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SHARE SUKKOT CELEBRATION IN THE COURTYARD



Shake the lulav, inhale the scent of the etrog, and join us for a big Sukkot celebration on Friday, October 6 at 6 p.m. at the Temple. We'll begin with a casual "Pizza in the Hut" dinner when we also decorate the sukkah in its new location in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

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Simchat Torah

Our Shabbat Katan families with little ones are invited to be part of the fun as we launch another year of our monthly program introducing young children to the joys of Judaism led by Samara Sheray with Rabbi Lenny.

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Temple Book Club

Dinner includes pizza by the slice (\$2) and salad (\$3). Please RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Monday, October 2. Thank you to the Ritual Committee for coordinating the meal.

Can't make it to dinner? Join us at 7 p.m. when Rabbi Lenny leads our Shabbat and Sukkot service, followed by a festive Oneg Shabbat. [What is Sukkot?](#)

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President's Column

Please join our family on this special day as our daughter

Naomi Joyce

is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, the twenty-first of October

Two thousand and seventeen

at ten-thirty in the morning

Kiddush Luncheon to follow

Betsy and Geoff Gephart



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SHABBAT & HOLIDAY SERVICES

OCTOBER

Sukkot & Shabbat Service

Friday, October 6
7 p.m. at the Temple
(Sukkah Decorating and Dinner at 6 p.m.)
Bimah Honors: Jessica Ash
Usher: Jessica Ash

Simchat Torah & Shabbat Service

Friday, October 13
7 p.m. at the Temple
Bimah Honors: Denny Reynolds
Ushers: Marcia & Denny Reynolds
We'll also celebrate October birthdays and anniversaries.

Early Shabbat Service & Prayer Book Presentation

Friday, October 20
7 p.m. at the Temple
Bimah Honors: Betsy Gephart
Ushers: Beth & Dan Zweig
Oneg Shabbat: Betsy & Geoff Gephart in honor of Naomi's Bat Mitzvah with the Wallet and Lowden families in honor of their simcha
We'll present prayer books to our 5th grade students as they begin b'nei mitzvah studies.

Shabbat Service & Naomi Gephart Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, October 21
10:30 a.m. at the Temple
Bimah Honors: Ellen Tom
Music: Norm & Ronnie Greenberg and David Rezits
Ushers: Katinsky Family
Kiddush luncheon follows the service hosted by the Gephart family.

Friday, October 27

Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

*Beginning next month, Shabbat worship most weeks throughout the year will begin at 7:30 p.m. Please check listings for special times and services.



OCTOBER EVENTS

Sukkah Decorating & Dinner*

Friday, October 6
6 p.m. Dinner and Sukkah Decorating
7 p.m. Service
Please contact the Temple office to see if space remains for the Pizza in the Hut dinner.

Talmud Class*

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
7 p.m. at the Temple
[Online attendance also available.](#)

Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly

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



Some worship services are now available online through TempleConnect. Check our website calendar for dates and times at www.templecav.org.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Corned Beef Prep Night

Wednesday, November 8
6 to 9 p.m.
Volunteers are needed! Please let the Temple office know that you're coming to help.

Corned Beef Fundraiser

Thursday, November 9
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Volunteers are needed! Please let the Temple office know that you're coming to help.

Author Barry Deutsch

Sunday, November 12
11 a.m.
Religious School students in 3rd through 7th grade will talk via video-conference with Author Barry Deutsch. He's a graphic novelist and author of the [Hereville](#) books, including the Sydney Taylor Award-winning Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword.

Religious School Shabbat Dinner*

Friday, November 17
6 p.m., followed by our service at 7 p.m.

Seven Species Series: Barley Brewery Tour & Beer Tasting*

Sunday, November 19 at 1 p.m.
Chapman's Brewery in Angola
RSVP by Tuesday, November 14
\$7 per person. Age 21 & up.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 21
7 p.m. at the Temple

ONGOING EVENTS

Mah Jongg Open Play*

[Sign up to play](#) in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. Check dates and times by following the link at www.templecav.org

Lunch With The ROMEOs

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

- Thursday, October 5
Spyro's Pancake Restaurant
6455 W. Jefferson Blvd.

- Thursday, October 19
Wu's Fine Chinese Cuisine
4411 Coldwater Rd.

RSVP to Rich Manalis at richmanalis@me.com

RABBI LENNY SARKO

LIFE EXPERIENCES CREATE MEANINGFUL ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH



The primary function of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah is the declaration of an individual that they are ready to take on the responsibilities of a Jewish adult. This is no small declaration. The typical student is a young adult at the age of 12 who has received religious training. There are circumstances that sometimes do not allow a person to experience this life-cycle event. In the recent past, a new approach to Bar/Bat Mitzvah has provided opportunities for adults to have this experience.

The perspective and background of a child will vary considerably from that of an adult. An adult can bring life experiences to religious study and as such can make the learning process of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah far more intensive and significant. Regardless of age, it is important that a person obtain a basic understanding not only of Judaic principles but how they apply outside the walls of the synagogue.

I would like to offer the opportunity for any adult in our congregation who has not had a Bar/Bat Mitzvah to have one. There is no age limitation. I have worked with adults as old as 90 who have successfully completed this life-cycle event.

At my last synagogue, I worked with a group of 13 adults. We met for nine months for group study, averaging about one time per week for one hour. The group was then divided up, individually or in pairs, and continued the study, one-on-one with the rabbi, working toward a chosen week to be called to the Torah. The personal time frame varied based on the needs of the student and the scheduling of the Shabbat chosen.

The group study will cover 10 areas. The purpose of the study is to allow you to understand the breadth and meaning of Judaism. In all cases, the study will be framed to understand how the topic relates to the practice of Judaism. The following are the topics we will cover: history, Jewish texts, holidays, halacha/minchag, Jewish services/Shabbat, mitzvot, Jewish philosophy, comparative literature, Jewish life-cycle events, and Hebrew.

The depth that we will study any specific topic will be decided by the class. If there is more interest in one area versus another, we will spend more time on that topic. If any student wishes to go more in-depth on their own, I will be happy to supply a number of texts on that subject and work with that student to further understanding.

Learning is a function of setting aside a segment of your time, a commitment to the process, and participation and collaboration with other students, as well as the teacher. Ultimately, what you will get out of an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah is what you will put into this learning opportunity.

If you have any questions or have interest in an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah, please contact the rabbi. I hope to begin the course of study at some point in November.

HELPERS AND SPONSORS NEEDED FOR CORNED BEEF SALE!

Savor delicious delicatessen when our 16th annual Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser returns on Thursday, November 9. Support the Temple and assist in topping last year's record revenues by ordering meals, becoming a sponsor, telling your friends about our mouthwatering meal, and volunteering your time.

Boxed meals are \$15 each when ordered by Thursday, October 26. After that date and at the door, meals are \$16 each. Each meal includes a heaping 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, giant pickle, creamy cole slaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink. [Find an order form](#) and bulk prices for additional pounds of corned beef at www.templecav.org. Delivery service is available when you order 12 meals or more by Thursday, October 26 for \$6 per address.

[Become a sponsor](#) by donating \$100 or more to help underwrite our costs by Thursday, October 26. Names of individuals and businesses will be recognized in every meal and posted the day of the sale at the Temple.

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, November 8 for [Prep Night](#) from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, November 9, with shifts beginning at 9 a.m. Contact the Temple office to say you'll help.

Thank you to our Co-Chairs Larry Adelman, Jaki Schreier, and Steve Zacher, along with Steering Committee Members Carol Adelman, Irv & Fran Adler, Scott Goldberg, Karen Sarko, and Beth Zweig.

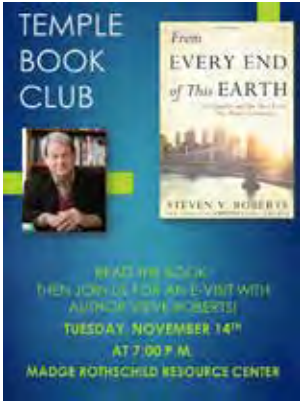


COMPLETE THE CYCLE AND BEGIN ANEW ON SIMCHAT TORAH

Join us for Simchat Torah on Friday, October 13 at the earlier time of 7 p.m. when we parade our sacred scrolls through the Sanctuary, enjoy festive singing and flag waving, and complete the reading of the Book of Deuteronomy while also beginning the Book of Genesis. An Oneg Shabbat follows. We'll also celebrate October birthdays and anniversaries.



LIVECHAT WITH AUTHOR AT TEMPLE BOOK CLUB ON NOVEMBER 14



Steve Roberts is perhaps best known as a journalist, appearing on NPR and other networks, as well as in print. He is currently on the faculty at George Washington University, and also is a bestselling author. His books include *My Fathers' Houses* and *From This Day Forward*, co-written with his wife, Cokie Roberts. Steve will join us for the first "LiveChat" of the year for our Temple Book Club on Tuesday evening, November 14 at 7 p.m.

families come from a variety of countries and backgrounds and find varying success in the United States. Their stories should provide us with plenty food for thought and discussion.

To facilitate our conversation, space is limited, so reserve your spot today by contacting the Temple Office. There is no cost to attend, but please read the book and come prepared to join the conversation. One copy of the book is available in the Temple library. As a special incentive, all those in attendance will be entered in a drawing for a copy of our next book.

Mark your calendar for future Temple Book Clubs at 7 p.m.:

We will discuss his book, *From Every End of This Earth: 13 Families and the New Lives They Made in America*. Particularly timely given the current political climate, the book follows the lives of 13 families following their arrival in this country. The

- Tuesday, February 6 - Abigail Pogrebin, author of *My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew*
- Tuesday, May 8 - Lauren Belfer, author of *And After the Fire*



GREEN HOME TOUR

Many thanks to Andy & Janet Katz for welcoming Temple members in early September to Green Oak Farm, their new environmentally-friendly home in southwest Fort Wayne. Nearly 30 congregants toured the beautiful home and learned how the Katzes incorporated "green" details into its design and the process of seeking LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for Homes Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. Thank you to the Adult Education Committee for organizing the program and providing locally-sourced refreshments.



MEET OUR NEW BOOKKEEPER



Please welcome Jamie Fritz, our new bookkeeper, to the Temple! She began working at Achduth Vesholom in September when Bonnie Crubaugh retired after 16 years processing, tracking, and reporting all things financial for the congregation.

A Fort Wayne native, Jamie completed her certificate in bookkeeping through IVY Tech and is continuing her education toward a bachelor's degree in accounting. When not working on her professional development, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Jeremy, and son, Nolan, traveling, hiking, and gardening.



Thanks to all who came out to support the FORTY youth group car wash on September 24.

YOUTH NEWS

MAZEL TOV TO OUR FUTURE B'NEI MITZVAH

Please join us for a special Shabbat evening on Friday, October 20 at 7 p.m. when our fifth-grade students are presented with prayer books in honor of beginning their b'nei mitzvah studies. Mazel tov to:

- Leo Powell, son of Marnie & Mark Lowden and Jason Powell
- Isabella Wallet, daughter of Joshua & Wendi Wallet.



Younger children learned about the shofar and Jewish New Year during our Minyan Katan program on Rosh Hashanah morning, led by Leah Hadashi and Bruce Colegrove with Rabbi Lenny.

A NEW YEAR FOR SHABBAT KATAN

Our monthly Shabbat Katan program for families with young children begins a new year on Friday, October 6 at 6 p.m. at the Temple when we meet for dinner and to decorate the Sukkah before our 7 p.m. congregational Sukkot Service. Find dinner reservation information on page 1.

Shabbat Katan meets on the first Friday of the month during the school year led by Samara Sheray with Rabbi Lenny. We'll learn a new prayer, create a craft, and share stories of the season geared toward first grade and younger. Contact us at office@templecav.org with your email address and phone number to be added to our Shabbat Katan group.

Members of our youth group offered "L'shana Tovah" greetings with apples and honey following Rosh Hashanah morning services.



FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



We're excited to be back for a new year of Religious School! From our youngest students through high school, we had a wonderful first day of class on September 17. We welcomed new and returning students, as well as Leah Hadashi in her new role as Principal. We shared stories in the library, learned about Rosh Hashanah, refreshed our Hebrew knowledge, and enjoyed our time together.

ROSH HƏSHƏNƏH RECEPTION

The New Year 5778 began with a lovely service led by Rabbi Lenny, followed by our annual Rosh Hashanah Reception and opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Thank you to Samara Sheray and her team for the beautiful tables filled with delicious baked goods and other treats. We greatly appreciate our staff and volunteers for all their efforts in creating a great start to the New Year!



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

We appreciate everyone who supported our High Holy Days Food Drive. All items were donated to the food bank at [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#). Thank you to Jamie Berger for chairing! Thank you also for assisting [MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger](#).

HELP PROVIDE FRESH FRUIT THROUGH THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

Just a few days remain to support the Jewish community's 7th annual Apple Project fundraiser. Many of the 66 children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruit and vegetables. Through your donation, we'll be able to provide each with a bag of apples.

A tree is on display at the Temple with paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$10 or more for the apple project by Friday, October 6. (Checks maybe made out to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project.)

Join our team on Wednesday, October 4 at 10 a.m. to assemble bags of non-perishable food and household items for the month. Contact Co-Chairs Jamie Berger and Bonnie Pomerantz to learn more. We also are collecting boxes of tissues. Thoughtful

Thursdays, now in its eighth year, is a joint effort of Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Congregation B'nai Jacob, and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

AID FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY:

The Thoughtful Thursdays Committee also supported relief efforts for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey through a financial donation to the Jewish Federations of North America and by sending gift cards through the Union for Reform Judaism.





Journalist Bill Benson (right) visits with Dr. Steve Carr, director of IPFW's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and a member of the Temple's Holocaust Education Committee, before speaking to nearly 150 people on September 7 at the Temple about his experiences with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's twice-weekly "[First Person](#)" program.

For 13 years, Benson has done live interviews and shared conversations with survivors of the Holocaust to gather their first-person accounts, bringing together personal experiences with history for museum visitors.

His visit was supported by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation. Additional support for his visit came from StoryPoint, offering the latest in Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Memory Care.

SEVEN SPECIES CONTINUES WITH BREWERY TOUR & BEER TASTING

Our year-long look at the Seven Species of Israel continues on Sunday, November 19 at 1 p.m. when we learn about barley at [Chapman's Brewery in Angola](#) with a tour and beer tasting led by Owner Scott Ferguson, the brother of the Temple's Adult Education Chair Wendy Soltz.

Cost is \$7 per person. This is an age 21-and-up event. Please make a reservation to the Temple office at

(260) 744-4245 by Tuesday, November 14. Sponsored by the Temple's Adult Education Committee.

We've already learned about the seven species in the Torah and tasted them: Grapes, dates, pomegranates, barley, wheat, figs, and dates. We also celebrated Havdalah in the Vineyards. Upcoming programs include an olive-oil tasting and chef's event.



HAVDALAH IN THE VINEYARDS

About 40 Temple members visited Dulcius Vineyards in Noble County in late August to celebrate Havdalah as part of our Seven Species of Israel series. Many thanks to founder and owner Austin Fergusson, Scott Fergusson, Micah Soltz, and Adult Education Chair Wendy Soltz for welcoming us and for the outstanding program.

DONATIONS

General Operations

In memory of Robert O'Neill and R.J. O'Neill:

Thomas & Rita O'Neill

In memory of Frances MacInnes: *Shira Pacult*

In memory of Leonid Finkelshteyn: *Dora Itkin*

In memory of Gladys Friedman: *Norma Friedman*

In memory of Arnold Katinsky: *Beth & Dan Zweig*

In memory of Nettie Stumpf: *Norm & Ronnie Greenberg*

In memory of Muriel Yentis: *Jay Yentis & Jacqueline Orsagh-Yentis*

A donation was made by: *Richard Grzych*

A donation was made by: *James Thomas Jr.*

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

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

Adult Education Fund

In memory of Frances Shine: *Lawrence Shine*

Thoughtful Thursdays

In appreciation of Andy & Janet Katz's Green Oak Farm Open House: *Alan & Susan Cooperman*

Temple Gardens Fund

In memory of Joseph Levine and Sylvia Sommer: *Stan Levine*

Max & Gerda Schmitz Holocaust Education Fund

In memory of Irmgard A. Stein: *Jan & Joel Greenberg*

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In memory of Jay Philip Oppenheim: *Lesley Ann Newman*

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In memory of Joseph Cristil and Elias Horn: *Marvin Cristil*

In memory of Abbie Sax and Marilyn Sax: *Enid & Stanley Rosenblatt*

In memory of Rose Steiber Weinraub: *Janet Weinraub*

ROSH CHODESH PROGRAMS: "WOMAN IN GOLD" FILM & STORYTELLER VISIT



The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) Rosh Chodesh women's group will watch the film "Woman in Gold" on Monday, October 2 at 6 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus. The movie stars Helen Mirren and is the true story of one woman's fight against the Austrian authorities to recover her family's artwork that was stolen by the Nazis.

Please RSVP to the Federation at 456-0400. Popcorn and light refreshments will be served. The event is open to all women who are members of the Federation.

In addition, the Rosh Chodesh group will welcome Storyteller Corinne Stavish for an afternoon of stories and laughter on Sunday, November 5 at 1 p.m. at the Temple.

She'll examine the week's parashat through Biblical retellings (midrashim) and personal narratives in "Hospitality: From Ur to Urbanity, a Legacy of Kindness, Caring and Chutzpah." The first mention of hospitality in the Torah is when Abraham welcomes the strangers at Mamre...and tells Sarah to do the cooking. Jewish women have been welcoming and cooking for everyone ever since. The program is offered with support from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation.

URJ BIENNIAL SHAPES FUTURE

OF REFORM MOVEMENT

The largest Jewish gathering in North America, the URJ Biennial on December 6-10 in Boston will bring together 5,000 attendees to worship, learn, sing, build community, and shape the future of the Reform Movement. Learning sessions, networking opportunities, plenaries, worship, and entertainment are tailored to inspire and empower lay leaders, clergy, and synagogue professionals. Find out more at <https://urj.org/urj-biennial>.



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WHITE HOUSE JOURNEY FOCUS OF FALL EVENT

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) Fall Event features a talk by Journalist Jeff Scott Goldman on "My White House Journey From Reagan to Trump" on Monday, October 30 at 7 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. Goldman is an Emmy Award-winning producer and reporter for CBS News and PBS NewsHour.

He worked until recently at the White House covering six presidents over the past 34 years. In that role, he traveled the world aboard Air Force One with Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and the beginning of Donald Trump's presidency. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

Yahrzeits

October 6

Chester W. Ambler, Jr.
Eula Black
Howard P. Cole
Harriet Cristil
Martin Dicker
Israel DuBow
Marshall Glickman
Iva Gordon-Tutor
Carol Harris
Jack Harmon Harris
Karl Hesslein
Lev Kletsky
Marie Amber-Koons
Caroline Leopold
Herman Levin
Oscar Mastbaum
Dr. Bernard Ress
Namuel Roseman
Meyer Ruchman
Lona Ruchman
Eleanore B. Schecter
Don Sider
Harry Silberg
Arlington Smith
Barbara Strouse
Harry Wagner
Pat Waterman
Bessie Zacharia
Robert M. Zacher

October 13

Jack Adelman
Harry Bosell
Ruth A. Brenn
Israel L. Bronstein
Amelia Bruebach
Ida Feltman
Sally Fields
Eugenia Frank
Goldie Gold
Hyman Goldstine
Jack A. Goodman
Dorothy Gordon
Ruth Guerrasio
Byrde Jordan
Irving W. Krohn
Bertha Stein Lichtenberg
Ernest A. Lowens
Jacob Mansbach
Betsy Mastbaum
Sylvia Werner Bernstein Meyers
Anna Porges
Roberta Rezits
Maryleonne Ronsheim
Marco Rosanis
Dr. Maurice Rothberg
Herman Schubert
Mildred R. Schultz
Jack Schwartz
Myrtle Shine
Alexander Simon

Nellie Stillpass
Goldie Sunshine
Suzanne Waternberg
Mamie W. Wolf
Irving Zelinger
Richard Zinn

October 20

Rahil Berkovich
Katherine Bosell
Louis Bukowski
Flora Dessauer
Bess Felstein
Hortense M. Green
Fredric Morgan Hefter
Dorothy W. Hutner
Herman B. Kaplan
Irving Klein
Karl Kohn
Caroline Levi
Fred Lipp
Abe Lipp
Albert Nirdlinger
Robert Porwancher
Isidor Seelberg
Lottie Shatsky
Roger Sheyer
Sara Stern
Lazarus Stern
Freida S. Strauss

October 27

Isabel Banks
Fred Llewellyn
Ruth Morris
Samuel Brooks
Elliott Burkhardt
Alfred Stern Engelhard
Diane Ervin
Alice Golden
Lee Gottlieb
Bertha F. Gross
Esther E. King
Esther (Ebby) Krakower
Manuel Michelson
Peggy (Frank) Murphy
Eli Nirdlinger
Dorothy Reynolds
Henriette Rothschild
Sadie Rush
Regina Safirstein de Lerner
Jack Schwartz
Matilda Stiefel
Bernhard S. Trauerman
Alfons Warschawski
Adolph Wetstein
Louise A. Widdifield
Rosa Zweig



Progress continues on restoring the Rifkin Campus at 5200 sign in front of the building, following the windstorm that damaged it in the spring.

PURCHASE A LEAF ON OLIVE TREE



Recognize an important person or significant occasion at the Temple by purchasing a leaf on the new olive tree near the entrance to the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

Leaves are \$180 each and may be personalized with three or four lines to highlight a lifecycle event, anniversary, or special kindness. Proceeds benefit the resource center.

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE WITH YAHRZEIT PLAQUE

Would you like to add the name of a loved one to our yahrzeit plaques near the entrance to the Sanctuary? Please contact the Temple office to purchase an individual nameplate in memory of a loved one to be displayed on the wall outside the Sanctuary. Plaques are \$500 each. Lights are illuminated next to individual names on the anniversary of death and on Yom Kippur. Proceeds support the Temple's Endowment.

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TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

The Temple office is open on Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office will be closed on Wednesday, October 4 and Friday, October 15 for the holidays.

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, IPFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Brightpoint Head Start, and the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.



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WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

The Temple board welcomes your comments and suggestions. We will do our best to address your questions and concerns. Please contact the Temple office at 744-4245 (office@TempleCAV.org) for information. President Ellen Tom can be reached at president@templecav.org.

The deadline for the November Bulletin is Sunday, October 15.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ELLEN TOM



With Religious School classes and the New Year both getting underway, I've been thinking about the years that I spent teaching our young people on Sunday mornings. Preparing lesson plans was a great way to explore new approaches to Judaism and spark my creativity to find ways to engage students and their families.

Yet, more importantly, this involvement became the way that I truly connected with Temple life and our members. Watching so many kids grow and mature in their appreciation of Judaism was very special to me. Getting to know their parents also expanded my circle of friendships at the Temple. And inviting other congregants to the classroom to share their personal stories became a transformative time for me.

Those stories of an unusual Jewish journey, a beloved family member, or a vocation that helps those in need were impactful and made me realize even more what an incredible group of people we have in our congregation.

Now that I've moved to a new role as president, I interact with members in even more ways. And I'm grateful! People fascinate me. We come from a variety of places -- from all over Indiana to all the way from India. I feel very honored and blessed to have expanded opportunities to get to know all of you.

My hope is that you'll take advantage of the many activities we have at the Temple to discover your connection to others and to help keep our Jewish community vibrant and caring. Whether decorating the sukkah, sharing your viewpoint during Talmud class, or chatting over a cup of coffee in the resource center, I hope you'll make every effort to get acquainted with fellow members and to get involved.

We also have new staff members who have joined us in the past year. Please introduce yourself and get to know them, too. They add much to our congregation through their hard work and commitment.

I especially encourage you to participate in our 16th annual Corned Beef Fundraiser, both prep night on Wednesday, November 8 and during the big sale on Thursday, November 9. (You'll even meet some out-of-towners who come to Fort Wayne especially for our deli day to help us out and because it's fun!) Striking up a conversation while assembling corned beef sandwiches or scooping coleslaw is one of the best ways to meet people. Not only is the food good, but our sale is a wonderful social event. Consider being a sponsor, too!

We'll also keep you posted about a big mitzvah day being planned for the spring so that we can come together for gemilut chasadim (acts of loving kindness).

Thank you again for being part of our Temple family!

USHER IN SHABBAT WITH CHALLAH

Get involved at the Temple by volunteering to usher at Shabbat evening services and receive a delicious challah! All Shabbat ushers receive a gift certificate for a tasty loaf donated by Waynedale Bakery, 2610 Lower Huntington Road. Please call to volunteer.

