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LATKES AND LIGHTS

Celebrate the Festival of Lights amid the warm glow of dozens of *hanukkiyot* that mark the Maccabees' triumph over the Greeks and their rededication of the Temple. We'll join together on the fourth night for this luminous tradition on Friday, December 19.

The festivities begin at 6:15 p.m. with a Latke Tasting Party. We'll provide the delicious, crispy potato pancakes. There is no charge -- all you need to do is make a reservation to 744-4245 no later than Wednesday,

December 17 so that we'll have enough latkes for all. Please bring your family's *hanukkiya* and candles to light together before we eat. We also ask you to bring donations of pasta for our December Food Drive to benefit the food bank at Wellspring Interfaith Social Services.

Our Hanukkah Shabbat service follows the tasting at 7 p.m. Our Oneg Shabbat will feature *sufganiyot*, the jelly doughnuts that are typically served in Israel on Hanukkah.



Please share our joy as our son

Samuel Joseph

is called to the Torah
to become a Bar Mitzvah
on Saturday, the 17th of January, 2015.
A kiddush luncheon follows.

Joseph and Leslie Cohen

MUSICAN ALAN GOODIS JOINS US FOR SHABBAT

[Alan Goodis](#), a Chicago-based musician who tours nationally performing contemporary Jewish music, will join us for an early Shabbat service on Friday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m. during our service when Sam Cohen is called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah.

A strong presence in the Reform Movement, Alan serves as artist-in-residence and performer at many congregations, camps, and Hillels to engage youth and adults through Jewish music. A favorite guest at the Temple over the years, Alan has worked with our young people through GUCIBAT, Religious School, and the School of Jewish Rock. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Temple's Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Fund, and Joe & Leslie Cohen for their support of Alan's visit.

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SHABBAT SERVICES

DECEMBER

Safe Space Training*

Tuesday, December 2
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Torah Study

Saturdays, December 6 & 13
9:30 a.m. at Rabbi Cattapan's home

Learning Havdalah*

Saturday, December 13
7 p.m. at the home of Matthew & Nola Katinsky
"Remembering the History of the Jews of India"

Maccabiah Games

Sunday, December 14
9:45 a.m. at the Temple

Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly

Wednesday, December 17
10 a.m. at the Temple

Latke Tasting* & Hanukkah Service

Friday, December 19
6:15 p.m.

JANUARY 2015

Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly

Wednesdays, January 7 and 21
10 a.m. at the Temple

Musician Alan Goodis

Friday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m.

NFTY-Ohio Valley Study Kallah

January 30-February 1
Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.
Students in 11th and 12th grade from the region will gather. Find out more at <http://www.nfty.org/ov/>.

Consecration

Friday, January 30 at 7 p.m.

DECEMBER

Friday, Decemer 5 at 7 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Bimah Honors: Leah Hadashi
Usher: Bruce Warshauer
Oneg Shabbat: Warshauer Family

Friday, December 12 at 7 p.m.

B'nei Mitzvah Learning Shabbat Service

Torah Study – 6:15 p.m. –
Vayeshev: Joseph's Dreams
Bimah Honors: Nili Ben-Yehoshua
Usher: Fran Adler
Oneg Shabbat: High School Families

Friday, December 19 at 7 p.m.

Hanukkah Service, preceded by Latke Tasting

Bimah Honors: Joe Cohen
Ushers: TBD
Oneg Shabbat: Pomerantz and Worpell Families

Friday, December 26 at 6 p.m.

Early "Chinese Shabbat" Service, followed by Dinner

Bimah Honors: Matthew Katinsky
Ushers: Len & Rikki Goldstein

JANUARY

Friday, January 2 at 7 p.m.

Champagne Shabbat Service

Bimah Honors: TBD
Usher: TBD

Friday, January 9 at 7 p.m.

B'nei Mitzvah Learning Shabbat Service

Torah Study at 6:15 p.m. - Sh'mot:
Forgotten Joseph
Bimah Honors: Irv Adler
Usher: Fran Adler
Oneg Shabbat: Nili Ben-Yehoshua

Friday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service with Alan Goodis

Bimah Honors: TBD
Ushers: TBD
Oneg Shabbat: Joe & Leslie Cohen and Family

Saturday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Sam Cohen Bar Mitzvah Service

Bimah Honors: Hod Hefer
Ushers: TBD

Friday, January 23 at 7 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Bimah Honors: TBD
Ushers: TBD
Oneg Shabbat: TBD

Torah Study "Special Edition"

Delve more deeply into the weekly Torah portion and investigate life's deepest questions with your fellow congregants. This class uses both ancient and modern texts to provide several perspectives on the weekly portion. Join us for some Torah study before services when Rabbi Cattapan will explain and discuss the weekly portion. We'll meet from 6:15 p.m. to 6:50 p.m., right before *Kabbalat Shabbat* in the Rabbi's Study.

- Friday, December 12: *Vayeshev*. Joseph's Dreams.
- Friday, January 9: *Sh'mot*. Forgotten Joseph.

Rabbi Javier Cattapan

ON CALENDARS AND NEW YEARS



On December 31, people all over the world celebrate the arrival of a new year. But we Jews are way into the fourth month of the year! According to the traditional Jewish view, it has been 5775 years since the creation of the world. The current Jewish calendar was set 2,000 years ago. Scholars of the Second Temple period suggest that until the 2nd century before the Common Era, different groups of Jews had competing calendars. Some calendars followed the cycle of the moon, others the rotation of the earth around the sun.

The disagreement over the calendar manifested in a controversy regarding the celebration of Jewish holidays. The problems caused by diverging calendrical traditions were resolved during the time of Hillel the Wise, roughly the middle of the second century B.C.E..

A couple of centuries after Hillel, once again the calendar became the center of a controversy among Jews. One group of Jews that became known as the “Jesus Movement” separated from mainstream Judaism by embracing, among other things, a different calendar, with different festivals and holy days.

Controversies surrounding calendars are often more than just disagreements about counting. Calendars give meaning to time, so whoever controls the calendar is also in control of meaning. This has been the case among Jewish groups for centuries and that is the case in our modern world. Jews are faced with the issue of whether to celebrate the holidays by the Gregorian calendar or not. For instance, Israelis have decided to ignore the holidays of the Gregorian calendar altogether. In Argentina, Jews “celebrate” New Year’s Eve and Day (both officially Catholic Holy Days) in the manner of Christmas. They have a family dinner closer to midnight and then an extended lunch the next day, usually outdoors –it is Summer time. Jews in America tend to celebrate New Year’s Eve much like the rest of the population, with a gathering of friends and dinners out.

We celebrate the secular New Year because it is part of our traditions and because we wish to share a common time with people of all backgrounds. All year long we interact with them and it is fitting to mark the beginning of a new year together. History teaches us that many wars were fought over who controlled time and the calendar, so it is good to find common ground for a change. Learning about other cultures and sharing a celebration in community is a Jewish value, and we should take advantage of the opportunity to expand our experiences.

On one of the few worldwide celebrations, New Year’s Eve, let us celebrate what we have in common; as we wish everyone a happy New Year, may we begin to see the beginning of a more tolerant and compassionate world. Happy New Year!

Rabbi Javier E. Cattapan

MATCHING OPPORTUNITIES ENDING FOR RIFKIN CAMPUS AT 5200

The Rifkin Campus at 5200 Campaign is counting down its final weeks.

The Rifkin Family Foundation and the Madge Rothschild Foundation still will match each dollar donated in December “dollar for dollar.” Their generosity ensures that every \$100 becomes \$300, every \$1,000 becomes \$3,000.



All that is needed now is for our Temple membership to make this final effort. If you have not yet participated, please join those who have by making a donation and, at the same time, adding your name to the Book of Visionaries, which will be on display in the new Resource Center.

If you have already made a contribution but are in a position to add a year-end gift, this will also qualify for the Triple Match.... and thank you!

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER NEXT YEAR’S LEADERSHIP

The Board Development Committee will soon focus its attention on the Temple’s Board of Directors for the fiscal year 2015-2016. The committee will consider engaged, active and energetic congregants with fresh ideas to serve on the board. We encourage you to get involved and volunteer for one or more of the many Temple committees and projects.

The Board Development Committee includes Chair Nili Ben-Yehoshua, Beth Zweig, Jamie Berger, Joe Cohen, Mike Rush, and Richard Wismer.

THINK JEWISH SUMMER CAMP

[Goldman Union Camp Institute currently is enrolling campers](#) entering third grade in the fall through high school for next summer in Zionsville, Indiana. Options at our regional Union for Reform Judaism camp include four-week sessions and a new two-week “Taste of GUCI” option for first-time campers.



Campership Committee Chair Dan Zweig is available to discuss scholarships, including incentives for first-time campers. Due to limited funds, applications received by January 31, 2015 will be given first consideration. Other assistance for first-time campers is available from the [Foundation for Jewish Camp](#). Contact the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) for information about camperships, as well as their summer day camp at Camp Joe Levine.

COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENT AND TIKKUN OLAM LEADS TO GREEN HOME

In 2010, Temple members Andy and Janet Katz found themselves on the verge of becoming empty-nesters. They considered how to refocus their energy and priorities now that their children, Jamie and Becky, would no longer be living at home. Andy and Janet felt an obligation to try to make their lives more sustainable in keeping with their longstanding commitment to the environment and the Jewish commandments of *Tikkun Olam*.



At a time in life when others may have chosen to downsize and to minimize yard work to make their lives simpler, Andy and Janet decided to build a "farm." After four years of researching, designing, planning and saving, they broke ground on their suburban homestead, Green Oak Farm, this past summer in southwest Fort Wayne.

The house was designed using sustainable architecture concepts and the LEED certification guidelines from the U.S. Green Building Council. The house plans include a very "tight" building envelope built from ICFs (Insulated Concrete Forms), lots of insulation, low energy use appliances, high efficiency heating and cooling, ultra low energy LED lighting and wiring, home control and monitoring, and low flow plumbing fixtures. A large photovoltaic solar array will help supplement their electric power. The five-acre property will largely be planted with tall grass prairie and will include an orchard and large vegetable garden beds each irrigated with rainwater from the roof collected in underground cisterns.

Utilizing the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards enables Andy and Janet to ensure that the products and processes they are using to construct their home can be independently verified as truly "green." This new home will not only enable them to live with a smaller carbon footprint, but they will be able to grow much of their own food. In addition to fruits and vegetables, they plan to have beehives and perhaps a few chickens.

Sustainability has been defined as *meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs*. To Andy and Janet this means they need to assure that they are limiting their use of natural resources and using recycled, reclaimed, rapidly renewable and locally-sourced materials wherever possible. Finally they need to assure that the house is built to last a long time, not only as a place for the Katzes to retire, but also as a sustainable homestead for generations to come.

Though Green Oak Farm will be primarily their home, Andy and Janet are committed to making the house and property a community resource for education and advocacy for improved sustainability in Northeast Indiana.

The construction of the home is now well underway. Andy and Janet anticipate that the roof will be on by Thanksgiving and the windows will be in place by Hanukkah. They hope to be able to move into the home late next summer and are looking forward to building a Sukkah in the backyard next fall.

Those interested in following the joys and challenges of this home construction project can look for Green Oak Farm on Facebook or at

GreenOakFarm.com.

JOIN US FOR LEARNING HAVDALAH

Share Havdalah and an evening of socializing and learning on Saturday, December 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the home of Nola & Matthew Katinsky. Temple Member Yavin Bamnolkar, who grew up in Mumbai, will speak on "Remembering the History of the Jews in India." Please RSVP by Friday, December 5 to the Temple.

CHRISTMAS EVE BABYSITTERS NEEDED

Many of our friends from area churches are once again asking for our help in providing child care on Christmas Eve. Please contact the Temple office at 744-4245 to offer your help with this mitzvah. Area churches return the favor by providing babysitting for us during the High Holy Days.

PLEASE PROVIDE PASTA FOR OUR DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE

The need is greater than ever to feed the hungry in our community, so we ask for your support of our December Food Drive by donating boxes of pasta and macaroni and cheese. Every time you come to the Temple, we hope you'll bring these non-perishable items for the food bank at Wellspring Interfaith Social Services.

SEASONAL SHABBAT FUN: CHINESE FOOD AND CHAMPAGNE

'Tis the season for our special Shabbat traditions: Please join us for an early Shabbat service on Friday, December 26 at 6 p.m. at the Temple, followed by our customary meal of Chinese food together. Make a reservation to join us at Yen Ching restaurant by calling the Temple office at 744-4245 no later than Friday, December 19.



In addition, we'll also gather for Sabbath worship the following week on Friday, January 2 at 7 p.m. to say "Shabbat Shalom" and "Happy 2015." Kiddush follows the service, as well as a champagne toast. We look forward to seeing you.

SAVE THE DATE FOR HOME SHABBAT

Mark your calendar to share in our 12th Annual Home Shabbat on Friday, February 20. All Temple members are invited for this special evening when we match guests at host homes to celebrate the warmth of the Sabbath. Details will be coming as we get closer.

YOUTH NEWS



The warmth of love for the Torah will shine through on Friday, January 30 at 7 p.m. during our Consecration Shabbat Service. Kindergarteners Naomi Flapan, daughter of Dave Flapan & Goldy Carbanaru, and Evan Wallet, son of Wendi & Joshua Wallet, will recite the Shema, sing and act out a few holiday poems, and receive a small Torah in honor of the simcha.

LET THE COMPETITION BEGIN!

The 2014 Maccabiah Games are coming Sunday, December 14 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for all Religious School students through high school, including students from Congregation B'nai Jacob. There'll once again be spirited cheers, exciting new competitions, and medals. Please bring pasta to donate to Wellspring Interfaith Social Services. This year's Maccabiah Games will celebrate *Shomrei Adamah* (Keepers of the Earth).

EXPERIENCE THE WISDOM OF THE TREES

Tired of the cold? Looking for a nice escape from the white wolf of winter?

All Temple members are invited to join our Religious School families as we celebrate "The Wisdom of the Trees." We will explore Fort Wayne's Botanical Conservatory and learn more about the wonderful Jewish traditions of Tu B'Shvat with topics for adults and children alike.

So mark your calendar for Sunday, February 8 to meet at noon at the Botanical Conservatory – and get ready for lots of adventure, surprises and delicious, fruity treats! This will be one Temple event you won't want to miss!

HANUKKAH FUN AT SHABBAT KATAN

Our Shabbat Katan (formerly PJ Shabbat) group for children in first grade and younger and their families will celebrate Hanukkah on Friday, December 19 at 6:15 p.m. as part of our congregational celebration for the Festival of Lights. The fun begins with a Latke Tasting Party. (See page 1 for details.)

PLANT A TREE IN ISRAEL

Planting a tree in Israel for Tu B'Shevat – "the New Year for the Trees" -- long has been a wonderful tradition to raise awareness of the environment. This year, it especially follows our Religious School theme of Shomrei Adamah - Keepers of the Earth.



For more than 100 years, the Jewish National Fund has evolved into a global environmental leader by planting 250 million trees, building over 210 reservoirs and dams, developing over 250,000 acres of land, creating more than 1,000 parks, providing infrastructure for over 1,000 communities, bringing life to the Negev Desert and educating students around the world about Israel and the environment.

Please do your part to support this effort in celebration of the holiday, which we'll celebrate on Friday, January 30 at the Temple. To order trees at \$18 apiece or to see other options, go to www.jnf.org. This is a great way to celebrate a simcha, honor a loved one, or to give as a holiday gift. When you plant a tree, you get a beautiful Tree Certificate printed with the honoree's name. Contact Nili Ben-Yehoshua at 744-4245 for further information.



Special Guest Teacher Taylor Replane provided a fascinating lesson covering art and Hebrew for students in grades 7 & 8 at Religious School. In addition to learning the Hebrew words for parts of the face, the students also drew another student's face using the "blind contour drawing technique" and then selected colors for the portraits following "color theory."

DONATIONS

Jack & Gertrude Adelman Facility Improvement Fund
In memory of Gertrude Stein Adelman: *Larry & Carol Adelman and Tom & Rita O'Neill*

Adult Education
A donation was received for the speedy recovery of Ally Whisler and Dan Zweig: *Steve & Jan Sarratore*
In memory of Rosalie Becker: *Franck Hagendorf*
In memory of Arnold L. Goldsmith: *Steve & Jan Sarratore*

Biblical Garden
In memory of Louis Meyers: *Mike & Patrice Sposeep*

Ruth Brenn Campership
In memory of Ruth Aichele: *Fritz & Sally Aichele*
In memory of Hurley A. Feltman and Hurleen Blumenthal: *Bernard Blumenthal*

Campership Fund
In memory of Anna Platt: *Ed & Amy Platt*

Endowment
In memory of Beverly King Ribel and Irene Schibel: *Ron King*

General Operations
In memory of Marsha Dan: *Dennis Dan*
In memory of Phil Feldman and Eric Eugene Eling: *Mike & Roslyn Eling*
In memory of Henry Friedman: *Norma Friedman*
In memory of Dr. Jerome Gerber: *Ron & Gail Cousino*
In memory of Peter Lauinger: *Eric & Jaki Schreier*

In memory of Ted Replane and Gertrude Replane: *Chuck & Martha Replane*
In memory of LeRoy Shine: *Thomas Shine*
In memory of Rose Weinraub: *Marcia Inden, Charles Weinraub, Donna Weinraub, Michael & Sharon Weinraub and Steven Weinraub*
In memory of Wilbur Zweig: *Leona Rosenberg*

Dr. John Planer Music Fund
In memory of Samuel Greenberg and Geraldine Greenberg Reich: *Norm & Ronnie Greenberg*

Himelstein Children's Library
In memory of Marguerite Long Thal: *Geoff & Betsy Gephart*

Holocaust Memorial
In memory of the Finkelshteyn Family: *Leonid & Dora Itkin*

Library Fund
In memory of Reba Safran: *Rabbi Richard Safran*

Jacob & Ethel Mansbach Campership
In memory of Samuel L. Shafer: *Art & June Shafer*

Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural Enrichment Fund
In memory of David Rothberg and Samuel Rothberg: *Steve Rothberg*

Prayer Book Fund
In memory of Hedwig Einstein: *Kurt & Marian Einstein*

Project Assist - Thoughtful Thursdays

Donations were received from: *Len & Rikki Goldstein, Leonard & Cookie Mastbaum, James & Teresa Nelson and Carol O'Shaughnessy*
In memory of Dr. Elmer Zweig, Ruth G. Zweig and Henry Haskell Glazer: *Dan & Beth Zweig*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Donations were received from: *Jon & Jamie Berger, Kris Gray, Amy Kempler and Bruce & Holly Warshauer*
In memory of Allan Rush: *Mike & Jo Ellen Rush*
In memory of Stephen Russ: *Ruth Russ*
In memory of Mo Safirstein: *Manny Silverman and Jane Martin*
In memory of LeRoy Shine: *Steve Shine*

Religious School

In memory of Carol Harris: *David Harris*
In memory of Minnette D. Ruchman: *Bruce & Holly Warshauer*

S. Wyle Weiman Youth Activity

In memory of Mollie Kutcher: *Len & Rikki Goldstein*

Rifkin Campus at 5200

A donation was received for the speedy recovery of Dan Zweig: *Richard & Cindi Wismer*
In memory of Ruth Levine: *Dave & Ally Whisler*
In memory of Mo Safirstein: *Leonid & Dora Itkin, Cheryl Schorey*

PLEASE PLAN FOR 2014 YEAR-END

For your 2014 tax planning purposes, our guidelines for establishing the date when dues payments and donations are received:

- If by mail, the postmarked date
- If hand delivered, the date received at the Temple
- If by phone (credit cards only), the date of the call
- Any gifts of appreciated securities must be received into the Temple's account on or before December 15. Contact Becky Kelty at Wells Fargo Advisors at 423-4862 for further information.

BECOME AFFIRMING ALLY OF LGBTQ

As a welcoming congregation, the Temple invites its members to attend a one-hour Safe Space seminar to guide attendees through LGBTQ terminology, recent events, and developing affirming ally skills. See our website for times and locations, including the next session on Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Temple.

CONDOLENCES TO:

- Marni Mastbaum-Hutner and family on the death of her mother, Betsy Mastbaum, on October 14, 2014 in Minneapolis.



More than 100 people shared a lovely Shabbat evening with Hooshir, Indiana University's only Jewish A Cappella group. Orin Reynolds, son of Denny & Marcia Reynolds, sings with the group.

CORNED BEEF ON RYE SURELY DID SATISFY!

SPONSORS + VOLUNTEERS + CUSTOMERS = SANDWICH SUCCESS

An unbeatable combination of enthusiastic community support and energetic congregant power enabled the Temple to sell about 1,100 sandwiches on October 30 at our 13th annual Corned Beef on Rye - Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser. We also sold 60 extra pounds of corned beef and 30 loaves of rye bread, along with extra pickles and brownies. In total, we raised \$12,500 in our biggest fundraiser of the year.

We had the generous support of 50 sponsors – a new high -- who helped underwrite the event and 82 volunteers who assisted.

Thanks so much to Co-Chairs Kris Gray, Melissa Kessel, and Bonnie Pomerantz for their leadership in this impressive undertaking. Thank you to our Temple staff, our volunteers, our customers, and our sponsors! We'll announce next year's date soon.

THANK YOU TO OUR CORNED BEEF SPONSORS!

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Norm & Ronnie Greenberg	Bruce & Holly Warshauer
Hod & Heather Hefer	Richard & Cindi Wismer
Andy & Janet Katz	Al & Hannah Zacher
Norman & Carol Kempler	The Zacher Company
Sherwin & Micki Kepes	Zweig Tribbett Financial Group
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Our meat man Andy Katz.



Leslie Cohen and Elissa Cohen closing in on a great meal!



Sandwich team develops a rhythm.



Our customers think the pickles are priceless!



The Festival of Lights begins on Tuesday evening, December 16. Find out more at <http://www.reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/hanukkah>.

MENORAHS & MORE AT GIFT SHOP SALE

The Temple Gift Shop is having a Hanukkah Sale! We have an assortment of gift wrap, menorahs, dreidels, decorations, candles, and jewelry. We even have chocolate gelt! We're open Sunday mornings on December 7 and 14 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. during Religious School and Tuesday to Friday by appointment. Contact the office at (260) 744-4245 for additional times and special orders.

BUY ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ONLINE

Save money on eating, shopping, entertainment and more with the 2015 Entertainment Book [now available for easy purchase online](#) to benefit the Temple's Religious School. For \$25, you'll have the "ultimate coupon savings book" offering discounts nationwide. To make sure the Temple benefits, just follow the link available via our weekly email or www.templecav.org. The book will be mailed directly to your home. Don't just buy one for yourself. These make great birthday and holiday gifts. Questions? Contact Nili Ben-Yehoshua or the Temple office.



USE KROGER CARD TO HELP THE TEMPLE

You can help the Temple while doing your regular grocery shopping at Kroger and Scott's. Purchase a Kroger gift card through the Temple office and the congregation will receive a percentage of what our members spend. Use your Kroger card to purchase other gift cards for holiday gifts to benefit the Temple, too.

NU? YIDDISH CLASS COMING IN FEBRUARY

A six-session class in Yiddish culture and language will begin in February at the Temple for those interested in learning a little *mama-loshen* (mother tongue). No previous knowledge is required for this course taught by Dr. Lee Roberts, Associate Professor of German Studies at IPFW, and sponsored by the Temple's Adult Education Committee. The cost is \$20 for Temple members and \$30 for non-members to cover the cost of materials. The class will meet on two Sundays per month. Dates and details will be coming. Please RSVP to the Temple office to hold your seat. Contact Jan Sarratore with questions.

TURKEY TALES FROM THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS' PIZZA PARTY

The Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursday volunteers and Temple Head Start parents gathered November 13 for a pizza party with nearly 65 parents, children, and volunteers. In addition to providing a wonderful lunch, we were pleased to give away five 20-pound turkeys during a drawing for the families.



One of the most touching moments was when one dad's number was called in the drawing. He pulled me aside and said: "Please give that turkey to another family." When I asked him if he was sure, he said, "I am fortunate this year that I already have a turkey for my family and I would be happy knowing another family was able to enjoy a nice Thanksgiving meal."

One family that received a turkey has eight children. The mom was in tears and so grateful for the special prize.

Four years ago at our first turkey give-away, one of the winning families had four children that were being cared for temporarily by the grandparents. The grandmother was diabetic and ended up losing one leg. I'm happy to share an update: The grandmother received a prosthetic and stopped in recently to catch up with the Head Start staff. She asked if we still did the turkey give-aways and said she remembered that she and her husband thought the turkey had been an answer to their prayers. They were not sure how they were going to get through the holidays that year. Even four years later, she still remembers that act of kindness.

When talking to our Thoughtful Thursdays families, we found that they really like the recipe cards we send home and that one of the Head Start moms plans to put together a recipe book. They also look forward to our December bag that includes a rotisserie chicken from Sam's Club.

Thank you to Leonard and Cookie Mastbaum for their generous donation that will be used to purchase 86 sets of hats and gloves for the Head Start students and an additional 14 sets for the teachers to have available.

Throughout the winter months, we will be collecting boxes of tissues. Please drop off donations at Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Congregation B'nai Jacob, or the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. Thank you to all the Thoughtful Thursday volunteers! Without your hard work and dedication, this program would not be possible.

Jamie Berger, Thoughtful Thursdays Chair

DECEMBER 5

Rachel Behar
Herman Cohen
Mae Fine
Marion K. Grinsfelder
Herman Himelstein
Ethel Kruger
Peter Lauinger
John V. Malay
Charlotte Novitsky
Marguerite Long Thal
Herbert Weinraub
Wilbur Zweig

DECEMBER 12

Col. Richard G. Banks
Joseph Barasch
Eric Eugene Eling
Dr. Jerome Gerber
Don Gordon
Max Kraus
Jeff Kruger
Mollie Kutcher
William (Bill) Latz
Vitaliy Leybman
Irma G. Loeser
Helene Goldenberg Maier
Myron J. Morris
Allan Rush
Salomon Z. Safirstein
Dr. Elmer Zweig

DECEMBER 19

Elsa Adler
Bertha Browarsky
Miriam Yuter Chodosh
Josephine P. Cressy
Marsha Dan
Dorothy Dicker
Nathan N. Donner
Mary Fogel
Henry Haskell Glazer
Arnold L. Goldsmith
Lily D. Grover
Sarah Kalver
Isidore Kalver
Lee Marshall Loeser
Kathryn Manalis
Samuel Rothberg
Reba Safran
Ethel J. Trotter

Edwin Turansky
Ruth G. Zweig

DECEMBER 26

Gertrude Stein Adelman
Rosalie Appel Freund
Sidney Gold
Samuel Greenberg
Fannie Kaplan
Abe Latker
Eugene S. Lesser
Donald L. Marx
Louis Meyers
Dr. Nathan L. Salon
Louis Sandler
Robert Sommer
Karoline Stein
Joseph David Weinraub
Leon Wertheimer

JANUARY 2

Irvin J. Bransilver
Hedwig Einstein
Cyvia Feinberg
Flora Flapan
Harry Fryefield
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David Rothberg
Estelle Sachs
Irene Schibel
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INTERFAITH BUILD - Progress continues on the Interfaith Build house and all the houses in Fuller's Landing. The weather has made some things a little tricky. Various contractors are focusing on outside work, such as the roof and siding. The next big volunteer days will be for painting inside after the start of 2015. We'll keep you posted when the next volunteer sign-up begins. Thanks to Jan Sarratore for keeping Temple members informed!

MAZEL TOV TO:

- Mike Rush on receiving the Kay and Jim Fleck Public Advocacy Award from Passages on October 27 at its meeting celebrating its 60th anniversary. Mike was recognized for his more than 20 years of volunteer service to Passages as the chair of the Human Rights Committee. Based in Columbia City, Passages serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Steve Sarratore for being recognized last month as one of six "Forefathers" to the IPFW Theatre program for "initiating major contributions to new academic policies and procedures and restructuring the curriculum, increasing enrollment to more than 45 majors, and nearly doubling the faculty." As chair of the Theatre Department, Steve helped with the planning, construction, and the opening in 1993 of the Williams Theatre. He will retire at the end of December.
- Homestead High School Students Ethan Zweig and Genevieve Shine and the 311-member Spartan Alliance Band for finishing third in the Indiana State School Music Association Finals and eighth in the Bands of America Grand National Championships in November. Ethan, son of Beth & Dan Zweig, is in 10th grade and plays quads in the Drumline. Genevieve, daughter of Larry Shine, is in 9th grade and plays flute.

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WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

The Temple board welcomes your comments and suggestions. We will do our best to address your questions and concerns. President Hod Hefer can be reached at 616-617-0367 or Presidentcav@gmail.com.

USHER IN SHABBAT WITH CHALLAH

Receive a delicious challah by volunteering to usher at services. All Shabbat ushers receive a gift certificate for a tasty loaf donated by [Waynedale Bakery](#), 2610 Lower Huntington Road. Please call to volunteer.

The deadline for the February bulletin is Thursday, January 15.

SPECIAL TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS: The Temple office is open on Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will not have regular hours during the weeks of December 22 and 29 due to staff vacation schedules. We also will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24 through Thursday, December 25 and at noon on Wednesday, December 31 through Thursday, January 1. Please call 744-4245 to see if we are open. If no one answers, please leave a message on the answering machine. We will be checking it regularly.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



My family and I recently were invited by the Punjabi Cultural Society of Fort Wayne to its 2014 Diwali celebration. One of the biggest festivals for Hindus, the five-day celebration includes a Festival of Lights on the middle day.

I was so grateful for the opportunity to share in this important celebration for Punjabis. Heather and I and our children learned about Punjabi culture while we enjoyed the wonderful dances, songs, and delightful food. How great that we have so much diversity in our greater community.

As I enjoyed the new experiences during my evening, it really made me think. What makes our Jewish community unique? What does it look like to our guests as they visit our congregation? What traditions and sounds and tastes intrigue them?

I thought about a few things: Our long Jewish history. Jewish holidays. Our Hebrew prayers. And, most definitely, our Jewish beliefs.

My mind dwelled on the last item, especially the very important part of our Jewish beliefs concerning *mitzvot* (מצוות). Mitzvot are good deeds, but they also are religious obligations.

At our most recent Temple Board Meeting, Matthew Katinsky talked about the mitzvah of *Bikur Cholim* (בְּקוּר חוֹלִים) -- visiting the sick -- as it relates to his involvement as chair of our Caring Committee. (Did you know Achduth Vesholom was formed in 1848 as the Society for Visiting the Sick and Burying the Dead?) It is traditional to recite prayers for healing, such as the *Mi Shebeirch* prayer we say each Shabbat as a congregation for those we take into our hearts, and also to provide aid and support to the sick.

Please consider supporting the Caring Committee's efforts by sending a card, visiting, or calling any of our members who are in need. Or contact Matthew to say you can help as needs arise with a meal, transportation, or other assistance. These kind gestures -- whether big or small -- have the ability to brighten the day of those who are facing challenges and to be a source of strength during difficult times. We become a stronger *K'hillah* (קהילה) (community) when we reach out to one another.

As always I'd like to hear from you. Please feel free to email me with ideas, suggestions, or concerns you may have at presidentcav@gmail.com.

I hope everyone has a wonderful season of giving. Happy Hanukkah!

Stay warm,

Hod Hefer
President

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