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WE'RE BACK IN THE SANCTUARY FOR SERVICES! RSVPS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

After a year of online worship during the pandemic, we're excited to begin a phased reopening of the Temple in April by resuming in-person services in the Sanctuary with limitations on crowd size and masking and distancing guidelines in place. At the same time, virtual services will continue for those at home via livestreaming.

In order to protect the health of attendees and to facilitate contact tracing if needed, reservations are required to attend worship. Please make a reservation to the Temple office at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245

by the Wednesday before a given Shabbat service. We will confirm your reservation in advance. Please understand that we are unable to accept walk-ins. Masks are required at all times and must cover your nose and mouth. Please review safety guidelines prior to attending in-person worship.

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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."

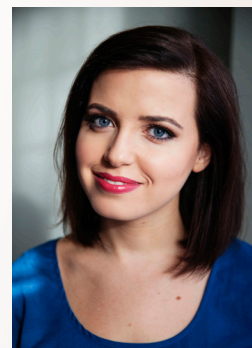
The author will speak about the late Justice Ginsburg, one of the Supreme Court's most liberal justices, and how her presence on the Court has affected the laws of our country. Filled with humor and inside stories, Carmon shares the time she spent with Justice Ginsburg to prepare for the book's publication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

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.

The link will be sent through the weekly email to our Temple family. Others may contact us at 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*.

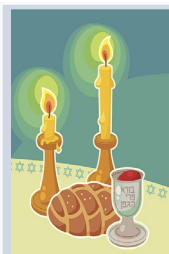


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UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES



In-person worship resumes this month for those who have made a reservation through the Temple office. Livestreaming will continue,

with links provided in our weekly email to members. Guests are welcome to attend. Please contact us at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org to make a reservation or to request access information.

APRIL SERVICES

Shabbat Service

Friday, April 2
6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 3
9:45 a.m.

Passover Yizkor Service

Sunday, April 4
10 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, April 9
6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 10
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, April 16
6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 17
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service KISS (Kids in Shabbat Service)

5th Grade Prayer Book Presentation
Friday, April 23
6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, April 24
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, April 30
6 p.m.

APRIL EVENTS

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group

Mondays, April 5, 19, 26
7 p.m. via Zoom

Torah Study

Tuesdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27
7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

Yom Hashoah Commemoration

Thursday, April 8
7 p.m. via Zoom
Sponsored by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#)

Five Books of Moses Study Group

Sundays, April 11, 18, 25
7 p.m. via Zoom

Behind the News

With Irin Carmon

Monday, April 12
7 p.m. via Zoom

Challah Baking with Rabbi Sarah

Rosenbaum Jones

Sunday, April 18
11:30 a.m. on Zoom

MAY EVENTS

Shavuot & Confirmation Service

Sunday, May 16
Time TBD

Find out more at www.templecav.org

CHANGES TO SATURDAY SERVICES

Beginning on Saturday, April 3, our Shabbat morning services will move to an earlier time of 9:45 a.m. and be offered in-person from the Sanctuary and virtually. We will be returning to our use of *Siddur Sim Shalom* and will discontinue the use of service slides.

If you will be worshipping from home, you can obtain a copy of the siddur in these ways:

- **Download an E-Siddur from the Rabbinical Assembly.** This is available at no-cost during the COVID Pandemic. Follow the instructions for *Siddur Sim Shalom: Shabbat Morning* (with additions for Shabbat Rosh Hodesh). [Find the link](#)
- **Borrow a copy from the Temple.** Please call the office to make arrangements

OBSERVE YIZKOR WITH US ON APRIL 4



Please join us on Sunday, April 4 at 10 a.m. for a Yizkor service on the last day of Passover, led by Rabbi Meir. Pesach is one of the three festival times each year when Jews observe Yizkor and share memorial prayers.

In-person worship resumes in April at the Temple with limited attendance and safety protocols in place. Masks must be worn in the building.

Please make a reservation to the Temple office by Wednesday, March 31 to attend in person. The service also will be livestreamed. See your weekly email for link information.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES RESUME IN APRIL (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

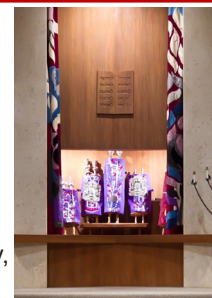
Ushers also are needed to ensure our safety protocols are followed. Please volunteer to assist with this important duty by contacting the Temple office. If we do not have enough ushers, then the in-person service will be canceled and worship will be offered only via livestream.

Our first in-person Shabbat services will be held on Friday, April 2 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 3 at the new time of 9:45 a.m. Yizkor for Passover will be observed on Sunday, April 4 during a service at 10 a.m. Please see the article at the top of this page for new information about prayer books on Saturday mornings.

The Temple remains closed for in-person programs, classes, Religious School, and meetings. Our 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.

Safety protocols have been sent to congregants. These include refraining from singing, sitting only with your family unit, and maintaining distance from the bimah and other attendees. Oneg Shabbats will not be held.

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 changes as a service approaches. Outdoor options will be considered in the coming months as the weather allows. Thank you in advance for adhering to our guidelines so that we may begin reopening safely.



RABBI MEIR BARGERON

COUNTING OUR DAYS

As a still-newcomer to Fort Wayne, I have not yet run out of new experiences. All the more so, due to the pandemic. On a recent morning, I stumbled across a story in the paper that described a pair of peregrine falcons that have made their home at the top of the Indiana Michigan Power Center building, the tallest building downtown. I was delighted to find a link to the [IMP Falcon Cam](#), which I immediately clicked to find a live image of one of the falcons sitting on their nest that contains four eggs.

This nest and its occupants quickly became a bit of an obsession for me. Each time I checked in on the falcons, they were in the same place, sometimes changing position, sometimes even taking a break but never staying away for long lest their eggs cool off. This pair of birds is waiting for the days to pass, an experience that is relatable to any expectant parent.

In this time after the Passover festival begins, we are also quite literally counting our days. I am referring of course to the *mitzvah* of [Sefirat HaOmer](#), the counting of the Omer. During the seven-week period between Passover and Shavuot, it is tradition to count off each day in the evening after reciting a blessing.

The Torah commands the counting of the days, but it does not provide a narrative that we can use to construct meaning for this act. [Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel](#) (z"l) provides a key for understanding the meaning of counting the days. "Judaism teaches us to be attached to holiness in time, to be attached to sacred events, to learn how to consecrate sanctuaries that emerge from the magnificent stream of a year," he taught.

Counting the Omer gives an opportunity for daily reflection on our people's redemption on Passover and the giving of the Torah on Shavuot. The 49 intervening days allow us to pause and consider the holiness of redemption and of revelation. This extended period invites us to slow down and recognize the sacred in each and every day.

Some people adopt a practice of intentional reflection during the counting of the Omer. I invite you to explore these resources for contemplating the sacred time between Passover and Shavuot:

[Ritualwell](#)

[Velveteen Rabbi](#)

[Alden Solovy](#)

The entirety of life is built on individual days. The falcons in downtown Fort Wayne wait patiently for the 33 days that it typically takes their eggs to hatch, bringing new life into Creation. Counting the Omer gives each of us the opportunity to re-live the journey of the Israelites' redemption from slavery to the revelation of Torah at Mount Sinai.

May this period of counting and waiting bring each of you meaning and a connection with the sacred.

Rabbi Meir



Chag Pesach Sameach!



FROM MY KITCHEN TO YOURS...

VIRTUAL CHALLAH CLASS WITH RABBI SARAH ROSENBAUM JONES



Challah baking is a beautiful Jewish tradition that nourishes our bodies and souls every week as we prepare for Shabbat.

Join me to learn more about the traditions and practice of making challah! You'll begin the process on Saturday night or early Sunday morning by making the challah dough (both written and video tutorials will be provided). We will convene on Sunday, April 18 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom to create gorgeous 6-strand braids and infuse our practice with spirituality.

No prior baking experience is necessary. Maximum 10 participants per class. Dough instructions and materials list will be sent to registrants. RSVP to the Temple office by Wednesday, April 14 at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.



Rabbi Sarah Rosenbaum Jones 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. We're excited to welcome Rabbi Sarah back to our kitchens after a delightful virtual "Noshin' on 'Taschen" hamantaschen class in February for Temple members.



Our virtual Temple Book Club on March 2 featured a lively discussion with author Goldie Goldbloom about her novel, *On Division*, which was set in an ultra-Orthodox community. Thanks to Betsy Gephart for coordinating our Temple Book Club sessions and the Jewish Book Council for providing authors for our reading enthusiasts.

FRUIT AND MORE FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

Our Brightpoint Head Start “cuties” were happy to be taking home a 5-pound bag of fresh mandarin cutie oranges in addition to their regular monthly bag of food in March through the Jewish community’s Thoughtful Thursdays program.

In April, we will be sending home bags that include canned chicken, taco seasoning, canned corn, chopped green chilies, applesauce, bags of tortilla chips, body wash, and toilet paper, just to mention a few of the items.

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 bag to be filled with small, unused toiletries, such as perfume samples, hotel-size shampoo, conditioner and lotion, emery boards, and small, individually wrapped candies. We are requesting donations of these items by Friday, April 16. If you can help, please contact Sally Trotter 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. We assist the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple and their families.



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

Sally Trotter and Bonnie Pomerantz, *Thoughtful Thursdays* co-chairs

FROM ‘MATZAH CRAZE’ TO ‘AND A CAT IN CARMEL MARKET’: NEW FROM KAR-BEN IN OUR LIBRARY

As part of the ASAP program from Kar-Ben Publishers, we recently received a box of 11 new titles for our children’s collection in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library. The books range from board books for the youngest set to a couple of juvenile fiction novels for middle-grade readers.

For our youngest patrons, *Rah! Rah! Mujadara*, by Jamie Kiffel-Alcheh, is a rhyming board book about the variety of Israeli foods. Also by Kiffel-Alcheh is one of the Passover books received, *Matzah Craze*. Told from the perspective of young student feeling singled out at school lunchtime during Passover, her matzah treats for lunch become the envy of her classmates. *The Great Passover Escape*, by Pamela Moritz, was the other Passover book in the box. Set in the Biblical Zoo in Jerusalem, some adorable animals are used to tell the story of the holiday.



Another picture book with adorable animals is Alyssa Satin Capucilli’s *And a Cat from Carmel Market*. It’s a great introduction to the traditions of Shabbat and the outdoor Carmel Market in Tel-Aviv. *An Egg for Shabbat*, by Mirik Snir, is another Shabbat title for younger children. In this book a young boy and his

chickens are the featured characters.

Ruth Calderon’s *A Rainy Day Story* is a retelling of a famous folktale about Rabbi Hanina. *The Upside-Down Boy and the Israeli Prime Minister*, by Sherri Mandell, is a fun picture book about a boy who has trouble behaving, with a nod to David Ben-Gurion. The last picture book in the box is Lisa Rose’s *The Singer and Scientist*, which tells the story of Albert Einstein and Marian Anderson.



To fill out the shipment, there were three titles for older readers. Blake Hoena’s *Natan Sharansky: Freedom Fighters for Soviet Jews* is a biography in graphic novel format. *The Woodcarver’s Daughter*, by Yona Zeldis McDonough, follows a young Russian girl leaving their home for America. Batya hopes she can be a woodcarver like her father, but only boys are allowed. Barbara Krasner’s *37 Days at Sea* is a novel written in verse. Twelve-year-old Ruthie is the subject of this novel for middle-grade readers, which is set onboard the M.S. St. Louis, bound for Cuba in May of 1939.

Though the Resource Center is not quite open for use, you can still reserve titles from the library via our catalog. Books can be picked up in the Temple office. Contact Betsy at library@templecav.org with any questions.

"MASKQUERADE" FUN AT PURIM CELEBRATION

The last hour of Religious School on February 28 was reserved for our Purim celebration. We participated in the Megillah reading through storyboards designed by students. During the Megillah reading, our "Maskerade" contest was taking place with Judges Jon Tam and Ellen Tom scouting out the screens looking for decorated masks.

The winners and categories are:

Creativity and Originality:

Eleora Soltz

Bella Alberts

Lilly Alberts

Best participation during the Megillah reading:

Ducky Ash

Best use of crafts:

Iris Powell

Best teacher participation:

Micah Soltz

We had a "carnival" of games. These included...a scavenger hunt, going on a rollercoaster ride, who's that baby?, Hangman, and DOTS. The 'gamemasters' were the youth in the *Havurat Noar* class. Fun and games was enjoyed by all!!



PRAYER BOOKS TO BE PRESENTED TO B'NEI MITZVAH STUDENTS

Please join us for our Shabbat service on Friday, April 23 at 6 p.m. when we present prayer books to four students in honor of beginning their b'nei mitzvah studies. Our congregation traditionally recognizes fifth-grade students on this special occasion.

Mazel tov to:

- **Isabella Alberts**, daughter of Samara Sheray & Brandon Alberts
- **Lillian Alberts**, daughter of Samara Sheray & Brandon Alberts
- **Myles Hadashi**, son of Leah Hadashi and Shai Hadashi
- **Iris Powell**, daughter of Marnie & Mark Lowden and Jason Powell.

Reservations are required to attend the service in the Sanctuary by contacting the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org by Wednesday, April 21. The service also will be livestreamed. The link will be sent in the weekly email to our Temple family. Others are invited to contact the Temple office for access information.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPLORE "ESCAPE TO FREEDOM" AND PASSOVER

What does Escape to Freedom have to do with Passover? What does it mean to be free when others are not? These were the final questions that were posed to Religious School students after they had spent the morning, divided into teams, solving puzzles (mimicking an escape room concept).

In the Passover Haggadah we read, "*ha lachma anya*...let all who are hungry, come and eat; let all who are in need, come and share the Pesach meal." Students learned about community solidarity, climate justice, activism, mutual aid, and our responsibility towards *tikkun olam*.

Students had to discern protest chants, put the Passover story in order, unravel the concept of a planting schedule for a community garden, and unlock the secret of a mutual aid refrigerator...all leading up to the final challenge. Together we can escape to freedom...

CAV - Sunday School - Pesach - Final activity - singing Chad Gadya - March'21



SHARE NEWS OF YOUR GRADUATE



We look forward to celebrating education milestones with our Temple family!

If you have a child graduating from high school or college this year, please let us know so that we may offer congratulations, list the school attended, and include future plans in our Bulletin.

Please send college graduation information by Wednesday, May 5 to be included in our June/July Bulletin. Contact us at office@TempleCAV.org or (260) 744-4245.

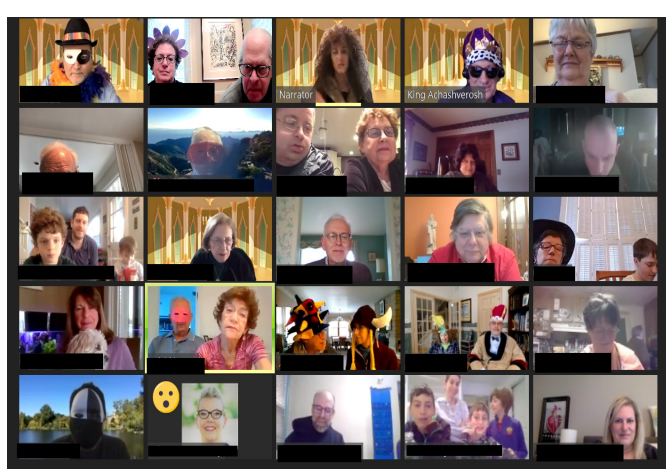
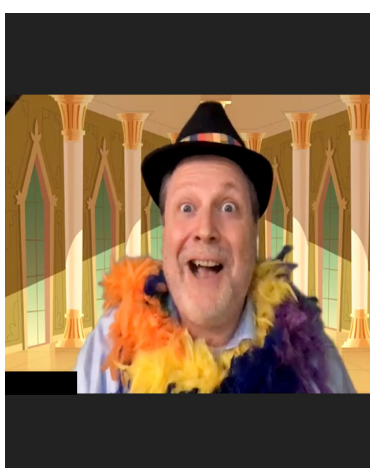
INTERACTIVE JEWISH EXPERIENCES FOR YOUR FAMILY

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

Sparkling Social Action: A Workshop Series for Parents

RJ on the Go brings your family together with fun activities anchored in Jewish values. Join a community of families seeking to build a more compassionate world, starting at home.

As parents, how can we spark a lifelong interest in social action in our children? Join author Julie Segal Walters for "Sparkling Social Action," a five-session series of virtual workshops for parents and guardians. The program begins on Tuesday, April 6. Each weekly interactive session is 45- to 60-minutes long and builds upon the others to give you a roadmap to adding more fun and meaning to your story time. Recordings will be available 24 hours after each live session. [Find out more](#)



During this year's Purim celebration on February 26, we told the story of Esther with a modern twist and special virtual backgrounds in "Pandemic in Persia – the Zoom Shpiel." [Watch the Shpiel](#)

Some 60 congregants joined the online festivities, led by Rabbi Meir. A few modifications came into play when Haman's name was uttered since the audience was "muted" – we booed the villain by holding up special paper signs and commenting in the chat box, along with cranking groggers or shaking boxes of pasta. And David Crell made an especially lively Haman!

Amy Krouse directed the Purim players, featuring Larry Adelman, David Crell, Norm Greenberg, Ronnie Greenberg, Nola Katinsky, Mike Rush, Carolyn Sullins, and Ellen Tom. Megillah readers included Rabbi Meir, Fran Adler, Naomi Gephart, Norm Greenberg, Sam Krouse, and Mike Rush. Thanks to all involved with bringing us the streets of Shushan in gallery view!

PURSuing JUSTICE: STANDING WITH MEMBERS OF THE AAPI COMMUNITY

Rabbi Meir Barger and Jaki Schreier, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, sent this letter to the Jewish community on March 19. It also appeared as an op-ed piece in [The Journal Gazette](#).

We are enraged and saddened by the wave of violence against Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) people in America, including the shootings in Georgia and random street attacks, such as what occurred in San Francisco, also this week.

This violence is despicable and must come to an end immediately.

However, these violent acts are only the most recent and visible aspect of discrimination against AAPI people in our society. This is a systemic problem rooted in xenophobia, racism and sexism, and heightened by the toxic climate of white nationalism that has racked our country in recent years. The inattention of other people with privilege has allowed this current crisis to spread without enough people speaking up in support of AAPI people in America.

As leaders of the Fort Wayne Jewish community, we offer our solidarity to members of the AAPI community, locally and nationally. Jewish tradition commands us to pursue justice whenever we see injustice (Deuteronomy 16:18) and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Leviticus 19:18).

Further, our sages taught that "All people are descended from a single human being, Adam... so that no one can say, 'my ancestor is worthier than yours.'" (Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5) There is no room for racism and discrimination in the Creation made by the Eternal One, as we are all members of the same human family.

We call on all people of good will to stand up for the inherent dignity of every human being and to work within their means and their capabilities to stand up against white supremacy, racism and discrimination in all of their forms.

Every person has the right to be treated with respect, and to live and prosper in a society without fearing violence. It is up to each of us to do our part to make this so.

Rabbi Meir Barger and Jaki Schreier

THANKS TO OUR PASSOVER HELPERS



We appreciate the volunteers and staff who assisted with the Passover bags that were distributed to members of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. We heard many lovely comments about the holiday items that included boxes of Matzah, matzah ball soup mix, a Haggadah, candles, and other items.

Thank you to:

Volunteers: Amy & Sam Krouse, Sara Fiedelholz, Betsy Gephart, Leah Hadashi, Ellen Tom, Sheryl Merritt, Pam Feldman, Beth Zweig, Charla Sheray, Denny Reynolds, and Rachel Gordon

Staff: Bonnie Pomerantz, Marie McFadden, Jaki Schreier, Samara Sheray, and Rabbi Meir Barger

Our Temple family offers our love to Eileen & Neal Baitcher on the birth of their granddaughter, Stella Baitcher, on March 22, 2021. Stella's parents are Jonathan & Krystina (z"l) Baitcher and her big sister is Kaylie.

Virtual Jewish Trivia Night

March 13, 2021



What is the name of Israel's first prime minister? How many commandments are in the Torah? What Jewish pitcher famously declined to pitch in Game 1 of the World Series due to Yom Kippur?

Those were among the questions spanning Jewish history, pop culture, Temple history, Israel, and Judaism 101 as congregants tested their knowledge during a friendly virtual Jewish Trivia Night on Saturday, March 13. Points were awarded for the multiple-choice questions based on correct response and speed in answering.

Many thanks to our host Kathy Sider and Jaclyn Sider for putting together a fun evening and developing the questions, as well as to Rabbi Meir Barger on for leading us in Havdalah. Congratulations to the winners in various categories: Betsy & Naomi Gephart, Dave Flapan, Rabbi Meir & Jon Tam, and Beth & Dan Zweig! Prizes included gift cards for coffee, treats, and food from local establishments. Congrats to the Zweigs for earning top honors.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Budget Planning Underway

Finance Vice President Scott Goldberg reported at the March meeting of the Temple Board that the budgeting process is underway for the fiscal year 2021-2022, which begins July 1. A letter has been sent to members asking them to make a dues pledge for the coming year. The information helps us create the annual budget.

Nominating Timeline Outlined

Beth Zweig, chair of the Board Development Committee, told the board that the committee is working on nominations for the Temple's leadership to be elected at the Annual Meeting on June 9. She said the committee's focus this year has included leadership development in hopes of inspiring more congregants to get involved with committee and future leadership roles.

In developing a slate of candidates, the committee also must find the next president of the congregation since Ellen Tom is serving her fourth and final year in the post due to term limits. Filling the top leadership position has been challenging for many years, Beth said, and the committee has been discussing how the busy volunteers of today might approach the duties of president so they won't seem so daunting.

At the same time, she said, this period of transition is an exciting time at the Temple as we continue the coming together with B'nai Jacob, welcome a new rabbi, begin reopening for worship and navigating the pandemic, embrace the support of staff, engage members in all ways, and address strategic planning for the future.

She said she's fortunate to work with experienced congregational leaders on the committee: Fran Adler, Jamie Berger, Betsy Gephart, Mark Schneider, and John Stein.

Pesach Bags

President Ellen Tom said the Temple is working with the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne to put together 170 bags for members who live locally in celebration of Passover. The bags will be ready prior to the end of March for pick-up for Pesach.

Rabbinic Consecration Ceremony

A Consecration ceremony to formally welcome Rabbi Meir Barger on as our spiritual leader will take place on June 25-27. It will be a

"hybrid," with in-person and virtual components. The pandemic delayed our traditional welcome weekend when Rabbi Meir and his husband, Jon Tam, arrived in July 2020. A committee is working on plans for the weekend.

Developing Protocols for In-Person Worship

Rabbi Meir said he appreciates the support of the staff and leadership team in developing safety protocols for the return to in-person worship in April with limitations on crowd size and strict mask and distancing guidelines in place. Executive Director Samara Sheray said areas of focus include streaming options, security, signage, and seating. See page 1 for more information.

Temple Food Policy Updated

As part of an ongoing review of Temple policies being coordinated by VP Programs Kathy Sider, the board approved an updated food policy for items prepared in the Temple kitchen or brought into the building.

Though similar to previous rules, the new guidelines have been expanded to address food in the building during Passover, kosher areas of the Goldstone-B'nai Jacob Chapel, and food allergies. The policy includes:

- No pork or shellfish may be served on Temple property.
- At Temple-sponsored events, potlucks, and private events, meat and dairy products may not be served on the same tray or mixed in the same dish (i.e. no meat lasagna or cheeseburgers).
- At Temple events when meat or poultry are served, a vegetarian option must be provided.
- If applicable, food should be labeled "with nuts," "gluten free," "vegetarian," "vegan," "meat," or "dairy."
- Brightpoint follows the no pork or shellfish rule when in the building.
- Personal meals may include both meat and dairy.
- Kosher wine will be provided for Temple-sponsored events if Kiddush is recited. Grape juice also will be provided.

For the complete policy, including Passover guidelines, catering, and other procedures, please contact the Temple office.

WEEKLY LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Expand your Jewish knowledge and friendships by Expand your Jewish knowledge and friendships by being part of our growing community of lifelong learners. 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. 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. 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.

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 is open to any and all.

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.



Work continues on the Ark curtain in the Sanctuary to replace the existing appliques with new silk fabric in the same design and with colors similar to the original. Local fabric artist Sara Nordling is doing the restoration. The beautiful 15-foot-high curtain was commissioned for the Temple when it was built in 1960 and designed by Samuel Weiner Jr., an American Jewish artist.



PLEASE RETURN DUES PLEDGES

A reminder to all members to please return your dues pledge by April 15 for the coming year. Your financial commitment to the Temple helps us to plan our budget.

Thank you to all who already have responded for your generous support of our congregation.

BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER WITH A PLANNED GIFT TO SUSTAIN THE TEMPLE

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

To become a society member, 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.

GENEALOGY SOCIETY PRESENTS PROGRAM ON HISTORIC INDIANA SYNAGOGUES

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is thrilled to welcome Wendy Soltz on Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m. for a program on "Northeast Indiana Historic Synagogues and Influential Families."



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

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.

Wendy is currently an Assistant Professor of History and the Director of the Public History Program at Ball State University. Previously, she was Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and History at Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio, and Executive Director of the IJHS.

Soltz received her PhD in Modern Jewish, 19th- and 20th-century U.S., and public history in 2016 from The Ohio State University. We're excited to add some local history and genealogy to our calendar!

Two weeks later, on Sunday, May 2, the NEIJGS will host world-renowned genealogist and computer guru Stephen P. Morse for two public virtual programs:



- 1 p.m. - "One-Step Website – a Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools."
- 2:30 p.m. - "Searching the 1950 Census with and without a Name Index." The 1950 census will be made public in 2022, but will not immediately have an index. He will discuss tools he has available to help researchers dig into the census right away.

Registration is required to attend.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR VACCINE APPOINTMENTS

Do you or anyone you know need help in making an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination or to arrange transportation to get it? Volunteer assistance is available. Please contact the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne at (260) 456-0400 or send a message.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jamie Fritz on earning her bachelor's degree in Accounting from Purdue University Global, with a concentration in Managerial Accountancy. Jamie joined the Temple staff in September 2017 as our bookkeeper.

YOM HASHOAH

FORT WAYNE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

REMEMBERING THE SIX MILLION

Please join us for Fort Wayne's annual Yom Hashoah commemoration for those lost in the Holocaust on Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. [Find the link](#)

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the theme is "Hijacking Germany's Democracy: The Nazis' Rise to Power," with keynote speaker Dr. Barry Jackisch, an adjunct faculty member in history at the University of Toledo.

The remembrance of the six million who perished includes musical performances by Heartland Sings, including a Covid Nigun written by Maestro Robert Nance, and the Fort Wayne Children's Choir appearing at the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Violins of Hope performance at the Allen County Courthouse in November 2019.

Rabbi Meir Barger and members of the Jewish and larger community also will participate. Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb and Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry will share remarks by video.

This event is free and open to the public. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.

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.

I Danced for the Angel Of Death
The Dr. Edith Eva Eger Story

Dr. Eger recounts her remarkable story of survival as a prisoner at Auschwitz. She would later go on to receive a psychology degree and examines how her ongoing work has helped her grow and heal.

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Eileen & Neal Baitcher on the death of their daughter-in-law, Krystina Rose Baitcher, on March 22, 2021. Our thoughts also are with their son, Jonathan, and granddaughters, Kaylie and Stella, on the loss of their wife and mother.

Larry & Linda Lee and family on the death of his brother, Don Alan Lee, on February 28, 2021 in Westlake Village, CA.

The family of Carolyn Doppelt Gray, who died on February 22, 2021 in Sarasota, Florida. Our thoughts are with her husband, Dr. Stuart Burstein, her daughter, Emilie (Jonathan) Gray Miller, and granddaughter, Lucie Gray-Miller. She was the daughter of the late Rabbi Frederic & Lucille Doppelt. Rabbi Doppelt was Achduth Vesholom's spiritual leader from 1939-1969, serving the longest tenure in our congregation's history and our first Rabbi Emeritus.



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Rabbi Jacob M. Eppstein
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Leaves are \$180 each and may be personalized with three or four lines to highlight a lifecycle event, anniversary, or special kindness. Proceeds benefit the resource center.

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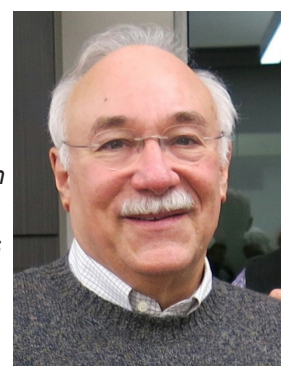
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**The deadline for the
May Bulletin is Thursday, April 15.**

GUEST COLUMNIST SCOTT SALON

Temple member Scott Salon served on the Rabbinic Search Committee and currently is on the Rabbinic Consecration Committee. A long-time board member of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, Scott recently reflected on the past year in a D'var Torah to the Federation board. We're sharing his thoughts here.



The past year, with the world in the midst of a global pandemic, the United States having the most cases, and, even more troubling, the most untimely deaths, this has been a year, I believe, of challenge for all of us. We have all needed to make significant modifications in our routines to both maintain our safety and the safety of those around us.

The last time I met in-person for a meeting at the Temple was February 2020, 13 months ago. And while we have continued our efforts with the benefit of Zoom, for me, at least, not being able to interact in person before and after our meeting has been an unwanted adjustment.

Sometimes the prudent adjustments to what had been my "normal" was experienced as a burden. However, on further reflection, they were, in many respects, merely inconveniences, not sacrifices. I have become more acutely aware that I am, and most of my social circle have been, so much more fortunate than the vast majority of the inhabitants of this planet.

With the internet for e-mail and Zoom, and others on a daily basis willing to risk exposure to a potentially deadly virus, I could maintain a pretty comfortable life. I could have all of my primary needs met and, really, many of my pleasures and enjoyments as well. This recognition has yielded a much deeper appreciation for real sacrifice and a reflection on that concept.

The English word sacrifice is derived from a Latin root with the primary definition being to make something holy: the act of offering something precious, for doing homage.

For Maimonides, subsequent to the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, biblical sacrifices were no longer possible. Moreover, he reasoned, G-d had no need for burnt offerings or worship sites. Rather he describes the point of all Jewish practice is to assist human beings in their strivings to raise themselves in the direction of G-d.

Furthering this reasoning, others have suggested we can be closer to G-d if we conduct ourselves in constructive humanistic ways. Practicing benevolence through compassion, generosity, and goodwill for the earth and all of its inhabitants.

I'll finish with a thought from Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

REFORM MOVEMENT LAUNCHES RACIAL JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

As we work to create a world in which all people experience wholeness, justice and compassion, the Reform Movement's [Racial Justice Campaign](#) seeks to turn our movement inwardly to examine and address our own behaviors, practices and policies through the lens of racial equity, diversity, and inclusion and to outwardly pursue targeted, strategic advocacy to begin changing laws and policies that create a more just and equitable society for all.

In late March, the [Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism](#) held two town hall events to introduce the 2021 [Racial Justice Campaign](#), and more than 600 Reform Jews weighed in on which topic they want the campaign to focus on – voting rights or reparations. As we await the results from the town halls, here are a few ways you can get involved now:

- [Register to join the launch of the Reform Movement's Racial Justice Campaign](#) on Wednesday, April 28 at 8 p.m.
- [Subscribe to receive updates about the campaign](#) and be the first to know about ways to take action.
- Visit the RAC's [Legislative Action Center](#)