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JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL MUSICAL WEEKEND WITH ALAN GOODIS

We're very excited to welcome back Artist-in-Residence Alan Goodis for a musical weekend on February 28-March 1 at the Temple, including a spirited Shabbat service on Friday and a special "coffeehouse" on Saturday evening. He'll also join our Religious School students on Sunday morning.

A contemporary Jewish musician playing more than 150 events a year, Alan works to build relationships and community through music at congregations, Hillels, youth conventions, and Jewish summer camps.

He has been a favorite at Achduth Vesholom for many years, playing at our camp-style GUCIbat Shabbats, sharing the joy of Jewish music with our students through his School of Jewish Rock and at Religious School, and playing at b'nei mitzvah at the Temple. A Toronto native, Alan is a proud alum of Goldman Union Camp Institute, our regional URJ camp in Zionsville. He lives in Chicago with his wife, Codi, and daughter, Noa, and is the son-in-law of Temple members Cindi & Richard Wismer.



Please share in a special Shabbat service led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig with Alan on Friday, February 28 at 7 p.m.

Alan also will entertain us coffee-house-style on Saturday, February 29 at 7 p.m. at the Temple. Celebrate Leap Day Night with music, desserts, and coffee. RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Wednesday, February 26.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of Alan's visit and VP Programs Kathy Sider for coordinating the weekend.



GROW FRIENDSHIPS AT HOME SHABBAT

Services will not be held on Friday, February 7 at the Temple so that members may participate in our 17th annual Home Shabbat. Nearly 60 members will gather

at six homes to kindle new friendships and deepen existing ones when we celebrate the warmth of the Sabbath during this popular event.

We've matched hosts and guests to share in the evening. The dinner is potluck so everyone shares in meal preparation. Each host family will receive a homemade challah and a Shabbat guidebook. Contact us at (260) 744-4245 to see if any spaces remain. Please send photos from the evening to the Temple office for our congregational Facebook page.

Yahrzeit names for the week will be read on Saturday, February 8 during our 9:15 a.m. service. Names also will be included during evening services at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 31 or Friday, February 14. Information will be included in yahrzeit notices.

Thanks to Leah Hadashi and Beth Zweig for co-chairing. Many thanks to our hosts:

Fran & Irv Adler

Janet Finkel and Sheryl & Bruce Merritt

Leise & Brian Rosman and family

Marcia & Denny Reynolds

Sally & Steve Trotter

Irene & Bob Walters

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UPCOMING events & services

*RSVP Needed

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Souper Bowl Shabbat Service

Friday, January 31
7:30 p.m. at the Temple
Dinner at 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 1
9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Home Shabbat – No Service

Friday, February 7

Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 8
9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Shabbat Service

Friday, February 14
7:30 p.m. at the Temple

Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 15
9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Shabbat Service

Friday, February 21
7:30 p.m. at the Temple

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, February 22
9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Artist-in-Residence

Shabbat Service

Friday, February 28
7 p.m. at the Temple
Music: Alan Goodis

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, February 29
9:15 a.m. at the Temple

*Kiddush follows
Shabbat Services*



FEBRUARY EVENTS

Brainstorming Retreat

Sunday, February 2
12:30 p.m. at the Temple

Ethics of Forgiveness, Anger and Envy*

Tuesday, February 4 & 11
7 p.m. at the Temple

Confronting the Shoah*

Tuesday, February 4, 11, 18, 25
7 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus
RSVP to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne for this six-session class taught by Dr. David Lindquist

Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly

Wednesday, February 5
10 a.m. at the Temple

Home Shabbat*

Friday, February 7
We will not have a service at the Temple so members may celebrate Shabbat in each other's homes.

Tallit-Making Workshop & Study*

Sunday, February 9 & 23 and March 1
12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
For those who registered in December.

Hidden Gems of Jewish Genealogy & Discovering Your Shtetl

Sunday, February 16
2 p.m. at ACPL The Genealogy Center
Sponsored by the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society

Artist-In-Residence

Alan Goodis

Shabbat Service
Friday, February 28
7 p.m. at the Temple

Coffeehouse With

Alan Goodis

Shabbat Service
Saturday, February 29
7 p.m. at the Temple

MARCH EVENTS

Alan Goodis at Religious School

Sunday, March 1

Temple Book Club*

Tuesday, March 3
7 p.m. at the Temple
Please RSVP by February 28

Thoughtful Thursdays

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

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 8
Noon to 2 p.m. at the Temple

Purim Service

Tuesday, March 10
6 p.m. at the Temple

Religious School Potluck Dinner & 5th grade Prayer Book Presentation

Friday, March 13
6 p.m. dinner at the Temple
7 p.m. service

APRIL EVENTS

Leo Powell Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, April 4
10:30 a.m. at the Temple

Congregational Second Seder*

Thursday, April 9
6 p.m. at the Temple

Yom Hashoah

Monday, April 20
7 p.m. at the Temple

People of the Book Lecture

Author Ron Suskind
Monday, April 27
7:30 p.m. at the Temple
Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne

ONGOING EVENTS

Mah Jongg Open Play*

Sign up to play

Check dates and times for play in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center by following the link at www.templecav.org

Lunch With The ROMEOs

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

Thursday, February 13
Baan Thai Restaurant
3235 N. Anthony Blvd.

Thursday, February 27
Cosmos Restaurant
9807 Lima Rd.

RSVP to Denny Reynolds at dennisreynolds@me.com.

TRAFFIC DETOUR NEAR TEMPLE



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

HELP TEMPLE WITH AMAZON

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

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RABBI PAULA JAYNE WINNIG

TAKING CARE OF THE WORLD AROUND US



In the hour when the Holy one, blessed be God, created the first person, God showed him the trees in the Garden of Eden, and said to him: "See My works, how fine they are; Now all that I have created, I created for your benefit. Think upon this and do not corrupt and destroy My world, For if you destroy it, there is no one to restore it after you." (Ecclesiastes Rabbah 7:28)

This citation from a commentary on the book of Ecclesiastes was written somewhere between the 6th and 8th Centuries. This text reminds us of how important it has always been for Jews to care about trees. We even devote a full day each year, the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat, also known as Tu B'shvat. This year Tu B'shvat falls on February 9-10.

Tu B'shvat is known as one of the four New Year's celebrations cited in the Mishnah. Tu B'shvat is the day on which every tree planted is determined to be one year older. This way no one had to keep track of exactly what day each tree was planted. We needed to know the age of each tree because we are not allowed to eat of the fruit of a tree until it was 4 years old. This law protected trees from being damaged and being kept from producing the best and most plentiful fruit.

Today most of us are not farmers and are not particularly involved in planting and nurturing trees. Many of us have lost touch with the blessings of nature as we live lives governed by technology. Tu B'shvat calls us to remember the blessings we receive from the trees and the natural world around us. The mystics of Tzefat developed a Tu B'shvat seder to highlight the many varieties of fruits that are created for our enjoyment and to call our attention to the blessings we receive from our natural world.

Over the past few weeks as the fires burned in Australia, many of us were horrified to also become aware of how many species of animals were destroyed along with the millions of trees. According to some estimates, the Australian fires have killed hundreds of thousands of animals and has even caused many species to become extinct. Additionally, these fires have killed at least 24 people, destroyed over 2,000 homes and scorched more than 15 million acres of land.

Our natural world is a precious part of our daily lives. If we do not take care of the world around us, who will? And as Rabbi Hillel reminds us, if not now, then when?

This Tu B'shvat take the opportunity to stop for a moment to taste some delicious fruit and to be grateful for the bounty that sustains our lives. Take a moment to contemplate the beauty of the trees around us and work to see that they can flourish for generations to come. Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav taught: "If you believe that you have the ability to destroy, then believe that you have the ability to fix." May the beauty of the world around us remind us to always work to do our best to repair the world so that someday we may merit the blessing of seeing the messianic age arrive.

Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig

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CHAPEL REMODELING NEARLY COMPLETE

Workers have been busy over the past few months remodeling our newly renamed Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel. Over the winter holidays, a new kitchenette and lighting were added to the worship and meeting space that will bring together lovely new touches with treasured pieces from both B'nai Jacob and Achduth Vesholom.

The hallway outside the chapel now features the cornerstones from previous B'nai Jacob

buildings and stained glass from its entryway on Bittersweet Moors. Already installed are new flooring, the Ark from the most recent B'nai Jacob building (with its beautiful backdrop), and stained glass from the synagogue's previous home on Fairfield. A new cooling system and energy-efficient windows will make the space more comfortable.

Please note: We cannot use the space yet, pending a final inspection by the city. Thank you for your patience.

A few finishing touches remain, including new chairs and the installation of stained-glass windows from Achduth Vesholom's previous home built in 1916 at Wayne and Fairfield. We'll share plans for a dedication service once the chapel is ready. Thank you to Ellen Tom and Pam Friedman and the Facilities Committee for their work.



SHARE SOUPER BOWL SHABBAT DINNER

Warm up a cold winter evening at our "Souper Bowl" Shabbat on Friday, January 31 at 6 p.m. at the Temple. We'll sample a variety of homemade soups before awarding prizes to the top three "people's choice" winners. Our Shabbat service begins at 7:30 p.m., followed by an Oneg Shabbat.



Please RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245. Let us know if you will be bringing soup and what kind. The cost is \$5 per person (no charge for children 5 and under). Menu includes salad, soup, challah, and beverage. Thank you to Kathy Sider for chairing.

FAIRY TALES AND FOLK TALES TO SHARE

Mark your calendars for February 26 – it's "Tell a Fairy Tale Day!" We don't know the origin of the observance, but we're happy to help you celebrate in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#)

because we have lots of stories to share!

We have several anthologies by author Howard Schwartz in our collection. Among them are *Elijah's Violin and Other Jewish Fairy Tales* and *The Wonder Child and Other Jewish Fairy Tales*. Several of his other books feature Jewish folktales with supernatural connections. Spread between our juvenile, teen and adult non-fiction sections, all of these titles can be enjoyed by all ages.

Other fairy tale collections include Gerald Friedlander's *Jewish Fairy Tales* and *The Pirate Princess and other fairy tales* by Neil Philip. Our very oldest fairy tale collection and one of our oldest books is *Jewish Fairy Tales and Legends* by Gertrude Landa. Two picture books related to "Cinderella," one of the best-known fairy tales, are Nina Jaffe's *The Way Meat Loves Salt – A Cinderella Tale from the Jewish Tradition*, and Raisel's *Riddle* by Erica Silverman.

Of course, fairy tales are closely related to folktales, which we have in abundance in our collection. Picture books are well represented as well as anthologies like those of Howard Schwartz. There are also a number of teen and adult novels connected to the genre, including Naomi Novik's *Spinning Silver*. Check out our full fairy tale and folktale collection through our [online catalog](#).

Finally, if you plan a full celebration of "Tell a Fairy Tale Day," you may want some food. Check out Jane Yolen's *Jewish Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook*. It's a story book and a cookbook all in one!



TALLIT-MAKING WORKSHOP AND STUDY

Rabbi Winnig's [tallit-making class](#) (for those who registered in December) continues on Sundays, February 9, February 23 and March 1 from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Participants started by studying the text around a tallit to learn the requirements for making and wearing one. The next sessions include making the tallit and tying the tzitzit.

TEMPLE BOOK CLUB: TASA'S SONG

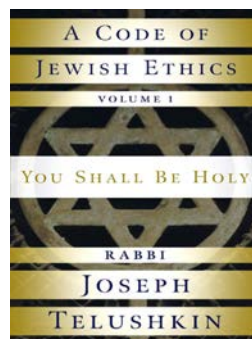
Continuing with our music theme for the year, our [Temple Book Club](#) will be discussing *Tasa's Song* with author Linda Kass on Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. She will join us by LiveChat, made possible by the [Jewish Book Council](#).

Awarded the Bronze Medal in Historical Fiction by the Independent Book Publishers, the novel is inspired by the author's mother and her survival of the Holocaust. Set in eastern Poland, Tasa is a young violinist trying to survive the opposing German and Russian forces.

Since our music theme is inspired by the Violins of Hope, it seems fitting to end the year with a book that so closely ties into that program. From *Publishers Weekly*, it is "a memorable tale of unflinching courage in the face of war—and the power of love and beauty to flourish amid its horrors." The book is available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#). We hope you will read it and plan to join us on March 3.



ETHICS OF FORGIVENESS, ANGER AND ENVY



Adult learning with Rabbi Winnig continues on Tuesdays, February 4 & 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to explore the ethics of forgiveness, anger and envy.

We will use the book, *A Code of Jewish Ethics, Volume 1*, by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin as our basic text. Please read pages 196-327. Please RSVP to office@templecav.org or by calling the Temple at (260) 744-4245.

JOIN US FOR BRAINSTORMING RETREAT

Bring your program ideas to the Brainstorming Retreat on Sunday, February 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the Temple's Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

The event is hosted by the Programming "Cabinet" of committee chairs – those who contribute events to our Temple calendar. This is every member's opportunity to suggest ideas for programs they'd like to attend and help with next year and beyond. Whether general or specific, all ideas are welcome for consideration.

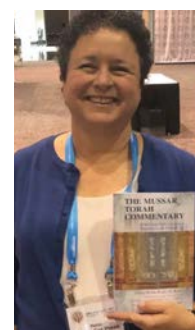


Light snacks will be provided. Please contact Program VP Kathy Sider with questions. If you are unable to attend, you may email suggestions to ksider812@gmail.com.

MAZEL TOV TO:

Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig on the engagement of her son Shai Knight-Winnig to Kristin Jaffe, daughter of Dan and Kay Jaffe of Columbus, OH.

Rabbi Marla Joy Subeck Spanjer, whose work is included in *The Mussar Torah Commentary: A Spiritual Path to Living a Meaningful and Ethical Life* (CCAR Press). The book was launched in December at the URJ Biennial.



YOUTH NEWS

PRIZES, FOOD, & FUN AT PURIM CARNIVAL

Enter the costume contest for children and adults, play new and favorite games, bid on items during the silent auction, enjoy lunch, and join the fun when our annual Purim Carnival returns on Sunday, March 8 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Temple.



The fun includes:

- Bagel darts, bounce house, basketball and more
- Bingo for the grown-ups (\$1 per card - begins at 1 p.m.) with Mike Rush calling the numbers to win fun prizes.
- Lunch featuring cheese pizza, Casa salad, fruit, kugel, lox and bagels, and, of course, hamentashen
- Silent auction to benefit the youth group
- Beer from Chapman's Brewery, Wine, and Bloody Mary Bar
- Costume contest for adults and children - prizes for best costume

Admission is \$5 per person, with no charge for children six and under.

Thank you to the Carnival Committee: Leslie Cohen, Geoff Gordon, Shai Hadashi, Matthew Katinsky, Amy Shepsman Krouse, Samara Sheray, and Ellen Tom

DONATE TO PROVIDE BIRTHDAY BOXES FOR FOSTER KIDS

Religious School students will be providing birthday boxes for local children ages 3 to 13 in foster care with cake mix, frosting, birthday candles, a banner or streamers, a new children's book, a gift card, and a personalized note with birthday wishes.

The goal is to raise enough funds to make 60 boxes by May 2020 to deliver to the Allen County Foster Parent Association. Weekly tzedakah collected at Religious School will go toward the project. Each box will cost approximately \$36. Additional donations are appreciated. Checks should be made payable to "CAV – The Temple" and earmarked for "birthday boxes."



GETTING READY FOR PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

We're currently taking names of children eligible to enroll in our PreK-Kindergarten Program on Sunday mornings for the 2020-2021 Religious School year. If you have a child who will be four years old on or before August 1, 2020, please call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 no later than April 1, 2020. Children must be members of the Temple to enroll in Religious School.

JOIN THE FUN AT JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP KALLAH

Jewish youth in grades 6-8 are invited February 28-March 1 to the Junior Youth Group Kallah at Congregation Beth Tikvah in Worthington, Ohio to meet other kids from the NFTY-Ohio Valley region. The weekend includes teen-created educational, spiritual, and social activities. Please register by February 12.



Religious School students celebrated Hanukkah by making gingerbread shtetls and sharing songs, stories, games, and food.

LOOKING TO A GREAT SUMMER AT GUCI

Registration is underway for a great summer of fun and Jewish friendships at Goldman Union Camp Institute, our regional Union for Reform Judaism camp in Zionsville. Enroll your child entering third grade in the fall through high school. GUCI provides a wonderful atmosphere where it's cool to be Jewish!

We encourage Temple kids to attend GUCI and Jewish summer camp programs! Please contact the Temple office or Campership Chair Dan Zweig for campership information. 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.

Support our Campership program - Temple camperships have become increasingly important during the last several years to help Achduth Vesholom families with the cost of camp. Please continue to support the Ruth Brenn, Gold-Turansky, Mansbach and Temple Campership funds with your donations.

Jewish overnight camp is one of the most effective ways for kids to develop lifelong Jewish friendships, to grow as individuals,

and to form meaningful connections with the Jewish community and Israel. Find the top six reasons to attend a Jewish summer camp.





With the glow of candles shedding a sweet light, we celebrated Hanukkah in December during a beautiful service led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig. The ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) served latkes and sufganiyot. We also shared a champagne toast to 2020. Special thanks to the ROMEOS' Hanukkah team: Denny Reynolds, Mike Rush, and Steve Bronstein.



The documentary film "Hava Nagila" offered Temple members insights into the joyful and popular song during a Movie Night. Our program included Havdalah and a discussion led by Dr. Steve Carr, director of the Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and Associate Professor of Communication at Purdue Fort Wayne. Thanks to Dave Flapan for chairing the evening.



PLAN YOUR COSTUME AND JOIN US FOR PURIM SERVICE!

Purim begins on Monday evening, March 9. Join us for a fun family celebration at 6 p.m. and a traditional Megillah reading at 7:30 p.m. as we retell the story of Esther. More details to come. Get your costumes ready!

Please plan to bring boxes of macaroni and cheese to shake when Haman's name is read. Afterward, we'll donate to the food bank at [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#). [What is Purim?](#)



SAVE THE DATE FOR 2ND SEDER THURSDAY, APRIL 9 6 P.M. AT THE TEMPLE

VOTE FOR THE REFORM MOVEMENT IN THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS!


Help promote religious pluralism in Israel by voting in the election for the members of the World Zionist Congress of the World Zionist Organization (WZO). By voting for the Reform Movement Slate, you help promote an Israel that is truly representative of the values that are so dear to us. The World Zionist Organization and The World Zionist Congress (WZC) is a representative body of the world's Jewish people.

Currently, the United States has 145 delegates in the WZC, the largest single delegation outside Israel. Thanks to a robust turnout in the 2015 elections, 56 of the 145 delegates (39 percent) represent the Reform Movement and, as a result, have been able to ensure that more than \$4 million a year (\$20 million over five years) is being directed to the Israeli Reform Movement. By comparison, the Israeli government annually provides nearly 4 billion NIS (\$1.1 billion) to Orthodox and Haredi institutions in Israel.

A strong election turnout among North America's Reform Jews and our supporters and allies will ensure that financial resources will continue to flow to our Israeli movement – including Reform congregations and institutions. It also will allow us to fill leadership positions in some of Israel's national institutions, including the World Zionist Organization (WZO), the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), and Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael – Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF).





A leadership role in KKL-JNF will enable us to ensure that decisions about government and public spending over the Green Line, including land purchases, reflect the Reform Movement's values and positions. Only in this way can we continue to build a democratic society in Israel that truly reflects the Jewish values of: pluralism, equality, economic justice, and peace. What's more, because JAFI and the WZO support programs of the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), high voter turnout will provide support for WUPJ congregations and for Netzer Olami and Tamar, which offer programming for Progressive Jewish youth and young adults in communities around the world.

This year, in 2020 we hope to have an even stronger representation and look forward to all Reform Jews in the United States to stand up and be counted!



Vote Reform

World Zionist Congress Elections | January 21-March 11, 2020 | [ARZA.org](#)

When Is the Vote? Voting takes place from Tuesday January 21, 2020 through Wednesday March 11, 2020.

How do I Vote? You can register and vote on-line during the voting period (January 21 – March 11, 2020).

The election website is run by an organization called the American Zionist Movement (AZM). Paper ballots are available. The voting site will be [ZionistElection.org](#)

AZM charges a \$7.50 fee, used for its costs for running the election. For the price of a latte, you can help Jews around the world immensely. (In Herzl's time, the fee was one shekel.) If you cannot afford the fee, please contact Rabbi Winnig.

After you register and pay AZM \$7.50, you will be able to vote immediately. As you register, you will also need to acknowledge support for the Jerusalem program, which gives an ideological statement of support for the existence of Israel. It does not favor any specific organizational or political platform. It does not encourage settlement activity across the Green line. The Jerusalem program tries to explain the central principles of Zionism today. We are asking all those who vote to simply acknowledge that this is the platform of the WZO.

You may also consider voting for MERCAZ, the slate of delegates from the Conservative movement that works together with the Reform movement and shares many of the same values in supporting for a pluralistic, democratic Israel. Vote your conscience, but definitely VOTE!!

Please contact Rabbi Winnig if you have any questions about voting in the election. Help secure Israel as a pluralistic home for Jews.

SHOP AT KROGER AND SUPPORT THE TEMPLE, TOO!

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

- Learn how to [register your Kroger Plus Card](#)
- Don't have a Kroger Plus card yet? [Request one](#)
- Already have a Kroger Plus Card? [Sign in](#)
- Need Kroger's organization number for the Temple? It's IF039

Thanks for supporting the Temple!



HELP THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS PROVIDE WARM SOCKS

When it is cold out, no one should have to go without socks! The Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays team is seeking monetary donations toward the purchase of new socks for men and women.

The socks will be distributed through our Fresh Start program, which assists men, women, and young adults who are exiting various segments of the judicial system. Please earmark any donations for "Thoughtful Thursdays socks," with checks payable to "CAV - The Temple." We also continue to collect hotel-size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash for Fresh Start.

Our regular Thoughtful Thursdays project continues this month when our volunteers gather on Wednesday, February 5 at 10 a.m. to assemble bags for the 72 children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple. In addition to food and household products, this month's bags will include a special Valentine's Day treat.



Thank you to all who continue to support our Thoughtful Thursdays efforts and our volunteers from Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.



Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig joined Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend in a Jewish-Catholic prayer service in late November as part of Violins of Hope. They focused on the beauty of the Psalms and the religious connections shared and revered by Jews and Catholics.



An interfaith celebration of Thanksgiving in November brought together representatives of 10 religious organizations at the Temple to share stories of immigration and resettlement. In addition to many reflections, the Fort Wayne Youth Orchestra quartet played the Violins of Hope. An offering was collected to benefit Amani Family Services and Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic. Thank you to Rabbi Winnig and all who participated this annual event, as well as to Ellen Tom and her team for the wonderful reception.



CONNECTING AT THE URJ BIENNIAL

When Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise founded the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now the [Union for Reform Judaism](#)), in 1873, he couldn't have imagined that someday more than 5,000 Jewish men, women and children would gather in an enormous space like the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago to celebrate Shabbat, study and rejoice in their Jewish lives.

This, however, was exactly what Ronnie & Norm Greenberg, Beth & Dan Zweig, Temple Executive Director Samara Sheray and Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig encountered as we participated in the [Biennial](#) gathering of the URJ this past December. We were kept running for 12 hours a day attending workshops, hearing musical performances, finding old friends and making new ones through many hallway conversations.



We had coordinated in advance to attend workshops we felt would provide useful information to assist us in Fort Wayne. We attended sessions on music, governance, security, program evaluation, gender equity, mergers and transitions, publicity and so many more.

Rabbi Winnig participated in a program called "The Clergy Monologues," which was a dramatic production of stories from women rabbis and cantors about the joy, pain, and complexity of their roles. We also had the opportunity to see displays of new programs, new books, and new Jewish art objects. We enjoyed hearing our upcoming Artist-in-Residence [Alan Goodis](#) on the Jewish Rock Radio Stage.

Ronnie and Norm focused primarily on music, attending as many song sessions and presentations as possible. The Greenbergs also attended many rehearsals with the biennial choir to sing at Friday evening and Saturday morning services, although, unfortunately, Ronnie developed laryngitis and had to drop out of the choir. They said they learned several new settings that they look forward to introducing to our congregation in the spring.

Beth and Ronnie attended a workshop called "Collaborations and Mergers: How Congregations can move from 'yours and mine' to 'ours.'" We learned in sessions and conversations throughout the conference that many congregations are exploring arrangements to share space or merge. Our campus arrangement bringing together the Jewish organizations in Fort Wayne also was mentioned by a presenter in a program on innovations.

Samara made many new connections with URJ staff that will help us at Achduth Vesholom with ideas on approaches to security, resources for small congregations, and leadership development. She said she also enjoyed seeing those she'd participated with last summer at the URJ Had'racha lay leadership in ritual life training program.

We heard from many wonderful speakers in our plenary presentations including, [Rabbi Rick Jacobs](#) and [Dr. Deborah Lipstadt](#). Rabbi Jacobs, the URJ President, expounded on his theme of widening the Tent of Reform Judaism to be warm and welcoming to all people, highlighting Jews of Color (now 20% of Reform Jews), people with Disabilities, LGBTQ+ people and all who seek to align themselves with the Jewish People.

Dr. Lipstadt, the world's preeminent authority on Anti-Semitism, spoke about "the Joy of Judaism, not the Oy" and called upon us to celebrate our Judaism because it is our gift and our heritage. Dr. Lipstadt called on us to be more overt in our Jewish practice because we love our heritage, not because we want to prove something to the Anti-Semites of the world. We met the new board chair of the URJ, Jennifer Brodkey Kaufman, who chanted Torah in honor of her installation and thanked Darryl Messenger for her years of leadership.

The URJ biennial is always an uplifting event and especially reminds us that we are not alone. There are congregations and active Jews living out their lives in towns and congregations even smaller than ours.

We thank the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support for the registration fees of our attendees. Save the date: December 8-11, 2021, in Washington, D.C. (National Harbor) for the next biennial!





Rabbi Winnig and a few ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) and Juliets helped Manny Silverman celebrate his 94th birthday at the Saint Anne Home & Retirement Community in December.



It's tradition! We celebrated "Chinese Shabbat" at the Temple on the Friday closest to Christmas, followed by Chinese food. Great to share delicious food, great conversation, and good fortunes!

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Nola & Matthew Katinsky and their children, Hannah and Sam, on the death of her father and their grandfather, Thomas Edgar Butz on December 18, 2019 in Texas.

Nat Zweig and Dan & Beth Zweig and family on the death of their aunt, Leona Zweig Rosenberg, on December 12, 2019 in Chicago. We also think of her cousins Joshua & Donna Tourkow. She may have been the last person to have belonged to all three Fort Wayne Jewish congregations, Congregation B'nai Israel (1894-1937) and in her later years both Congregation B'nai Jacob and Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

The family of former B'nai Jacob member Leon Bleifeld on November 24, 2019 in Michigan. An artist, he designed the Ark for the previous B'nai Jacob building that now stands in the Temple's Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel.

Franck Hagendorf and family on the death of his mother, Jacqueline Hagendorf, on November 30, 2019 in Paris, France.

Rita & Tom O'Neill and family on the death of his sister, Patricia Ann Gorst, on November 28, 2019 in Cross Plains, Wisconsin.



WE CARE

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

CONFRONTING THE SHOAH RETURNS

Please join Dr. David Lindquist for a six-session class providing comprehensive contextual and historical knowledge about the Nazi Holocaust. Classes will meet at the Rifkin Campus at 5200 at 7 p.m. on these Tuesdays: January 21 & 28 and February 4, 11, 18, & 25.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the program is open to adults, teachers, principals, historians, and high school juniors and seniors.

There is no cost for Federation members, teachers, principals, historians, or students. Other participants are asked to pay \$5 for the cost of materials. Please register at (260) 456-0400 or office@fwjf.org.

Major funding for the program is provided by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and gifts to the Federation's annual campaign.

Confronting the Shoah

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne (JFWF) cordially invites you to attend its six-session program **Confronting the Shoah**. This course provides participants with comprehensive contextual and historical knowledge regarding the Nazi Holocaust.

Presented by:
Dr. David Lindquist

When: January 21, 28
February 4, 11, 18 and 25

Where: Adults, Teachers, Principals, Historians, High School Juniors & Seniors

Where: Rifkin Campus
5200 Old Mill Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46804
Class: 7:00 PM

Cost: No cost for Federation members, teachers, principals, historians, or students.
\$5.00 for everyone else to cover cost of materials.

Register by: January 7 - call the office at (260) 456-0400 OR email office@fwjf.org

Topics:

1. An Introduction to the Study of the Holocaust
2. Confronting the Study of the Holocaust
3. The Setting for the Holocaust
4. Evolution of the Holocaust
5. Resistance, Collaboration, Rescue, and Rescue during the Holocaust
6. The Conclusion and Aftermath of the Holocaust

THE HOLOCAUST

Major funding for the program is provided by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and gifts to the Federation's annual campaign.

HIDDEN GEMS OF JEWISH GENEALOGY

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is proud to host genealogist Marlis Humphrey on Sunday, February 16 at 2 p.m. at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center. The program is free and open to the public.

She is a well-known researcher and speaker and is the immediate past president of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies. Humphrey is also a member of the JewishGen Board of Governors, Executive Director of the Documentation of Jewish Records Worldwide Project, and the president of the Florida State Genealogical Society. She has a Master's Degree in Management of Technology and a BA in Russian Language.

Humphrey will be giving two programs in February. The first, "Hidden Gems of Jewish Genealogy," will showcase more than a dozen resources that may not be so obvious to researchers – both beginners and experienced genealogists.

The second, "Discovering Your Shtetl," will help researchers make that connection to their ancestral town. The challenges of family name changes, border changes and differences in town names will be addressed, and resources as varied as DNA testing, Jewish newspapers, and landsmanschaften will be discussed.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for a wonderful afternoon of Jewish genealogy! More information about the NEIJGS can be found at our website or our Facebook page.



NEIJGS MEMBERS ENJOY WORKSHOP



Members of the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society enjoyed its first member workshop on January 12. Designed for "beginners and breakthroughs," the event aimed to get members moving forward with their family history, whether as beginners or more experienced researchers.

The ACPL Genealogy Center's Curt Witcher began the event with suggestions for getting started and best practices, and then he and staff member, Melissa Tennant joined NEIJGS board members to work one-on-one with nine members who attended the workshop. They were able to take advantage of the library's databases and printed resources for their research. The NEIJGS hopes to offer this type of workshop to its members on an annual basis in the future.



PRESERVING OUR CONGREGATION'S HISTORY

Have you ever been curious about previous generations at the Temple? Wondering about what might be in the congregation's "attic?" The Temple's Board of Directors has recently approved a plan to digitize our congregational records with the help of the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center. The Genealogy Center has offered to scan all of our documents – everything from bulletins and programs to educational and membership records – at no cost. They will then provide us with a digital copy of all of these records.

Members of the Digitization Committee met this past fall to put together the proposal for the project. After discussions with the ACPL's Curt Witcher, a "72-year rule" was agreed on as the time frame for making records public. This comes from the policy of the federal government for releasing census data to the general public. Once scanned, congregational records older than 72 years will be available to the public through the library system. Digital copies of all records will be stored at both the library and the Temple.

With the approval of the project, the work of sorting through the records of both congregations will begin shortly. The committee is now working to set up the process and will be seeking volunteers to help with this endeavor. If you are interested, please contact Betsy Gephart at library@templecav.org.

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In memory of Gertrude Stein Adelman: *Carol & Larry Adelman, Rita & Tom O'Neill*
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 In memory of Joseph Rezits: *Jo Ellen & Mike Rush, Ronnie & Norm Greenberg, Marcia & Denny Reynolds*

Endowment Fund

In memory of Minnette Ruchman, Marshall Warshauer and David Warshauer: *Louise & Bill Warshauer*
 In memory of Leona Rosenberg: *Jamie & Jon Berger, Marcia & Denny Reynolds, Jo Ellen & Mike Rush, Ronnie & Norm Greenberg, Cindi & Rich Wismer*
 In memory of Linda Berwert: *Jo Ellen & Mike Rush*
 In memory of Patricia Gorst: *Jamie & Jon Berger*
 In memory of Sam Cristil: *Marvin Cristil*

General Operations

In memory of LeRoy Shine: *Thomas Shine, Larry Shine*
 In memory of Marsha Dan: *Dennis Dan*
 In memory of Patricia Gorst: *Beth & Dan Zweig, Susan & Alan Cooperman*
 In memory of Thomas Butz: *Beth & Dan Zweig*
 In memory of Tobi Greenspan: *Hanna & Phyllis Pomerantz*
 In memory of Joseph Rezits: *Carol & Larry Adelman, Cheryl Schorey*
 A donation has been received from: *Richard Grzych, Scott Fergusson*
 In memory of David Appel and Max Konigsberg: *Annie & Dan Appel*
 In memory of Wilbur Zweig: *Leona Rosenberg, Nat Zweig*
 In memory of Ruth Zweig and Elmer Zweig: *Nat Zweig*
 In memory of Salomon Safirstein: *Kay Safirstein*
 In memory of Jacqueline Hagendorf: *Jere Leib, Beth & Dan Zweig*
 In memory of Henry Friedman: *Norma Friedman*
 In memory of Irving Snow: *Joanne & Norm Snow*
 In memory of Harry Rush: *Jo Ellen & Mike Rush*

Library Fund

In memory of Reba Safran: *Rabbi Richard Safran*
 In memory of Marguerite Thal and Joseph Rezits: *Betsy & Geoff Gephart*

Holocaust Memorial Fund

In memory of Ida Finkelshteyn: *Dora & Leonid Itkin*

Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural Enrichment Fund

In memory of David Rothberg and Samuel Rothberg: *Stephen Rothberg*
 In memory of Maurice Rothberg: *Deb Rothberg*

Project Assist

In memory of Michael Green and Dr. Joel Salon: *Marilyn Salon*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Joseph Rezits: *Al Zacher*
 In memory of Beryl & Allan Rush: *Jo Ellen & Mike Rush*
 In memory of Yetta Jacobson and Sarah Weiss: *Susie Miller*
 In memory of LeRoy Shine: *Steve Shine*
 In appreciation of Rabbi Winnig's assistance with Leona Rosenberg's funeral: *Beth & Dan Zweig*

Religious School

In memory of Thomas Butz: *Carol & Larry Adelman*
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Temple Gardens Fund

In memory of Louis Meyers: *Patrice & Mike Sposeep*
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 In memory of Pauline Brateman: *Adrienne & Adolph Brateman*
 In memory of Susan Kaplan: *Stan Levine*
 In memory of Jeanette Lewis: *Rita & Mike Lewis*

Thoughtful Thursdays

In memory of Patrica Gorst: *Micki & Sherwin Kepes*
 In appreciation of Jamie & Jon Berger and Donna & Josh Tourkow: *Beth & Dan Zweig*
 In memory of Manuel King: *Suzi & Jim King*
 In memory of Sam Fogel: *Doris Fogel*

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In memory of Mollie Kutcher and Joseph Kutcher: *Rikki Goldstein*

Youth Group

In memory of Eric E. Eling: *Roslyn & Mike Eling*

Explore all of our [Tribute Funds](#).

FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

January 31 - February 1

Rosalind Adelman
Bill Aichele
Ruth Aichele
Nancy Barasch
Morris Begun
Rose Besser
Ann Butler
Beatrice Cristil
Marian Behar Dodson
Philip Dorman
Nathan Fisher
Mae Freiburger
Dr. Max M. Gitlin
Michael H. Green
Fannie Hassan
Margo Hirshfeld
Chester Horn
Isadore Kaplan
Elizabeth Kirschner
Rose Kraus
Marvin Kravitz
Rose Latker
Rose Levy
Jeanette Lewis
Joan Leva Marx
Aida McCahey
Deborah Rachel Neiman
Byron F. Novitsky
Ben Oppenheim
Stephen Russ
Lester Selan
Harvey Siegel
Rabbi Samuel Strass
Abraham Strouse
Bea (Bertha) Waldman
Marshall Warshauer
Jack Weiner
Harry A. Wenbert

February 8

Sidney Baitcher*
Judith Baitcher*
Hyman Jerome Bass*
Stephen Bosell*
Sylvia Brateman*
Louis Brenn*
Dr. Maurice A. Chodosh*
Esther Congress*
Jane Costanza*

Fred R. Golden*
Frida Greengrass*
Mary Brooks Gutowitz*
Abraham Heilbroner*
Pearl Hertzman*
Irma Hesslein*
Mary Kohn*
Julia Kraus*
Joseph Kutcher*
Peter Lauinger*
Rose Leader*
Clara Magazine*
John Vaun Malay**
Eleanor Margolis**
Arthur Marx**
Rosa Novitsky**
Fay Pecken**
Alan Richie**
Mae Rifkin**
Pearl Starr Sachs**
Emily Sahlmann**
Ben Salon**
Neil Sandler**
Ann Shafer**
Shari Troy**
Jennette M. Vogel**
Nathan Wertheimer**
Max Yaffe**
Jacob Yentis**

February 14-15

Joseph Baum
Jacob Berstein
Jacob E. Dessauer
Abraham Edelman
Adolph Epstein
Yetta Falk
Meir Fichman
Leah Margaret Ford
Shirley Ruth Jason Ford
Florence Frank
Esther Garber
Rose Goldberger
Hy Goldenberg
Henri Hagendorf
Fran Herman
Isadore Hersh
Louis Jason
Clair Johnson
Roy Lawrence Kalver

Alex K. Klein-Klarke
Stella Komito
Morris Kudysh
Benjamin Kurzner
Hyman Marcus
Douglas Martin
Mark Merin
Louis Abraham Messe
Rebecca Milstein
Anna Perlman
Elias Punsky
Fannie Ress
Irving W. Rifkin
Jack Ruderman
Harry Rush
John Sabo
Hyman Abraham Sachs
Richard Sachsel
Max Salon
Robert B. Schuller
Jack I. Schultz
Jacob Schwartz
Ethel Strassberg
Samuel Tillinger
Mildred Weber
Frank Winnick
Helen Zaslawsky

February 21-22

Manuel Babich
Norman Bosell
William Bronstein
Shirley Cohodes
Sam Cristil
Carrie Frank
Irvin Friedman
Robert Garber
Sheila Gaspar
Lawrence D. Gordon
Lillie Gosney
Lillian Altman Gubitz
Michael Guerrasio
Aaron S. Heiligman
Leon Himelstein
Ruth Horn
Rose Horwitz
Benjamin J. Hutner
Ernest S. Iczkovitz
Sam Jacobson
Beatrice Lamb

David Landy
G. Irving "Bud" Latz II
Hattie Lehman
Max Levant
Eliza Lichtenberg
Beckie Metzger
Dorothy Moyer
William Ochstein
Abe Ochstein
Robert Polz
Dr. J. M. Rosenthal
Harriet Rudensky
Louis Scheinberg
John Schmitz
Jean Siegel
Abraham Silver
Tillie Bosell Snow
Rabbi Leo Stillpass
Louis Sulzer
Robert A. Watson
Hannah Zacher
Sally Zack
Jennie Zweig

February 28-29

Frieda Barris
Molly Bleifeld
Edward Brower
James Walter Burcham
Fannie Cohen
Alexander Drozdova
Steven L. Ellis
Victor N. Farhi
Fred Fidler
Theodore Frank
Pearl Leah Gladstone
Dr. Conrad Goode
Nettie Gottlieb
Sol Greenberg
Eunice Greenstein
Betty Jane Barton Gubitz
Ruvim Gurevich
Louis A. Heilbroner
Fannie K. Heilbroner
Ben Hersh
Helen Hassan Kaufman
Gertrude Kessler
Isadore Kramer
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Henry Levy
Jacob Lipp
Edward S. Merin
Eva Orenstein
Sam Pass
Jeanne Phillips
Mary Pollak
Pauline Price
Leonard Rifkin
Irwin Rosenbaum
Jesse E. Ross
Cecelia Rothschild
Dr. Herman Rudensky
Louis Ruderman
Fraida Safirstein
Jay Allen Safran
Irwin Samuel Sagan
Esther S. Stillpass
Irving Weinswig
Alexander Baruch Welcher
Larry Wittenberg
Ralph Wolf
Sadie Zinn

No service will be held on Friday, February 7 due to Home Shabbat. Yahrzeit names for the week will be read on Saturday, February 8. Names also will be read at evening services as indicated on January 31 () or February 14 (**).*



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.

THE TEMPLE

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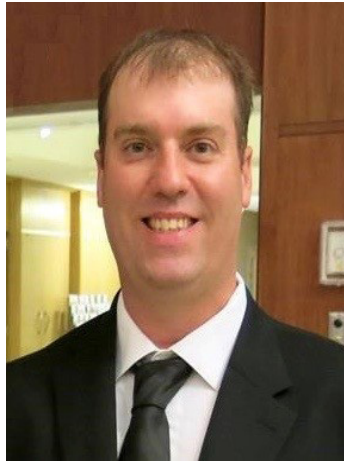
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WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

The Temple board welcomes your comments and suggestions. We will do our best to address your questions and concerns. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 (office@TempleCAV.org) for information. President Ellen Tom can be reached at president@templecav.org.

**The deadline for the March Bulletin is
Friday, February 14**

GUEST COLUMNIST SCOTT GOLDBERG



Our guest columnist Scott Goldberg is the Temple's Vice President - Finance. An active member of our congregation since 2014, he serves on the Corned Beef Fundraiser Committee and is co-chair of our upcoming congregational Second Seder. He and his wife, Kristin, and son, Sam, live in Montpelier.

Being a member of Achduth Vesholom is important to me and my family because it enables us to experience a sense of Jewish identity and heritage by interacting with other Jewish people at Temple functions and by having our son with other Jewish kids in Religious School. We travel an hour to get to Temple, but we feel the trip is worthwhile for us to be involved and part of a strong Jewish community.

Whether holding a conversation with a fellow member, attending services or a social event, learning about a Jewish topic, or helping with a fundraiser, Achduth Vesholom has much to offer. Being part of the Temple is something every member should be proud of. And we've been strengthened as a congregation in recent months with many new members by coming together with B'nai Jacob.

This is the time of year when we remind our members that your dedication is vital to sustaining the congregation in terms of your presence, as well as your financial support.

As Hillel asked, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?"

These are the words that I ask you to consider as we begin the process of developing a budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and as we look ahead for future years. The dues pledge campaign plays a crucial role in developing a realistic budget, which includes staffing, worship services, programming, social action, security, and more.

Dues make up the biggest portion of our budget after the Temple's Endowment Fund. Other revenue comes from facility rental and donations for simchas, condolences, yahrzeits, and thank yous.

In the coming weeks, congregants will receive a letter asking for a dues pledge for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Included will be dues amount guidelines and information on the average cost per household to operate the congregation. We ask you to fill out your pledge form and return it to the Temple by Tuesday, March 31.

As a religious organization, we rely on your generosity to pledge your fair share of dues to cover the ongoing expenses of the Temple. We ask that you give what you can afford to support the Temple. We realize that there are some who may have financial issues, and we respect that. We've always relied on those who can give a little more to cover the cost for those who can't. Thank you for this mitzvah. Please return your dues pledge and, if at all possible, raise your dues commitment to better support the Temple.

THANK YOU FOR PASTA DONATIONS

We appreciate everyone who supported our December Food Drive with donations to benefit the food bank at [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#).

Stock up on macaroni and cheese to use as groggers at the Purim service on Monday, March 9 and then add to our donation box afterward for Wellspring.

