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SHARE THE JOY OF JEWISH COMMUNITY

Celebrate the blessing of Jewish community on Friday, February 5 at 6 p.m. on Zoom as we welcome the Sabbath with words, prayer, and special music during our service.

Led by Rabbi Meir with guest music leader Orin Reynolds, our Community Shabbat service is sponsored by the Temple and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. Join us as we come together as a congregation with others in the Fort Wayne Jewish community to share the beauty of our traditions, our ties to one another, and the warmth of friendship.

Rabbi Meir will offer a D'var Torah. Members of the Temple and Jewish community will speak, including Amy Shepsman Krouse and Stan Levine.

Enhance your evening with a "Shabbat bag" provided by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. Reservations are required by January 27 to obtain a bag. Kindly RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.

Please plan for "contactless" pick up of your bag on Thursday, February 4 between noon and 2 p.m. and Friday, February 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For those who are unable to come during scheduled times, including those who are homebound due to illness, please contact the Temple office during office hours to make other arrangements.

The Zoom link will be provided in our weekly email to members. Guests are welcome - please contact the Temple office for access information. We look forward to welcoming you!



PURIM FESTIVITIES INCLUDE MEGILLAH READING AND SHPIEL

HAMENTASHEN BAKING CLASS OFFERED



Visit the streets of Shushan with us from your home on Friday, February 26 at 5:30 p.m. during our virtual Purim celebration and then join us for our Shabbat service that follows. Join Rabbi Meir when we read from the Megillah and make merry with a shpiel telling the story of Esther.

Be part of this memorable experience online by wearing a crown, cape, or costume to get in the mood. Grab a grogger or a box of macaroni and cheese to shake when Haman's name is read. Have your wine nearby to celebrate the triumph of the Jews of Persia - and remember to save some for Sabbath Kiddush! Nosh

on hamentashen with your favorite fillings – see page 7 to prepare them during a fabulous Zoom baking session on Sunday, February 14.

Share this fun Purim and Shabbat evening with our Temple family as we also look forward to better times ahead together. We'll no doubt recall some special memories from Purim 2020, the last time we gathered in our building in March just before we closed due to COVID-19. [What is Purim?](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES



FEBRUARY EVENTS

Five Books Of Moses Study Group

Sundays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28
7 p.m. via Zoom

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group

Mondays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22
7 p.m. via Zoom

Torah Study

Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16 & 23
7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

Hamentaschen Making with Rabbi Sarah Rosenbaum Jones

Sunday, February 14
11:30 a.m. on Zoom
RSVP Required

Strings of Inspiration

Wednesday, February 17
7 p.m. via Zoom
Speaker: Bruce Colegrove

Movie Discussion

Saturday, February 20
7 p.m. via Zoom
Watch "The Matchmaker" in advance and join us for a discussion.

MARCH EVENTS

Temple Book Club

Tuesday, March 2
7 p.m. via Zoom

Trivia Night

Saturday, March 13
7 p.m. via Zoom

Erev Passover

Saturday, March 27



FEBRUARY SERVICES

Community Shabbat Service

Friday, February 5
6 p.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 6
10 a.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Service

Friday, February 12
6 p.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 13
10 a.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Service

KISS (Kids in Shabbat Service)
Friday, February 19
6 p.m. via Zoom
Early elementary school students will participate

Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 20
6 p.m. via Zoom

Purim Celebration & Shabbat Service

Friday, February 26
5:30 p.m. via Zoom (Early time)
Megillah Reading & Purim Shpiel, followed by Shabbat service

Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 27
6 p.m. via Zoom

Links are provided in our weekly email to members. Guests are welcome. Please contact us at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org for more information.

STRINGS OF INSPIRATION WITH BRUCE COLEGROVE



Temple member Bruce Colegrove returns on Wednesday, February 17 at 7 p.m. on Zoom with more stories of some of the most remarkable events in the life of the women's orchestra at Auschwitz-Birkenau.

He first shared incredible stories of these women in fall 2019 when the Violins of Hope programming captivated members of the Fort Wayne community.

This time Bruce will turn his focus to the ironic tragedy that befell the Jews of Hungary. As before, Bruce will share some recent discoveries in his research. He will discuss two Jewish women whose exemplary skill with the violin earned them a place in the women's orchestra at Auschwitz.

The first of these women toured the capitals of Europe with her band of Gypsy boys, and then succeeded Alma Rosé as the leader of the orchestra. The second was a young beauty who arrived at Auschwitz as a pregnant newlywed, and then languished in near oblivion - up to this very day.

Bruce describes the women's orchestra as the most eclectic, the most unique, the most controversial, and, without any question, the most zealously documented gathering of female musical talent the world has ever known. By many regards, it was also the most inspiring.

An ardent researcher in Holocaust studies, Bruce is the developer of the website Women's Orchestra of Auschwitz-Birkenau at <https://thegirlsintheauschwitz.band/>. He is a long-standing Hebrew teacher at Achduth Vesholom and a 20-year faculty member at Canterbury High School.

SHARE COMMUNITY ONLINE WHILE BUILDING REMAINS CLOSED

Keeping our Achduth Vesholom family connected through online worship, educational, and social offerings is important to us while our building remains closed due to the pandemic. Links for online services and activities will be sent through our weekly email to members and our extended Temple family.

Our leadership, staff, and COVID Task Force continue to monitor the situation to determine when we can safely reopen.

We recognize this is a challenging time for everyone. The Temple is a *kehillah kedoshah*, a holy community, that is here for you. Please reach out to us with questions or concerns. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact us at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.

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

RABBI MEIR BARGERON

BE HAPPY, IT'S ADAR!



The secular month of February, which overlaps significantly with the Hebrew month of Adar, presents an interesting meeting of two themes. Precisely in the middle of February is Valentine's Day, a day when we celebrate the relationships we share with our most beloved ones. And precisely in the middle of Adar is Purim, an upside-down holiday that commemorates the transformation of grief and mourning into festive joy. The rabbis teach about this month, "When Adar begins, we increase in joy." (*BT Ta'anit 29a*)

This delightful confluence of secular love and traditional joy makes this a very special month on both calendars. The Torah that we are reading in February/Adar adds substantially to the richness of this time. The Exodus *parashiyot* tell of the Israelites receiving the Ten Commandments, building a social order, and establishing the basis of religious practice. There is so much to inspire the love of Torah and the joy of life in February and Adar!

This month as we prepare for Purim, while we continue to endure the age of COVID, I invite you to set aside time to reflect on where you find joy – even in the smallest of ways. The Purim story shows us that even in the most difficult of times, our fortunes can change in an instant, ushering in joy and pointing us toward a radiant future.

While we have certainly sewn many tears in recent months, may we now fully reap the joy of Adar.

Rabbi Meir

God would like us to be joyful
Even when our hearts lie panting on the floor.
How much more can we be joyful
When there's really something
To be joyful for?
-- To Life, To Life, *L'Chayim* / Fiddler on the Roof



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WEEKLY LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Expand your Jewish knowledge and friendships by being part of our growing community of lifelong learners. Three weekly study options are available online for those interested in a deeper exploration of Torah or Hebrew texts. Links are sent through the weekly email to our Temple family. Guests are invited to contact us at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 for access information.

Torah Study With Rabbi Meir

Delve into important lessons in the weekly Torah portion with Rabbi Meir Bargeron on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom.

This learning series grew out of robust discussions during our Shabbat morning services that demonstrated an enthusiasm and interest from congregants in nurturing and encouraging an in-depth study of Torah. Everyone who is post-B'nai Mitzvah and older is welcome.

Study the Five Books of Moses with Rabbi Kornspan

Read and study the Torah, verse by verse, with classic commentaries by Rashi, Rashbam, Seforno and many others during a weekly study group led by Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan on Sundays at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Temple members, as well as members of the larger Fort Wayne Jewish community, are invited to participate.

This approach to the study of Torah delves into the depths of Rabbinic teaching on the Torah Portion. Note that this group is not studying the texts on the same schedule as the weekly Torah portion. Participants should attend with a *Tanakh*, and learners with any level of Hebrew proficiency are welcome.

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group with John Planer

Study the Hebrew texts – both Orthodox and Reform – of the daily and Shabbat liturgies on Mondays at 7 p.m. led by John Planer on Zoom.

The group will begin at a basic level of Hebrew with a focus to understand the meanings and grammar of the texts we recite and to note significant variants. John says he hopes the group will not only study, but also become a *chevra* (fellowship). The group is open to any and all.



FOOD, MITTENS, & MORE FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS FAMILIES



Even though our Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers are unable to be together at the Temple to assemble bags due to COVID-19, our team has really stepped up to gather the necessary items for the bags.

Whether shopping in person or ordering online for delivery to the Temple, our volunteers are making sure that we will have food for the Brightpoint Head Start families through the end of their school year in May. Thank you to our amazing team!

The Jewish community not only made the Thoughtful Thursdays Turkey Project in November the most successful to date, but the outpouring of generosity also helped with a few

immediate needs of some of the Brightpoint Head Start children.

We were able to give each child a pair of warm, waterproof mittens before they left for winter break. We also provided 10 pairs of sweat pants to be kept for “emergencies” on site and three warm, winter jackets to children who had none. Thank you to our wonderful supporters!

This month we will be sending home bags that include peanut butter, jelly, chicken rice soup, canned mandarin oranges, crackers, four rolls of toilet paper, tissues, hand sanitizer, and a Valentine goodie bag, as well as a few extras.

Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

Remember, hunger doesn't stop just because there is a pandemic!

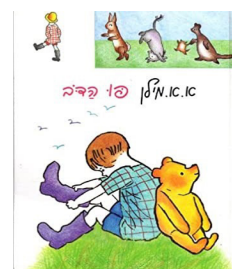
Sally Trotter and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs



CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY'S NEW TITLES!

Though the building is closed, your Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library is open and available to you! If you're able to get to the Temple office to pick up materials, we can have them ready and waiting.

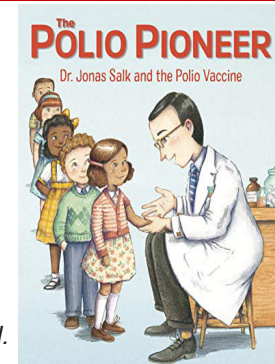
During this “down time,” we've added lots of titles to our catalog – from some recent Hebrew and family book donations to some new books for children and teens. And we've continued to update our catalog with books from B'nai Jacob's collection. With more than 6,500 titles in the library, there are no doubt more selections available now than last time you checked.



Among our most recent donations was a wonderful family history by member Harriet Miller recounted by her parents, Joe and Marion Sweedler. We are happy to add family histories of Temple families to our collection. We also recently received a handful of new Hebrew titles, including an especially adorable Hebrew version of *Winnie the Pooh*!

Perhaps our most topically relevant new book is the picture book, *The Polio Pioneer*, by Linda Marshall. A biography of Jonas Salk for young children, it addresses the idea of vaccines and their importance. Two other new picture book biographies cover violinist Itzhak Perlman, and Judy Kaplan, the first girl in America to have a Bat Mitzvah. Also for the picture book set, you might liven things up with *Zombie Vacation*, a picture book about Israel by Lisa Rose with a Zombie twist!

We've added several Holocaust-related titles to our collection. Most intriguing is a set of three graphic novels based on the life of Irena Sendler. Created by Jean-David Morvan, they are perfect for middle school readers. Also for middle-schoolers, children's book author, Ule Shulevitz, has written an autobiography, *Chance: Escape from the Holocaust: Memories of a Refugee Childhood*. And Ruth Behar's *Letters from Cuba*, traces the story of Holocaust refugees to that country. For younger readers, *Bear and Fred: A World War II Story*, by Iris Argarman, is a very gentle introduction to the idea of the Holocaust, following the journey of a boy's teddy bear.



Finally, we've added numerous titles to our catalog from the B'nai Jacob collection, and hope to conclude that process by this spring. A significant number of Torah study titles and commentaries are there to explore. Among other books, we've added *The Tenth Song* by Naomi Ragen, *Jewish Parenting Wisdom* by Steven Rosman, and *Cracking the Bible Code*, by Jeffrey Satinover. Also intriguing is Alan King's *Matzo Balls for Breakfast and Other Memories of Growing Up Jewish*, a collection of reflections of Jewish celebrities.

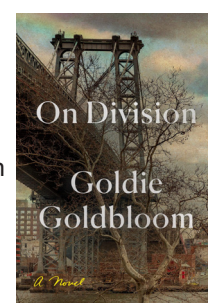
We hope you will continue to take advantage of our library collection! Check out our full catalog. Feel free to contact librarian Betsy Gephart at library@templecav.org with any questions.

“ON DIVISION” UP NEXT FOR TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

The next virtual Temple Book Club on Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. features a discussion with author Goldie Goldbloom about her novel, *On Division*, winner of the 2020 Jewish Fiction Award. Please RSVP to receive the link.

Set in Brooklyn's Chasidic community, the book follows Surie Eckstein, a 57-year-old wife, mother, and grandmother, who has just discovered she is pregnant. From *The National Book Review*, “Goldbloom captures the full scale of human emotion in this family in a contemporary ultra-Orthodox community as Surie contends with this news, and somehow taps into the particular demands of Chassidic life, as well as the universality of shifting generational boundaries.”

Rachel Kamin of the Association of Jewish Libraries writes, “The result is a multi-layered story of how secrets can shake even the most secure and close-knit families that is accessible to readers both familiar and unfamiliar with the insular world of ultra-Orthodox Jews.” *On Division* is available in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library.



REFLECTIONS ON RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Have you ever considered the essence of Jewish time? That a Jewish day begins at sunset, that a Jewish week is measured by the days leading up to Shabbat, that a Jewish month begins with a new moon, and that Jewish years are timed from creation providing us with order, contentment and well-being.

Soon we will enter the Hebrew month of Adar, the month in which we celebrate the holiday of Purim. *Mi sh'nichnas Adar marbim b'simcha* (Talmud) "one who enters (the month of) Adar increases joy."

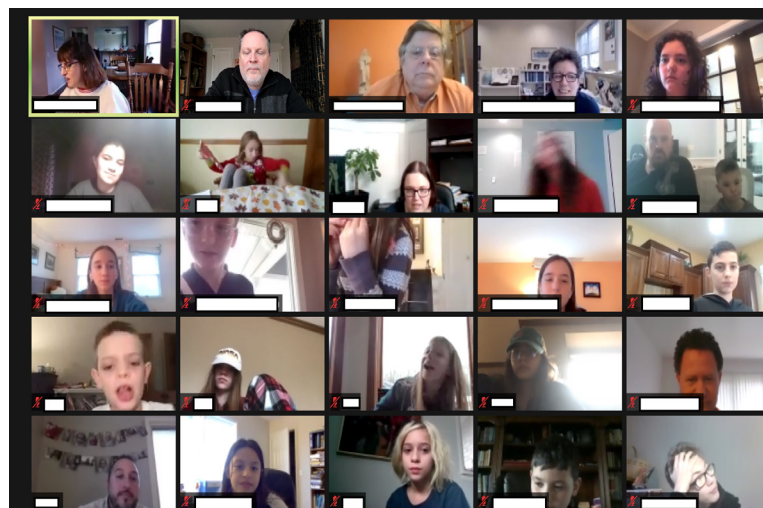
Jewish education is fluid in that it has changed throughout time. Religious school for my parents' generation was different than religious school of my generation which in turn is different when we think about religious school for today's generation. Whereas in the past we have studied prayers and language, history and texts, what relevance does that approach hold in empowering our youth to negotiate the world we live in today? Perhaps, providing our students with experiences that bring them joy is an answer.

"...boogie woogie, shake your tushie..." was part of the lyrics to the "Chanukah Bamba" song that greeted our students for our Hanukkah Roundup last month. Amidst marshmallow dreidels, a dreidel spinoff and origami, Hanukkah Mad Libs and bingo, and Jewish Jewpardy, students had a joyous Hanukkah celebration.

Tu B'shevat and learning about Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax* made us aware of our responsibility to our planet. Engaging our kids so that they make connections with our heritage should be an end goal of a Jewish education; making those connections joyful will further add to their sense of well-being and contentment.

Wishing each of you a *freilach* Purim (Yiddish), a Purim *allegre* (Ladino) ...a most happy and joyous Purim!

Pam Friedman, Religious School Principal



Our Religious School celebration online of Hanukkah included stories, songs, Jewish Jewpardy and more.

HANUKKAH JEWPARDY

TIME FOR THE FINAL HANUKKAH JEWPARDY QUESTION!

1)	3200	CORA	GUY	MILA	IRIS	LILY	EVAN	GRACE
2)	1000	ELEORA	SAMMY	ETHAN	JAKE	MYLES	JACOB	VIVIAN
3)	3800	ELA	BRAD	ADDY	BELLA A.	ASHLYN	OLIVER	MATTHEW
4)	3600	JACK	KERA	DUCKY	NAOMI F.	MILLY	LEO	BELLA W.

HOW MANY POINTS DID YOUR TEAM EARN?
THE FINAL JEWPARDY CATEGORY IS...
HOW MANY POINTS WILL YOUR TEAM 'WAGER'?
OLDEST TEAM MEMBER SEND A PRIVATE CHAT TO YOUR TEAM LEADER TO STATE THE AMOUNT...
DO NOT ANSWER THE FINAL JEWPARDY QUESTION UNTIL YOU GO BACK TO YOUR BREAKOUT ROOM
HERE IS THE QUESTION...

THINK SUMMER, THINK CAMP!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR CAMP JOE

Registration is underway for Camp Joe Levine. The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne believes that the

Camp Joe experience is an integral component in building a child's Jewish identity. This is why we are dedicated to making a Jewish summer camp experience affordable and accessible for every child age 4-13.

We know there will be many questions as we move toward summer. We will be as transparent as possible and provide you with updated information as soon as it is available.

Camp assistance is made possible by the Jewish Federation with support from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the Janet Finkel Campership Fund.

ENROLL FOR A GREAT SUMMER AT GUCI!

Enroll today for an exciting summer 2021 of fun and Jewish friendships at Goldman Union Camp Institute, our regional Union for Reform Judaism camp in Zionsville.

Enroll your child entering third grade in the fall through high school. GUCI provides a wonderful atmosphere where it's cool to be Jewish!

Please contact the Temple office for campership information or Campership Chair Brian Rosman. Considering Jewish overnight camp for the first time? Your child may be eligible for a need-blind grant of up to \$1,000 this summer through the Foundation for Jewish Camp.



INTERACTIVE JEWISH EXPERIENCES FOR YOUR FAMILY

RJ on the Go is your virtual home for interactive, meaningful, and joyous Jewish experiences through ReformJudaism.org. Explore your Judaism through science, art, text, and more from the comfort of your own home, and build your Jewish community as you go.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

COVID Guidelines Adopted

The Temple Board at its January 14 meeting adopted recommendations from the congregation's COVID Task Force that include procedures and guidelines for health risk screening, contact tracing, and re-opening. Joe Cohen, chair of the COVID Task Force, said his committee will continue to monitor reports from government and health officials before recommending a re-opening date to the board.

Rabbinic Transition & Formal Ordination

President Ellen Tom and Rabbi Meir Barger on told about their participation in the Shallat Rabbinic Transition program through the Union for Reform Judaism. The sessions provided resources for understanding the challenges of successfully integrating a new rabbi into the community and doing so during the time of COVID. Rabbi Meir said we're blessed with good leaders and resources to help position us through this unusual time.

Rabbi Meir's formal rabbinic ordination will take place in May through Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. Planning also will begin soon for Rabbi Meir's installation in Fort Wayne. It's not known yet whether the events will be virtual or in-person.

Hanukkah Gift Thank You's

Many letters have been received from congregants thanking the congregation for the bottle of olive oil sent to members for Hanukkah in December. One wrote a note saying "it felt so nice to be thought of." Rabbi Meir said he was glad that we had the opportunity to show the congregation how much community means to us. He said we also had an enthusiastic response to our Hanukkah at Home candle lighting evenings, with some congregants attending each of the eight nights.

New Adult Learning Classes

Rabbi Meir said he's excited about two new adult learning classes that are being offered, including a Hebrew Liturgy Study Group with Dr. John Planer and a Study of the Five Books of Moses with Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan. Rabbi Meir also offers a weekly Torah Study program.

Generous Bequest To Endowment Fund

Vice President-Finance Scott Goldberg reported that the Endowment Fund has received a generous bequest of \$50,000 from the estate of Leona Zweig Rosenberg. She will be recognized as part of the Temple's L'dor Vador Legacy Society in June at our congregation's Annual Meeting. A Chicago

resident, she maintained membership at Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob before her death at age 98 in December 2019. A Fort Wayne native, she was secretary to CAV's Rabbi Frederic Doppelt for a time after she graduated from high school.

Leadership Development

Board Development Committee Chair Beth Zweig said that 14 members participated in January in our Leadership CAV 2021 program. She said the sessions provided an opportunity for congregants to learn more about the Temple and to find ways to get more involved.

Torah Scribe Visits

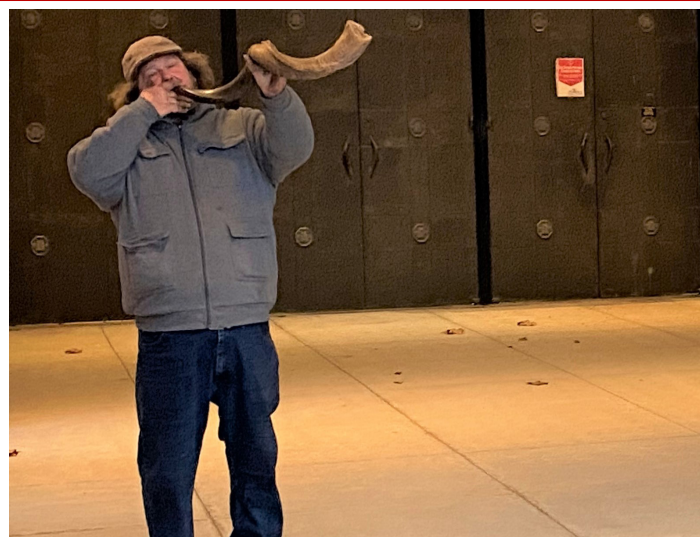
Executive Director Samara Sheray said a sofer (Torah scribe) spent two days in January at the Temple evaluating and repairing our scrolls. She said he'll provide a report that will be highlighted in an upcoming Bulletin.

B'nai Jacob Transition Board Update

Jay Zemmol reported for the Congregation B'nai Jacob Transitional Board that efforts are moving forward to integrate the finances of the former B'nai Jacob into Achduth Vesholom's as part of the transition to one congregation that formally began in July 2019.



Congregation Achduth Vesholom joined in solidarity with the Fort Wayne faith community and other communities nationally on January 19 to remember those who have died from COVID-19. Congregations were asked to "ring their bells" for five minutes beginning at 5:30 p.m. We honored the memories of those who died from the coronavirus with a prayer shared by Rabbi Meir, followed by the sound of shofars blown by Dan Bradley and Norm Greenberg in front of the Temple. Due to the pandemic, members did not gather together. We shared a video of the memorial on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLdeHCpVFRY&t=5s> and our Facebook page.



GET NOSHIN' ON 'TASCHEN WITH BAKING CLASS



Join [Rabbi Sarah Rosenbaum Jones](#) for a one-hour introduction to hamantaschen making on Sunday, February 14 at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom! We will explore the symbolism of the humble hamantaschen and learn techniques for rolling, stuffing, and folding our cookies.

Please RSVP to office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245. Attendance is limited to 10 bakers for an optimal online learning experience. The link will be sent to attendees.

For those baking along, please send us a few photos of you in the kitchen and with the delicious goodies to share in our Temple communications.

Tips from Rabbi Sarah:

How should I prepare for class?

Prepare your hamantaschen dough and chill it in the refrigerator, following the recipe's instructions.

Love butter? Me too! I recommend [this recipe from Jewish cook Tori Avey's blog](#).

Prefer something dairy-free? Use [Tori Avey's dairy-free recipe](#). I typically use this one when teaching hamantaschen classes in person. It's delicious and easy to handle!

What should I bring to class?

- Hamantaschen dough
- Rolling pin
- Circular cookie cutter/biscuit cutter/drinking glass at least 3" in diameter
- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper cut to the size of your baking sheet
- Your favorite fillings. Here's a link to [some more traditional inspiration](#). And [something a little wilder!](#)



Rabbi Sarah is a Reform Rabbi Educator in downtown Chicago. She spends most of her time thinking and teaching about Judaism and chasing her toddler around the apartment.



"THE MATCHMAKER" FOCUS OF MOVIE NIGHT DISCUSSION

The Israeli film "The Matchmaker" is an unexpected coming-of-age story. Arik, a teenage boy growing up in Haifa in 1968, befriends a traditional Jewish matchmaker, a Holocaust survivor, and begins to learn the mysteries of the human heart.

This award-winning film directed by Avi Nesher is the focus of our Temple Movie Night discussion on Saturday, February 20 at 7 p.m. on Zoom, led by Micah Soltz. Please watch the movie in advance. The two-hour film is in Hebrew with English subtitles and available on AmazonPrime or to rent on [YouTube](#) for \$1.99.

Bring your own popcorn and join us from your home! We'll begin with Havdalah, followed by conversation about the film and a chance to connect with other movie lovers. The Zoom link will be provided in the weekly email to our Temple family. Community members may contact the Temple at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 for access information.

DO YOU HAVE ROOTS IN POLAND OR EASTERN EUROPE?

The [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) is excited to present genealogist Mark Halpern on Sunday, February 14 via Zoom for two virtual programs covering Jewish genealogical research in Poland and Galicia. Both are free and open to the public.

Please join us for:

- **The Basics of Jewish Research in Poland** at 2 p.m.
- **A Deeper Dive into Galician Records** at 3:30 p.m. Galicia, a former province of Austria-Hungary that is now split between Poland and western Ukraine, is the place of origin for many American Jewish families.

Halpern works with [JRI-Poland](#), [JewishGen](#), the [International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies \(IAJGS\)](#) and others helping people research their roots. He serves on the Board and Executive Group of JRI-Poland, is the founder of Bialystok Area Jewish Genealogy Group, and is on the Advisory Board of Gesher Galicia. Halpern was honored in 2018 with the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award.

[Registration is required](#) to attend the February 14 programs. Thanks to the Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation, and the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center for their support. Additional information about the NEIJGS can be found on [our website](#) or [our Facebook page](#).



JOYOUS HANUKKAH AT HOME CELEBRATIONS



Our Temple family kindled the lights of Hanukkah in December during eight nights celebrating online, sharing the glow of candles and spirit of community as we embraced the holiday with renewed strength and resilience.

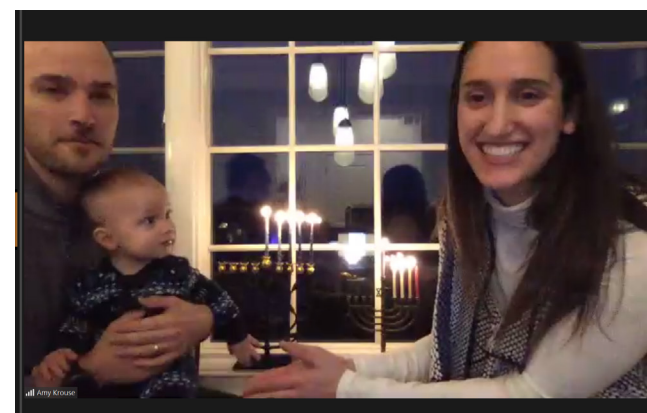
The opportunity to connect each night drew an enthusiastic response, as some congregants joined nightly and all appreciated the chance for togetherness amid the pandemic. Led

by Rabbi Meir or member families, the candle lightings were enhanced with a welcoming atmosphere and beautiful music by Rabbi Meir and Ronnie & Norm Greenberg.

Greeting friends and family across the miles via Zoom added to the specialness. They included Rabbi Richard B. Safran from Tucson and guest musician Orin Reynolds from Seattle.

Thank you to all who led the blessings, including Marcia & Denny Reynolds, Leise & Brian Rosman and family, Amy & Sam Krouse and family, Irene & Bob Walters, Jessica & Roger Ash and family, and Shara & Harry Cunningham and family.

The holiday began with a special gift delivered to all our members with Hanukkah greetings, along with a bottle of olive oil, seasonings, wood dipping bowl, and recipes from The Olive Twist. Kudos to Executive Director Samara Sheray and Administrative Assistant Marie McFadden for putting together this wonderful "thank you" from Achduth Vesholom to our congregants to say how much you mean to us. We received many notes and phone calls from members who were touched and thrilled by the gesture.



Mazel Tov To:

Jacob Gottlieb, son of Ken Gottlieb and Debbie Schneider, on his engagement to Ethel Taylor, daughter of Diana & Ken Taylor of Fort Wayne. Congratulations also to Doris Gottlieb, Jacob's grandmother.

Hannah & Jack Copeland on the arrival of their daughter, Maya! Congratulations to big brothers, Jake and Guy.

Al Zacher and Steve & Judy Zacher on celebrating the 60th year of The Zacher Company. Al is Chairman of the commercial and industrial real estate company he founded in 1961. His son, Steve, is the President and Managing Broker, and daughter-in-law Judy is a Broker Associate.

Mark Schneider on becoming President of the Congregation B'nai Jacob Transitional Board, succeeding Pamela Friedman.

Rabbi Rachel Greengrass on receiving the Rabbinic Human Rights Hero Award from T'ruah The Rabbinic Call For Human Rights for her work representing the Jewish community in a fearless fight to reunite immigrant families and restore the rights of the formerly incarcerated. She is Associate Rabbi and Jewish Life Coordinator at Temple Beth Am in Pinecrest, FL.

Rabbi Greengrass grew up at Achduth Vesholom, where she was active in the youth group and taught Religious School. Her parents, Judy & Marty Greengrass, also were active members when they lived in Fort Wayne.

Mazel Tov

JOIN US FOR EVENING WITH NOTORIOUS RBG AUTHOR

The Temple's Social Action Committee is thrilled to announce, "An Evening with Irin Carmon," co-author of Notorious RBG, coming exclusively to our membership and community virtually on Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m.



Details on registration and joining the event will come soon. Her live presentation will include a lengthy Q&A, so make plans now to attend!

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

LEADERSHIP CAV 2021: PROGRAM SEEKS TO INSPIRE FUTURE LEADERS

Fourteen congregants accepted an invitation from the Board Development Committee to be part of our Leadership CAV 2021 group. Our goal was to inspire new leaders and involvement in Temple life.

The group attended two online sessions in January that included an overview of congregational governance and operations, as well as inspirational stories from dedicated volunteers who help Achduth Vesholom thrive. Presenters included Rabbi Meir, President Ellen Tom, Executive Director Samara Sheray, Religious School Principal Pam Friedman, and members of the committee.



Fran Adler, who most recently co-chaired the Rabbinic Search Committee, told the participants that her volunteerism has given her purpose for more than 50 years with a focus on areas about which she cares deeply. She talked about the wonderful friends she's made, the sense of satisfaction in helping the Temple and contributing to its future, and that she feels truly enriched by being part of CAV.

Thank you to our Leadership CAV 2021 group: David Crell, Shara Cunningham, Juli Dominguez, Shai Hadashi, Nola Katinsky, Amy Krouse, Sam Krouse, Marnie Lowden, Anna Nagle, Debby Roberts, Leise Rosman, Micah Soltz, Wendy Soltz, and Josh Wallet.

Many thanks to the Board Development Committee - Fran Adler, Jamie Berger, Betsy Gephart, Mark Schneider, John Stein, and Beth Zweig (chair) – and Rabbi Meir for developing the program. Special thanks to Samara Sheray and Marie McFadden for their assistance.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Beth & Dan Zweig and family on the death of her father, Jack Rosenberg, on December 26, 2020 in Chicago. We also think of their children, Molly, Laura, and Ethan, on the loss of their grandfather.

Harriet Crell and family on the death of her husband, Marvin Crell, on December 20, 2020 in Naples, Florida. We also think of David & Kate Crell and family on the loss of his grandfather and Silvan Krel on the passing of his uncle.

Nancy & Scott Salon and family on the death of his mother, Marilyn Salon, on December 18, 2020 in Fort Wayne. We also think of their son, William, on the loss of his grandmother.

The family of John Silverman, who died December 10, 2020 in Fort Wayne. He was the son of the late Manny & Margaret Silverman. We think of Temple member Jane Martin, Manny's long-time companion, and John's siblings, Geoff Silverman and Julie Ditton.

The family of long-time member Saralee Levin, who died on December 9, 2020 in Highland Park, IL.



CONFRONTING THE SHOAH CLASS RETURNS



Please join Dr. David Lindquist for a six-session class providing comprehensive contextual and historical knowledge about the Nazi Holocaust. Classes will meet on Zoom at 7 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: February 2, 9, 16, & 23 and March 9 & 16.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the program is open to everyone. Please call (260) 456-0400 or email office@fwjf.org to register. Class materials and the Zoom link will be sent to participants the week

before classes begin.

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS

Mark your calendar for these virtual upcoming events sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne:

- Sunday, Mark 7 at 1 p.m. – Micah Soltz will discuss the "Anthropology of Beer."
- Monday, March 8 (time TBD): Harriet Miller will lead a discussion on Minette Baum's life and legacy.
- Sunday, March 14 (time TBD): Chef Marla Cohen will come into our kitchens and teach us how to "Cook for Pesach."

We thank the Dr. Harry W. Salon for its ongoing support.



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 Judith Baitcher
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 Ann Butler
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 Beatrice Cristil
 Mae Freiburger
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 Ben Salon
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 John Schmitz
 Rabbi Samuel Strass
 Abraham Strouse
 Jennette M. Vogel
 Marshall Warshauer
 Harry A. Wenbert
 Nathan Wertheimer
 Max Yaffe
 Jacob Yentis
 Ginette Bat Nathan Ve Rachel

February 12-13

Stephen Bosell
 Esther Congress
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 Leah Margaret Ford
 Shirley Ruth Jason Ford
 Florence Frank
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 Rose Goldberger
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February 19-20

Virginia C. Anderson
 Rebecca Appelbaum
 Frieda Barris
 Joseph Baum
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 Edward Brower
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The Temple is located at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. Our Campus partners are the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association, the PFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Brightpoint Head Start, the Madge Rothschild Resource Center, and the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society.



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**The deadline for the
March Bulletin is Monday, February 15.**

GUEST COLUMNIST JAY ZEMMOLL

Temple Board member Jay Zemmoll chairs the Facility Committee and serves on the Executive Committee, as well as the Congregation B'nai Jacob Transitional Board. He provides the following update.



Even though the Temple has been closed since March, the facilities team has been hard at work maintaining and updating the Temple. Below is a brief summary.

General

- Stripping and waxing floors throughout the building
- Goldstine/B'nai Jacob Chapel construction completed
- Replaced sewer pipe under the boiler room and offices
- Repaired the internet and wireless internet connections
- Updated electrical throughout the building as needed
- Installed new lighting throughout the crawl space of the building
- Mounted a display area in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center for president's photos

Grounds

- Repaired (temporarily) The Ten Commandments on the front of the Temple building
- Tree trimming and maintenance throughout the property
- Removal of dead trees in the back yard
- Installed landscaping rocks in the back of the Temple
- Replaced and upgraded parking lot lights

Head Start

- New HVAC systems installed in the classrooms
- Installed new water heater to supply the three new sinks in the classrooms
- Laid new flooring in the offices and classrooms
- Painted offices

Religious School

- New HVAC systems installed in the classrooms
- Painted school hallway

Sanctuary

- Repaired the Ark curtain motor

As many of you know, the second phase of the Chapel project is to display the Yahrzeit plaques and Tree of life from Congregation B'nai Jacob. The Facility Committee is exploring options that will reflect the partnership of Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob. We will be sharing more in the future once the Board has an approved proposal.

IT'S TIME TO ORDER MAH JONGG CARDS

We continue to miss playing mah jongg together in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. We do not have a timetable for when games will resume in our building. The safety of members and friends remains paramount.



In the meantime, a reminder that this is the time of year to order your 2021 mah jongg card from the [National Mah Jongg League](https://www.nmjl.org). The NMJL website says cards ordered by February 21 will be delivered in April.

Some of our regular players tell us that they've been playing online through [Real Mah Jongg](https://www.realmahjong.com) and [MahJong Time](https://www.mahjongtime.com).