

# THE TEMPLE

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### CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLY DAYS ONLINE WITH US

*L'shana Tovah!* Please join us as we welcome the New Year 5781 online as a community, gathering together to hear the sound of the shofar and offering prayers for renewal, forgiveness, good health, and peace.

As we share Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur during the time of a pandemic, we are meeting virtually to maintain the safety of our Temple family while also embracing the opportunity to experience the holidays in new and significant ways. These include Reform and traditional worship options for a second year.

Rabbi Meir Barger 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 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. Ron Friedman, who regularly leads our Shabbat morning service, and Pamela Friedman, our Religious School principal, also will lead holiday worship.

Only the clergy, service leaders, and a very small number of support personnel will be in the building. 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.

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### JOIN US AT OUR DRIVE-IN TO HEAR THE SHOFAR!

As we reimagine New Year's traditions during this most unusual season, we invite you to come hear the sound of the shofar from your car at our "CAV Drive-in."

Please join us on Sunday, September 20 at 2 p.m., the second day of Rosh Hashanah, in the Temple's parking lot to hear the blast of the ram's horn and fulfill the biblical commandment.

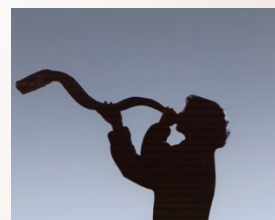
Experience the shofar service in a new way – perhaps imagining the echoes heard on Mount Sinai or at the Temple in Jerusalem. As the sounds of *tekiah*, *shevarim*, *truah*, and *tekia gedolah* fill the air, enjoy the spirit of Jewish community from a new vantage point (while socially distant) and reflect on the year ahead.

Rabbi Meir will offer insights on the symbolism of the shofar, described by some as both earthly and Divine.

Following the shofar service, Rabbi Meir will focus on the meaning and traditions of Tashlich. The Hebrew word *tashlich* literally means "You shall cast away."

In the book of Micah (7:18-20) we find the verse: "And you shall cast (*tashlich*) into the depths of the sea all their sins." Traditionally, Jewish communities throughout the world have taken Micah's words to heart by gathering on Rosh Hashanah and symbolically casting away their sins by throwing breadcrumbs into a lake, stream or ocean. However, due to health precautions, we will not go as a group this year to the water.

[Learn more about Tashlich.](#)



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# UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

## SEPTEMBER SHABBAT AND HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

Services will be online unless otherwise specified. Find more information on pages 6, 7, & 8 or at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org).

### Shabbat Services

Friday, September 4 & 11

6 p.m.

Led by Rabbi Meir Bargerion

### Shabbat Shuvah & Yahrzeit Plaque

#### Dedication

Friday, September 25

6 p.m.

Led by Rabbi Meir Bargerion

Music: Cantor Yvon F. Shore

### Shabbat Services

Saturday, September 5, 12, 26

10 a.m.

Led by Ron Friedman with Rabbi Meir Bargerion

### Selichot Service

Saturday, September 12

8:15 p.m.

### Cemetery Services

Sunday, September 13

1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery

2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery

*Reform services during the High Holy Days will be led by Rabbi Meir Bargerion with Cantor Yvon F. Shore and Maestro Robert Nance.*

*Cellist David Rezits will play at our Kol Nidre Service.*

*Traditional services will be led by Michael J. Small and Pamela & Ron Friedman.*

### Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Friday, September 18

6:30 p.m. Traditional service

8 p.m. Reform service

### Rosh Hashanah Morning Services

Saturday, September 19

Traditional services

9 a.m. Shacarit

10 a.m. Torah service and D'var

11 a.m. Musaf

Reform service

10 a.m.

### Rosh Hashanah Morning Service (Second Day)

Sunday, September 20

Traditional services

9 a.m. Shacarit

10 a.m. Torah service and D'var

11 a.m. Musaf

### Drive-In Shofar & Tashlich Services

Sunday, September 20

2 p.m. at the Temple, All congregation

### Kol Nidre Services

Sunday, September 27

Traditional Service

6:45 p.m. Mincha

7:15 p.m. Kol Nidre

Reform service

8 p.m.

### Yom Kippur Services

Monday, September 28

Traditional services

9 a.m. Shacharit

10 a.m. Torah, Haftarah, D'var, Yizkor

11:30 a.m. Musaf

6:15 p.m. Mincha

7:30 p.m. Neilah

8:10 p.m. Havdalah

8:15 p.m. Break-the-fast



Reform services

10 a.m. Morning service

3 p.m. Afternoon service

4 p.m. Yizkor Memorial service

5 p.m. Neilah (Concluding) service

8:15 p.m. Break-the-fast

## OCTOBER HOLIDAY SERVICES

### Erev Sukkot & Shabbat Service

Friday, October 2

6 p.m.

### Sukkot & Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 3

10 a.m.

### Shabbat Service

Friday, October 9

6 p.m.

### Shemini Atzeret, Shabbat & Yizkor

Saturday, October 10

10 a.m.

### Simchat Torah & Consecration Celebration

Sunday, October 11

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER EVENTS

### Religious School Begins

Sunday, September 13

Information will be provided to parents and students

### Temple Book Club

Tuesday, October 13

7 p.m. via Zoom

Need more information? Visit us at [templecav.org](http://templecav.org) or give us a call!

### Fort Wayne Jewish Families Open House

Sunday, October 18

1 p.m. via Zoom

Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society

### The Paris Photo:

Author Jane S. Gabin

Sunday, October 18

2 p.m. via Zoom

Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne



# RABBI MEIR BARGERON

## ACCOUNTING FOR FEAR AND DREAD

One of the first things I noticed when I arrived in Fort Wayne was the geese. As a former and now once-again Midwesterner, these ubiquitous birds are a familiar sight to me, and not always a welcome one.

I recall childhood warnings about their aggressiveness, and an incident when I was chased by a territorial goose because my dog veered too close! But geese also play an important role in the rhythm of the year. The transit of migratory geese in the spring and in the fall signal an important seasonal transition. As they fly in formation, honking loudly, they cause us to stop what we are doing, to look up and to pay attention, even if only for just a moment.

As Midwestern Jews, we well understand the seasonal transition of being called to stop what we are doing and to pay attention. We are in the midst of the Hebrew month of *Elul*, a time when Jewish tradition draws us to introspection in preparation for the hard, holy work of *Yamim Noraim*, the Days of Awe.

This month occurs at the beginning of the autumn season, when the cooling weather, the changing leaves, and, yes, the honking geese signal us that change is on the horizon, and that we best get ready. We are called to take an accounting of our soul (*cheshbon hanefesh*) to identify the ways in which we have fallen short of being the person God has created each of us to be.

Psalms 27 can be considered a map for self-reflection throughout *Elul*. It begins, “**The Eternal is my light and my help; whom should I**

**fear? The Eternal is the stronghold of my life, whom should I dread?”**

Concerning this verse, the 19th century biblical commentator Malbim writes, “‘dread’ is from something that is known, and ‘fear’ is from something unknown.” This is a helpful way to frame much of the uncertainty of life that confronts us in the liturgy of the High Holy Days.

What are the things in our life that weigh on us, both the known problems that concern us and the unknown events over which we have no control?

How have our actions exacerbated this fear and dread without meaning? What can we do to face these concerns head-on and with meaning? Through everything, the psalmist reminds us, God is our light, our help and our source of strength. We do not experience this dread and fear alone.

I wish for each of you an introspective and meaningful *Elul*, and look forward to Friday, September 18 when we will welcome 5781 as a Congregation Achduth Vesholom community.

In dread, fear and gratitude,

Rabbi Meir

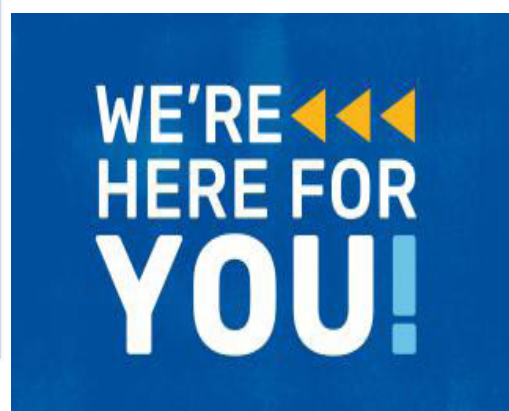


## COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE FOR MEMBERS

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 are now included.

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

## BUILDING REMAINS CLOSED FOR TEMPLE EVENTS; BRIGHTPOINT CLASSES TO RESUME



As September begins, our building remains closed for congregational worship and activities, with only essential staff activities taking place inside. We remain committed to engaging our members and building Jewish community through online services, programs, and meetings. Religious School also is utilizing virtual learning. Our High Holy Days worship will be online this year.

Our Rifkin Campus partners have access to their offices within our health and safety guidelines during the pandemic. Masks are required in the building, along with social distancing.

Plans call for Brightpoint Head Start, which offers a free preschool program for children ages 3 to 5 from low-income families, to resume in-person classes at the Temple on Tuesday, September 8. About half the number of students will attend, compared to last year's 72 children, with staggered attendance schedules and new COVID-related safety measures. In recent months, Brightpoint used a federal grant to add air-conditioning and sinks to their classrooms in our Religious School wing.

Temple Executive Director Samara Sheray has been working with Brightpoint to ensure safety precautions are in place. These include enhanced cleaning throughout the building and detailed plans for kitchen, classroom, and facility use by Head Start.

No decisions have been made yet by the Temple's leadership regarding when the building will re-open for in-person services and events. Our staff is in communication with local faith communities and other Indiana Jewish congregations to compare operational plans in response to COVID-19. We continue to review state and local public health guidance, and best practices provided by the Union for Reform Judaism for its member congregations, as well as feedback from members of our congregation.

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.

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



## LIBRARY UPDATE: ORDER ONLINE AND PICK UP AT THE TEMPLE

Though the building remains closed, we have worked out a way for members to access the resources of our [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#). Order your book anytime online and pick it up at the Temple Office!

First, check out [our online catalog](#) for an easy-to-use list of our materials. We have more than 6,000 titles in our collection, and you can search them easily from any device. You'll find not only books, but also videos and music as well.

Once you've found something you're interested in, you'll need an account number to place a hold and manage your account. All members of Congregation Achduth Vesholom have an account number, which can be obtained by e-mailing our librarian, Betsy Gephart, at [library@templecav.org](mailto:library@templecav.org).

When you click the "Place Hold" button in the catalog, you will be prompted to enter this number. This will send an e-mail to our librarian, and she will contact you as soon as your materials are ready to be

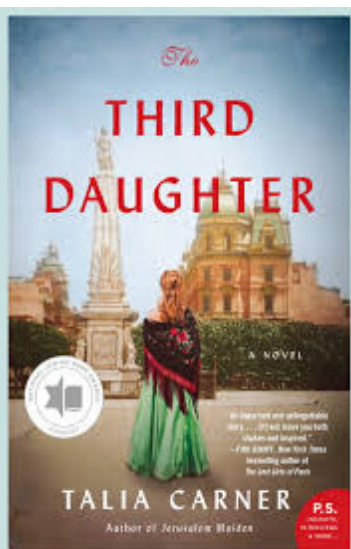
picked up at the Temple office. Since we have reduced staff at the building, our pick-up days will be Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.. Our lending period is two weeks, after which you will receive reminder e-mails. Materials can be returned during Temple office hours.

To check your account, simply click on the small "person" icon on the top right of your catalog screen and log in with your account number. That will bring you to your "borrowing" page, where you'll see what you have checked out. You can also edit your contact information from this page. It is very important that we have a current e-mail address for those who borrow library materials.

Hopefully this will help you take advantage of the variety of resources we have available in our library while our building is closed. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy at [library@templecav.org](mailto:library@templecav.org).



## JOIN TEMPLE BOOK CLUB FOR "THE THIRD DAUGHTER"



Our first [Temple Book Club](#) for the year will be on Tuesday, October 13 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. We'll discuss *The Third Daughter* by Talia Carner, a finalist for this year's National Jewish Book Award in the Book Club category.

The novel 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.

Talia Carner is the author of several award-winning novels, including *China Doll*, *Hotel Moscow*, and *Jerusalem Maiden*. She is an honorary board member of several anti-domestic violence and child abuse intervention organizations.

Due to the popularity of *The Third Daughter*, we will join two other small book clubs in our discussion with Ms. Carner. Please RSVP to the Temple office to receive the Zoom link in October. The book is available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#). [Find the catalog number.](#)



*Hunger doesn't stop because there is a virus or because a building is closed. Thank you to our volunteers and sponsors who supported the Thoughtful Thursdays program to assemble boxes of non-perishable food and household items for our Brightpoint Head Start families to begin the school year. The boxes will be distributed this month and include two months of provisions.*

## HELP THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS APPLE PROJECT BEAR FRUIT



Help supply a bag of apples for each of the 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 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 30.

[Donate online](#) at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org). Indicate your gift is to "Project Assist/Thoughtful Thursdays," along with the name you would like to appear on the tree at the Temple. You can also mail checks made payable to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project.

The tree will be on display in the lobby and the apples will be added with the names you choose for each donation. Until we are back in the building, pictures of the tree will be posted on the Temple's [Facebook page](#) as it 'grows'.

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.



## EXCITING YEAR OF JEWISH LEARNING INCLUDES NEW CURRICULUM

In Pirkei Avot (1:4) we read, "Let your home be a meeting place for sages." Indeed, today our homes have become study centers in which we strive to make connections with one another as we learn to adapt and grow in an everchanging world.

Much planning is taking place as the year 5780 is coming to a close and a new year about to begin; together we will be embarking on a new journey. Highlights include:

- Shalom Learning curriculum for the Pre-K-B'nei Mitzvah students: a values-based Judaic curriculum as well as a Hebrew curriculum designed for students to learn decoding and become familiar with the prayer service.
- Havurat No'ar, post B'nei Mitzvah students: explore topics relating to ethics and values and dive deeply into comparative Judaism.
- Confirmation program: discuss issues related to being a teen in today's world through the lens of being Jewish and learn how to combat missionaries/cults.
- KISS: Kids in Shabbat Service – students in all grades will participate and/or lead Shabbat services at various times throughout the year.
- Holiday celebrations as per the calendar and CAV Religious School traditions of *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world)

Each of us is pulled in so many different directions in our lives. Our kids have soccer practice and piano lessons, dance competitions and enrichment opportunities, not to mention homework.

But, I would like to posit... Where will our youth learn that there is a connection between themselves, their family, and the rest of the Jewish people? Where else will our youth gain the tools to be their best possible selves in a world that challenges their identity? Where indeed will our youth begin to understand their responsibility in making the world a better place?

Jewish education is a lifetime commitment in which we are raising our kids to become Jewish adults. How wonderful and wondrous it is when our children are able to see the world through Jewish eyes.

Here at Congregation Achduth Vesholom, we would like to partner with you to be the coaches for and gardeners of the next generation. Please join us on this journey for a promising year of learning and growth!

*Pam Friedman, Principal*



## 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.

## JOIN US FOR SHABBAT SHUVAH SERVICE & YAHRZEIT PLAQUE DEDICATION



Please join us for Shabbat Shuvah, the Sabbath of Return between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, on Friday, September 25 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

The name of this special Shabbat comes from the first

word of the reading from the Haftarah reading from Hosea, which also shares the same Hebrew root with t'shuvah, repentance. Rabbi Meir will lead the service with Cantor Yvon Shore. We'll also dedicate yahrzeit plaques added in the past year.

## LINKS FOR PROGRAMMING SENT DIRECTLY TO MEMBERS BY EMAIL

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 and other programs will be provided to members directly via our weekly email on Thursdays rather than through our website. Links for High Holy Days programming also will be sent to members.

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).

## ENROLL YOUR CHILD FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

We're looking forward to beginning a new year of Religious School, as we also welcome Rabbi Meir Bargerion



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 at 9:30 a.m.

Classes are offered for children of Temple members 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.



# HIGH HOLIDAYS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Erev Rosh Hashanah begins on Friday, September 18 and Kol Nidre on Sunday, September 27. (See page 2 for the schedule of services, pages 6-8 for holiday information, and page 12 to learn about the month of Elul.)

To enhance the worship experience, we are making *machzorim* (holiday prayer books) available for members to borrow. (See page 7.)

Please join us by livestream when we delve deeply into the meaning of these sacred days. Links for our online services will be sent directly to members via email to access worship. (See page 7.) Members without internet access should call the Temple office as soon as possible to discuss alternatives. Guests who would like to join us for worship should contact the Temple office.

In this season of many firsts, we will gather in-person for Drive-in Shofar and Tashlich services in the parking lot at the Temple on the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah. We also will break the fast together via Zoom. Our annual food drive returns – this time with drive-up and drop off guidelines.

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. May we go from strength to strength together.

## SUPPORT THE TEMPLE WITH HIGH HOLY DAYS DONATION

It's tradition to donate to the congregation during the High Holy Days as a way to support our year-round efforts and ensure a Jewish presence in Northeast Indiana.

During this time of a global pandemic and economic uncertainty, the Temple especially needs your help. Some of our members have had changes in their employment situation and business operations. This impacts dues and contributions. Additionally, plans for our largest fundraiser – our 19th annual corned beef sale scheduled for November – are uncertain.

In this unprecedented period of COVID-19, our congregation also is facing additional costs to make High Holy Day services accessible to as many congregants as possible.

Please consider being a “sponsor” of Achduth Vesholom's High Holy Days 5781 to support our general operations. Though we're physically apart, we need to stand together.

Your generous donations this year will be especially appreciated. Jewish tradition encourages making tzedakah (charitable gifts)

in multiples of 18, which is spelled chai and also means “life,” but donations offered in any amount will be greatly appreciated.

We're proud to be one congregation with two worship traditions. Whether your customary gift is through sponsoring aliyot during traditional services or your annual donation contributes to other congregational needs, we value and appreciate your assistance.

We have several ways to give:

- Donate online to general operations and indicate “in honor of the High Holy Days”
- Send a check payable to “CAV- The Temple” to sponsor the High Holy Days (5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807)
- For aliyot during our traditional worship, contact Josh Tourkow at [jtourkow@tcrlaw.com](mailto:jtourkow@tcrlaw.com).

Sponsors will be recognized in our holiday announcements. To be included in the Rosh Hashanah listing, donations must be received by Wednesday, September 9. Thank you!

## HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE RETURNS WITH DROP-OFF GUIDELINES

For many years, Congregation Achduth Vesholom has held a High Holy Days Food Drive. You know the one, “Pick up a bag at Rosh Hashanah and bring it back filled on Yom Kippur.”

Unfortunately, in keeping with the current theme of this year that “nothing will happen the way it always has,” the act of bringing bags of food and household items will be different since services are online this year.

Our Social Action Committee has decided that this mitzvah really should continue. We ask you to again fill grocery bags with non-perishable items to donate. Especially preferred are canned goods (tuna, chicken, and beans), cereal, instant mashed potatoes, pasta, peanut butter, and rice.

We have two options to make this happen to benefit the food bank at Wellspring Interfaith Social Services and ask for your help.

### Drive up and drop off at the Temple

**Tuesday, September 22 and Wednesday, September 23**

**11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Members of the Social Action Committee will be waiting for you. Before leaving home, put your bags to donate in the trunk of your car. Drive up to the Temple, pop the trunk open, and a volunteer (who will

be wearing a mask) will gladly gather the groceries. You don't need to get out of the car or come in direct contact with anyone.

### Drive up to Wellspring (1316 Broadway) and ring the doorbell

**Monday to Thursday, September 21-24**

**8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Friday, September 25**

**8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Before leaving home, put your bags to donate in the trunk of your car. You'll need to ring the doorbell at Wellspring, but can then return to your car and someone will come out to pick up the donations from your trunk.

With the social isolation at this time, it can be hard to feel a sense of helping. This simple act of caring goes a very long way in *tikkun olam*, an act of repairing our world. Your help in continuing this very worthwhile food drive is so very appreciated.



# IMPORTANT UPDATE ON LIVESTREAMING HOLIDAY SERVICES

Achduth Vesholom members and those in our extended Temple family will receive an email before the High Holy Days with links for holiday services. Please note that traditional, Reform and all-congregation services, including Selichot, Rosh Hashanah, Shabbat Shuvah, Yom Kippur, and Break-the-Fast, will be livestreamed either on Zoom or another service. Our staff is in the process of finalizing these details. If you receive the Temple's weekly email, then you will receive the links. Members without internet access should call the Temple office as soon as possible to discuss alternatives. Please ask any guests to contact the Temple office for access information.

## Tips for Zoom

Please familiarize yourself with these procedures to help make the videoconferencing experience safe and enjoyable for all:

- Please be patient as it may take some time to identify everyone.
- Please "rename" yourself so we can see who you are as you enter our Zoom waiting room.
- Please try to get online early so that we can begin on time. You will be able to join the waiting room starting 20 minutes before the service.
- Everyone will be placed on mute. The chat box will be available to offer greetings, but please limit comments to the beginning and end of the service out of respect for those leading the service and worshipping.
- Just a reminder that you can be seen during a Zoom gathering, so please be aware of surroundings. You have the option of turning off your camera at any time. You also can use Zoom on your phone by using the call-in number. We won't be able to see you, but you will be able to hear. [Learn more about Zoom.](#)

## PLAN AHEAD TO BORROW MACHZORIM FOR THE HOLIDAYS

With online services this year for the High Holy Days, we are making the Temple's *machzorim* (holiday prayer books) available for congregants to borrow during the Days of Awe for both Reform and traditional worship.

For the best worship experience, we encourage congregants to either borrow or purchase copies.

If borrowing, members must follow guidelines for keeping the prayer books in great condition and return them no later than Thursday, October 15. Please note that the borrower is responsible for replacement of any misplaced or damaged books at \$40 per copy.

To make arrangements for borrowing, please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) on Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Other options include:

- **Mishkan HaNefesh**, the Reform *machzor* - available for purchase, online as a flip book, or discounted in a Kindle ebook format. [Find out more](#)
- **Mahzor Lev Shalem**, the traditional *machzor* – [Find a book for purchase](#) or a [digital version](#)



## BEGIN SACRED SEASON ON SELICHOT

Start the sacred season together on Selichot when we gather as a Temple family on Saturday, September 12 at 8:15 p.m. for Havdalah and meditative prayer and readings. We'll also change the Torah covers to white. [What is Selichot?](#)

## 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.

## BREAK-THIE-FAST TOGETHER ON ZOOM

Please join us on Monday, September 28 at 8:15 p.m. via Zoom when we break the fast together. Share a brief meet-and-greet, with restorative snacks in hand, to wish one another a "Shanah Tovah."



## CEMETERY SERVICES SET FOR SEPTEMBER 13

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 maintain social distancing. For more information or to arrange transportation, call the Temple office.

**HELP THE HUNGRY** with a donation to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. Find out more at [www.mazon.org](http://www.mazon.org).

## HELP CAPTURE THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH A PHOTO

We love seeing our congregants on Zoom during services and meetings, but we'd love to see a little more of you than a gallery view allows – especially for the High Holy Days!

As we prepare for the New Year, we have a special request: Please send us a photo of you and those in your household with apples, honey, a shofar, or maybe a sign offering “L’shana Tovah” greetings in celebration of the Jewish New Year 5781.

Whether a selfie or portrait, get creative and make a special memory with your family that brings the holidays to mind. We'll share the photos - on [our Facebook page](#), in slides during services, or in our communications.

Please send photos to [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) by Friday, September 4



## 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).

Members and visitors alike are encouraged to consider making a donation to the Temple in

order to express appreciation for the lovely services and to assist our year-round efforts. Donations may be made online, or by mailing a check to the Temple at 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

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.

## SHARE SUKKOT CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate Sukkot with us during two online worship opportunities when we observe the fall harvest festival. Please join us on:

- Friday, October 2 at 6 p.m. (Reform)
- Saturday, October 3 at 10 a.m. (Traditional)

We will construct the Temple's sukkah outside the building rather than in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

While we will not host our traditional decorating session, we hope that members will stop by during the holiday to enjoy the sukkah. Please look for more information in upcoming communications.



## OBSERVE SHEMINI ATZERET & YIZKOR WITH US

Please join us for our Shemini Atzeret Shabbat service and Yizkor on Saturday, October 10 at 10 a.m. via Zoom, led by Rabbi Meir and Ron Friedman.

Meaning “the eighth day of assembly,” Shemini Atzeret follows the seventh day of Sukkot in the Diaspora.

## CELEBRATE SIMCHAT TORAH & CONSECRATION

Join us for a Simchat Torah celebration on Sunday, October 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. via Zoom, led by Rabbi Meir, when we also will celebrate Consecration with our students who are beginning their Jewish education. We'll also complete the reading of the Book of Deuteronomy and begin the Book of Genesis.



## 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.

## ORDER LULAV & ETROG FOR SUKKOT



Do you want your own lulav and etrog for Sukkot? A basic kosher set from Israel is available for \$45, including shipping costs. If you prefer a deluxe set, cost will be \$70, including shipping.

Please contact the Temple office to order with payment no later than Thursday, September 10. (Checks should be payable to “CAV- The Temple.”)



# EVERY VOICE, EVERY VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

Voter registration in Indiana continues through Monday, October 5. Ensure you can vote in the general election on Tuesday, November 3.

- Visit the [Indiana Voters Portal](#) to register, check your voting status, vote by mail, find your polling place, and learn about election security.
- [Early voting in Allen County](#) begins on Tuesday, October 6. [Learn more](#) from the Allen County Election Board, including [vote by mail](#) information.



[Every Voice, Every Vote](#) is the Reform Movement's 2020 civic engagement campaign, a nonpartisan effort to strengthen our democracy by encouraging everyone to participate in the U.S. election and ensuring that Reform Jewish values are represented in the public square. Learn more about mobilizing voters, combating voter suppression, and engaging student voters.

## TEMPLE MEMBER INTERVIEWED FOR DOCUMENTARY ON JEWS OF SHANGHAI

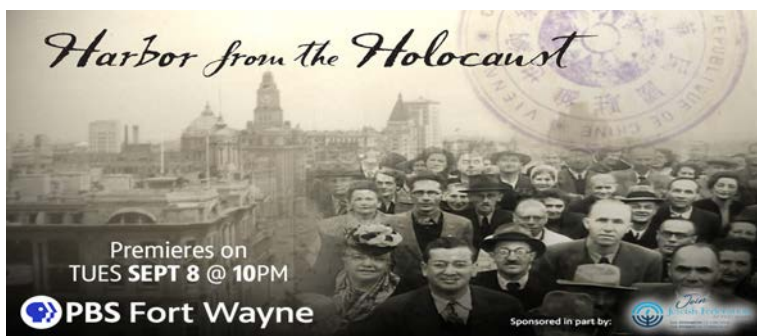
Temple member [Doris Fogel](#) shares details of the eight years she spent in Shanghai as a young refugee from Germany as part of a new documentary [Harbor from the Holocaust](#), airing on Tuesday, September 8 at 10 p.m. on PBS-Fort Wayne. The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) is a sponsor of the showing. [Watch the trailer.](#)



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.

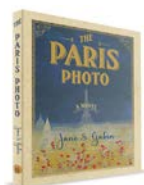
Doris, 86, was flown to New York to be interviewed about her experiences from the time she and her mother left Berlin in January 1939 when Doris was 4 ½ years old. They boarded a ship for California on her 13th birthday, weighing 65 pounds, later settling in Peoria, Illinois.

After 52 years living in Fort Wayne, Doris relocated near family in Chicago. She is a past president of the Temple and also is a past president and executive director of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.



## BOOK DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR OF THE PARIS PHOTO

Join the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) Rosh Chodesh group for a book discussion and Q & A with Jane S. Gabin, author of [The Paris Photo](#), on Sunday, October 18 at 2 p.m. via Zoom.



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

The program is free and open to the public. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

## MEET YOUR MISHPOCHA!



The [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) is going virtual for its Family Day Event on Sunday, October 18. "Meet Your Mishpocha" will begin at 1 p.m.. Registration information will be posted shortly on our website. We're excited to take advantage of Zoom's ability to reach family in Northeast Indiana and around the world!

Our fall programs are "photo focused." Dig up your old family photos and we'll help you digitize and organize them. NEIJGS members will have a "Lunch and Learn" with the ACPL Genealogy Center's photo expert in September, and our November public program will feature photo genealogist Ava "Sherlock" Cohn. Ava is an expert in picking out clues from your old photographs. Once you have your pictures ready to share with her, she can tell you more about the people in the photographs.

October's "Meet Your Mishpocha" will feature photo help as well. We can assist you in digitizing your photographs and will encourage you to contribute digital copies of your pictures to our [Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database](#). This "family tree" has grown to almost 6,000 people, with cemetery records, vital records, and census records included. We'll offer virtual "tour" of the database at our event.

Come check out Madge Rothschild's connection to Temple founders, see how you're related to other members of the Jewish community, or just make sure we have things recorded right! For those curious about their own family history, or how to get started, we'll have our experts on hand for consultations.

Do you know of someone outside of Northeast Indiana who might be interested in joining us in October? We're looking for e-mail addresses of anyone with Jewish ancestors from the area and would appreciate any help we can get in finding them. If you can help or if you have any questions, please contact us at [info@NEIndianaJGS.org](mailto:info@NEIndianaJGS.org). Updates and registration information can be found on our [Facebook page](#) or on our website at [www.NEIndianaJGS.org](http://www.NEIndianaJGS.org).

## FEDERATION OFFERS "COMMUNAL KVELL"

The Jewish Federation of North America is hosting "The Communal Kvell" event on Wednesday, September 16 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. via Zoom. Join us for a day of kvelling and comedic relief with special celebrity guests, musical performances, and more. [Save your virtual seat](#)



# DONATIONS

## Adult Education

In memory of Henya Rose Walter: *Irene & Bob Walters*

## Art and Beautification Fund

In memory of William Edward Pownall: *Linda Bullerman*

## Endowment Fund

In memory of Manny Silverman: *Maureen & Alan Grinsfelder*

In memory of Frances Shine: *Lawrence Shine*

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In memory of Manny Silverman: *Barbara & David McCants, Dora & Leonid Itkin, Cindi & Richard Wismer, Dr. Marilyn Quick, Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum, Rita & Tom O'Neill, Larry O'Mally*

Donations have been received from: *Richard Grzych, Scott Fergusson*

In memory of Fira Kutsenok: *Yefim Kutsenok, Demitriy & Irina Samoylovich*

In memory of Dorothy Rothberg: *Betty Butterfield, Samuel Rothberg*

In memory of Francine Schubert: *Linda & Philip Schubert*

In memory of Harriet Weitzman: *Jo Ellen & Mike Rush*

## Holocaust Education Fund

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

A donation has been received from: *Rena & Don Black*

In memory of Fira Kutsenok: *Victor Kutsenok*

## Project Assist

In memory of Harold, Berenice & Mark Smith: *Cindi & Richard Wismer*

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Manny Silverman: *Jane Martin, Doris Gottlieb*

In memory of Frances Shine: *Steve Shine*

## Ryan Goldstrom Memorial Fund

In memory of Dorothy Diskin and Ryan Goldstrom: *Iris Goldstrom*

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In memory of Joseph Levine and Sylvia Sommer: *Stanley Levine*

## Thoughtful Thursdays

In memory of Guy Miller: *Harriet Miller & Monica Wehrle*

A donation has been received from: *Elissa & Steven Cohen, Rena & Don Black, Pam & Ron Friedman, Nola & Matthew Katinsky, Janet & Steve Saratore, Cindi & Richard Wismer, Micki & Sherwin Kepes, Nancy & Scott Salon, Jo Ellen & Mike Rush*

**Explore all of our [Tribute Funds](#) or [Make a Donation](#)**



## 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.

## BEST WISHES TO:

Anna Rossiter & Taylor Sabiler on their marriage on August 21, 2020 in Fort Wayne. Anna is a custodian at the Temple. Congratulations to their parents, Nancy & Clint Rossiter and Shane & Susie Sabiler.



## HELP TEMPLE WITH AMAZON PURCHASES

Did you know that you can help the Temple when you purchase items through [Amazon Smile](#)? Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and indicate you'd like your purchases to benefit Achduth Vesholom Congregation. Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price. Thanks!

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## JEWISH PODCASTS & MORE



Enhance your Jewish learning by subscribing to podcasts about Torah, storytelling, and Jewish identities from the Union for Reform Judaism. [Find out more](#)

## 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 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!

## BROADWAY-RUDISILL INTERSECTION SET TO RE-OPEN

After being closed for a year, the intersection of Broadway and Rudisill near the Temple is scheduled to open in September. Restoration work will continue after the re-opening, with occasional lane restrictions. The project is part of the construction of the [Rudisill Consolidation Sewer](#), at \$188 million the city's largest and most expensive public works project.



# SEPTEMBER YAHRZEITS

## September 4-5

Alfred Seiken  
Claire Beer  
Herbert Berger  
Sophie Bialick  
Blanche Leiter Block  
Clara Brosler  
Gita Bruckman  
Dora Buxbaum  
Hyman Doppelt  
Betty Dubinsky  
Max Dubrowin  
Alex Feldman  
Rabbi Eddie Fox  
William A. Gitlin, MD  
Joseph Y. Goltz  
Sophia Maier Johnston  
Robert I. Kesselman  
Katie Meyer  
Hamin Ochstein  
Lillian Facks Ochstein  
Dr. Abraham J. Ochstein  
Betty Lehman Pollak  
Lloyd Ray  
Lawrence Ress  
Marian Rodman  
Hugh Rynearson  
Dr. Moses Safirstein  
Marilyn Sax  
Irene P. Sherr  
Fannie Spanjer  
Jacob Weil  
Nelson W. Williams  
Goldie Yaffe  
Phil Zacharia

## September 11-12

Lottie Albert  
Abe Beck  
Claudine Bartel  
Grace Becker  
Lottie Colucci

Abraham Dicker  
Jack I. Dubrove  
Harry Fryefield  
John Gilbert  
Irving Golder  
Ryan Goldstrom  
Rose Kaufman Himelstein  
Mildred K. Jacobs  
Rose J. Kaplan  
Michael M. Katz  
Shirley Komito  
Edward Krainess  
Moses Lamley  
Steven Warren Landy  
Eduard Lefand  
Laura Himmelstein Levine  
Theodore Levy  
Becky Lichtscien  
Leah Cohen Malay  
Ethel Mansbach  
Rex P. Mercer  
Col. William. J. Platka  
Rose Leib Rothman  
Pearl Russ  
Seymour Samet  
Francine Schubert  
Leah Schulman  
Gerlinde Schwartz  
Jeanetta A. Silverman  
Jack Singer  
Fay Slutsky  
David Spanjer  
Irmgard A. Stein  
Thelma Strouse  
Nettie Stumpf  
Inez Zacharia

## September 18-19

Herb Albert  
Lloyd Amster  
Minnette Baum  
Benjamin Becker

Joe Blumenthal  
Blanche Boyles  
Joseph Cristil  
Daniel Daniel  
Terri Darienzo  
Evelyn Feldman  
Adolph Greenebaum  
Frieda Hyman  
Tobi Kepes Greenspan  
Carole Krainess  
Sam Landy  
Charles Leopold  
Sam Levin  
Jacqueline Levin  
Howard Levin  
Jennie Levitzet Leviss  
Doris Meyers  
Sidney Motel  
Julius Nathan  
Robert Nusholtz  
Philipine Petschenek  
Nate Pollak  
William Pollak  
Ronald Repka  
Benjamin Rosenberg  
Tillie Schubert  
Henry Schwartz  
Bruce Stone  
Rose Walters  
Emmanuel Warshauer  
Dr. Irvin I. Weinraub  
Judith Zala

## September 25-26

Gladys Adams  
Sidney Barasch  
Leah Berebitsky  
Sarah Bosell  
Rose Carol Brown  
Helen Coffman  
Ernest Einstein  
Jim Etzler

Clifford Ewing  
Nathan Fine  
Morris Fogel  
JoEllen Fredrick  
Ida Golden  
Lottie Guttmacher  
Israel Hattner  
Arnold Hirschberg  
Elias Horn  
Goldye Kaplan  
Freda M. Kaplan  
Adrienne Korr  
Leonid Isakovitch Kyner  
Ricka Lehman  
Raymond Levis  
Joseph Mayer Levy  
Lucile K. Marx  
Jennie Morris  
Jack Moyer  
Mariam Nemoff  
R. J. O'Neill  
Barry Pass  
Mary Peurye  
Esther Rothschild  
Mark Ruben  
Frances Shine  
Harold M. Smith  
Mashe Soloway  
Pamela Spielman  
Jane Stiefel  
Daniel Stut  
Harry Turansky  
Rose Wattenberg  
Rose Steiber Weinraub  
Ida Weinstein  
Sophie Harmon Wetstein  
Louella Williams  
Felix Zweig  
Morris Zweig

## 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!



## OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

**Heather & Hod Hefer and family** on the death of her father, Russell Peter Marsman, on July 17, 2020 in Arizona.

## WE CARE

Please let the Temple office or Rabbi Meir 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.

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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 October Bulletin is  
Tuesday, September 15.**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER ELLEN TOM



We are just a few weeks away from celebrating the High Holy Days and the start of 5781. Even with the challenges of the past six months, this time of year is always a chance to take a fresh look at the many opportunities we have at the Temple and celebrate our accomplishments.

Our Board of Trustees continues to provide strong leadership and direction as we contemplate how and when to safely reopen the Temple. We realize the number of details to consider and resolve is complex and mind-boggling. Consequently, our plans are evolving as we monitor health and government guidelines.

We have always believed that in-person worship and learning activities are better than meeting remotely. However, we have made the best of an unprecedented situation because of the ability to meet virtually.

Despite inherent constraints, these virtual meetings on Zoom allow us to share Shabbat and mitzvahs together, continue to hold vital board and committee meetings, and enable us to engage our children in instructional activities with their teachers and peers in Religious School.

Additionally, virtual meetings allow our congregation to continue to help our community flatten the curve and slow the spread of the novel coronavirus.

In the coming weeks, I hope you will join us virtually for Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services. Please also gather with us online for the High Holy Days to come together as a Jewish community to experience this sacred season in a different, yet meaningful, way.

We will again offer traditional and Reform services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Please join us by livestream when we delve deeply into the meaning of these sacred days. It takes a monumental effort; collaboration, countless hours, and creativity to stay connected during these unprecedented times. Our continued gratitude goes to Rabbi Barger, Ron and Pam Friedman, Denny Reynolds, and our Temple Board, staff, and volunteers.

For many years at this season, our members have generously responded to requests for donations to address needs at the Temple. During this time of a global pandemic and economic uncertainty, the Temple especially needs your help. Our congregation is also facing additional costs to make High Holy Day services accessible to as many congregants as possible.

Please consider being a "sponsor" to support our general operations. Jewish tradition encourages making tzedakah (charitable gifts) in multiples of 18. Donations offered in any amount will be greatly appreciated. We're proud to be one congregation with two worship traditions. Whether your customary gift is through sponsoring *aliyot* during traditional services or your annual donation contributes to other congregational needs, we value and appreciate your assistance. (see page 6 for more information)

From my family to yours, we wish you all the best for the New Year. May we go from strength to strength together. *L'shana Tovah!*

## ELUL IS TIME OF INTROSPECTION BEFORE NEW YEAR

The month of Elul is the period leading to the High Holy Days and New Year 5781. 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. [Find readings for the month from the Central Conference of American Rabbis.](#)

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](#), including hearing the sound of the shofar, visiting the graves of loved ones, and reading Psalm 27. Learn about [The Shofar Project](#).