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FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE WITH HEARTLAND SINGS, BBQ & BONFIRE

Our spirited Friday Night Live service moves outdoors for the first time at the Temple on August 20 at 6 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir with Heartland Sings on their mobile stage. Tap your toes, get on your feet, and share the joy of Shabbat with this lively worship experience.

Join us prior to the service at 5 p.m. for a barbeque, with the Temple providing Hebrew National hot dogs and light sides. After the service, we'll have a "S'mores Oneg" around the newly built CAV fire pit.

Please bring folding/camping chairs or blankets/sheets to sit on and sticks to roast marshmallows. (Optional: Bring a favorite BBQ treat and/or refreshments to enjoy with dinner.) Bug spray is recommended.

Kindly RSVP for dinner by Monday, August 16 to (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.

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



Please join us to celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of
Ashlyn Julia Sagan

Saturday, September 4 at 10 a.m.

at Congregation Achduth Vesholom

Jason and Eva Sagan

Zoom link will be sent to members in their weekly email.

SHARE HIGH HOLY DAYS IN PERSON OR ONLINE

When we celebrate the High Holy Days next month, we'll welcome the New Year 5782 as a community, gathering to hear the sound of the shofar and offering prayers for renewal, forgiveness, good health, and peace.

As we continue to navigate the pandemic, we'll offer Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services both in person and via livestream to allow a choice for members of our Temple family to participate in holiday observances in a way that's most comfortable for them. Reform and traditional worship options will be offered for a third year.

Erev Rosh Hashanah begins on Monday, September 6 and Erev Yom Kippur begins on Wednesday, September 15.

Our COVID safety protocols continue to evolve based on current recommendations from health officials. Members will receive updated information on changes to mask and social distancing guidelines for those who are fully vaccinated. Reservations will not be required to attend services during the High Holy Days. The latest COVID procedures for the Rifkin Campus will be available at www.templecav.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

Please RSVP to attend in-person worship (through August 14). Reservations are not required, effective August 20. Livestreaming is offered weekly, 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.

AUGUST SERVICES

Shabbat Service

Friday, August 6
6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 7
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, August 13
6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 14
9:45 a.m.

Friday Night Live Outdoor Shabbat Service

Friday, August 20
6 p.m.
Music: Heartland Sings
5 p.m. BBQ

Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 21
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, August 27
6 p.m. Service

Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 28
9:45 a.m.

Selichot Service & Memorial Plaque Dedication

Saturday, August 28
8:30 p.m.

AUGUST EVENTS

Five Books of Moses Study Group

Sundays, August 1, 8, 22, 29
(No class August 15)
7 p.m. via Zoom

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group

Mondays, August 2, 9, 10, 23, 30
7 p.m. via Zoom

Torah Study

Tuesdays, August 3, 10, 24, 31
(No class August 17)
7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

Eagle Marsh & Havdalah

Saturday, August 7
7 p.m. at Eagle Marsh
RSVP by Tuesday, August 3

Friday Night Live, BBQ & S'mores

Friday, August 20
5 p.m. Dinner
6 p.m. Outdoor Service
RSVP by Monday, August 16

Corned Beef Mail Prep

Thursday, August 26
10 a.m. at the Temple

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Ashlyn Sagan Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, September 4
10 a.m. at the Temple

See Pages 9-10 for High Holy Days Schedule and Information

NEW SAFETY GUIDELINES APPROVED FOR TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

Changes to the Temple's COVID safety protocols are coming this month, including fewer restrictions for fully vaccinated individuals, the continuation of in-person and virtual worship options, and new guidelines for wearing masks and social distancing. Once the updated procedures take effect, reservations will no longer be required to attend worship services and food may be served at events.

The Temple Board of Directors voted in July to make the changes based on recommendations from the congregation's COVID Task Force.

Members will receive updated information as we prepare for the High Holy Days season. The latest [COVID procedures](https://www.templecav.org) for the Rifkin Campus will be available at www.templecav.org.

Our safety protocols continue to evolve based on current recommendations from health officials and with respect for Jewish tradition and teachings. The revised guidelines take into account that our members are part of a *kehilla kedosha*, a holy Jewish community, that connects us through the Covenant (*brit*) to one another.

We recognize:

- It's a mitzvah (commandment) to preserve one's own health and well-being (*sh'mirat haguf*).
- The COVID-19 vaccines approved by the FDA (Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J) qualify as *r'fuah b'dukah*, proven treatment, and it is therefore a mitzvah to get vaccinated unless one has a medical reason that makes it unsafe.
- It is a mitzvah to adhere to standards of safety that avert obvious dangers (*sakanat nefashot*) to others or to oneself. Jewish tradition has long presumed that recognized medical experts are reliable.

The congregational leadership considered these Jewish concepts in developing changes to our policies while also making room for individual choice.

ROMEO LUNCHESES RESUME IN AUGUST

After more than a year apart due to the pandemic, the [ROMEOs](#) (Retired Old Men Eating Out) are resuming regular lunches together! We'll meet on Thursday, August 5 at noon at [Junk Ditch Brewing Company](#), 1825 W Main Street.



This is the first lunch for the ROMEOs since March 2020 when the Temple temporarily ended in-person activities in response to COVID. For more information, please contact Denny Reynolds at dennisreynolds@me.com. [Find the 2021-2022 schedule](#)

Find out more at www.templecav.org

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Joanne & Elliott McCrory as new members of the Temple! They relocated to Fort Wayne in December from Aurora, Illinois to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Elliott was a physicist at Fermilab and Joanne was an infant mental health/developmental therapist. Married since 1983, they have three children. Their son Alex, a bassoonist, lives in Fort Wayne with his wife, Ashlee, who sings with Heartland Sings. Their son Sterling also lives in Fort Wayne and son Martin lives in the Boston area.

Joanne and Elliot enjoy cooking, gardening, woodworking, photography, and, first and foremost, being grandparents.

RABBI MEIR BARGERON

CORE BELIEFS TO GUIDE US DURING COVID

As I write this column, we are on the cusp of August as well as the Hebrew month of Elul. The ending of the Jewish year comes upon us while we read the culmination of Torah in the Book of Deuteronomy. Every word of Torah that we have read this year can be interpreted through the experience of COVID-19.

This year of 5781 is the first complete Jewish year in our long history when we have had to live with a global pandemic in an age of massive economic and communications interconnection. There simply has never been anything quite like this – or anything close to it – in our lifetimes.

For more than a year most of us stayed home, and our sanctuary sat empty while we stayed connected on Zoom. In April, we returned to the Temple building for worship, while continuing to offer access to services via Zoom and YouTube. We had to limit capacity to allow for social distancing and we wore masks. No, it has not been the same as it was before COVID-19 changed our lives, but being together again has been such a blessing.

The rapid development and emergency use authorization of the COVID-19 vaccines were quite literally a lifesaver for many thousands of people. The world began to open up again! Out of an abundance of caution, we have continued to maintain our COVID-19 protocols at the Temple, but now we will begin to move forward to make physical access to the building easier and to feel more normal for those who are fully vaccinated. More information on this is coming very soon.

Things have gotten better, but the pandemic is far from over. The highly contagious and fast-spreading Delta variant, combined with lagging vaccination rates, is driving up case numbers. We continue to face uncertainty, as we have since the onset of the pandemic. Changing conditions may require us to adjust our Temple operations, as they have since the beginning of the pandemic.

Here are the core beliefs that guide me through this unprecedented time:

First, we are a *Kehilla Kedosha*, a holy Jewish community, always. Whether we pray together in person or via Zoom and YouTube, we are connected through the Covenant. We belong to one another.

Second, because of our connection, and our dedication to Judaism, we can look to Jewish tradition to guide us. The Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) has recently published a responsa, a document applying Jewish law, regarding the pandemic. We are commanded to protect health and well-being (*sh'mirat haguf*). The vaccines currently approved for emergency use qualify as proven treatment (*r'fuah b'dukah*) under Jewish law. Very simply, we are obligated to protect the health and well-being of everyone we possibly can, including ourselves. It is a mitzvah to be vaccinated, unless doing so is contraindicated for medical reasons.

Third, in addition to personal responsibility, we maintain collective responsibility for our community. As was written in the CCAR responsa, "It is a mitzvah to adhere to standards of safety that avert obvious dangers (*sakanat nefashot*) to others or to oneself." This means that the Temple's leadership is obligated to act to keep the congregation safe through the establishment of protocols to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

This is thoughtful, challenging work and I am grateful to President Ronnie Greenberg, Immediate Past President Ellen Tom, the COVID Task Force, and the members of our board for everything that they have done and are doing to lead our holy community through the pandemic.

To health and to peace,

Rabbi Meir



HELPERS NEEDED WITH CORNED BEEF MAIL PREP

Volunteers are needed to help prepare a large bulk mailing on Thursday, August 26 at 10 a.m. at the Temple as we get ready for our 19th Corned Beef Fundraiser. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org to say you can assist.

Mark your calendar and clear your schedule to help with our Deli Day and biggest fundraiser on Thursday, November

4. We especially need volunteers during the corned beef sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., as well as Prep Night on Wednesday, November 3 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Thanks to the Corned Beef Committee: Co-Chairs Larry Adelman and Micah Soltz, Carol Adelman, Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Bargeron, Jamie Fritz, Scott Goldberg, Shai Hadashi, Sam Krouse, Amy Krouse, Marie McFadden, Lee Pomerantz, Denny Reynolds, Nancy Salon, Samara Sheray, Jon Tam, Ellen Tom, Steve Zacher, Judy Zacher, and Beth Zweig

HAVDALAH UNDER THE STARS AT EAGLE MARSH

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and Congregation Achduth Vesholom invite you for an evening of fun on Saturday, August 7 at 7 p.m. at Little River Wetlands/Eagle Marsh, 6801 Engle Road.

We will go on a(n optional) 45-minute guided nature walk, eat s'mores, and participate in Havdalah, led by Rabbi Meir with music by Norm & Ronnie Greenberg. Bug spray and folding chairs are recommended.

This event is free and open to the community. Please RSVP by Tuesday, August 3 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org or Federation at office@fwjf.org or (260) 456-0400.



VISIT OUR NEW TEMPLE WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST NEWS

Our new Temple website is now live at www.templecav.org! Along with a fresh design, updated features include upcoming events directly from our calendar to the home page to keep you informed about Jewish events in the Fort Wayne area and a newsfeed with content from the Union for Reform Judaism to better connect you with the larger community.

Other changes include a dedicated page providing information about COVID protocols in our building, a new section called "Member FAQs" that can answer some common questions, and a revised area about "Our Home" that highlights the new Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel.

The changes reflect a year of discussion and review by the Communications Committee to determine navigation features and topics most helpful to our congregants, as well as to other visitors to our website who may be new to the community or curious about Achduth Vesholom.

The last major update of the website came in October 2014 when we moved to a format that accommodated desktop, laptop, tablet, and smartphones. That change coincided with a new look for our Bulletin and a switch to electronic-only delivery after a three-month transition period.

With technology changes in the years since, the need to update our website has been increasingly urgent. Temple member Lee Pomerantz, president of eMedia Technologies, had recommended for many months that we upgrade our platform to WordPress.

eMedia has graciously hosted and assisted with the Temple's website for many years and Lee has provided his expertise to the congregation. We are extremely grateful to Lee for his support of the Temple in this way and especially during this past year as the committee worked on our new website.



After considerable conversation, the committee decided to make a switch to RJ Web Builder 3.0, which is a user-friendly WordPress platform offered at no charge by the URJ to its congregations. It is used by nearly 300 congregations.

RJ Web Builder covers hosting, security, and software updates, provides support, tutorials, and a network of other congregational webmasters with lots of similarities between site needs, and provides content (updates, Jewish learning, etc.) from the Reform Movement.

Ongoing content updates will continue to be handled by volunteers and staff, including Beth Zweig, Marie McFadden, Samara Sheray, and Betsy Gephart. We appreciate Amy Keller of Just Sue Graphic Design for her help with the website.

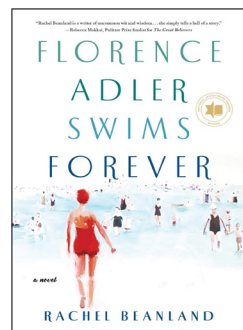
Please recognize that the website is a work in progress. Feedback is welcome. Please contact Beth at blzweig@msn.com with any comments.

Thank you to the Communications team for its work: Beth Zweig (chair), Fran Adler, Rena Black, Betsy Gephart, Marie McFadden, Lee Pomerantz, Samara Sheray, John Stein, Cindi Wismer, and Rabbi Meir Bargerone

AWARD-WINNERS ON TAP FOR TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

We're pleased to announce two wonderful titles for this year's Temple Book Club. Both authors will join us via LiveChat, available through the Jewish Book Council.

On Tuesday evening, October 5, we will discuss *The Lost Shtetl: A Novel* by Max Gross. The 2020 National Jewish Book Award winner in the Book Club category, the novel's premise is that a Polish shtetl somehow remained isolated through the 20th century and escaped the Holocaust. From Hadassah Magazine, "Judging by *The Lost Shtetl*, his brilliant debut novel, author Max Gross is the metaphysical love child of Sholem Aleichem and J.K. Rowling." This book should be the basis of a great discussion.



On Tuesday, March 8, we will discuss Rachel Beanland's novel, *Florence Adler Swims Forever*. Another debut novel, the book was the 2020 National Jewish Book Award winner in the Debut Fiction category. Set in Atlantic City in 1934, it is a family saga based on a true story. The title refers to the daughter, Florence, just out of college and training to swim the English Channel. From the New York Times Book Review, "This is a book about the American dream. The dream is not without costs, and the dreamers are not immune to tragedy."

Plan to join us for both Temple Book Club events this year. We meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings for discussion, and our authors join us remotely at 7:30 p.m.. Both books are available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).



SHARE HIGH HOLY DAYS IN PERSON OR ONLINE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Rabbi Meir Bargerone is working with our Board, prayer leaders, Ritual Committee, and staff to prepare a meaningful and memorable High Holy Days experience for all of our congregants. Please see page 10 for the High Holy Days schedule and pages 9-10 for more information.

As we continue again this year to embrace the opportunity to experience the holidays in new and significant ways with a hybrid format, we have much to be thankful for as a congregation and community.

Two favorite Achduth Vesholom traditions return this year: The Rosh Hashanah Reception and the Break-the-Fast hosted by the ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out). More complete details of holiday services and activities will be sent to members as the holidays approach. Links for worship services and online prayer books will be sent to members. **Look for more news on pages 9-10.**

YOUTH NEWS

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION COMING SOON

We're looking forward to beginning a new year of Religious School in September! Enrollment will begin soon for students in pre-Kindergarten (age 4+ by September 1) through high school. Families must be members of the congregation to enroll children.

Enrollment materials and more information will be available in the coming weeks on the Temple website. Please contact Religious School Committee Chair Leise Rosman at leise.rosman@gmail.com with any questions.



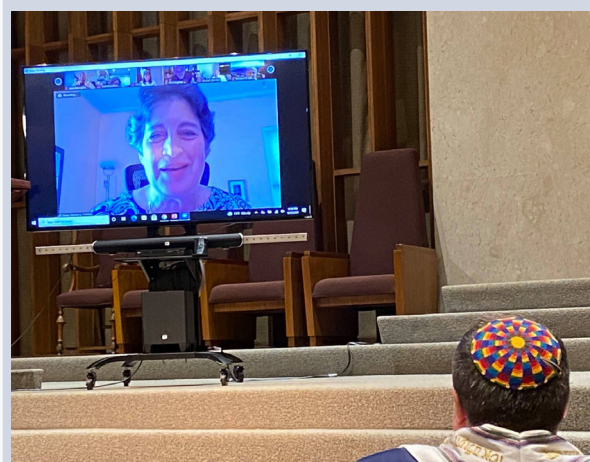
We celebrated the joy of Jewish camp on June 11 during our Shabbat service, with Rabbi Meir offering a blessing for children preparing for summer adventures. Campership Committee Chair Brian Rosman shared some of his experiences as a camper and why they are so meaningful. We're excited for our Temple kids who attended great programs, like Goldman Union Camp Institute in Zionsville (our regional Union for Reform Judaism camp) and Camp Joe Levine (the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne camp). Thanks to all who support the transformative experience of Jewish summer camp with donations to the Temple's campership funds!



Rabbi Meir shares a Shabbat celebration in July with children at the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Camp Joe Levine at Fox Island.

HELP US STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT

Please let the Temple office know your college student's email address so that we may stay in touch by sending the monthly Bulletin and other communications. We'll also be glad to send the weekly email, which also provides links for online services and opportunities.



RABBI MEIR'S CONSECRATION WEEKEND- We formally welcomed Rabbi Meir Barger as our spiritual leader on June 25-27 during a weekend of Consecration services and learning sessions by guest clergy. Rabbi Meir's husband, Jon Tam, offered the candle blessing with out-of-town family. Rabbi Dr. Dvora Weisberg, Rabbinical School Director at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, gave the D'var Torah on Friday evening. Blessings were shared by Rabbi Michael Adam Latz, Lead Rabbi of Shir Tikvah Congregation in Minneapolis, and Rabbi Paul Kipnes, Senior Rabbi of Congregation Or Ami in Calabasas, CA. The Torah was passed from leaders of our congregation to youth to Rabbi Meir. The beautiful music included Bob Nance, the Hazemir Choir, and guest musician Wendy Goldberg. Thank you to the Consecration Weekend Committee, Temple staff, volunteers, and the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for a wonderful weekend.

ANNUAL MEETING GOES HYBRID DURING ANOTHER YEAR OF TRANSITION



As we continued to adapt during the pandemic, members of Indiana's oldest Jewish congregation held a hybrid Annual Meeting on June 9, with congregants choosing in almost equal numbers to participate in person or join virtually.

More than 30 members attended the 173rd annual business meeting at the Temple, with a large screen set up in the Sanctuary so that they could see fellow congregants who joined the hour-long meeting on Zoom.

To comply with COVID safety guidelines in the building, those seated in the audience wore masks and observed distancing guidelines, while those on the bimah were permitted to remove masks if vaccinated. All voting was conducted in advance by absentee ballot.

President Ellen Tom reviewed highlights of her four years in office. She credited the great teamwork from volunteers and staff for the many things accomplished. These included:

- An Operational Study spearheaded by Irv Adler at the start of 2017 that identified ways to streamline processes and allow the Board to focus more on strategic initiatives and long-term planning. Some duties were incorporated into staff responsibilities rather than board tasks.
- Congregation Achduth Vesholom and Congregation B'nai Jacob came together in July 2019 after members both approved a partnership.
- Collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne on projects, such as the Shabbat Prayer Vigil for the community following the tragedy at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, the Violins of Hope Shabbat service, and special holiday items for members of the Jewish community during the pandemic.
- The efforts of the Rabbinic Search Committee for recommending that the board hire Interim Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig to serve for a year beginning in July 2019 and Rabbi Meir Barger to

become our 24th spiritual leader in July 2020.

- Members supported the youth group's Purim Carnival, ROMEO-hosted events, the Interfaith Thanksgiving and L'dor Vador services, and Mitzvah Day.
- Congregants gave generously to Thoughtful Thursdays and Wellspring Interfaith Social Services.
- We watched the transformation of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center, improved security of the building, and renovated outdoor and indoor spaces, such as the Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel.

Ellen also reported that our Religious School had a great year under the direction of Principal Pamela Friedman, Rabbi Meir, and our teachers Bruce Colegrove, Dave Flapan, Ron Friedman, Rachel Gordon, Micah Soltz, and Librarian Betsy Gephart.

Despite the challenges of COVID and a year of online learning, Pam and the staff coordinated online classes, introduced a new curriculum, and engaged students creatively via Zoom. Ellen thanked Pam for her impact on our school and contributions as principal as she steps away from the position, acknowledging the saying that the influence of a good teacher can never be erased.

Ellen thanked Rabbi Meir for choosing "our Temple community to be home for you, Jon, and Charlie" (their dog). "While this may be your first pulpit, you lead as if you have been doing so for years," she said, thanking him for the honor of sharing in the beginning of his journey as our spiritual leader.

In reflecting on her time as president, Ellen said she was asked by a friend what meant the most to her.

"I have been given the gift of friendships and mentors. The opportunity to be needed and to help those in need. I was given a platform to have a voice which I did not take lightly. I had the privilege of watching children grow and be part of their life cycle events," Ellen said. "It has truly been my pleasure and an honor to serve as CAV President."

COVID-19 and Building Closure

As we slowly have started to reopen the building in the past few months, Ellen said the leadership has made decisions with the same intentional and thoughtful considerations that we used when it was closed on March 13, 2020.

She thanked all who supported the congregation during the pandemic, as well as the Temple Board, Rabbi Meir, the COVID Task Force, and staff, for tirelessly designing ways to continue engaging and supporting our congregational families.

Plans continue to evolve as the situation changes.

Rabbi's Report

During his first Annual Meeting since becoming our spiritual leader, Rabbi Meir reflected on what he called "a remarkable year by any standard." While no one expected that he'd start at Achduth Vesholom during a pandemic when we couldn't meet face to face, he said we took full advantage of Zoom.

During his first two months, Rabbi Meir said he met with 51 members from 35 households, asking two questions: "What do you love about Congregation Achduth Vesholom or the Fort Wayne Jewish Community?" and "What do you hope for at the Temple or in the Fort Wayne Jewish Community?"

In sharing some of the responses, Rabbi Meir said the answers sounded like the community that he's grown to love.

"We are a small warm, inclusive, historical, engaged congregation," he said. "And, we are working to continue to be one congregation with two traditions, and having more people who want to be a part of our congregational life at the Temple would be a good thing."

Rabbi Meir said he's grateful to start his first year with such generosity of people's time and feedback. He said he is most proud of the following things that we have achieved together:

- We continued Friday and Saturday Shabbat worship every week on Zoom. We took the opportunity to enjoy the intimacy that coming together from our homes offered us.

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Temple Presidents Club



- We held a year of Religious School entirely on Zoom.
- We had beautiful meaningful High Holy Days services in two traditions, done entirely remotely, with a huge amount of congregant participation.
- We are continuing to come together as one community in two traditions. We moved from a period of vision, before we came together B'yachad, to a year of doing. We are learning as we go.
- We had really nice online holiday engagement opportunities at Hanukkah and Passover.
- We began to offer three regular Judaica learning opportunities each week, and each of them has their unique following.

Rabbi Meir also thanked the members for inviting him and Jon to the community and for helping them get settled in Fort Wayne. He also thanked members of the leadership, Religious School, Ritual Committee, Rabbinic Search Committee, and the Temple staff.

Partnership and Transition Update

Mark Schneider, President of the Congregation B'nai Jacob Transitional Board, was unable to attend the Annual Meeting. The Transitional Board oversees integration and finances, serving as the legal entity while business matters are completed. He provided the following report, presented by Ellen Tom, regarding progress on the business:

"The Congregation B'nai Jacob Transitional Board is pleased to announce it is taking the final steps towards becoming one community with two traditions and has begun the process of dissolution. A plan is currently being finalized for the disbursement of assets. Thank you so much to all those who have had a hand in building this partnership. It has been an emotional journey but one for which I believe we are stronger."

Finances

Despite a projected deficit of \$29,743 for the past fiscal year, Vice President Finance Scott Goldberg said the Temple's year-end balance sheet is expected to show a substantial surplus of more than \$50,000. Scott said the positive outcome stems from generous donations and reduced expenses due to the building being closed during the pandemic.

For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the membership approved the budget with a deficit of about \$15,000. Scott is hopeful for another good year, but said the Temple faces many challenges. Variables include income from dues, investments, and fundraising. We continue to rely heavily on the Temple's Endowment, which grew to \$3.48 million at the end of April, drawing 5 percent annually based on a three-year rolling average.

New Board Elected for 2021-2022

Board Development Chair Beth Zweig announced the candidates who were elected for the new fiscal year beginning July 1:

Officers: Ronnie Greenberg was elected to a two-year term as president, ending in June 2023. Elected to one-year terms: VP Programs Kathy Sider, VP Finance John Stein, and Secretary Amy Krouse. Ellen Tom concluded a fourth year as president and will serve a one-year term as Immediate Past President.

Trustees: Elected to a two-year term ending in June 2023 were Larry Adelman, Leise Rosman, Mike Rush, Micah Soltz

Trustees Not Up For Re-Election: Rachel Gordon, Brian Rosman, Mark Schneider*, Josh Tourkow, Jay Zemmoll, and Beth Zweig are each completing a two-year term ending in June 2022.

*As chair of the Congregation B'nai Jacob Transitional Board, Mark Schneider concurrently serves on the Temple board until the transition is legally completed.

Installation of New Board Members

New members of the board were installed by Rabbi Meir during a ceremony that included passing the Torah from Outgoing President Ellen Tom to Incoming President Ronnie Greenberg.

Outgoing Officers and Trustees

We thanked officers and trustees for their service: Vice President Finance Scott Goldberg, Secretary Bobbie Golani, and Trustees Pamela Friedman, Denny Reynolds

and Wendi Wallet. In appreciation, a bookplate was added to our High Holy Days prayer books honoring each.

Vice President Programs Kathy Sider presented a gift from the congregation to President Ellen Tom for her service over the past four years.

L'dor Vador Legacy Society Recognized

Planned Giving Committee Chair Beth Zweig said that since the L'dor Vador Legacy Society began in 2012, the congregation has received nearly \$175,000 in planned gifts. The society was established to raise awareness about the importance of supporting the long-term financial needs of the congregation through estate planning or larger gifts during an individual's lifetime.

During the past year, the Temple received donations of \$2,500 from the estate of Betty Stein (to the Max & Gerda Schmitz Holocaust Education Fund) and \$50,000 from Leona Zweig Rosenberg (to the Endowment Fund).

The Temple board recently established plans to recognize individuals after a planned gift is received by adding their names to the simcha quilt in the Social Hall. Quilted stars will be added for Dorothy Gitlin, Leonard Goldstein, Danny & Bill Latz, Bill Lesser, Leona Zweig Rosenberg, and Betty Stein, all z"l, who generously left a legacy gift.

Forty-four members and friends of Achduth Vesholom are part of our legacy society after formally indicating that they've made arrangements for a planned gift. This includes two new legacy society members this past year who wish to remain anonymous.

Beth said legacy gifts provide a very important safety net for our congregation. A legacy gift is a way to make a lasting impact in a way that may not be possible in your current budget. It also doesn't need to impact your lifestyle -- and your plans can be modified if your circumstances change. If you have not yet designated a planned gift for the Temple, please consider doing so. Please contact Beth for more information.





During our Hot Topics Shabbat on June 11, our guest was Michelle Chambers, at-large member of the Fort Wayne City Council and co-chair of the city's Commission on Police Reform and Racial Justice. Rena Black, chair of the Temple's Social Action Committee, served as moderator. Thank you to Rena and her committee for hosting the program and thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

KATHY SIDER RECEIVES BROSLER VOLUNTEER AWARD



On any given day for the past 17 years, Kathy Sider can be found helping with a project at the Temple. A long-time Board member who currently serves as Vice President Programs, Kathy often prefers to assist behind the scenes with little fanfare.

When Kathy chaired Mitzvah Day in 2006, a record turnout of nearly 150 people pitched in to assist nine agencies with everything from yard work and blood donations to baking cookies and making hospitality baskets for a shelter assisting homeless women and children.

And when Kathy organized our first two Souper Bowl Shabbat dinners, members enjoyed a friendly culinary competition and sampling bowls of homemade soup, while also supporting the Caring Committee's efforts by packaging remaining soup to assist others.

The values that drive her ongoing commitment to the congregation and community are ones that her daughters, Rachel and Jaclyn, say she has instilled in them.

"Congregation Achduth Vesholom has given as much to our mom as she has given to it over the years," they said in comments that Ellen shared in her presentation.

"Our mom taught us early on that social progress can be achieved when people build and sustain spiritual communities around shared values. Her involvement and commitment to the Temple is one way of building such a community. We are thrilled that others recognize this in her."

Not only were Todd and Jaclyn able to share in the special evening at the Temple with Kathy, but the hybrid format of the Annual Meeting enabled Rachel to attend via Zoom from Oxford, England, where she is in graduate school – and where it was midnight!

Mazel tov and thank you, Kathy!

Whether she's chairing a Scholar-in-Residence program, updating the congregational policies and procedures manual, or writing questions for our recent Jewish Trivia Night, Kathy can be counted on to do her homework and follow through with excellence. She is known for her creative ideas and practical insights.

Her husband, Todd, describes her as "the most detail-oriented, most organized person, but, most importantly, she is the most caring and thoughtful person you will ever know." President Ellen Tom notes that "Kathy doesn't do anything half-way -- and our congregation is the better for it."

Kathy was honored for her dedication to the Temple with the William Brosler Award for Outstanding Volunteerism on June 9 at our 173rd Annual Meeting. The award recognizes members whose involvement in and commitment to the Temple goes above and beyond that of other volunteers.

"I am humbled and honored to be chosen for the Brosler Award," Kathy said. "The Temple community is very meaningful to me and I look forward to continuing to volunteer moving forward."

The award is intended to honor a lifetime of service to the congregation. Her name will be added to the plaque near the entrance to the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

Kathy's involvement at Achduth Vesholom began in 2004 when she and her family moved to Fort Wayne from Florida. Her roles include having chaired the grand opening celebration of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center and the Board Development Committee. She's served on a Rabbinical Search Committee and, prior to her current officer position, also served two different times as Secretary.



JOIN US FOR BREAK THE FAST

The **ROMEOs** (Retired Old Men Eating Out) are preparing a delicious break-the-fast meal for the congregation following both Reform and traditional Yom Kippur services on Thursday, September 16. Everyone is invited for Tuna salad, egg salad, bagel, lox, herring in wine sauce, herring in sour cream, kugels, fresh fruit and other delicacies.

Reservations are required to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Thursday, September 9 so that we can prepare enough food and seating. Thanks to the generosity of the **ROMEOs**, there is no charge. However, cash donations gladly will be accepted to help offset the costs.

Volunteers are needed help with set ups and other tasks. Please contact the Temple office to offer your assistance. If you would like to sponsor the sweet wine for Kiddush, please let us know.



REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES

If you wish to have a loved one's name included during memorial services on Yom Kippur, please provide information to the Temple office by Tuesday, September 9. Call us at (260) 744-4245 or email at office@templecav.org. Join us for memorial services on Monday, September 16.

HELP PURCHASE APPLES FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS FAMILIES



Help supply a bag of apples for each of the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple through the 11th annual Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project. This year Head Start is planning for the normal enrollment of 72 students!

Many of the children rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. We provide them with delicious Honeycrisp apples purchased from a local orchard. This mitzvah is a wonderful way to prepare for the High Holy Days season!

A tree will be on display at the Temple decorated with paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$10 or more for the apple project by Tuesday, September 21. [Donate online](http://www.templecav.org) at www.templecav.org. Indicate the amount of your donation,

designate "Project Assist/Thoughtful Thursdays" and indicate the name you would like to appear on the apple for the tree. You also can mail a check payable to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project.

Pictures of the tree will be posted on the Temple's [face book page](#) as it 'grows.'

Thoughtful Thursdays will begin its 12th year this fall! Plan to join the Jewish community's teams as we continue to help the Brightpoint Head Start families in need. Contact Sally Trotter (sartrotter@gmail.com) or Bonnie Pomerantz (bonniepom@gmail.com) to learn more.



ELUL OFFERS INTROSPECTION BEFORE NEW YEAR

The month of Elul begins at sundown on Saturday, August 7, marking the final weeks of the year and the beginning of the period leading to the High Holy Days.

During this time of introspection, we traditionally take "an accounting of the soul," *cheshbon hanefesh* in Hebrew, looking deeply inside ourselves to evaluate our actions and seeking personal insights for the New Year ahead.

Several customs during Elul are designed to remind us of the liturgical season and help us prepare for the holidays. [Find five things to know about Elul](#) from www.ReformJudaism.org, including hearing the sound of the shofar, visiting the graves of loved ones, and reading [Psalm 27](#).

Learn about [The Shofar Project](#), a free online program from August 8 to September 6 through the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. Receive Jewish teachings and daily practices including Torah study, Jewish mindfulness meditation, and Jewish yoga, to address the longing within our hearts to lead lives of sacred purpose, in right relationship with the land and each other.



SWEETS, TREATS, AND MORE NEEDED



Please volunteer to help and to bake for the Rosh Hashanah Reception when we all come together as a congregation following services on Monday, September 6. Baked goods are needed at the Temple no later than Friday, September 3. Items may be put in the freezer, but please mark them for the reception including your name.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up. Please contact the Temple office to offer your assistance at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.

Thank you to Co-Chairs Bobbie Golani and Deb Vilensky.

HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE 2021

Please join us in person or via livestream for worship services during the High Holy Days season. Additional information, including COVID safety protocols, will be available at www.templecav.org.

Selichot Service & Memorial Plaque Dedication – Saturday, August 28

8:30 p.m. Begin the holiday season together with Havdalah and meditative prayer and readings as we change the Torah covers to white. We'll also dedicate yearzeit plaques added in the past year.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services – Monday, September 6

7:30 p.m. Reform service
8 p.m. Traditional service
Rosh Hashanah Reception follows

Rosh Hashanah Services – Tuesday, September 7

Traditional services
8:30 a.m. - Shacharit
10 a.m. Torah service and D'var
11 a.m. Musaf
10 a.m. Reform Service
Noon – All-Congregation Tashlich

Rosh Hashanah Service – 2nd Day – Wednesday, September 8

Traditional services
8:30 a.m. - Shacharit
10 a.m. Torah service and D'var
11 a.m. Musaf

Cemetery Services – Sunday, September 12

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

Erev Yom Kippur Services – Wednesday, September 15

Traditional Service – Mincha at 7 p.m. Kol Nidre at 7:30 p.m.
Reform Service – 8 p.m.



Yom Kippur – Thursday, September 16

Traditional Services
8:30 a.m. Shacharit
10 a.m. Torah, Haftarah, D'var, Yizkor
11:30 a.m. Musaf
6:30 p.m. Mincha
7:30 p.m. Neilah
8:30 p.m. Havdalah
Break-the-Fast follows
Reform Services
10 a.m. Morning Service
3 p.m. – Afternoon Service
4 p.m. – Yizkor Memorial Service
5 p.m. – Neilah (Concluding) Service
Break-the-Fast follows

Sukkah Decorating – Sunday, September 19

Erev Sukkot Service – Monday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m., followed by Kiddush and Nosh in the Sukkah

Shabbat Sukkot Services

Friday, September 24 at 6 p.m.
Saturday, September 25 at 9:45 a.m.

Erev Simchat Torah Service & Congregational Meal –

Tuesday, September 28 – Dinner at 6 p.m. and service at 7 p.m.
(Look for RSVP information for dinner in upcoming communications.)

RABBI ILAN GLAZER TO LEAD TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY SERVICES



Rabbi Ilan Glazer will lead traditional worship services at Congregation Achduth Vesholom during the High Holy Days 5782 as our guest clergy.

He previously served as a pulpit rabbi at Temple Beth-El in North Bergen, NJ, and Beth Shalom Synagogue in Memphis, TN, both Conservative congregations.

Rabbi Ilan is passionate about ending the stigma of addiction in the Jewish world and helping Jews in recovery and their loved ones. Founder of Our Jewish Recovery, he also is the author of the award-winning *And God Created Recovery: Jewish Wisdom to Help You Break Free From Your Addiction, Heal Your Wounds, and Unleash Your Inner Freedom*.

Rabbi Ilan was ordained as a Rabbi and Mashpia (Spiritual Director) by ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal, as a Maggid (Inspirational Speaker and Storyteller) by Yitzhak Buxbaum, and also studied at City College of New York, the Jewish Theological Seminary, Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, the Nava Tehila Bet Midrash, and around the Jewish world.

Rabbi Ilan has worked with many Jewish environmental and social justice organizations. He is a freelance recovery, relationships, and transformation coach, a spiritual counselor, and an accomplished storyteller and musician.

He lives in Baltimore, Maryland with his wife, Sherri, and their cats, Peretz Dov and Annie Lev. Rabbi Ilan has been leading High Holiday services every year since 1998 and looks forward to joining the Achduth Vesholom community this year.

SUPPORT THE TEMPLE WITH HIGH HOLY DAYS DONATION

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

As our holiday observances return to more normalcy with a hybrid format, the Temple continues to need your help. Technology needs continue as we try to make services accessible to as many as possible. Our corned beef sale will return as our chief fundraiser, yet times remain uncertain.

Please consider being a "sponsor" of Achduth Vesholom's High Holy Days 5782 with a gift to support our general operations.

Sponsors who donate \$54 or more will be recognized in our holiday announcements. To be included in the Rosh Hashanah listing, donations must be received by Tuesday, August 31.

Donations offered in any amount will be greatly appreciated.

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

We have several ways to give:

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

Please specify if your donation is in honor or memory of a loved one or occasion.

Thank you!



VISITORS WELCOME FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS



Do you know someone who is new to Fort Wayne? Will you have family or friends visiting for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur? Please ask them to join us!

Our High Holy Days services are open to all. This year we are offering services both in person and via livestream. We look forward to welcoming everyone and kindly request that all attendees at the Temple to review our [COVID safety protocols](#). To receive information on how to access virtually, please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.

We're especially eager to welcome those who are new to our Jewish community to explain the benefits of membership at Achduth Vesholom. Please call us to let us know so we can reach out to newcomers.

Traveling to another URJ congregation that requires tickets? Contact the Temple office as soon as possible if you need a letter verifying that you're a member in good standing of Achduth Vesholom in order to obtain tickets at another Reform congregation.

We welcome donations to the Temple to support our holiday and year-round efforts. Donations may be made [online](#), or by mailing a check to the Temple (to "CAV – The Temple") at 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

SUPPORT HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE



On Rosh Hashanah, please pick up paper shopping bags at the Temple. Fill them with non-perishable food items for the food bank at [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#) and return on Yom Kippur. Please consider bringing in at least one bag of food for each member of your family.

HELP THE HUNGRY with a donation to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. Find out more at www.mazon.org. Contribution envelopes are available at the Temple.

BEGIN SACRED SEASON WITH SELICHOT

For centuries, Jews have gathered in synagogues on Saturday evening near Rosh Hashanah to prepare for the sacred season of self-scrutiny and renewal on Selichot. The word comes from the Hebrew for "forgiveness" and "pardon."

Continue the tradition with us on Saturday, August 28 at 8:30 p.m. at the Temple or via Zoom. Please join us for Havdalah, help change the Torah covers to white for the New Year, and begin the holiday season with meditative prayer and readings, led by Rabbi Meir. We also will dedicate *yahrzeit* plaques added in the past year.



CEMETERY SERVICES PLANNED

Memorial services will be held Sunday, September 12 at 1 p.m. at [Lindenwood Cemetery](#) and 2:30 p.m. at [Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery](#). Join Rabbi Meir for the traditional *El Maleh Rachmim* and Kaddish prayers, along with the appropriate psalms, poetry and prayers.

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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 or (260) 744-4245 for access information. Please see page 2 for specific dates.

Study the Five Books of Moses with Rabbi Kornspan

Read and study the Torah 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 Dr. John Planer on Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

Torah Study With Rabbi Meir Barger

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.



MAZEL TOV TO:



Carol Adelman on receiving the Goldie DuBow Award from the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne in June at their Annual Meeting. The award honors Federation members who, through word and deed, have contributed to improving the quality of Jewish life within the Greater Fort Wayne Jewish community.

Janet Katz on being honored by the Rotary Club of Fort Wayne in July with a Paul Harris Fellow recognition for her years of volunteer service as Founding Director of the Northeast Indiana Local Food Network working to strengthen the local food economy across our region. Janet became our first Temple Administrator when the position was created in 2002.



We celebrated Pride Shabbat on July 23 in conjunction with Fort Wayne Pride. The beautiful and meaningful service included remarks by Temple members Harriet Miller & Monica Wehrle, as well as prayers and readings inspired by the LGBTQ experience. [Watch the service](#)



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS FOR JEWISH FEDERATION

This year marks the centenary of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne (1921-2021). This significant milestone offers the opportunity for Fort Wayne's Jewish community to reflect on its past and dream about its future.

The Federation's commemoration and celebration involves several interesting projects and programs; all of which will culminate on the Centennial Celebration scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2021.

The most significant investment in the commemoration is the Federation's production of a three-part documentary (30 minutes/part) **100 YEARS: LOOKING BACK & MOVING FORWARD – Exploring The History of Fort Wayne's Jewish Community (1921-2021)**.

Please forward ASAP any information/materials or reach out to the documentary's production team should you have any comments/memories/details you would like to share, documentary@fwjf.org

For the 100 days leading up to the Centennial Celebration (November 13, 2021) the Federation is honoring its centenary with the dissemination of a daily newsletter **CELEBRATE: 100 DAYS**, August 4, 2021 – November 13, 2021.

Please send your photos (with detailed caption information), stories, recollections and recipes to be included in the daily newsletter to celebrate100@fwjf.org



THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE • THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

HOOSIER JEWISH LEGENDS INDUCTION INCLUDES TWO TEMPLE MEMBERS

Temple members Larry Adelman and Ben Eisbart will be among the six individuals inducted by the Indiana Jewish Historical Society into the Hoosier Jewish Legends Hall of Fame during a ceremony on Sunday, August 22 at 1 p.m. on Zoom.

Also being inducted this year are Sandra & Robert Borns of Indianapolis, Marcia Goldstein of Westfield, and Sid Tuchman (z"l). This is the sixth year for the ceremony honoring those who have made significant and lasting impacts on Indiana Jewish communities around the state.



The Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis is co-sponsoring the event. Invitations with instructions for the Zoom link were sent to IJHS members. Please email Gale at galedirect@aol.com with questions or access information.

Temple members who previously were recognized as Hoosier Jewish Legends include Leonard Goldstein (z"l), Joe Levine (z"l), Betty Stein (z"l), and John Planer. [Find out more about past legends.](#) Mazel tov to Larry and Ben!

JEWISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAMS

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society will host four free public presentations by nationally-known speakers, along with additional programs specifically for NEIJGS members.

The season will open with a "Meet Your Mishpocha" open house on Sunday, October 17. As part of October's Family History Month celebrations, the event will include advice on researching and preserving family history, highlights of the NEIJGS Fort Wayne Jewish Families Project, and more. Representatives from the Indiana Jewish Historical Society and the Temple's Oral History Video project should be on hand. This event will take place in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. Stay tuned for more details.



On Sunday, November 14, JewishGen's Nolan Altman and Jeannie Regan-Dinius of the Indiana DNR will present a virtual program, "Jewish Cemeteries – Indiana and Beyond." Their talks will feature a report on Indiana's Jewish cemeteries and information about deciphering headstones and their meaning.

Genealogist Warren Blatt will speak on Sunday, February 13, 2022, about Jewish names. His two programs, "Jewish Given Names" and "Jewish Surnames" will focus on the origins and histories of names, how they changed, and how they can be helpful in genealogical research. This and the following lectures will take place in person at the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center.

On Sunday, April 3, 2022, Ed Mitukiewicz will present, "Location, Location, Location: How Genealogical Research Can Benefit from Historical Maps." Identifying the places where our ancestors used to live can be a critical step in finding sources of genealogical information but locating those places can be quite a challenging task, particularly in Eastern Europe.

Finally, Todd Knowles, from FamilySearch, will speak on Sunday, May 1, 2022, about "Making the Most of FamilySearch for Jewish Research." Todd is an Accredited Genealogist who specializes in English and Jewish research. His quest to find more about his G-G-Grandfather, a Polish Jew, has led to the creation of the Knowles Collection, six databases that contain the records of the Jewish people.

NEIJGS members will have opportunities to interact with our featured speakers throughout the year. Other member programs include lunches with ACPL Genealogy Center staff and an annual workshop. For more information about the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society and its programs, visit their website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org.

DONATIONS

Adelman Facility Improvement Fund

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In memory of Lisa Deitch and Joel Deitch: *Carol & Larry Adelman*

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GROCERY SHOP AND SUPPORT THE TEMPLE

Did you know that you can support CAV just by shopping at Kroger? It's easy when you enroll in [Kroger Community Rewards](#) and, once enrolled, you'll earn rewards for The Temple every time you shop and use your Plus Card. Thank you for the support!



AUGUST YAHRZEITS

August 6-7

Dennis Berquist
Melvin Binderman
Marcus Block
Bernard Blumenthal
Mary Bronstein
Louis Hansen "Joe" Carter
Barbara Congress
Ethel Eisbart
Virginia Calisch Fairman
Sam Fried
Esther Gabe
Iris Sands Gilbert
Jack Golden
Betty Heller
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Robert O'Neill
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Isaac Roseman
Dorothy Rothberg
Joseph S. Rothschild
Molly Sandel
Joseph Schmitz
Benedict Schulman

Sylvia Sommer
Ruth Strauss
Bea Turin
Adeline F. Wetzstein
Eric Wolfe

August 13-14

Solomon Ackerman
Mollie Bronstein
Frieda Erman
Clara Riddner Field
Albert Fishbein
Meyer Goldfarb
Amelia (Mollie) Hutner
Arnold Katinsky
Esther King
Sara Konkel
Samuel Kraus
Mildred Kurtz
Maxine Landy
Gilbert Landy
Claude K. Lee
Michael Hunter Leib
Susan Schiller Leibow
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Lillian Meyers
Thea Nordtvedt
Anna Pallas
Nelson W. Pollak
Ruth L. Rothschild
Corrine Ruben
Esther Schmitz
Arthur A. Simon
Betty Stein
Hanya Rose Walter
Harold Wolf
Alex Young

August 20-21

Abe Ackerman
Rosie Adams
Sophie Bialick
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Peggy Perrine Fredrick Conover
June Deitch
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Molly Fox
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August 27-28

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Inez Zacharia

CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE AT LINDENWOOD

Temple members in good standing are eligible to purchase plots in the congregation's Y and YY section at Lindenwood Cemetery. Please contact the Temple office for information. Each plot is \$2,200.



HELP US KEEP OUR MI SHEBEIRACH LIST CURRENT

Our *Mi Shebeirach* list helps us come together as a congregation and community to think of those among us who need healing, care, and compassion. We encourage you to add your loved one's name to our list by calling the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or emailing us at office@TempleCAV.org so that those we hold dear will be called to mind during our Shabbat services.

Names will remain on the list for four weeks. For those who wish to have a family member or friend's name listed for longer, please contact us to make another request. Thank you for helping us keep our list current.

YAHRZEIT PLAQUES TO BE DEDICATED

Yahrzeit nameplates added during the past year will be dedicated during our Selichot service on Saturday, August 28 at 8:30 p.m.

WE CARE

Please let the Temple office or Rabbi Meir know if a family member is in the hospital or if other situations arise when the congregation may be of assistance or comfort. We aren't always aware of situations unless family or friends notify us.



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The deadline for the September Bulletin is Monday, August 16.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER RONNIE GREENBERG

The past year 2020-2021 certainly challenged us, both as individuals and as a congregation. The pandemic made it difficult to meet in person to worship, celebrate our holidays, educate our children, and conduct our business. The silver lining is that we persevered and, hopefully, emerged stronger due in large part to the leadership of our Board of Directors, led by Immediate Past President Ellen Tom, and of our Rabbi, Meir Barger. Thank you to them and to all who served and are still serving on the board, and welcome to new board members.



Moving forward, we will need to balance our desire to be together with the mitzvah of preserving health and being responsive to the needs of all our congregants. I'm confident our board is up to the challenge.

As many of you know, this is not my first time to have the honor of being President of Achduth Vesholom. If you consult the Temple directory, you will see my name, nine administrations ago in 1998-2000, slotted between Linda Kaplan and Larry Adelman. The job of president at that time included the usual tasks with a few interesting additions. For example, there was no Temple Executive Director, and when the security alarm went off at 2:00 a.m., the security company called me to meet the police at the building, even though I lived a half an hour away!

Things have improved over the years. We are fortunate to have Rabbi Meir as our spiritual leader and will continue to benefit greatly from his enthusiasm and creativity. We have a very dedicated and multi-talented Executive Director in Samara Sheray. Our Administrative Assistant Marie McFadden, Controller Jamie Fritz, and Facilities Manager Clint Rossiter are not only very good at their jobs, but also very committed to the Temple, its well-being, and its smooth operation. I'm not sure who gets called at 2:00 a.m. now, but I'm rather sure it won't be me!

Without the day-to-day challenges of Temple operations, the officers and board are free to consider larger issues, which, after all, is the function of a Board of Directors. There is still COVID to sort out, security issues to review and refine, building issues including completing the museum displays and relocating Yahrzeit plaques, policies and bylaws to review and revise, programming to plan and execute, a Religious School to operate – it will be a busy year. I am looking forward to it!

I hope that you are excited by the possibilities also and are interested in helping by volunteering to work on a committee or event. You can contact me at president@TempleCAV.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

NEW TALMUD SET AVAILABLE IN THE TEMPLE LIBRARY



Thanks in part to Rabbi Meir, the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#) now has a new complete set of Talmud! The Noe Edition *Koren Talmud Bavli* is a groundbreaking 42-volume edition of the Babylonian Talmud that combines an innovative design with the incomparable scholarship of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz.

This edition presents an enhanced Vilna page (the traditional Talmud layout), a side-by-side English translation, photographs and illustrations, a brilliant commentary, and a multitude of learning aids to help the beginning and advanced students alike actively participate in the dynamic process of Talmud

study. As a reference resource, these volumes will not circulate, but they will be available for study in the library by the end of this month.

In other library news, the resources from B'nai Jacob have now been fully incorporated into the library's collection and are available for checkout. The library's [full catalog](#) is available online. Self-checkout is available at the library desk whenever the building is open.