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CELEBRATE B'YACHAD AND SIMCHAT TORAH TOGETHER ON OCTOBER 22

Join us for a festive evening of friendship, family, and Jewish community on Tuesday, October 22 to celebrate the annual cycle of Torah reading and the coming together of Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob as one congregation with two traditions!

This special Simchat Torah celebration includes a delicious catered dinner hosted by Al Zacher, singing and dancing with the Torah, and unrolling the scrolls as Rabbi Winnig reads the end of Deuteronomy and the beginning of Genesis. Orin Reynolds will provide spirited music.

A Yizkor service begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner follows at 5:45 p.m. and the Simchat Torah service begins at 7 p.m. Kindly RSVP for dinner by Tuesday, October 15 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.



CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLY DAYS WITH US



L'shana Tovah! Please join us at Congregation Achduth Vesholom for an exciting High Holy Days season as we welcome our new rabbi, guest cantors, and celebrate for the first time with two worship traditions!

Our New Year 5780 continues with an expanded service schedule on Yom Kippur that includes Reform and traditional options. Sukkot programming includes S'mores in the Sukkah, learning in the sukkah with Rabbi Winnig, and worship options. A festive Simchat Torah dinner and service also will celebrate B'yachad (Together), the historic joining of Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob last summer. Please review the

schedule on page 2 because customary dates and times may be different. Visit our calendar for complete details.

Reform services will be led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig, Achduth Vesholom's new spiritual leader for the coming year. She will be joined by Cantor Yvon F. Shore, Director of Liturgical Arts and Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, with accompaniment by Maestro Robert Nance. The Temple's Hazemir Choir led by Dr. John Planer will sing on Kol Nidre and Yizkor.

Traditional worship will be led by Cantor Michael C. Small, our guest spiritual leader from Chicago. An attorney, Cantor Small is an active member and shaliach tzibur at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, IL.

Please return grocery bags for our High Holy Days food drive. Please find more holiday information on pages 6-7.

18th Annual Corned Beef Fundraiser

Thursday, November 7
Order meals, sponsor, volunteer!
See page 8



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UPCOMING events & SERVICES

*RSVP Needed

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER SERVICES

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Sunday, September 29
8 p.m. at the Temple
Reform service: Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig
Music: Cantor Yvon F. Shore, Robert Nance, Hazemir Choir
Traditional Service: Cantor Michael J. Small
New Year's Reception follows

Rosh Hashanah Services

Monday, September 30
At the Temple
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
10 a.m. Reform Service
Tashlich follows (meet in the foyer)

Rosh Hashanah Traditional Service (Second Day)

Tuesday, October 1
8:30 a.m. at the Temple

Shabbat Service & Yahrzeit Plaque Dedication

Friday, October 4
7:30 p.m. at the Temple
Music: Cantor Yvon Shore

Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 5
9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Cemetery Services & Book Burial

Sunday, October 6
1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery
2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery, followed by burial of genizah items.

Erev Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 8
Reform service: Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig
Music: Cantor Yvon F. Shore, Robert Nance, Hazemir Choir
Traditional Service: Cantor Michael J. Small

Traditional Services

- Minchah at 7 p.m.
- Kol Nidre at 7:15 p.m.

Reform Service

- Kol Nidre - 8 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 9

Traditional Services

8:30 a.m. - Shacharit
11 a.m. - Yizkor
5:15 p.m. - Minchah
6:30 p.m. - Ne'ilah
7:30 p.m. - Ma'ariv
8 p.m. - Havdalah
Break-the-Fast follows Havdalah*

Reform Services

10 a.m. Morning Service
Ushers: Nancy & Scott Salon, Geoffrey Gordon
3 p.m. - Afternoon Service
4:30 p.m. - Yizkor Memorial Service
5:30 p.m. - Neilah (Concluding) Service
Break-the-Fast follows Nei'lah*

Shabbat Service

Friday, October 11
7:30 p.m. at the Temple
Music: Ronnie & Norm Greenberg

Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 12
9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Erev Sukkot Service (Traditional)

Sunday, October 13
7 p.m. at the Temple

Sukkot, Shabbat, & Consecration Service

Friday, October 18
7 p.m. at the Temple
Oneg Shabbat: Hosted by Consecration Families

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, October 19
9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Simchat Torah Service & B'yachad Celebration

Tuesday, October 22
5:30 p.m. Yizkor Service
5:45 p.m. B'yachad Dinner*
7 p.m. Service at the Temple
Music: Orin Reynolds

Shabbat Service

Friday, October 25
7:30 p.m. at the Temple
Music: Norm Greenberg

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, October 26
9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Kiddush follows our Shabbat services



OCTOBER EVENTS

Thoughtful Thursdays

Wednesday, October 2
10 a.m. at the Temple

Burial of Items from Genizah

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

Families Lost and Found: Tracing My Viennese Roots After the Holocaust

Sunday, October 6
2 p.m. at The History Center
Temple member Irv Adler will give the George R. Mather Lecture. Part of Violins of Hope programming

Break-the-Fast*

Wednesday, October 9
Follows Yom Kippur services
RSVP by Wednesday, October 2

S'mores in the Sukkah & Decorating*

Sunday, October 13
11 a.m. to Noon at the Temple
Please RSVP by Friday, October 4

Breakfast in the Sukkah with Rabbi Winnig*

Monday, October 14
10 a.m. at the Temple
Please RSVP by Friday, October 11

Lunch & Learn in the Sukkah with Rabbi Winnig

Thursday, October 17
Noon to 1 p.m. at the Temple
Please bring your own lunch.
Dessert will be provided.

B'yachad Dinner & Simchat Torah Celebration*

Tuesday, October 22
5:45 p.m. Dinner, followed by service at 7 p.m.
RSVP for dinner by Tuesday, October 15

Bruce Colegrove: Strings of Inspiration*

Tuesday, October 29
7 p.m. at the Temple



RABBI PAULA JAYNE WINNIG

APPRECIATING THE BEAUTY AROUND US



Rabbi Jack Riemer wrote:

“Now is the time for turning. The leaves are beginning to turn from green to red and orange. The birds are

beginning to turn and are heading once more toward the South. The animals are beginning to turn to storing their food for the winter.

For leaves, birds and animals turning comes instinctively. However, for us turning does not come so easily. It takes an act of will for us to make a turn.”

As we approach the New Year and the 25 days devoted to our autumn holiday rush, we see the signs of the natural order changing around us. In Hebrew, the word for Repentance is תשובה, Teshuvah. It comes from the root word for return or turn around. It means that we are supposed to free ourselves from things that set us on the wrong course of our lives and return to the right way of being. For most of us, resetting is not easy. We are

so caught up in the hustle and bustle of our everyday existence that we forget to breathe deeply. We do so many things. We rush so quickly from here to there that we miss appreciating the beauty that surrounds us.

One of the special surprises of my life here in Fort Wayne is the beautiful sunsets I observe from my apartment windows and so many other places around the city. Every night that I stop and look at the wonders of the purple, blues and pinks of the sunset over the Fort Wayne skyline, I take a deep breath and smile at its beauty. No matter how tired I might be or how difficult a day has been, taking the time to appreciate the sunset recharges me and gives me hope and strength for another day.

The changes that are incumbent upon us at this time may seem daunting. However, it may simply be that we set our sights too high. We are not required to do everything all at once. We need simply small course resets to get us back on the right path of living. Small adjustments like appreciating a sunset, or walking up a flight of stairs, or taking 10

minutes to breathe deeply and meditate on the beauty of the world, will make us physically and spiritually healthier.

Our High Holyday services will help serve as a foundation for that change. The liturgical music being provided by Cantor Shore and the Hazemir Choir will inspire you with its beauty. The words of our Mahzor will life your spirits. Most importantly, being together as one people and one community will strengthen us and deepen our connection to our people throughout the world and throughout the generations.

May we all find contentment and peace as we go forward together into our New Year. I am honored to be here to help us all find the path to create a spiritually fulfilling New Year.

Shanah Tovah,

Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig

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 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.

BRUCE COLEGROVE SHARES STRINGS OF INSPIRATION

The women's orchestra at Auschwitz-Birkenau was one of the most eclectic, controversial, talented - and inspiring - in the world.

Temple member Bruce Colegrove will share with the Fort Wayne community some of the most remarkable events in the life of this group – and also the context of brutal horror in which those events occurred. He'll present his talk “Strings of Inspiration: Tragic Loss and Courageous Survival in the Women's Orchestra of Auschwitz-Birkenau” on Tuesday, October 29 at 7 p.m. at the Temple.

A long-time Hebrew teacher at Achduth Vesholom, Bruce is a 20-year faculty member at Canterbury High School. Five years ago, he decided to teach a “May term” course on Music in the Holocaust and has since become an ardent researcher in Holocaust studies. Bruce is always delighted to welcome visits to his website: <https://thegirlsintheauschwitz.band/>



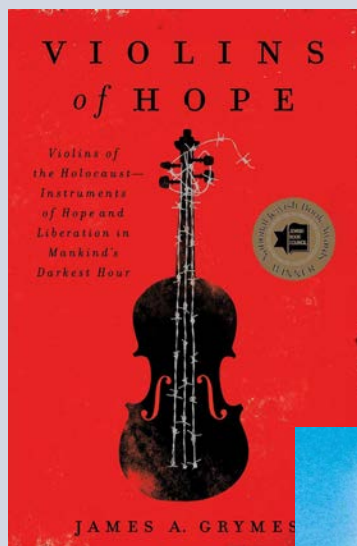
MUSIC INSPIRES, PART II

We have a new bulletin board up in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library – “Music Inspires.” Last month, we featured general music titles. This month, in honor of the upcoming Violins of Hope programs, we'll tackle the courage and resistance that music inspires in the Holocaust titles from our collection.

In the adult non-fiction section, the three best-known titles by far are James Grymes' *Violins of Hope*, Martin Goldsmith's *The Inextinguishable Symphony*, and *Orchestra of Exiles* by Josh Aronson. The first two authors have spoken here in Fort Wayne, so don't need much introduction. Mr. Aronson's book focuses on violinist, Bronislaw Huberman, and his rescue of Jewish musicians to begin the Israel Philharmonic. It is an incredible story.

Two more non-fiction books also may be of interest. *Hiding in the Spotlight: A Musical Prodigy's Story of Survival*, by Greg Dawson, tells the story of the author's mother, a talented child pianist living in the Ukraine. *The Children of Willesden Lane*, by Mona Golabek, also relates the story of the author's mother. In this case, Lisa Jura Golabek escaped from Austria to London on the Kindertransport and dreamed of becoming a concert pianist.

Moving to the adult fiction shelf, we have four books worth mentioning, two of which are part of our Temple Book Club discussions this year. If you missed our September book club, Alyson Richman's *The Garden of Letters* is set in Italy and features a young woman cellist. Later this year, we'll discuss *Tasa's Song*, by Linda Kass, which tells the story of a young violinist in eastern Poland. Two other novels that address the Holocaust less directly are Lauren Belfer's *And After the Fire*, which we read last year in our Temple Book Club, and *The Girl from Berlin*, Ronald Balson's latest novel.



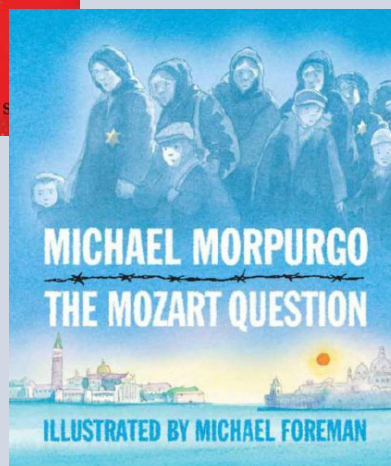
For teen readers, we have two novels to feature. *What the Night Sings*, by Vesper Stamper, follows a young singer after her liberation from the concentration camps, and received the Sydney Taylor Book Award last year. *The Sound of Freedom*, by Kathy Kacer, follows the protagonist's father as he auditions for Bronislaw Huberman's orchestra in Palestine.

Along with a young reader's version of Mona Golabek's *The Children of Willesden Lane*, for our middle grade readers, we have several titles on the juvenile fiction shelf. Search for *Lottie*, by Susan Ross, is our newest book. A contemporary young musician follows the mystery of her great-aunt Lottie. *The Dollmaker of Krakow*, by R.M. Romero, and *The Wren and the Sparrow*, by J. Patrick Lewis, are both Sydney Taylor Notable Books. The latter is a picture book for older children, as is *The Harmonica* by Tony Johnston. Two other short chapter books are

Michael Morpugo's powerful novel, *The Mozart Question*, and Maurine Dahlberg's *Play to the Angel*, about a young pianist.

Finally, we have two videos to consider in addition to our book titles. *The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved My Life*, is told by a Theresienstadt survivor, directed by Malcolm Clarke. *Swing Kids* is a better-known film about young fans of American Jazz in Nazi Germany.

As we approach these powerful *Violins of Hope* programs, please take advantage of our collection of related books and videos. A simple self-checkout is available whenever you're in the building, and our [full catalog is available online](#).



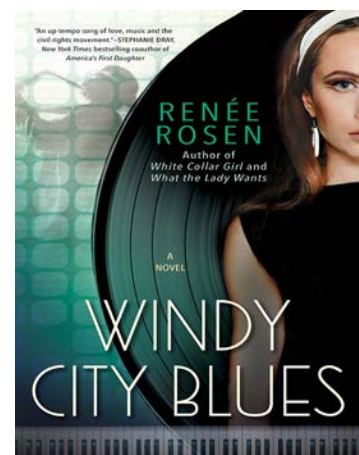
READ AHEAD FOR JANUARY'S BOOK CLUB

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.



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, October 24
[Wu's Fine Chinese Cuisine](#)
4411 Coldwater Road

RSVP to Denny Reynolds at dennisreynolds@me.com

YOUTH NEWS

CELEBRATE SUKKOT, SHABBAT AND CONSECRATION

Shake the lulav and inhale the scent of the etrog as we observe Sukkot and Shabbat on Friday, October 18 at 7 p.m. at the Temple, led by Rabbi Winnig. We'll also celebrate Consecration with five kindergarten and first grade students and their families as they mark the beginning of their formal Jewish studies.

An Oneg Shabbat follows hosted by Consecration families.

Mazel tov to:

- **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 Leise & Brain Rosman
- **Jack Rosman**, son of Leise & Brain Rosman

Religious School families will share a potluck Shabbat dinner at 6 p.m. prior to the service. [What is Consecration?](#)



FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Our Religious School students had a wonderful first day of class on September 8. Our staff include Dave Flapan, Rachel Gordon, Micah Soltz, Leah Hadashi, Rabbi Winnig, Bruce Colegrove (Hebrew), and Betsy Gephart (Librarian).



REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES

If you wish to have a loved one's name included during memorial services on Yom Kippur, please provide information to the Temple office by Wednesday, October 2. Call us at (260) 744-4245 or email at office@templecav.org. Join us for memorial services on Wednesday, October 9: 11 a.m. (traditional) and 4 p.m. (Reform).

RABBI WINNIG WILL LEAD CEMETERY SERVICES ON OCTOBER 6

Memorial services will be held Sunday, October 6 at 1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery and 2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery. Join Rabbi Winnig for the traditional El Maleh Rachmim and Kaddish prayers, along with the appropriate psalms, poetry and prayers. For more information or to arrange transportation, call the Temple office.

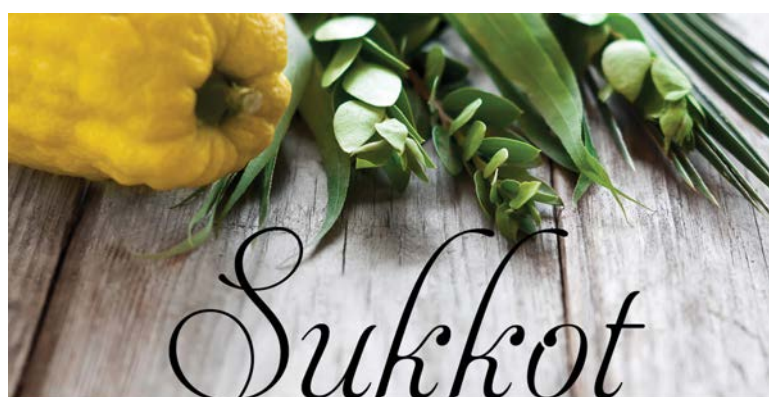
ITEMS IN GENIZAH TO BE BURIED

A genizah, meaning storage or archives in Hebrew, is a temporary area to store worn Hebrew holy books or other Jewish items that are deemed sacred and that require burial according to Jewish tradition.

Please join us on Sunday, October 6 at 2:30 p.m. at the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery on Decatur Road. At that time, we will be having the Kever Avot (memorial) service led by Rabbi Winnig and also bury the items in our genizah.



HELP THE HUNGRY with a donation to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. Find out more at www.mazon.org. Contribution envelopes are available at the Temple.



SHARE MEALS AND STUDY IN THE SUKKAH

Celebrate Sukkot during two special study opportunities with Rabbi Winnig in the sukkah:

- Share breakfast and learning on Monday, October 14 at 10 a.m. You'll have a chance to get acquainted with Rabbi Winnig and participate in the ritual of the Lulav. RSVP by Friday, October 11 so we know how much food to purchase.
- Lunch and Learn in the Sukkah with Rabbi Winnig on Thursday, October 17 from noon to 1 p.m. Share learning and conversation. Please bring your own lunch. Dessert will be provided.

SHARE S'MORES IN THE SUKKAH

Join us for S'mores in the Sukkah on Sunday, October 13 from 11 a.m. to noon and help our Religious School students decorate for Sukkot in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. Come shake the lulav and etrog during a brief, child-friendly service and enjoy a nosh.

Please RSVP to the Temple office by Friday, October 4 so we have enough food. Thanks to Leah Hadashi and Ellen Tom for coordinating.



SHAKE THE LULAV AND ETROG AT SUKKOT SERVICES

Celebrate Sukkot with us during two worship opportunities when we'll shake the lulav and etrog and observe the fall harvest festival:

- A traditional Erev Sukkot service will take place on Sunday evening, October 13 at 7 p.m. at the Temple. Please help to make a minyan so that Kaddish can be recited.
- Our Sukkot and Shabbat service on Friday, October 18 at 7 p.m. at the Temple will be led by Rabbi Winnig. We'll also celebrate Consecration with five students and their families as they mark the beginning of their formal Jewish studies. (See page 5)



GUEST CANTORS JOIN US FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

CANTOR YVON F. SHORE

Cantor Yvon F. Shore, Director of Liturgical Arts and Music at [Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion](#) in Cincinnati, will be our guest cantor for Reform services during the High Holy Days.

Cantor Shore earned a Masters in Sacred Music and Ordination through HUC-JIR, New York. She received a bachelor's degree in Music Education from West Chester University, College of Visual and Performing Arts with a double major in flute and conducting.

Cantor Shore took additional studies in ethnomusicology at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and The Jewish Theological Seminary in NYC with Bathja Bayer, Israel Adler, Amnon Shiloah, Edwin Seroussi, and Johoash Hirshberg. She continued graduate studies with an emphasis in musicology at the University of Cincinnati, College Conservatory of Music and liturgy at HUC-JIR Cincinnati.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of Cantor Shore's visit.



CANTOR MICHAEL J. SMALL

Cantor Michael J. Small will lead traditional services during the High Holy Days.

After many years leading holiday worship in the Chicago area, Cantor Small said he's excited to return to Fort Wayne, where he's previously served as the guest spiritual leader for holidays at Congregation B'nai Jacob.

After graduating from Brown University in 1985, Cantor Small spent a year studying in Jerusalem at Midreshet Yerushalayim (now known as the Conservative Yeshivah) and then earned an M.A. in Judaic Studies from The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in NYC.

An active synagogue member now at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, IL, he frequently davens as a shaliach tzibur (prayer leader) and gives lay sermons. Professionally, Cantor Small practices law and is a partner at Foley & Lardner, LLP in Chicago.



SUPPORT HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

On Rosh Hashanah, please pick up paper shopping bags at the Temple. Fill them with non-perishable food items for the food bank at [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#) and return on Yom Kippur. Please consider bringing in at least one bag of food for each member of your family. Thanks to Jamie Berger for chairing.



VISITORS WELCOME FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

Do you know someone who is new to Fort Wayne? Will you have family or friends visiting for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur?

Our High Holy Days services are open to all. We do not require tickets to attend. Donation envelopes will be available at the Temple for those who would like to make a gift in appreciation for the lovely services and to assist our year-round efforts.

We're especially eager to welcome those who are new to our Jewish community to explain the benefits of membership at Achduth Vesholom. Please call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 to let us know so we can reach out to newcomers.

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

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JOIN US FOR BREAK THE FAST



The ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) are preparing a delicious break-the-fast meal for the congregation following services on Wednesday, October 9. Everyone is invited for tuna salad, egg salad, kugel, bagels, herring in sour cream, and other delicacies.

The Temple this year is offering two worship options on Yom Kippur. Because the services will end at different times, a break-the-fast will be served at the end of each.

Reservations are required to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Wednesday, October 2 so that we can prepare enough food and seating. Thanks to the generosity of the ROMEOs, there is no charge. However, cash donations gladly will be accepted to help offset the costs.

Volunteers are needed help with set ups and other tasks. Please contact the Temple office to offer your assistance. If you would like to sponsor the sweet wine for Kiddush, please let us know. Thanks to Chuck Replane and Denny Reynolds for co-chairing!

NEW FOR 18TH ANNUAL CORNED BEEF SALE: WHOLE KOSHER SALAMI!

Get ready to savor delicious delicatessen – including whole kosher salami for the first time - when our 18th annual Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser returns on Thursday, November 7.

The committee is working hard to make this year's sale our best ever – and we need your help! Assist in topping last year's sales of 1,200 sandwiches, 60 sponsors, and \$20,000 in profits to support the Temple! Order meals, become a sponsor, tell your friends about our mouthwatering meal, and volunteer your time.

Boxed meals are \$15 each when ordered by Friday, October 25. After that date and at the door, meals are \$18 each. Each meal includes a heaping 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, giant pickle, creamy coleslaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink.

New this year: Hebrew National whole kosher salami (12-oz. size) will be available for \$12 each.

Online ordering is back again at www.templecav.org. We've also got additional pounds of corned beef for sale for \$18 per pound. Delivery

service is available when you order 12 meals or more by Friday, October 25 for \$10 per address.

Become a sponsor by donating \$100 or more to help underwrite our costs by Friday, October 25. 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.

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.

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 in the Temple's weekly email or contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org. Make your check payable to "CAV – The Temple."



Salamis are a new item at this year's corned beef sale!

SAVE THE DATE FOR NOVEMBER EVENTS

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.

Violins of Hope Shabbat Service

Friday, November 15
7 p.m. at the Temple

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.

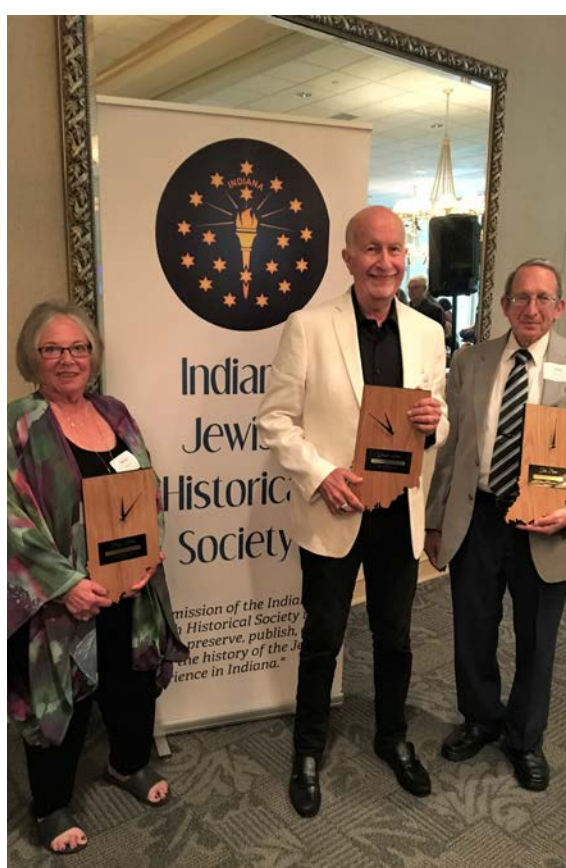
Violins of Hope Philharmonic Final Concert

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

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

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

Nearly 30 Achduth Vesholom members attended a wonderful celebration on August 25 in Indianapolis honoring this year's Hoosier Jewish Legends. Three Temple members were among the five honorees recognized by the Indiana Jewish Historical Society: Dr. John Planer, the late Betty Stein, and the late Joe Levine. Also honored were Carolyn Leeds from Indianapolis and Linda Cohen from Lafayette. Rena Black, Betty's daughter, and Stan Levine, Joe's son, shared thoughts on the honor during the event.



Yahrzeit Plaques to be Dedicated

Yahrzeit nameplates added during the past year will be dedicated during our Shabbat service on Friday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig with Cantor Yvon Shore.

Please contact the Temple office if you'd like to purchase an individual nameplate in memory of a loved one. Plaques are \$500. Lights are illuminated next to individual names on the anniversary of death and on Yom Kippur. Proceeds from the sale of plaques support the Temple's Endowment.



NEW LOCATION COMING FOR Yahrzeit Plaques

The Sanctuary will have a new look after the High Holy Days when most yahrzeit plaques from both Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob are relocated inside the worship space on the paneled wall (opposite the stained-glass windows). The changes are planned as part of our transition to one congregation.



Temple members attended a security workshop on September 15 led by Deputy Chief James E. Feasel Jr. of the Fort Wayne Police Department and owner of Integrated Threat Analysis Consulting LLC. Thank you to Temple Executive Director Samara Sheray for organizing the program.





We said good-bye on September 14 to the former Congregation B'nai Jacob building during a Deconsecration Ceremony led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig. As our Jewish community comes together as one congregation, we honored and remembered the special times of worship, celebration, and learning that took place over the years at 7227 Bittersweet Moors Drive during the time it served as a synagogue from August 1993 through August 2019. (See Pamela Friedman's remarks on page 16.)

SUPPORT APPLE PROJECT AS THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS MARKS 10TH YEAR



The Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays program is in its 10th year! Our annual Apple Project fundraiser helps supply a bag of apples for each of the 72 children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple.

Many of the students rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. For a ninth year, we will provide them in October with delicious Honeycrisp apples purchased from a local orchard. Thoughtful Thursdays, an effort of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, provides twice-monthly bags during the school year of food and household items for the Brightpoint families.

This mitzvah is a wonderful way to celebrate the High Holy Days season! A tree is on display at the Rifkin Campus decorated with paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$10 or more for the apple project by Wednesday, October 2. (Checks may be made out to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project).

Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers will meet on Wednesday, October 2 at 10 a.m. to assemble the next bags. Thanks to Thoughtful Thursdays Co-Chairs Jamie Berger and Bonnie Pomerantz. Contact Jamie Berger to learn more at jberger02@comcast.net.



TRAFFIC DETOUR NEAR TEMPLE

Please be aware that the road is closed near the intersection of Broadway and Rudisill until at least spring 2020 to allow construction of the Rudisill Consolidation Sewer. At \$188 million, it's the largest and most expensive public works project ever undertaken by the city of Fort Wayne. [Find detour map.](#)



BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER WITH A PLANNED GIFT

One of the best ways we can sustain a Reform Jewish presence in northeast Indiana is through a lasting gift to Congregation Achduth Vesholom. More than 40 congregants already have become members of the L'dor Vador Legacy Society since it was established in 2012 to encourage individuals to make arrangements to remember the Temple in their estates. All legacy society members are recognized at the Temple's Annual Meeting in June.

To become a society member, [please inform the Temple in writing](#) that you have made provisions to remember the congregation in your estate. For further information about the [L'dor Vador Legacy Society](#) or making a planned gift now or in the future, contact Steve Zacher at (260) 422-8474 or Beth Zweig at (260) 744-4245.



LET THERE BE LIGHT – IN THE SANCTUARY!

Everything is now illuminated! Next time you're in the Sanctuary, make sure to take note of the wonderful new lighting that will make it easier to read from a prayer book or Torah commentary and to see who is seated on the bimah or across the aisle. And the Temple also will save on its electric bill!

Let's shed a little light on this terrific improvement: Over the past half-century, our staff and leadership have looked into ways to brighten up the worship space while still being aesthetically pleasing. The tall ceilings and lack of natural light always have presented challenges.

Temple member Bob Walters spent a lot of time researching lighting options and talking to experts. In the process, he came up with a bright idea! He found a new type of energy-efficient LED light bulb that when combined with a light bulb extension has made a huge difference in the large room. And he and his wife, Irene, also donated all of the new hardware to the congregation.

Clint Rossiter, our maintenance chief, installed the new bulbs over a few days. The new 32-watt bulbs provide more than 3000 lumens each! In addition, the new bulbs are much more cost effective to operate than the previous 300-watt bulbs.

Many thanks to Bob & Irene for their generosity!





FAMILIES LOST AND FOUND: TRACING MY VIENNESE ROOTS AFTER THE HOLOCAUST

Temple member Irv Adler will share an intriguing story about tracing his Viennese roots while searching for information about his grandmother and family during the George R. Mather Lecture on Sunday, October 6 at 2 p.m. at The History Center, 302 E. Berry St. His talk is called "Families Lost and Found: Tracing My Viennese Roots After The Holocaust."

The discovery of letters written by Irv's grandmother from 1938 to 1941 identified unknown relatives and eventually led Irv to chronicle his family's Holocaust story and the path followed to discover, meet, and

become acquainted with long lost family members. Irv's talk is presented as part of the Violins of Hope programming.

VIOLINS OF HOPE FINAL CONCERT TICKETS

Did you purchase tickets last summer with our Temple group for the Fort Wayne Philharmonic's closing concert during Violins of Hope on Saturday, November 23? Tickets will be available for pickup in the Temple office as soon as we receive them. Our Administrative Assistant Marie McFadden will contact you when they are available.

We're excited to have a group of 60 sitting together for this special evening that features 16 violins that survived the Holocaust.



VIOLINS *of* HOPE FORT WAYNE

VIOLINS OF HOPE COMING NEXT MONTH

Violins of Hope is a community-wide series of events coming to Fort Wayne on November 9-24 and organized by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. Save the date for the Violins of Hope Shabbat on Friday, November 15 at 7 p.m. the Temple. (See page 3)

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 AS 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 a 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 Masters of Library Science, and a post-master's certificate in the curation and management of digital assets.

Thanks to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for their support of this program, and to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for the photo.



DON'T MISS URJ BIENNIAL IN CHICAGO!

Register soon to join thousands of Jews from across North America and around the world for the Union for Reform Judaism's Biennial on December 11-15 in Chicago! Learn, pray, share ideas, dance, and sing, hear from inspiring speakers and the leaders of our Movement, reunite with old friends, create new connections, and make decisions about the policies of the Reform Movement.

Several members of Achduth Vesholom plan to attend. Please contact the Temple office if you are interested in going.



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MAZEL TOV TO:

Nancy & Michael Dicker on the birth of their first grandchild, Talia Jenna Dicker, on August 28, 2019 in Indianapolis. Proud parents are Sarah & Corey Dicker.



WAYNEDEALE BAKERY IS FOR SALE

After our Shabbat service each week, Temple members celebrate with delicious challah made by Waynedale Bakery. 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.

We were sad to learn in September that Waynedale Bakery is for sale. Owner Christine Miller 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. We'll keep you posted as we hear more.



We danced in the aisles and tapped our feet during a spirited Friday Night Live Shabbat service on September 20! Nearly 75 people attended the beautiful service led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig with the talented FNL musicians and singers directed by Maestro Robert Nance! Rabbi Winnig also sounded the shofar, a tradition on Friday nights during the month of Elul to prepare for the start of the Jewish New Year. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of Friday Night Live.



DONATIONS

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In memory of Jack Adelman: *Carol & Larry Adelman*

Adult Education

In memory of Joseph Cristil: *Marvin Cristil*

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In memory of Mariam Nemeroff: *Howard Nemeroff*
In memory of Betty Stein and Robert Zacher: *Al Zacher*
In memory of Dr. John Gilbert: *Ronnie & Norm Greenberg, Cheryl Schorey*

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Thoughtful Thursdays

In memory of Joe Congress and R.J. O'Neill: *Rita & Tom O'Neill*
In memory of Rose Leib Rothman: *Jere Leib*

S. Wyle Weiman Youth Activities

In memory of Wyle Weiman: *Lisa & David Post*
In memory of Frances Shine: *Lawrence Shine*

ADD A LEAF TO THE OLIVE TREE

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



HELP TEMPLE WITH AMAZON

Did you know that you can help the Temple when you purchase items through [AmazonSmile](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0135020)? Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0135020> and indicate you'd like your purchases to benefit Achduth Vesholom Congregation.

Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price. Thanks!

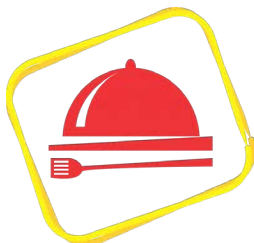


CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE AT LINDENWOOD

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.

A REMINDER ABOUT OUR FOOD POLICY

Bringing food to a Temple event or coordinating a meal? A reminder that Achduth Vesholom's long-standing food policy states: No pork or shellfish are allowed in the building. Milk and meat may be served at the same meal, but not on or in the same dish to allow the individual to choose. At meals where meat is served, a vegetarian alternative must be offered. Thank you.



OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

October 4-5

Gladys Adams
Chester W. Ambler, Jr.
Leah Berebitsky
Martin Joe Dicker
Bernard Frankenstein
Ivan Franks
Iva Gordon-Tutor
Karl Hesslein
Freda M. Kaplan
Fannie Katz Kaplan
Goldye Kaplan
Lev Kletsky
Marie Amber-Koons
Adrienne Korr
Caroline Leopold
Herman Levin
Clauda H. Levine
Joseph Mayer Levy
Oscar Mastbaum
Milton Mendelblat
Jack Moyer
Mariam Nemeroff
Barry Pass
Dr. Bernard Ress
Namuel Roseman
Meyer Ruchman
Lona Ruchman
Eleanore B. Schechter
Harry Silberg
Arlington Smith
Pamela Spielman
Samuel L. Sposeep
Harry Wagner
Pat Waterman
Ida Weinstein
Bessie Zacharia
Robert M. Zacher

October 11-12

Jack Adelman
Eula Black
Louis Israel Brateman
Herman Brateman
Ruth A. Brenn
Israel L. Bronstein
Amelia Bruebach

Howard P. Cole
Harriet Cristil
Israel DuBow
Israel Edelman
Clifford Ewing
Rena Farber
Ida Feltman
Marshall Glickman
Louis Goldberg
Hyman Goldstine
Jack A. Goodman
Dorothy Gordon
Ruth Guerrasio
Lottie Guttmacher
Carol Harris
Jack Harmon Harris
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Byrde Jordan
Siegmond Kaufmann
Steve Kelman
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Leonid Isakovich Kyner
Joseph Lowenhar
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Ernest A. Lowens
Fanny Merin
Seigmond Merin
Simon Merin
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Sylvia Werner Bernstein Meyers
Mary Peurye
Dr. Maurice Rothberg
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Myrtle Shine
Don Sider
Alexander Simon
Mashe Soloway
Nellie Stillpass
Barbara Strouse
Suzanne Watemberg
Esther Rose Weinstein
Samuel N. Weinstein
Mamie W. Wolf
Irving Zelinger
Richard Zinn

October 18-19

Charles Bernstein
Sam Boudaie
Gertrude Brateman
Louis Bukowski
Flora Dessauer
Bess Felstein
Dr. Abraham Fichman
Samuel N. Field
Bella Rachel Fink
Eugenia Frank
Mollie Frank
Goldie Gold
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Fredric Morgan Hefter
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George King
Irving Klein
Karl Kohn
Irving W. Krohn
Caroline Levi
Renee Levin
Bertha Stein Lichtenberg
Fred Lipp
Abe Lipp
Jacob Mansbach
Betsy Mastbaum
Josephine Mocle
Linda Shulkin -Nail
Anna Porges
Robert Porwancher
Maryleonne Ronsheim
Marco Rosanis
Jennie Schneiderman
Lottie Shatsky
Roger Sheyer
Simon Singer
Sara Stern
Lazarus Stern
Freida S. Strauss
Ira Tanner
Lou Weisman
Abraham Zimmerman

October 25-26

Isabel Banks
Jack Berger
Rahil Berkovich
Katherine Bosell
Israel Bronstein
Simon Crell
Alfred Stern Engelhard
Dorothy Marks Fidler
Alice Golden
Lee Gottlieb
Herman B. Kaplan
Harry Komisarow
Esther (Ebby) Krakower
Dena Levant
Anna Levin
Fred Llewellyn
Morris Magazine
Manuel Michelson
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Albert Nirdlinger
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Jean J. Pownall
Dorothy Reynolds
Henriette Rothschild
Lona Ruchman
Sadie Rush
Regina Safirstein de Lerner
Herman Schubert
Jack Schwartz
Isidor Seelberg
Ethelyn Seigman
Melvin Shulkin
Hanna Singer
Helen Snitzer
Bernhard S. Trauerman
Sonya Turetzky
Alfons Warschawski
Rosa Zweig

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Micki & Sherwin Kepes and family on the death of his sister, Tobi Kepes Greenspan, on September 19, 2019 in Huntington Woods, Michigan.

Barbara & Alan Gilbert and family on the death of their son, Dr. John R. Gilbert, on September 12, 2019 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Marcia & Denny Reynolds and their son, Orin, on the death of Marcia's father, Joe Congress, on August 26, 2019 in Fort Wayne.



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.

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

Temple Office will be closed on Tuesday, October 1 and Wednesday October 9.

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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The deadline for the November Bulletin is Tuesday, October 15

GUEST COLUMNIST PAMELA FRIEDMAN



During the Deconsecration Ceremony on September 14 at Congregation B'nai Jacob, Pamela Friedman shared thoughts as the synagogue's president about special memories and hopes for the future of our Jewish community. Pam's words were especially meaningful as we gathered for a final time and removed the last mezuzah from the doorpost on Bittersweet Moors Drive. We're sharing her remarks below and also welcome her as a new member of Achduth Vesholom's Board of Directors. (Photos on page 10)

I want to begin with the words I spoke last year at the conclusion of my Yom Kippur appeal.

Rabbi Levi Yitchak of Berdichev taught that when a Torah scroll is sewn together it becomes holy, and it is forbidden to remove even a single letter from it. But when it is still in several separate parts it is permissible to make a deletion from it. Those letters represent souls of the Jewish people; when united, none may be blotted out.

The cycle of a year is nearly complete. The annual family reunion of Jewish communities throughout the world is about to occur with the approaching High Holiday season. In Fort Wayne, the long-awaited partnership of "One Community, Two Traditions" has been realized. Who would have dreamed?

"אם תרצו אין זו אגדה" (Im tirtzu ein zo agadah) said Theodore Herzl, "if you will it, it is no dream."

When the B'yachad committee began the journey, it was identified that indeed we read from the same Torah, we all learn from the same Oral Traditions; we use the same language to pray, we celebrate the same holidays and observe the same life cycle events. We all hold dear the same core values that are central to being a Jew. In the words of Rav Kook, the first Chief Rabbi of Israel, "what unites us is far greater than what divides us!"

I can stand before you and recount my memories but I have been doing that for weeks, perhaps months. The walls echo with the voices, the laughter, the tears of all that took place over the last 25 years...you've heard the stories, you know of what I speak. But now the focus shifts:

Achduth Vesholom, Unity and Peace

We now have new opportunities to come together as a kehilla kedosha, a holy community to worship, to celebrate, to study, to engage...

Achduth Vesholom,

We will make new memories and create new stories. We will strengthen our friendships of old and create new bonds with new friends...

Achduth Vesholom,

Like every family, there will be times that we disagree. But as long as our struggles are for holy purposes, we will grow together at Achduth Vesholom!

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner has written a poem in which he says, "each lifetime is the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle." He continues on describing how "everyone carries with them at least one probably many pieces to someone else's puzzle." The last stanza reads:

"And when you present your piece which is worthless to you to another,
Whether you know it or not, whether they know it or not,
You are a messenger from the Most High."