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 $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{0})$ Mitzvah Day

to 2 p.m. at the Temple.

* Bagel darts, bounce house, basketball and more

* Bingo for the grown-ups (\$1 per card - begins at 1 p.m.) with Mike Rush calling out the numbers to win fun prizes.

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FUN AT PURIM CARNIVAL Enter the costume contest for children and adults, play new and favorite games, bid on items during the silent auction (including a jewelry item designed and donated by Amy Shepsman Krouse), enjoy lunch, and join the fun when our annual Purim

PURIM FESTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

Carnival returns on Sunday, March 8 from noon

Games, PRIZES, FOOD, and

The afternoon includes:

* 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

NO TICKET TO RIDE NEEDED FOR **BEATLES-THEMED PURIM SERVICE**

BULLETIN

Let's come together for Purim with a little help from our friends! Hold Esther's hand as she gently weeps for the Jewish People and deals with the nowhere man (not to be named here) who will twist and shout.



Dress in your best '60s- and '70s-themed outfit (mop top wigs optional!) and join us on Monday, March 9 at 6 p.m. at the Temple. Led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig, we'll tell the story of Purim with tefillot set to Beatles music. Grab a grogger and, well, shake it up, baby, now! Cheer for Mordechai as he offers help to find the Sun as we help Esther to feel fine and all sing "obla di, obla da."

Afterward, a pasta dinner will be served (suggested contribution: \$5 per person). RSVP for dinner to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Friday, March 6. A traditional reading of the Megillah will begin at 7:30 p.m. We welcome all to participate in services and need people willing to read part of the Megillah. Play a role in the service and help serve the meal! (Call the office to offer your help)

We'll have plenty of groggers, but please also bring boxes of macaroni and cheese to shake and then donate to the food bank at Wellspring Interfaith Social Services.

What is Purim?



GOLDSTINE-B'NAI JACOB CHAPEL UPDATE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH SERVICES

Shabbat Service Friday, March 6 7:30 p.m. at the Temple

Shabbat Service Saturday, March 7 9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Purim Service

Monday, March 9 6 p.m. Beatles-themed Purim Celebration 7:30 p.m. Traditional Megillah Reading Pasta dinner follows celebration*

Shabbat Service & 5th Grade Prayer Book Presentation

Friday, March 13 7 p.m. at the Temple (Religious School dinner at 6 p.m.*)

Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 14 9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Shabbat Service Friday, March 20 7:30 p.m. at the Temple

Shabbat Service Saturday, March 21

9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Shabbat Service

Friday, March 27 7:30 p.m. at the Temple

Shabbat Morning Service Saturday, March 28 9:15 a.m. at the Temple

Kiddush follows Shabbat Services



MƏRCH EVENTS

SERVICES

<u>Alan Goodis</u> at Religious School Sunday, March 1

Temple Book Club* Tuesday, March 3 7 p.m. at the Temple Please RSVP to the Temple office.

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 Celebration*

Monday, March 9 6 p.m. Beatles-themed Celebration Followed by Pasta Dinner* 7:30 p.m. Traditional Megillah Reading

Adult Learning: How to Hook Up the Hotline to God* Tuesdays, March 10 & 17 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Temple

Jane S. Gabin Author of <u>The Paris Photo</u> Sunday, March 15 2 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus Sponsored by <u>Jewish Federation of Fort</u> <u>Wayne</u>

*RSVP Needed

APRIL EVENTS Leo Powell Bar Mitzvah Saturday, April 4 10:30 a.m. at the Temple

Thoughtful Thursdays Wednesday, April 8 10 a.m. at the Temple

Passover Begins Wednesday evening, April 8

Congregational Second Seder*

Thursday, April 9 6 p.m. at the Temple Please RSVP by April 2.

Mitzvah Day* Sunday, April 19 9:30 a.m. at the Temple

Yom Hashoah Monday, April 20 7 p.m. at the Temple Sponsored by <u>Jewish Federation of Fort</u> Wavne

People of the Book Author <u>Ron Suskind</u> Monday, April 27

7:30 p.m. at the Temple Sponsored by <u>Jewish Federation of Fort</u> <u>Wayne</u>

MAY EVENTS

L'dor Vador Shabbat Service Friday, May 1

Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society:

The Indiana Cemetery Project and Reading Jewish Gravestones 2 p.m. at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center

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 <u>Retired Old Men</u> <u>Eating Out</u> for lunch at noon:

> Thursday, March 12 <u>The Hoppy Gnome</u> 203 E. Berry St.

Thursday, March 26 <u>Casa Grille</u> 411 E. Dupont Rd.

RSVP to Denny Reynolds at dennisreynolds@me.com.



TRƏFFIC DETOUR CONTINUES UNTIL LƏTE FƏLL

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



Please join us to celebrate as Leo Emerson Powell is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. Congregation Achduth Vesholom

Kiddush Luncheon follows

Marnie & Mark Lowden and Jason Powell

RABBI PAULA JAYNE WINNIG

The Hebrew Month of Adar is a time of great joy. The Talmud in Taanit 29a states:

החמשב ןיברמ רדא סנכנשמ

Mishenichnas Adar Marbin B'simcha.

Those who welcome Adar, increase Joy.

The month of Adar is a happy time for the Jewish people because it is the month when mourning was turned into joy due to the defeat of the evil Haman (may his name be erased) and the creation of the celebration of Purim.

Purim is a meant to be a frivolous, fun time during which we are allowed to even be excessive in adding to our joy by imbibing more than usual. This attitude of joy carries over into our custom of סיער מונמ *Mishloah Manot*, the giving of gifts to our friends and the poor. The custom is to give our friends two different types of food and a drink.

Mishloah Manot helps us share our festival joy with our neighbors and friends. We also share gifts of food directly to the poor or through the giving of money so the poor might purchase

their own food. While we rejoice as fully as we can, we are reminded at Purim that there are people in need who can never rejoice fully on empty stomachs. That is why the giving of gifts to the poor at Purim is so important.

We cannot increase our joy, if there are those who live with little happiness due to their poverty. On Purim, we have the opportunity to help make even the downtrodden more joyful through our gifts. We are also reminded that Purim was a time of foreboding for Esther.

On the thirteenth of Adar, the day before Purim, there is a fast day commemorating Esther's three-day fast before she requested the King Ahasueveros save the Jews from H-M-N's decree of annihilation. The last two commandments for Purim are to have a festive meal and to hear the reading of the Megillah to completely celebrate Purim.

This year we will do our best to celebrate the month of Adar with joy and have fun, festive Purim activities. We will begin with our Purim carnival on Sunday, March 8 and continue on Monday, March 9 with a celebratory service featuring a "Beatlemania" Purim theme. Please come dressed in your best '60s and '70s garb. A pasta bar dinner will follow. For those who wish to also fulfill the custom of



hearing the entire Megillat Esther, we will have an opportunity to do so following the dinner.

Please join us for all these celebrations. But don't forget that this is the time to help those in need as well. Donate to our food bank or to your favorite food charity to see that others get to share in our joyous time.

Rejoice in Adar, with Purim and with our community. Spread the joy, help the world and enjoy the fun that comes from joining in celebration together.

Be Happy, It's Adar,

Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig

A MUSICAL WEEKEND WITH ALAN GOODIS



We're very excited to welcome back Artist-in-Residence <u>Alan Goodis</u> 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. 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 Shabbat service led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig with Alan on Friday, February 28 at 7 p.m.

Alan will entertain us coffeehouse-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.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of Alan's visit. Thanks also to VP Programs Kathy Sider for coordinating the weekend and to Rabbi Winnig and Religious School Principal Leah Hadashi for their help.

CHALLAH-LUJAH - IT'S BACK!

Ever since Waynedale Bakery closed in November, the Temple office has fielded questions about local sources for challah to take the place of the delicious loaves baked on Lower Huntington Road that were a staple for years on Shabbat at the Temple. Like many congregants, we purchased Waynedale challah for the freezer to make it last a little longer.

In the meantime, we created a list of other challot available in Fort Wayne (most by special order), including Zinnia's Bakehouse (popular at Souper Bowl Shabbat), Wendy Soltz's homemade challot (baked specially for Home Shabbat), The Fresh Market, Pembroke Bakery, Kroger, Panera, and independent bakers.

We're happy to report that Samara Sheray, our intrepid Executive Director, has now come up with the next best thing to Waynedale Bakery's bread: Challah made with Waynedale's recipe by the bakery's previous owner Christine Miller, who is now creating her delicious baked goods at <u>George's International Market</u> at 2021 Broadway, less than 10 minutes north of the Temple.

Order challah by Wednesday at noon for Friday pick-up by calling George's at (260) 420-5565 (press option 4 for the bakery). Price is \$3 for a plain challah and \$3.50 with raisins. (They do not have a bread slicer.)

HOW TO HOOK UP TO THE HOTLINE TO GOD

Join Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig this month when we take a look at the process of Jewish prayer and the similarities and differences in the theology and philosophies of Reform, Conservative, Orthodox and Reconstructionist Judaism.

"How to Hook Up to the Hotline to God" will meet on two Tuesdays, March 10

& 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Temple. RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245.

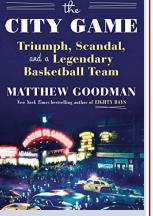




MARCH MADNESS AND MIGHTY GIRLS!

Whether March reminds you of hoops or strong women, we have new titles for you in the <u>Rabbi Richard B. Safran</u> <u>Library</u>!

Just in time for March Madness, we have two brand-new titles to add to our "niche" basketball collection! *The City Game: Triumph, Scandal,* and a *Legendary Basketball Team,* by Matthew Goodman, was recently named a National Jewish Book Award Finalist. It tells the powerful story of New York's 1949-1950 City College

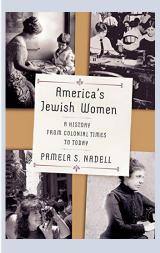


Brewers, an exceptionally integrated team for the time.

Another new title in our teen section is *Games of Deception: The True Story of the First U.S. Olympic Basketball Team at the 1936 Olympics in Hitler's Germany*, by Andrew Maraniss. This pageturner is a 2020 Sydney Taylor Honor Book.

Other basketball titles in our collection include *The Chosen Game: A Jewish Basketball History*, by Charley Rosen, Douglas Stark's *When Basketball was Jewish: Voices of Those Who Played the Game*, and for younger readers, *Homecourt: The True Story of the Best Basketball Team You've Never Heard Of* by Larry Needle. <u>Find our full basketball catalog</u>.

If you're more inclined to celebrate Women's History Month, then we have new titles for you as well! *America's Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today,* by Pamela Nadell, is one of our newest titles, and recently was awarded the very top National Jewish Book Award, 2019's Jewish Book of the Year.



Among our new fiction titles are two that might be of interest as well. *Naamah: A Novel* by Sarah Blake, was the 2019 National Jewish Book Award winner for fiction. And Talia Carner's *The Third Daughter*, was a finalist in the Book Club category.

For younger readers, several new titles received recent recognition as well, and have been added to our collection. Leslea Newman's *Gittel's Journey*, won the National Jewish Book Award for Children's Literature and was named a Sydney Taylor

Honor Book. A new picture book about fashion designer Judith Leiber, *Parrots, Pugs and Pixie Dust* by Deborah Blumenthal, was a Sydney Taylor Notable Picture Book. For young adults, the latest biography of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, *Dissenter on the Bench*, by Victoria Ortiz, was named a Sydney Taylor Honor Book.

Other new titles in our collection include Jessica Rinker's picture book biography of Gloria Steinem; *Becoming RBG* by Debbie Levy, in graphic novel format; and A *Bookshop in Berlin: The Rediscovered Memoir of One Woman's Harrowing Escape from the Nazis*, by Francoise Frenkel. <u>Find our full list of titles to inspire</u> <u>women and girls</u>

No matter how you "celebrate" March, we have titles for you in the library. Stop by and check them out!

TEMPLE BOOK CLUB: TASA'S SONG

Continuing with our music theme for the year, our <u>Temple Book Club</u> will discuss <u>Tasa's Song</u> 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 <u>Jewish</u> <u>Book Council</u>. Please RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245.

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 last fall's 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 <u>Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library</u>.





More than 20 adults took our Mah Jongg for Beginners class in January in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. During the two sessions, they learned the basics of the game with instruction from John Stein, Marcia Reynolds and Deb Vilensky. Open play games are offered several times a week at the Temple. <u>Please sign-up to join us!</u>

YOUTH NEWS

PRAYER BOOKS TO BE PRESENTED TO B'NEI MITZVAH STUDENTS

Please join us for our Shabbat service on Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m. when we present prayer books to five students in honor of beginning their b'nei mitzvah studies. Our congregation traditionally recognizes fifthgrade students on this special occasion. An Oneg Shabbat follows hosted by the students and their families. Religious School families will share a potluck dinner at 6 p.m.



Mazel tov to:

- Naomi Flapan, daughter of Goldy Carbunaru & Dave Flapan
- Evan Wallet, son of Wendi & Josh Wallet
- Ashlyn Sagan, daughter of Eva & Jason Sagan
- Millie Cunninham, daughter of Shara & Harry Cunningham
- Oliver Cunningham, son of Shara & Harry Cunningham

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP 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 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.

LOOKING TO A GREAT SUMMER AT GUCI

Registration is underway for a great summer of fun and Jewish friendships at <u>Goldman Union Camp Institute</u>, 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 <u>Foundation for Jewish Camp</u>.

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.

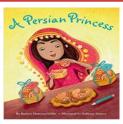
Jewish overnight camp is one of the most effective ways for kids to



develop lifelong Jewish friendships, to grow as individuals, and to form meaningful connections with the Jewish community and Israel. <u>Find the top six reasons</u> to attend a Jewish summer camp.

PURIM IN THE LIBRARY

Check out our Purim titles in the <u>Rabbi</u> <u>Richard B. Safran Library</u>, including this brand-new picture book by Barbara Diamond Goldin, *A Persian Princess*. <u>Browse our</u> <u>Purim collection</u>. Stop by and check it out!







We celebrated Tu B'shvat - the New Year of the Trees or Jewish Arbor Day - at Religious School in February. Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig led a fun Tu B'shvat Seder with dancing, singing and a full Seder meal. In honor of the holiday, we sampled figs, olives, cherries, apples, dates, almonds, pistachios and couscous.

DONƏTE TO PROVIDE BIRTHDAY BOXES FOR FOSTER KIDS

Religious School students will be providing_ <u>birthday boxes</u> 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."





Home of Marcia & Denny Reynolds

SHARING CONVERSATION, FOOD AND WARMTH AT 17TH HOME SHABBAT

Sixty Temple members gathered in five host homes on February 7 to enjoy a Sabbath meal, share conversation, and grow friendships as part of Achduth Vesholom's 17th annual Home Shabbat.

In addition to introducing several new congregants to this popular event, we were pleased to have two new host homes, as well as those who have welcomed others to their tables previously.

Menus varied at each home, with enthusiastic reports from every group on the wonderful culinary offerings. Matzah ball soup, brisket, baked salmon, chicken, and eggplant parmesan were among the tasty dishes on beautifully-set tables. Delicious challah baked by Wendy Soltz added a special touch. One group sang Hebrew and Yiddish songs, while another had a livly time with lots of little ones.

Thank you to Leah Hadashi and Beth Zweig for co-chairing again this year and to Wendy for the challot. Many thanks to our hosts: Fran & Irv Adler, Janet Finkel and Sheryl & Bruce Merritt, Marcia & Denny Reynolds, Leise & Brian Rosman and family, and Irene & Bob Walters.





Home of Irene & Bob Walters



Home of Fran & Irv Adler



Home of Janet Finkel, hosted with Sheryl & Bruce Merritt

CONGREGATION ACHDUTH VESHOLOM



WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT? FIND OUT AT CONGREGATIONAL SEDER

Passover begins on Wednesday, April 8 when we retell the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt and freedom from bondage. Please join us for the second Seder on Thursday, April 9 at 6 p.m. at the Temple. We'll read the Haggadah led by Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig and 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 Thursday, April 2 and then follow up by sending your check made payable to "CAV - The Temple." The meal will be catered by <u>Splendid Fare.</u> When you RSVP, please indicate if you prefer a vegetarian entrée.

The cost for Temple members is \$30 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 \$36 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 April 2 deadline will be taken if space is available. An accurate count is needed to prepare the appropriate amount of food.

Thank you to Rabbi Winnig and the Seder Committee: Leah Hadashi, Scott Goldberg, Janet Finkel, Melissa Kessel, and Ruth Minkoff.

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 Wednesday, April 8.

"O send out your light and your truth



RENOVATED GOLDSTINE-B'NAI JACOB CHAPEL NEARING FINISH LINE

After nearly six months of work, our remodeled Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel is nearly complete and almost ready for members to use for worship, education, and meeting space, as well as for the Brightpoint Head Start staff to utilize for breaks and meetings.

Bringing together lovely new touches with treasured pieces from both B'nai Jacob and Achduth Vesholom, the renovated space also includes new flooring, seating, cooling system, kitchenette, lighting, and energy-efficient windows. New chairs are coming.

Enhancing the space are the Ark from the former B'nai Jacob building on Bittersweet Moors Drive (with its beautiful backdrop), stained glass from the synagogue's previous facility on Fairfield, and stained-glass windows from Achduth Vesholom's long-time home built in 1916 at Wayne and Fairfield. The hallway outside the chapel now features the cornerstones from previous B'nai Jacob buildings and stained glass from its entryway on Bittersweet Moors.

The remodeling of what had been the Goldstine Chapel was part of the agreement bringing the two congregations together last July. The \$120,000 project began last summer after members of Congregation B'nai Jacob became members of Achduth Vesholom and sold their building. Most of the chapel project was paid for with funds from Congregation B'nai Jacob. The new windows and the updated heating/cooling system were paid for by monies from Achduth Vesholom.

The kitchenette provides an area to accommodate kosher needs, including a refrigerator, built-in warming oven and microwave, and dishes. A second refrigerator, countertop microwave, and cabinets for general use also are available.

Dedication plans for the chapel will be announced soon.

We look forward again to utilizing this flexible space for worship, dinners, meetings, and events, providing an additional option for our congregational needs. Like the Madge Rothschild Resource Center and social hall, the chapel also will be available for members to rent for private events. The capacity is approximately 50 people, depending on the set-up of the room.

Thank you to Ellen Tom and Pam Friedman for taking the lead on the project. We appreciate the work of the Facilities Committee: Pam Friedman, Mark Schneider, Samara Sheray, Ellen Tom, Sally Trotter, Steve Zacher, and Jay Zemmol, as well as Designer Sue Parrish with MKM Architecture and Shawnee Construction.





The Ark

The Ark was created for the Congregation B'nai Jacob building at 7227 Bittersweet Moors Drive and dedicated on October 29-31, 1993. Lee Bleifeld, a nationally known artist and then-member of B'nai Jacob, created the Ark. It was commissioned by Melvin Krel and Marvin Crell, sons of Hannah & Simon Crell, all of whom were Holocaust survivors.

The artist, who died at age 93 in late 2019, described the Ark this way:

The Ark relies on symbols from our history to tell the story on the four doors that are the front of the Ark, seemingly held up by a menorah and framed by a mural of Jerusalem.

Each of the doors tells a part of the story that blends into the next, a dependence that depicts the Jews' reliance on other Jews. Every Jew is a part of the whole people.

Because Hebrew is read from right to left, the design starts on the right, and at the beginning with Bereshit ("In the Beginning" in Hebrew). The menorah, patterned after the one taken from The Temple by the Romans, is circular to indicate perfection. Light shines from the menorah, separating the dark smoothness of the sky and shows how God separated the dark by the light from the earth.

The Shield of David, worn by Jews during the Holocaust, is in flames that join the light of the menorah, going up to God. The shield is wrapped with barbed wire and, as it uncoils across the four doors, it becomes a vine and then a grapevine with a lush growth of grapes growing larger and larger, indicating Israel, its growth and prosperity. The story is told that Joshua's spies came back with grapes, which shoed Israel's fertility.

Light rays surround the menorah, separating dark from light, ignorance from knowledge, reaching out and becoming Jacob's ladder. Reaching up from the ladder are 12 tents of the tribes of Israel. Up and down the ladder are the angels depicted by teardrops, some facing up and some facing down, representing happiness and sorry or joy and sadness.

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CONTINUED: GOLDSTINE-B'NƏI JƏCOB CHƏPEL

The centerpiece of the Ark is the shofar. The horn has been used to communicate and call their flocks, as a trumpet in times of war as in Jericho until the walls tumbled down. In addition, the shofar has announced major holidays, calling people to worship as part of the High Holidays, and is the last sound of Yom Kippur, the holiest day. On the last door are the two tablets from Mount Sinai and a depiction of the Western Wall, the place in Israel most holy to Jews.

Complementing the Ark is the mural, a scene of Israel and Jerusalem, the City of Gold. The earth tone colors toward the top represent the desert changing into the blue of the fertile Mediterranean Sea. In the middle in gold leaf is Jerusalem. Smoke and fire in a column are coming out of the center of Jerusalem, recalling when Moses was guided by God as he led the Israelites out of Egypt and goes up to another representation of the 12 tribes, providing both physical and spiritual connections. The City of Gold is enveloped by a circle done in blue, like the blue and white flag of Israel. The circle indicates God's protection and Jerusalem is Israel's for eternity.

A menorah appears to be the structural support of the Ark, its light holding up the law. The light of the menorah is an essential meaning of the Ark. In its way, given the mural, the menorah can also represent light to the Jews in the Diaspora.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

South Wall

Aniko Fenyes Droegmeyer is a Fort Wayne artist who works with glass and metal. In memory of her parents, Alice & Gabor Fenyes, who survived the Holocaust and were long-time members of B'nai Jacob, she created seven panels of stained glass showing the Seven Days of Creation. Built from right to left and displayed with backlighting, the glass was first in the library of the B'nai Jacob building on Fairfield and later in the back of the Sanctuary in the Bittersweet Moors location. The artist is a member of our congregation.

Outside The Chapel Doors

Stained glass panels outside the doors to the Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel also



were designed by Aniko Fenyes Droegmeyer. The pieces were created for the Bittersweet Moors building and depict the 12 Tribes, with the names written in English and Hebrew.

Six Hanging Windows

In 1916, Achduth Vesholom built a new home at the corner of Wayne and Fairfield, immediately south of Plymouth Congregational Church and cater-cornered from Trinity English Lutheran Church. The sanctuary had beautiful stained-





glass windows on both sides and in the back. That synagogue served the Temple for 45 years.

In 1961, the Temple moved into our current building on Old Mill Road, selling our former building to a Christian congregation. They worshipped there until the late 1970s when the entire congregation moved to Tennessee. As they moved, they sold our old building to Plymouth Congregational, our former neighbor.

Plymouth's plan was to tear down our old building to make a new parking lot. Before they did, they offered us the opportunity to take anything from the old building that we might want. We removed as many of the windows from the sanctuary as possible and City Glass was able to restore many of those. Of the eight largest windows, six hung for many years in the Goldstine Chapel and now remain in the Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel to

connect us to our long history. In 2013, as part of fundraising for the resource center, donor names were added to the windows.

Ner Tamid

The Ner Tamid (Eternal Light) previously made its home at the B'nai Jacob building on Fairfield and Bittersweet Moors.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah Plaque – A large plaque with names of Bar and Bat Mitzvah from Congregation B'nai Jacob, dating from 1955, is now located in the chapel. Space is available for families to purchase plaques to add names of upcoming b'nei mitzvah.





BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER WITH A PLANNED GIFT

One of the best ways we can sustain a Reform Jewish presence in northeast Indiana is through a lasting gift to Congregation Achduth Vesholom. More than 40 congregants already have become members of the L'dor Vador Legacy Society since it was established in 2012 to encourage individuals to make arrangements to remember the Temple in their estates. All legacy society members are recognized at the Temple's Annual Meeting in June.

To become a society member, <u>please inform the Temple in writing</u> that you have made provisions to remember the congregation in your estate. For further information about the <u>L'dor Vador Legacy Society</u> or making a planned gift now or in the future, contact Steve Zacher at (260) 422-8474 or Beth Zweig at (260) 744-4245.



MITZVAH DAY: CARE FOR JEWISH SECTION AT LINDENWOOD

Help us care for the Jewish section at Lindenwood Cemetery as part of the Temple's Mitzvah Day on Sunday, April 19 when we clean headstones, place stones of remembrance decorated by our Religious School students, offer prayers, and participate in a special service when we bury unwanted sacred books.

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. at the Temple for doughnuts and a brief informational meeting before we go as a group to Lindenwood Cemetery. Carpool transportation is available if needed. Cleaning supplies will be provided for the headstones. After our work is done, we'll return to the Temple to have lunch together.

We encourage you to share in this meaningful mitzvah effort even if you don't have loved ones buried at Lindenwood. Many of the headstones are quite old.

Achduth Vesholom was organized in 1848 as a Society for Visiting the Sick and Burying the Dead. In 1884, the Temple purchased two acres of land at Lindenwood Cemetery, having outgrown its original burial ground near McCulloch Park. Over the next decade, graves were relocated to the Jewish section of Lindenwood. The original Y section contains space for about 1,100 graves. In 1999, the Temple purchased additional land at Lindenwood, the YY section, to accommodate 209 more plots.

Dress appropriately for the weather, including boots if it has rained recently. Gym shoes are recommended. If you would like, bring a blanket/towel/stool to kneel on while cleaning. Please RSVP by Sunday, April 5 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.



A REMINDER ABOUT OUR FOOD POLICY

Bringing food to a Temple event or coordinating a meal? A reminder that Achduth Vesholom's long-standing food policy states: No pork or shellfish are allowed in the building. Milk and meat may be served at the same meal, but not on or in the same dish to allow the individual



to choose. At meals where meat is served, a vegetarian alternative must be offered. Thank you.

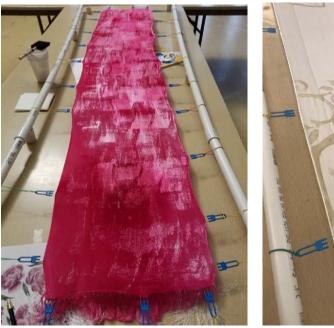
MAZEL TOV TO:

Rita & Tom O'Neill on the birth of their granddaughter Tess Parker O'Neill on February 14, 2020 in Chicago. Proud parents are Ashley & Noah O'Neill and big sister Ryan and brother Max.

Ronnie & Norm Greenberg on their granddaughter Yarden Greenberg,15, winning a gold medal in February at the Israeli National Acrobatic Gymnastics Championships. Yarden, daughter of Steve Greenberg, will represent Israel in May at the 2020 <u>Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships in</u> Geneva, Switzerland, in the 11-16 World Age Group. Some 1,000 athletes from 40 nations will compete.



Rabbi Winnig's tallit-making class continues with participants preparing the designs and adding wax to batik-dye the prayer shawls. We look forward to seeing the beautiful results!





WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Anna & Caelyn Nagle, our newest Temple members. Married for 12 years, they moved to Fort Wayne for Anna's career. She is an Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering at Indiana Tech. Caelyn is a steampunk artist who sells his work on <u>Etsy.</u> Their family includes three "cute and cuddly" cats, Selene, Gray Man, and Moridin. They look forward to getting involved at the Temple with social and social action activities.

VOTE FOR THE REFORM MOVEMENT IN THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS!

The <u>World Zionist Congress Election</u> is taking place through March 11, 2020. The election is your only democratic opportunity to influence Israeli society.

Your vote will help determine the members of the WZC, a representative body of the world's Jewish people, which allocates financial and other resources to various organizations - including the Reform Movement – in Israel.

A vote for the Reform Movement in the upcoming World Zionist Congress Elections is a vote to promote egalitarianism, pluralism, and peace in Israel. Learn what the "Vote Reform/ARZA" platform says.

<u>Voting takes place online</u> at <u>www.ZionistElection.org</u> and will take less than 90 seconds to participate. 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. If you cannot afford the fee, please contact Rabbi Winnig.

You also may 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!!



UNION for REFORM

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



BOOK DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR OF THE PARIS PHOTO

Join the <u>Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne</u>'s Rosh Chodesh group for a book discussion and Q & A with Jane S. Gabin, author of <u>The Paris Photo</u>, on Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus.

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

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The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

FEDERATION EVENTS COMING IN APRIL

Save the dates for two programs next month sponsored by the <u>Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne</u> at the Rifkin Campus:

- Yom Hashoah Fort Wayne's community observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day will be on Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m.
- **People of the Book** This annual lecture will feature Author <u>Ron Suskind</u> on Monday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m.



DONATIONS

Dr. John Planer Music Fund

In memory of Irvin Friedman: Pamela & Ron Friedman

General Operations

In memory of Hannah Zacher: *Al Zacher* In memory of Meir Fichman: *Ann Fichman* In memory of Clair Johnson & Fraida Safirstein: *Kay Safirstein* In memory of Fran Herman: *Steve Herman* & *Jeffrey Herman* In memory of Abraham Silver: *Cookie & David Rosenblum* In memory of Jane Costanza: *Joseph Costanza* In memory of Sam Tillinger: *Jenny Levitin* A donation has been received from: *Richard Grzych, Scott Fergusson, Mike Brateman* In memory of Rebecca Safirstein and Moses Safirstein: *Kay Safirstein*

Library Fund

In memory of Jeanette Fogel and Jay Safran: *Rabbi Richard Safran*

Temple Gardens Fund

In memory of Helen Zaslawsky: Adrienne & Adolph Brateman

Thoughtful Thursdays

A donation has been received from: *Rabbi Paula Winnig* In memory of Linda Leary: *Suzi & Jim King*

Explore all of our <u>Tribute Funds</u>.

LEAVES SPROUTING ON OLIVE TREE



Recognize an important person or significant occasion at the Temple by purchasing a leaf on the new olive tree near the entrance to the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

Leaves are \$180 each and may be personalized with three or four lines to highlight

a lifecycle event, anniversary, or special kindness. Proceeds benefit the resource center.

MAINTAINING A BEAUTIFUL TRADITION

At Achduth Vesholom, we value the opportunity after our Shabbat service to share conversation and an atmosphere of friendship as we unwind from a busy week. We rely on our members to take a turn providing refreshments or sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat so that we can maintain this beautiful tradition.

Hosting an Oneg Shabbat is a wonderful way to celebrate a birthday,

anniversary, special occasion, or try out a new recipe. Please call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 to offer your help – or to let us know you are interested in serving as our Oneg Shabbat Coordinator. Thank you!



DUES PLEDGES – Please return your dues pledge for 2020-2021 by the end of March. Your pledge helps us plan our budget for the coming year. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Temple.

HELP TEMPLE WITH AMAZON

Did you know that you can help the Temple when you purchase items through <u>AmazonSmile</u>? Go to <u>http://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0135020</u> and indicate you'd like your purchases to benefit Achduth Vesholom Congregation. Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price. Thanks!.



SHOP AT KROGER AND SUPPORT THE TEMPLE

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? <u>Request one</u>
- Already have a Kroger Plus Card? <u>Sign in</u>
- Need Kroger's organization number for the Temple? It's IF039

Thanks for supporting the Temple!





SUPPORT TIKKUN OLAM BY RECYCLING - BATTERIES, TOO!

It's been two years since the blue recycling containers appeared throughout the Temple for us to help the environment. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this important *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) effort.

Newly added is recycling of small household batteries. A bin labeled for that purpose can be found in the copy room across from the Temple office. A few reminders to do your part when in our building:

When you're done with papers, cans, or other recyclable items following a meeting or Oneg Shabbat, please continue to help make this a successful program at the Rifkin Campus by using the blue bins. Each is labeled with items eligible for recycling. Please be aware that the following items CANNOT be recycled: Glass, caps, and lids. Put all other trash in the regular trash cans. Thank you.

March 6-7 March 6-7

Robert Adams Jesse Amber Virginia C. Anderson **Chuma Appel** Rebeccah Appelbaum Robert Babich Josephine Bach Barbara Berger Anatoliy Berkovich Jacob Bernstein Shalome Boudai Sarah Cohen Louis Dessauer Carrie Dessauer Marian L. Frankenstein Rosa S. Fishman Fanny Gary Rose Goldstine Matilda Hallenstein Yetta Hassan Max Himelstein Robert P. Hirsch Penelope Houseman Robert L. Kalver Mae Porter Kann Abe Kaufman **Conner Koons** Sam Kramer Louis Kwatnez Harriet Lesser Sarah Kalver Max Anne Milz Moe M. Mitzman Ben Mocle Theresa Perlman Pinchas ben Beryl Wechsler Amy Pincus Helen Rath Jacob Rosenberg

Frances Rothenberg Sam Razeen Estelle Salnitsky Herbert A. Schiller Eugene Schmidt Rose Schwartz William L. Siegle Diane Spanjer Louis Walter Ralph Wolf

March 13-14

Regina Ackerman Rose Becker Daryoush Shalom Boudai **Rose Burrs** Perry Carson Ralph Clark Mordacai Falakovicz Raymond Farhi Eddie Field **Ruth Finkel Benjamin Friedman** Dave Gold Lois Goode Abraham J. Goodman Helen Himelstein Joy July-Amber Rose Ochstein Kaplan Dorothy Kay Morris Kaye Dr. Robert M King Charlotte Korin **Donald Kornspan** Frieda Kretzman Edna Levine Elmer Lewis Nathan Liff Miriam Light Bill Llewellyn

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March 20-21

Phyllis Adele Agrue Isadore Babich Yochuonon Barton Racheal Barton Walter Bordens Molly Cohen Betty Cohen Lynn Jeanette Cohen Louis Cremer Yetta Dessauer Morris Dicker Lucille Doppelt Abe H. Dublin William DuBow Frances Schwartz Edlow Lee Gilbert Ruth G. Haslacher Ken Horwitz Helen M. Isay Sigmund W. Kann Abraham Kaplan Mildred Price Katzenstein Sam Kay Reuben Leb Komisarow Margot Krel Paul Lecher Becky Levin Barney Levin Zalman Levine Alfred Levv Sayde Marlin Joseph Mast Virginia Mayer Samuel Nemeroff Stephen Pomerantz Mordecai Rifkin Solomon Rothschild Elaine Shine Moses Strouse Doris Tillinger Irene Todd Jack O. Weil Thomas Zefo Louis Zweig

March 27-28

Joseph Adler John Aichele Chuma Appel Dan Appel Samuel Babich Henry Baum Jacob Ben-Yehoshua Sam Berebitsky Isaac Bosell Dorothy M. Brazy Joseph Chodash Goldie Dubow Rena Edlavitch Lois Levine Edwards B. David Fishman Marx Frank Hazel L. Grove Edith Horwitz Helen LaPoff Isaac Lauferty Sigmund Lehman Harry Leiberman Col. Chester Lichtenberg Moses Lichtenberg Monroe Marcus Mac Marlow **Robert Samuel Mirman** Harold J. Novitsky Calvin Prady Dr. Bernard Rosenblatt Madelon J. Rothschild Barbara Sachs Rebecca Safirstein Arnold Schaffer Barbara Hirsch Schreier Paul F. Schwartz Elizabeth Schwartz Betty Joe Seligman Melvin Smith Sarah Steiber Leta Taker Minnie Weinraub Nathan Weinstein **Rachel Weiss**

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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.

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.



OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of former Temple member Charles Weinraub, who died January 29, 2020 in Chapel Hill, NC. We think of his wife, Emily Kass, children Justin Weinraub and Anissa Weinraub, twin sister Donna, brothers Michael, Steve and Tom Weinraub, and cousins Janet Weinraub and Susie Ferkel.

He served as president of Achduth Vesholom from 1985-1987. In honor of the Temple's 160th anniversary in 2008, he commissioned two artworks for the congregation: Four bas relief portraits by Art Cislo of Joseph and his Brothers (previously on display in the Goldstine Chapel) and L'dor Vador, the large collage by Rick Cartwright in the Social Hall comprised of photographs of members and their families that are integrated with a seven-branched menorah.



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



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WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

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 April Bulletin is Sunday, March 15

PRESIDENT'S CORNER ELLEN TOM



March is always a busy time at the Temple – especially so this year as we begin preparing for the upcoming fiscal year, wrap up chapel renovations, and continue our Rabbinic Search. Scott Goldberg, Vice President of Finance, and our Budget Committee have been busy drafting the budget for members to approve at our Annual Meeting in June.

In the upcoming weeks, you will receive an Annual Pledge Statement. We hope you will consider increasing your dues by 10%. Your dues help ensure the continued maintenance of the Temple services that you have come to use and enjoy. These include rabbinic and life-cycle services, Religious and Hebrew school for your children, adult education programs, worship, and other social events and opportunities.

We are also nearing completion of renovations of the Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel. I know everyone is anxiously awaiting the grand opening date. We plan to announce the dedication service date soon.

The Rabbinic Search Committee continues its process in identifying the next and best spiritual leader for our congregation. They are to be commended for their time, dedication and commitment. I am so grateful to them all, and I know you share with me tremendous appreciation for their efforts. Below is an update to how the search is progressing:

"When President Ellen Tom asked us to co-chair the Rabbinic Search Committee (nearly two years ago!), we were given a clear mission: to find a rabbi who would be a good fit to lead our congregation – not simply to fill the position. We were joined by eight other members: Elissa Cohen, Bruce Colegrove, Marnie Lowden, Tom O'Neill, John Planer, Scott Salon, Wendy Soltz, and Sally Trotter. We were excited last fall when Mark Schneider agreed to join us.

"Everyone on the Search Committee has taken our responsibility very seriously and has shown the utmost respect for the process that the URJ refers to as a 'sacred task.'

"We've had ups and downs in our two years. One significant 'up' was meeting Rabbi Winnig, who is serving so wonderfully as our Interim Rabbi.

"We've reviewed many resumés and have conducted interviews with a number of rabbis. In some cases, we realized quickly that an applicant would not be a good choice for us. We've also met some we thought were promising. We've conducted follow-up interviews and have brought several rabbis here for in-person conversations. In some cases, we've decided that a candidate didn't pass muster. In others, we've dealt with disappointment when a rabbi has chosen a different congregation (or a different kind of position).

"So here we are, still searching – and still committed to finding an outstanding rabbi to lead Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

"We appreciate the ongoing support of the congregation, Fran Adler and Mike Rush"

It is our hope that in the weeks to come, we can announce a new spiritual leader to begin in July as we bid farewell to Rabbi Winning following her year as our interim spiritual leader. It is bittersweet as we wish Rabbi Paula congratulations in her newlyaccepted position as Interim Rabbi at Congregation Rodef Sholom in Youngstown, Ohio, as of July 1. I hope you will save the date to join me for a special Oneg Shabbat following services on Friday, June 26, as we recognize Rabbi Paula's outstanding leadership this year and wishing her well in her future endeavors.