

# THE TEMPLE

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### HIGH HOLY DAYS WORSHIP MOVES ONLINE FOR 5781

When we celebrate the High Holy Days next month, we'll welcome the New Year 5781 as a community, gathering together to hear the sound of the shofar and offering prayers for renewal, forgiveness, good health, and peace.

However, as we begin a year like no other, we'll share Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur online to maintain the safety of our Temple family while also embracing the opportunity to experience the holidays in new and significant ways.

Only the clergy, service leaders, and a very small number of support personnel will be in the building, and they will be taking all appropriate precautions. This will allow us to offer a worship experience from the bimah and our familiar sacred spaces, as well as follow distancing guidelines. We will not hold any in-person services either in our sanctuary or Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel.

Our clergy, prayer leaders, Ritual Committee, and staff are preparing a meaningful and memorable High Holy Days experience for all of our congregants. Both Reform and traditional worship options will be available for a second year.

Rabbi Meir Bargerion will lead Reform worship with Cantor Yvon F. Shore and Maestro Robert Nance.



Cantor Shore, Director of Liturgical Arts and Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, also joined us last year for the High Holy Days.

Returning to lead our traditional services is Michael J. Small, who previously served as the guest spiritual leader for the holidays at Congregation B'nai Jacob. An attorney, he is an active synagogue member at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, IL, where he frequently davens as a shaliach tzibur (prayer leader) and gives lay sermons.

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### ATTEND A MEET-AND-GREET SESSION WITH RABBI MEIR



Our virtual meet-and-greets continue through August for congregants to get acquainted with Rabbi Meir Bargerion during small group conversations.

The informal gatherings on Zoom began in early July soon after Rabbi Meir began serving as Achduth Vesholom's spiritual leader. The hour-long sessions offer a unique opportunity to build community in new ways with Rabbi Meir and each other.

Information has been emailed to members, with a request to RSVP to the Temple office.

Thank you to the Rabbinic Transition Committee for organizing the sessions: Ron Friedman, Ronnie Greenberg, Marnie Lowden, and Sally Trotter.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

### CELEBRATE SHABBAT WITH US ONLINE

Begin your weekend with Shabbat and share the warmth of Jewish community with our Temple family from your home via Zoom videoconferencing.

Rabbi Meir Bargerion will lead services on Fridays at 6 p.m. Ron Friedman will lead worship on Saturdays at 10 a.m., with Rabbi Meir offering a D'var Torah. Zoom links for services will be sent directly to congregants via email rather than posted to our website. (See related article on this page.)

### AUGUST SERVICES

#### Shabbat Services

Fridays: August 7, 14, 21, 28

6 p.m. via Zoom

Please have your candles and wine nearby when we say the blessings together.

#### Shabbat Services

Saturdays: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

10 a.m. via Zoom

Please have your wine nearby for Kiddush.

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS NAMED FOR 2020-2021

Thank you to our committee chairs for the coming year:

**Board Development:** TBA

**Campership:** Brian Rosman\*

**Caring:** TBA

**Communications:** Beth Zweig\*

**Facilities:** Jay Zemmol\*

**Grant Oversight:** John Stein

**Holocaust Education:** Rena Black

**Membership:** Scott Goldberg\*

**Legal:** H. Joseph Cohen

**Library and Digitization:** Betsy Gephart

**Planned Giving:** Beth Zweig\*

**Programming:** Kathy Sider\*

**Religious School:** Wendi Wallet\*

**Resource Development:** Scott Goldberg\*

**Ritual Committee:** Denny Reynolds\*

**ROMEOs:** Denny Reynolds\*

**Security:** Samara Sheray

**Social Action:** Rena Black

**Thoughtful Thursdays:** Sally Trotter and Bonnie Pomerantz

Please contact the Temple office to get involved on a committee or project.

### IT'S NEW: ZOOM LINKS FOR SERVICES DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX

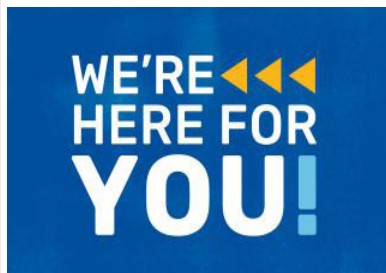
From time to time, we evaluate our security procedures to ensure we are using best practices. With the adoption of Zoom in recent months for Shabbat worship, we've determined that moving forward, the link to attend online services will be provided to members directly via our weekly email rather than through our website.



Our goal is to balance the security and safety of congregants while also being hospitable to others who wish to worship with us. Non-members who would like to share in our services are invited to contact the Temple office to receive more information about attending online.

If you have concerns about safety and security, please contact Executive Director Samara Sheray at (260) 744-4245 or [cavadmin@templecav.org](mailto:cavadmin@templecav.org). Thank you!

### OUR BUILDING IS CLOSED, BUT WE'RE HERE FOR YOU



Thank you for your ongoing support of the Temple during the past several months as we navigate these difficult times of COVID-19. We continue to focus on upholding Judaism's highest priorities of maintaining life and health.

Worship, education, and community connection continue via Zoom and online resources. You have warmly embraced them and encouraged us not to rush to open our Temple before we can all enter safely and responsibly. Our building remains closed for services, classes, meetings, and routine

congregant and visitor business.

Over the past few weeks, our Board of Trustees has held meetings via Zoom to determine a safe path forward for the opening of our campus. To begin, our Rabbi and staff have resumed doing essential work inside the building that is necessary to meet the needs of our congregation. We are taking precautions for maintaining social distance and using face masks inside the building.

Next, the timing for safe entry of our congregants for Shabbat worship, education, and small groups will be prepared and shared with you. In the interim, we will continue to conduct Shabbat services virtually, and the campus will remain closed for meetings and activities.

We will continue to keep our members updated regularly. Please also check for information on [our congregational Facebook page](#) and our website [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org).

### COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE FOR MEMBERS

Our primary way of communicating with Temple members is through our weekly email of upcoming events. These updates are more important than ever since Zoom links for services and events will now be included.

If you have unsubscribed from receiving emails from us and would like to resume receiving information, please contact the Temple office.



### HELP US KEEP OUR MISHEBEIRACH LIST UP-TO-DATE

Our Mishebeirach list helps us come together as a congregation and community to think of those among us who need healing, care, and compassion. We encourage you to add your loved one's name to our list by calling the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or emailing us at [office@templeCAV.org](mailto:office@templeCAV.org) so that those we hold dear will be called to mind during our Shabbat services.

At the same time, we ask you to let us know when a loved one's name should be taken off the list. If you have a family member and/or friend with long-term health issues, please check in with us periodically to say you'd like him or her to remain on the list because otherwise we usually remove names after three months. Rabbi Meir and our Caring Committee are available to offer support and comfort, so please let us know when situations arise where we may be of help. Thank you!

# RABBI MEIR BARGERON

## SACRED SEPARATION

One of my favorite parts of Shabbat is its ending. Don't get me wrong -- I love lighting candles, making *kiddush* and *hamotzi*, and saying and doing all of the beautiful prayers and rituals of Shabbat. I love them all, really. But there is something magical about coming together for Havdalah to mark Shabbat's end by again lighting a candle, and blessing wine, and scent-filled spices, and warm light, culminating in a blessing of *ha-mavdil*, separation.

We bless the distinction between holy things and ordinary things, between light and dark, between the Jewish people and God's other peoples, between the rest of Shabbat and our work lives. We bless God who distinguishes between the sacred and the ordinary. In saying these blessings, we experience the sadness of saying goodbye to Shabbat while we also acknowledge the reality that if the sacred time of Shabbat was not separated from the rest of our lives, we wouldn't have Shabbat at all. It is in separation that we have the opportunity to experience the sacred.

Our society and the world at large are experiencing separation every day of the week. COVID-19 roared into our lives and the result was a near-total breakdown of physical social interaction. People stopped going out, non-essential businesses closed. It wasn't even safe to pray together in our synagogue. Human separation has become the painful new reality of a post-COVID-19 world.

Avoiding large groups, standing six feet apart and wearing face masks are at the core of public health guidelines for avoiding COVID-19. We are made safer by maintaining our distance, but we can't hug each other, and we can't see each other smile. Social distancing and mask-

wearing are draining. It is so difficult to keep going, even if we are committed to doing so in order to stay well and to protect the vulnerable.

Yet, COVID-19 is showing us in a previously unimaginable way that in separation we have the opportunity to experience the sacred. By maintaining physical separation, we are living the Jewish values of *Pikuach nefesh* ("preservation of life") and *Ve'ahavta lere'acha kamocha* ("Love your neighbor as yourself," Leviticus 19:18) as we care for our own wellbeing and for those around us.

When we avoid groups, stand apart and wear masks, we acknowledge the interdependence that is at the core of *Kol Yisra'eil areivim zeh ba-zeh* ("All Jews are responsible for one another." Babylonian Talmud Shavuot 39a). By enacting these values in our daily lives, we are creating sacred separation.

But we are not alone. When we come together to pray via Zoom, we see that even though we are physically separated, we are still a holy community. We are still connected.

In health, holy community and peace,

*Rabbi Meir Bargeron*



## MAKE A BOX OR SPONSOR A BOX FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

Hunger doesn't stop because there is a virus or because a building is closed. As the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays program begins its 11th year, we have a new normal. Due to the uncertainty of when we will be able to safely gather again, we have decided to assemble boxes of provisions for two months for each of our 72 Brightpoint Head Start families to start the school year.

Despite our volunteers not being able to gather in person, we hope to prepare our first box of provisions for the families with your help by Saturday, August 15.

If you want to make a box(es), we will provide the container and are happy to reimburse you for the cost of the items. If you are able to sponsor a box(es), please send donations to: "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for Thoughtful Thursdays for \$20 per box.

We modeled our boxes after Fort Wayne United's TenPoint coalition food distribution program. Each box should contain the following items which will fit in the provided box.



1 lb. of spaghetti noodles	2 packets of chicken flavored rice	2 cans of green beans
2 boxes of mac & cheese	2 cans of chicken	2 cans of fruit in its own juice
1 can of pasta sauce	1 packet of 6-8 peanut butter crackers	1 box brown sugar oatmeal packets
2 packets of cheddar & broccoli rice	2 cans of corn	
5 packs of ramen noodles	1 box of cereal bars	

If you are interested in making a box, call or text Jamie at (260) 414-0076 or Sally (260) 402-7801 and we will drop off a box for you to fill. When the box is completed: If you live North, call or text Sally. If you if you live South, call or text Jamie. We will come to your house and pick up the filled box(es). Please keep your receipts, because we will need them in order to reimburse you.



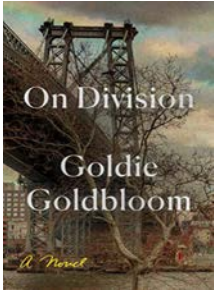
Thoughtful Thursdays is a social action project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. We provide food and household items for the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple and their families.

Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you!

*Jamie Berger. Sally Trotter & Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs*

AWARD WINNERS ON TAP FOR TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

Whether we meet in person or via Zoom, we're excited to share two award-winning titles with Temple members through our book club this year. Through the LiveChat program of the Jewish Book Council, we will discuss these two titles virtually with authors Talia Carner and Goldie Goldbloom.

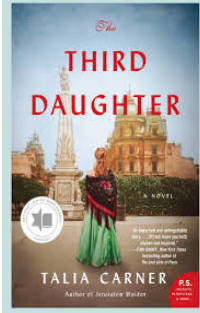


For our first meeting on Tuesday, October 13 at 7 p.m., we'll discuss The Third Daughter by Talia Carner, a finalist for this year's National Jewish Book Award in the Book Club category. A novel, it takes on the dark period of sex trafficking of Russian women to South America in the late 19th century. Batya is a 14-year-old girl when she is taken to "America" by a wealthy stranger who

promises to marry her. She ends up in Buenos Aires, and the story continues from there. Look for a Zoom link as the date gets closer.

On Tuesday, March 2, 2021, we'll discuss On Division by Goldie Goldbloom, the winner of this year's American Jewish Libraries Jewish Fiction Award. Set in present-day Williamsburg, Brooklyn, the novel centers around 57-year-old Surie Eckstein. After discovering she is pregnant with her eleventh child at this advanced age, she begins to question the dynamics of her Chasidic community.

We hope you'll check out these noteworthy books and plan to join us for the 2020-2021 Temple Book Club!



TEMPLE MEMBER INTERVIEWED FOR DOCUMENTARY ON JEWS OF SHANGHAI

Temple member Doris Fogel shares details of the eight years she spent in Shanghai as a young refugee from Germany as part of a new documentary airing on Tuesday, September 8 at 10 p.m. on PBS Fort Wayne called Harbor from the Holocaust.

The hour-long film depicts the story of nearly 20,000 Jewish refugees from Nazi-occupied Europe to the Chinese port of Shanghai during World War II. It explores the relationship of these Jewish refugees and their adopted city of Shanghai, even through the bitter years of Japanese occupation from 1937-1945 and the Chinese civil war that followed.

Doris, 86, said she has not yet seen the documentary. She was flown to New York to be interviewed, describing the questions as "never ending" about her experiences from the time she and her mother left Berlin in January 1939 when Doris was 4 1/2 years old.

She said she talked about her schooling in Shanghai's Jewish Ghetto and living in one room with her mother and close friends she considered her "aunt," "uncle," and "cousin," who was five years older. After the war, they were sponsored by an American couple. Doris said she boarded a ship for California on her 13th birthday, weighing 65 pounds, later settling in Peoria, Illinois.

"What was most meaningful about this project was to let the world know what happened – most people don't know there were 20,000 Jews at Shanghai," she said.

When she volunteers at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie, Doris said she speaks to visitors who have no idea that "Shanghai was the port of last resort."



"That's why I do what I do – to let the world know that we are survivors from a ghetto rather than a concentration camp and we went through hell and back," she said.

After living in Fort Wayne for 52 years, Doris moved to the Chicago area to be near her three children and grandchildren. She is a past president of Achduth Vesholom and past Executive Director and president of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. She spoke last April about her experiences, via videoconferencing, at the Temple's Yom Hashoah service.

The Federation is a sponsor of the documentary on PBS Fort Wayne.



SUPPORT THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS APPLE PROJECT

Help supply a bag of apples for each of the 72 children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple through the 10th annual Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project.

Many of the students rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. We provide them with delicious Honeycrisp apples purchased from a local orchard.

This mitzvah is a wonderful way to prepare for the High Holy Days season! A paper tree will be on display at the Temple decorated with paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$10 or more for the apple project by Wednesday, September 23.

Donate online at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org) and click on "Donate" on the far right of the tool bar across the top. The link will take you to a page where you indicate the amount of your donation, designate a fund ("Project Assist" is the one for Thoughtful Thursdays) and indicate the name you would like to appear on the apple for the tree. You can also mail checks made payable to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project.

Thoughtful Thursdays will begin its 11th year this fall! Plan to join the Jewish community's teams as we continue to help the Brightpoint Head Start families in need.

Contact Jamie Berger ([jberger02@comcast.net](mailto:jberger02@comcast.net)) or Sally Trotter ([sartrotter@gmail.com](mailto:sartrotter@gmail.com)) to learn more.



## REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR A GREAT YEAR OF JEWISH LEARNING

We're looking forward to beginning a new year of Religious School, as we also welcome Rabbi Meir Barger and Principal Pamela Friedman to our team! Since the Temple building currently is closed, classes will begin next month via Zoom on Sunday, September 13.

Religious School enrollment starts in August for students in pre-kindergarten through high school. Children must turn four by September 1 to enroll. Please look for [registration materials](#) at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org). New this year: Enrollment fees may be [paid online](#).

Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 for more information about Religious School or joining the congregation. Families must be members of the congregation to enroll children in Religious School.



## PAMELA FRIEDMAN NAMED RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



We are pleased to announce that Pamela Friedman will serve as our Religious School Principal for the 2020-2021 school year.

Pam served as president of Congregation B'nai Jacob prior to the synagogue's partnership arrangement with Achduth Vesholom that began 13 months ago. She also has served in other leadership positions in the congregation and community.

Her involvement in Jewish education has spanned more than 35 years as a tutor, classroom teacher, and principal of B'nai Jacob's Religious School. Pam and her husband, Ron, are the parents of three adult children. She works as an ICU nurse at a local hospital. In her free time, Pam loves to do genealogy research.

In recent weeks, she attended via Zoom the [NewCAJE](#) conference for professional Jewish educators with sessions reflecting online learning and networking. In Pirkei Avot there is a teaching, "Let your home be a meeting place for sages (1:4)." Even though we may not be able to meet in person, learning can continue in our homes; we can

continue to grow, to learn, and to connect with one another!

Religious School Committee Chair Wendi Wallet made the announcement to Religious School families on July 1.



## HELP US STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT

Please let the Temple office know your college student's email address so that we may stay in touch by sending the monthly Bulletin and other communications. We'll also be glad to send the weekly email, which also provides links for online services and opportunities.



## INTERFAITH PRAYER AND PEACE VIGIL

Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig and Rabbi Meir Barger were among the religious leaders who gathered on May 31 in Fort Wayne for an Interfaith Prayer and Peace Vigil to protest the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

During her remarks, Rabbi Winnig said we have a duty to speak out about injustices that people of color face in this country every day. She said the Torah teaches us *Tzedek, tzedek tirdof--* "Justice, justice you shall pursue" and that we must seek justice "with every fiber of our being to make justice a reality in this world."

She added: "We are far from having justice for all people, and, as we've been taught, if there is injustice for one person, then there is no justice for all people. So we seek justice today for George Floyd and for other people who have been discriminated against, killed by policy brutality, and other baseless hatred and racism throughout our country."

She and Rabbi Meir then read a [Psalm of Protest](#) in memory of George Floyd written by poet Alden Solovy.



# ANNUAL MEETING GOES VIRTUAL DURING YEAR OF TRANSITION

For the first time in 172 years, members of Indiana's oldest Jewish congregation met virtually for an annual meeting, coming together to elect leaders, review finances, and share details of what was a historic and transitional year for Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

Nearly 100 congregants attended the hour-long gathering on June 10 in the largest event held via videoconferencing since the Temple and its Rifkin Campus temporarily closed in March and shifted to online worship and programming in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To accommodate the Zoom format, voting was conducted entirely by absentee ballot in advance of the meeting and questions from members were asked in real-time via the chat box and then addressed.

President Ellen Tom recapped a year with many firsts, including the coming together of Congregation B'nai Jacob and Achduth Vesholom, the hiring of an Interim Rabbi, and the shift to virtual activities. At the same time, she said, we also look ahead to the arrival of Rabbi Meir Barger on as our new spiritual leader as we prepare to say good-bye to Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig.

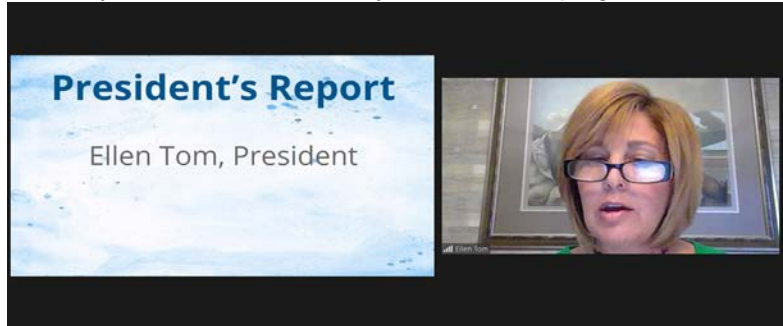
Ellen highlighted Rabbi Winnig's tenure at Achduth Vesholom, which ends on June 30, especially her guidance in working with the Ritual Committee to integrate two worship traditions. With respect for the long history of B'nai Jacob, Rabbi Winnig led a meaningful deconsecration ceremony of the synagogue building and a burial of sacred items at the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery. She also created a beautiful Simchat Torah service as part of our B'yachad (together) celebration.

As part of the community-wide Violins of Hope programming, Rabbi Winnig designed a Shabbat service incorporating the music of European Reform synagogues in the years leading up to the Holocaust. Through Violins of Hope, she also participated with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in a Jewish-Catholic prayer service focusing on shared religious connections. Most recently, she provided a vital role in offering virtual worship, including an online bar mitzvah, and numerous learning opportunities for the Jewish community during this current health crisis.

Ellen thanked our volunteers for their contributions to our congregation's success. The Hebrew word for volunteer is *mitnadev*, she said, which means "one who becomes noble," adding that volunteers should be treated with respect and honor for their dedication and tireless efforts.

A Transition Committee is working with Rabbi Barger on and his husband, Jon Tam, to help them settle into the Temple and Fort Wayne. The committee includes Ron Friedman, Ronnie Greenberg, Marnie Lowden, and Sally Trotter.

This past year marked the 10-year milestone for Thoughtful Thursdays, the Jewish community's social action program. Ellen said



the program, started by Jamie Berger, has made a difference in the lives of the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start in our building. Ellen thanked Jamie, who will be stepping down at the end of the year as chair, and Sally Trotter, who will assume leadership of the program.

Our Religious School had another great year under the direction of Principal Leah Hadashi and Rabbi Winnig, and teachers Bruce Colegrove, Dave Flapan, Rachel Gordon, Micah Soltz and Librarian Betsy Gephart. She said our children are very lucky to have these amazing educators.

Ellen also thanked our Temple Staff – Samara Sheray, Jamie Fritz, Marie McFadden, Clint Rossiter and Anna Rossiter -- for keeping our Temple running smoothly, especially during the past few months of closure. She also thanked the board and Executive Committee for being adaptable and responsive to the needs of the congregation.

## COVID-19 and Building Closure

As the Board contemplates how and when to reopen the Temple, Ellen said the details to consider and resolve are complex and mind-boggling. She said the board is discussing options and consulting with other places of worship locally and around the U.S., as well as the URJ.

Recommendations from these sources and medical and health experts evolve as new information becomes available. Decisions about when and how our Temple will reopen likely will become clearer in the coming weeks.

Plans for implementing worship, educational, and programming services will be ongoing, she said, as we look at three potential scenarios: Opening at full capacity, implementing a hybrid model comprising both remote and onsite activities at limited capacity, or continuing full-time remote activities.

Regardless of how we move forward, Ellen said, we are committed to doing so in a manner that safely accommodates our congregants, staff and visitors.

## Finances

Vice President-Finance Scott Goldberg presented the 2020-2021 budget, which was approved by the membership. He gave a general overview, though said the financial impact of the pandemic on dues, investments, and our annual corned beef fundraiser is not clear.

While the budget of \$471,869 for the fiscal year beginning July 1 indicates a \$29,752 deficit, Scott stressed that a budget is a planning tool. In this year's 2019-2020 budget, he said, the anticipated deficit was \$32,418, but the Temple likely will end the fiscal year in June with a \$30,000-\$40,000 surplus, largely the result of dues from new members from B'nai Jacob.

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Partnership and Renovation Update

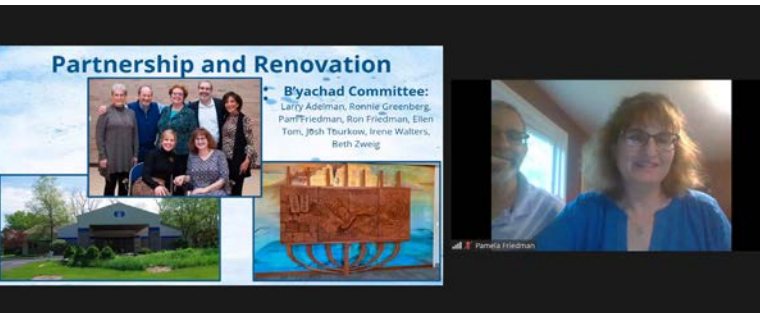
Pamela Friedman said we can look back on the past year of holidays, study sessions, social gatherings, life-cycle celebrations, *tikkun olam*, and weekly Shabbat services to realize that we are creating a *kehila kodosha*, a holy community that is strengthened and more unified.

She said congregants who came from B'nai Jacob have been welcomed by Temple members and Achduth Vesholom's leaders have been eager to include them in decision-making roles. Pam added that the former synagogue members had a voice on committees that include ritual, board development, facilities, and rabbinical search.

In addition, she noted that during this transition period she is serving on Achduth Vesholom's Board of Directors representing B'nai Jacob and Temple President Ellen Tom sits on the Transitional Board of Congregation B'nai Jacob, Inc. The Transitional Board oversees the integration and finances, serving as the legal entity for the former congregation while business matters are completed.

Pam said our journey together began long before July 1, 2019, when the B'yachad Committee brought to fruition the concept of "one community, two traditions." In the past year, she said, renovations of what is now called the Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel took place. Yahrzeit plaques and the Tree of Life panel also will be installed in the building.

"Our work is not complete," she said. "We will continue to learn from one another, we will strive to keep the lines of communication open, and we will wrestle with growing pains as we continue to bring two traditions together.... As we work together and worship together, let us continue to grow together...*b'yachad*."



Rabbi Winnig's Report

Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig said she feels fortunate to have landed in Fort Wayne as our Interim Rabbi. While we had a few bumps as the congregations came together with two traditions, she said we moved forward nicely.

Rabbi Winnig said the year came to an interesting place in March with COVID-19 when we moved to virtual events, creating and maintaining community in a different way. She thanked the Lowden family for being open to an online bar mitzvah, which she called a wonderful experience.

In showing her appreciation for all who support the congregation, Rabbi Winnig thanked the Temple's leadership, staff, Religious School teachers, Hazemir choir, and volunteers. She also thanked Joe Lyon, our security chief, and Jaki Schreier and Ben Eisbart from the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

New Board Elected for 2020-2021

Board Development Chair Bobbie Golani announced that the slate of nominees was elected by the membership for the new fiscal year beginning July 1:

**Officers:** President Ellen Tom, who completed a third year as president, was elected to a final one-year term ending in June 2021. Elected to one-year terms: VP Programs Kathy Sider, VP Finance Scott Goldberg, and Secretary Bobbie Golani.

**Trustees:** Elected to a two-year term ending in June 2022 were Rachel Gordon, Brian Rosman, Mark Schneider, Josh Tourkow, Jay Zemmol, and Beth Zweig.

**Trustees Not Up For Re-Election:** Larry Adelman, Denny Reynolds, and Wendi Wallet are each completing a two-year term ending in June 2021. Pamela Friedman is past president of Congregation B'nai Jacob and serves on the Temple board until the transition is legally completed. (In turn, the president of Achduth Vesholom serves on B'nai Jacob's transitional board during the same time period.)

Outgoing Board Members

We thanked Board members Jessica Ash, Talia Bugel, and Steve Zacher for their service to the congregation as they complete their board terms. In appreciation, a bookplate was added to our High Holy Days prayer books honoring each.

L'dor Vador Legacy Society Recognized

Beth Zweig, who co-chairs the Planned Giving Committee with Steve Zacher, said the L'dor Vador Legacy Society is important as we grapple with uncertainties from the pandemic on the Temple's finances, including dues and donations.

She recalled the late Leonard Goldstein, who formerly co-chaired our planned giving efforts, for always emphasizing that "it's incumbent on us to stand up and guarantee the future stability of our congregation for those who follow us."

A legacy gift is a way to make a lasting impact in a way that may not be possible in your current budget. Beth said it's also a way to make a statement that a Jewish presence in Northeast Indiana is important to you today, as well as for the next generation.

Through the legacy society, she said, the Temple has received planned gifts of \$122,000 since 2012. Some 44 people have signed a letter of intent indicating they've made a planned gift to the Temple.

Sadly, we lost four legacy society members in the past year: Betty Stein, David Seligman, Leona Zweig Rosenberg, and Charles Weinraub. May their memories be for a blessing.

If you have not yet designated a planned gift for the Temple, please consider doing so. Contact Beth or Steve for more information.

Brosler Award Presentation Postponed

Ellen said the William Brosler Award for Outstanding Volunteerism will be presented at a later date when we can meet in person.

The award recognizes members of the congregation whose involvement in and commitment to the Temple goes above and beyond that of other volunteers. The Brosler Award is intended to honor a lifetime of service to the congregation – even though we want our volunteers to keep on volunteering!

# FAREWELL FOR RABBI WINNIG ENDS IN VIRTUAL HUG

More than 50 congregants offered their best wishes and shared a virtual hug with Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig on Friday, June 19 during a farewell Shabbat service via videoconferencing, marking the completion of her year as the Temple's Interim Rabbi.

Her tenure began in the early weeks of the historic coming together of Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob with the blending of traditions. The final months of her time with us included a global pandemic, Zoom services and simchas, and marching against racial injustice.

During the Shabbat service, Rabbi Winnig discussed the Juneteenth holiday and the Emancipation Proclamation before also reflecting on her Fort Wayne memories, with a montage of photos taken during her time at the Temple and in our community.

On behalf of the congregation, President Ellen Tom offered a prayer for Rabbi Winnig as she leaves for a new position as Interim Rabbi at Congregation Rodef Shalom in Youngstown, Ohio. Ellen presented her with a framed photo – taken by Rabbi Winnig from her downtown apartment window - of the Fort Wayne skyline to help remember her time with us.

During the Oneg Shabbat, members thanked Rabbi Winnig for being a *mensch* during what was described as “a peculiar and blessed year.” We also watched a slide show with highlights chronicling Rabbi Winnig’s year.



## HOLOCAUST TESTIMONIES AVAILABLE AT PFW

The [Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#) is partnering with the [Helmke Library Purdue University Fort Wayne](#) to bring the [Yale Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies](#) to citizens of Northeast Indiana.

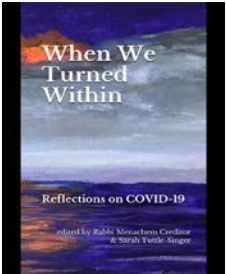
The Fortunoff Archive currently holds more than 4,400 testimonies, which are comprised of over 12,000 recorded hours of videotape. Testimonies were produced in cooperation with 36 affiliated projects across North America, South America, Europe, and Israel, and each project maintains a duplicate collection of locally recorded videotapes.

The Fortunoff Archive and its affiliates recorded the testimonies of willing individuals with first-hand experience of the Nazi persecutions, including those who were in hiding, survivors, bystanders, resistance, and liberators. Testimonies were recorded in whatever language the witness preferred, and range in length from 30 minutes to over 40 hours (recorded over several sessions). Once the campus reopens, anyone may access this collection from one of the computers at Helmke Library.

## NEW COVID-19 ANTHOLOGY INCLUDES PIECE BY RABBI MEIR

Congratulations to Rabbi Meir Barger on having a piece included in the new anthology called *When We Turned Within: Reflections on COVID-19*. Edited by Rabbi Menachem Creditor and Sara Tuttle-Singer, the book is a collection of reflections, prayers, and poems of “many, many individual souls who collectively tell the story of right now with depth and heart and startling brilliance.”

All proceeds from the book will support UJA-Federation NY's COVID-relief efforts, more than \$46 million of allocations to date, supporting the most vulnerable parts of our world.



HOOSIER JEWISH LEGENDS NAMED BY IJHS

The Indiana Jewish Historical Society will honor five Hoosier Jewish Legends in August for making significant and lasting impacts on Indiana Jewish communities around the state.

The newest legends are:

- Dr. Anne Eliades of Muncie
- Sheila Greenwald of Indianapolis
- Judge William Levy of Indianapolis
- \*Rabbi Julius Shuback of East Chicago
- \*Dr. David Silver of Indianapolis

\*of blessed memory

Recipients will be honored on Sunday, August 30 in a small ceremony at noon at the Indianapolis Jewish Community Center. Invitations to join by Zoom were sent in July. The event is co-sponsored with the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis.

Last year’s honorees included three from Congregation Achduth Vesholom: Dr. John Planer, the late Betty Stein, and the late Joe Levine. During the award’s initial year in 2016, the late Leonard Goldstein was a recipient from the Temple.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



**Wendy Soltz** on her new position as Assistant Professor of History at Ball State University. She will teach courses in U.S., Jewish, and public history.

She stepped down as Executive Director of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society on June 30. She served three years in this position while an Assistant Professor of

Religious Studies and History at Defiance College.

All three IJHS Executive Directors have been members of Congregation Achduth Vesholom: Joe Levine, the organization’s founder, from 1972-1995, Eileen Baitcher from 1995-2017, and Wendy from 2017-2020.

Wendy will continue to work closely with IJHS on the Indiana Historic Synagogue mapping project and any other projects in the future. She hopes that the new position at Ball State will help foster a relationship between the University and IJHS and get students involved in Indiana’s Jewish history.

GENEALOGY SOCIETY ANNOUNCES FALL PROGRAMS

Though planning for upcoming public programs is currently a challenge, the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is moving forward with a full year of great speakers. We hope that all will be able to visit us in person, but, if necessary, we will use technology to bring these experts directly to you!

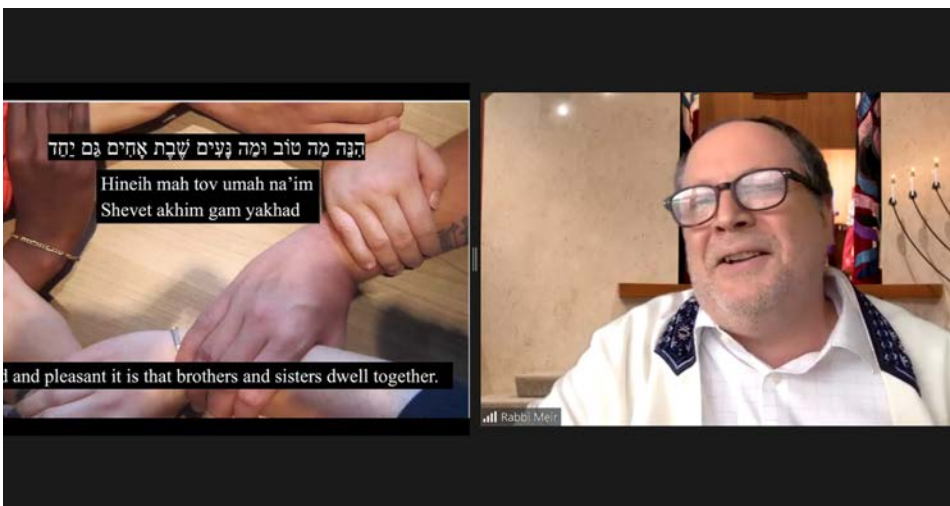


We plan to begin our fall season with the second annual “Fort Wayne Jewish Family Day” on Sunday, October 18 at the Rifkin Campus. Beginning at noon, we will offer scanners to digitize your photographs, advice on tracing your family history, and more! Come check out our Fort Wayne Jewish Families database, with more than 5,000 past and present members of our community.

On Sunday, November 15, “Sherlock” Cohn”, photo genealogist, will be our first public presenter at 2 p.m. at The Genealogy Center. Ava Cohn is an internationally known professional genealogist who specializes in the dating, identification, and interpretation of family photographs and portraits. She will accept family photographs from guests for analysis.

In addition to our public programs, NEIJGS members will enjoy two “Lunch and Learn” programs with ACPL Genealogy Center staff members, and two member workshops. Later this month, they’ll have a practice Zoom session and a recap program of the International (IAJGS) Genealogy Conference.

Please visit the NEIJGS website for updates and Zoom links, as well as membership information and programs for 2021.



*Rabbi Meir Bargeron led his first Shabbat service at Achduth Vesholom on July 10, with more than 60 congregants sharing the special evening via Zoom. Before Shabbat, the Rabbinic Transition Committee delivered a welcome basket of thoughtfully-curated local items, including some very special cookies, on behalf of our Temple family for Rabbi Meir and his husband, Jon Tam.*

# HIGH HOLY DAYS

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## HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE 2020

Please plan to join us via Zoom videoconferencing for the High Holy Days. A more complete schedule will be sent to members in a few weeks. Thank you for your patience as plans develop.

### Selichot – Saturday, September 12

- 8:15 p.m. Begin the holiday season together with Havdalah and meditative prayer and readings as we change the Torah covers

### Cemetery Services – Sunday, September 13

- 1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery
- 2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery

### Erev Rosh Hashanah Services – Friday, September 18.

- 6:30 p.m. Traditional service
- 8 p.m. Reform service

### Rosh Hashanah – Saturday, September 19

Traditional services

- 9 a.m. - Shacharit
- 10 a.m. Torah service and D'var
- 11 a.m. Musaf

10 a.m. Reform Service

### Rosh Hashanah – Second Day – Sunday, September 20

Traditional services

- 9 a.m. - Shacharit
- 10 a.m. Torah service and D'var
- 11 a.m. Musaf

All Congregation

- 2 p.m. Drive-in Shofar and Tashlich services at the Temple

### Erev Yom Kippur Services – Sunday, September 27

- Traditional Service - Kol Nidre at 7:15 p.m.
- Reform Service - Kol Nidre at 8 p.m.

### Yom Kippur – Monday, September 28

Traditional Services - TBA

Reform Services

- 10 a.m. Morning Service
- 3 p.m. – Afternoon Service
- 4 p.m. – Yizkor Memorial Service
- 5 p.m. – Neilah (Concluding) Service

### Break-the-Fast

8:15 p.m. Join us online via Zoom for a brief meet-and-greet, with restorative snacks in hand, to wish one another a Shanah Tovah

## HIGH HOLY DAYS ONLINE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Please plan to join us by livestream when we delve deeply into the meaning of these sacred days. We will provide easy-to-use information and guides well in advance so that your sanctuary at home will be your sacred space for you and your family, including young children and teens. Erev Rosh Hashanah begins on Friday, September 18.

Zoom links will be sent directly to members via email to access worship. Members without internet access will be able to join services by phone. Guests who would like to join us for worship should contact the Temple office.

The difficult decision to move our holiday services online was made by the Temple's Board of Trustees in response to concerns about the ongoing pandemic. Our building remains closed, with only Rabbi Meir and the staff doing essential work inside that is



necessary to meet congregational needs.

Look for more information in the coming weeks as we go from strength to strength together as a Jewish community.

## REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES

If you wish to have a loved one's name included during memorial services on Yom Kippur, please provide information to the Temple office by Tuesday, September 22. Call us at (260) 744-4245 or email at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org). Join us for memorial services via Zoom on Monday, September 28.

## CEMETERY SERVICES PLANNED

Memorial services will be held Sunday, September 13 at 1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery and 2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery. Join Rabbi Meir for the traditional *El Maleh Rachmim* and *Kaddish* prayers, along with the appropriate psalms, poetry and prayers. Please wear a mask and observe distancing guidelines. For more information or to arrange transportation, call the Temple office.

## SUPPORT THE TEMPLE WITH HIGH HOLY DAYS DONATION

While we're not meeting in person this year for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we'll come together in new ways as a community for a meaningful and memorable High Holy Days experience.

We greatly appreciate all who over the years have provided an annual gift to the Temple at the High Holy Days season. Due to the unusual circumstances this year, we will be suggesting some giving opportunities in the coming weeks. We hope you will consider supporting congregational needs in this way.



## VISITORS WELCOME FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

Do you know someone who is new to Fort Wayne? Will you have family or friends visiting for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur?

Our High Holy Days services are open to all. We do not require tickets to attend. To receive information on how to attend our virtual High Holy Day services, please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).

We're especially eager to welcome those who are new to our Jewish community to explain the benefits of membership at Achduth Vesholom. Please call us to let us know so we can reach out to newcomers.

Traveling to another URJ congregation that requires tickets? Contact the Temple office as soon as possible if you need a letter verifying that you're a member in good standing of Achduth Vesholom in order to obtain tickets at another Reform congregation.



## ELUL OFFERS INTROSPECTION BEFORE NEW YEAR

The Hebrew month of Elul begins at sundown on Thursday, August 20, marking the final weeks of the year and the beginning of the period leading to the High Holy Days.

During this time of introspection, we traditionally take "an accounting of the soul," *cheshbon hanefesh* in Hebrew, looking deeply inside ourselves to evaluate our actions and seeking personal insights for the New Year ahead.

Several customs during Elul are designed to remind us of the liturgical season and help us prepare for the holidays. Find [five things to know about Elul](https://www.ReformJudaism.org) from [www.ReformJudaism.org](https://www.ReformJudaism.org), including hearing the sound of the shofar, visiting the graves of loved ones, and reading [Psalm 27](#).

## MAZEL TOV TO:

**Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig** on receiving the Goldie DuBow Award from the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne at its annual meeting in June. The award honors members of the Federation who make contributions to the Jewish community by demonstrating qualities through their positive leadership, creative ideas, and good judgment.

**Samuel Cruz & Bertha Martinez Nunez** on becoming members of the Jewish people on June 6 at the Temple.

**Juli Dominguez** on winning the Democratic primary for State Senate District 16. She'll face GOP Candidate Justin Busch in the general election in November.

**Ron Gubitz** on being named Executive Director of Hillel at Tulane University in New Orleans. Ron grew up at Achduth Vesholom and is the son of Charlene & Jeff Gubitz, who were long-time members of the Temple.

**Janet Katz**, Director of the [Northeast Indiana Local Food Network](#) on creating an interactive [Local Food Guide](#) for our community listing businesses in the 11 counties of Northeast Indiana that sell locally produced food and artisan food and beverage products made with local ingredients sourced from area farms.



Thanks to our volunteers who continue to tend to the Temple gardens. They trimmed the magnolia tree, weeded, planted, cleaned up the front gardens, and spruced up the Spousep Chapel garden. Thanks to Ronnie Greenberg and her team: Ron Cousino, Norm Greenberg, Nancy Lindsey, Denny Reynolds, Jon Tam.

# DONATIONS

## Adelman Facility Improvement Fund

In memory of Isadore Adelman, Mary Kay Byrne, Robert O'Neill, and David Salnitsky: *Rita & Tom O'Neill*

In memory of Morris Hyman: *Nancy & Mike Dicker*

In memory of June Deitch: *Carol & Larry Adelman*

## Adult Education

In memory of Albert Schnitt: *Nancy & Mike Dicker*

In memory of Arnold Katinsky: *Nola & Matthew Katinsky*

## Campership

In honor of Carol Sandler: *Karen Sandler*

## Dr. John Planer Music Fund

In memory of Barbara Congress, Joe Congress and Cheryl Gannon: *Marcia & Denny Reynolds*

In memory of Amelia Butz: *Nola & Matthew Katinsky*

## Floral Fund

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

## General Operations

Donations have been received from: *Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig, Richard Grzych, Scott Fergusson, Lis Kahn*

In memory of Sylvia Zimmerman, Charles Rosenblum, Lauren Kaminsky, Phyllis Silver, and Jeffrey Silver: *Cookie & David Rosenblum*

In memory of Robert Hutner: *Sharon Hutner*

In memory of Jonathan Safran: *Judy & Steve Zacher*

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In memory of Myer Levin: *Saralee Levin*

In memory of Sidney Motel: *Karen Sandler*

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In memory of Jerry Friedman: *Norma Friedman*

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In honor of Fran Adler and Mike Rush: *Rabbi Meir Barger*

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In memory of Jay Oppenheim: *Sylvia Furner*

In memory of Sol Mastbaum: *Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum*

In memory of Manny Silverman: *Fran & Irv Adler, Cheryl Schorey,*

*Jan & Steve Sarratore, Janet Venderly, Jo Ellen & Mike Rush,*

*Carol & Larry Adelman, Ronnie & Norm Greenberg, Beth & Dan Zweig*

## Holocaust Education Fund

In memory of Joe Gerson: *Audrey Gerson and Rhonda Gerson-Hurwitz*

## Holocaust Memorial Fund

In memory of Jay Philip Oppenheim: *Lesley Newman*

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In memory of Manny Silverman: *Kathleen Black-Haluska*

## Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural Fund

In memory of Kathryn Kann Mendelblat: *Deborah Rothberg, Suzi Stone, Stephen Rothberg*

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In memory of Betty Kann Castle: *Suzi Stone, Deborah Rothberg*

## Library Fund

In memory of Jonathan Safran: *Jane Martin & Manny Silverman, Al Zacher, Susan & Alan Cooperman, Marcia & Denny Reynolds, Beth & Dan Zweig, Ronnie & Norm Greenberg, Carol & Larry Adelman, Ron Cousino, Carol Sandler, Jo Ellen & Mike Rush, Doris Gottlieb, Louise & William Warshauer, Micki & Sherwin Kepes, Bonnie & Michael Gottesman, Carol & Norm Kempler, Dora & Leonid Itkin, Fran & Irv Adler, Maureen & Alan Grinsfelder*

In honor of his friends: *Rabbi Richard Safran*

In memory of Phyllis Sarratore and Thomas Sarratore:

*Janet & Steve Sarratore*

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig: *Pam & Ron Friedman, Ron Cousino*

In honor of Rabbi Meir Barger: *Jo Ellen & Mike Rush*

In memory of Manny Silverman: *Alan Wittenberg*

## Religious School

In memory of Barbara Miller: *Pam & Ron Friedman*

In memory of Norma Trauner: *Theresa & Scott Trauner*

In memory of Nettie Gottlieb and Sarah Jacobson: *Doris Gottlieb*

## Ryan Goldstrom Memorial Fund

In memory of Ryan Goldstrom: *Marian Kantor, Rob & Lori Goldstrom*

## Temple Gardens Fund

In memory of Sylvia Zalman Levine, Edna Levine, Pauline Price, and Lois Levine Edwards: *Stan Levine*

In memory of Jonathan Safran: *Marie Warshauer*

In memory of Doris M. Sposeep: *Patrice & Mike Sposeep*

In memory of Marguerite Elder: *Betty Fishman*

## Thoughtful Thursdays

In memory of Louise Marcus and Jonathan Safran: *Suzi & Jim King*

In memory of Beatrice Motel: *Karen Sandler*

A donation has been received from: *Laurence Mastbaum,*

*Donna & Josh Tourkow, Rita & Tom O'Neill, Fran & Irv Adler*

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# AUGUST YAHRZEITS

## August 7-8

Bernard Blumenthal  
Mary Bronstein  
Louis Hansen "Joe" Carter  
Bertha Doran  
Frieda Erman  
Sam Fried  
Iris Sands Gilbert  
Jack Golden  
Morris Goldin  
Fraida Rivah Klein  
Brokha Koefman  
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Abe Rubenstein  
Irene Sachs Singerman  
Molly Sandel  
Charlotte Gilbert Schiff  
Benedict Schulman  
Sylvia Sommer  
Adeline F. Wetzstein  
Charles Wigod

## August 14-15

Solomon Ackerman  
David Babich  
Dennis Berquist  
Mollie Bronstein  
Minnie Cahn  
Gary William Cohn  
Ethel Eisbart  
Clara Riddner Field  
Albert Fishbein  
Jack Golder  
Meyer Goldfarb  
Herschel Gorelick  
Louis Hirschberg  
Minnie Hornstein  
Amelia (Mollie) Hutner  
Arnold Katinsky  
Esther King  
Sara Konkel  
Morris Krainess  
Samuel Kraus  
Abraham Kurtz  
Maxine Landy  
Claude K. Lee  
Nahum Lefand  
Susan Schiller Leibow  
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Joseph Schmitz  
Esther Schmitz  
Arthur A. Simon  
Betty Stein  
Bea Turin  
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Alex Young

## August 21-22

Abe Ackerman  
Melvin Binderman  
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Estelle Block  
Peggy Perrine Fredrick Conover  
June Deitch  
Harry Felstein  
Molly Fox  
Lena Frank  
Esther Gabe  
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Abraham Weil  
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Eric Wolfe

## August 28-29

Rosie Adams  
Anna Bluestein  
Rose Boches  
Earl Brenn  
Etta Brower  
David Cohen  
Jeffrey Colegrove  
Joe Congress  
Leonid Finkelshteyn  
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## WE CARE

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

## CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE AT LINDENWOOD

Temple members in good standing are eligible to purchase plots in the congregation's Y and YY section at Lindenwood Cemetery. Please contact the Temple office for information. Each plot is \$2,200.

## OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

**Shara & Harry Cunningham and their children, Milly and Oliver**, on the death of her father, Ira Sokoloff, on May 28, 2020 in Camden, NJ.

**Jane Martin** on the death of her long-time partner, Manuel "Manny" Silverman, who died on July 16, 2020 in Fort Wayne. We also think of his children, John Silverman, Geoff Silverman, and Julie Ditton, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



# THE TEMPLE

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## TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

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

The Temple 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](mailto:office@TempleCAV.org)) for information. President Ellen Tom can be reached at [president@templecav.org](mailto:president@templecav.org).

**The deadline for the September Bulletin is Friday, August 14**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER ELLEN TOM

The word *tikvah* means hope, but it has a much deeper meaning. In the Hebrew dictionary, *tikvah* is defined as "a cord, a rope, a line, meaning to bind." *Tikvah* is a rope we can hang on to in good and bad times. As we approach five months into this world-wide pandemic, we continue to strengthen this cord, our rope we call *tikvah* – our community.

We are proud of how we as a community remain strong and cohesive. Since March, our congregation has been vigilant about upholding Judaism's highest priorities for maintaining life and health. Worship, education, and community connection have been accomplished via Zoom and online resources. You have warmly embraced them and encouraged us not to rush to open our Temple before we can all enter safely and responsibly.

While not ideal, we have met the challenge of using technology to remain open and vibrant. Aided by videoconferencing, we introduced Rabbi Meir and his husband, Jon Tam, to our Temple family, hosted Meet-and-Greets, and conducted Board and committee meetings.

Though we miss greeting each other in the Sanctuary on Shabbat, our Virtual Onegs give us a chance to schmooze a bit after Friday night services. Attendance has generally been higher since we went all virtual, showing how important it is to everyone to maintain connections.

We are fortunate to have a new Rabbi who has settled in quickly and adapted to a new normal. I have appreciated Rabbi Meir's leadership, thoughtfulness, and time spent in preparing for services and the upcoming High Holy Days. My sincere gratitude goes to our Temple staff for working diligently behind the scenes to ensure operations continue seamlessly even though we remain closed. And last, but not least, a huge thanks to Beth Zweig who has spent countless hours coordinating, managing, and writing our communications.

Our cord, our rope, our line continues to bind us. Regardless of how we connect, Temple will always be a source of healing and a place of comfort.

My hope is that Our Family - Our *Kehilah* - stays safe and healthy, and that we can soon be together in person again...but until then, let's keep our rope strong and stay connected.



## HELP TEMPLE WITH AMAZON PURCHASES

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. Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price. Thanks!



## SHOP AT KROGER AND SUPPORT THE TEMPLE

Here's how you can help when you 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!