

# THE TEMPLE

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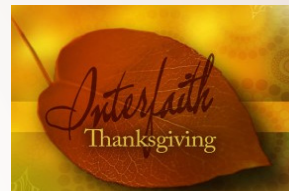
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### INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE BUILDS COMMUNITY

Please join us online for Fort Wayne's annual interfaith celebration of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 24 at 7 p.m.

Due to safety precautions, this special community gathering will be virtual and feature pre-recorded segments by Rabbi Meir Bargerion and other religious leaders. For the past eight years, the Temple has hosted the service.

More information will be coming in our weekly email and at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org) about how to contribute toward a charitable need in the Fort Wayne community.



### COVID TASK FORCE DEVELOPING REOPENING PLAN

A seven-member COVID Task Force is developing a reopening plan for the Temple to help guide our congregational leadership in making informed decisions about resuming activities at the Rifkin Campus.

The task force met on October 13 to begin looking at how to safely reopen our facility and to determine protocols for congregants, staff, tenants, and visitors. They will make recommendations to the Temple Board and collaborate with the leadership and staff to implement safety measures.

Chaired by Joe Cohen, the task force members are Dr. Steve Cohen, Nancy Salon, Jaki Schreier, Dr. Todd Sider, Jay Zemmol, and Rabbi Meir Bargerion. The group appointed by President Ellen Tom includes representatives from the legal, medical, human resources, educational, local community, and congregational fields.

While the COVID Task Force focuses on its mission, the Temple building will remain closed for services, Religious School, programming, and meetings through December 31. The staff will continue to work in the building and follow safety guidelines. We remain committed to upholding Judaism's highest priorities for maintaining life and health.

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### DELVE INTO TORAH STUDY WEEKLY WITH RABBI MEIR



Join Rabbi Meir Bargerion for weekly Torah Study on Tuesdays in November from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom as we delve into important lessons from the Torah.

This learning series grew out of robust discussions during our Shabbat morning services that demonstrated an enthusiasm and interest from congregants in nurturing and encouraging an in-depth study of Torah. Everyone who is post-B'nai Mitzvah and older is welcome.

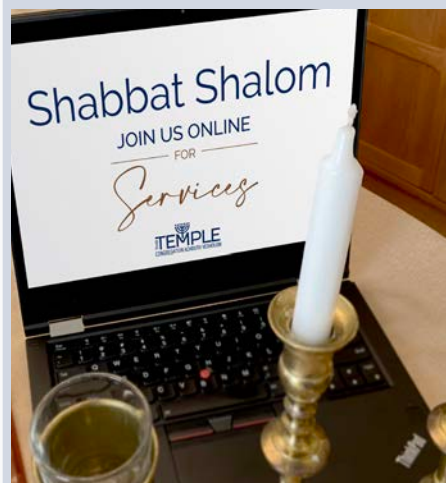
We will begin by studying the weekly Torah portion, and may experiment with different formats. All that is needed is access to a Tanakh (Hebrew Bible). Free resources include [Sefaria.org](http://Sefaria.org), a non-profit, free comprehensive library of Jewish texts. [Other options](#) for purchase may be found on the Temple website.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES



## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### Torah Study

Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17, & 24  
7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

### Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 24  
7 p.m. via Zoom

### Maureen Taylor, Photo Detective

Sunday, November 15  
2 p.m. via Zoom  
"No Language Barrier: Immigrant Clues in Photographs"  
Presented by the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society  
Registration required

## DECEMBER EVENTS

### Hanukkah & Shabbat Service

Friday, December 11  
6 p.m. via Zoom

## EVERY VOTE IS IMPORTANT! ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3

Early in-person voting in Allen County continues through November 2 at noon. Learn more from the Allen County Election Board, including vote by mail information.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Visit the Indiana Voters Portal to check your voting status, vote by mail, find your polling place, and learn about election security.



## FIND LINKS FOR ONLINE SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Links for our online worship services and events are provided through our weekly email to members of our extended Temple family. We warmly welcome visitors. For access information, please contact the Temple office at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or (260) 744-4245.



## TEMPLE DIRECTORY AND JEWISH CALENDARS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

Stay in touch with others in our congregation through the latest edition of the Temple membership directory. We've got Jewish calendars for 2020-2021, too!

Please schedule a time to pick up yours on Tuesday through Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Temple. Reach us at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or (260) 744-4245. We'll have a bag ready for you by the front door for "contactless" pick up.

Please specify how many calendars you'd like. Due to limited supply, we will provide one directory per member household. We're unable to give out extra copies until every household receives one.

## PLEASE PLAN FOR 2020 YEAR-END DONATIONS

For your 2020 tax planning purposes, our guidelines for establishing the date when dues payments and donations are received:

- If by mail, the postmarked date
- If hand delivered, the date received at the Temple
- If by phone or directly online (credit cards only), the date of the call or donation made
- Any gifts of appreciated securities must be received into the Temple's account on or before December 15. Contact Joni Sharkey, Registered Client Associate at Wells Fargo Advisors, at (260) 423-4862 for further information. Wells Fargo Advisors is a trade name used by Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC, Member SIPC



## NOVEMBER SERVICES

*Links are included in our weekly email.*

### Shabbat Service

Friday, November 6  
6 p.m. via Zoom

### Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 7  
10 a.m. via Zoom

### Shabbat Service

Friday, November 13  
6 p.m. via Zoom

### Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 14  
10 a.m. via Zoom

### Shabbat Service

Friday, November 20  
6 p.m. via Zoom

### Shabbat Service

#### KISS (Kids in Shabbat Service)

Saturday, November 21  
10 a.m. via Zoom  
Post-b'nei mitzvah students will participate

### Shabbat Service

Friday, November 27  
6 p.m. via Zoom

### Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, November 28  
10 a.m. via Zoom

Need more information? Visit us at [templecav.org](http://templecav.org) or give us a call at (260) 744-4245.

# RABBI MEIR BARGERON

## A SEASON OF BEING, A SEASON OF GRATITUDE

*Cheshvan* is the month on the Jewish calendar that distinguishes itself by what it does *not* include. It falls between *Tishrei*, the month including the Days of Awe, and *Kislev*, the month including Hanukkah. *Cheshvan* holds an unusual place in our annual cycle as the only month without any special observances. But why?

The rabbis took a particular interest in this month, calling it by its original name *Marcheshvan*, making a play on the Hebrew word *mar*, which means “bitter.” Their conclusion was that a month without any holidays was a bitter and desolate place on the calendar that had to be endured, rather than celebrated. The tradition that Sarah died during this month adds to its somber depiction in rabbinic literature.

I have a different take on what the month of *Cheshvan* – which continues through November 16 -- offers us. As Jews in diaspora, we live a life that is driven by Jewish and secular rhythms. The demands of work, school, and family life keep many of us in a constant state of busyness. The complexities added by a pandemic may intensify the stress of our lives.

*Cheshvan* offers us a month in which we can simply consider being. The absence of any particular seasonal obligation provides an opportunity to relax – at least Jewishly. What would it be like to transfer some of this openness to our secular lives?

Taking time to relax during *Cheshvan* is advisable because beginning in the month of *Kislev* we experience a triple-header of Jewish and secular activity. Hanukkah allows us to kindle the festival lights in our homes as we reflect on the lessons of the story of the Maccabees. We also go along for much of the ride as our Christian neighbors celebrate Christmas. Even though we don’t observe Christmas, we cannot help but to be affected by secular society’s embrace of the holiday. But before either of these experiences, *Kislev* includes the opportunity to engage in the secular American holiday of Thanksgiving.

There is absolutely nothing Jewish about the lore of Thanksgiving, but a national holiday dedicated to gratitude provides a unique opportunity to link our American and our Jewish identities. Let me explain.

As Jews, we take the name of our people from Judah, the son of Jacob and Leah. In Hebrew the name is *Yehudah*, which means “I will praise.” The collective noun in Hebrew is *Yehudim*, which can also mean “the thankful ones.” The Hebrew root for *Yehudah/Yehudim* is shared by *ho’da’ah*, “to give thanks,” and *todah*, the Hebrew word for “thank you.” As Jews, we are a people intrinsically identified by gratitude. What a beautiful opportunity we have to express our Jewish identity of gratitude during the Thanksgiving holiday!

As we experience *Cheshvan* and begin *Kislev*, I wish each of you a season of joyful being and abundant gratitude.

Rabbi Meir



## ONGOING SUPPORT FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS: FROM APPLES TO TURKEYS



The Jewish community’s continued support for Thoughtful Thursdays helped us provide fresh fruit in October for the Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple. This month, we’re giving a 12-to-14-pound turkey to each of our families, along with a roasting pan and cooking instructions.

Through generous donations to Thoughtful Thursdays’ 10th annual Apple Project during the High Holy Days, we were able to provide a bag of Honeycrisp apples in October to each family.

A special thank you to Janet Katz for picking up, delivering, and helping bag the apples.

Our Turkey Project grew out of our efforts over a few years to give away several turkeys through a drawing among the families. In 2018, a Temple member who wished to remain anonymous paid for 35 turkeys, hoping to inspire others to support the effort. We raised enough money to provide a turkey for each of our families and their teachers and have continued the effort since then.

Again this year, we are seeking donations of \$18 each through Wednesday, November 25 to help us purchase enough turkeys for all the families and teachers. Please make your check payable to “CAV-The Temple,” indicate that your donation is for turkeys, and send it to the Temple at 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807. Or [donate online](#) to Thoughtful Thursdays and indicate “turkeys.”

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

We welcome volunteers to shop for grocery items for the monthly Thoughtful Thursdays bags. Please contact Sally Trotter at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) if you can help.

Remember, hunger doesn’t stop just because there is a pandemic!

Sally Trotter and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs



NEW BOARD BOOKS TO TEEN FICTION IN THE TEMPLE LIBRARY

Though it was delayed a bit by COVID, we received a shipment of books from Kar-Ben Publishing a few weeks ago for the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library. As many of you know, we are part of their "ASAP" program which gives us earliest access to their new titles.

This box had 12 books, as usual ranging from board books to teen fiction, but most being picture books for the lower grades.

The two new board books were *Happy Birthday, Trees!* by Karen Rostoker-Gruber, for Tu B'Shevat, and a cute book by Ellen Bari, *Does Your Dog Speak Hebrew?: A Book of Animal Sounds*.

On the other end of the spectrum, *Beni's War*, by Tammar Stein, is a sequel to *The Six-Day Hero*, a Sydney Taylor Honor Book from 2017. It's set in Israel during the Yom Kippur War, and is directed at teen readers. Two chapter-books for middle grade readers were also in the shipment. *Noah Green Saves the World*, by Laura Toffler-Corrie, is a bit of a mystery set at summer camp. Mat Tonti's *The Book of Secrets* is a graphic novel of mystical Jewish stories woven into an adventure tale.

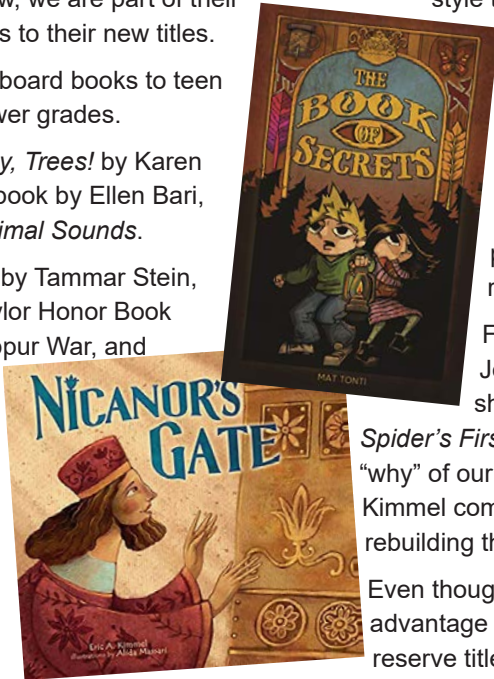
Holiday picture books in the box include an updated version of Shoshana Lepon's *Hillel Builds a House*, *The Abba Tree* by Devora

*Busheri*, and *There Was a Young Rabbi: A Hanukkah Tale* by Suzanne Wolfe. As the title suggests, the latter is a fun, limerick-style text. We also received a 20th Anniversary Edition of *It's Challah Time* by Latifa Berry Kropf, a classic picture book for preschoolers. It's hard to believe that book has been out for 20 years!

To add to our Anne Frank collection, Barbara Powell has written *Behind the Bookcase: Miep Gies, Anne Frank, and the Hiding Place*. This picture book focuses on Miep Gies and her relationship with Anne, with powerful illustrations.

Finally, two of the most esteemed and well-known Jewish children's writers had new titles in the shipment. From Sylvia Rouss we have *Sammy Spider's First Book of Prayers*, covering the "what" and the "why" of our most common prayers. And from our favorite Eric Kimmel comes *Nicanor's Gate*, a beautiful picture book about rebuilding the ruined Temple in Jerusalem.

Even though the building is still closed, we hope you will take advantage of the resources our library has to offer. You can reserve titles through our online catalog at and then pick them up at the Temple office. Contact Betsy at [library@templecav](mailto:library@templecav).



WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:

**Kate & David Crell and their children, Cora, 5, and Leo, 2.** David is from Fort Wayne and is an attorney with Andrews & Crell in Fort Wayne and Bluffton. Kate, a native of Hershey, Pennsylvania, is a professor of Religion at Manchester University. The Crells, who have been married since 2013, live in Bluffton. David said his Jewish heritage is important to him. The family looks forward to being active members and participating in Religious School, social action, and social events.

**Aliza Tourkow.** She is the founder of Tourkow Consulting, LLC, which writes and manages grants for local governments. She specializes in COVID-19 grants and recently wrote Huntington County's Small Business PPE Reimbursement Grant. She also works with private sector companies, providing expertise in city planning and public outreach. Aliza, who grew up at Congregation B'nai Jacob, is the daughter of Temple members Donna & Josh Tourkow. She is interested in the Temple's events and looks forward attending services and participating in social events.



Members of our Temple Book Club had a lively discussion on October 13 before meeting with author Talia Carner about her book, *The Third Daughter*. Four other groups from around the country joined the discussion. Highly recommended reading - visit her website at [www.taliacarner.com](http://www.taliacarner.com).

JEWISH PODCASTS & MORE

Enhance your Jewish learning by subscribing to podcasts about Torah, storytelling, and Jewish identities from the Union for Reform Judaism. These include:

- Wholly Jewish** – we all live – and balance – complex and nuanced identities that when braided together make us wholly ourselves – and "Wholly Jewish."
- Stories We Tell** – Judaism has a deep and rich tradition of storytelling, of passing down stories from one generation to the next.
- On The Other Hand: Ten Minutes of Torah** – Subscribe to URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs' weekly podcast.

Check out also the index of Jewish podcasts and other content from the public radio program On Being with Krista Tippett.

MAZEL TOV TO:

**Deborah & Michael Worpell** on the engagement of their son, Parker, to Kylie Sparks, daughter of Michelle & Scott Sparks. The couple plans a May 2021 wedding in Fort Wayne.

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATES AVAILABLE

For more than six decades the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism has worked to educate, inspire, and mobilize the Reform Jewish Movement to advocate for social justice. Subscribe for regular updates on social justice work and find out how you can get involved on important issues and let your voice be heard.

## ASKING GOOD QUESTIONS

- How would you describe G-d?
- What is prayer?
- How do we know whether G-d listens to prayer?
- What is something you do daily because of being Jewish?
- What is the best part of being Jewish?



These are several questions that some of our Religious School students wrestled with in recent weeks. Asking questions is a very Jewish concept. Whereas these questions were asked of the students, our tradition emphasizes the fact that children must ask questions.

There is a story of a Nobel Prize winner in physics, Isadore Rabi, who was asked why he became a scientist. He replied, "My mother made me a scientist without ever knowing it. Every other child would come back from school and be asked, 'What did you learn today?' But my mother used to ask: 'Izzy, did you ask a good question today?' That made the difference. Asking good questions made me a scientist."

Although we ask our children questions and encourage them to come up with insightful answers, it is equally important that our youth explore their world through their own thought-provoking questions. Asking questions and challenging oneself to think deeply is one of the central values of being Jewish.

Pam Friedman, Principal

## LOOKING AHEAD TO A GREAT SUMMER AT GUCI

After the heartbreak of having to cancel camp last summer, registration is underway for an exciting summer 2021 of fun and Jewish friendships at Goldman Union Camp Institute, our regional Union for Reform Judaism camp in Zionsville.

Register by October 31 to save \$100 (4-week sessions) and \$75 (two-week sessions).

Enroll your child entering third grade in the fall through high school. GUCI provides a wonderful atmosphere where it's cool to be Jewish!

With the current pandemic, GUCI offers this important note: "The road from here to summer 2021 is neither straight nor smooth. As the landscape surrounding COVID-19 progresses and changes, we will continue to evaluate, consult with experts in various fields, learn from camps that operated successfully (and unsuccessfully) last summer, and, of course, review any laws, regulations and agency guidance on the subject that may affect our ability to safely offer in-person summer programming.



"We know there will be many questions as we move towards summer. We will be as transparent as possible and provide you with updated information as soon as it is available. As you might expect, the health and safety of our community is of paramount importance."

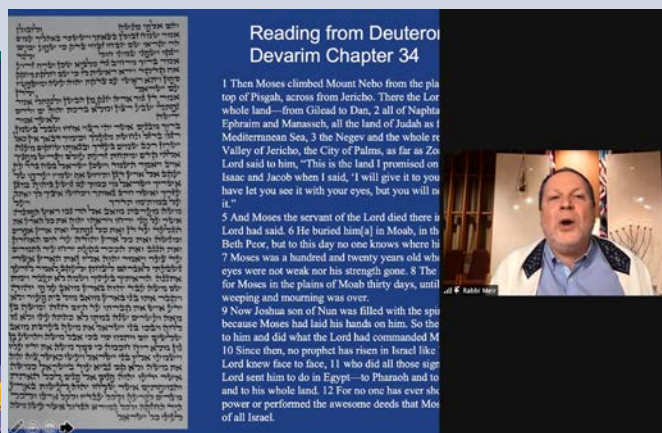
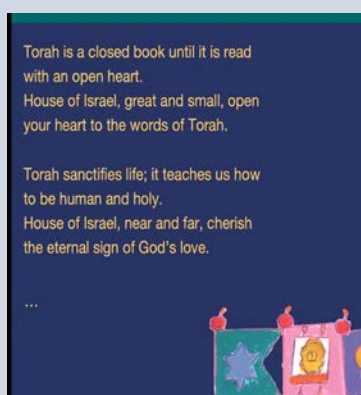
Please contact the Temple office for campership information or Campership Chair Brian Rosman. Considering Jewish overnight camp for the first time? Your child may be eligible for a need-blind grant of up to \$1,000 this summer through the Foundation for Jewish Camp.

## SIMCHAT TORAH AND CONSECRATION



*Congregants from more than 35 households gathered together virtually on October 11 to celebrate Simchat Torah and Consecration with two of our students as they begin their Jewish education at the Temple.*

*The students received gifts and blessings from their parents, Rabbi Meir, and the congregation. Following this simcha, Rabbi Meir led a brief and festive tefilah, that continued with the reading of the last verses of Deuteronomy by Pam Friedman and the first verses of Genesis by Andrew Bosell. The celebration closed with Rabbi Meir guiding a tour of the Torah, showing how recognizable verses appear in the scroll.*





**SUKKOT CELEBRATION** - What three famous people, living or dead, would you invite into your sukkah? Rabbi Meir posed that question during our Sukkot service on October 2. His choices were NPR reporter Nina Totenberg, Golda Meir, and Julia Child. During the virtual Oneg Shabbat, others indicated they'd like to host Oprah Winfrey, the Rat Pack, Carl Reiner, Mel Brooks, Jack Benny, Leonardo Da Vinci, and Mahatma Gandhi.

The virtual Sukkot celebration included Rabbi Meir sharing holiday traditions – shaking the lulav and inhaling the lovely scent of the etrog from inside our congregational sukkah – thanks to a pre-recorded segment. Our Temple family also offered “mazel tov” to Micki & Sherwin Kepes in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

## PHOTO DETECTIVE OFFERS CLUES FOR EXAMINING IMMIGRANT PHOTOGRAPHS

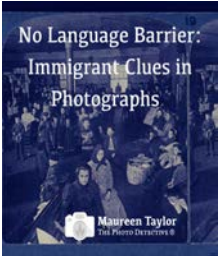
The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is thrilled to welcome Maureen Taylor, an internationally recognized expert on historic photograph identification, photo preservation, and family history research, for its November program on Sunday, November 15 at 2 p.m. on Zoom.

She will present a webinar, “No Language Barrier: Immigrant Clues in Photographs,” which is free and open to the public.

In her program, Maureen will dive into ways to solve immigrant photo mysteries looking at case studies using online and offline sources. She will cover ways to evaluate photos by asking questions, how to place the visual clues in the context of what you know about your family, ways to interpret the clothing clues in an image, tips to research foreign photographers, how geography plays a role in photo identification, and crowdsourcing the clues.

Maureen is sought out by clients all over the world from as far away as New Zealand and has had enormous success in solving photo mysteries. Her focus is on helping people rediscover their family history one picture at a time, and she is passionate about getting folks to dig deep into their family history to tell the story of their ancestors. Her podcast, *The Photo Detective*, is available on iTunes, Spotify and Stitcher.

Registration is required to attend the webinar. You can find the link at the NEIJGS website. Feel free to contact Betsy at [vp@NEIndianaJGS.org](mailto:vp@NEIndianaJGS.org) with any questions. Thanks to the Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation, and the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center for their support.



## MARTIN GOLDSMITH'S “WINTER JOURNEY” TO AIR NOVEMBER 8

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and PBS39 are proud to bring you the movie “Winter Journey” on Sunday, November 8 at 2 p.m. on PBS39.

“Winter Journey” is based on American radio host Martin Goldsmith’s book about his Jewish parents, who fled Nazi Germany. Both were talented musicians, but after the Nuremberg Laws were enacted in 1935, they were only able to perform as members of the Jewish Cultural Federation, a bizarre propaganda organization fully controlled by the Reich Chamber of Culture.

The film brings to life the reality of their beautiful and painful love story, using remarkable and ingeniously edited archive material. It also includes reenactments of the conversations Goldsmith had with his father as preparation for the book. Martin Goldsmith plays himself, as the unseen interviewer, while a vulnerable Bruno Ganz is playing his father Georg Goldsmith. It was Bruno Ganz’ last part before he died in 2019.

Goldsmith, author of *Inextinguishable Symphony: A True Story of Music and Love in Nazi Germany*, spoke during Fort Wayne’s Yom Hashoah program in April 2018, sponsored by the Jewish Federation.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.



## COVID TASK FORCE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Keeping our Achduth Vesholom family connected through online worship, educational, and social offerings will continue, along with our ongoing outreach to members without internet access.

The board closed the building on March 13 in response to the growing health crisis, with services, classes, meetings and other activities shifting online and the staff working remotely. Worship and programming moved to Zoom, including holding our first virtual Bar Mitzvah and Annual Meeting..

In July, Rabbi Meir and the staff resumed essential work in the building, taking precautions for social distancing and wearing face masks. The board also decided that no in-person worship would be held during the High Holy Days and planning began for online Reform and traditional services. Rifkin Campus partners were able to access their offices within health and safety guidelines.

In September, Brightpoint Head Start, which offers a free preschool program for children ages 3 to 5 from low-income families, resumed in-person classes at the Temple. About half the number of students attend as compared to last year's 72 children, with staggered attendance schedules and new COVID-related safety measures.

Temple Executive Director Samara Sheray has been working with Brightpoint to ensure safety precautions are in place. These include enhanced cleaning throughout the building and detailed plans for kitchen, classroom, and facility use by Head Start.

Our only in-person event in the past eight months was outdoors on the second day of Rosh Hashanah with masks and distancing. Some 90 congregants gathered on September 20 in the Temple parking lot for a shofar and Tashlich service. A later survey of members indicated interest in other outdoor gatherings as weather and health conditions permit. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us. Our Temple family is a *kehillah kedoshah*, a holy community, and we are here for you.

*Oh My! Oh My!*

*No corned beef on rye...*

*No 'sure to satisfy'!*

*No schlepping*

*No prepping*

*No nets for our hair*

*No Beth's pictures to share*

*I know we all care*

*To make this a fund raiser extraordinaire!*

*No more rhyme...*

*It's donation time*

*Here's mine!*

-- Thank you to Doris Gottlieb  
for the rhyme and her contribution!

## DONATE & JOIN OUR CORNED BEEF TEAM FOR 2021

Due to the pandemic, we've canceled 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 and involving even more congregants in this important tradition.

Looking ahead, we anticipate 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.

Your support is needed:

- **Please consider making a donation to our general operations** for an amount you would have spent to sponsor and buy meals (indicate "corned beef" in the "in honor of" line). This will help us make up the proceeds lost from the cancelation of this year's sale.
- **Get involved on the Corned Beef Committee** to help raise money and build camaraderie within the congregation. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) to say you'd like to assist with planning the event.
- **Offer your suggestions and help in planning an alternative fundraiser** for this current fiscal year (keeping safety protocols in mind). Contact us to share your ideas.



## NEW STAFF MEMBER JOINS INSTITUTE FOR HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES

Purdue Fort Wayne's [Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#) is pleased to announce that Graduate Research Assistant Heather Gingerich will staff our office at the Rifkin Campus for the 2020-2021 academic year. A graduate student in Communication, she currently is working remotely.

Heather was raised in the Hocking Hills area of Southeastern Ohio. As an adult, she has lived in Michigan and California until settling in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 2007 where she attended Purdue Fort Wayne and earned her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology.

Heather's research interests lie in the study of the development of implicit bias (output), whether favorable or unfavorable. Her goal is to develop more effective models of the process of the development of implicit bias in both humans and artificial intelligence.

She is pursuing her Master of Communications with the intent to help individuals and organizations communicate important, complex concepts or research to diverse audiences in a helpful and respectful manner.

Please feel welcome to contact Heather at [ihgs@pfw.edu](mailto:ihgs@pfw.edu) or at (260) 739-7249.



# DONATIONS

## Adelman Facility Improvement Fund

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

## Adult Education

In memory of Irving Walters: *Irene & Bob Walters*  
A donation has been received from: *Kathleen Edmiston*

## Art & Beautification Fund

In memory of Harriet Cristil: *Marvin Cristil*

## Dr. John Planer Music Fund

In memory of Dorothy Reynolds: *Marcia & Denny Reynolds*  
In honor of Cantor Yvonne Shore, Robert Nance, and David Rezits:  
*Rabbi Meir Barger*

## Endowment Fund

In memory of Jean Pownall: *Linda Bullerman*

## General Operations

In memory of Diana Ervin and Regina Safirstein de Lerner:  
*Kay Safirstein*  
In memory of Terri Darienzo: *Ellen Siegel*  
In memory of Dr. Abraham Fichman: *Ann Fichman*  
In memory of Gladys Friedman: *Norma Friedman*  
In memory of Israel Edelman: *Debra Edelman*  
Donations have been received from: *Lori & Carey Bacalar, Scott Fergusson, Debby Copley, Vickie Brewer, Vicki Watson, Bertha Nunez & Samuel Cruz, Missy & Mark Schneider*  
In honor of Rabbi Meir Barger: *Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum*  
In memory of Edith Thomson: *Lis Kahn*  
In memory of Linda Shulkin Nail and Melvin Nail:  
*Donna & Josh Tourkow*  
In honor of Michael Small: *Sheri & Michael Weiss, Sonia Berk, Dina & Trevor Lissos*  
In memory of Ruby Jackson: *Marcia & Denny Reynolds, Nola & Matthew Katinsky*  
In honor of Pam & Ron Friedman: *Sheilah & Simon Kalderon*

## Holocaust Memorial Fund

In memory of Gertrude Brateman: *Adrienne & Adolph Brateman*

## Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural Enrichment Fund

In honor of Steve Rothberg: *Suzi Stone*  
In memory of Leonard Castle: *Cathy Lash*

## Library Fund

A donation has been received from: *Rachel & Geoff Gordon*

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

A donation has been received from: *Robert Mell*  
In memory of Rosalie Becker: *Franck Hagendorf*

## Temple Gardens Fund

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

## Thoughtful Thursdays

In memory of Betty Powell: *Harriet Miller*  
A donation has been received from: *Louise & Bill Warshauer*  
In memory of Sharon McLochlin: *Missy & Mark Schneider*  
In memory of Hortense Green: *Marilyn Salon*  
In memory of Esther King: *Suzi & Jim King*

Explore all of our [Tribute Funds](#) or [Make a Donation](#)

Thank You!

## KOSHER POULTRY AVAILABLE AT TRADER JOE'S

The new [Trader Joe's at Jefferson Pointe](#) is carrying Empire kosher chicken and turkey. One of our members reports that she was told Trader Joe's is coming out with its own brand of Glatt kosher turkeys in time for Thanksgiving. We're glad to have this kosher option in Fort Wayne.



## SHOP AT KROGER AND SUPPORT THE TEMPLE

Here's how you can help when your purchase groceries or other items at Kroger:

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# NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

## November 6-7

Sonia Abrams  
Chester Ambler III  
Goldye Appel  
Rose K. Baum  
Rosalie Becker  
Sarah Brazy  
Fannie Salon Bronstein  
George Froegmyer  
Robert Edgar  
Rose Ewing  
Minnie Fidler  
Abe Fox  
Julius Gilbert  
Annette Glazer  
Mendel Himelstein  
Abe Lachoff  
Isidore Lande  
Arlene Leib  
Frances Levis  
Henrietta Levy  
Margaret Merin  
Loren (Gus) Meyer  
Adolph Meyer  
Lloyd Mullennix  
Art Perlman  
Helen Perlis Planer  
David J. Platka  
Irving J. Pressman  
Dorothy Hassan Schiller  
Lawrence J. Schubert  
Haskell Schultz  
Nathan Sheray  
Dora Silverman  
David Lester Smith  
Isaac Steiber  
Jacob Sunshine  
Leo Sunshine  
Evangeline Weil  
Nathaniel S. Wittenberg  
Corinne Wittenberg

## November 13-14

Sally Cramer  
Hannah Crell  
Melvin Crell  
Lena Dinnerstein  
Boris Epstein  
Jeanne Erlich  
Isolina Behar de Faierstein  
Rosalyn Friedman Fink  
Dvoiyra Finkelshteyn  
Hana Finkelshteyn  
Itta Finkelshteyn  
Kisel Finkelshteyn  
Leib Finkelshteyn  
Meyer Finkelshteyn  
Yankel Finkelshteyn  
Phillip Flora  
Jennie Gilbert  
Mark Glucklick  
Etta S. Gold  
Joseph Golden  
Daisy Hefter  
Seth Aaron Horwitz  
Myron M. Horwitz  
Allen Kwatnez  
Mabel H. Kwatnez  
Elaine Lazar  
Mae Levy  
Alan Lichtenberg  
Rachel Lipp  
Jack Marks  
Wayne McIntyre  
Frank Mullins  
David B. Nelson  
Gittel Rovel  
Samuel Ruderman  
Minnie Moyer Sapirie  
Fred Schneider  
Abraham Schwartz  
Nathan Shine  
Joseph Waterman  
Max B. Wetzstein  
Rosalind Wiletzky  
Celia Zweig

## November 20-21

Shirley Babich  
Phillip M. Baum  
Norman Bosell  
Dorothy "Dot" Burcham  
Leonard Castle  
Della R. Ellis  
Mendel Frank  
Sophia Maude Gale  
Max Gilbert  
Thomas Gray  
Esther F. Grossman  
Jacqueline Hagendorf  
Sophia Heiligman  
William Hornstein  
Julius Kann  
Tillie M. Kaposky  
Philip Kass  
Leon Korin  
Ada Kramer  
John T. Lawrence  
Joyce Lenington  
Jacob Levin  
Abraham Levy  
Leonora Marlow  
Samuel S. Meyer  
Etta Oppenheim  
Lev Progrebinskiy  
Jacob Reich  
Joseph Rezits  
Esther Rothstein  
Linda Ruchman  
Bessie Schmitz  
Martha Jane Schwartz  
Kathryn Sheray  
Emanuel Siegel  
Diane Sisman  
Don Sowles  
Frederick Reinhold Tourkow  
Bina Young  
Joseph Zinn

## November 27-28

David Appel  
Larry Belans  
Emanuel Cohen  
Rose Cohen  
Beatrice Feldheim  
Morris J. Foreman  
Jacob Louis Goldman  
Saul Goodman  
Patricia Gorst  
Marvin Gottlieb  
Herman Himelstein  
Eva J. Huebschman  
Rabbi Samuel D. Hurwitz  
Oscar Allen Isay  
Benjamin Kaplan  
Samuel Liff  
Charlotte Maier  
Simon Stanford Maier  
Moses Mayer  
Zelda Novitsky  
Ethel G. Pollak  
Mildred Prady  
Roslyn Rozeen  
Dr. Nathan L. Salon  
Toba Malka Schwartz  
Claire Selan  
James Solomon  
Abraham Sposeep  
Sam Stoller  
Sidney Trivus  
Maurice Waldman  
Sarah Weinberg  
Shep Weinswig

## WE CARE

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



## 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.



## DUES STATEMENTS NOW SENT VIA EMAIL

We've recently updated our procedure for sending dues statements and are going paperless. Members will now receive notice of their dues commitment via email. If you would prefer to get a paper statement by U.S. mail, please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) to make the change.

Congregants also may pay their dues and fees online, as well as make donations. [Make an online payment or contribution.](#)

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## TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

The Temple building is closed for activities. Our staff is doing essential work in the office and may be reached on Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (260) 744-4245.

**The Temple office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26-27 for Thanksgiving.**

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



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## WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

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**The deadline for the December 2020 - January 2021 Bulletin is Monday, November 16.**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER ELLEN TOM



If things were back to normal, we would be sharing stories about vacations taken, family and friendship gatherings, or the joy of seeing an in-person ballet, Philharmonic or Embassy Theatre performance. The pandemic continues to create uncertainty, with social unrest and politics creating further uneasiness. Yet it has been a comfort and blessing to have been working with our Temple community during these times. While our building continues to be closed, there is still "normal" going on behind the scenes.

The Facilities Committee continues to review the condition and maintenance of our campus building and grounds. In the upcoming weeks, the committee members will also be exploring ways in which we can create a shared space for all the yahrzeit plaques from Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob. The goal is to have this project completed by the time we can safely reopen.

The Communications Committee is working on updating our website platform and content. The Program Committee and the Ritual Committee have been looking at the calendar to find creative ways to host social events and worship virtually. The Board Development Committee is working on a leadership development plan to help us maintain a strong future.

Our Religious School holds virtual sessions on Sunday, and we recently celebrated Consecration with two of our newest students and also honored five students with the presentation of prayer books signifying the beginning of their b'nei mitzvah studies.

The Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library has online access to borrow books and materials, with a procedure established to safely pick up items at the Temple. Our Thoughtful Thursdays team continues to shop, prepare, and distribute food items for our Brightpoint Head Start families.

Rabbi Meir and myself will soon be participating in the Shallat Rabbinic Transition Program hosted by the Union for Reform Judaism "for congregations that have welcomed a new Rabbi. Through shared learning participants plan and implement the successful integration of their new Rabbi into the congregational community and acquire the tools and skills to lead their congregation through future congregational change." Rabbi Meir and I look forward to sharing our experience and take-aways with all of you.

While I still do not know when and how we will reopen, I do know (in addition to all those mentioned above) that Rabbi Meir, Executive Director Samara Sheray, staff and lay leaders have been working tirelessly to bring the most meaningful experience that is physically, economically and spiritually possible.

We have made and will make difficult choices. The COVID Task Force is now meeting regularly and will soon have criteria and guidelines to propose to the Board by the end of the year. The health and safety of our community is of paramount importance.

May we all find the strength to face these challenging times and be blessed with the wisdom to make the right decisions.

