

# THE TEMPLE

CONGREGATION ACHDUTH VESHOLOM

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## WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT? WE'RE HAVING A VIRTUAL 2ND SEDER!



Throughout the years, our congregation usually has gathered on the second night of Passover to retell the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt. Last year, in the early days of the pandemic, we did not come together in person as a Temple family for a Seder, but instead met briefly on Zoom on the first night to light candles and offer holiday greetings.

This year, we're pleased that Achduth Vesholom's Second Night Seder returns – albeit on Zoom. Please join us on Sunday, March 28 at 5 p.m. for a family-friendly virtual Passover Seder, led by Rabbi Meir.

We will share a ritual meal only, focused on the Seder Plate, while we commemorate our people's redemption from slavery by reading from the Haggadah. The one-hour program will conclude in time for families and friends to have their own Passover meals. See the Temple's weekly e-mail, website and Facebook page for more detailed information as the date approaches. What is Passover?

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE AT ONLINE JEWISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for a fun-filled virtual Jewish Trivia Night led by Kathy Sider on Saturday, March 13 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. The evening will begin with Havdalah, led by Rabbi Meir.

Members of all ages are invited to play against fellow congregants as a household or individual. Prizes will be awarded for the winners in each category as well as the overall winner! Please register by Thursday, March 11 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or email [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).

Information on how to connect will be sent via email to those who RSVP by the deadline. Please note: Each individual or team will need two devices to play, i.e. computer and mobile phone or iPad/tablet and mobile phone. For more information or questions, contact Kathy Sider at [ksider812@gmail.com](mailto:ksider812@gmail.com).



## PHASED IN REOPENING TO BEGIN IN APRIL WITH WORSHIP SERVICES

With improving COVID-19 statistics locally and vaccines increasingly becoming available, the Temple board at its February meeting decided to begin a phased reopening of our building for in-person worship services in April with limitations on crowd size and strict mask and distancing guidelines in place.

The Temple will remain closed for in-person programs, classes, Religious School, and meetings.

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## Reopening Soon!



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# UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES



## MARCH SERVICES

### Shabbat Service

Friday, March 5  
6 p.m. via Zoom

### Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 6  
10 a.m. via Zoom

### Shabbat Service

Friday, March 12  
6 p.m. via Zoom

### Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 13  
10 a.m. via Zoom

### Shabbat Service

Friday, March 19  
6 p.m. via Zoom

### Shabbat Service KISS (Kids in Shabbat Service)

Saturday, March 20  
10 a.m. via Zoom  
Middle school students will participate

### Shabbat Service

Friday, March 26  
6 p.m. via Zoom

### Shabbat Service

Saturday, March 27  
10 a.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](mailto:office@templecav.org) for more information.

## MARCH EVENTS

### Hebrew Liturgy Study Group

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

### Temple Book Club

Tuesday, March 2  
7 p.m. via Zoom

### Torah Study

Wednesday, March 3  
Tuesdays, March 9, 16 & 23  
7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

### Five Books of Moses Study Group

Sundays, March 7, 14, 21  
(Not March 28 or April 4)  
7 p.m. via Zoom

### Trivia Night

Saturday, March 13  
7 p.m. via Zoom  
RSVP by Thursday, March 11

### Brainstorming Session

Wednesday, March 17  
6:30 p.m. Zoom  
RSVP to get the link

### Passover Second Seder

Sunday, March 28  
5 p.m. via Zoom

## APRIL EVENTS

### Passover Yizkor Service

Sunday, April 4  
10 a.m.

### Yom Hashoah

Thursday, April 8  
7 p.m. via Zoom

### Behind the News

With Irin Carmon  
Monday, April 12  
7 p.m. via Zoom

### 5th grade Prayer Book Presentation

Friday, April 23  
6 p.m.

Find out more at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org)



## BRING IDEAS TO BRAINSTORMING SESSION



Bring your program ideas to the Brainstorming Session on Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. The event is hosted by the Programming "Cabinet" of committee chairs – those who contribute events to our Temple calendar.

This is every member's opportunity to suggest ideas for programs they'd like to attend and help with next year and beyond. Whether general or specific, all ideas are welcome for consideration. Please contact VP-Programs Kathy Sider with questions and to receive the link. If you are unable to attend, email suggestions to [ksider812@gmail.com](mailto:ksider812@gmail.com).

*Kathy Sider, Vice President-Programs*

## PHASED IN RE-OPENING PLAN (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The leadership will continue to monitor the situation in the coming weeks, with the possibility of canceling or limiting in-person gatherings if conditions warrant and following recommendations of the congregation's COVID Task Force. Upcoming life-cycle events, including b'nei mitzvah, also would fall under the guidelines.

Worship services will be held in the Sanctuary only, with a maximum of 50 people to allow for distancing. The Temple will continue to livestream Shabbat services, though access will change from Zoom to YouTube. Outdoor options will be considered as weather conditions allow.

The seven-member COVID Task Force developed reopening and safety recommendations that were adopted by the Temple Board. The Temple's leadership and staff are committed to upholding Judaism's highest priorities for maintaining life and health.

Detailed information will be provided to congregants prior to beginning in-person services to explain pandemic safety protocols. These include refraining from singing, sitting with your family unit, and maintaining distance from the bimah and other attendees. Oneg Shabbats will not be held. Mask must be worn.

A reservation system will be instituted for those who would like to attend a given service. Please understand that priority reservations will be needed for some services, such as simchas or Religious School programming. Please also regularly check your communications from the Temple in case of any changes as a service approaches.

Thank you in advance for adhering to our guidelines so that we may begin reopening safely.

(Please see President's Column on page 12 for more information.)

# RABBI MEIR BARGERON

## WE REMEMBER



The beauty of Pesach, the Jewish people's festival of redemption, is the re-enactment of collective memory. When we assemble at tables with family with friends, and when we come together as a Fort Wayne Jewish Community for a virtual Passover Seder on Sunday, March 28 at 5 p.m. on Zoom, we will spend time asking questions, and telling the story of redemption. This story is rooted, of course, in Torah: "*Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the Eternal your God redeemed you from there.*" (Deuteronomy 24:18)

Mishkan HaSeder, the Reform Movement's brand-new Haggadah, summarizes and beautifies the theme of our collective memory this way:

*Slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt! Yes, we were slaves — but then with a mighty hand, with arm outstretched, God brought us out of there. And know this: If the Holy and Blessed One had not freed our ancestors from Egypt, then we, our children, and our children's children would still be Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt.* (p. 36)

What a powerful story, and what a compelling memory! We owe our existence as a people to God's intervention through Moses to lead us from the bonds of oppression and on a journey to the Promised Land. This memory is so essential to who we are that we are commanded to hear the story year after year, and to teach it to our children.

How amazing it is that the timing of Pesach will align with the realization of what we have been longing for since shortly after Purim 5780: the gradual reopening of our Temple building for Shabbat services and life-cycle events. (See pages 1-2 and "President's

Corner," page 12) The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to find ways to be together-but-apart for almost an entire year, and before the end of Passover 5781 we will begin the journey to be able to be together again.

The timing is indeed momentous and should add to our joy of celebrating Pesach. How can it not? The arrival of effective vaccines, and the decrease in new COVID-19 cases and deaths is truly something to celebrate and a development for which each of us should be deeply grateful. It does indeed feel like redemption.

But here is where our Pesach joy, our collective memory of redemption, runs into a reality that is rather different from the experience of the Israelites as they escaped Egypt. In Torah, the Israelites suffered for generations and experienced redemption in a brief and dramatic fashion. For us, as we emerge from this acute phase of the pandemic, the period of suffering has been relatively brief and the period of redemption will feel very long. The Israelites did not escape from Egypt in stages, but that is what we are almost certainly facing as humanity moves into a new relationship with the virus that causes COVID-19.

The vaccines are here, but the distribution is moving slowly. We will need to continue to wear masks and maintain physical distance, even as we begin to resume a more normal life. We will once again begin to worship in our beautiful Temple building, but the safety measures that this will require will feel very different than the way things were before COVID-19. But we will make it to the Promised Land together.

May God bless us and keep us moving toward one another!

*Chag Pesach Sameach,  
Rabbi Meir*

## JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH 'NOTORIOUS RBG' AUTHOR

Learn more about the life and times of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg during "An Evening with Irin Carmon," co-author of *Notorious RBG*, on Monday, April 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. on Zoom. Organized by the Temple's Social Action Committee, the program is open to the Jewish and greater community.

This is the first in what we hope will be a continuing series of journalists speaking directly to our members about issues of the day and the newsmakers who make the decisions regarding those issues, "Behind the News."

The author will speak about the late Justice Ginsburg, one of the Supreme Court's most liberal justices and how her presence on the Court has affected the laws of our country. With humor and inside stories, Carmon shares the time she spent with Justice Ginsburg to prepare for the book's publication in 2015, plus the rich history of one of America's most admired women. The hour will include a question-and-answer segment.

Although our program this year is virtual due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our goal is to bring in a journalist annually to inform us of national or international news that affects us. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

This year we were extremely lucky to secure Carmon so soon after the untimely death of Justice Ginsburg in September 2020. Her story is one that will provide insight into the life and mind of Justice Ginsburg, and we are the first venue to schedule Carmon after the vacancy occurred on the Court.

This event is open to all who have a thirst for knowledge and an interest in the country's changing landscape. Please feel free to share the news and the registration information with your friends.

The link will be sent through the weekly email to our Temple family. Others may contact us at [office@templeCAV.org](mailto:office@templeCAV.org) or (260) 744-4245 for access information.

Carmon is a journalist, co-author of the top ten, non-fiction New York Times bestselling *Notorious RBG* with Shana Knizhnik, and a frequent speaker around the country. A *New York* magazine senior correspondent and on-air CNN contributor, she reports and comments on gender, politics, and the law. Carmon and her co-author were featured in the award-winning and Oscar nominated 2018 documentary *RBG*.





## NEW AWARD-WINNING TITLES IN THE LIBRARY

It's that time of year again. The National Jewish Book Awards and Sydney Taylor Awards were announced in late January, and we have a nice collection of new award-winners in our [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).

The Sydney Taylor Awards are given annually by the Association of Jewish Libraries in memory of the author of the classic "All-of-a-Kind Family" series. They are awarded to books for children and young adults "that exemplify high literary standards while authentically portraying the Jewish experience." We have all of this year's Gold and Silver Medal winners in our collection and most of the Notable titles. [Find the list](#)

The picture book winner, *Welcoming Elijah: A Passover Tale with a Tail*, was written by Lesléa Newman, who visited here not too long ago through the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. Featuring a young boy and a small white kitten, the book glows with the beautiful illustrations of Susan Gal.



For middle grade readers, M. Evan Wolkenstein's *Turtle Boy*, was the Sydney Taylor Award winner. The story follows Will as he prepares for his Bar Mitzvah, deals with school bullies, and comes up with a life-changing project with a terminally ill boy. *Dancing at the Pity Party*, by Tyler Feder, is a memoir for young adults written in graphic form. This winner in the Young Adult category traces the emotional journey of the author as her mother faced breast cancer and eventually died at age 47.

The Jewish Book Council's National Jewish Book Awards are given in many categories. [Find the winners](#) For our library collection, we've focused mainly on the Book of the Year, the adult fiction categories and the children's and young adult books, but we're happy to take suggestions if you've read others you think should be added to the congregation's collection.

This year's Book of the Year, *Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times*, by Jonathan Sacks, was the last book published before the author's death in November 2020. It addresses what the author sees as a move from Western society's concern with "we" to "I," and whether we can get back to "we" again.



In the adult fiction, *The Lost Shtetl*, by Max Gross, was the Book Club Award winner. This is an intriguing title with the premise, "What if there was a hidden Jewish village in Poland that escaped the Holocaust?"

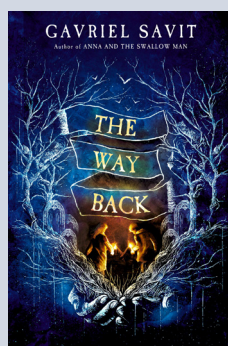
In the debut fiction category, Rachel Beanland's *Florence Adler Swims Forever*, is set in 1930s Atlantic City. It addresses the challenges of Jewish families with anti-Semitism in the United States and with getting their families out of Europe. *Apeiogon*, by Colum McCann, was the winner of the Fiction

category. The award-winning Irish writer takes on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Newman's *Welcoming Elijah* received the National Jewish Book Award in the picture book category. *The Blackbird Girls*, by Anne Blankman, was the winner for Middle Grade Literature. Based in the Soviet Union, the novel ambitiously weaves together the Chernobyl disaster and the Nazis invasion of Ukraine. Gabriel Savit's *The Way Back* won the award for Young Adult Literature. This "magical realist" novel features demons, shetls and more.

In addition to these award-winners, we have added several finalists and recognized titles to our collection.

[Check out our full catalog](#) Please let us know if there are other winners you'd like to see added to our collection!

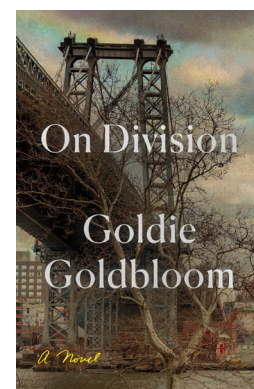


## "ON DIVISION" UP NEXT FOR TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

Our 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 the Temple office. Find the link in our weekly email.

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."

*On Division* is available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).



## THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS TO INCREASE FOOD FOR FAMILIES



As the pandemic continues, we are able to increase the amount of food sent home each month with the Brightpoint Head Start children through the end of the year as part of [Thoughtful Thursdays](#).

This month we will be sending home bags that include pancake mix, syrup, maple sugar oatmeal, cereal bars, peaches, pretzels, a bag of fresh oranges, dishwashing liquid, shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent, dryer

sheets, toilet paper, and more.

In May we are planning to include a small Mother's Day gift with the food items that will be sent home with the children. A colorful striped, 9X4"-bag will be filled with small toiletries, such as perfume samples, lotions, emery boards, clear nail polish, etc. We are requesting donations of these items. If you can help, please contact Sally Trotter at [sartrotter@gmail.com](mailto:sartrotter@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued generosity!

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*



# Thoughtful Thursdays

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ON OUR JEWISH JOURNEY

My favorite line from the Passover Haggadah is “in every generation one is obligated to see oneself as one who personally went out from Egypt.” At first glance, it might seem that this simply refers to leaving the land of Egypt – leaving behind slavery, becoming free, and reaching the Promised Land of Israel.

However, I would argue that the teaching has even more meaning if it is less about the final destination and more about the journey itself. What connection can this teaching have with a religious school education?

We often look at religious school as a process leading up to the “destination” of b’nei mitzvah and/or Confirmation. But what would religious school look like if instead we viewed it as part of the lifelong journey in being a Jew? From that perspective, we would see that we send our children to religious school to get a Jewish education to

- foster an appreciation of community
- train our youth how to advocate for our planet
- provide opportunities to learn about ethics, kindness and decency
- instill the Jewish value of lifelong learning.



Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav teaches that “the Exodus from Egypt occurs in every human being, in every era, in every year and even on every day.” Our Judaism accompanies us on the journey throughout our lives, not just when attending Religious School, but each and every day.

Wishing all a joyous and meaningful Passover holiday!

*Pamela Friedman, Principal*

## THINK SUMMER, THINK CAMP!

Plan now for two great summer camp programs in our area:

**Camp Joe Levine** - 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.

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.

**Goldman Union Camp Institute** – Sign up for an exciting summer 2021 of fun and Jewish friendships at [Goldman Union Camp Institute](#), our regional Union for Reform Judaism camp in Zionsville. [Check out the 2021 camp brochure.](#)

[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.



Religious School students created their own versions of the Purim story. Using a website called [storyboardthat.com](#) each student was given a part of the Megillat Esther (the Scroll of Esther), and was asked to design their narrative.



Designs by  
Addy Rosman,  
Bella Wallet, and  
Matthew Hadashi.



# FINDING JEWISH COMMUNITY AT THE TEMPLE

*Amy Krouse increasingly has gotten involved in our congregation since joining in 2019. She and her husband, Sam, are part of our Leadership CAV 2021 cohort. Here are excerpts from Amy's remarks during our Community Shabbat in February.*

To me, community is fundamental, both as a Jew and as a person. Long before I was living in Fort Wayne, I searched for ways to find community, religious or otherwise, realizing the relationships within a healthy community were meaningful and indispensable to me. The chosen family that I've created within the CAV congregation is just one reason I'm thankful that *Kehilla* is such a prominent pillar in Jewish life.

Community defines Judaism: We live with the idea and implementation to better those around us, focus on *tikkun olam* and *tzedakah*, as either our chosen path or birthright as a Jew. So it is with that understanding, alongside my upbringing, that I reflect on how I find myself so engrossed in the CAV community before me.

For me, there's a feeling of safety being around other Jews, a feeling of familiarity and support.

Being able to get a seat at the CAV table has allowed me to meet friends I otherwise would not have met. It's taught me, helped me grow, supported me and my family, and has given me more than I have at this point given it. Our *Kehilla* has strengthened my relationship with Judaism and secured my confidence as a Jew.

I believe we have the gift of a particularly strengthened sense of community here at CAV. As a small but mighty congregation, we don't have the option to let our community falter. Having grown up in Great Neck, NY, I think I took my given community for granted, because it was so accessible. Everyone I knew was Jewish, so I never felt compelled to do anything that would strengthen my bond to practicing a particular way of life because I didn't need to. In Fort Wayne, it is

a blessing to be different, and I feel empowered by those I've met within the congregation.

I consider being Jewish a gift from God, but for many congregants I realize it is a choice. I think of my husband's choice

to get involved in Temple activities, his decision to proudly raise our children Jewish, and how he and so many other partners join our community for the peoplehood and inclusivity we offer.

In fact, the CAV community welcomed Sam and me at a time when the congregation I grew up in did not. This of course makes me think about my own family, and what that community will look like for Noah and his future siblings. I was mistaken when I thought that being Jewish had a singular look and feel. I didn't grow up around many – if any – people who had mixed religion parents, so you can imagine my relief when both Sam and I were treated with the same respect and love upon entering the CAV community.

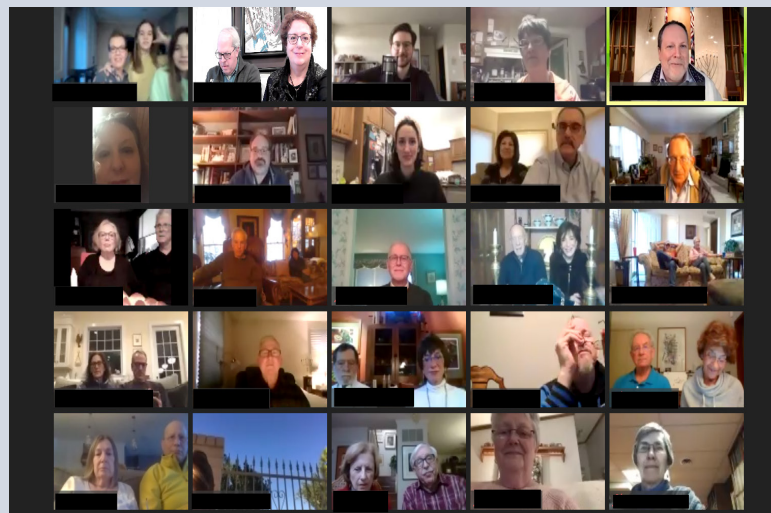
It is each of our decision to live a life full of as much or as little Jewishness as we want, and to practice Judaism in whichever way we choose independently of one another. But it is together as a whole that we are able to create and foster the wonderful community we have. I believe I am a better person, mother, and a better Jew because I have this chosen community, so thank you. *Am Yisrael Chai.*



*The Temple and Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne hosted a Community Shabbat service on February 5 on Zoom to celebrate the beauty of our traditions, our ties to one another, and the warmth of friendship. At least 60 people gathered online to share Shabbat together.*

*Rabbi Meir led the service with guest music leader Orin Reynolds. Amy Krouse and Stan Levine shared thoughts on community. The Federation also provided Shabbat bags with greetings, challah, grape juice, candles, and matzah ball mix.*

*Thanks to all who assisted, including Fran & Irv Adler, Mike Rush, Jaki Schreier, Bonnie Pomerantz, Samara Sheray, Marie McFadden, Sheryl Merritt and Donna Tourkow.*





# NEWS FROM THE BOARD

## Phased Building Reopening Approved

The Temple Board at its February meeting voted to begin a phased reopening of our building for in-person worship services in April with limitations on crowd size and strict mask and distancing guidelines in place. (See page 1-2 for more information.)

## Rabbinic Consecration Ceremony

Planning is beginning for a Consecration ceremony the weekend of June 25-27 to formally welcome Rabbi Meir Barger on as our spiritual leader. Achduth Vesholom traditionally hosts a rabbinic installation in the early months after the arrival of a new rabbi, but the pandemic delayed those efforts when Rabbi Meir arrived in July 2020.

Rabbi Meir's formal rabbinic ordination will take place in May through Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. It's not known yet whether either ceremony will be virtual or in-person.

## Yahrzeit Plaques

As part of the transition that began in July 2019, the Facility Committee has been considering options for yahrzeit plaques and a large Tree of Life donor recognition plaque from Congregation B'nai Jacob. An initial plan to make modifications in the Sanctuary to

accommodate the 10 yahrzeit plaques from Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob has been changed because of space constraints.

The Board voted at its February meeting to purchase an interactive digital yahrzeit display to be installed in the foyer that would include yahrzeit names from all existing plaques. Each Shabbat, the names from the current week will automatically be displayed. Through the digital touchscreen, a congregant may touch a name or search for a name in the archive to find a page for the individual. Individual pages may be personalized with photographs, a biography, Hebrew names, quotations or prayers. A link also can be added to connect to pages for other family members who have plaques.

Moving forward, yahrzeit plaques purchased in memory of a loved one will be virtual rather than physical. Yahrzeit plaques are available for \$500 each, with proceeds going to the Temple's Endowment. The boards currently on the wall will remain during a transition period. The board adopted the recommendations of the Facility Committee, chaired by Jay Zemmol.

## Repairs to the Ark Curtain

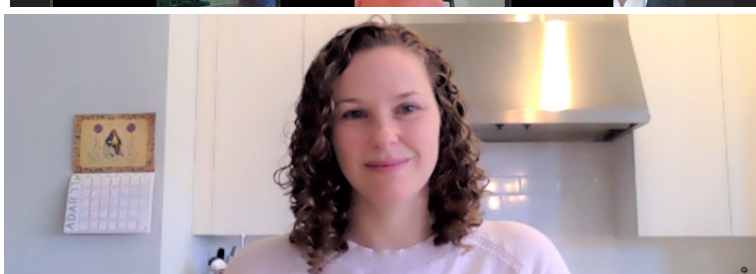
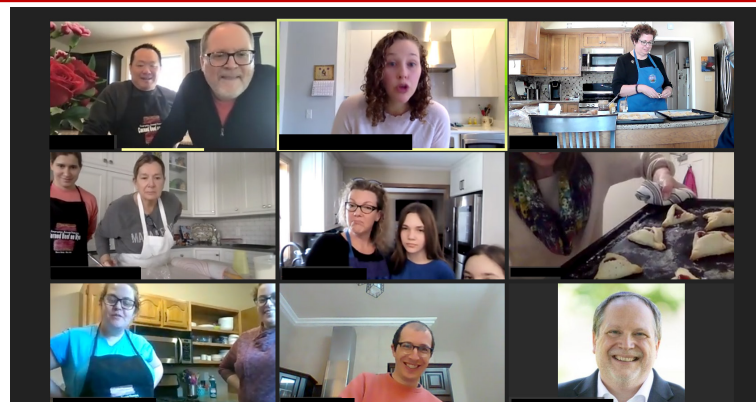
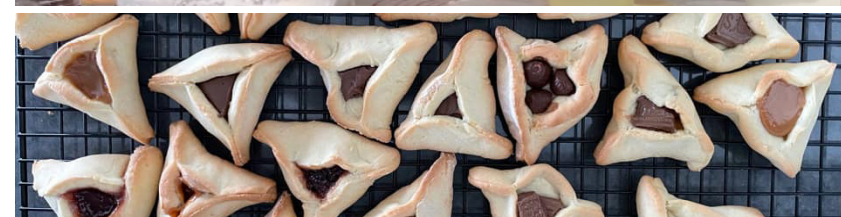
The Board approved making repairs to the Ark curtain in the Sanctuary to replace the existing

appliques with new silk fabric in the same design and with colors as close as possible to the original. The changes were recommended by the Art & Beautification Committee, chaired by Carol Adelman.

Local fabric artist Sara Nordling will do the restoration, with the anticipated \$2,500 cost funded from the Jack & Gertrude Adelman Facility Improvement Fund. The project is expected to take about three months.

The Ark is covered by an overhanging wool curtain with silk appliques. The 15-foot-high curtain is electrically controlled from the lectern and Ark. Maintenance Chief Clint Rossiter recently was able to repair the motor that controls the opening and closing of the curtain.

The curtain was commissioned for the Temple when it was built in 1960 and designed by Samuel Weiner Jr., an American Jewish artist. The colorful background of 12 squares and rectangles represents the banners of the 12 Tribes of ancient Israel. Weiner has depicted the mystic flames of the Burning Bush leaping high into the air to form the four-letter name of God in Hebrew – *Yud-Hay-Vov-Hay* — “Adonai-Lord.”



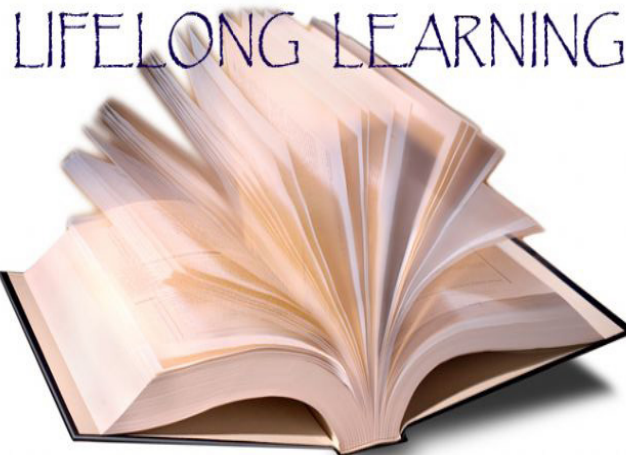
*During a special “Noshin” on “Taschen” program for Purim, Rabbi Sarah Rosenbaum Jones taught us the history of the humble hamantaschen during a fun Zoom baking session in February.*

*We learned techniques for creating the triangle-shaped treats. (And discovered that pie crust works well in a pinch!) The bakers tried a variety of favorite fillings, including apricot, strawberry, peanut butter, Nutella, s'mores, pistachio paste, and lemon curd.*

*Our pastry chefs created delicious goodies from their kitchens across many miles and time zones. In addition to Rabbi Sarah in Chicago and four baking teams in Fort Wayne at the Barger-Tam, Sheray, Sider, and Zweig homes, we also welcomed to the virtual gathering our extended Temple family of “FOR TY Youth Group alums and friend” in Cincinnati, England, and Jordan. What a wonderful way to prepare for Purim and share the holiday together!*

Ewa Benedek  
May 29 1921  
Turda Romania  
November 1944  
KZ Auschwitz-Birkenau

Jenő Goldhammer Benedikt  
(1880-1944)  
Juliska (Salamon)  
(1887-1944)



## 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](mailto:office@templecav.org) or (260) 744-4245 for access information. Please see page 2 for specific dates.

### Torah Study With Rabbi Meir

Delve into important lessons in the weekly Torah portion with Rabbi Meir Barger 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.

Bruce Colegrove captivated nearly 30 congregants on February 17 with the story of Lily Mathe, the Hungarian violinist who with her Gypsy boys band was widely known throughout Europe before the war and became a key figure in the Women's Orchestra of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

During his presentation called "Strings of Inspiration," Bruce shared his latest research for his website: Women's Orchestra of Auschwitz-Birkenau. In scouring SS records from the Birkenau "infirmary," Bruce uncovered a list with the full names of more than two-thirds of the orchestra members, as well as information about another Hungarian violinist, Eva Benedek, who previously had been omitted from the roster.

A Temple member and ardent researcher in Holocaust studies, Bruce began his website in 2018 after finding the story of the female musicians inspiring. (Find an interview about the website in the [June-July 2018 Temple Bulletin](#).)

## MAZON ASKS YOUR HELP TO FEED HUNGRY

As we prepare to celebrate Passover, Jewish tradition compels us to share the joy of freedom with those who remain enslaved by hunger and poverty. There is no invisible line marking the boundaries of need. [MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger](#) channels support from the Jewish community to end hunger in every community – a recognition that struggle is universal, and that human connection runs deep. [Add a 5th question to your Seder](#) or [Host a Hunger Seder](#).

## NOMINATE HOOSIER JEWISH LEGENDS

The [Indiana Jewish Historical Society](#) invites you to submit nominations for the [2021 Hoosier Jewish Legends - A Hall of Fame](#). The honor recognizes Hoosiers who have created a significant and lasting impact on their profession, faith-based and/or secular community, and the legacy of the role of the Jewish community in Indiana's continuing story. Nominations must be submitted by April 1. [Find out more](#)

Past recipients from Congregation Achduth Vesholom are: Leonard Goldstein\*, Joe Levine\*, John Planer, and Betty Stein\*. (\*z"l of blessed memory)



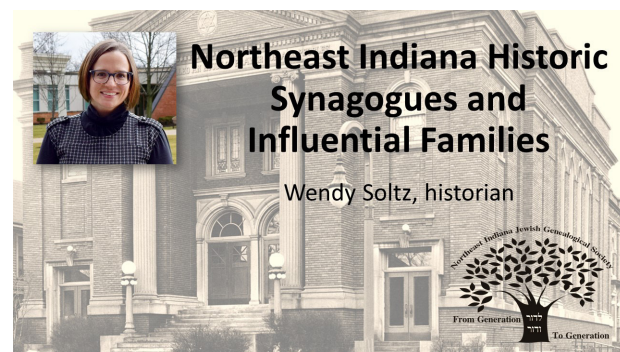
# SAVE THE DATE FOR NORTHEAST INDIANA SYNAGOGUES PROGRAM

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society will welcome Wendy Soltz on Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m. for a program on "Northeast Indiana Historic Synagogues and Influential Families." Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this virtual program. [Register here](#)

Wendy will speak on three historic synagogues - Ahavath Sholom in Ligonier (1889), B'nai Jacob in Fort Wayne (1914), and Sinai Temple in Marion (1936-1937) -- and highlight some of the families who helped to build them and create sacred spaces for their communities.

During the presentation, she also will discuss the larger Indiana Synagogue Mapping Project which she started in 2018 with the Indiana Jewish Historical Society. This project uses ArcGIS mapping technology to pinpoint and describe over 90 Indiana synagogues.

A member of Achduth Vesholom, Wendy is an Assistant Professor of History and the Director of the Public History Program at Ball State University. She previously was Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and History at Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio, and Executive Director of the IJHS. She received her PhD in Modern Jewish, 19th- and 20th- century U.S., and public history in 2016 from the Ohio State University.



## THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF BEER INCLUDES VIRTUAL TOUR AND TASTING



The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne with Partnership2Gether invites you for "Beer at the Root of Early Civilization – the Anthropology of Beer," a virtual presentation by Micah Soltz on Sunday, March 7 at 1 p.m. on Zoom.

Take a virtual tour of the Chapman's Brewing Company, interactively taste four different beers, and hear about the impact brewing beer

has had on human civilization around the world.

To purchase beers for the tasting, please check the shop. [chapmansbrewing.com](http://chapmansbrewing.com) online shop for P2G communities with beer delivery options during checkout. If your community is not listed in the pull-down menu then feel free to email [micha@schapmansbrewing.com](mailto:micha@schapmansbrewing.com) about alternative options available in your area. Place your order by Sunday, February 28.

For Zoom information, please RSVP to the Federation office at [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org) or call (260) 456-0400. The program is part of the Federation's participation in Partnership2Gether with other communities in the U.S., Western Galilee, and Budapest, Hungary.

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

## PLAN TO ATTEND YOM HASHOAH

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) commemoration will take place virtually on Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Barry Jackisch, an adjunct professor of history at the University of Toledo.

Dr. Jackisch has written a book, multiple scholarly articles, and has given public talks and research presentations throughout North America and Europe in the areas of modern German history and Holocaust/Genocide Studies.

Zoom information will be available at the beginning of April.

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## HARRIET MILLER PRESENTS "MEET" MINNETTE BAUM

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Rosh Chodesh group invites you to "meet" Minnette Baum during a virtual presentation by Harriet Miller on Monday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. about the remarkable Jewish immigrant from Russia who changed the way Fort Wayne addressed basic needs in the early 20th century.



Drawing on her experiences at Jane Addams' Hull House in Chicago, Baum established a settlement house at her own home at 1313 W. Wayne Street in Fort Wayne. Many of today's major local human service agencies can trace their origins to her efforts.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate International Women's Day as we introduce Minnette Baum, a true agent of change. Harriet is a Temple member who authored *The Biography of Minnette Baum* in 1975.



The event is free and open to the public. For Zoom information, please contact the Federation at [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org) or (260) 456-0400. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.

## COOKING SH\*T-AREIN FOR PESACH WITH CHEF MARLA

Please join Chef Marla Cohen on Sunday, March 14 at 3 p.m. for "Cooking Sh\*t-arein for Pesach" on Zoom. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, Chef Marla will:

- Update your traditional Passover menu with tips and tricks
- Perfect your matzoh ball making
- Learn how to properly cut brisket to keep Bubbe's recipe perfect
- Upgrade your gefilte fish...and more!



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



# DONATIONS

## General Operations

A donation has been received from: *Michael Meyers*  
In memory of Minnette Ruchman: *Louise & Bill Warshauer*  
In memory of Marvin Crell and Jack Rosenberg:  
*Donna & Josh Tourkow*  
In memory of Harry Rush: *Jo Ellen & Mike Rush*  
In memory of John Silverman and Marilyn Salon:  
*Kay Safirstein*  
In memory of Hannah Zacher and Conrad and Lois Goode:  
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In memory of Kathy Jarvis: *Missy & Mark Schneider,*  
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In honor of Jane Martin: *Kay Safirstein*  
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In memory of Joseph Kutcher: *Rikki Goldstein*

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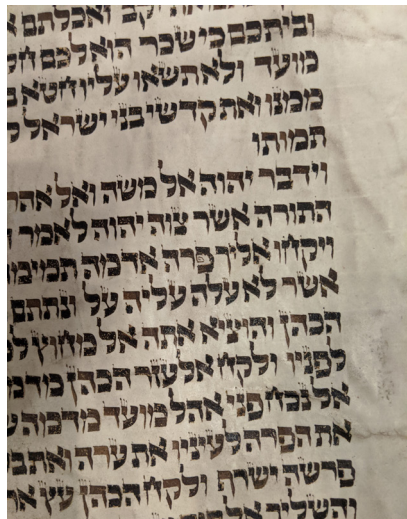


*"Two thumbs up" for the interesting and thoughtful movie discussion of "The Matchmaker" led by Micah Soltz on February 20 with more than 20 people participating on Zoom. The interactive conversation – both in the chat box and shared by the group - included meaningful conversation about the Israeli film and its themes, clips for discussion, and even an explanation of the history of matchmakers in the Jewish experience. The evening began with a lovely Havdalah ceremony led by the Soltz family with Rabbi Meir. Thank you to VP Programs Kathy Sider for hosting the program and all who participated.*

## Mazel Tov To:

**Rita & Tom O'Neill** on being honored by the [National Down Syndrome Society](#) at its virtual gala on March 4 in appreciation of their impact on the lives of so many adults in the Down Syndrome community and to benefit the O'Neill Tabani Enrichment Fund to help provide post-secondary scholarships.

## SOFER SHARES INSIGHTS INTO OUR TORAH SCROLLS



Rabbi Moshe Druin is a second-generation sofer, or Torah scribe, who visited the Temple in January to examine the 13 scrolls lovingly housed within our Holy Arks. The president of Sofer On Site International, Rabbi Druin came to evaluate, appraise, and make minor repairs to our Torahs.

"The whole experience was fascinating getting to learn more about our history as Jews and our sacred ritual items," said Executive Director Samara Sheray, who spent many hours at the Temple with Rabbi Druin during his two days in Fort Wayne.

"To know these scrolls have been around for so long and brought joy and knowledge and sense of belonging to so many people, it's just powerful."

The Torahs include seven originally at Congregation Achduth Vesholom and six from Congregation B'nai Jacob. The scrolls include the Holocaust Torah restored by the Temple in 1997-1998 as part of our 150th anniversary.

While we're awaiting a full report, Rabbi Druin said that our Torahs came from Russia, Poland, Germany, and Czechoslovakia, identified by the type of parchment and lettering, with some more than 250 years old.

As part of his work Rabbi Druin unrolled all the scrolls on tables in the Social Hall to allow them to air out. Using quills, ink, and other supplies, he made minor repairs as needed on the parchment or to the dowels.





# MARCH YAHRZEITS

<b>March 5-6</b>	Herbert Ryneanson	Sigmund Teitel	Jack O. Weil
Jesse Amber	Jay Allen Safran	Edith H. Warschawski	Minnie Weinraub
Chuma Appel	Estelle Salnitsky	William Warshauer	Diane Wolf
Isadore Babich	Tauba Schachter	Nathan Weinstein	Thomas Zefo
Josephine Bach	Herbert A. Schiller	Eve Weinswig	Louis Zweig
Barbara Berger	Eugene Schmidt	Francis Weisberg	
Anatoliy Berkovich	Rose Schwartz	Edie Zweig	<b>March 26-27</b>
Shalome Boudai	Julius Schwarz		Joseph Adler
Daryoush Shalom Boudai	Doris Tillinger	<b>March 19-20</b>	John Aichele
Rose Burrs		Regina Ackerman	Samuel Appel
Sarah Cohen	<b>March 12-13</b>	Samuel Babich	Libby Babich
Betty Cohen	Phyllis Adele Agrue	Yochuonon Barton	Jacob Ben-Yehoshua
Louis Dessauer	Henry Baum	Racheal Barton	Isaac Bosell
Carrie Dessauer	Rose Becker	Walter Bordens	Herbert Brateman
Victor N. Farhi	Sam Berebitsky	Lynn Jeanette Cohen	Dorothy M. Brazy
Theodore Frank	Perry Carson	Louis Cremer	Rae Dorman
Rose Goldstine	Joseph Chodash	Herman Davis	William DuBow
Abraham J. Goodman	Ralph Clark	Yetta Dessauer	Rena Edlavitch
Betty Jane Barton Gubitz	Molly Cohen	Morris Dicker	Lois Levine Edwards
Matilda Hallenstein	Abe H. Dubin	Lucille Doppelt	B. David Fishman
Yetta Hassan	Raymond Farhi	Goldie Dubow	Mushke Golder
Fannie K. Heilbroner	Eddie Field	Frances Schwartz Edlow	Hazel L. Grove
Helen Himelstein	Rosa S. Fishman	Lee Gilbert	Helen LaPoff
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Abraham Kaplan	Edith Horwitz	Sigmund W. Kann	Mac Marlow
Reuben Leb Komisarow	Joy July-Amber	Mildred Price Katzenstein	Jerry Morgenstein
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Sarah Kalver Max	Estelle King Schaffer	Solomon Rothschild	Nikki Kaplan Stern
Samuel Nemeroff	Rose S. Schwartz	Izidor Schacter	Sharon Subeck
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Harry Rosensweet	Julius J. Stein	Isaac Sposeep	
Frances Rothenberg	Rose Sulzer	Moses Strouse	

## OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

**Jerry Jarvis and family** on the death of his wife, Kathy Jarvis, on January 29, 2021 in Fort Wayne.

**Anna & Caelyn Nagle** on the death of his father, Ralph Nagle, on January 26, 2021 in Arizona.

## BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER WITH A PLANNED GIFT

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

To become a society member, please inform the Temple in writing that you have made provisions to remember the congregation in your estate. For further information about the L'dor Vador Legacy Society or making a planned gift now or in the future, contact Beth Zweig at [blzweig@msn.com](mailto:blzweig@msn.com).

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## TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

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

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



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## WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

The Temple board welcomes your comments and suggestions. We will do our best to address your questions and concerns. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 ([office@TempleCAV.org](mailto:office@TempleCAV.org)) for information. President Ellen Tom can be reached at [president@templecav.org](mailto:president@templecav.org).

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### ELLEN TOM



It is hard to believe that almost a year has passed since the Board of Trustees made the difficult yet necessary decision to close the Temple due to the COVID pandemic. And almost a year to that date, effective April 1, we will begin a phased-in reopening. Detailed instructions being mailed in the coming weeks. It will take a thoughtful and concerted effort by everyone to ensure we remain safe and open as we meet for Shabbat services and life-cycle events. Virtual services will continue as an alternative option.

The COVID Task Force in partnership with the Board of Trustees, Rabbi Meir Barger and the Temple staff has outlined specific protocols and procedures that every

congregant will need to abide by. Please take the time to read through the information you receive and contact the Temple office or me with any questions or concerns.

Since the situation remains fluid, the Board will continue to monitor the events and adjust our practices, including temporarily closing as appropriate. Please be patient with our staff and each other as we navigate this new normal together. We look forward to seeing those who choose to attend.

Preparations for the upcoming fiscal year are in motion. Our Finance Committee led by VP Finance Scott Goldberg has been busy drafting the budget that will be presented and voted on at our Annual Meeting in June.

Soon you will receive an Annual Pledge Statement. We hope you will consider increasing your dues by 10%. Your pledge and payment of dues will ensure we can maintain the Temple services that we have come to use and enjoy. These include rabbinic and life-cycle services, Religious and Hebrew school for your children, adult education programs, worship, and other social events and opportunities. We appreciate whatever financial support you are able to provide. We also welcome donations of your time and talents.

In June of 2019, B'nai Jacob and Achduth Vesholom celebrated the blending of our two congregations. One of our goals was how best to provide a space where members are comfortable and their spiritual needs are met.

With the completion of the renovated Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel in May 2020, we continue the process of accommodating meaningful items from both congregations. These include yahrzeit plaques, B'nai Jacob's Tree of Life honor plaque, and artwork. This next very exciting step is the installation of an interactive digital yahrzeit plaque (see page 7). We will keep everyone apprised of the progress and share proposals for the existing memorial and commemoration plaques.

I want to again express my appreciation to Rabbi Meir, Ron Friedman, our committee chairs, and Executive Director Samara Sheray for always coming up with new and innovative ways to keep the community Zooming!

Thank you to Religious School Principal Pamela Friedman and to all of the Religious and Hebrew School teachers! Your dedication and creativity during these challenging times is a blessing. If you haven't had an opportunity to attend one of our Zoom gatherings – including the upcoming Seder - please consider joining to see how our community is still coming together.

Continue to be safe and stay well.

*L'Shalom, Ellen*

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

*Happy Passover!*