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CORNEB BEEF SALE CELEBRATES 18TH YEAR

Savor delicious deli delights when our 18th annual Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser returns on Thursday, November 7. Support the Temple by ordering meals, becoming a sponsor, telling your friends about our mouthwatering meal, and volunteering your time.

New this year: Hebrew National whole kosher salamis! Online ordering is back again at www.templecav.org. Or download an order form. We're also have additional pounds of corned beef for sale for \$18 per pound. Learn more on page 8-9 about sponsorships, volunteer needs, corned beef aprons & caps for members, and the history of our sale.



MUSIC OF THE HOLOCAUST ERA AT VIOLINS OF HOPE SHABBAT SERVICE

The music of European Reform synagogues in the years leading up to the Holocaust will be highlighted during the Violins of Hope Shabbat service on Friday, November 15 at 7 p.m. at the Temple.

The service will be led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig and Cantor Yvon F. Shore with the Temple's Hazemir Choir. A quartet of musicians, including Temple members Betsy Gephart and David Rezits, will be playing the Violins of Hope as well. Cantor Shore is Director of Liturgical Arts and Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

Together we will observe a memorial to Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, which unleashed the public state-supported attacks against the Jews which culminated in the murder of six million souls during the Holocaust.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support. Violins of Hope is a community-wide series of events November 9-24 organized by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER AT THE TEMPLE

Share an interfaith celebration of Thanksgiving highlighting our shared stories of immigration and resettlement throughout the ages on Tuesday, November 26 at 7 p.m. at Congregation Achduth Vesholom. The Temple is pleased for an eighth year to host Fort Wayne's annual community Interfaith Thanksgiving service.

Representatives from 10 religious organizations will participate, including Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne Stake: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Imani Baptist Temple, Peace United Church of Christ, Plymouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Trinity English Lutheran Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne.



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UPCOMING events & services

*RSVP Needed

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Shabbat Service

Friday, November 1
7:30 p.m. at the Temple
Music: Ronnie & Norm Greenberg

Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 2
9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Shabbat Service

Friday, November 8
7:30 p.m. at the Temple
Music: TBD

Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 9
9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Violins of Hope Shabbat Service

Friday, November 15
7 p.m. at the Temple
Music: Cantor Yvon F. Shore, Hazemir Choir,
and String Quartet Musicians

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, November 16
9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Jewish-Catholic Prayer Service with

Rabbi Winnig & Bishop Rhoades

Wednesday, November 20
7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic
Church
Violins of Hope program

Shabbat Service

Friday, November 22
7:30 p.m. at the Temple
Music: Ronnie & Norm Greenberg

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, November 23
9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 26
7 p.m. at the Temple

No Shabbat Service

Friday, November 29

No Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, November 30

Kiddush follows our Shabbat services

ONGOING EVENTS

Mah Jongg Open Play*

Sign up to play

Check dates and times in the
Madge Rothschild Resource Center
by following the link at www.templecav.org

Lunch With The ROMEOs

Join the Retired Old Men Eating Out for
lunch at noon:

Thursday, November 7
No lunch – Corned Beef Sale

Thursday, November 21
800 Degrees Wood Fired Pizza
10020 Lima Road

RSVP to Denny Reynolds at
dennisreynolds@me.com



COMING UP

Finding the Lost: The Basics of Holocaust-related Genealogical Research

Sunday, November 17
2 p.m. at the ACPL Genealogy Center
Sponsored by the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy
Society, Megan Lewis of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial
Museum will present two programs.

Violins of Hope Philharmonic Final Concert*

Temple Group Seats
Saturday, November 23
7:30 p.m. at the Embassy Theatre
Group seating for Temple members who purchased
tickets in August.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly

Wednesday, December 4
10 a.m. at the Temple

Tallit Making Workshop & Study*

Sunday, December 8
12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Make your own painted silk tallitot.

Words That Hurt, Words That Heal*

Wednesdays, December 4 & 18
A look at the Jewish texts related to proper speech and
avoiding Lashon Hara, gossip and hurtful speech.

Union for Reform Judaism Biennial*

December 11-15
In Chicago

Chinese Shabbat*

Friday, December 20
6 p.m. at the Temple
Share an early Shabbat celebration, followed by our
traditional gathering for Chinese food. Please RSVP by
December 13.

Hanukkah – First Candle

Sunday evening, December 22

Hanukkah & Champagne Shabbat Service

Friday, December 27
7:30 p.m. at the Temple
Celebrate Hanukkah, Shabbat, and the start of 2020
with us.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly

Wednesday, November 6
10 a.m. at the Temple

Corned Beef Prep Night*

Wednesday, November 6
6 to 9 p.m.
Volunteers are needed. RSVP to Temple office.

Corned Beef on Rye Fundraiser

Thursday, November 7
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Volunteers are needed. RSVP to Temple office.

Violins of Hope Events

November 9-24
Visit violinsofhopefw.org to see the schedule.

RABBI PAULA JAYNE WINNIG

MUSIC SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS

Music speaks louder than words

It's the only thing that the whole world listens to.

Music speaks louder than words,

When you sing, people understand.

These words were sung by Peter, Paul and Mary as they fought for peace, understanding, and justice throughout their amazing musical careers. Music, whether vocal, instrumental, whistling, or banging on pots and pans, allows all of us to express our feelings and emotions. We don't have to understand much about its structure or have a great deal of talent to simply enjoy hearing music or making music. Music touches our souls in a way little else can do.

This month's community-wide focus on the Violins of Hope is a testament to this fact. The Violins of Hope project led by our Jewish Federation and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and involving so many people from so many groups is going to be extraordinary. I feel so fortunate to be here to be a part of this program.

At Temple on Friday, November 15, we will host a service featuring the music that would have been heard in the congregations in Germany prior to the Kristallnacht. Temple members Betsy Gephart and David Rezits will be joined by two other members of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic to play several pieces on the Violins that survived the Third Reich's atrocities. This music will bring alive the stories of thousands of musicians killed during the Holocaust. Together we will honor the memories of the six million of our people by remembering and hearing their songs through the ages. The

service will be enhanced by the musical talents of Cantor Yvon Shore and the Hazemir choir.

Two other musical events will take place as well with Temple participation. We will join with Bishop Kevin Rhoades and the Archdiocese of South Bend and Fort Wayne and members of the Fort Wayne Youth Symphony for a service at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. This service will feature the parish choir and Hazemir, and Bishop Rhoades and I will reflect on the lessons of the Holocaust for contemporary Fort Wayne.

We also will have our annual interfaith Thanksgiving service here at Temple on Tuesday, November 26, highlighting the many varied paths immigrants have taken to come to America. We will celebrate our many faith traditions and focus on our shared responsibility to welcome the stranger amongst us.

Music speaks louder than words, so let's raise up our voices and rejoice and celebrate this month together.

Best Wishes,

Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig

THANK YOU to all the volunteers and our professional staff who made our High Holiday celebrations run so smoothly! I really appreciated all the assistance I received. Thank you, too, for the warm birthday wishes that were showered on me.



JEWISH CATHOLIC PRAYER SERVICE EXPLORES INTERFAITH CONNECTIONS

Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig joins Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Wednesday, November 20 at 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in a prayer service that focuses on the beauty of the Psalms, and the religious connections shared and revered by the Jewish people and Catholics. Music will be performed on the Violins of Hope, with selections from both Jewish and Catholic faith traditions.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church is located at 10700 Aboite Center Road. The program is part of Violins of Hope.

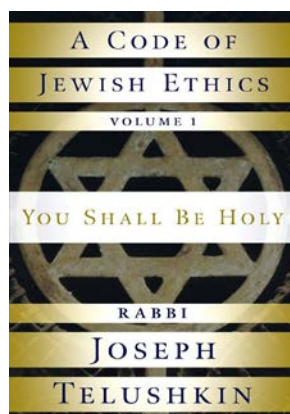


WORDS THAT HURT, WORDS THAT HEAL

Please join Rabbi Winnig for a look at the Jewish texts related to proper speech and avoiding Lashon Hara, gossip and hurtful speech.

We will use the book, A Code of Jewish Ethics, Volume 1 by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, as our basic text, with supplemental material added as needed. The class will meet on two Wednesdays, December 4 and December 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Temple.

Please read pages 332-378 before the first class. Please RSVP to office@templecav.org or by calling the Temple at (260) 744-4245.



TALLIT-MAKING WORKSHOP AND STUDY

Embark on a journey with Rabbi Winnig to make your own painted silk tallitot, beginning Sunday, December 8 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

We will start by studying the text around a tallit to learn the requirements for making and wearing one. We will then begin to design our own tallit.

In January and February, we will start the construction of the tallit.

Cost will depend on the size of tallit you want to make, plus the cost of paint, fringes, etc. Price will be between \$50 and \$150, depending on the choices you make. We will order materials after our first meeting. RSVP to office@templecav.org or by calling the Temple at (260) 744-4245.





We celebrated Simchat Torah and B'yachad (together), the joining of Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob as one congregation with two traditions, on October 22! Look for more photos next month.



NEW IN THE RABBI RICHARD B. SAFRAN LIBRARY!



Every few months, the Association of Jewish Libraries puts out a wonderful newsletter of reviews of Jewish books, which we receive through our membership in the organization. As a librarian, I look forward to reading these reviews to select appropriate books to add to our library. For the most part, I pick out books for the children's collection, with an occasional adult title if it looks like a particularly good fit for us. Thanks to a generous donation from the Himmelstein family,

we can regularly purchase new titles using the Himmelstein Children's Library Fund.

We recently purchased several new titles for our younger readers – from picture books to teen fiction. Two new picture book biographies started off the order. *Just Like Rube Goldberg*, by Sarah Aronson, is a fun story of the famous cartoonist, with great illustrations. Mara Rockliff's *Doctor Esperanto and the Language of Hope*, is the story of Ludwik Leyzor Zamenhof, the Jewish creator of Esperanto.

Broken Strings, by Eric Walters and Kathy Kacer, fits right into our "Violins of Hope" theme this month. This chapter book for middle grade readers follows a girl's quest to learn more about her grandfather, a Holocaust survivor. His violin remains in the attic, unplayed.

Other new Holocaust-related titles include *What Was the Holocaust?* by Gail Herman for middle-grade readers, and two new titles by Kathy Kacer. *The Brave Princess and Me* is a picture book about Princess Alice of Greece, the great-granddaughter of Queen Victoria. She hid

a family of Jews in her home in 1943. *Masters of Silence* a novel for middle-grade readers, is set in southern France and incorporates the resistance activities of Marcel Marceau. *It Rained Warm Bread: Moishe Moskowitz's Story of Hope*, by Gloria Moskowitz-Sweet and Home Anita Smith, is a novel in verse about a 14-year-old boy living in Poland. It is retold by his daughter and adapted into striking poetry in this novel for young adults.

Along the lines of *All-of-a-Kind Family*, *Rachel's Roses*, by Ferida Wolff, is set on the Lower East Side in the early 1900s. Aimed at early to middle-grade readers, it conveys the feel of the immigrant neighborhood, and the challenges that face those families. For the same age group, we have a new adaptation of Chelm tales by the beloved author, Eric Kimmel – *Right Side Up: Adventures in Chelm*.

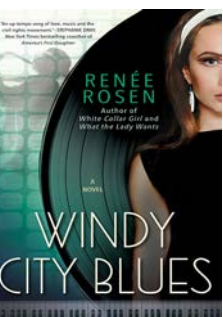
Finally, for our older teen readers, we have a collection of stories by 15 different authors, *It's a Whole Spiel: Love, Latkes, and Other Jewish Stories*. With an introduction by Mayim Bialik, the selections cover a wide range of Jewish teens and circumstances.

The Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library is open for browsing and self-checkout whenever the building is open. Stop by on Sunday mornings during religious school for more help and access to the full collection, or contact Betsy at library@templecav.org for assistance. Please take advantage of this congregational resource.

Betsy Gephart, Librarian



READ AHEAD FOR JANUARY'S BOOK CLUB



Our next Temple Book Club meeting is Tuesday, January 14 at 7 p.m. We'll be discussing Renee Rosen's *Windy City Blues*, and holding a "LiveChat" with the author.

This historical novel is set in 1960s Chicago, in the middle of the blues and civil rights movements. Leeba Groski, a woman from an Orthodox Jewish family who really wants to be a musician, and Red Dupree, an African-American blues guitarist, are the central characters. From author Mary Morris, "Rosen captures the birth of Chicago blues from its shabby inception to its raucous success. She gives us a world of blacks and Jews, migrants and immigrants, musicians and their admirers. I was engrossed by this novel." A copy of the book can be borrowed from the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library. Please join us for our discussion in January.



*Mazel tov to our
Consecrants:*

- **Keira Barasch**, daughter of April & Mike Barasch
- **Sam Gordon**, son of Rachel & Geoff Gordon
- **Ella Hadashi**, daughter of Leah & Shai Hadashi
- **Addie Rosman**, daughter of Brian & Leise Rosman
- **Jack Rosman**, son of Brian & Leise Rosman



Five children in kindergarten and first-grade marked the start of their formal Jewish learning during a beautiful Sukkot and Shabbat service led by Rabbi Winnig. The sukkah on the bimah looked especially festive with fall foliage, pumpkins, gourds, flowers, and donations to feed the hungry. Religious School families shared a bountiful potluck Shabbat dinner before worship. Thank you to Rabbi Winnig, teacher Rachel Gordon, and Religious School Principal Leah Hadashi for a meaningful celebration.



Religious School students decorated the sukkah in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig led a brief service and students had the opportunity to shake the lulav and etrog. Afterward we enjoyed s'mores in the sukkah. Thank you to Leah Hadashi and Ellen Tom for organizing!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF FOSTER KIDS WITH A BIRTHDAY BOX



Religious School students will be providing birthday boxes for local children ages 3 to 13 in foster care through a year-long tzedakah project. The

boxes will include cake mix, a can of frosting, birthday candles, a banner or streamers, a new children's book, a gift card, and a personalized note with birthday wishes.

Principal Leah Hadashi said the goal is to raise enough funds to make 60 boxes by May 2020 to deliver to the Allen County Foster Parent Association. Weekly tzedakah collected at Religious School will go toward the project.

While foster care parents get a stipend for each child, the parent association says it is generally not enough to cover anything other than necessities.

"As we celebrate our birthdays each year, we usually don't think twice about a party that we are going to get or the gifts that we will be given," Leah said. "These children wonder if they will have warm enough coats, hats and gloves to wear to school. Part of our Jewish education, part of us being Jewish, is giving Tzedakah. This is a hands-on approach to doing so."

How can you help?

- 1) Please spread the word of our project.

- 2) Volunteer your time to help assemble birthday boxes during the Temple's annual Mitzvah Day on Sunday morning, April 19.

- 3) Donate funds. Each box will cost approximately \$36. Tzedakah donations towards this project would be appreciated. Checks should be made payable to "CAV – The Temple" and earmarked for "birthday boxes."

Please call the Temple office or contact Leah to learn about more ways that you can help.
What is foster care?



We welcomed the New Year 5780 for the first time as one congregation with two traditions. Following the Erev Rosh Hashanah services, our annual New Year's Reception followed in the Social Hall. Reform worship was led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig. Guest Cantor Yvon Shore was accompanied by Robert Nance and the Hazemir Choir under the direction of Dr. John Planer. The traditional service was led by guest Cantor Michael Small. Thanks to Cookie Mastbaum and Sally Trotter for coordinating the reception and all who contributed to a wonderful Rosh Hashanah celebration. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of Cantor Shore's visit.



Following Rosh Hashanah morning services, we offered warm L'shana Tovah greetings and apples and honey to congregants. Thank you to the Katinsky and Gephart families for preparing and serving the apples and honey.



Temple members gathered on October 6 at the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery to bury worn books, Torah covers, and other sacred items according to Jewish tradition. Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig led a brief service before the items from Congregation B'nai Jacob and Congregation Achduth Vesholom were buried. A few items were in good enough condition to save for display in the Temple's museum.

THANKS TO THE ROMEOS FOR A SUPER BREAK-THE-FAST!

The High Holy Days are over and the ROMEOS completed their seventh Break-the-Fast. This year was unique for two reasons: This was the first time we prepared for two Break-the-Fasts and we all celebrated a belated Happy Birthday to Rabbi Paula, whose birthday was on Kol Nidre.

When the night was completed, 112 people ate 7.5 pounds of lox, 12.4 pounds of tuna salad, 12 pounds of egg salad, 8 pounds of herring, 9 dozen bagels, 9 pounds of fruit, 7 sweet noodle kugels and about half a barrel of delicious cucumbers. And I'm not going to try to estimate how many calories were consumed at the dessert tables.

None of this could have been accomplished without a great team and it started with the Temple Staff. Thank you to Clint Rossiter for table and chair setup, Marie McFadden for maintaining an excellent and updated spreadsheet of reservations, Samara Sheray for obtaining the wine, filling in gaps in planning, and just handling all the odds and ends we needed handled.

It continues with Jessica Ash for the celebratory table decorations, Wendi Wallet for Rabbi Paula's birthday cake, Melissa Kessel who volunteered with setup, Jane Martin for Manny's "Famous Cucumbers," Janet Finkel and Pam & Ron Friedman for helping the ROMEOS and Juliets with late night cleanup, Dana Zemmol and Kay Safirstein for baking cakes and pies specifically for Break-the-Fast and all of the congregants who baked enough desserts for the Rosh Hashanah Oneg so the leftovers could be used for Break-the-Fast.

Finally, thank you to all the ROMEOS and Juliets who cutup veggies and fruits, baked kugels, set tables, cleaned chairs, made cute little rolls out of the lox, plated all of the food, kept the serving tables supplied as long as the supplies lasted and stayed late for cleanup. Yes, it takes a Great Team!

Denny Reynolds, Break-the-Fast co-chair



Rabbi Winnig, Executive Director Samara Sheray and congregants enjoying the beautiful afternoon in the Sposeep Chapel between Yom Kippur services.



CORNER BEEF SALE: THE MAKING OF A TRADITION

After 18 years, the Temple's Corned Beef Fundraiser surely is a tradition, bringing the aroma and tastes of deli to Fort Wayne along with the congregational camaraderie. But how did we get here?

The long-ago "Hadassah Businessmen's Lunch" was part of the inspiration. Larry Adelman, then a high school student, remembers moving to Fort Wayne in 1968 and the experience of a huge turnout in the Temple's Social Hall for a noon-time meal that helped the Jewish community raise funds and connect to the greater community through food. Cindi Wismer recalls that her parents let her miss school to help at the sale, which brought what looked to a little girl like a "sea of men in white shirts."

Fast forward a few decades, with Larry serving as Temple president and looking for a fundraising idea. Recalling the Businessmen's Lunch, Larry spearheaded a revival, brainstorming with other members to re-imagine it as a corned beef fundraiser that would bring people to our congregation for a delicious meal and support the Temple.

The big sale that began in October 2002 continues today, returning this year on Thursday, November 7 with Larry Adelman and Samara Sheray serving as co-chairs. Each year in October or November, depending when the High Holy Days fall, we put together a heaping 1/3-pound of corned beef on rye, creamy coleslaw, gigantic pickle, rich brownie and a drink in a boxed meal. Online ordering proved wildly popular when we introduced it last year. New this year are Hebrew National whole kosher salamis.



In the beginning, we had so many questions, from the most efficient way to "fluff" the meat and wrap the sandwiches to how to uniformly slice the brownies.

We pondered whether the gigantic pickles should be served whole or quartered. The "uncut" enthusiasts won over the spear supporters, arguing the full-size pickle would be a conversation starter. It still induces giggles for novices -- and we still get a request or two each year asking if we'll slice a pickle for a customer.

Sally Trotter recalls that we had no idea how many sandwiches we would sell the first year, figuring "we'd be euphoric if we sold 400 to 450." Since we were in unknown territory, we developed early-bird pricing to give us an idea of how much meat to buy. We ended up selling 1,070 meals our first year. The biggest sale years were 2006 and 2007, when we sold more than 1,600 sandwiches.

In addition, the sale has turned into one of the Temple's biggest social events of the year, bringing more than 100 volunteers of all ages to help on Prep Night and the day of the sale. It's become a not-to-miss event -- and we even have some out-of-towners and friends of members who come to help. We look forward to welcoming many of our new members to their first taste of this special event!

We also decided the first year that sponsorships would help us raise money by underwriting the cost of the food. We had 32 sponsors the first year, a number that's grown considerably. We reached 60 sponsors last year. The sale consistently is our biggest fundraiser, having raised from \$10,000 in the beginning to a record \$22,700 in 2017.

The first year brought the realization that we didn't have enough refrigerator space for all the goodies. That led to rental of a refrigerated truck. When some of us realized we had aching backs, our maintenance chief Clint Rossiter came to the rescue, creating a way to raise our work tables so we didn't need to bend over. Rabbi Jonathan Katz, our spiritual leader in the early years, felt entertaining "words of wisdom" would add a nice touch to the boxed meals, so we've offered those most years to the delight of customers.

Beginning in 2011, we added delivery service on larger orders for a small fee. In recent times, our challenges have included what to do when our supplier stopped providing the

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SPONSOR

Become a sponsor of our 18th sale by donating \$100 or more to help underwrite our costs. For sponsorships received by October 31, names of individuals and businesses will be recognized in every meal and on our website, and posted the day of the sale at the Temple. After that date, we'll do our best to include. Make your check payable to "CAV - The Temple."



meat already sliced and when favorite rye bread brands have been discontinued.

Beth Zweig, who has helped with marketing and sandwich-making every year, suggested to the committee something new this year: Creating a logo and introducing aprons and caps for our corned beef crew and members. The items are available for \$18 apiece as part of our fundraising efforts and in honor of our 18th year. The committee is excited about the enthusiastic response to date.

We've also learned, Beth said, that corned beef sales also are popular in other smaller Jewish communities because of limited access to traditional delicatessens. Our corned beef committee has exchanged information about sales and suppliers with chairs at Reform congregations in other nearby communities, including helping Dayton launch its sale last year.

With 18 years of success, we still ask ourselves if our biggest fundraiser has run its course, given the size of our congregation, large number of volunteers vital to operations, physical work involved, and rising cost of the corned beef. On the other hand, we don't know what other project would raise comparable funds or bring so many members together. And, besides, the food is delicious!

"We hope everyone will turn out for Prep Night on November 6 and the big day on November 7," said Larry. "We do appreciate everyone who supports this event -- the customers, the sponsors and the volunteers!"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DELI DAY



We need your help to support our biggest fundraiser of the year! Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, November 6 for Prep Night from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, November 7, with shifts beginning at 9 a.m. Contact the office to say you'll help.

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

Thank you to our Co-Chairs Larry Adelman and Samara Sheray and their committee: Carol Adelman, Fran Adler, Irv Adler, Scott Goldberg, Amy Shepsman Krouse, Lee Pomerantz, Chuck Replane, Denny Reynolds, Nancy Salon, Ellen Tom, Judy Zacher, Steve Zacher, Beth Zweig, Jamie Fritz, and Marie McFadden.



CELEBRATE 18 YEARS OF CORNED BEEF WITH APRON OR CAP

Instead of a plastic apron and a hairnet, you can work in comfort and style at this year's Corned Beef Sale! We're offering members the opportunity to look sharp and celebrate the 18th year of our unique fundraiser by purchasing a custom apron and cap to show you're part of the corned beef team. Wear them for future events, too!

Both the black twill cap, with adjustable sizing, and the black cotton apron proudly display our new full-color logo that celebrates our sale "since 2002."

Aprons and caps are available for \$18 each. Purchase yours now to ensure you're ready for Deli Day! Items will be available while they last. [Find an order form.](#)

Contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org to order yours.

Make your check payable to "CAV – The Temple."



JEWISH GENEALOGY FAMILY FUN

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society held its first Fort Wayne Jewish Family Day Open House in September, with plenty of pictures, food and fun! The photo booth was a popular activity – especially the props!

Family history crafts were available for the kids as well. Curt Witcher and his helper from the Allen County Public Library scanned photographs that visitors brought in.

They worked for the full three hours, getting more than 120 images processed and preserved. Irv Adler, NEIJS president, consulted with several guests, advising them on how to proceed with their family history. And Betsy Gephart introduced visitors to the new Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database, a project of the NEIJS.

John Stein and Rena Black signed up guests to record Oral History videos, and Wendy Soltz hosted a table for the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, with information about their archives and publications. For those who didn't make it this year, there are plans for a second Family Day next fall.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

We welcome Libby Dicker as our newest member. A Fort Wayne native, she attended Religious School at the Temple and later served as a FORTY youth group advisor. Libby teaches kindergarten at Abbett Elementary School in Fort Wayne. She is engaged to be married to Alexander Tyus on June 27, 2020. Libby plans to be an active member by helping with the Temple youth group and raising a Jewish family. She is the daughter of Temple members Nancy & Michael Dicker.

THANK YOU TO WAYNE DALE BAKERY!



For many years, Temple members have celebrated Shabbat and holidays with delicious challah made by Waynedale Bakery. Owner Christine Miller and family announced in September that the bakery is for sale.

Chris did not yet have news to report at press time, but said the bakery will remain open until early November under current ownership. We'll keep Temple members posted on Waynedale's plans.

For the last 15 years, the family-owned bakery has generously supported our congregation by providing a gift certificate for challah for our ushers on Shabbat. And last year their delicious brownies were included in nearly 1,300 meals as part of our Corned Beef Fundraiser.

Christine said the bakery has been in the community for 65 years, producing cakes, bread and other baked goods. We thank Chris and her family for their friendship over the years.

VIOLINS OF HOPE ARE HERE!

The Violins of Hope have arrived in Fort Wayne!

Please check violinsofhopefw.org frequently to see all the events happening throughout the city during November! This community-wide series of events on November 9-24 is organized by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

A stirring testament to the strength of the human spirit and the power of music, Violins of Hope comprise a collection of instruments that tell remarkable stories of the defiance, resilience, and legacy of Jewish musicians during the Holocaust, and of the Israeli violinmaker dedicated to bringing these inspirational Strings of the Holocaust back to life.



HOLOCAUST GENEALOGY IS PART OF VIOLINS OF HOPE



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is pleased to present the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Megan Lewis on Sunday, November 17 on 2 p.m. at the Allen County Public Library Center.

As one of the Violins of Hope events, her presentations discuss the research involved in tracing and documenting victims of the Holocaust. Many family historians try to find information on family members, even

distant relatives who were killed during the Holocaust. In addition to the standard reasons people start researching their ancestors, documenting the lives of Holocaust victims becomes an act of remembrance.

Megan will give two presentations that afternoon. The first, "The Basics of Holocaust-Related Genealogical Research," will discuss how to get started with Holocaust-related genealogical research including the information needed to start and online resources that are good places to begin. It then will review different types of resources - archival, printed, and digital - and provide tips on how to find them.

Both well-known and no-so-well-known sources will be discussed.

The second presentation, "Putting the Pieces Together," will begin at about 3:30 p.m. She will provide cases studies of how multiple collections in different formats come together to document one individual's history. The case studies will come from different parts of Europe. Holocaust-era research contains challenges unique to this time period but also has the hurdles all genealogists face. With persistence many of these can be overcome.

Megan Lewis started working at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1998. She spent 12 years conducting research on individuals working for the Museum's Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center. In 2010, she moved to the Museum's Library and Archives reading rooms where she works as reference librarian. Since then she has expanded her familiarity with family history material in the Museum's archival collections. She has a BA in history, a Master's of Library Science, and a post-master's certificate in the curation and management of digital assets.



GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING IN FORT WAYNE

Connect to a community of Jews in mid-sized cities like ours when the Global Day of Jewish Learning returns to Fort Wayne on Sunday, November 17 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

Israeli educators and journalists will give three live TED-style talks presented through Partnership2Gether. The program is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

Only 10 slots are available due to limited space. Please reserve your seat early at (260) 456-0400. Each talk is 15 minutes, followed by Q&A from viewers from participating P2G cities in the U.S. and Hungary. Join us for:

- **Fighting Over The Image: Conflicts in the Digital Age** – Moran Yachi, head of the Public Diplomacy Program in IHC, Herzliya
- **The Invisible Thread: Voices of the American Jewish Communities** – Diana Bletter, author and journalist
- **Hebrew Roots Jewish Routes** – Jeremy Bernstein, PHD, Founder of Heschel Center for Sustainability

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P2G is pleased to invite you to attend the next session of this exciting program.



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Who: ONLY 10 slots available (the room is small), please reserve early.
What: 15 minutes for each speaker followed by Q&A from viewers from our participating P2G cities in the US and Hungary.
When: Sunday November 17, 11 am ET. Program lasts just 90 minutes.
Where: Conference room of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center at the Rifkin Campus, 5200 Old Mill Rd, Fort Wayne
Why: Enjoy "little bites" of Jewish Learning. See descriptions for details on the speakers.
How: Call the Federation office to reserve your spot. 260-456-0400



SUPPORT FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS: FROM APPLES TO THANKSGIVING TURKEYS



The Jewish community's continued support for Thoughtful Thursdays helped us provide fresh fruit in October for the 72 Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple. This month, we're giving a 10- to 12-pound turkey and trimmings to each of our families for Thanksgiving, along with cooking instructions.

Through generous donations to our 9th annual Apple

Project during the High Holy Days, we were able to provide a bag of Honeycrisp apples in mid-October to each family.

A special thank you to all who contributed toward this effort! Thank you to Janet Katz for picking up and delivering the apples and to Jan Finkel, Suzi King, and Kay Saflrstein for packaging them.

Our "turkey project" grew out of efforts over several years to give away several turkeys through a drawing among the families. Last

year, a Temple member who wished to remain anonymous paid for 35 turkeys, hoping to inspire others to support the effort. We raised enough money to provide a turkey for each of our families and their teachers. Thank you to Hod Hefer for his continued help with this project.

Again this year, we are seeking donations of \$18 each through Monday, November 25 to help us purchase enough turkeys for all the families and teachers. Please make your check payable to "CAV – The Temple," indicate that your donation is for turkeys, and send to the Temple at 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807. We welcome additional volunteers to our next bag assembly morning on Wednesday, November 6 at 10 a.m. at the Temple.

We also are very grateful to Ellen & Mick Tom for donating toothpaste and toothbrushes for adults and children for dental hygiene bags for the families.

With cooler weather upon us, we also are seeking donations of children's sweatpants in sizes 3T-8.

Jamie Berger and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs



FRESH START THROUGH THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS



Thoughtful Thursdays has embarked upon a new project called Fresh Start. Over the years, we have been collecting personal hygiene items from hotels and used them to support Thoughtful Thursdays families, the AIDS Task Force, and The Women's Shelter.

With Fresh Start, we're going to put together personal hygiene bags for men, women, and young adults who are exiting various segments of the judicial system. (Thanks to Deb Vilensky for coming up with the perfect name!)

The first 100 bags are going to an organization in Virginia called Successful Reintegrations, run by Dr. Sandra Hamilton-Hill. The program is committed to "helping men, women, and young adults successfully re-enter society, the workforce, healthy relationships with their families, and the

community at large. We want to provide life skills, job skills, leadership skills, in order to promote a healthy life style."

Moving forward, Thoughtful Thursdays will distribute similar bags locally, starting with the Youth Service Bureau, a branch of the local YMCA. James McFadden, Youth Advocate at the YMCA, said the bags will be donated to students who participate in the Youth Advocacy program while detained at the Allen County Juvenile Center. He said the goal to is meet with students while they are detained, work to build strong relationships, and assist in developing an action plan for success once they are released.

"These students are often in desperate need of the essentials that we sometimes take for granted," McFadden said. "The Fresh Start bags not only provide necessary hygiene items, but also let these students know that individuals in our community are thinking of them and believe they can be successful. Thanks to Thoughtful Thursdays for what you do for our community."

We will continue to collect hotel-size toiletries, specifically shampoo, conditioner and body lotion. Also needed are disposable razors (Dollar Tree has some great deals). One item that we did not include in the last bag (but is greatly needed) are socks for men and women. If you would like more information on this project, please contact Jamie Berger at jberger02@comcast.net or 672-8715. Thank you!

Jamie Berger and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs

PLEASE PROVIDE PASTA FOR OUR DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE

The need continues to feed the hungry in our community, so we ask for your support for our December Food Drive by donating boxes of pasta and macaroni and cheese every time you come to the Temple in November and December. Items will be donated to the food bank at Wellspring Interfaith Social Services.



Jack & Gertrude Adelman Facility Improvement Fund

In memory of Jack Adelman: *Rita & Tom O'Neill*

Art & Beautification

In memory of Harriet Cristil: *Marvin Cristil*

Dr. John Planer Music Fund

In memory of Dorothy Reynolds and Annette Glazer:

Marcia & Denny Reynolds

In memory of John Gilbert: *Ron Cousino*

Endowment

In honor of Maureen Grinsfelder: *Alan Grinsfelder*

In memory of Meyer Ruchman: *Louise & Bill Warshauer*

General Operations

In memory of John Gilbert: *Marcia & Denny Reynolds, Dora & Leonid Itkin, Susan & Alan Cooperman, Jamie & Jon Berger, Jo Ellen & Mike Rush, Beth & Dan Zweig, Suzi & Jim King*

In memory of Myrtle Shine: *Steve Shine*

In memory of Leonid Isakovich Kyner: *Eda Kyner*

A donation has been received from: *Keith Groman, Scott Fergusson*

In memory of Tobi Kepes Greenspan and Betty Desmonde:

Beth & Dan Zweig

In memory of Oscar Mastbaum: *Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum*

In memory of Myrtle Shine: *Larry Shine*

In memory of Jacqueline Levin: *Stephen Martin*

In memory of Jean J. Pownall: *Sue & Jerry Pownall*

In memory of Regnia Safirstein de Lerner: *Kay Safirstein*

In memory of Linda Shulkin-Nail and Melvin Shulkin:

Donna & Josh Tourkow

In memory of Rabbi Eddie Fox, Bea Ochstein, Ted Levy, Eddie

Lefand, and Robert Nusholtz: *Keith Groman*

In memory of Hortense Green: *Marilyn Salon*

Library Fund

In memory of Shirley Ruth Konigsberg: *Annie & Dan Appel*

Holocaust Education Fund

In memory of Betty Stein: *Charla Sheray, John Gevers, Dora & Leonid Itkin, Janet & Andrew Katz, Rachel Tobin-Smith, Cathi M. Tracy & Ron King*

In memory of Joe Congress: *Don & Rena Black*

Holocaust Memorial Fund

In memory of Dr. Abraham Fichman: *Ann Fichman*

Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural Enrichment

In memory of Dr. Maurice Rothberg: *Stephen Rothberg*

In memory of Leonard Castle: *Cathy Lash*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

A donation has been received from: *Susie Miller,*

Marcia & Denny Reynolds, Bob Nance

In memory of Eleanore B. Schector: *Kari Jo Bentz*

In memory of Sadie Rush: *Jo Ellen & Mike Rush*

Religious School

In memory of David Seligman: *Susan & Alan Cooperman,*

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Temple Gardens Fund

In memory of Samuel L. Sposeep: *Patrice & Michael Sposeep*

Thoughtful Thursdays

In memory of Tobi Kepes Greenspan: *Maureen & Alan Grinsfelder, Ronnie & Norm Greenberg, Jamie & Jon Berger, Jo Ellen & Mike Rush, Dora & Leonid Itkin, Marcia & Denny Reynolds, Cheryl Schorey, Carol & Larry Adelman, Judith & Jerry Liepack, Eileen & Neal Baitcher*

In memory of Joe Congress and John Gilbert: *Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum*

A donation has been received from: *Cheryl Schorey*

Explore all of our [Tribute Funds](#).

PLEASE PLAN FOR 2019 YEAR-END

For your 2019 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 (credit cards only), the date of the call
- Any gifts of appreciated securities must be received into the Temple's account on or before December 15. Contact Joni Sharkey,

Registered Client Associate at Wells Fargo Advisors, at (260) 423-4862 for further information. Wells Fargo Advisors is a trade name used by Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC, Member SIPC.



MAZEL TOV TO:

- **Grace Gephart**, daughter of Betsy & Geoff Gephart, for her role as Clara in Fort Wayne Ballet's [The Nutcracker](#). Her performances are Friday evening, December 6, Saturday afternoon matinee on December 7 (those two with the Philharmonic), Saturday evening, December 14 and Sunday afternoon, December 15. Grace is an 8th-grader at Canterbury Middle School.
- **Rabbi Rachel Greengrass** for being honored on November 2 for her "vision of gratitude and giving" by Temple Beth Am in Pinecrest, Florida, where she serves as Associate Rabbi and Jewish Life Coordinator. A Fort Wayne native, Rabbi Greengrass grew up at Achduth Vesholom, where she was active in the youth group and taught Religious School. Her parents, Judy & Marty Greengrass, also were active members when they lived in Fort Wayne.

NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

November 1-2

Harry Babich
Sophie Bass
Edward Baum
Rose K. Baum
Ida Blumenthal
Harry Bosell
Sarah Brateman
Sarah Brazy
Samuel Brooks
Elliott Burkhardt
Pauline Cristil
Diane Ervin
Sally Fields
Rita Finkel
Rabbi Ephraim Fishoff
Marion Fishoff
Mitchell Goldstein
Phyllis Groman
Bertha F. Gross
Charles Gubitzi
Saul Richard Hutner
Mina Goldberg Isay
Esther E. King
Sidney Klepper
Abe Lachoff
Harold Lesser
Enid Lesser
Sharon McLochlin
Lloyd Mullennix
Peggy (Frank) Murphy
Jake Rovel
Lawrence J. Schubert
Robert E. Shine
Kathleen Shine
Mrs. Harry Silberg
Charlotte Slutsky
Loren Smith
Solomon Speyer
Matilda Stiefel
Goldie Sunshine

Joseph Sweedler
Irving Walters
Alfred S. Weil
Anita Weinfield
Lou Weisman
Adolph Wetstein
Rose White
Louise A. Widdifield

November 8-9

Chester Ambler III
Sam Barabash
Rosalie Becker
Cathy Bradley
Fannie Salon Bronstein
Barbara Cohen
Max Cohen
Sally Cramer
Boris Epstein
Isolina Behar de Faierstein
Abe Fox
Julius Gilbert
Annette Glazer
Bertram Horstein
Rev. Mendel Hurwitz
Eva Jaffe
Allen Kwatnez
Isidore Lande
Jack Levin
Frances Levis
Max Levy
Henrietta Levy
Rachel Lipp
Margaret Merin
Loren (Gus) Meyer
Adolph Meyer
David B. Nelson
Sharlene Pass
Helen Perlis Planer
David J. Platka
Roberta Rezits

Dorothy Hassan Schiller
Haskell Schultz
Dora Silverman
Bert Silverstein
Isaac Steiber
Edith Thomson
Evangeline Weil
Joseph Weinraub
Nathaniel S. Wittenberg
Corinne Wittenberg
Joseph Zinn

November 15-16

Marquard Bach
Solomon Saul Bleifeld
Dorothy "Dot" Burcham
Kathy Chapman
Robert Edgar
Della R. Ellis
Rose Ewing
Minnie Fidler
Rosalyn Friedman Fink
Dvoiyra Finkelshteyn
Hana Finkelshteyn
Itta Finkelshteyn
Kisel Finkelshteyn
Leib Finkelshteyn
Meyer Finkelshteyn
Yankel Finkelshteyn
Phillip Flora
Sophia Maude Gale
Mark Glucklick
Etta S. Gold
Joseph Golden
Esther F. Grossman
Daisy Heffer
Mendel Himelstein
Leon Korin
Mabel H. Kwatnez
John T. Lawrence
Alan Lichtenberg

Wayne McIntyre
Frank Mullins
Gertrude Nusholtz
Art Perlman
Jacob Portman
Irving J. Pressman
Lev Progrebinskiy
Samuel Ruderman
Nathan Sheray
Nathan Shine
David Lester Smith
Jacob Sunshine
Leo Sunshine
Joseph Tillinger
Bronnica Weinberg
Max B. Wetzstein
Rosalind Wiletzky
Celia Zweig

November 22-23

Sonia Abrams
Goldye Appel
Shirley Babich*
Phillip M. Baum
Larry Belans*
Norman Bosell*
Harry Brateman*
Leonard Castle
Harriet Chodash*
Hannah Crell
Melvin Crell
Lena Dinnerstein
Jeanne Erlich*
Beatrice Feldheim*
Morris J. Foreman*
Mendel Frank*
George Froegmyer
Max Gilbert*
Jennie Gilbert*
Jacob Louis Goldman
Saul Goodman

Marvin Gottlieb*
Thomas Gray
Sophia Heiligman*
Seth Aaron Horwitz
Myron M. Horwitz
Eva J. Huebschman*
Oscar Allen Isay*
Julius Kann
Benjamin Kaplan*
Philip Kass
Ada Kramer
Arlene Leib
Joyce Lenington
Mae Levy
Abraham Levy
Simon Stanford Maier
Leonora Marlow
Margaret Merin
Etta Oppenheim
Ethel G. Pollak
Gittel Rovel
Linda Ruchman
Minnie Moyer Sapirie
Martha Jane Schwartz
Abraham Sposeep
Shep Weinswig
Bina Young

**We will not have Shabbat services on November 29-30. Yahrzeit names to be included November 22-23 are indicated. Additional yahrzeits will be read on December 1-2.*

WE CARE

Please let the Temple office or Rabbi Winnig 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.



CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE AT LINDENWOOD

Temple members in good standing are eligible to purchase plots in the congregation's Y and YY section at Lindenwood Cemetery. Please contact the Temple office for information. Each plot is \$2,200.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

- **The Seligman family** on the death of David Seligman on October 8, 2019 in Fort Wayne.
- **Bobbie & Lee Golani and family** on the death of her mother, Betty Desmonde, on October 1, 2019 in Fort Wayne.





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TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

The Temple office is open on Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Temple Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28-29 for Thanksgiving.

The Temple is located at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. Our Campus partners are the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association, the PFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Brightpoint Head Start, and the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.



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WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

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The deadline for the December/January Bulletin is Friday, November 15

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ELLEN TOM



Volunteering at Congregation Achduth Vesholom has always been the key to our success. In June, I volunteered to serve as President for a third year. Since joining the Temple in the 90s, I have been actively serving the congregation in a volunteer capacity, so for me this seemed like the right thing to do.

The Hebrew word for volunteer is *mitnadev*. The word literally means "one who becomes noble." As referenced in *The Engaged Congregation, A Guide to Creating a Volunteer Culture*, this word reflects Judaism's ideal attitude toward volunteering, namely that it becomes a self-transformative act that increases one's sense of nobility by having done good work. Moreover, the word

mitnadev tells us that we should treat our volunteers with respect and honor, as if they were nobles visiting our congregation.

This example of nobility was on display for all of us during the High Holy Days. Our Ritual Committee led by Denny Reynolds worked with Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig, Cantor Yvon Shore, Cantor Michael Small, and the resurrected Hazemir Choir to create worship services that would be meaningful to all.

The services were engaging and inclusive, and the sounds of the music and the blowing of the shofar were beautiful. The Rosh Hashanah Reception chaired by Cookie Mastbaum and Sally Trotter and all the volunteers who helped with set-up, baking, and clean-up was a wonderful way to experience our community coming together. But it does not end there.

The ROMEOs did another outstanding job preparing a delicious meal for Break-the-Fast. They are to be commended for their strong sense of *kehillah* (community) by ensuring congregants attending either the Reform or traditional services had plenty to eat despite services ending at different times.

The labor of love in both the Reception and Break-the-Fast were reflective in all the details and a testament to the true character of our members.

And there were many more celebratory programs as the holiday period continued, including S'mores in the Sukkah, adult learning programs with Rabbi Winnig over breakfast and lunch, and Sukkot services that included Consecration. Five children marked the start of their formal Jewish learning, with Religious School families and staff, coordinated by our Religious School Principal Leah Hadashi, pitching in to make it successful.

The Rabbinic Search Committee continues to focus on finding a permanent/full-time/new rabbi. The 10-member Search Committee under the leadership of Fran Adler and Mike Rush continues to be committed to finding the right rabbi for our congregation. Our application has been submitted for rabbinic candidates and in the next few months we hope to have several viable options. The Search Committee has been doing a tremendous job and their time and efforts are truly appreciated.

All of the items mentioned are the result of members giving willingly of their time and talents to improve our congregational life.

We hope you will join us in our upcoming activities made possible by volunteer congregants and supported by our tremendous Temple staff. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we look forward to seeing you at the annual Corned Beef Fundraiser, Violins of Hope programs and Shabbat Service, and the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

May you have a sweet and healthy new year.