

# THE TEMPLE

## CONGREGATION ACHDUTH VESHOLOM

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## EXPLORE 'THE COUSIN' DURING MOVIE DISCUSSION ON MAY 1



An open-minded Israeli questions his liberal convictions when a Palestinian laborer he hired is suspected of a crime in the film *The Cousin*, a hard-hitting, dark comedy exploring the latent prejudice central to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

### Watch the trailer

The award-winning Israeli film is the focus of our virtual Temple Movie Night discussion on Saturday, May 1 at 7 p.m., led by Micah Soltz and Dave Flapan. Please watch the movie in advance. It's available on [AmazonPrime](#), [YouTube](#), [Apple TV](#), and [Google Play Store](#).

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

## CELEBRATE SHAVUOT AND CONFIRMATION ON MAY 16

Share in a special Shavuot service with us on Sunday, May 16 at 7 p.m. when we also celebrate the Confirmation of two students in our Religious School.



Shavuot marks the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, 50 days after Passover. The milestone of Confirmation provides our teens with the opportunity for individual and group affirmation of a commitment to the Jewish people.

### Mazel tov to:

- **Naomi Gephart**, daughter of Betsy & Geoff Gephart
- **Samuel Katinsky**, son of Nola & Matthew Katinsky

To attend the service in person, please RSVP by Wednesday, May 12 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org). The service also will be livestreamed and the link will be included in the weekly email. Guests may contact the Temple office for virtual access information.



## WE'RE BACK IN THE BUILDING FOR MORE!

Our phased reopening for in-person worship continues in May with fewer limits on crowd size, continued masking and safety protocols, and the possibility of additional programs and meetings in the building. Livestreaming of services and events will continue.

The Temple Board determined at its April meeting that worship services, including life-cycle events, would be able to accommodate up to 100 people. The previous limit was 50 attendees. Maximum attendance numbers will vary based on the room configuration and take into account distancing guidelines.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

## MAY SERVICES

**Shabbat Service**  
Saturday, May 1  
9:45 a.m.



**Shabbat Service  
KISS (Kids in  
Shabbat Service)**  
Friday, May 7  
6 p.m.

**Shabbat Service**  
Saturday, May 8  
9:45 a.m.

**Shabbat Service**  
Friday, May 14  
6 p.m.

**No Shabbat Service**  
Saturday, May 15

**Shavuot & Confirmation  
Service**  
Sunday, May 16  
7 p.m.

**Shabbat Service**  
Friday, May 21  
6 p.m.

**Shabbat Service**  
Saturday, May 22  
9:45 a.m.

**Shabbat Service**  
Friday, May 28  
6 p.m.

**Shabbat Service**  
Saturday, May 29  
9:45 a.m.

In-person worship continues this month for those who make a reservation through the Temple office by the Wednesday before the service. Livestreaming will continue, with links provided in our weekly email to members. Guests are welcome to attend. Please contact us at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or (260) 744-4245 to make a reservation or to request access information.

## MAY EVENTS

**Movie Night Discussion**  
Saturday, May 1  
7 p.m. via Zoom

**Potpourri of Genealogy with Stephen Morse**  
Sunday, May 2  
1 p.m. via Zoom  
Sponsored by the Northeast Indiana Jewish  
Genealogy Society

**Five Books of Moses Study Group**  
Sundays, May 2, 9, 23, 30 (No class May 16)  
7 p.m. via Zoom

**Hebrew Liturgy Study Group**  
Mondays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
7 p.m. via Zoom

**Torah Study**  
Tuesdays, May 4, 10, 17, 24  
7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

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

## JUNE EVENTS

**Jewish Federation Annual Meeting**  
Sunday, June 6  
4 p.m. via Zoom

**Temple Annual Meeting**  
Wednesday, June 9  
7 p.m.  
In-person with RSVP and Zoom

**A Surgeon's View of World War II in Patton's  
Third Army**  
Monday, June 14  
7 p.m. via Zoom

**NEIJGS Annual Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 15  
7 p.m. via Zoom

**Matthew Hadashi Bar Mitzvah**  
Saturday, June 19  
10 a.m.

**Rabbi Meir Barger's Consecration Weekend**  
Friday-Sunday, June 25-27



## OUR EXCITEMENT'S SKY-HIGH FOR THE RETURN OF CORNED BEEF ON RYE!

After a hiatus last year due to the pandemic, our 19th Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy sale will be back this fall better than ever!

Mark your calendar to join us on Thursday, November 4 when heaping corned beef sandwiches, gigantic dill pickles, creamy coleslaw, and rich brownies return as part of the Temple's largest fundraiser. Delicious whole Hebrew National salamis will be on sale, too!

Thank you to Larry Adelman for chairing this very important event and our talented corned beef team: Carol Adelman, Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Barger, Jamie Fritz, Scott Goldberg, Shai Hadashi, Sam Krouse, Amy Krouse, Marie McFadden, Lee Pomerantz, Denny Reynolds, Nancy Salon, Samara Sheray, Micah Soltz, Jon Tam, Ellen Tom, Steve Zacher, Judy Zacher, and Beth Zweig.

Please save the date and plan to take the day off work to assist on Deli Day, as well as Prep Night on Wednesday, November 3. Proceeds support the Temple's general operations.

Our committee is already anticipating the heavenly aromas throughout the Social Hall and other fond memories of seasons past: On recruiting volunteers and soliciting sponsors. On marketing and mailing lists. On the camaraderie of Prep Night and the bustle of Deli Day. On hairnets and gloves. On walk-in traffic and deliveries. On dine-in and carry out. On seeing old friends and meeting new ones. On the smiles of happy customers and the pride of being part of a Jewish community. On working together as a team and succeeding in raising funds for our congregation.

More information will be coming about meals, sponsorships, and volunteer opportunities. Thank you for your continued support!

## GREEN THUMBS NEEDED FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP

Our gardening crew is looking forward to tending to the beautiful grounds at the Rifkin Campus. Ronnie Greenberg, a master-gardener, and her team of volunteers are beginning a spring clean up of the gardens in front of the Temple and surrounding the Spousee Chapel.

Additional volunteers are welcome to assist. Please contact Ronnie at [rkg128@gmail.com](mailto:rkg128@gmail.com) to learn more.

We're grateful to Ronnie and her fellow gardeners: Ron Cousino, Norm Greenberg, Denny Reynolds, Jon Tam, Donna Tourkow, Janina Traxler, and Deb Vilensky.



# RABBI MEIR BARGERON

## HARVESTING OUR TORAH FOR NEW MEANING

This month we observe the festival of Shavuot. The name comes from the Hebrew word for “weeks,” and the holiday occurs seven weeks after Passover. Shavuot originated as an agricultural festival that marked the transition from the spring barley harvest to the summer wheat harvest. On the festival day, the Israelites would bring crop offerings to the Temple. Once the Temple was destroyed, with sacrifice no longer possible, the sages transformed Shavuot into a commemoration of the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Today, it is common to celebrate Shavuot by engaging in all-night Torah study. Torah, the center of Jewish life, thus has become the center of Shavuot.

We understand Torah to be the story of the Jewish people, first in relationship and later in covenant with God. The word “torah” also is translated as “instruction.” Beyond being a book of commandments, Torah is the compendium of lessons that God offered to the Jewish people. Torah is the basis of sacred wisdom.

As each of us reads Torah, we do so as utterly unique creations. In the space between our bodies and the words, we read, we interpret, and we encounter God. The words of Torah remain the same for all time, but the wisdom we harvest from them is unique to each of us – and often unique to each stage of our lives.

What is your story and how have you come to understand who you are? Each of us lives a life that is filled with experiences and lessons; with moments of joy and moments of despair. If we are paying attention, we can’t help but to learn from the lessons of our lives. This is where our human wisdom comes from. If we pay attention to Torah, we can’t help but to be shaped by it. Our lived experience shapes our understanding of Torah. What beautiful symmetry!

Shavuot brings together the first fruits of a hopefully abundant harvest with the abundant instruction of Torah. This Shavuot, and every day, may the Torah spoken by the Eternal One, and written by the hand of Moses structure and enrich our lives; and may our hard-earned human wisdom bring new insights to our reading of Torah.

*Chag Shavuot Sameach!*

*Rabbi Meir*



## SAVE THE DATE FOR RABBI MEIR’S CONSECRATION CELEBRATION

Plan to join us on June 25-27 for a Consecration ceremony and events to formally welcome Rabbi Meir Bargeron as the 24th spiritual leader of Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

With both in-person and virtual components, the special weekend will begin on Friday evening, June 25 with a “Pre-neg Nosh” and opportunity to greet Rabbi Meir and his husband, Jon Tam, prior to our Shabbat service.

Participating in the weekend via Zoom will be:

- **Rabbi Michael Adam Latz** of Shir Tikvah Congregation in Minneapolis, MN
- **Rabbi Paul Kipnes** of Congregation Or Ami in Calabasas, CA
- **Rabbi Dr. Dvora Weisberg**, Rabbinical School Director at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, CA



Maestro Robert Nance and the Temple’s Hazemir Choir under the direction of Dr. John Planer will provide music on Friday evening.

Other events during the weekend include a Shabbat morning service on Saturday, June 26 and an adult learning program on Sunday afternoon, June 27. Invitations will be sent to congregants and guests with details and RSVP information.

Thank you to our Consecration Weekend Committee: President Ellen Tom, Fran Adler, Ronnie Greenberg, John Planer, Mike Rush, Scott Salon, Samara Sheray, Sally Trotter and Beth Zweig.

Rabbi Meir joined our congregation in July 2020 during a time when the Temple was fully closed for worship and other events due to the pandemic. During the past year, he’s gotten to know our members mostly over Zoom and, more recently, in person during our phased reopening for services that began in April. We look forward to formally welcoming him in this special way in June.

## A CONVERSATION WITH RABBI MEIR

Rabbi Meir Bargeron is featured in conversation with Sara Fiedelholz on [GOOD COMPANY](#) exploring topics that include Judaism and Social Justice, Anti-Semitism, and Yom Hashoah. [Listen to the interview](#)

The discussion was featured on Access Fort Wayne (Channel 55 on Comcast Cable/Channel 24 on Frontier Cable) and WBOI presents podcast in April.

Sara is a professional conversationalist who last summer launched the weekly, multi-platform program through Access Fort Wayne featuring one-on-one, in-depth discussions with a variety of Northeast Indiana residents. She is a member of Congregation Achduth Vesholom.





# NEW TITLES IN THE LIBRARY FROM CCAR

To update our collection, we recently added 12 new titles from CCAR Press (Central Conference of American Rabbis) to the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library. Since we like to keep at least one copy of most prayer books on hand, we stocked up on a range of titles.

For our youngest congregants, we now have copies of *Mishkan T'Filah for Children* and *Mishkan T'Filah for Youth*. The former is geared to children in Kindergarten through grade 2, with readings and translations by Michelle Shapiro Abraham, and art by Katie Lipsitt. Directed to youth in grades 3 to 5, the latter is edited by Rabbi Paula Feldstein, and includes original art by Mark Podwal. Both books include Shabbat and weekday services and a Torah service. We also added the CCAR's newest Haggadah, *Mishkan HaSeder*, to our collection, along with *Mishkan Ga'avah: A Celebration of LGBTQ Jewish Life and Ritual*.

In addition to the prayer books, we're excited to add some new commentaries and social justice titles. *The Book of Jonah: A Social Justice Commentary*, by Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz, delivers a message of human responsibility. *Pirkei Avot: A Social Justice Commentary*, by the same author, approaches this classic text from a contemporary social justice perspective. *Recharging Judaism: How Civic Engagement is Good for Synagogues, Jews, and America*, by Rabbis Judith Schindler and Judy Seldin-



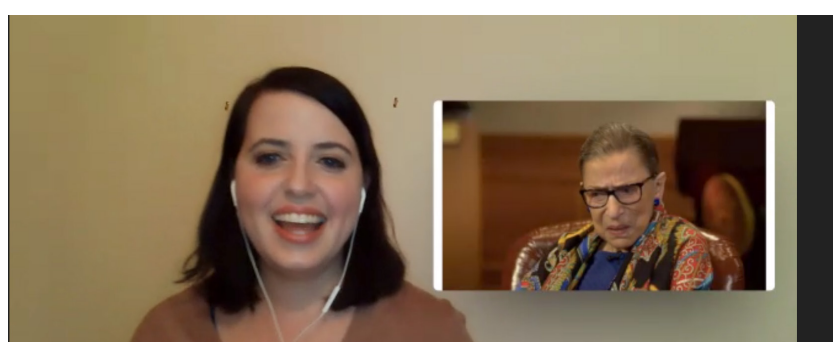
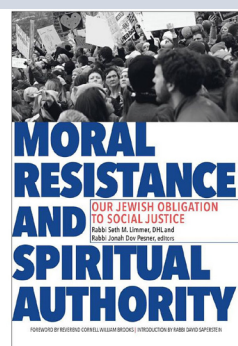
Cohen, is a guide for congregations in working for social justice. And the essays in the collection, *Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority*, edited by Rabbis Seth M. Limmer and Jonah Dov Pesner, explore the Jewish commitment to justice in all areas of contemporary life.

Just in time for Shavuot, we received *Inscribed: Encounters with the Ten Commandments*, edited by Rabbi Oren

Hayon. This is a collection of essays by a collection of rabbis and scholars addressing the impact of the commandments on contemporary life. The Mussar Torah Commentary, edited by Rabbi Barry H. Block, is an anthology of essays for each of the 54 weekly Torah readings. One of the mussar middot or character traits is included in each essay. Rabbi Marla Joy Subeck Spanjer, a member of our congregation, wrote one of the chapters.

Two classic guides have recently been updated. *Navigating the Journey: The Essential Guide to the Jewish Life Cycle*, is a revised edition of the older *Gates of Mitzvah*, edited by Rabbi Peter S. Knobel. Part question-and-answer format and part essays, this guide addresses every life cycle event imaginable. *Mishkan Moeid: A Guide to the Jewish Seasons*, is a revised edition of *Gates of the Seasons*, also edited by Knobel. Guidance for observing the holidays along with essays and historical background are included.

Though access to the building is still restricted, titles can be reserved via [our online catalog](#). Items will be left in the Temple Office for pick-up during office hours. Any questions can be addressed to Betsy Gephart at [library@templecav.org](mailto:library@templecav.org).



In our inaugural "Behind the News" program, Irin Carmon, co-author of *Notorious RBG*, shared insights about Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (z"l) on April 12 with more than 100 members of the Temple and community joining virtually.

The Temple's Social Action Committee, chaired by Rena Black, presented what they hope will be a continuing series of journalists speaking directly to our members and community about the issues of the day and the newsmakers who make decisions on those issues.

The Q&A that followed touched on questions concerning what Justice Ginsburg might have thought about enlarging the size of the court and when Justice Stephen Breyer might retire.

Carmon also got acquainted during a pre-event on Zoom with the committee, Temple leaders, and guests. She shared many stories, including her involvement in breaking the story about sexual-harassment allegations against Charlie Rose.

A New York magazine senior correspondent and on-air CNN contributor, Carmon 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*.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support and all who helped with the program.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Mimi & Donald Zelman as new members of the Temple. They relocated recently to Fort Wayne to be closer to their daughter, Jessica Ash, and her family, who are members of Achduth Vesholom.

Over the years, the Zelmans have lived in many places, including Buffalo, Chicago, Charlotte, and, most recently, Boynton Beach, FL. They have been married since 1972. Donald is a retired optician. Mimi worked in advertising, publishing her own magazine for 10 years before retirement.

They look forward to meeting Temple members and getting involved in the ROMEOS, mah jongg, and other Temple social activities.





Our fifth-grade students were presented with prayer books on April 23 in honor of beginning their b'nei mitzvah studies. During a lovely Shabbat service, Rabbi Meir and Religious School Principal Pam Friedman shared words of inspiration. The students' first task as our next generation of prayer leaders was to lead the congregation in saying the Shema. Mazel tov to Isabella Alberts, Lillian Alberts, Myles Hadashi, and Iris Powell and their families on this special occasion.

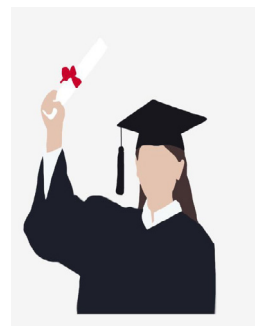


## SHARE NEWS OF YOUR GRADUATE

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](mailto:office@TempleCAV.org) or (260) 744-4245.



## THINK SUMMER, THINK CAMP!

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

**Camp Joe Levine** - The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) Camp Joe Levine is now [open for registration](#) for children ages 4 to 13 for summer fun at Fox Island.

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.

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](#).

## A LITTLE EXTRA IN YEAR-END BAGS FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS FAMILIES

As the Brightpoint Head Start year comes to a close, the distributions of food in May will be the last for this school year. Therefore, we are giving a little extra to these families to help them through the summer months.

We are also including a small Mother's Day gift with the food items that will be sent home with the children. The gift is a colorful striped bag filled with small, unused toiletries, such as perfume samples, hotel-size shampoo, conditioner and lotion, emery boards, nail polish, toothbrush and toothpaste and small, individually wrapped candies. Thank you to all of you who donated items for these bags.

Thank you to our volunteers who continue to be so engaged and supportive! We could not provide this program without you. We are hopeful that by next fall we will be able to gather again in person to assemble the monthly bags.

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

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**



## TWO WAYS TO ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 9



As our congregation continues to carefully navigate during the pandemic and to adopt safety protocols for activities in the building, we will offer two ways for members to attend our 173rd Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 9 at 7 p.m. – join us in person with a reservation or via Zoom videoconferencing.

While last year's congregational business meeting in the early months of COVID was entirely virtual, this year's gathering reflects a new reality - that

we're gradually reopening for worship and other activities, though some members are not yet comfortable returning in person.

Information will be sent to members in the coming weeks with further details about the meeting and how to vote on candidates for leadership and the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Due to the hybrid meeting format, voting will be conducted in advance by absentee ballot. Members in good standing are eligible to vote.

During the meeting, President Ellen Tom, the Board of Directors, and Rabbi Meir Barger on will update the congregation on the past year's activities. We'll hear the latest plans for reopening and the impact of a year being closed during the pandemic. And we'll learn about the continued transition to one congregation with two traditions and details about the Consecration Weekend on June 25-27 when we formally welcome Rabbi Meir as our spiritual leader.

In addition, the annual meeting of our membership will include the presentation of the William Brosler Award to a member whose long-term involvement at the Temple and commitment to the congregation have gone above and beyond. We also will recognize:

- President Ellen Tom for her four years serving as President as she transitions to a year as Immediate Past President.
- Outgoing Board members: Vice President Finance Scott Goldberg, Secretary Bobbie Golani, and Trustees Pamela Friedman, Denny Reynolds, and Wendi Wallet for their service.
- Members of the L'dor Vador Legacy Society for indicating they've made a planned gift to the congregation.

Absentee ballots, an agenda, and the proposed budget will be made available beginning Tuesday, May 25. To be eligible to vote, members must be current in their financial obligations to the congregation. All absentee ballots must be signed and returned by U.S. mail, by fax, or by emailing a PDF copy of the ballot by Monday, June 7 at 5 p.m., per instructions on the ballot.

## PLEASE VOTE FOR OUR LEADERSHIP

The Board Development Committee presents the following slate of officers and trustees for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, beginning July 1.

### OFFICERS

*Nominated for 2-year term ending in June 2023*

**President:** Ronnie Greenberg

*Nominated for 1-year term ending in June 2022*

**Vice President Programs:** Kathy Sider

**Vice President Finance:** John Stein

**Secretary:** Amy Krouse

*(serving 1-year term following tenure as President)*

**Immediate Past President:** Ellen Tom

**TRUSTEES** *(nominated for 2-year term ending in June 2023):*

Larry Adelman

Leise Rosman

Mike Rush

Micah Soltz

**TRUSTEES** *(serving 2-year term ending in June 2022):*

Rachel Gordon

Brian Rosman

Mark Schneider\*

Josh Tourkow

Jay Zemmoll

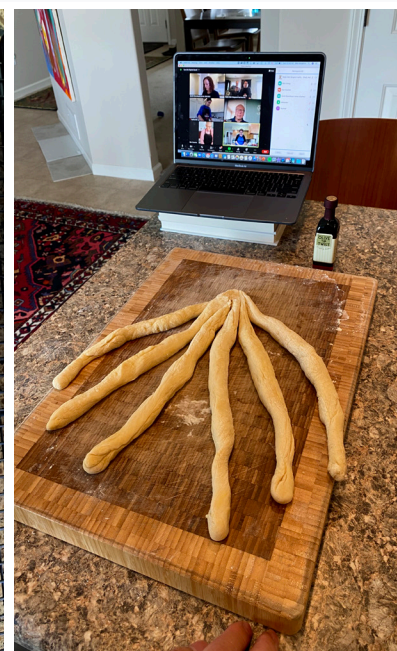
Beth Zweig

*\*Mark Schneider serves concurrently as President of the Congregation B'nai Jacob Transitional Board until the transition is legally complete*

Thank you to the Board Development Committee: Beth Zweig (chair), Fran Adler, Jamie Berger, Betsy Gephart, Mark Schneider, and John Stein.



Our Temple bakers joined Rabbi Sarah Rosenbaum Jones across the miles from their kitchens on April 18 to learn how to make beautiful six-braided challot. In addition to baking and braiding tips, Rabbi Sarah taught us about the traditions and symbolism involved with challah baking. We also learned about Hafrashat Challah, setting aside a portion of the dough. The recipe came from Modern Jewish Baker: Challah, Babka, Bagels & More.



## EXPERT TO SHARE GENEALOGY SEARCH TOOLS

The [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) is excited to welcome genealogist Stephen P. Morse for two free virtual programs on Sunday, May 2 at 1 p.m. Known perhaps equally for his invention of the 8086 computer chip and his genealogy prowess, Morse has brought these skills together with his One Step Website, a search aid for researchers.

Please join us for:

- **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."**

When the 1950 Census is made public in 2022, it will not automatically have an index. He will discuss the tools he has made available to help researchers dig into the census right away.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Morse received degrees in electrical engineering from the City College of New York, the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, and New York University. In later life, he turned his attention to genealogy, creating his "One Step Website" with dozens of search tools used by genealogists around the world.

In 2006, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) and his website has been acknowledged for years by leading genealogy magazines.

Registration is required to attend this free virtual program.

Thanks to the Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation, and the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center for their support.


Additional information about the NEIJGS can be found on [our website](#) and on our [Facebook Page](#).



## Genealogical Search Tools

Stephen P. Morse,  
genealogist and computer scientist

- One-Step Website
- 1950 Census





## A SURGEON'S VIEW OF WORLD WAR II IN PATTON'S THIRD ARMY

Through photos and commentary, Thomas H. Brush will share the fascinating story of his father on Monday, June 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. [via Zoom](#) in "A Surgeon's View of World War II in Patton's Third Army: The Story of John H. Brush, M.D." The program is sponsored by the Temple's Holocaust Education Committee.

A surgeon in a mobile auxiliary surgical group during World War II, Dr. John Brush experienced the liberation of Paris, the Battle of the Bulge, the attack on the Siegfried Line, the crossing of the Rhine, and the liberation of Ebensee Concentration Camp, a satellite of Mauthausen.

"While for me this is a chance for a personal tribute to my father, in the process we see these events through the eyes of one soldier, and I hope gain a more human perspective on them," said Dr. Thomas Brush.

He is a Professor of Management at the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University. His research focuses on corporate strategy and manufacturing strategy topics such as acquisitions, diversification, manufacturing capability exploitation within companies, and supplier relationships.

## WEEKLY LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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

LIFELONG LEARNING



### 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, Sefero and many others during a weekly study group led by Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan on Sundays at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

### 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.

## FEDERATION'S 100TH ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR JUNE 6

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) will hold its 100th Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 6 at 4 p.m. on Zoom. Everyone who has contributed to the 2020-2021 Jewish Federation Annual Campaign is eligible to vote in this election. More information regarding Zoom will be coming.



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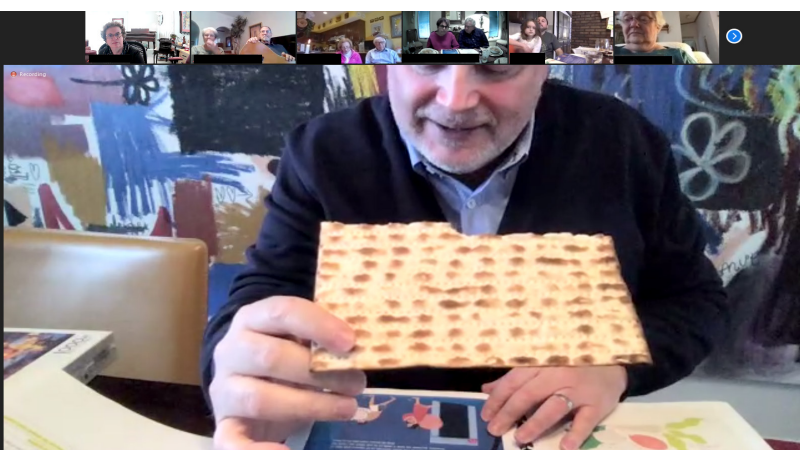
## A SEDER? ACTUALLY, A ZEDER!

While we saw each other in gallery view rather than around a traditional table, more than 50 members of our extended Temple family celebrated the second night of Passover together on March 28 from around the U.S. at a fun and meaningful Zoom Seder (aka Zeder).

Rabbi Meir guided us through the Haggadah with a focus on the ritual aspects of Passover. Ronnie & Norm Greenberg led the singing of "Dayenu" and "Chad Gadya" from their winter headquarters in Tucson. Brad Gordon, son of Geoff & Rachel Gordon, offered the Four Questions on behalf of our younger members.

Congregants volunteered for other readings as we retold the story of the Exodus and learned about the symbolic items on the Seder Plate. Many members – sitting at beautifully appointed Seder tables -- had matzah, bitter herbs, and charoses ready at home to partake in a Hillel sandwich with Rabbi Meir. Haggadahs were distributed to local members in Passover bags provided by the Temple and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, with virtual copies also available.

As we concluded the one-hour virtual Seder, we collectively said "*Leshana haba'a biYerushalayim!* – Next year in Jerusalem! Next year may all people be free!" Rabbi Meir added: "May we be together in the building at the Temple next year together – *B'yachad.*"



## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

### In-Person Activities in the Building

The Temple Board at its April meeting reviewed protocols for in-person worship and other considerations for programs, meetings, and life-cycle events. COVID Task Force Chair Joe Cohen reviewed recommendations for social distancing and other aspects of reopening.

Rabbi Meir said that we've consistently had members attend in person every Shabbat since we reopened for worship in April. He acknowledged that more congregants have attended via Zoom than in person, perhaps due to comfort levels and convenience, along with those who are snowbirds. Rabbi Meir said attendance has been greater when we have a baby naming or Religious School event.

With vaccinations more prevalent and several life-cycle events on the calendar, the board voted to increase attendance limits from 50 people to 50 percent of the seating capacity allowable under safety guidelines. Staff will determine specific limits based on the event. Masks still are required in the building. Meetings, programs, and Religious School may be held in person. (See page 1)

### Congregation B'nai Jacob Transitional Board

The Congregation B'nai Jacob Transitional Board has voted to move forward with dissolving the remaining legal entity and distributing congregational funds.

Mark Schneider, President of the seven-member CBJ Transitional Board, told the Temple leadership at its April meeting that the transitional board hopes to wrap up all business matters pertaining to B'nai Jacob by July and that they have initiated the transfer of some funds from B'nai Jacob to Achduth Vesholom.

The transition to one congregation with two traditions began in July 2019 when members of B'nai Jacob joined Achduth Vesholom.

### Livestreaming Services

Executive Director Samara Sheray said the Temple is looking for individuals to run livestreaming for worship services in the summer on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. She and Ritual Committee Chair Denny Reynolds have been staffing the Zoom room for the past year.

### Security Doors Added

Three new sets of security doors have been installed in the Religious School hallway. These doors provide better access control in our building, allowing us to isolate the school wing as needed or while having other events.

Executive Director Samara Sheray said the new doors were funded through a \$100,000 federal grant obtained by the Temple in 2019 for ongoing security improvements. The Nonprofit Security Grant Program is funded by the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA.

### Interactive Yahrzeit Plaques

The Temple staff has been compiling information for a database to be utilized in the new interactive yahrzeit plaque display planned for installation in the foyer.



# GRADUAL REOPENING FOR IN-PERSON EVENTS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

After a year of online worship during the pandemic, the congregation began a phased reopening in April by resuming in-person services in the Sanctuary with limitations on crowd size and masking and distancing guidelines in place.

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](mailto: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.](#)

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.

Plans to reopen for in-person programs, classes, Religious School, and meetings are still being determined on a case-by-case basis. Religious School may hold an outdoor event for the final session on Sunday, May 16.

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.

Revised safety protocols will be available soon on the Temple website and communications. 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 date approaches. Outdoor options will be considered in the coming months as the weather allows.

Thank you for adhering to our safety guidelines.



*We gathered for our first Shabbat in the Sanctuary on April 2 after more than a year, with masks and socially distanced for a safe reopening. Rabbi Meir led worship for an in-person group and those attending virtually at home. We also celebrated a baby naming with the Soltz family. Thank you to the staff and ushers for assisting.*



*Our return to in-person services was even more special with the debut of our newly restored and vibrant Ark curtain! Local fabric artist Sara Nordling replaced the existing appliques with new silk fabric in the same design and with colors similar to the original. 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.*

*The restoration was spearheaded by the Arts & Beautification Committee chaired by Carol Adelman. Maintenance Chief Clint Rossiter was able to repair the motor that operates the opening and closing of the Ark. What a lovely look for our Sanctuary for many years to come!*

# DONATIONS

## Endowment Fund

In memory of Carolyn Doppelt Gray: *Maureen & Alan Grinsfelder*  
In memory of Sonia Cooperman: *Susan & Alan Cooperman*  
In memory of Jerome Moses Trotter, Deborah Rachel Neiman,  
and Jack Rosenberg: *Sally & Steve Trotter*

## General Operations

A donation has been received from: *Mike Meyers*  
In memory of Pearl Fichman: *Kaye Fichman*  
In memory of Krystina Baitcher: *Susan & Alan Cooperman*  
In memory of Florence Weis, Fred Glazer, Sophie Glazer,  
and Samuel Zweig: *Beth & Dan Zweig*  
In memory of Esther Schwartz: *Donna & Josh Tourkow*  
In memory of Irina Kutsenok: *Eda Kyner*  
In honor of Rabbi Meir Bargerion: *Janet Finkel*  
In memory of Elizabeth Ruth Johnson: *Kay Safirstein*  
In honor of Don Bernstein: *Karen Sandler*  
In memory of David B. Fishman: *Carol & James Levy*  
In honor of Neko Michelle Davis: *Evelyn Goler*  
In memory of Jennie Nemeroff and Isidore Nemeroff: *Nancy Nemeroff*  
In memory of Sarah Salon-Kaye: *Tom Shine*  
In memory of Freda Dubin, Krystina Baitcher and Samuel Ralph Tourkow:  
*Donna & Josh Tourkow*

## Holocaust Memorial Fund

In memory of Samuel Zaslawsky and Samuel Brateman:  
*Adrienne & Adolph Brateman*  
In memory of Gabor Fenyes: *Anne & Daniel Droegmyer*

## Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural Enrichment Fund

In memory of Sol Rothberg, Jo Rothberg, and Peter Alan Rothberg:  
*Deborah Rothberg*

## Library Fund

In memory of Lois Safran, David Safran and Jonathan Safran:  
*Rabbi Richard B. Safran*

## Rabbi Discretionary Fund

In memory of Julia & Solly Frankenstein: *Al Zacher*

## Religious School Fund

A donation has been received from: *Ronnie & Norm Greenberg*  
In memory of Norma Trauner: *Theresa & Scott Trauner*

## Temple Gardens Fund

In memory of Rivah Meyers: *Patrice & Mike Sposeep*  
In memory of Joseph Stumpf: *Ronnie & Norm Greenberg*  
In memory of Krystina Baitcher: *Elissa & Steve Cohen*  
In memory of Bessie Levy: *Linda Bullerman*

## Thoughtful Thursdays

In memory of Helen O'Neill: *Rita & Tom O'Neill*  
In memory of Krystina Baitcher: *Jo Ellen & Mike Rush*  
In memory of Mayora Rosenberg: *Beth & Dan Zweig*

## Wyle Weiman Youth Activities

In memory of Wyle Weiman and Leonard Goldstein: *Rikki Goldstein*

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

## MAZEL TOV TO:

- **Wendy & Micah Soltz and family** on the birth of their daughter Ophira Ruth on March 15, 2021 in Fort Wayne. Congratulations to new big sister Eleora!
- **Ronnie & Norm Greenberg**, whose granddaughter Yarden Greenberg earned a gold medal in the Israel Acrobatic Gymnastics national championships. Yarden, daughter of Steve Greenberg, will represent Israel in June at the [World Acrobatic Gymnastics Championships](#) in Geneva, Switzerland. Acrobatic gymnastics is a popular and growing sport in Europe, and slated for inclusion in the Olympics in the future. Yarden, an 11th grader in Kadima's Oded High School, trains 4-8 hours a day in Holon, Israel.
- **Alan Bodenstein** on his leading and developing Carroll High School's Unified Sports program, also known as Champions Together, that was highlighted in The Journal Gazette on April 4. The article explains that Unified Sports is an inclusive athletics program uniting students with and without intellectual disabilities. It was inspired by the principle that training and playing together leads to friendship and understanding.
- **Harriet Miller** on her article in The Journal Gazette on April 11 advocating for gender equality in political representation, called "Harnessing the power of the 51.7%."





# MAY YAHREZEITS

## May 7-8

Sigmund Apfelbaum  
Harold I. Chon  
Rabbi Frederic A. Doppelt  
Joseph Freiburger  
Paul Gepsman  
Chad Goldberg  
Bonnie Harrison  
Sara Kaliski  
Max Kaplan  
Naomi Frank Korkes  
William Landy  
Dora Leiberman  
Rosa Levin  
Evy Lipp  
Hyman Mazur  
Nathan Nemeroff  
Isidore Nemeroff  
Meyer Roseman  
Mayora Rosenberg  
Lena Salon  
Lucille Schuler  
Yitschok Isaac Schwartz  
Scott Sherr  
Wolf Soloway  
Abraham Stein  
Bor Tam  
Fannie Trivus  
Shulamith Troy  
Max Weisman  
Samuel Wolf

## May 14-15

Esther Cera Brateman  
Lena Nahmias Cohen  
Marian Smith D'arcy  
Hyman Dicker  
Julia Frankenstein  
Sara Goldberg  
Sidney Goldin  
Myron S. Goldman  
Paul Gordon  
Sherman Gordon  
C. C. Hollingsworth  
Leo Horn

Anna Hurwitz  
Abraham Kamile  
Sarah Kraus  
Fannie Lipp  
Edwin Maier  
Geraldine Mansbach  
Jennie Nemeroff  
Esther Pomerantz  
Franz Reimann  
Deborah Rifkin  
Dora Rozeen  
Samuel Schultz  
Rose Soraich  
Curtis M. Stein  
Lorenz Edward Stillpass  
Joseph A. Stumpf  
Jerry Sweedler  
Pauline Turansky  
Pearl Waterman  
Emily Weinstein  
Ruth Wertheimer  
Bernard A. Woolner

## May 21-22

Linda Babb  
Baruch Bronstein  
Julie Brooks  
Betty Castle  
Dr. B. M. Edlavitch  
Yitzchok Falk  
Alice Fenyes  
Stan Fishman  
Helen Fishman  
Solly K. Frankenstein  
Mina Freiburger  
Motel Golder  
Sam Goldstine  
Steven R. Jaeger  
Jacob Kaplan  
Robert Katz  
Harry King  
Louis Komito  
Sarah Krakower  
Harry E. Landy  
Anna Landy

Ruth Levine  
Theresa Levy  
Sarah Levy  
Ann Levy  
Julie Liberman  
Sadie Livingston  
Felix Maier  
Morris Meyer  
Rivah Meyers  
Herman Moss  
Jennie Nemeroff  
Bessie Ochstein  
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Zuse Silverman  
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Louis Smith  
Jack Speyer  
Elizabeth Stein  
Isaac D. Straus  
Stanley Tankel  
Samuel Ralph Tourkow  
Ruth Turansky  
Rose K. Weigler  
Pauline Young  
Irving Zeal

## May 28-29

David G. Altheide  
Vida Assael  
Eva Bosell  
Abraham Brateman  
Michla Breindel  
Miriam Brenn  
Peter Bronstein  
Mitchell Bronstein  
Norma Jean Chambers  
Anna Jones Clark

Gertrude Cline  
Fannie Edelman  
Miriam Falakovicz  
Eugene M. Frank  
George Ivan Fredrick  
Yetta Freiburger  
Rose Gibson  
Leon Hasid  
Getel Himelstein  
Herbert W. Isay  
Marvin Katz  
Henry Kepes  
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Harry H. King  
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Jack Levine  
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Barbara Miller  
Beryl Novitsky  
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Donald Persky  
Rabbi Herman Price  
James Rakes  
Orion Reynolds  
Myron Russ  
Sarah Salon/Kaye  
Louis Seigel  
David Silverman  
Harry Slutsky  
Ira Sokoloff  
Alexander Soraich  
Herman Stern  
Marion Sweedler  
Norma Trauner  
Bernard "Bud" Turansky  
Isador Vigran  
Samuel Weiner  
Sally Zelinger

## OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

**Joanne Snow and family** on the death of her husband, Norman, on April 27, 2021 in Fort Wayne. We think of their children, Dawn, Doug, & Jason.



## 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](mailto:blzweig@msn.com).

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



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The deadline for the  
June/July Bulletin is Friday, May 14.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER ELLEN TOM

It has been approximately 1,400 days since I was installed as the President of CAV, 365 days when the Temple closed due to the COVID pandemic, 30 days since we have reopened with some limitations, and 45 days until the next vibrant Board of Directors is elected at our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 9. But who is counting!!

We all should be.... because there is light at the end of the tunnel, and many exciting upcoming events for us to celebrate, whether in person or virtually.

During this time last May, I spoke of how the Board continued to face the challenges of navigating our way through uncharted waters. We faced many issues on top of the safety of our congregants and staff: How to stay connected as a Jewish community while sheltering at home? When should we re-open the building? Would the Temple and our members face an economic impact from the pandemic? How should we welcome our new spiritual leader while meeting remotely?

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of our Board, Rabbi Meir Barger, and staff, we remained a *Kehilah Kedoshah* (holy community). I believe these efforts strengthened our congregation and helped build enduring relationships. We are looking forward to several special events in the coming weeks. Most still will be adapted to keep within our safety protocols developed by the COVID Task Force and in partnership with the Board, Rabbi Meir, and Executive Director Samara Sheray.

There are many unsung heroes who deserve our gratitude for keeping Temple operations running smoothly, connecting us virtually, and providing worship, educational and social programming experiences. I look forward to recognizing all of these individuals when we gather as a congregation in June. I hope you will join us, whether in person or by livestream.

The Annual Meeting is a time to update the congregation on the past year's activities, vote on the budget for the next fiscal year, thank outgoing board members for their service, install the next Board, and, my favorite honor, to present the William Brosler Award for outstanding volunteerism.

Special thanks to Scott Goldberg and the Finance Committee for preparing the budget, and to Beth Zweig and the Board Development Committee for putting together a strong slate of candidates.

And, lastly, it is my pleasure on behalf of the Board and Consecration Committee to invite you to attend in person (reservations only) or virtually when we formally consecrate Rabbi Meir Barger as our spiritual leader and welcome his husband, Jon, and extended family during the weekend of June 25-27. It will be a very special weekend and we are excited to share more details in the coming weeks.

We hope you will choose to join us in whatever way you are most comfortable. Just know, when you are ready to return in person, we are more than ready for you!



## CHAG SHAVUOT SAMEACH!

