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Share Latkes, Lights and Family Fun at Hanukkah Party



Celebrate the Festival of Lights with our Temple family on Friday, December 19 at our annual Hanukkah service and party. Spin the dreidel, enjoy a festive dinner, and share the warmth of Jewish community amid the glow of dozens of *hanukkiyot*. Please bring your *hanukkiyah* and candles to light for the sixth night of Hanukkah.

Join us for our Shabbat-Hanukkah service at 6 p.m., which will include a blessing for Doris Gotlieb on her 90th birthday. The service also will be on YouTube.

Candle lighting and dinner will follow the service. The menu includes corned beef, vegetarian pasta, salad, latkes, and sufganiyot. Share in the fun for all ages – dreidel and Hanukkah games,

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Celebrate Musical Shabbat with Cantor-In-Residence Rosalie Will

Share a musical Shabbat weekend with [Cantor-in-Residence Rosalie Will](#) in late January at the Temple, including [a song session](#) and [lifelong learning program](#).

We'll celebrate Shabbat together on Friday, January 30 at 6 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir and Cantor Will. An Oneg Shabbat and spirited song session will follow. Join us for the service in person or on [YouTube](#).

Please also join us on Saturday, January 31 at 10:30 a.m. for a Beit Shirah (House of Song) learning session with Cantor Will. We'll gather prior to the program for bagels and schmooze at 10:15 a.m. Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Wednesday, January 28.

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Judaism in Action: From Social Action to Social Justice

What does Judaism have to say about repairing the world — not only through immediate acts of kindness, but also by addressing the deeper causes of injustice?

Join us as we continue our two-part exploration with Rabbi Julia Weisz, an experienced Jewish educator and community organizer, as we uncover the Jewish roots of both social action and social justice.

During our session on Wednesday, December 10 at 7 p.m. on Zoom, we'll go deeper into the systemic and structural issues that create inequality. Learn how Jewish texts and values inspire

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Upcoming Events

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

DECEMBER

Thoughtful Thursdays
Wednesday, December 3
10 a.m.

Learning Café:
Starting the Jewish Day
Wednesday, December 3
12 to 1 p.m.

Lifelong Learning:
From Social Action to Social Justice Part Two: Judaism and Social Justice
Wednesday, December 10
7 p.m. on Zoom

Hanukkah – First Candle
Sunday, December 14

JANUARY

Thoughtful Thursdays
Wednesday, January 7
10 a.m.

Learning Café:
Wednesday, January 7
12 to 1 p.m.

Lifelong Learning:
Wednesday, January 14
7 p.m. on Zoom

Souper Bowl Shabbat
Friday February 6
6 p.m.

Shabbat and Holiday Services

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

DECEMBER

Shabbat Service
Friday, December 5, 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service
Saturday, December 6, 9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service
Friday, December 12, 6 p.m.

Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat
With Musician Juliette Nehring
Saturday, December 13, 10:30 a.m.

Hanukkah & Shabbat Service
Blessing for Doris Gottlieb
on her 90th birthday
Friday, December 19, 6 p.m.

Dinner follows; RSVP by Dec. 14

Shabbat Service
Saturday, December 20, 9:45 a.m.

No Shabbat Service
Friday, December 26

JANUARY

No Shabbat Service
Friday, January 2

No Shabbat Service
Saturday, January 3

Shabbat Service
Friday, January 9, 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service
Friday, January 16, 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service
Saturday, January 17, 9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service
Friday, January 23, 6 p.m.

Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat
Saturday, January 24, 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat Service
With Cantor-in-Residence Rosalie Will
Friday, January 30, 6 p.m.

Oneg Shabbat and song session follow

Beit Shirah with Cantor-in-Residence Rosalie Will
Saturday, January 31, 10:30 a.m.
RSVP to office@templecav.org

Ongoing Events

LUNCH WITH THE ROMEOS

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

Thursday, December 4
[Club Room at the Clyde](#)
1806 Bluffton Rd.

Thursday, December 18
[Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern](#)
2886 E Dupont Rd.

Thursday, January 1
No Lunch – Happy New Year!

Thursday, January 15
[Mad Anthony Brewing Co.](#)
2002 Broadway

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

Temple Office Will Be Closed for a Winter Break

The Temple office will be closed from December 22 through January 5 to allow our hard-working staff time off for vacation, travel, and recharging their batteries. We will not have Shabbat services during the same period.

Yahrzeit names for Friday, December 26 will be read on Friday, December 19 during our Shabbat service at 6 p.m. Yahrzeit names for Friday-Saturday, January 2-3 will be read on Friday, January 9 during our Shabbat service at 6 p.m.

We will periodically check phone messages and emails.

Our regular office hours resume on Tuesday, January 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please join us for our first Shabbat service of 2026 on Friday, January 9 at 6 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir.

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



Singing from the Jewish Soul

The heart of Jewish expression has always been found in song, since the words of the [TANAKH](#) were first canonized. The rabbis describe the songs that the Levites sang in the Temple as they did their sacred work. According to tradition, [King David organized the Lev-](#)

[ites](#) into 24 orders, including those responsible for singing and playing musical instruments. We see this in the Psalms: 40-50 of which are called “songs” of varying types. Music, particularly song, touches our souls and carries prayers from the deepest part of us.

Music spans the Jewish experience across the range of *min-hagim*, traditions, through time and across many geographies. Regardless of the differences, in language, text or religious practice, Jewish songs are everywhere – in worship, at simchas and in daily life. And music is in the bedrock of the Reform Movement.

From the earliest Reform congregations in 19th-century Germany to the vibrant synagogue ensembles of today, music has always been the beating heart of Reform Judaism’s evolution. Classical composers like [Lewandowski](#) and [Sulzer](#) sought to bring dignity and harmony to prayer through choral music and organ.

Beginning in the late 20th century, [Debbie Friedman](#) and her peers transformed that legacy, bringing guitar, Hebrew, and the language of personal prayer into the sanctuary. The *camp songbook revolution* of the 1970s and 80s gave rise to a new, participatory sound rooted in community singing rather than performance. Today’s Reform music continues to widen the circle, blending folk, pop, Israeli, and global Jewish influences.

Right now, we are at a special moment in the history of Jewish music. Transcontinental Music, the leading music publisher of the Reform Movement, has just released [Shireinu II](#), a comprehensive anthology of Jewish music from the first decades of the 21st century. It is a once-in-a-generation resource of a huge range of Jewish music, curated by the leading cantors, composers and song leaders of the movement. I purchased my copy and am very excited to begin introducing some of these tunes into our worship. (Don’t worry, we will continue to keep most of what you are already accustomed to hearing and singing!)

If you are interested in a preview of *Shireinu II*, Transcontinental Music has released playlists of nearly all the selections on [YouTube](#), [Apple Music](#) and [Spotify](#). Perhaps you will be like me and enjoy listening to the playlist in the car.

We are very fortunate to host [Cantor Rosalie Will](#) as our Cantor-in-Residence for Shabbat on January 30th and 31st. Cantor Will, whose music is included in the new anthology, will lead us in music, prayer and learning on Friday evening and Saturday morning. (Find more details on page 1)

When we sing together, we open our hearts to one another. In that harmony, we strive to be more fully human.

Share Simcha at Shabbat-Hanukkah Service



Celebrate Shabbat and Hanukkah with us on Friday, December 19 at 6 p.m. when we also offer a blessing for Doris Gottlieb in honor of her 90th birthday.

Join us in person or [on YouTube](#) for the service, led by Rabbi Meir. Join us after the service for our Hanukkah dinner and celebration. See page 1 for more information and RSVP details.

Support Holiday Food Drive for Wellspring

With the current challenges surrounding SNAP funding by the federal government, Wellspring Interfaith Social Services has reached out to its partnering congregations for help in collecting holiday food items for those who come to its food bank.

The list is the same as those we collected during the High Holy Days. These include stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, green beans, turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, cream of mushroom soup, cornbread mix, and cake mix and frosting.



Amazon Wish List

Please add your donated items to the collection box in the foyer at the Temple or drop off directly at Wellspring, 1316 Broadway, Fort Wayne, 46802. [Donate online to Wellspring](#) or send a check directly to Wellspring at their address. [Go on Amazon and check out the Wellspring Wish List](#). Or make a check out to

“Wellspring” and drop it off at the Temple. Thank you!

Share Latkes, Lights and Family Fun at Hanukkah Party

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a photo booth, holiday music, and more – and crafts for the kids.

[Please make a reservation for dinner](#) and [online payment](#) by Sunday, December 14 or contact us at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 4-12 (children 3 & under are free). If you need the vegetarian option, please tell us when you RSVP.

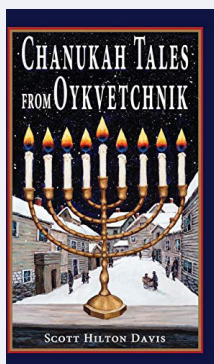
Please also help us spread the light to others by bringing items for the ongoing food drive at Wellspring Interfaith Social Services.

Thank you to Denny Reynolds and the ROMEOs for sponsoring the latkes and sufganiyot, and to Stephanie Gottesman and Kate Crell for organizing the festivities. Thanks also to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

LIBRARY NEWS

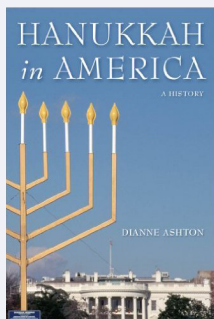
Hanukkah: Beyond Picture Books

The [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#) has a *huge number* of picture books for Hanukkah – more than 360! – and we’re always receiving more. We have many titles for middle-grade readers and young adults for the holiday that we highlight in Bulletin articles. But we rarely talk about the story collections and non-fiction available for adults at this season. Here are a few of the unique titles we can offer older readers:



If you’re looking for story collections, we have several to choose from. *Winter Blessings: Warm Stories from the Village* by Izzy Abrahamson, *Chanukah Tales from Oykvetchnik* by Scott Hilton Davis, and *36 Candles: Chassidic Tales for Chanukah* by Libi Astaire, are three titles from our adult section. Isaac Bashevis Singer’s *The Power of Light: Eight Stories for Hanukkah* and

Eric Kimmel’s *The Jar of Fools: Eight Hanukkah Stories from Chelm* are two popular story collections from our juvenile fiction section.

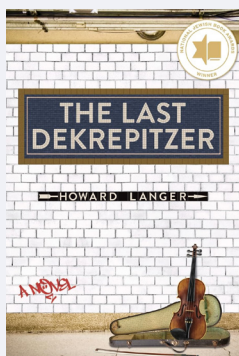


Hanukkah in America: A History, by Dianne Ashton, is a readable account of the holiday’s transformation over the years in this country. The author discusses how Hanukkah morphed into the most visible of American Jewish holidays, moving from a minor festival to a major celebration.

Celebrating the Jewish Year: The Winter Holidays, by Rabbi Paul Steinberg, and Philip Goodman’s classic *Hanukkah Anthology* are both recommended titles. Those interested in holiday crafts might check out *Hanukkah Fun: Crafts and Games*, by Andrea Weiss. *Jewish Holiday Treats: Recipes and Crafts for the Whole Family*, by Joan Zoloth, and Rebecca Ruzansky’s *Celebrating with Jewish Crafts*, are also available in our general adult collection. They cover crafts for other Jewish holidays in addition to Hanukkah.

Whatever your age, our library at the Temple has something for you for Hanukkah! Check out [our full Hanukkah collection](#). A [Hanukkah One-Sheet](#) is also available if you’re looking for a shorter list of recommendations. Checkout is available at the library desk whenever the building is open. Please plan to take advantage of our Hanukkah collection!

“The Last Dekrepitzer” is Next Book Club Title



Our Temple Book Club will return on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. on Zoom when we 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.”

All Temple members are invited. The book is available in the Temple library. A link will be included in the Temple’s weekly e-mail as we get closer.

Beit Midrash: Moments That Matter with Rabbi Laura Geller and Rabbi Beth Lieberman



Rabbi Laura Geller



Rabbi Beth Lieberman

Join us on Wednesday, January 14 at 7 p.m. on Zoom for a thoughtful and inspiring evening with Rabbis Laura Geller and Beth Lieberman, co-authors of the just-released ***Moments That Matter: Marking Transitions in Midlife and Beyond***.

Together, we’ll explore how the later chapters of life — launching children, redefining purpose, navigating retirement, moving or downsizing, facing illness or caregiving, and even discovering love anew — can become gateways to growth, meaning, and renewal.

Grounded in Jewish wisdom and enriched by personal stories and practical rituals, *Moments That Matter* invites us to honor life’s transitions with intention and creativity. Our teachers will introduce ways to mark these milestones personally and communally, offering tools to shape rituals that speak to the complexity and beauty of this rich stage of life.

All are welcome — whether you’re in the midst of change, supporting a loved one, or simply curious about what Judaism has to say about the journey ahead. Watch your Temple e-mail for information on ordering your copy at a special price. Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Tuesday, January 13.



Learning Café: Starting the Jewish Day

Join Rabbi Meir for a look at “Starting the Jewish Day” during our Learning Café on Wednesday, December 3 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Temple when we gather for an hour of conversation, insight, and community exploring how Jewish tradition guides us in waking up to life — body, mind, and soul.

From the words of *Modeh Ani* to the morning blessings and beyond, we’ll look at classical and modern Jewish sources, along with wisdom from contemporary thinkers, to ask: how can we begin each day with gratitude, purpose, and presence?

Bring your lunch, your curiosity, and your whole self. We will engage in meaningful learning and conversation together. Online attendance on Zoom also is available. The link will be in the weekly email. Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 2 to office@templecav.org.

Lifelong Learning in January

Please bring your lunch and join us for our Learning Café on Wednesday, January 7 at noon at the Temple, led by Rabbi Bruce J. Pfeffer. A zoom option also is available.

Join our Beit Midrash group on Wednesday, January 14 at 7 p.m. on Zoom, led by Rabbi Meir. (See page 4)

Check your Temple communications for more information as we get closer.

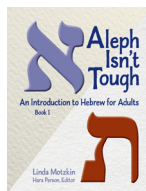
Celebrate Musical Shabbat with Cantor-In-Residence Rosalie Will

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Cantor Will is the first cantor in the long history of Chicago Sinai Congregation. She also mentors clergy in the field and consults on issues of worship, music, and synagogue transition and change. Cantor Will is founder, former Executive Director, and Program Director of Sing Unto God. She also serves as lead consultant for the Union for Reform Judaism on issues related to music and worship.

Thank you to the Dr. Louis A. and Anne B. Schneider Foundation for its generous support.

Register for Adult Beginning Hebrew



Ready to follow along in Hebrew during Shabbat services? Want to finally feel confident pronouncing the prayers? *Adult Beginning Hebrew* is your doorway into the beauty and rhythm of our sacred language.

Join instructor Barbara Silverman for a 12-session introduction to reading Hebrew, beginning on Monday, January 5.

Together, we’ll explore the aleph-bet, learn to decode Hebrew words, and practice the blessings and prayers that form the heart of Jewish worship — all in a supportive, encouraging environment. This course assumes no prior Hebrew experience and is perfect for Introduction to Judaism alumni and other adults!

Adult Beginning Hebrew

**Mondays, January 5 – April 6 (no class February 16 or March 2)
7 to 8:15 p.m. on Zoom | Instructor: Barbara Silverman**

Tuition:

\$216 for Temple members and
conversion students (with Rabbi
Meir’s approval)

\$432 for non-members

Required Text: *Aleph Isn’t Tough: An Introduction to Hebrew for Adults, Book 1*. Available from [Behrman House](#) or Amazon. Please have your book ready for the first class.

Registration and Payment:

Register by **Tuesday, December 30** [Register and pay online](#)

Judaism in Action: From Social Action to Social Justice

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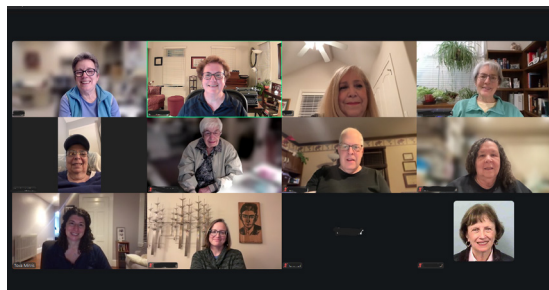
us to pursue justice, equity, and lasting change.

During our first session in November, we learned about Judaism and Social Action, exploring how Jewish tradition calls us to respond directly to human need — feeding the hungry, sheltering the vulnerable, and offering support in moments of crisis.

Together, these sessions will invite us to reflect, discuss, and act — drawing on the wisdom of our tradition to shape a more compassionate and just world.

Kindly RSVP to office@templecav.org by Tuesday, December 9.

The Zoom link will be included in our weekly email to our Temple family.



Our Temple Book Club had a great discussion on November 11 Tova Mirvis, author of *We Would Never*. Thank you to Betsy Gephart for coordinating and the [Jewish Book Council](#) for this opportunity.

YOUTH NEWS

Raising Mensches One Sunday at a Time

STEPHANIE GOTTESMAN

Youth Education and Family Engagement Director



As we've moved from the whirlwind of the High Holiday season into a regular rhythm of learning, our students have been exploring what it means to live Jewish values every day. This has been a lovely time in our classrooms — less about the ritual and ceremony of holidays, and more about the quiet work of practicing kindness, responsibility, and connection with others.

Over the past several weeks, our younger learners have been diving into lessons about types of mitzvot, including *g'milut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness), *derech eretz* (kindness to others), *tzedakah* (justice), and *sh'mirat haguf* (taking care of our bodies). Through stories, games, and crafts, our kids have been learning how small choices shape our community. Whether it's learning to share during a classroom game, practicing how to apologize, or brainstorming ways to give to others during Jewish holidays, our children are beginning to see that Jewish tradition offers guidance for many ways to be a mensch.

Our older students have been engaging with more complex questions. They've been exploring conflict resolution through modern scenarios and ancient texts, studying the idea of *machloket l'shem shamayim* — arguments for the sake of heaven. They are discovering that disagreement isn't something to fear; it's something to navigate with care. Through role-play, text study, and reflection, they are learning that how we engage in conflict matters as much as the outcome. The stories of Hillel and Shammai are helping them see the enduring power of humility, empathy, and thoughtful speech.

These classroom conversations have connected beautifully with our ongoing food drive for Wellspring Interfaith Social Services. With SNAP benefits suspended for many families in our area, the need for community support is urgent. Our students have gotten to see this drive as a real-time expression of the values they are studying.

Each Sunday, I'm reminded that "raising mensches" isn't about one big moment — it's about dozens of small ones. It's the child who notices a classmate sitting out and invites them in. It's the student who offers to clean up without being asked. It's the thoughtful questions our older students ask when they're trying to understand someone else's point of view. It's the extra effort to scrub a hard-to-clean whiteboard. It's hearing about mitzvot happening between Sundays, from visiting sick relatives to helping friends at school. These everyday moments are where Jewish learning becomes Jewish living and where our community's values take root.

As we continue into the year, my hope is that our students continue to carry these lessons with them beyond the classroom: that they learn to navigate disagreements with compassion, to show kindness when it counts, and to recognize that every choice — big or small — can help make our world a bit more whole.

Share a Joy Vey Morning with Juliette Nehring



Families with young children are invited to share a special musical morning of Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat on Saturday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m. with musician Juliette Nehring. Meet us at the Temple to introduce your child to the beauty of a Shabbat morning service with prayer, singing, movement, joyfulness, and friends. Folks are encouraged to stick around afterwards for a nosh and social time. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

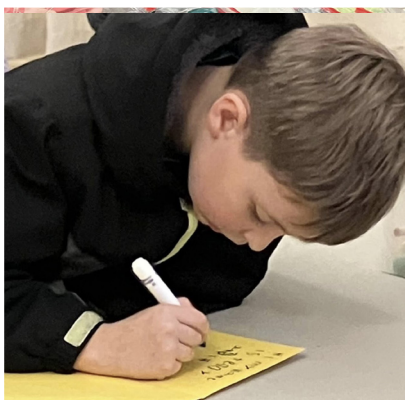
Nehring has been a lay leader and music specialist at Jewish congregations in the Indianapolis area for the past 13 years and has been a professional in the fields of music and education for over 30 years.

Joy Vey Moving to Saturday Mornings in 2026

Please also save the date to join us for Joy Vey on Saturday, January 24 at 10:30 a.m. Joy Vey services will be on Saturday mornings moving forward. While most Joy Vey services will still be on the 2nd weekend of the month, some (like this one) will be on the 4th weekend. We look forward to sharing sweet Shabbat mornings with you in the year ahead!



Busy morning of Jewish learning



Religious School Baggers and Volunteers Support Thoughtful Thursdays



Our fantastic Thoughtful Thursday volunteers filled 69 bags with stuffing mix, instant rice, cranberry sauce, green beans, corn muffin mix, and chocolate pudding mix to go to the Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple. Each child's family also received a rotisserie chicken to help complete a nice holiday meal for the month of November.

A second bag was filled with household items, including four rolls of toilet paper, sandwich bags, and paper towels.

We're grateful for to the Temple's Religious School students for participating in our bag assembly in November. Jamie Berger did an extraordinary job explaining to them how Thoughtful Thursdays began and the importance of tzedakah. Each child put

a quarter in the tzedakah box. They then assembled a bag with a hat, pair of gloves, and snack package that will be given this month to the Head Start students.

Volunteers will meet on Wednesday, December 3 and Wednesday January 7, both at 10 a.m., to assemble our next bags.

Thank you to the many generous donors from the Temple, the Jewish Federation, the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, and everyone who made donations to the Apple Project to provide fresh fruit for the students.

Thoughtful Thursdays is an initiative of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#). Thank you to Co-Chairs Cheryl Schorey and Lily Noga. Individuals interested in volunteering are kindly requested to contact Cheryl Schorey at cheryl_schorey@yahoo.com. We would be delighted to welcome you to our team.



Thank you to our



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Volunteers at Corned Beef Prep Night

New “Sticker” Sponsors Add to Success of 23rd Deli Day

We stuck the landing with an innovative sponsorship opportunity in November for the Temple’s Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy sale, scoring a perfect 10 for increasing generous backers of the Temple’s largest fundraiser.



item – and the container – was tagged with a sticker thanking an individual or business sponsor. The stickers added a polished look, contributing to a record \$27,000+ in sponsorship donations, about \$11,000 more than the previous year!

Thank you to our inaugural sticker sponsors: Ari Rifkin and The Len-Ari Foundation for the deli boxes; MKS Michael Kinder & Sons for being our pickle partner; Luminant for being our coleslaw collaborator; and The Zacher Company for sponsoring the brownies.

“Every year the Corned Beef committee strives to make improvements,” Micah said. “Our focus this year was to improve upon and expand our sponsorship program.”

Micah said that Temple members Ben Eisbart and Irene Walters provided significant insights and assistance that led to the committee’s development of the new lunchbox sponsorship initiative, which he said was “fantastically successful” in its first year.

Thanks to enthusiastic community support, we sold 1,716 meals, along with 100+ pounds of bulk corned beef. A dedicated group of volunteers – members, extended family, and friends – earned a gold medal for their efforts during Corned Beef Week. The final amount raised by the fundraiser for Temple programs is not yet available.

We appreciate the leadership of Co-Chairs Amy Krouse and Micah Soltz, Executive Director Samara Sheray, and the corned beef crew: Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Barger, Jamie Fritz, Denny Reynolds, Jon Tam, Nick Young, Steve Zacher, Mimi Zelman, Beth Zweig.

Customers again this year parked in our spacious lot and walked up to the building



For 23 years, our meals have consistently featured a delicious 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich, giant pickle, creamy coleslaw, and fudgy brownie. This year during our sale on November 6, each



to pick up their orders, where multiple volunteers and staff were conveniently stationed outdoors to assist. The cumbersome process of looking up customer orders on paper has now been again replaced by a computerized system for easy searching, as well as a streamlined process for filling the orders.

About two dozen volunteers came earlier during Corned Beef Week on Monday – and others again on Tuesday – to prepare 2,000 condiment bags, filling them with sponsor sheets, mustard packets, and other items.



On Wednesday evening, more of the 100 volunteers helped on Prep Night – including friends of congregants and new recruits – to assist with weighing meat portions, scooping coleslaw into cups, bagging pickles, cutting brownies, prepping for deliveries and big

orders, and more. WANE-TV continues to support our sale with great coverage, including a report from Prep Night and during Deli Day.

On Thursday, some 75+ volunteers began morning shifts, with some arriving as early as 7 a.m. to assist. Our kitchen team led by Denny Reynolds and Jon Tam arrived in advance to begin heating the corned beef for sandwiches. Sandwich makers and delivery teams started first. We continued with the expansion of pick-up hours from our regular 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a 10 a.m. opening for those who ordered in advance.

This year was not without challenges. Less than three months before Deli Day, we learned that the food distributor who has provided all our products for 22 years unexpectedly went out of business.

“We had to pivot quickly to ensure we had the items we needed and, most importantly, at a quality level that everyone has come to expect,” Micah said. “Thankfully, we were quickly able to source almost all of the same products we have used in years past (with exception of the rye bread).”

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New “Sticker” Sponsors Add to Success of 23rd Deli Day

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Additionally, he said, our number of volunteers for the day of sale was down in comparison to past years. He said he extends his “sincere and heartfelt gratitude to EVERYONE who volunteered in some way this year to help make our Corned Beef Fundraiser the best yet!”



Though we ran out of bread before the end of the sale, we were able to accommodate customers who bought bulk corned beef with pickles, coleslaw and brownies. The appreciative customers added their names to our email list to be notified in advance of next year's sale.

Thank you to the Temple staff for pitching in, problem-solving, and persevering! Thanks to Executive Director Samara Sheray, Administrative Assistant Cara Twiss, Comptroller

Jamie Fritz, and Facilities Manager Charlie Smiley. All of them went above and beyond.

We again were helped on prep night by the “counting grid” created in 2022 by Denny Reynolds to help with accuracy in tracking the number of meat packets for sandwich orders. We appreciate Norm Greenberg for his deli experience and meat slicer skills to help capture every bit of corned beef to enjoy.

Our sponsorship efforts – led by Amy Krouse and Samara Sheray - included reaching out to connections in the community and congregation. Amy Krouse did a great job recruiting volunteers,

including our Prep Night station captains: Micah Soltz (pickles), Sam Krouse (coleslaw), Beth Zweig (brownies), Dan Zweig (weighing station), Denny Reynolds (kitchen), Shai Hadashi (large orders/deliveries), Jon Tam (bulk corned beef, and health and sanitation), Sam Krouse (refrigerated storage), and Beth Zweig (condiment bags).

Many thanks also to our security team led by Officer Todd for keeping us safe, directing traffic, and pitching in on Prep Night. Thanks to Shigs ‘n Pit for some key logistical support.

We continued this year sending a weekly e-blast with corned beef reminders to previous customers and increased our social media presence on Facebook with posts, and help from our congregants in sharing news of the sale with friends. Thanks to Fran Adler and Beth Zweig for their work on marketing.

More information will be coming about our 24th Deli Day plans, sponsorship opportunities, and ways to get involved.

Visit our [Facebook page](#) to find photos from [Condiment Bag](#), [Prep Afternoon](#), [Prep Night](#) and [Deli Day](#)



Thanks to our Corned Beef Crew!

Share Souper Bowl Shabbat Dinner



Warm up a cold winter evening at our “Souper Bowl” Shabbat on Friday, February 6. We’ll begin with our Shabbat service at 6 p.m., followed by dinner. We’ll sample a variety of homemade soups before declaring the top three “people’s choice” winners.

While you don’t need to bring soup to attend, we invite you to get creative in the kitchen and enter the friendly competition. Make your favorite soup to feed 8-10, whether vegetarian, chicken or beef. Maybe matzo balls, noodles or even kreplach? The only requirements: No pork or shellfish and no meat or cheese in the same dish. Please bring your hot soup in a crockpot. Any leftovers will be utilized by the Caring Committee for those in need of TLC.

Please RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Friday, January 30. Let us know if you will be bringing soup and what kind. The cost is \$8 per person (no charge for children 5 and under). Please [make payment online](#) or send a check in advance to the Temple (payable to “CAV- The Temple”).

The menu includes salad, soup, challah, dessert, and beverage. Thank you to Co-Chairs Kate & David Crell. Questions or interested in helping? Contact Dawn at dawnghammond@gmail.com.

Thanks to Temple Gardening Committee

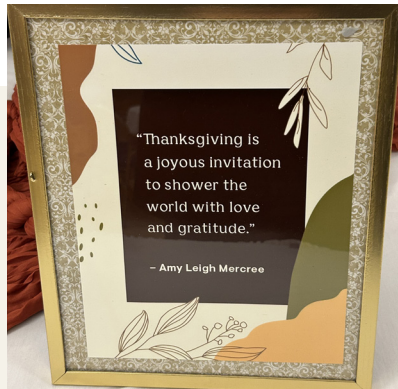
We’re grateful to the Temple Gardening Crew (“Gananim”) for another season sharing their talents maintaining our beautiful gardens and landscaping. Thank you to outgoing chair Ronnie Greenberg for her leadership over the past 11 years.

Thank you to Ron Cousino, Becky Guttstein, Norm Greenberg, Nola Katinsky, Marnie Lowden, Joanne McCrory, Denny Reynolds, Marcia Reynolds, Wendy Soltz, Jon Tam, and Donna Tourkow for their hard work and commitment.

As we look ahead to spring, we invite you to bring your green thumb and enthusiasm to our gardening group! Enjoy the fun of gardening as part of a community and help care for our lovely grounds. Please contact the Temple office at officetemplecav.org or Executive Director Samara Sheray at CAVadmin@templecav.org.

Mazel Tov To:

CINDI & RICHARD WISMER on the marriage of their son, Lev, to Emma Enig, daughter of Jessica & Eric Enig, on November 22 in Washington, DC.



More than 175 people gathered on November 25 at the Temple for Fort Wayne’s annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, sharing community and the beauty of their faith traditions through prayers, readings, and music. [Watch the service](#)

Participants included: Rev. Martin Garcia of Amistad Presbyterian Church; Heather Essex-Guy of the Baha’i Community of Fort Wayne; Rev. Paula Ulrich of Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren; Dr. Joel M. Johnson of the Fort Wayne Stake, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Rabbi Meir Barger of Congregation Achduth Vesholom; Rev. Dr. YoungSoo An of First Presbyterian Church; Bhante Pannasara of the Indiana Buddhist Temple; Claudia Hedeem, Citizen of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma; Rev. Dr. Timothy Murphy of Plymouth Congregational Church; Monsignor Thomas Shoemaker of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church; Mother Amanda Henes of Trinity Episcopal Church; and Kaylan Buteyn of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne; and Universal Education Foundation Mosque.

Thank you to Maestro Robert Nance for coordinating and leading our music and to members of the interfaith choir. An offering invitation was given by Rev. Angelo Mante, Executive Director of Alive Community Outreach.

Thank you to Cassie Balfanz and Kate Theise for organizing the beautiful reception. The Temple was pleased for a 13th year to host the interfaith service.



Our Zachor (Remember) team hosted a dinner on October 30 at the Temple for local educators who teach about the Holocaust, including some who are U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Fellows. We discussed different approaches in the classroom, collaborative efforts with others in their schools, needed resources, and challenges that arise. In addition, we explored ways that the Jewish community could support the educators.

Zachor focuses on Holocaust Education and is a joint effort of the Temple, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, and Purdue Fort Wayne's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

Educators who attended: Jon Miller from Northrop High School; John Baker from South Side High School; Erin White and Ina Scott from New Haven High School; Dr. David Lindquist, a Holocaust scholar who teaches *Confronting the Shoah*; and Christine Riley, a Temple member and retired educator. Also attended were Zachor Committee members: Federation Executive Director Michael Theise; Temple member Kathy Sider, a vice chair; Rabbi Meir Bargeran; and Temple President Beth Zweig.



Gathering Memories of Joe Levine

The [Indiana Jewish Historical Society](#) is looking for volunteers who remember Joe Levine (z"l) to share their memories with us for the next phase of the [Joe Levine](#) Project. Joe was the founder of the IJHS, former Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, and a long-time Temple member.

The IJHS is working with our partners, the Riverlands Jewish Archive and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, who are all teaming up to preserve the memory of Joe Levine through multiple projects.

Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday and Thursday, December 10-11 at the Temple at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. in 60- to 90-minute blocks. Please RSVP to the Federation at (260) 456-0400 or office@fwjf.org to share memories of Joe from the Federation, Temple, or the IJHS. We will be recording them on video.

Access NEIJGS Member Benefits



If you didn't know about the [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) before 2025, you probably have heard of us now. The [IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#) held in Fort Wayne in August

was a big success, thanks to the volunteer efforts and funding gifts from many of you! Thank you again for your help and support!

As we return to our more "regular" programming, it seems a good time to point out the benefits of membership in the NEIJGS. If you have any interest in your family history, we'd love to have you consider supporting our organization.

We offer special programs to our members that take advantage of our in-town experts at the [ACPL Genealogy Center](#). Members have special opportunities to meet and question our guest speakers, and we offer an annual Member Workshop to help our supporters with their research challenges. In addition to our quarterly newsletter, members also have access to our Fort Wayne Jewish Families database, and handouts and recordings from past programs.

We welcome everyone to our free public programs, whether virtual or in-person. But we'd love to encourage you to join us for a bit more. With a small donation of \$25/year, you can help us thrive "post-conference," and gain access to extra programs and benefits at the same time.

More information can be found at www.neindianaajgs.org. There you'll find that joining online is quite easy, or you can download a brochure to mail in if you'd prefer.

Thank you again for your support this summer. We look forward to hearing from you!

SAVE THE DATE: Our next public NEIJGS program features AI expert Steve Little on Sunday, February 15 at 2 p.m. about the use of AI in genealogy research.



Our Beit Tefilah, our sanctuary, with Ner Tamid (perpetual light), after Shabbat services.

"And you shall command the Israelites to bring you pure olive oil...for the light in order to keep the lamp burning perpetually."
(Deut. 27:20)

Photo: Jon Tam



A Celebration of Hanukkah on PBS

In the heartwarming and nostalgic program, "A Celebration of Hanukkah," host Geoffrey Baer takes viewers on a fun exploration of the time-honored traditions of this joyous Jewish holiday, sharing how Hanukkah came to be, the significance of the season's cherished dishes, and the ways families continue to celebrate together across generations.

Sponsored by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#), the program will air on Sunday, December 14 at 7 p.m. on Channel 39.1. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.



Family Recipes: Jewish American Style

Brisket! Blintzes! Bagels! Experience the personal history of the Jewish table in *Family Recipe: Jewish American Style* on Monday, December 8 at 1 p.m. on PBS Channel 39.1.

Family narratives are revisited and secret ingredients revealed with the help of historians, genealogists and culinary experts—including the inimitable Joan Nathan, author of *My Life in Recipes*.

The program is sponsored by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#). Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.



"Bad Shabbos" at Rosh Chodesh Movie Night

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Rosh Chodesh Women's Group invites you to join us on Saturday, January 10 at 7 p.m. at the [Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center](#) (5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne) for a special screening of the new comedy, *Bad Shabbos*.

The film is a darkly funny, fast-paced ensemble comedy that unfolds over the course of one chaotic Friday night. When a well-meaning Jewish family gathers for Shabbat dinner, an unexpected event throws the evening into disarray. It's a story about family, tradition, and what happens when life simply refuses to go according to plan.

Light refreshments will be served, and the evening is free and open to our Jewish community. Please RSVP by Monday, January 5 by leaving a message at (260) 456-0400 or emailing office@fwjf.org.

Thank you to the Rosh Chodesh committee for planning this fun evening. We are grateful to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support of our community programming.

Confronting the Shoah Begins in January

Mark your calendars for "Confronting the Shoah," a seven-week class presented by Holocaust scholar Dr. David Lindquist that begins in January. Sponsored by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#), this course provides participants with a comprehensive contextual and historical knowledge regarding the Nazi Holocaust.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10 and 17 at the [Stillwater Hospice Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center](#) (5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne). Classes begin at 7 p.m. and last about 2 to 2 ½ hours.

There is no cost to Federation members, teachers, principals, historians or high school juniors or seniors. For all others, there is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials. Register [here](#) or call the Federation office at (260) 456-0400 or email office@fwjf.org.

We will be providing Professional Growth Points (PGP) certificates at the end of the program upon request.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and members of Federation for its continued support.

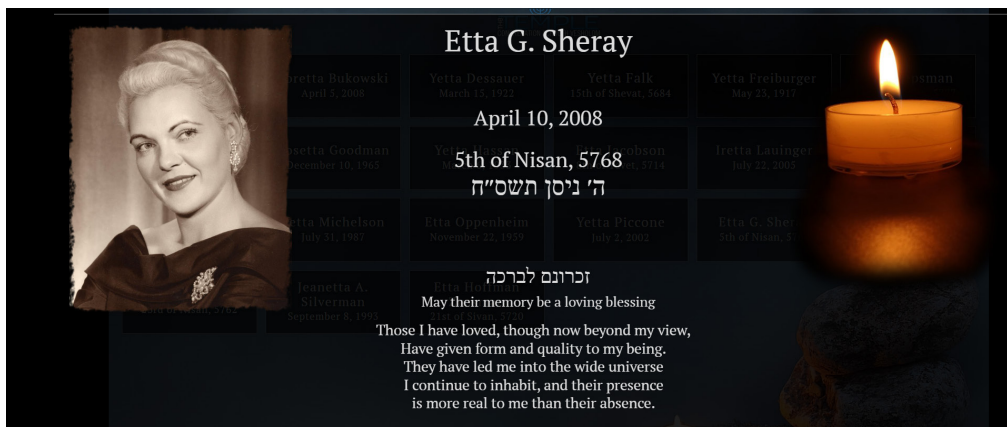
Want To Get More Involved at Temple?

What better way to meet people and get involved in congregational life than by volunteering your time and talents. Whether you have a special skill to contribute or can assist wherever needed, we appreciate and need volunteers. Our volunteers provide vital assistance to our staff and help our congregation thrive. We need you!

We have ongoing or occasional volunteer opportunities!

Assist with Thoughtful Thursdays, teach in our Religious School, help with mailings, or make phone calls to those in need of caring. Usher at services, prep wine and challah on Friday evening, host an Oneg Shabbat, organize a Shabbat dinner after services, or polish and help with upkeep of ritual objects. Set tables or help with a fundraiser or holiday activity, work in the library, or assist with an event.

Please contact President Beth Zweig at president@templecav.org to let us know your interests so we can connect with you.



Personalize Your Loved One's Digital Yahrzeit Page

Have you previously purchased a bronze yahrzeit plaque for a loved one at Achduth Vesholom or B'nai Jacob? Or have you recently purchased a digital plaque on our new display in the foyer?

If so, we invite you to take advantage of special features on our digital yahrzeit display by providing biographical information and photos of your family member. Forms are available both [online](#) or [on paper](#) to fill out with specific information about a loved one to submit to the Temple office to be added to the display.

Digital yahrzeit plaques are available for \$500 each, with proceeds going to the Temple's Endowment. While the congregation draws from our entire yahrzeit list when we say Kaddish during services, the digital display includes only names for those whose loved ones have purchased a plaque. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 with any questions.



We celebrated the 90th birthday of Temple member Alan Grinsfelder on November 21 during our Shabbat service. Rabbi Meir offered Alan a blessing from the congregation. A festive Oneg Shabbat hosted by Rabbi Meir & Jon Tam included a special "90" challah made by Jon.

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.



Nearly 50 members of our Temple family shared a beautiful Shabbat evening filled with community and connection. We learned from Rabbi Meir during our service about the significance of the rainbow in Parashat Noach (Noah) before tasting a colorful rainbow challah made by Jon Tam.

A festive Shabbat dinner featured a delicious taco bar, margaritas, and churros, along with games for the kids coordinated by Stephanie Gottesman. Thank you to Amy Krouse for chairing the Shabbat dinner and to Amy & Sam Krouse for their generous support.

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In memory of Henry Haskell Glazer,
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Beth & Dan Zweig

In honor of Samara Sheray: *Suzi Stone*

Please Plan for 2025 Year-End

For your 2025 tax planning purposes,
our guidelines for establishing the
date when dues payments and
donations are received:

If by mail, the postmarked date

If hand delivered, the date received at
the Temple

If by phone or directly online (credit
cards only), the date of the call

Any gifts of appreciated securities
must be received into the Temple's
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December Jahrzeits

We will not have Shabbat services on Friday, December 26. Jahrzeit names for the week will be read on Friday, December 19 during our 6 p.m. service.

December 5-6

David J. Ash
Rachel Behar
Fanny Brenn
Herman Cohen
Emanuel Cohen
Frances Cornell
Pearl Davidson
Mae Fine
Marion K. Grinsfelder
Albert Herzog
Herman Himelstein
Samuel D. Hurwitz
Edith Gold Hutner
Susan Kaplan
Ethel Kruger
Peter Lauinger
Louis Leader
Sarah LeShay
Elsie Levin
Leonard J. Levy
Stanley Maier
John V. Malay
George Meschel
Charlotte Novitsky
Milton Ontell
William J. Platka, Jr.
Rita Jo Levin Rainey
Ruth Rosenthal
Samuel Rothberg
Rebecca Ruderman
Toba Malka Schwartz
Kathryn Sheray
Elizabeth H. Smulo
Vicki Sours
Joseph Stiefel
Marguerite Long Thal
Rose Warshauer
Herbert Weinraub
Rebecca Winnick
Mindel Yoinovicz
Esther Zissen
Wilbur Zweig

December 12

Col. Richard G. Banks
Joseph Barasch
Marcus Beck

Florence Bernstein
Bess Bookstaff
Paulette Bussell Oatley
Frances Cornell
Eric Eling
Dr. Jerome Gerber
Ruth Goldstein
Rosetta Goodman
Don Gordon
Bertie Haslacher
Dora Horwitz
Isaac M. Kann
Max Konigsberg
Emanuel Kreitman
Jeff Kruger
Rose Lande
William (Bill) Latz
Louis Leader
Sarah LeShay
Saralee Levin
Henry Levine
Hortense Wolf Maier
Levy
Laura H. Levy
Vitaliy Leybman
Irma G. Loeser
Yetta Magazine
Helene Goldenberg
Maier
Audra E. Mandel
Julius Marx
Myron J. Morris
William J. Platka, Jr.
Leona Zweig
Rosenberg
Allan Rush
Salomon Z. Safirstein
Kathryn Sheray
Harry Sherr
Alfred Solotkin
Dr. Oscar Weinstein
Bessie Weinstein
Sarah Weiss
Rebecca Winnick
Phoebe Da Costa Wolf
Charles Young
Isadore Yourist
Abraham M. Zinn

December 19-20

Elsa Adler
Sarah Bronstein
Bertha Browarsky
Thomas Edgar Butz
Miriam Yuter Chodosh
Josephine P. Cressy
Geraldine Crubaugh
Marsha Dan
Dorothy Dicker
Nathan N. Donner
Rose Fisher
Phil Flook
Doris Fogel
Mary Fogel
Samuel Gibson
Henry Haskell Glazer
Alex E. Goldberger
Gute Goldin
Arnold L. Goldsmith
Louis Groden
Lily D. Grover
Steven Hollander
Viola Hutner
Sarah Kalver
Isidore Kalver
Max Kraus
Mollie Kutcher
Bertha Levin
Lee Marshall Loeser
Sigmund Maier
Kathryn Manalis
Manuel Margulis
Harold Michelson
Hattye Griffin Minske
Lena Moss
Mickey Pass
Bunny Posner
Reba Safran
Marilyn Salon
Irene Schibel
David Schibel
Darren Schongold
Leon Seigman
J. T. Thompson
Louisa Trauerman

Ethel J. Trotter
David Warshauer
Lois Zemmoll
Elmer Zweig
Ruth G. Zweig
Mendel Zweig

December 26

Gertrude Stein Adelman
Anna Bussell
Benjamin Cahn
Minnie Cline
Marvin Crell
Dorothy Talberg Ernest
Josephine Ferbstein
Ruth Finkel
Rosalie Appel Freund
David Frosh
Sidney Gold
Samuel Greenberg
Lou Hoffman
Hanno Jensen
Joseph Kaplan
Florence Katz
Sarah Leah Komisarow
Herman Komisarow
Bernard Kroot
Abe Latker
Eugene S. Lesser
Harry Levin
Dorothy Margulis
Donald L. Marx
Gina A. McClatchey

Rosa Rappaport McK-inney
Stephen L. Meyers
Louis Meyers
K.J. Miller
Guy Miller
Minnette Papier
Edna K. Platka
Jack Rosenberg
Maurice Rosenthal
Joel Salon
Louis Sandler
Betty Schaffer
Fannie Siegel
Morton Stillpass
Candy Stinnett
Louis Samuel Superior
Morris Tillinger
Edwin Turansky
Betty Wald
Barney Warshauer
Joseph David Weinraub
Victor Weiss
David Weiss
Kent Wenbert
Leon Wertheimer
Retha West
Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf
Ida Wolfson
Leah Zucker

Condolences To:

The family of long-time member William Warshauer, who died on November 11, 2025 in Naples, Florida. We think of his two daughters, Amy (Ed) Platt and Susan (Don) Kennicott; son, Bruce (Holly) Warshauer; daughter-in-law, Marie Warshauer; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his caring partner, Patricia Cohen.

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.

January Yahrzeits

We will not have Shabbat services on Friday/Saturday, January 2-3. Yahrzeit names for the week will be read on Friday, January 9 during our 6 p.m. service.

January 2-3

Nathan Bialick
Gertrude Blum
Irvin J. Bransilver
Roberta Buker
Victor S. Cohen
Hanchen Levi Daniel
Anna S. Engelhard
Cyvia Feinberg
Ida Finkelshteyn
Flora Flapan
Morris Forlander
Harry Fryefield
Clyde R. Gaddis
Frances Groden Bussell
Etta Jacobson
Fannie Kaplan
Sidney Katz
Louis Kaufman
Anna Krantzle
Sam Krantzle
Fannie Kravitz
Joseph Latker
Minnie Levey
Kurt Marx
Bessie Meyer
Alice Novitsky
Anna Platt
Sally Rosenberg
David Rothberg
Beryl Rush
Jane Y. Rutin
Estelle Sachs
Dora Sains
Rose Schempp
Irene Schibel
Albert Schultz
Rebekah Schwartz
Morris Schwartz
Golda Sheray
Minnie Sheyer
LeRoy Shine
Robert Sommer
Karoline Stein
Jeanette Sunshine
Richard Tankel
Leonard Weinraub
Roslyn Weinraub
Toba Weinstein
Anne Worpell
Belle Zelman

Max Zinn

January 9

Sylvia Ash
David Baitcher
Grete Benedix
Ruth Berkow
Linda Berwert
Pauline Brateman
William Brosler
Howard Dinnerstein
Hedwig Einstein
Fannie Franklin
Frederick Gee
Isidore Goldberg
Leona Goldstein
Joseph C. Goodman
Deborah Gorelick
Harry Horwitz
Morris King
Stanley Kornspan
Gertrude Kraker
Elsie Kraus
Jewell Kraus
Bess Landy
George Latz
Arthur Lenhart
Claire Leopold
Martin Levine
Louis Levy
Emanuel Levy
Michelle Lundmark
Eleanor Mazur
Milton M. Meyers
Don Minnich
Benjamin Ochstein
Thomas Portman
Gertrude Replane
Ted Replane
Beverly King Ribel
Norma Jean Rifkin
Bettye Roberts
Marshall Rosenthal
Morris Abraham
Ruchman
Samuel Salomon
Leonard Schreier
Herman Sheyer
Cecilia Stern
Deborah Taub
Joseph Wiesenthal
Jeanne Winnick

January 16-17

Bess Belans
Faye Bodenstein
Solomon Borenstein
Sol Bronstein
Stephen Cristil
Sam Edlow
Samuel Finkelstein
Samuel Fishman
Gertrude Stein Gartner
Maureen Gilbert
Joseph Goldenberg
Lorry Goldenberg
Glen Goldstrom
Basy Gurevich
Sam Jaffe
Julius Kaufman
Berenice Kempler
Manuel K. King
Jack Krainess
Marc S. Lauer
Isidor Lehman
Ruth M. Levy
Herman Lowenhar
Sarah (Sally) Masursky
Abraham Morris
Robert J. Nathan
Sam Nemeroff
Marlene Ochstein
Mabel Papier
Ethel Rath
Clint Rossiter
Patricia Rothman
Minnette D. Ruchman
Edward Rudin
Betty W. Sandler
Ethel Schechter
Sidney L. Schechter
David Siegel
Irving A. Snow
Edna Vilensky
Raphael E. Vogel
James Zelman

January 23

Tillie Auerbach
Hurleen Blumenthal
Alan Blumenthal
Jacob Leon Brenn
Dennis Dan
Joseph Doran
Philip Dorman

Nathan Feldman
Phil Feldman
Hurley Feltman
Norma M. Flox
Sam Frankel
Henry Friedman
Lottie Frosh
Miriam Gordon-Amber
Morris Gubitz
Fannie Hassan
Margo Hirshfeld
Robert Hochberg
Anna Silverman Hyman
Ann Iczkovitz
Miriam Katz
Mary Kathryn Klarke
Solomon Kramer
Leopold Kraus
Janet Latz
Jeanette Lewis
Celia Mastbaum
Aida McCassey
Herman Messe
Robert Nerenberg
Netty K. Oppenheim
Harry Papier
Tzvi ben Pinchas
Geraldine Greenberg
Reich
Hannah Royter
Daniel Russ
Hyme Sains
Julius Schongold
Caroline Schwartz
Lester Selan
Samuel L. Shafer
Helen Isay Smith
Herman Strauss
Jerry Trotter
Bea (Bertha) Waldman
Bonnie Weiler
David Weinberg
Frannie Weinraub
Sarah Ann Wills

January 30

Rosalind Adelman
Bill Aichele
Ruth Aichele
Nancy Barasch
Hyman Jerome Bass
Morris Begun

Rose Besser
Sylvia Brateman
Marian Behar Dodson
Milton Ferkel
Nathan Fisher
Sam Fogel
Max Gitlin
Michael H. Green
Pearl Hertzman
Chester Horn
Anita S. Kalver
Ruth Kepes
Elizabeth Kirschner
Rose Kraus
Marvin Kravitz
Rose Latker
Rose Leader
Rose Levy
Clara Magazine
Eleanor Margolis
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President's Corner



BETH ZWIG

The candle counting is underway at my house as the first night of Hanukkah approaches on Sunday, December 14. It's something I've learned to do since my collection of hanukkiyas expanded from a lone candelabra to more than 20.

It's important to check the supply in advance. We usually light two, three or four menorahs on a given night, rotating over the eight nights to use most of them annually. The candle size varies, from a larger beeswax to small birthday ones. Fortunately, the electric hanukkiya hasn't need a bulb change!

I never intended to have an assortment of hanukkiyas. The first was one my mother gave me when I moved away for my first job. It had come from a group that she had accumulated over the years.

When Dan and I were engaged, we added two hanukkiyas that we received as bridal shower gifts. As time passed, others came with cherished memories – brass designs that we lit as children with our parents and brothers. Additional ones now bring holiday recollections from lighting them with our own three children. We'll create new stories this year when Molly, Laura, and Elm are with us in Fort Wayne for the first night of Hanukkah, a major accomplishment with busy lives and long distances.

Over the season, we'll enjoy the stained-glass beauty made by Dan's cousin Rosanne for their Aunt Leona for her 90th birthday.

We'll light a colorful Noah's Ark menorah that belonged to Betty Stein, who was the first woman to serve on the Temple Board and to become president.

Each year, I share photos of different hanukkiyot and their stories on my Facebook page. That tradition led to a new addition earlier this year – a touching gift from Temple member Doris Gottlieb, who said she enjoys reading my menorah stories each year.

The treasured hanukkiya (photo on page 3) is one Doris remembers from her childhood in Gloversville, NY, and lighting later with her husband, Marv, and their children in Fort Wayne. This special menorah has a musical base that plays Hatikvah. It's especially meaningful to me that we'll be offering a blessing for Doris in honor of her 90th birthday during the Hanukkah service on Friday, December 19.

Please join us for the service and the celebration of the Festival of Lights that follows. Bring your hanukkiya and candles to light together before a delicious dinner, including corned beef, latkes, and sufganiyot. (Find RSVP and other information on page 1.)

I'm touched each year by the glow of the many candles, the variety of menorahs, and the sense of community sharing the candle blessings together. Thank you to Stephanie Gottesman and Kate Crell for organizing what promises to be a wonderful evening.

Chag Hanukkah Sameach and best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2026!