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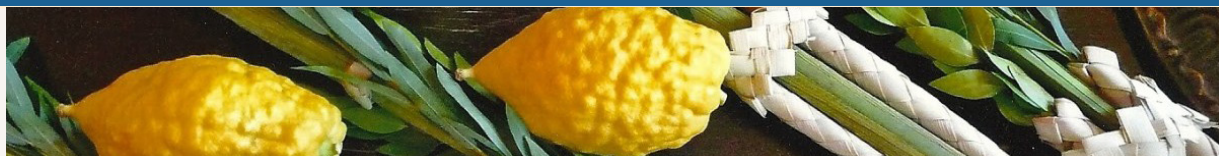
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SHARÉ SUKKOT ONLINE -- STOP BY TO VISIT OUR SUKKAH

Celebrate Sukkot with us during two online worship opportunities when Rabbi Meir will shake the lulav and etrog as we observe the fall harvest festival. Please join us:

- **Friday, October 2 at 6 p.m.** via Zoom
- **Saturday, October 3 at 10 a.m.** via Zoom

Since our building is closed, we will construct the Temple's sukkah outside the building rather than in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. While we will not host our traditional decorating session, we hope that members will stop by during the holiday to enjoy the sukkah. Sukkot is celebrated Friday evening, October 2 through Friday evening, October 9. Links will be in our weekly email.

In order to maintain social distancing, only members of the same household may enter the sukkah at one time. Please limit your time in the sukkah if others are waiting; and we ask for everyone's patience. Due to COVID-19 precautions, there will be no communal lulav and etrog available. If you do not have a lulav and etrog, please contact the office to arrange a time with Rabbi Meir to enact this mitzvah. [What is Sukkot?](#)

CELEBRATE A JOYOUS SIMCHAT TORAH AND CONSECRATION



Join us for a Simchat Torah celebration on Sunday, October 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom when we also will share in the joy of Consecration with two of our students who are beginning their Jewish education at Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

Led by Rabbi Meir, we'll also complete the reading of the Book of Deuteronomy and begin the Book of Genesis. (Find out more about Consecration on page 5) [What is Simchat Torah?](#)

JOIN TEMPLE BOOK CLUB FOR "THE THIRD DAUGHTER"

Our first Temple Book Club for the year will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. We'll discuss *The Third Daughter* by Talia Carner, a finalist for this year's National Jewish Book Award in the Book Club category.

The novel takes on the dark period of sex trafficking of Russian women to South America in the late 19th century. Batya is a 14-year-old girl when she is taken to "America" by a wealthy stranger who promises to marry her. She ends up in Buenos Aires, and the story continues from there.

Talia Carner is the author of several award-winning novels, including *China Doll*, *Hotel Moscow*, and *Jerusalem Maiden*. She is an honorary board member of several anti-domestic violence and child abuse intervention organizations.

Due to the popularity of *The Third Daughter*, we will join two other small book clubs in our discussion with Ms. Carner. Please RSVP to the Temple office to receive the Zoom link in October. The book is available in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library. [Find the catalog number.](#)



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OCTOBER SERVICES

Links are included in our weekly email.

Erev Sukkot & Shabbat Service

Friday, October 2

6 p.m. via Zoom

Sukkot & Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 3

10 a.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Services

Friday, October 9, 16, 23 and 30

6 p.m. via Zoom

On October 23, we'll also present prayer books to our 6th grade students in honor of beginning their b'nei mitzvah studies.

Shemini Atzeret, Shabbat & Yizkor

Saturday, October 10

10 a.m. via Zoom

Simchat Torah & Consecration Celebration

Sunday, October 11

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Services

Saturday, October 17, 24, and 31

10 a.m. via Zoom

Need more information? Visit us at templecav.org or give us a call!

OCTOBER EVENTS

Temple Book Club*

Tuesday, October 13

7 p.m. via Zoom

Meet Your Mishpocha

Sunday, October 18

1 p.m. via Zoom

Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society

The Paris Photo:

Author Jane S. Gabin

Sunday, October 18

2 p.m. via Zoom

Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne

NEW TORAH STUDY SESSIONS COMING SOON

Join Rabbi Meir Barger for a new weekly Torah Study series beginning Wednesday, October 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom as we delve into important lessons from the Torah.

After the first week, the sessions will move to Tuesday evenings, starting October 20. Everyone who is post-B'nai Mitzvah and older is welcome.

We will begin by studying the weekly Torah portion, and may experiment with different formats. All that is needed is access to a *Tanakh* (Hebrew Bible).

There are great free resources online, such as <https://www.sefaria.org/>.

No homework is planned, though pre-reading the weekly Torah portion will help participants get more out of the sessions. Links will be in our weekly email.

This series grew out of robust discussions during our Shabbat morning services that demonstrated an enthusiasm and interest in nurturing and encouraging an in-depth study of Torah.



OBSERVE SHEMINI ATZERET AND YIZKOR WITH US

Please join us for our Shemini Atzeret Shabbat service and Yizkor on Saturday, October 10 at 10 a.m. via Zoom, led by Rabbi Meir and Ron Friedman.

Meaning "the eighth day of assembly," Shemini Atzeret follows the seventh day of Sukkot in the Diaspora.

LEADERSHIP CONSIDERING NEXT PHASE OF REOPENING

Our building remains closed for congregational worship and activities as October begins. The Temple's leadership in the coming weeks will again review safety and health protocols and revisit plans to enter the next phase of reopening.

Only essential congregational activities are taking place inside presently. We remain committed to engaging our members and building Jewish community through online services, programs, and meetings. We will be announcing occasional outdoor Shabbat evening worship services in the coming weeks. (See page 10.)

PLEASE RETURN MACHZORIM BY OCTOBER 15

If you borrowed *machzorim* (holiday prayer books) for the High Holy Days, please return the books to the Temple no later than Thursday, October 15.

Borrowers signed a written agreement to return the books in great condition and to replace any misplaced or damaged books at \$40 per copy. *Machzorim* may be returned to the Temple office on Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Questions? Contact us at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.



This year's dedication of new yearzeit plaques on September 25 took place on Zoom, enabling Rabbi Meir to record his remarks in advance and add photographs of the loved ones who were remembered. The recording is available on our Facebook page.

RABBI MEIR BARGERON

SHARING OUR JOY

The beauty of the Jewish holiday season each autumn comes from the themes that flow from one holiday into the next.

Rosh Hashanah returns us to the cycle of creation and prepares us for the soul work of Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur ends with joyous *havdalah*, and propels us into Sukkot, which Jewish tradition calls *z'man simchateinu*, the time of our rejoicing. During Sukkot, we commemorate our experience as desert wanderers, making our way from enslavement to sovereignty, sleeping in temporary *sukkot* (huts).

The *sukkah* represents a historical as well as a spiritual dwelling. In the evening prayer *Hashkiveinu*, the *sukkah* is God's shelter and protection over us.

So, this is the joyous holiday in which we dwell in our *sukkot*, taking meals and offering hospitality to guests. In sharing what we have, we symbolically re-enact what God offers us. This festival of shelter, hospitality and peace offers the opportunity to remember those who live with food insecurity and who are at risk of homelessness.

In its 2018 Vulnerable Populations Study, the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation found that 51,830 Allen County residents are food insecure, without reliable access to healthy food. Among children under the age of 18, some 18,000, or 1 in 5, struggle with food insecurity.

In this time of our joy, I encourage you to consider making *tzedakah*, with your time or with your financial resources, to help those who are at risk of homelessness or food insecurity. Here are a few organizations you may consider supporting:

The Rescue Mission operates meal programs, distributes clothing, and provides shelter to men, women and children.

The YWCA provides shelter for individuals or families who need a safe place to stay because they are experiencing a crisis with domestic violence.

Vincent Village provides transitional shelter and supportive services for homeless families with children.

Community Harvest Food Bank distributes food to food insecure individuals and families.

Wellspring Interfaith Social Services operates a variety of programs, including food distribution to at-risk populations. Consider contributing to Wellspring beyond the Temple's semi-annual food drives for their food bank.

These are just a few of the excellent programs in Fort Wayne and Allen County. If you feel moved to volunteer or to make a financial contribution, they will be very happy to hear from you.

You may also give to these organizations through the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. Give them a call and they will be happy to tell you how.

L'Simcha, to Joy --

Rabbi Meir



19TH ANNUAL DELI DAY DELAYED - JOIN OUR TEAM FOR CORNED BEEF SALE 2021!

For the past 18 years, we've focused this time of year on heaping corned beef sandwiches and gigantic dill pickles. On recruiting volunteers and soliciting sponsors. On marketing and mailing lists. On the camaraderie of Prep Night and the bustle of Deli Day. On hairnets and gloves. On walk-in traffic and deliveries. On dine-in and carry out. On seeing old friends and meeting new ones. On the smiles of happy customers and the pride of being part of a Jewish community. On working together as a team and succeeding in raising funds for our congregation.

Sadly, due to the pandemic, we've decided to cancel this year's 19th annual Corned Beef on Rye - Sure to Satisfy sale, scheduled for November. Our new focus, though, will be on bringing back the Temple's largest fundraiser better than ever in fall 2021. We also want to involve even more congregants in helping with this tradition as we raise money and build friendships.

A year ago, we sold nearly 1,600 sandwiches with record sales of more than \$22,700. Sixty-eight sponsors donated at least \$100 each to help underwrite our costs. More than 100 volunteers assisted. We also introduced a new product -- Hebrew National whole kosher salamis -- and sold 175 in our first effort.

Looking ahead, we anticipate 2021 will bring pent-up demand for the return of our delicious meals that include a mouthwatering corned beef on rye, creamy coleslaw, crunchy dill pickle, and fudgy brownie.

In the meantime, we're looking at other ways to replace the proceeds from our sale. We're asking for your help:

- Please make a donation to our general operations for an amount you would have spent to sponsor and buy meals (Online donors indicate "corned beef" in the "in honor of" line)
- Get involved on the Corned Beef Committee to organize next year's sale by contacting the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 to offer your help
- Offer your suggestions and help in planning an alternative fundraiser for this current fiscal year (send to office@templecav.org)

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



IN THE MOOD FOR DELI? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

While our deli won't be open this fall, savor the memories by wearing a custom apron or cap to commemorate this Temple tradition.

Purchase one of each to enjoy until our sale until next year.

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.



Contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org to order yours and arrange pick up. Make your check payable to "CAV -- The Temple."



THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS PROVIDES A SAFETY BOOST FOR CHILDREN



Thoughtful Thursdays

As we navigate these difficult times of COVID-19, we have learned of another way in which the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays program can help our Brightpoint Head Start families. Brooke Hartman, Brightpoint site director at the Temple, recently shared that they need car booster seats for some of the children.

This new need is because parents are not coming into the Temple building to drop off or pick up their children. Instead, they wait in a car line, with Brightpoint staff bringing the children in and out of the building. Staff members want to be sure that a child is properly restrained (as in a booster seat). In an effort to keep the children safe and continue to focus on upholding Judaism's highest priorities of maintaining life and health, we have donated 10 Graco booster seats (at \$25 per seat) to the program.

Thank you for your support of Thoughtful Thursdays as we continue to help the Brightpoint Head Start families in need.

Please contact Jamie Berger (jberger02@comcast.net) or Sally Trotter (sartrotter@gmail.com) to learn more.



TEMPLE LIBRARY CHECKOUT AVAILABLE ONLINE

Though our building remains closed, we have worked out a way for members to access the resources of our Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library. Order your book anytime online and pick it up at the Temple Office!



First, check out our online catalog for an easy-to-use list of our materials. We have more than 6,000 titles in our collection, and you can search them easily from any device. You'll find not only books, but also videos and music as well.

Once you've found something you're interested in, you'll need an account number to place a hold and manage your account. All members of Congregation Achduth Vesholom have an account number, which can be obtained by e-mailing our librarian, Betsy Gephart, at library@templecav.org.

When you click the "Place Hold" button in the catalog, you will be prompted to enter this number. This will send an e-mail to our librarian, and she will contact you as soon as your materials are ready to be picked up at the Temple office. Since we have reduced staff at the building, our pick-up days will be Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.. Our lending period is two weeks, after which you will receive reminder e-mails. Materials can be returned during Temple office hours.

To check your account, simply click on the small "person" icon on the top right of your catalog screen and log in with your account number. That will bring you to your "borrowing" page, where you'll see what you have checked out. You can also edit your contact information from this page. It is very important that we have a current e-mail address for those who borrow library materials.

Hopefully this will help you take advantage of the variety of resources we have available in our library while our building is closed. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy at library@templecav.org.



Thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable items to our annual High Holy Days drive to benefit the food bank at Wellspring Interfaith Social Services. As we looked for new ways to continue traditions this year, the Social Action Committee organized this drive-up, drop-off effort.

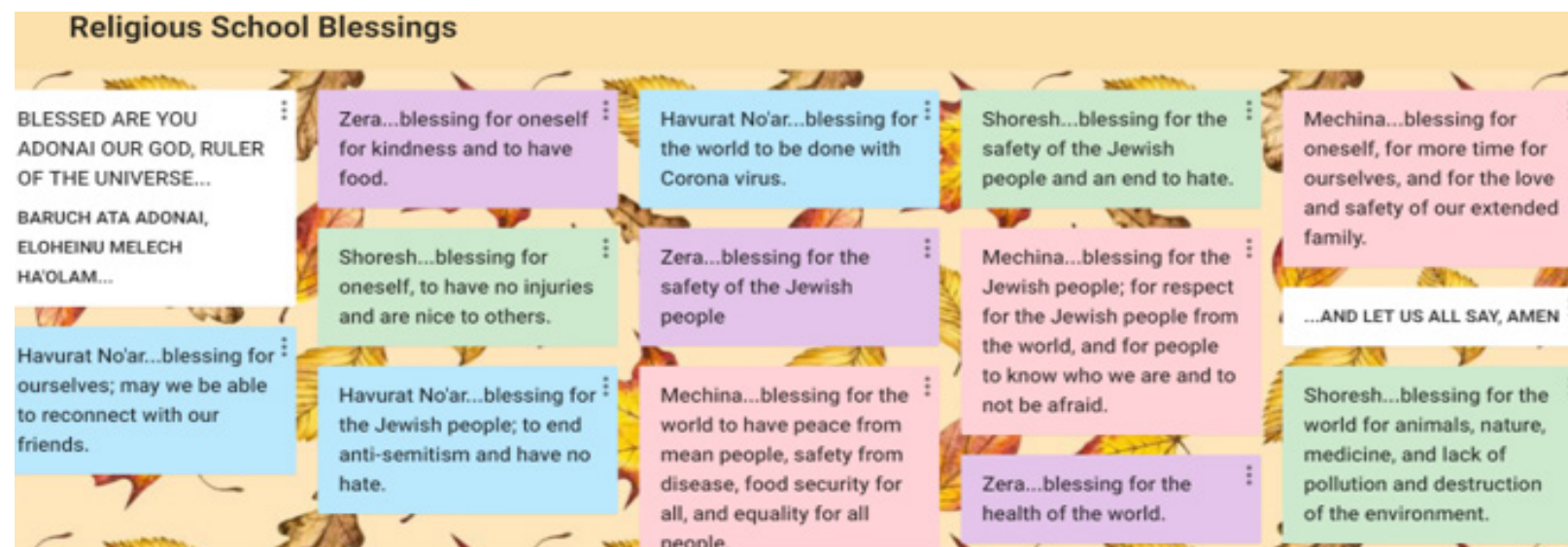


BLESSINGS...FROM OUR STUDENTS

- Before engaging in Jewish learning, it is customary to recite the words of the blessing *la'asok b'divrei Torah*; praising God for being "busy with words of Torah."
- Some Jewish people have the custom of reciting 100 blessings a day; our first day of Religious School began by reciting the blessing for Jewish learning.
- Our lives are filled with a myriad of good fortunes for which we can be grateful! So, as our students began to meet their teachers, they discussed their wishes for the New Year.
- Our *Zera*"seed" (K-2nd grades), *Shoresh*"root" (3rd-4th grades), *Mechina*"preparation" (5th-6th grades), and *Havurat No'ar*"youth group" (8th-9th grades) classes have much foresight in their hopes for the upcoming year of 5781.

Please see the attached graphic for the blessings our students generated for a *shana tova u'm'tuka*, a good and sweet year for all!

Pamela Friedman, Principal



STUDENTS BEGINNING B'NEI MITZVAH STUDIES WILL RECEIVE PRAYER BOOKS ON OCTOBER 23

Please join us for our Shabbat service on Friday, October 23 at 6 p.m. via Zoom to celebrate the presentation of prayer books to five students in honor of beginning their b'nei mitzvah studies.

Our congregation traditionally recognizes students on this special occasion in fifth grade, but the ceremony in March was postponed due to the pandemic. Please share in the evening with our now sixth-grade students and their families.

Mazel tov to:

- **Naomi Flapan**, daughter of Goldy Carbanaru & Dave Flapan
- **Evan Wallet**, son of Wendi & Josh Wallet
- **Ashlyn Sagan**, daughter of Eva & Jason Sagan
- **Milly Cunningham**, daughter of Shara & Harry Cunningham
- **Oliver Cunningham**, son of Shara & Harry Cunningham

CELEBRATE CONSECRATION WITH OUR STUDENTS

Two of our newest students will mark the start of their Jewish learning at the Temple during a joyous Simchat Torah and Consecration service on Sunday, October 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., led by Rabbi Meir on Zoom.

Mazel tov to Jack and Guy Copeland, sons of Hannah & Jack Copeland. The family relocated earlier this year to Fort Wayne from Ridgeland, Mississippi, and joined the Temple in May. Guy is in second grade and Jake is in fourth grade.



A new year of Jewish learning began on September 13 in our Religious School. Classes met on Zoom, with students and teachers getting acquainted. We're excited to learn together.

A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT VIRTUAL HOLIDAY SERVICES



Everyone had a front-row seat this year for the Temple's High Holy Days services. Yet creating a sacred space through a screen involved a major behind-the-scenes effort.

Producing meaningful holiday services in normal times requires choreography and planning. But designing a virtual worship experience during a pandemic involves even more finesse and fortitude.

Rabbi Meir Bargerone describes the whole experience as a little surreal, especially when looking out at more than 200 empty seats in the Sanctuary on Erev Rosh Hashanah except the one occupied by his husband, Jon Tam, who also watched on an iPad.

"The energy in the room is definitely different," said Rabbi Meir, who joined Achduth Vesholom as spiritual leader in July and is serving his first pulpit since ordination in May. "Our challenge was to bridge the gap between spirituality and production."

Also in the room where it happened were a producer, two cameramen with four cameras, and Temple Executive Director Samara Sheray, who served as technical director (providing guidance about the rhythm of the service and cues for when Hebrew parts ended).

Cantor Yvon F. Shore and Maestro Robert Nance were safely distanced from each other and Rabbi Meir on the bimah – displaying the reality of present-day worship for Indiana's oldest Jewish congregation.

Yet as the congregation and guests embraced the new normal in watching our Reform services on YouTube, the warmth and meaning of the High Holy Days came through, even with a few small sound issues and the introduction of a 15-minute intermission between the morning and Torah services.

"There's nothing intimate about video-production, but, despite the challenges, the result was that we could have High Holy Days services



this year for members of our community," said Rabbi Meir. "We haven't done this before and there was some measure of making it up as we go along...but many congregants have told me that they felt the connection and services felt inclusive."

Rabbi Meir said the production team – Cinematographer Ty Black from Bokeh Film & Video and Producer Joe Collins – and Cantor Shore and Bob Nance provided guidance in developing the plan.

In addition to the Reform services broadcast on YouTube from the Sanctuary, traditional services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were livestreamed via Zoom and led by Ron & Pam Friedman in the Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel and guest shaliach tzibor Michael Small in Chicago. Temple members Lee Pomerantz and Jay Zemmol assisted with the Zoom broadcast.

Planning for online services began in July soon after the Temple Board made the decision that the start of the New Year 5781 would be virtual. Rabbi Meir, Samara, and Ritual Committee Chair Denny Reynolds began looking at options.

After doing much research and interviewing four production companies, Samara said the decision was made to utilize YouTube for Reform services. Given the COVID-19 situation, she said, we needed the flexibility of pre-recording some parts of the service and the ability to reach a large number of people. Copyright rules and licensing agreements came into play.



Live streaming of holiday services allowed for out-of-town congregants and guests to join us. These included members of Congregation Olympic B'nai Shalom in Port Angeles, WA, where Rabbi Meir previously served as student rabbi for the holidays.

Zoom worked better for traditional services because the service leaders were in different cities. Pam said planning the virtual services was more work than in-person services. They mapped out the services page by page, eliminating some readings and paring down what is typically four to five hours to less than three.

"We anticipated that sitting straight through looking at a computer screen was taxing and that is why we broke up into sections," Pam said. "We did not include shofar blasts in the building because of COVID and that's how the idea of the outdoor (Shofar) service came to fruition.

During the traditional Torah service, aliyot were read by congregants after unmuting themselves. Pam said nothing was pre-recorded other than Rabbi Meir's D'var Torah for the traditional service on Yom Kippur.

While worshippers were able to see each other on the gallery view, some did not have their cameras on. Another modification during the season included changing the Torah covers before Selichot.

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To keep members informed on plans, Administrative Assistant Marie McFadden and Communications Chair Beth Zweig worked on creating e-newsletters and other informational pieces for members with and without internet. Denny reached out to those who are not online to check on suitable options. Rabbi Meir created DVDs and CDs that went to those without computers so they could have a holiday experience even if they were unable to connect to online services.

At the same time, other traditions were being reimagined. The Social Action Committee adapted the annual food drive into a drive-up and drop-off effort and a plan was formed for members to borrow *machzorim* to follow the services at home.

After Rabbi Meir planned the service and Denny determined participant parts, spreadsheets were developed outlining who was reading, page numbers, and production notes on camera angles for pre-recording. Timing was carefully worked out with hard choices by Rabbi Meir and Cantor Shore to try to ensure that no segment of the service extended past 1 hour and 15 minutes.

On September 10, members were scheduled 15 minutes apart throughout the day to record their parts. A sanitizing station outside the front door and a staging area in the Social Hall were established, along with safety protocols for those coming in the building or using prayer books.

The most intricate part of the production came for Kol Nidre when six congregants each held a Torah in a line on the bimah though they never actually were in the room together. They were recorded at different times and united by an intricate plan and seamless editing.

Spaces were blocked out in advance so that each person would eventually be in height order holding the Torah on the appropriate side



for the shot to be successful. Each was recorded from three different angles at 40 seconds per angle and then edited together to look like they were next to each other.

“Everything was carefully planned for the recordings,” Samara said. “Lighting was a big deal. Blocking and cues were figured out. Even the candles on the bimah were monitored so their height was consistent throughout. This was a big undertaking.”

Rabbi Meir said every congregation was in the same boat this year due to the pandemic.

“We needed to find a way to do it and make it feel as special as we could,” he said. “Some wonderful things happened that we didn’t plan for. In addition to the quality of the Torah readings (by Bruce Colegrove and Shai Hadashi), we had an ‘action shot’ over the shoulder, giving the ability to see the yad move across the scroll. That doesn’t usually happen. This was very special.”



Despite the circumstances, Rabbi Meir said the holidays created an unusual and important moment for us as a congregation and for him in his first season with us.

“It was special because we were praying in the Sanctuary,” he said. “Even though we weren’t together physically, we were connected as a community.”

--By Beth Zweig

Thank you to Rabbi Meir, Cantor Shore, Maestro Robert Nance, Ron & Pam Friedman, Michael Small, David Rezits, the staff, and the volunteers for making the High Holy Days so special. We also thank the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and our sponsors for their generous support.



From a countdown clock ticking the minutes until online worship to a production teams in the back of the Sanctuary and Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel, our Temple family began 5781 embracing new, yet meaningful, ways of observing Jewish tradition. From safely watching services from our homes to celebrating with a virtual break-the-fast, we had a most memorable start to the New Year for Indiana's oldest Jewish congregation. Thank you to all involved!





OUTDOOR SHOFAR AND TASHLICH SERVICE

Nearly 90 congregants gathered in person for the first time in six months to celebrate the start of 5781 with a socially distanced Drive-in Shofar and Tashlich service in the Temple's parking lot. Rabbi Meir Barger warmly greeted congregants - many for the first time outside of Zoom - and also reminded us to maintain safety guidelines. We know the smiles were big under the masks as we came together as a Temple family!

Ron & Pam Friedman led the shofar service, with Dan Bradley and Norm Greenberg each sounding the shofar before giving a final joint "Tekiya Gadola." Rabbi Meir then talked about the meaning of Tashlich, though we did not walk together to the river due to safety precautions.





Our dedicated Temple gardening crew tended to an area near the Spouse Chapel garden. They focused on a neglected cluster of three Virginia sweetspire bushes to create a lovely bed around them. They also pruned trees and cut back perennials near the front entrance. Thank you!



OUTDOOR SHABBAT SERVICE BEING PLANNED

Most of the Temple members who completed a recent email survey indicated they would be interested in attending an occasional outdoor Shabbat evening service with appropriate safety guidelines in place.

As a result, we will announce plans in the coming weeks to gather in person for some Friday services while the building remains closed and weather permits. Rabbi Meir and the Temple staff are working out logistical details, such as the sound system, safety protocols, access to restrooms, and concurrent Zoom livestream.

Those who responded also indicated they prefer to attend Saturday morning Torah services via Zoom. Religious School families who responded were more mixed in their thoughts about outdoor gatherings during the pandemic so classes will remain online for the time being.

About 65 percent of those who responded said they currently participate in virtual services. Thank you for your feedback.

SHARE THOUGHTS FOR NEW TEMPLE WEBSITE

The Temple website at www.templecav.org is an important place to find information about congregational activities and events – especially during the time of COVID-19 when the building is closed and we're not meeting in person.

The Communications Committee currently is working on a new website in order to better serve congregational needs. We also need to update our platform due to changes in technology since we last launched a new website in 2014. Achduth Vesholom's modernized website will have a new look, new features, and updated content with improved navigation.

Our website redesign team is interested in your feedback. What information is most helpful to you on the website? Is there a topic area we should add or one that you have difficulty finding on the site?

Please share your input with Communications Chair Beth Zweig at blzweig@msn.com. Thank you.



MAZEL TOV TO:

Bobbie & Lee Golani on the birth of their granddaughter, Claire Jessica Feldman, on September 23, 2020 in Arvada, Colorado. Proud parents are Liz & Michael Feldman.

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We mourn the death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg z"l. Her funeral took place at Arlington National Cemetery, after she lay in repose at the Supreme Court, and in state at the Capital. May her memory and her legacy be for a blessing.



EVERY VOICE, EVERY VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

Voter registration in Indiana continues through Monday, October

5. Ensure you can vote in the general election on Tuesday, November 3.

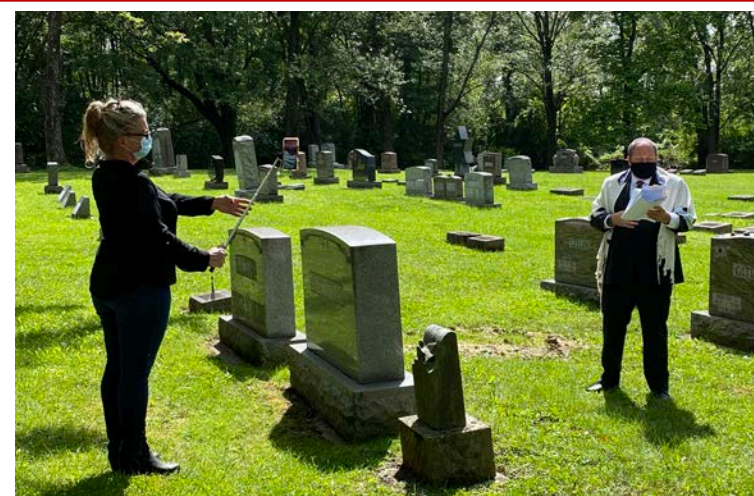
- Visit the Indiana Voters Portal to register, check your voting status, vote by mail, find your polling place, and learn about election security.
- Early voting in Allen County begins on Tuesday, October 6. Learn more from the Allen County Election Board, including vote by mail information.



Every Voice, Every Vote is the Reform Movement's 2020 civic engagement campaign, a nonpartisan effort to strengthen our democracy by encouraging everyone to participate in the U.S. election and ensuring that Reform Jewish values are represented in the public square. Learn more about mobilizing voters, combating voter suppression, and engaging student voters.



We had a joyous Shabbat evening on September 11 as we welcomed Rabbi Emeritus Richard B. Safran from his home in Arizona for a beautiful service led by Rabbi Meir Bargeron! Even on Zoom, the warmth of our Temple family could be felt across the miles. Rabbi Safran, who turned 90 in April, was our spiritual leader for 26 years, becoming our Rabbi Emeritus in 1995.



Rabbi Meir led services before the High Holy Days for members at Lindenwood Cemetery and the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery, with safety guidelines in place. Executive Director Samara Sheray provided tech support from her phone so the services could be shared on Zoom.

MEET YOUR MISHPOCHA WITH NEIIGS!

October is Family History Month, and the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is celebrating with a "Meet Your Mishpocha" virtual event on Sunday, October 18 at 1 p.m.



Designed to help people connect with their Jewish roots, the event will feature advice on digitizing photographs and starting your family history. Directors of the Jewish community's Oral History Video Project and the Indiana Jewish Historical Society also will be on hand to answer questions.

And we'll offer virtual tours of the Society's Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database, which has grown to include over 6,000 past and present members of the Northeast Indiana Jewish community. Door prizes available to attendees include a free DNA kit!

Whether you're considering starting your own family history or curious about the history behind the names you see around the Temple, we'd love to have you join us! Registration is required for the event, and the link can be found on our website.

If you know of anyone outside the area who might be interested, please spread the word! For more information, contact info@NEIndianaJGS.org. Thanks to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, and the Indiana Jewish Historical Society for their support of this event.

IRV ADLER TEACHES JEWISH GENEALOGY



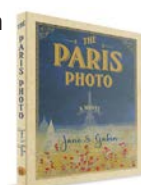
Temple member Irv Adler, president of the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society, will talk about his experiences getting started with Jewish genealogy research on Tuesday, October 6 at 2:30 p.m. through The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library. Advance registration is required.

Over the past few years, Irv has presented several programs on Genealogy and the Holocaust in Fort Wayne and beyond to share his search through Holocaust records to find out more information about his grandmother and family.

His research was inspired by about 100 letters written from 1938 to 1941 by his grandmother Clara Bader Nichtern and other relatives to his mother, Elsa Nichtern. His grandmother lived in Vienna before she was murdered in June 1942 by the Nazis at the Maly Trostinets death camp outside of Minsk.

FEDERATION HOSTS BOOK DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR OF THE PARIS PHOTO

Join the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Rosh Chodesh group for a book discussion and Q & A with Jane S. Gabin, author of The Paris Photo, on Sunday, October 18 at 2 p.m. via Zoom.



Inspired by a true story, the book "describes the unrelenting fear and despair felt by those, especially Jewish families – living in occupied France during World War II."

The program is free and open to the public. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

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Simon Singer
Arlington Smith
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Anna & Caelyn Nagle on the death of her grandmother, Ruby Jackson, on September 6, 2020 in Pittsburgh, PA.



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Please let the Temple office or Rabbi Meir know if a family member is in the hospital or if other situations arise when the congregation may be of assistance or comfort. We aren't always aware of situations unless family or friends notify us.

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER ELLEN TOM



As we find ourselves in these unprecedented times, it seems like forever since we have been able to come together at the Temple. I miss the joy that a simple warm hug brings from my Temple family and friends. The last few months have been filled with highs and lows, but the beauty of this holiday season is that we are able to wipe the slate clean and begin again. Like you, I'm hopeful that circumstances will improve and allow us to safely re-open our building.

This upcoming year provides us with an opportunity for something new and different, a chance to begin fresh with a new outlook and goals. While all of us continue to deal with the realities of COVID, we have plenty to celebrate

and be excited about at the Temple.

We have a new rabbi who is accepting, accessible, and a visionary. One congregation with two traditions, new trustees to the Board and committee chairs, and a new Religious School Principal. All are leading the way for a new and renewed vision for Congregation Achduth Vesholom that is bright and promising.

We will be regrouping and reviewing, reshaping and recreating. We understand that the role Judaism plays in our lives looks different for each of us, so our new vision starts with two very important components of our traditions: How do we continue to come together as one congregation? How do we stay connected during this time of uncertainty?

As a Temple family, we will explore ways in which we live our Jewishness (*B'yachad* - together). We will continue to look for opportunities to create a dialogue, whether virtually or in person. Our Board, Rabbi, and staff are putting out an all-inclusive welcome mat. We are here to greet you (virtually for now) and to provide a hospitable space to accommodate all who wish to join us.

In the weeks to follow, our Board Development Committee will be implementing a program to identify, develop, and mentor future congregational leaders.

This is your Temple. This is your community. Achduth Vesholom can be a dynamic place when energized people want to make things happen. I encourage all of you to step forward to become more involved. And I also encourage your financial support through your annual dues pledge and High Holiday donations.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel this fall's 19th annual Corned Beef on Rye - Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser due to the pandemic. Beginning in 2002 and over the next 18 years, we sold over 18,000 deliciously phenomenal sandwiches, raising approximately \$200,000 to help support Temple programming. The sale consistently is our largest fundraiser.

If you were a sponsor last year, bought a sandwich, a salami or two, or an apron and hat, please consider making that same contribution this year. And, even better, if each of us gave just a little more than last year in dues and donations, our financial stability as a congregation would increase exponentially.

I ask again this year for your commitment to our congregation. Look beyond your membership as a place in time in your Jewish life - as a young family or a Temple elder - but rather envision your role as a facilitator for the entire community. You are supporting everyone's Jewish journey through your involvement and financial commitments. And by embracing all of the above, you play an integral role as we develop our vision for Achduth Vesholom's next 172 years.

Yasher Koach - May we go from strength to strength