

OCTOBER

Thoughtful Thursdays
Wednesday, October 8, 10 a.m.

The Timekeepers
Saturday, October 11
8 p.m. at First Presbyterian
Theater
[RSVP online to Temple office](#)

Dedication of Terezin Tree
Sunday, October 19
10 a.m. behind the Temple

People of the Book Lecture: Mitch Albom
Tuesday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.
Purdue Fort Wayne Auer Center
Sponsored by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#)
Tickets are required. Reserve at pfw.edu/tickets

NOVEMBER

Learning Café
Wednesday, November 5,
12 to 1 p.m.

Corned Beef Fundraiser

- Condiment bag stuffing – Monday, November 3 at 1:30 p.m.
- Prep Night – Wednesday, November 5 from 6 to 9 p.m.
- Deli Day – Thursday, November 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (pre-order pickup begins at 10 a.m.; volunteer shifts begin at 8 a.m.)

Sherlock Cohn, The Photo Genealogist
Sunday, November 9,
2 p.m. on Zoom
Sponsored by NEIJGS

Temple Book Club
Tuesday, November 11,
7 p.m. on Zoom
[We Would Never by Tova Mirvis](#)

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 25
7 p.m. at the Temple

Ongoing Events

LUNCH WITH THE ROMEOS
Join the [Retired Old Men Eating Out](#)
for lunch at noon:
Thursday, September 4
[800 Degrees Wood Fired Pizza](#)
10020 Lima Rd.

Thursday, September 18
[Taj Mahal Indian Restaurant](#)
6410 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Thursday, October 2
No lunch – Yom Kippur
Thursday, October 16
[The Lucky Moose](#)
622 E. Dupont Rd.

For more information, please contact Denny Reynolds at dennisreynolds@me.com. [Find the lunch schedule](#)

YOUTH NEWS

A Joyful Return to Learning, Celebration, and Connection

STEPHANIE GOTTESMAN

Youth Education and Family Engagement Director



September is here, and that means we're coming back — back to school, back to the sanctuary, back to the people and traditions that make our community feel like home. In Jewish life, this season of teshuvah is about returning not only to our best selves, but to each other.

When I think back over the three years since becoming a member of this community, I can't help but marvel at how much we have returned our focus to the youngest members of our congregation. In 2022 when I joined, Religious School had not yet resumed in person following the pandemic, Joy Vey was brand new, and there wasn't yet a team dedicated to creating kid-focused holiday celebrations.

As a community, we recognized that our children needed more, and we devoted time, energy, and resources to developing programming that helps them discover their Jewish identities and connect with Jewish friends. I can't think of a better example of teshuvah in action.

And what better way to return than with a full calendar of learning, celebration, and connection? On September 5, we'll begin two months of exciting programs with an Intergenerational Shabbat Service and Consecration for our newest students as they begin their Jewish educational journey. That evening will also mark the first service at our new time of 6 p.m., which we hope will make Friday night services more accessible for families with young children. Just days later, our classrooms will be filled again for a new year of Religious School, as both new and returning students come together to learn, grow, and connect with friends.

The following weekend, our youngest members will welcome Shabbat with Joy Vey on the same night that Guy Copeland begins his bar mitzvah weekend on the bimah. We hope the whole community will join in celebrating this milestone with Guy and his family the next morning. Soon after, our High Holiday festivities begin — from our third annual Apple Picking and Potluck Picnic, to our first-ever Joy Vey Rosh Hashanah service, to a daytime "Pizza in the Hut" with a guest musician, and our annual Simchat Torah service.

As we step into this season, my hope is that each of us finds our own way to "return" — whether that's returning to services, returning to the classroom, or returning to the traditions of our holiday season. We've got so much ahead of us — services, celebrations, music, learning, and moments you won't want to miss. Whether you're joining us for the first time or the hundredth, this is your invitation to jump in, show up, and be part of the energy that makes our Temple family thrive. Let's make this return our most joyful one yet!

There's Still Time To Enroll!

Our new year of Religious School will begin on Sunday, September 7 at 10 a.m. for children in kindergarten through high school (age 5+ by September 1). Families must be members of the congregation to enroll their children.

[Find enrollment materials](http://www.templecav.org) at www.templecav.org.

Please complete forms prior to the first day.

Apple Picking & Potluck Picnic for Temple Families

Bring the kids for a fun adventure picking apples, sharing a potluck picnic, and enjoying holiday crafts and activities on Sunday, September 21.

Families with kids of all ages are invited to meet at 10 a.m. at [Cook's Orchard](#) to pick and buy apples and honey. Then we'll head to nearby [Silverbirch Studios](#) for some kid-focused Rosh Hashanah activities and a potluck picnic lunch.

Please RSVP by Sunday, September 14 to the Temple at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 and then [sign up for a potluck contribution](#). Bring your own chairs/blanket and serving utensils for your potluck items.

Religious School programming will not be held that morning, and all families are encouraged to participate in this fun beginning of the Jewish holiday season.

Thanks to the Holiday Celebrations Team including Kate Crell and Deborah Bauer. Questions? Email Stephanie Gottesman at youth@templecav.org.

A New Year Greeting 5786



BARBARA SILVERMAN

It was this time last year that I was introducing myself to many of you as the new Hebrew teacher for the CAV Religious School and the B'nai Mitzvah teacher. Everyone welcomed me so warmly. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with every single one of my Hebrew School students, my B'nai Mitzvah students and their parents. As a cousin of Rabbi Emeritus Richard Safran z"l, I have loved being the "Safran" in the house, enjoying the "Safran" stories that many of you have told me this past year.

As I begin my second year, I look forward to sharing many more wonderful experiences with you and your children. I would like to wish you all a Shana Tovah u'Metukah, a good, sweet, meaningful and fulfilling year. Let this be a year of PEACE for all!



Our families with young children shared a beautiful "Joy Vey! A Kid-dish Shabbat" morning on August 23 with Musician Juliette Nehring.

Joy Vey!

a Kid-ish Shabbat

A Musical Sukkot Morning Service & Brunch for Families

Families with kids of all ages are invited to join us for an outdoor Sukkot Shabbat celebration on Saturday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m. with guest musician Juliette Nehring. Shake the lulav, sing festive songs, listen to stories, make holiday decorations, and enjoy brunch together in the sukkah.

Nehring has been a lay leader and music specialist at Jewish congregations in the Indianapolis area for the past 13 years and has been a professional in the fields of music and education for over 30 years. Currently, she is dedicated to her position as music specialist, cantorial soloist, and religious school teacher for Congregation Beth Shalom in Carmel. She has a passionate interest in children and families, and community engagement and social justice.

Bagels, cream cheese, and donuts will be provided, but please RSVP by Friday, October 3 to the Temple at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 and then [sign up for a potluck contribution](#). Contact Stephanie Gottesman at youth@templecav.org with any questions.

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

Share Shabbat Fun with Joy Vey in September

Enjoy a playful and silly, yet peaceful start to Shabbat for the whole family during Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat on Friday, September 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Temple.

We'll light candles, pray, sing songs, move and groove, and even practice mindfulness. We also embrace the tradition of blessing children as we make a joyful place for Shabbat in our lives and hearts... together. Meet us in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center on the second Friday night of each month.

Folks are encouraged to stick around to enjoy a glass of wine/juice, challah, and social time afterwards! We'll order pizza for dinner together if there's interest.

Joy Vey Rosh Hashanah Service for Families

Join Rabbi Meir Barger and Hazzan Penny Myers for a joyful and spirited Joy Vey Rosh Hashanah Service on Tuesday, September 23 at 4 p.m. at the Temple.

Through singing, movement, stories and prayer, we will welcome the New Year 5786 with heart and celebration. We will hear the shofar and celebrate the Birthday of the World with apples and honey. Perfect for families and kids of all ages — come sing, sway, and start the new year in sweetness together!

23rd 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 6 for a 23rd year. We're looking forward to topping last year's sales of more than 1,700 scrumptious meals!

Take advantage of early-bird pricing, pick up, and delivery options!

[Online ordering](#) begins on Friday, September 19 or [download an order form](#) at www.templecav.org.

Boxed meals are \$18 each when ordered by Friday, October 24. After that date and at the door, meals are \$21 each (while supplies last). Meals include a heaping 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, giant pickle, creamy coleslaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink.

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 31 for \$15 per address.

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.

Become a sponsor! [Three sponsorship levels are available](#) for donations made by Friday, October 24. Please consider highlighting your business or organization by becoming a sponsor for this event at one of these levels:

Become a GOLD sponsor with a donation of \$1,000 or more – you and/or your business will be recognized on an enclosure inside each of the boxed lunches and on all online advertising for the sale and on our website. At this level, you also can provide a coupon or small advertisement (limited to 3 x 5 inches with approved wording) to be included with each meal. Attn: restaurant operators – we're 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 and on all online advertising for the sale and on our website.

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.

Thanks to our Corned Beef Crew:

Co-Chairs Amy Krouse and Micah Soltz & their team:
Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Barger, Jamie Fritz,
Denny Reynolds, Samara Sheray, Jon Tam, Nick Young,
Steve Zacher, Mimi Zelman, Beth Zweig

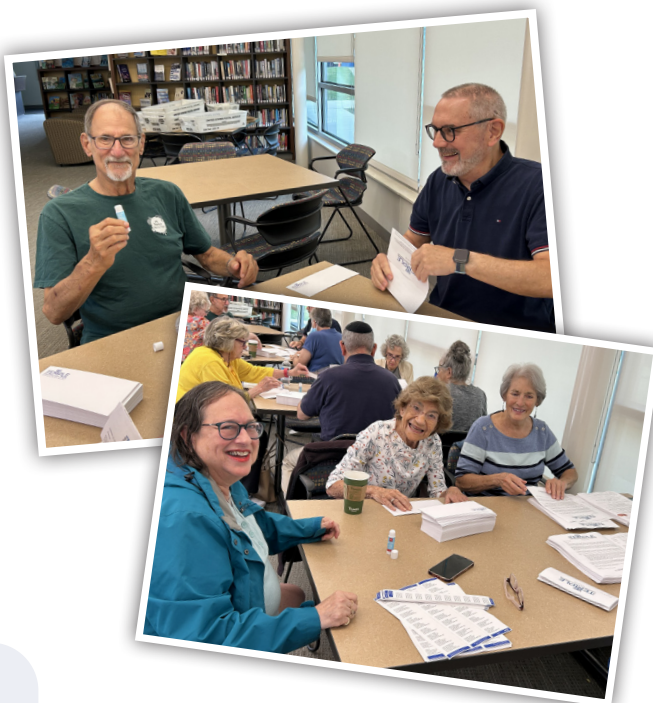


Volunteers Needed for Prep Night

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, November 5 for Prep Night from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, November 6, with shifts beginning at 8 a.m. We also need help prepping “condiment” bags (mustard packets, sporks, napkins, sponsor sheet, etc.) on Monday, November 3 at 1:30 p.m. Contact office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 to say you'll help with our largest fundraiser.

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](#)



Nearly two dozen volunteers prepared a large mailing on August 21 to get ready for our 23rd Corned Beef Fundraiser.

Celebrate the High Holy Days

5786 (2025)

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 Thursday, October 2 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.

Begin Sacred Season with Selichot

For centuries, Jews have gathered in synagogues on Saturday evening near Rosh Hashanah to prepare for the sacred season of self-scrutiny and renewal on Selichot. The word comes from the Hebrew for “forgiveness” and “pardon.”

Continue the tradition with us on Saturday, September 13 at 7:45 p.m. at the Temple or on [YouTube](#).

Please join us for Havdalah, help change the Torah covers to white for the New Year, and begin the holiday season with meditative prayer and readings, led by Rabbi Meir Barger.

Join Us for Break the Fast 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 Thursday, October 2. Everyone is invited for tuna salad, egg salad, bagel, lox, herring in wine sauce, herring in sour cream, fresh fruit and other delicacies.

[Please make a reservation online](#) or contact us at (260) 744-4245 by Friday, September 26 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!

Traffic Delays on Bluffton

Please allow extra time through October when coming to the Temple on the Bluffton Road Bridge. Expect significant delays near Quimby Village.

Sweets, Treats, and More Needed

Please volunteer to help and to bake for the Rosh Hashanah Reception following our service on Monday, September 22. Baked goods are needed at the Temple no later than Friday, September 19. 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. Thank you to Dawn Hammond and Sheryl Merritt for chairing the reception!

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New this year: Join Rabbi Meir and Hazzan Myers for a joyful and spirited [Joy Vey Rosh Hashanah Service](#) on Tuesday, September 23 at 4 p.m. See page 7 for more. Through music, movement, and meaningful prayer, we will welcome the New Year 5786 with heart and celebration. Perfect for families with young children — come sing, sway, and start the new year in sweetness together!

Returning this year: [A Yom Kippur afternoon healing service](#) with Rabbi Meir to provide comfort and support in sacred community.

Our annual [New Year's Reception](#) will provide an opportunity for our Temple family to share good wishes and enjoy a delicious nosh. The ROMEos (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](#)

Let this be the year we strive — together — to be our most human selves.

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Support the Temple with High Holy Days Donation

As we prepare to start the New Year, it's tradition to make a donation to the Temple to help support our year-round efforts to ensure a Jewish presence in Northeast Indiana.

Please consider being a "sponsor" of Achduth Vesholom's High Holy Days 5786. 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.

Sponsors who donate \$180 or more by Thursday, September 11 will be recognized in our holiday announcements.

Jewish tradition encourages making tzedakah (charitable gifts) in multiples of 18, which is spelled chai and also means "life." Donations offered in any amount will be greatly appreciated.

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. (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).

Cemetery Services Planned

Memorial services will be held Sunday, September 28 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 Rachmim* and *Kaddish* prayers, along with the appropriate psalms, poetry and prayers.

Hazzan Penny Myers Joins Us for High Holy Days

As one congregation with two traditions, the Temple is pleased to have [Hazzan Penny Myers](#) join us for the [High Holy Days 5786](#) to lead our Conservative services for a second year. She will also serve as hazzan co-leading the combined Erev Rosh Hashanah service and for Kol Nidre services with Rabbi Meir Barger.

"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.

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

Remembering Your Loved Ones

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 Thursday, September 25. Call us at (260) 744-4245 or email at office@templecav.org.

Join us for memorial services in person or on [YouTube](#) on Thursday, October 2 at 10 a.m. during our Conservative service or 4 p.m. during our Reform service.

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:



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 Wellspring.

You can always make a [direct donation](http://www.wellspringinterfaith.org) at www.wellspringinterfaith.org.

Fill yourself with the holiday spirit and give what you can!

Thank you from the Social Action Committee!

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 Friday, October 17.

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 on Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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](#)

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 receive information on how to access virtually on Zoom, please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or 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.

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 Tuesday, September 23, 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.

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Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly Begins September 3



Join the Jewish Community's Thoughtful Thursdays team on Wednesday, September 3 at 10 a.m. when we begin our 16th year assembling bags of food and household items for the 69 children who attend Brightpoint Head Start who attend class in our building.

Save the date to help again on Wednesday, October 8.

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

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 15th 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 10 at 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.

Complete the Cycle and Begin Anew on Simchat Torah

Be part of our festive Simchat Torah celebration on Tuesday, October 14 at 7 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!



Share Sukkot, Along with Memorial for Victims Of October 7

Shake the lulav and inhale the lovely scent of the etrog during the Temple's Sukkot and Shabbat service on Friday, October 10 at 6 p.m. in honor of the harvest festival. A Memorial for the Victims of October 7 and its Aftermath also will be included during the service. Please join us in person or on [YouTube](#), led by Rabbi Meir.

After the service, enjoy Kiddush in the sukkah, followed by a wine and cheese Oneg Shabbat, hosted by Fran & Irv Adler and Beth & Dan Zweig. (See page 7 for our Joy Vey Family Sukkot celebration.)

Share Community, Connection, and Shabbat Dinner

Enjoy an evening of community and connection with our Temple family on Friday, October 24. We'll begin at 6 p.m. with a joyous Shabbat service, led by Rabbi Meir, followed by a delicious dinner and activities for children.

The meal includes a taco bar and fixings, beer, and wine. RSVPs are needed no later than Friday, October 17 to office@templecav.org. The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children ages 4-12; no charge for ages 3 and under. If you'd like to contribute a dessert, please let us know when you RSVP.

We're grateful to Amy & Sam Krouse for their generous support of the dinner.

Terezin Tree Serves as Symbol of Resilience, Remembrance & Hope



A silver maple tree descended from the legendary tree of Terezin (Theresienstadt) has a new home on the grounds of Indiana's oldest Jewish congregation.

A dedication ceremony will take place on Sunday, October 19 at 10 a.m. with our Religious School students and Temple

community near the playground behind the Temple in honor of the tree whose powerful and moving story began in a Nazi concentration camp and serves as a living symbol of resilience, remembrance, and hope.

The tree was planted in 1943 by the children at Terezin with the help of a Jewish teacher named [Irma Lauscher](#). They nurtured the tree using their limited water rations, learning that even those with little can do much. The descendants of this tree were spread around the world, including the [Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center](#) and the [Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York](#).

The tree came to Achduth Vesholom through Kevin Kolar, a friend of Temple member Steve Zacher, via Kevin's friend [Sam Harris](#), a Holocaust survivor. Sam's wife, Dede Harris, is the author of [The Children's Tree of Terezin](#) (available in our Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library.) This sapling had been at the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

Our Jewish community is honored to preserve and share this remarkable legacy.

Exploring Synagogue Architecture With Indiana Landmarks



INDIANA LANDMARKS

Explore Fort Wayne's Jewish architectural heritage on Tuesday, September 30 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Temple with a look at six purpose-built synagogues (including the Temple) designed by renowned Jewish regional architects. The presentation will be given by our own Wendy Soltz, Associate Professor & Director, Public History Program, at Ball State University.

The presentation will be followed by a brief tour of the 1960 Congregation Achduth Vesholom, (CAV) a Mid-Century Modern design recently nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. As the only remaining synagogue of Indiana's oldest Jewish congregation, founded in 1848, the building offers a unique look at Fort Wayne's history and community.

Temple members may attend at no charge, but RSVPs are required by September 25 to office@templecav.org. Tickets for non-members are \$10, with [registration here](#)

The program is part of the [Preserving Historic Places](#) conference, Indiana's Statewide Preservation Conference, on September 30-October 3 in Fort Wayne and is sponsored by Indiana Landmarks, Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, and Indiana University.

Sample a Taste of Jewish Family History on Shabbat

Enjoy a taste of Jewish family history during our Shabbat service on Friday, October 17 at 6 p.m. when we help the [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) kick off its new year of programming.

Join us in person or on [YouTube](#),

led by Rabbi Meir, as part of our Meet

Your Mishpocha evening. We'll highlight a story (or two) to showcase some Jewish genealogy research. We're delighted that Maureen Grinsfelder, a Churubusco native and past president of the Temple, will tell us about some of her discoveries.

An Oneg Shabbat will follow hosted by NEIJGS, with opportunities to learn more about family history research.



FRIDAY NIGHT *Live*

AT THE TEMPLE

More than 100 people gathered August 8 on the beautiful grounds of the Temple for our popular Friday Night Live service. Rabbi Meir led the Shabbat service, with music by Heartland Sings, under the direction of Maestro Robert Nance.

In addition to our Temple family, we welcomed guests who were in Fort Wayne for the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies annual conference.

The evening started with a tasty barbeque and ended with s'mores by the CAV firepit.

During the service, President Beth Zweig noted that Friday Night Live came to our Sanctuary for the first time almost 23 years ago, with Bob Nance at the helm leading professional and congregational talent in what was a new and lively worship experience for our community.

Beth thanked Bob for his "friendship, kindness, ideas, generosity, and inspiration. Our worship, our programming,

and our congregation continue to be enhanced by our relationship with you."



She announced that the Temple has added a leaf to the olive tree near the Madge Rothschild Resource Center "in honor of Maestro Robert Nance for 25 years of sacred music and friendship with more to come!"

Rabbi Meir also recognized Bob for his many contributions to the Temple and presented with deep appreciation a colorful kippah with music notes.

Thank you to the ROMEOs, led by the impressively organized Denny Reynolds, for hosting and preparing another wonderful cookout for our congregation. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of Friday Night Live.



Welcome to Our Newest Members

JANE RITCHHART & JOYCE STEVENS

We're pleased to welcome Jane Ritchhart & Joyce Stevens as the newest members of our Temple family. Jane recently completed her conversion to Judaism with Rabbi Meir and received a blessing at services on August 22.

Jane & Joyce have been together for 44 years and legally married for 10 years. Their family includes Bella, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and retired agility athlete with several AKC agility titles and an AKC Canine Good Citizen. Jane & Joyce are "outdoor people," who enjoy camping and hiking. Jane's family has been in Allen County since 1834 and in Indiana before it became a state.

Jane, who graduated from Indiana University, retired from social service work as an At-Risk-Kids Program Director. Professionally, she has always worked helping people, especially children. Her favorite job was being a camp counselor, instructor and camp director. She's volunteered with community organizations, including as a Community Mediator. In North Carolina, she was a State Emergency First Responder. Locally, she is a past volunteer with CERT (Community Emergency Response Team).

A New York Yankees fan since childhood, Jane played softball for almost 20 years and loves watching women's sports and Komet hockey, playing golf, and doing genealogy research (which she's been doing since age 15). Jane recently helped with our corned beef mail prep.

A Fort Wayne native, Joyce earned a B.S. and M.P.A. from Indiana University. She has just retired from the Indiana Family Social Services Administration, but has been involved with for-profits, not-for-profits and the State. Joyce plays the piano and guitar, and reads about a book a week.

Mazel Tov To:

HARRIET MILLER & MONICA WEHRLE on their inclusion in [DESTINATION INDIANA: AGENTS OF CHANGE](#), recently released by the Indiana Historical Society. They are featured as "women's advocates and LGBTQ+ activists who made history when they joined as plaintiffs in an American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana case against the state's same-sex marriage ban. They married shortly after the ban's lifting on June 25, 2014. Their lives and careers have presented them with many opportunities to act as agents of change for women's and LGBTQ+ rights.

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, Rachel & Robert Laing, Joanne McCrory, Bonnie Pomerantz, Wendy Soltz, Jon Tam, Kate Theise, and Beth Zweig for baking and/or sponsoring challot.

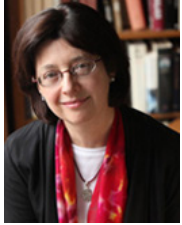


The Temple's leadership prepared for the coming year with a dinner and orientation session on August 20. Rabbi Meir explained that "serving on the board of a synagogue is not simply an organizational task — it is, at its heart, a covenantal relationship...a sacred partnership with the congregation, with one another, and with God." Board members also shared a social brunch with their significant others on August 24 at the home of Rabbi Meir & Jon Tam.

Upcoming Genealogy Programs: Photo Clues, AI, & Polish Research

The [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#)'s new year of programming begins with Meet Your Mishpocha as part of a Shabbat celebration at the Temple on Friday, October 17. See page 13.

Additional speakers and programs open to the public during the year include:



Ava Cohn, known as “Sherlock Cohn, The Photo Genealogist,” is recognized internationally as an expert on Jewish family photographs. She will speak on Sunday, November 9 at 2 p.m. on Zoom. **“Clued-in: The Stories are in the Details”** will explore how to extract deeper meaning from family photographs, going beyond identifying people and dates. Combining visual analysis with oral traditions and documentation, these discoveries can illuminate family stories.



Steve Little is the AI Program Director for the National Genealogical Society, the founder of AI Genealogy Insights, and a co-host of The Family History AI Show podcast.

He'll present two sessions on Sunday, February 15 on Zoom: **“Most Effective Uses of AI in the Genealogy Space”** at 2 p.m. and **“Three AI-Powered Genealogy Projects to Illustrate GenAI Tools”** at 3:30 p.m.

Steve will discuss practical and responsible applications of AI in genealogy, including data extraction, image analysis, and

report generation to support family history research. He also explains Large Language Models, highlighting their strengths in summarization and information extraction.



Hadassah Lipsius and Anna Wiernicka will focus on Jewish Genealogy Using Polish Records on Sunday, May 3 during a hybrid program, with Hadassah in person at the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center and Anna joining us online from Poland.

“Polish Jewish Research: The JRI-Poland Experience” begins at 2 p.m. Hadassah is the Vice-President and executive committee member of Jewish Records Indexing-Poland. She has lectured on Polish Research at various IAJGS Conferences and received the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement award in 2020.

“Was My Ancestor Rich or Poor: What We Can Find From Polish Business Court Records” begins at 3:30 p.m. Anna is a historian, lecturer, researcher, and genealogist who was associated with the Varsaviana research group at Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw from 2011 to 2018. Her scientific interests include the history and culture of Jews in the 19th-century Kingdom of Poland, the position and role of women in the 19th century, and the everyday life of Jewish families in the Kingdom of Poland.

People of the Book Features Mitch Albom



The People of the Book Lecture Series presents author Mitch Albom on Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Auer Performance Hall – Purdue Fort Wayne, 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd.

The lecture is free and open to the public. **Tickets are required.** Reserve now at pfw.edu/tickets.

Albom is a *New York Times* bestselling author, philanthropist and sports reporter. His many books include *Tuesdays with Morrie*.

Reserve your free copy of Albom's new novel *Twice* (which will be released on October 7). Contact us at office@fwjf.org | (260) 456-0400. Please note:

- 1 copy per household
- Limited supply – first come, first served (if we have run out, we'll let you know)
- Pick up only on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 (event night)

Book signing immediately follows the lecture.

Presented by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#), with generous support from the Dr. Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation.

Sharing Community with Rosh Chodesh Women

Celebrate community and connection with the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) Rosh Chodesh group when we gather for dinner on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Yummy Bowl (543 E Coliseum Blvd).

Dinner is self-pay, but the laughter, stories, and meaningful connections are free to all. Whether you're reconnecting with old friends or meeting someone new, there's a seat for you at the table.

RSVP by September 10 to office@fwjf.org or call (260) 456-0400. All Jewish women in our community are warmly invited. We can't wait to see you there!

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Your gift to Congregation Achduth Vesholom helps us offer a wide range of worship services, educational opportunities, cultural programs, social events, and activities to build and strengthen Jewish community.

Thank you for your support!

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Wellspring Needs Volunteers

[Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#) is looking for volunteers to help support local families and children in need. Whether you can give an hour or a whole day, your time and talents can make a lasting difference in countless lives.

From lending a hand in our food pantry, helping in youth programs, or assisting at community events – there's a place for everyone to serve. Help with homework, packing food pantry orders, driving kids to programs, sorting clothing donations, seasonal projects, and donation pick-ups.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Alicia at (260) 422-6618, ext. 101, or alicia@wellspringinterfaith.org The Temple is one of Wellspring's faith partners.

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.

September Jahrzeits

September 5-6

Irma Benson
Clara Brosler
Etta Brower
Gita Bruckman
Hyman Doppelt
Betty Dubinsky
Alex Feldman
Harry Fryefield
William Gitlin
Joseph Goldberg
Dr. Morris "Fuzzy" Himmelstein
Ruby Jackson
Sophia Maier Johnston
Rose J. Kaplan
Robert I. Kesselman
Michael Kupersmith
Sam Levin
Theodore Levy
Hamin Ochstein
Joseph Ostertag
Betty Lehman Pollak
Laura Himmelstein Levine
Lloyd Ray
Lawrence Ress
Marian Rodman
Moses Safirstein
Seymour Samet
Marilyn Sax
Irene P. Sherr
Fannie Spanjer
Thelma Strouse

Jacob Weil
Steve Weitzman
Goldie Yaffe

September 12

Lottie Albert
Grace Becker
Blanche Boyles
Max Dubrowin
Rabbi Eddie Fox
John Gilbert
Irving Golder
Ryan Goldstrom
Joseph Goltz
Lottie Guttmacher
Lilly Hertzman
Rose Kaufman Himmelstein
Mildred K. Jacobs
Shirley Komito
Carole Krainess
Edward Krainess
Moses Lamley
Sam Landy
Steven Warren Landy
Eduard Lefand
Leah Cohen Malay
Ethel Mansbach
Katie Meyer
Dr. Abraham J. Ochstein
Lillian Facks Ochstein
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Inez Zacharia
Judith Zala

September 19-20

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Lloyd Amster
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Joe Blumenthal
Adolph Brateman
Minnette Baum
Rose Carol Brown
Lottie Colucci
Joseph Cristil
Daniel Daniel
Terri Darienzo
Jack I. Dubrove
Adolph Greenebaum
Israel Hattner
Frieda Hyman
Isabel Kaskel
Tobi Greenspan Kepes
Jennie Levitetz Levis
Charles Leopold
Howard Levin

Jacqueline Levin
Raymond Levis
Becky (Betty) Lichtscien
Sidney Motel
Julius Nathan
Robert Nusholtz
Nate Pollack
William Pollak
Ronald Repka
Henry Schwartz
David Spanjer
Kathy Stoller
Bruce Stone
Emmanuel Warshauer
Felix Zweig

September 26

Gladys Adams
Sidney Barasch
Jack Berger
Sarah Bosell
Helen Coffman
Yelena Drozdova
Ernest Einstein
Jim Etzler
Evelyn Feldman
Charles "Bernie" Fine
Nathan Fine
Morris Fogel
JoEllen Fredrick
Gladys Friedman
Ida Golden
Arnold Hirschberg
Elias Horn

Freda M. Kaplan
Ricka Lehman
Joseph Mayer Levy
Lucile K. Marx
Mary McIntrye
Dorys Meyers
Jennie Morris
Jack Moyer
Mariam Nemeroff
R. J. O'Neill
Esther Rothschild
Mark Ruben
Abbie Sax
Tillie Schubert
Frances Shine
Harold M. Smith
Pamela Spielman
Jane Stiefel
Daniel Stut
Harry Turansky
Rose Walters
Rose Wattenberg
Rose Steiber Weinraub
Sophie Harmon Weinstein
Louella Williams
Muriel Yentis
Morris Zweig

Get Involved by Becoming 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 services begin 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 or Dawn Hammond at dawnghammond@gmail.com. If you're interested in helping as an usher on Fridays, please also let us know.



**SHAMASH:
ONE WHO HELPS**

October Jahrzeits

October 3-4

Leah Berebitsky
Isadore Besser
Herman Brateman
Louis Israel Brateman
Marvin Cristil
Betty Desmonde
Martin Dicker
Clifford Ewing
Rena Farber
Bernard Frankenstein
Ivan Franks
Louis Goldberg
Iva Gordon-Tutor
Karl Hesslein
Milton Jay
Fannie Katz Kaplan
Goldye Kaplan
Adrienne Korr
Leonid Isakovich
Kyner
Caroline Leopold
Herman Levin
Clauda H. Levine
Siegmund Kaufman
Lev Kletsky
Shirley Ruth Konigsberg
Joseph Lowenhar
Sima Lowenhar
Oscar Mastbaum
Milton Mendelblat
Simon Merin
Fanny Merin
Siegmund Merin
Barry Pass
Mary Peurye
Dr. Bernard Ress
Namuel Roseman
Meyer Ruchman
Eleanore B. Schechter
Harry Silberg
Mashe Soloway
Samuel L. Sposeep
Louis Snow
Harry Wagner
Pat Waterman
Esther Rose Weinstein
Ida Weinstein
Samuel N. Weinstein
Robert M. Zacher

October 10

Chester Ambler
Marie Amber - Koons
Edward Baum
Charles Bernstein
Eula Black
Gertrude Brateman
Ruth A. Brenn
Amelia Bruebach
Howard P. Cole
Harriet Cristil
Israel DuBow
Israel Edelman
Samuel Field
Bella Rachel Fink
Mollie Frank
Marshall Glickman
Sheldon Goltz
Jack Goodman
Dorothy Gordon
Ruth Guerrasio
Carol Harris
Jack Harmon Harris
Byrde Jordan
George King
Max Lee
Renee Levin
Ernest A. Lowens
Lillian Starr Messe
Josephine Mocle
Maurice Rothberg
Rose Rubenstein
David Seligman
Jennie Schneiderman
Myrtle Shine
Linda Shulkin -Nail
Don Sider
Alexander Simon
Simon Singer
Arlington Smith
Nellie Stillpass
Barbara Strouse
Ira Tanner
Suzanne Watemberg
Mamie W. Wolf
Bessie Zacharia
Irving Zelinger
Richard Zinn

October 17-18

Jack Adelman
Harry Bosell
Sam Boudaie
Israel L. Bronstein
Louis Bukowski
Flora Dessauer
Ida Feltman
Bess Felstein
Abraham Fichman
Dorothy Marks Fidler
Eugenia Frank
Hyman Goldstine
Hortense M. Green
Fredric Morgan Hefter
Dorothy W. Hutner
Harry Komisarow
Irving Klein
Karl Kohn
Irving W. Krohn
Caroline Levi
Anna Levin
Bertha Stein Lichtenberg
Fred Lipp
Morris Magazine
Jacob Mansbach
Betsy Mastbaum
Ron Mendelblat
Sylvia Werner Bernstein Meyers
Libbie Mull
Anna Porges
Robert Porwancher
Jean J. Pownall
Roberta Rezits
Maryleonne Ronsheim
Marco Rosanis
Herman Schubert
Mildred R. Schultz
Roger Sheyer
Jeff Shulkin
Melvin Shulkin
Lona Ruchman
Lazarus Stern
Sara Stern
Freida S. Strauss
Sonya Turetzky
Al Zacher
Abraham Zimmerman

October 24

Harry Babich
Isabel Banks
Sophie Bass
Rahil Berkovich
Katherine Bosell
Sarah Brateman
Simon Crell
Alfred Stern Engelhard
Sally Fields
Rita Finkel
Alice Golden
Lee Gottlieb
Phyllis Groman
Herman B. Kaplan
Sidney Klepper
Esther (Ebby) Krakower
Dena Levant
Abe Lipp
Fred Llewellyn
Sharon McLochlin
Manuel Michelson
Ruth Morris
Albert Nirdlinger
Eli Nirdlinger
Dorothy Reynolds
Jake Rovel
Jack Schwartz
Isidor Seelberg
Ethelyn Seigman
Lottie Shatsky
Robert E. Shine
Hanna Singer
Charlotte Slutsky
Helen Snitzer
Goldie Sunshine
Bernhard S. Trauerman
Alfons Warschawski
Anita Weinfield
Lou Weissman
Rose White

October 31 - November 1

Rose K. Baum
Rosalie Becker
Ida Blumenthal
Cathy Bradley
Sarah Brazy
Samuel Brooks
Elliott Burkhardt
Barbara Cohen
Max Cohen
Hannah Crell
Pauline Cristil
Diane Ervin
Mitchell Goldstein
Bertha F. Gross
Charles Gubitz
Bertram Hornstein
Mendel Hurwitz
Mina Goldberg Isay
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Esther E. King
Enid Lesser
Harold Lesser
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Jack Levin
Lloyd Mullennix
Peggy (Frank) Murphy
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Henriette Rothschild
Sadie Rush
Regina de Lerner
Safirstein
Lawrence J. Schubert
Nathan Sheray
Kathleen Shine
Mrs. Harry Silberg
Bert Silverstein
Loren Smith
Matilda Stiefel
Joseph Sweedler
Irving Walters
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President's Corner



BETH ZWEIG

During the pandemic, I began regularly baking challah, taking online classes, getting tips from some of our talented CAV bakers, and studying intricate braiding techniques on social media with awe.

In recent days, the photos of round challot have started to appear in my Facebook feed, a reminder that the High Holy Days are a few weeks away. My to-do list includes creating four-braid round challot to symbolize the circular nature of the year and seasons.

Not only do I have a checklist for my holiday food preparations, but also one for myself.

Unlike the secular New Year when I prioritize a healthy diet or reducing household clutter, the High Holy Days provide a more compelling opportunity to reflect on the past year personally and spiritually, examine situations and challenges, contemplate my reactions and attitudes, and focus on how to be a better person in the months ahead.

I'm especially looking forward to an opportunity this year for our congregation to concentrate before and during the Days of Awe on the verse from Pirkei Avot: "In a place where no one is human, strive to be human. (2:5)" This theme will help us look at the importance of our shared humanity, of taking personal responsibility, and of embracing Jewish values to counter injustice in our community, our nation, and our world.



We Welcome Your Comments

The Temple Board welcomes your comments and suggestions. We will do our best to address your questions and concerns. We value the diversity of viewpoints within our congregation. For information, please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org. President Beth Zweig can be reached at (260) 433-3244 or president@templecav.org.

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**The deadline for the November Bulletin
is Wednesday, October 15.**

Begin this journey at our Learning Cafe on Wednesday, September 3 with Rabbi Meir on "Pirkei Avot for the 21st Century - Being Human Today."

At this sacred time of year, I also to look at my congregational life to consider ways we can strengthen the Jewish community and continue to build on a sense of belonging and togetherness that are so vital to maintaining a warm and caring environment. In annually rediscovering the value of our Temple affiliation, we can try to maximize the opportunities to study, interact, worship, share and grow in our relationships, knowledge and faith.

Please take the time this New Year 5786 to reach out to others to get better acquainted, whether at services, the Rosh Hashanah Reception, Break-the-Fast, Learning Café, or other events. Bring your young children to our new Joy Vey Rosh Hashanah Service and enroll them in Religious School. Feel the support of community at our healing service. Volunteer for our Corned Beef Fundraiser, assemble bags at Thoughtful Thursdays, or serve as an usher or shamash on Shabbat.

I'm grateful to Rabbi Meir, Executive Director Samara Sheray, and our Temple Board, staff and volunteers for their hard work at holiday time and year-round to nurture our sacred community. As always, please reach out to me to share your thoughts or questions.

My husband, Dan, joins me in wishing you Shana Tovah!