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GREEN EGGS AND HAM-ENTASHEN?!? A PURIM CELEBRATION ALA DR. SEUSS



Try it, try it, you will see, Purim at the Temple, what fun it will be! Come hear the story of Esther when shpiel meets Seuss, see Rabbi Lenny in costume, we'll really let loose. Shake a grogger when Haman's name we boo, make merry and nosh on a

hamentashen or two. Don a hat or a headdress, a cape or a crown, we'll be ready to greet you – with a smile, not a frown.

Please join us for our Purim and Shabbat service on Friday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple when Rabbi Lenny reads from Migillat Esther and our Seussical shpiel features Religious School teachers. A holiday Oneg Shabbat follows.

Bring boxes of macaroni and cheese to shake when Haman's name is uttered. The food will be donated to the food bank at Wellspring Interfaith Social Services. We'll have traditional groggers available, too.

PURIM CARNIVAL GETS A NEW LOOK AND NEW TIME

Come in costume and join FOrTY, our high school youth group, on Sunday, March 12 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Temple for an exciting Purim extravaganza that provides a new twist on our traditional Purim Carnival!

Whether you dress as Queen Esther or Mordechai, Darth Vader or Elsa, join us during the second hour of Religious School for many favorite games, moon bounce, Cake Walk, hamentashen, prizes, and lots of fun for the whole family. New this year: No game tickets! Enjoy unlimited opportunities to play at no charge. Light snacks provided.

FOrTY is looking forward to hosting this hour of Purim fun for the Jewish kids in the community. Adults and children not enrolled in Religious School also are welcome to share in the festivities.

AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT RESOURCE CENTER GRAND OPENING

Author <u>David Laskin</u> is the keynote speaker at the grand opening of the <u>Madge Rothschild Resource Center</u> on Sunday, April

30 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. He'll discuss

"One Family, Three Journeys: How one family embodied the sweep of 20th century Jewish history." Find out more on Page 6.

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

MARCH

Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly

Wednesday, March 1 10 a.m. at the Temple

Mah Jongg Workshop*

Sunday, March 5 Noon to 2 p.m. At the Temple

Talmud Class*

Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 7 p.m. at the Temple Online attendance also available.

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 12 11 a.m. to noon at the Temple Sponsored by FOrTY, the carnival is being offered a new time during Religious School. Adults and children not enrolled in Religious School are invited to join the fun.

APRIL

Religious School Spring Break

No classes April 2-16. Hebrew resumes April 18 and Sunday classes resume on April 23.

Congregational Seder*

Saturday, April 15 6 p.m. at the Temple The Temple Seder moves this year to the sixth night of Passover. Please make a reservation by Friday, March 31.

NFTY-Ohio Valley Spring Kallah*

April 20-23 At Rockdale Temple in Cincinnati

Grand Opening Madge Rothschild Resource Center

Sunday, April 30 2 p.m. Open House, Reception & Tours 4 p.m. Author David Laskin speaks on "One Family, Three Journeys: How one family embodied the sweep of 20th century

Jewish history."



CAN'T GET TO THE TEMPLE ON FRIDAY EVENING? Some worship services are now available online through TempleConnect. Check our website calendar for dates and times at www. templecav.org, as well as other available programs.



Services

MARCH

Friday, March 3 Shabbat Katan Family Service at 6 p.m. Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 10 Purim & Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Bimah Honors: Beth Zweig

Oneg Shabbat: Rabbi & Karen Sarko Wear a costume and bring macaroni and cheese to use for groggers to donate.

Friday, March 17 Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m. Bimah Honors: Kathy Sider

Friday, March 24 Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 31

Temple.

Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat: The Goldberg Family

Kiddush follows Shabbat services.

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK FEATURES AUTHOR BRAD MELTZER



Author Brad Meltzer will be the featured speaker at the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's annual People of the Book lecture on Monday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. A dessert reception and book signing will immediately follow.

He is the New York Times bestselling author of numerous titles, including The Inner Circle, The Book of Fate, The Tenth Justice, The First Counsel, and his newest The House of Secrets. In addition to fiction, Meltzer is one of the only

authors also to have books on the bestseller list for non-fiction, advice, children's books, and comic books. He also hosts "Brad Meltzer's Lost History" on H2 and "Brad Meltzer's Decoded" on The History Channel.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the Dr. Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation for their support.

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JOIN US FOR TALMUD CLASS

Our weekly Talmud Class with Rabbi Lenny will meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Temple when we explore how the concepts in the Talmud apply in our personal lives. All are welcome to attend at the Temple or online through TempleConnect.

Rabbi Lenny Sarko

A NEW WAY TO MAKE A JEWISH CONNECTION



Achduth Vesholom's <u>TempleConnect</u> videoconferencing program is off and running. I wanted to clear up some misconceptions and take the time to provide a description of some of the advantages of this program.

Video-conferencing allows people to view and/or participate in activities at the Temple through an Internet connection remotely. Whether at home, work, or any other location from around the world,

you have the ability to join any program that the Temple broadcasts.

Viewing only: There are times you may wish to view and not participate. One example that happened recently was our Mah Jongg Seminar when a congregant who had signed up could not make the first class due to illness. The majority of the first class involved a speaker across the video-conference system discussing the History of Mah Jongg. The congregant logged in from home. You may wish to simply see a Friday night service or some other program that we are conferencing. As a congregant, you have that ability.

Participation: There may be times when you wish to do more than watch. You may wish to fully participate. One current example is our Talmud class. People who attend remotely participate no differently than if they were present in the room. They can be seen, ask questions, and participate in our readings, as well as hear and participate live in all our discussions. The same is true for a life-cycle event. If a grandparent or other relative cannot make it to Fort Wayne for the simcha, they can be brought in through our video-conference system and not only view a life cycle event, but do a prayer and speak to the people present, as well as view the entire ceremony live.

Some congregants have voiced a concern that the TempleConnect program as designed will allow people to stay at home rather than come to the Temple. This is not true. There are still advantages to coming to an event that can never be replaced by online participation. The purpose of this program is to expand the Temple's reach and allow us to capture remote members, who would become members in order to use the service. Instead of reaching more people in and around Fort Wayne, which we hope the program will also do, the Temple will attract unaffiliated Jews in more remote areas of Indiana and the surrounding states. This will expand our congregant base and make our Temple more financially stable.

The equipment for the TempleConnect program has been used in many other ways to benefit the Temple. The 70-inch screen has been used for showing movies. It has been used as a video board in meetings. And we have brought in remote speakers for different committee programs, as well as allowed congregants to attend committee meetings when they could not travel due to work, illness, or other reasons.

If any congregant would like to talk further about our video-conference program, you are welcome to contact me. If you know a friend, relative, or associate who might benefit from this program, please contact me to work out some times that they can test how our system works for free. And as my last point – it is one of the benefits of membership. We control who can and who cannot use the system. As a congregant, you have free access to all programs that use the TempleConnect system. It is part and parcel of how our Temple is doing its best to fulfill your religious needs in any way we can.

WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT? CONGREGATIONAL SEDER ON NEW NIGHT

Passover begins on Monday, April 10 when we retell the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt and freedom from bondage. Though we customarily celebrate the holiday as a congregation on the second night, this



year we invite you for our Seder on Saturday, April 15 at 6 p.m. when Rabbi Lenny will lead us through the Haggadah and we'll dine on a traditional Pesach meal.

Students enrolled in Religious School may attend at no charge by making a reservation and when accompanied by a parent.

Please call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 with your reservations by Friday, March 31 and then follow up by sending your check made payable to "CAV - The Temple."

The cost for Temple members is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children ages 3-12 who are not enrolled in the Religious School, and free for children under age 3. For non-members, the cost is \$30 for adults, \$18 for children 3-12, and free for children under age 3. No refunds will be issued for cancellations or no-shows. Reservations AFTER the deadline will be taken if space is available at an additional cost of \$5 per person. An accurate count is needed to prepare the appropriate amount of food.

PASSOVER MATCHMAKING SERVICE

Do you need a place to go on the first night of Passover? Or, perhaps, you have an empty chair at your Seder table that could accommodate another Temple member. Please call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245. We will try to match Seder seekers with Passover providers. It is a true mitzvah to welcome others at your Seder table. The first Seder is Monday, April 10.

WANT TO JOIN OUR TEMPLE TEAM?

The Temple is seeking for applicants for three staff positions:

- Are you a dependable self-starter with great organizational and computer skills? Our full-time Administrative Assistant position is currently open.
- Are you an experienced manager with working knowledge of budgets and strong collaboration skills? We are seeking a part-time Temple Administrator, beginning July 1.
- Do you love Jewish learning and children, as well as have budget and administrative experience? We are seeking a part-time Religious School Principal, beginning July 1.

Please contact Sally Trotter for more information or an application at (260) 744-4245 or cavadmin@templecav.org.





MAH JONGG WORKSHOP CONTINUES AT THE TEMPLE

Almost 30 people are learning to play Mah Jongg through our four-part workshop that concludes on Sunday, March 5 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. The Adult Education Committee is sponsoring the series for new and seasoned players.

So far, participants have watched the documentary film "The Tiles That Bind" and heard Gregg Swain, author of Mah Jongg: The Art of the Game, speak about the history of the connection between the Jewish communi-

ty and the game. During the final session, participants will examine the artwork depicted on various mah jongg tiles and end with a Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of the program.

After the workshop concludes, drop-in games will be scheduled in the resource center. Please contact the Temple office (260) 744-4245 or Adult Education Chair Wendy Soltz at wendysoltz@gmail.com if you would like to be notified by email about play times.

session of playing the game! Thank you to the

FIRST-AID KITS FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

We just completed one of our big Thoughtful Thurskits that went home



in February with our 72 Brightpoint Head Start families. The kids included a child-size, apple-shaped, hot/cold pack that says "Thoughtful Thursdays."

As a fundraiser, we are selling extra hot/cold packs for \$3 each, or two for \$5. To order, please contact Jamie Berger at jberger02@comcast.net.

Thank you to the Temple's Religious School Committee Chair Ellen Tom and our students for donating boxes of tissues for Thoughtful Thursdays. We are still collecting boxes (100-160-count size).

Volunteers always are welcome. Our next bag assembly date is Wednesday, March 1 at 10 a.m. Thank you to all from Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Congregation B'nai Jacob, and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne who support this Jewish community social action project!

Jamie Berger, Thoughtful Thursdays Chair

THANKS TO HOME SHABBAT HOSTS

Sixty Temple members shared delicious meals and conversation at five host homes during our 14th Annual Home Shabbat on Friday, February 3. Each Sabbath table featured a varied menu, from Middle Eastern lamb meatballs and burekas to homemade brisket and Krispy Kreme Bread Pudding. With six to 20 participants per home, we had a great opportunity to make new friends and share special recipes.

Thank you to our hosts Steve & Elissa Cohen, Leah & Shai Hadashi, Rabbi Lenny & Karen Sarko, Steve & Sally Trotter, and Beth & Dan Zweig. Thank you to Leah Hadashi and Beth Zweig for co-chairing the event and donating the challah for host homes. We have had enthusiastic requests to have a 15th Home Shabbat next year!









MELCOME

INTRODUCING OUR **NEWEST MEMBER**

We welcome Diana Stein as the newest member of our Temple family. She is looking forward to being an active member of our congregation and is especially interested in getting involved with the Adult Education and Ritual committees. Diana works at Costco in Member Services. Her mother, Marlene Cooper, is a long-time Temple member. Her sister Sharon Repka and nephews Jon and Steven were members when they lived in Fort Wayne.

YOUTH NEWS

JOIN US FOR SHABBAT KATAN FAMILY SERVICE

Families with young children are invited to our monthly Shabbat Katan service on Friday, March 3 at 6 p.m. Samara Sheray will lead the service with Rabbi Lenny when we introduce children to the joys of Judaism, including prayers and music. Adults are welcome, too!

PRE-K TO KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Congregation Achduth Vesholom is currently taking names of children enrolling in our PreK-Kindergarten Program on Sunday mornings for the 2017-2018 school year.

If you have a child who will be three years old on or before August 1, 2017, please call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 no later than April 1, 2017.





To celebrate Tu Bishvat, fifth- and sixth-grade students in Leah Hadashi's class made trees with recycled leaves made from old magazines.

CAKE WALK DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations are needed for the popular Purim Carnival Cake Walk as part of the Temple Youth Group's annual Purim Carnival set for Sunday, March 12. Baked goods may be brought in advance and placed in the Temple freezer or early the day of the carnival (marked with your name). Thank you for your help and support. Contact us at fortyyouthgroup@gmail.com.



FOrTY President
Ethan Zweig
recently attended
th NFTY national
convention in
Chicago. He
caught up with
Goldman Union
Camp Institue
Director Jeremy
Klotz and other
friends from our
region.









Religious School students and their families celebrated Tu Bishvat in February with a seder and activities that included potting plants.

CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR TEMPLE KIDS

The impact of Jewish summer camp lasts a lifetime, with opportunities for making friends, learning, and, most importantly, having fun in a setting where it's cool to be Jewish! Temple camperships are a great way to help send your child this summer!

Goldman Union Camp Institute, our regional URJ summer camp in Zionsville, is registering campers for Summer 2017. Find out more about GUCI, including two- and four-week sessions.

For information about <u>camperships</u> for children of Temple members, contact the Temple office or Campership Committee Chair Dan Zweig.

Other assistance for first-time campers through the <u>Foundation</u> <u>for Jewish Camp</u> can be found at <u>www.onehappycamper.org</u>. Contact the <u>Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne</u> for information about camperships, as well as their summer day camp at Camp Joe Levine.

DONATIONS

Joseph & Elsa Adler Memorial Fund

In memory of Joseph Adler: Irv & Fran Adler

Campership Fund

In memory of William DuBow & Harry Leiberman: Vivian Skadron

Endowment

In memory of Sophie Glazer: Dan & Beth Zweig

Floral

In memory of Rena Edlavitch: Betty Stein

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In memory of Betty Joe Seligman: David Seligman

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In memory of Joseph Kutcher: Len & Rikki Goldstein

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In memory of Beryl Rush: Alan & Barbara Gilbert

TEMPLE BOOK CLUB COMING IN MAY



Be part of our inaugural Temple Book Club meeting on Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. when we discuss <u>Saving Sophie</u> by <u>Ronald Balson</u>, the author of *Once We Were Brothers*. We'll also talk with the author that evening via video-conferencing in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. Our hope with this program is to start a book club for Temple members that will meet on a fairly regular basis.

CHECK OUT AWARD-WINNING BOOKS

When the Association of Jewish Libraries announced the winners of the <u>2017 Sydney Taylor Awards</u> in January, we were thrilled to find that we already own all three of the winning titles! In addition to the prize-winners, we also have all of the silver medalists and notable books in our collection. Having recently read all three of the winners, I can highly recommend them.

I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark by Debbie Levy, is a marvelous picture book biography of the Supreme Court Justice. The bold and exciting illustrations by Elizabeth Baddeley really make the book fun for kids, and the message of speaking up and changing the world is powerfully conveyed. The restrictions on girls and Jews in our not-so-distant history are also eye-opening for younger audiences.

The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog by Adam Gidwitz, was the winner in the Older Readers Category, and is a wonderful novel for middle grade students. "Illuminations" by Hatem Aly help give the book a medieval feel. The tale is told through multiple narrators, leaving the reader wondering about those telling the story while they become absorbed in the tale itself. Set in France, the story follows three children on a quest to save thousands of volumes of Talmud from being burnt at the hands of the Inquisition. It is a superb combination of light and dark, fantasy and historical fiction.

Anna and the Swallow Man by Gavriel Savit, is a dark and mysterious Holocaust novel set in Poland. Awarded in the Teen Readers category, I would recommend it for high school students and adults. Anna is seven years old and living in Krakow when her father is taken away. Abandoned by one of her father's friends, she follows a strange man out of the city to safety. Naming him "Swallow Man," she travels around Poland with him for four years, but he remains in many ways a stranger to her. The drama intensifies when they meet up with Rev Herschel, a somewhat boisterous Jew. This beautifully written story seems almost shrouded in fog throughout, with all of the characters retaining a mystery about them that holds the reader's attention.

Betsy Gephart, Librarian

RESOURCE CENTER GRAND OPENING

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Laskin's fascinating book explores his own family history, which begins a century and a half ago with a Torah scribe and his wife raising six children at the western fringe of the Russian Empire. The upheavals of the last century split the family into three branches: one immigrated to America and founded two businesses, including the Maidenform Bra Company; one went to Palestine as pioneer farmers and participated in the violent birth of the State of Israel; the third branch remained behind in Europe and suffered the onslaught of the Nazi occupation.

More details will be coming about the afternoon, which includes a reception and tours. The author will speak at 4 p.m., followed by a book signing. The resource center is the cornerstone of the Rifkin Campus at 5200 project and includes the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library and the Jacob L. Goldman Museum focusing on 200 years of Jewish history in Northeast Indiana. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of Laskin's visit.

YAHRZEITS

MARCH 3 Chuma Appel Barbara Berger Anatoliy Berkovich Sarah Cohen Carrie Dessauer Louis Dessauer Alexander Drozdova Victor N. Farhi Theodore Frank Rose Goldstine Nettie Gottlieb Betty Jane Barton Gubitz Robert P. Hirsch Ruvim Gurevich Fannie K. Heilbroner Louis A. Heilbroner Robert L. Kalver Mae Porter Kann Conner Koons Isadore Kramer Sam Kramer Estelle Lesser William Lesser Rae Wolf Levine Elmer Lewis Jacob Lipp Eva Orenstein Pauline Price

Leonard Rifkin

Irwin Rosenbaum

Jacob Rosenberg

Estelle Salnitsky

Eugene Schmidt

Larry Wittenberg

Herbert A. Schiller

Esther S. Stillpass

Frances Rothenberg

MARCH 10 Jesse Amber Josephine Bach Shalome Boudai Perry Carson Ralph Clark Raymond Farhi Eddie Field Rosa S. Fishman Marian L. Frankenstein Benjamin Friedman Matilda Hallenstein Penelope Houseman Joy July-Amber Morris Kaye Dr. Robert M King Charlotte Korin Louis Kwatnez Harriet Lesser Edna P. Levine Bill Llewellyn Sarah Kalver Max **Amy Pincus** Abraham Roseman Harry Rosensweet Ida Rothschild Arlene Sambur Estelle King Schaffer Rose Schwartz Rose S. Schwartz Julius J. Stein Sigmund Teitel William Warshauer **Eve Weinswig** Francis Weisberg William Dale Wismer

MARCH 17 Regina Ackerman Yochuonon Barton Rose Becker Walter Bordens Yetta Dessauer Lucille Doppelt Frances Schwartz Edlow Lee Gilbert Dave Gold Lois Goode Max Himelstein Helen M. Isay Sigmund W. Kann Mildred Price Katzenstein Alfred Levy Miriam Light Virginia Mayer Hannah Nirdlinger Stephen Pomerantz Esther Roseman Solomon Rothschild Florence Smith Rosalie W. Solomon Rose Sulzer Edith H. Warschawski

MARCH 24 Joseph Adler John Aichele Racheal Barton Jacob Ben-Yehoshua Isaac Bosell Dorothy M. Brazy Lynn Jeanette Cohen Louis Cremer William DuBow Lois Levine Edwards B. David Fishman Ruth G. Haslacher Zalman Levine Col. Chester Lichtenberg Moses Lichtenberg Harold J. Novitsky Madelon J. Rothschild Elizabeth Schwartz Paul F. Schwartz Moses Strouse Irene Todd Rachel Weiss Thomas Zefo

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MARCH 31

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Jack O. Weil

Minnie Weinraub

Al Zacher on the death of his wife, Hannah, 87, on February 22, 2017 in Fort Wayne. We also think of their children, Steve & Judy Zacher and Marie Warshauer, and grandchildren, Adam, Joshua, and Theo Zacher and Michael, Andrew, and Daniel Warshauer. At the time of her death, she was the second oldest lifelong member of the Temple. She also was a past president of Sisterhood.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

The Temple Board of Directors voted in February to send a letter to our Indiana representatives in Washington urging them to welcome refugees and oppose legislation seeing to halt or restrict resettlement of refugees.

Edie Zweig

"For Jews, the global refugee crisis resonates deeply with our own history and experience," said the statement signed by Social Action Chair Steve Carr on behalf of the Temple's Board of Directors said. Our effort comes as part of our involvement with the HIAS Welcome Campaign. Read the board's statement. The Temple's leadership also joined the Indiana Jewish community in opposing the presidential executive order barring immigrants and refugees.

MARK ROSH CHODESH WITH WINE & CANVAS

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Rosh Chodesh Women's Club will meet on Wednesday, March 1 at 6 p.m. at Wine and Canvas in Covington Plaza for a fun evening of painting a Judaica piece, schmoozing, and



having fun! This meeting is for all level of painters from connectthe-dots enthusiasts to members with a bit more experience with a brush. The cost is \$35. Please send check/payment to the Federation office at 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807. RSVP to this event by Monday, February 27 to (260) 456-0400. Reserve your space now!



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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 744-4245 (office@TempleCAV.org) for information. President Joe Cohen can be reached at 260-423-8861or hjc@barrettlaw.com.



USHER IN SHABBAT WITH CHALLAH

Get involved at the Temple by volunteering to usher at Shabbat evening

services and receive a delicious challah! All Shabbat ushers receive a gift certificate for a tasty loaf donated by <u>Waynedale Bakery</u>, 2610 Lower Huntington Road. Please call to volunteer.

TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS: The Temple office is open on Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We ask for your patience during the next several weeks during our time of staff transition.

The deadline for the April Bulletin is Wednesday, March 15.

Joe Cohen

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



We've been focusing this year on new ways to grow our our membership and find ways to increase participation of current members. Please be on the lookout for new opportunities to share in Temple events. Two holiday events are fast-approaching, each a little different than years past, including FOrTY's annual Purim Carnival on

Sunday, march 12 at a new time and our congregational Seder on a new night on Saturday, April 15.

Many of you may have fond memories from your childhood of winning a prize at the Purim Carnival or more recently of bringing your young-sters to jump in the moon bounce or win a treat from the Cake Walk. We want to continue to help create those special Jewish memories for children in our Fort Wayne community.

However, with the smaller number of older teens in our high school and middle school youth groups, it's become harder to pull off an event the size and scope of our usual carnival. Attendance, too, also has been impacted by the smaller size of our classes on Sundays. We remain committed to the carnival and the opportunity it provides for children and families to socialize and share the holiday.

This year, FOrTY's leadership has made a few changes for what promises to be a fantastic time. The carnival has now moved to the earlier time of 11 a.m. to noon during Religious School and is open to all Jewish children (and adults) in the community.

The moon bounce, Cake Walk, and some other favorites games remain, but no tickets will be necessary – unlimited play at no charge during the hour of the carnival. Hamentashen and light snacks will be available. Many thanks to FOrTY for hosting this terrific event and especially to President Ethan Zweig and Advisor Libby Dicker for their work on the carnival. Thanks, too, to our Junior Youth Group for assisting. I also hope to see you at our Purim shpiel on Friday, March 10

As we think ahead to April, please keep in mind that plans for the Temple's Passover Seder have changed slightly. Instead of our customary gathering on the second night, the Board and the Rabbi, in attempt to accommodate more members and families, has moved the Seder to a Saturday night later in the holiday. Hopefully, this will allow more families to attend since it won't be a school night. In the past, the timing of the Seder was a challenge for families with school-aged children. As an added benefit, by having the Seder on a Saturday night, it will hopefully allow for a more festive and relaxed atmosphere. Thank you to Rabbi Lenny and those who are assisting.

More details about these events can be found elsewhere in the Bulletin. Please take part in these great opportunities to meet and mingle with other congregants. I have always felt that our congregation is much more like a home when we can spend quality time over the holidays with each other and our families. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.