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CORNEB BEEF SALE CELEBRATES 19TH YEAR

Savor delicious deli delights when our 19th annual Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser returns on Thursday, November 4. Salamis are back!

Order today! New: Drive-thru pick up of your meal.

Find out more about volunteering the sale on page 6 and the history of our sale on page 7.



TAKE CHARGE OF AGING: GETTING GOOD AT GETTING OLDER



The baby boomer generation transformed society in the 60s and 70s and changed the way the world saw young people. While this generation is no longer young, it is still revolutionary and is now confronting and challenging assumptions about aging by living longer, by being more active than their parents and grandparents, and by simply doing things differently as they age. In the process, boomers are changing the way the world sees older people.

Rabbi Laura Geller, co-author of *Getting Good at Getting Older* with Richard Siegel (z"l), joins us on Wednesday, November 10 at 7 p.m. via Zoom to teach us how we can take charge of our aging lives and bring humor, warmth, and more than 4,000 years of Jewish

experience to the question of how to shape this new stage of life.

Register for the class by Tuesday, November 2 to office@templecav.org to receive a free copy of *Getting Good at Getting Older*. This program is offered with the support of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation.

The Zoom link will be sent to our Temple family via the weekly email. Guests may contact the Temple office for access information.

EXPLORE VIEWS OF GRATITUDE IN JUDAISM

The practice of gratitude is rooted deeply in Jewish tradition. On this Thanksgiving week, join Rabbi Meir and members of the community on Tuesday, November 23 at 7 p.m. on Zoom to study Jewish texts on thankfulness and blessing.

Be part of our *Beit Midrash* (House of Study) as we expand our Jewish learning. Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Friday, November 19 to receive materials in advance.

The Zoom link will be sent to our Temple family via the weekly email. Guests may contact the Temple office for access information. See page 4 for more learning opportunities.



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UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Shabbat & Consecration Service	Shabbat Service
Friday, November 5 6 p.m. Honoring Bruce Colegrove Music: Robert Nance	Friday, November 19 6 p.m. Service Music: Norm and Ronnie Greenberg
Shabbat Service	Shabbat Service
Saturday, November 6 9:45 a.m.	Saturday, November 20 9:45 a.m.
Shabbat Service	No Shabbat Service
Friday, November 12 6 p.m. Music: Hazemir	Friday, November 26
	No Shabbat Service
	Saturday, November 27

Shabbat Service
Saturday, November 13
9:45 a.m.

Join us for worship in person, on Zoom, or [YouTube](#). Links are provided in our weekly email to members. Guests are welcome to attend. Please contact us at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org for access information.

WORSHIP TO BE HELD REGULARLY IN CHAPEL

We're excited to begin regularly using our beautiful [Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel](#)! A complete remodeling was finished just as the pandemic began in March 2020. We look

forward to the long-awaited dedication of the worship space on Friday, December 3 at 7 p.m. as part of our Shabbat and Hanukkah celebration. (See page 3)

The chapel's size is just right to accommodate our usual Shabbat attendance, both on Friday nights and Saturday mornings, while still allowing to social distance if necessary.

The space will provide a more intimate setting for worship. Saturday morning services moved to the chapel on October 15. Friday services will move to the chapel starting November 12, though worship will be held in the Sanctuary on evenings when family or musical programs are scheduled. Services will continue to be available on Zoom and [YouTube](#).

Masks are required. Children who are not vaccinated may attend with their parents, though we ask the family to social distance. There is adequate room to do so in the chapel given the usual number of attendees. [Please review the Temple's safety protocols.](#)



NOVEMBER EVENTS

Corned Beef Prep Night
Wednesday, November 3
6 to 9 p.m.

Corned Beef Fundraiser
Thursday, November 4
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Getting Good at Getting Older with Rabbi Laura Geller
Wednesday, November 10
7 p.m. on Zoom
RSVP by Tuesday, November 2 to receive a free copy of her book.

Jewish Cemeteries: Indiana and Beyond
Sunday, November 14
2 p.m. on Zoom
Sponsored by [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#)

Gratitude in Judaism
Tuesday, November 23
7 p.m. on Zoom
RSVP by Friday, November 19.

First Night of Hanukkah
Sunday, November 28

We continue to require masks in the building. Find the [Temple's COVID safety protocols](#) at www.templecav.org as we continue to monitor pandemic guidelines from government and medical officials.

JOIN US FOR CONSECRATION AND TO HONOR BRUCE COLEGROVE

Please join us for our Shabbat service on Friday, November 5 at 6 p.m. when we also celebrate Consecration with three of our youngest students. Rabbi Meir Bargerion will lead the service with Maestro Robert Nance when we mark the start of formal Jewish education for:

- **Cora Crell**, daughter of Kate & David Crell
- **Maddie Gordon**, daughter of Rachel & Geoff Gordon
- **Eleora Soltz**, daughter of Wendy & Micah Soltz



We also will recognize Bruce Colegrove for his years teaching Hebrew and tutoring b'nei mitzvah students in our Religious School.

To attend virtually, find the service on Zoom or [YouTube](#). Find information on [prayer books for online worship](#).

Please wear a mask when in the building. [Please review our COVID Safety Protocols](#), which include guidelines for those who are not fully vaccinated, as well as a brit (covenantal document) that we kindly ask fully vaccinated members and guests to sign.

We warmly welcome guests. Please contact the Temple office for online access information at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.

Find out more at www.templecav.org

DECEMBER EVENTS

Hanukkah Dinner & Service
Dedication of Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel
Friday, December 3
6 p.m.
Dinner hosted by the ROMEOs
RSVP by Tuesday, November 30

ONGOING EVENTS

Lunch with the ROMEOs
Join the [Retired Old Men Eating Out](#) for lunch at noon:

Thursday, November 4
No lunch – Corned Beef Sale

Thursday, November 18
[Salsa Grille](#)
5735 Falls Drive

RSVP to Denny Reynolds at dennisreynolds@me.com

[Find the lunch schedule](#)

RABBI MEIR BARGERON

JUDAISM AS THE TIMES REQUIRE

Last month, I sat down with a group of congregants on Zoom to experience a “Taste of Talmud,” the great compendium of Jewish law and tradition that lays the foundation for post-Temple Judaism. The first text we looked at did not come from Talmud, but rather from an earlier rabbinic text:

“When the persecutions of [Roman Emperor] Hadrian were over, our Sages gathered... [And] they sent a message to the elders of the Galilee, saying, ‘Let whoever has learned come and teach, and whoever has not learned come and learn.’ They gathered together, learned and taught as did the times require.” (Song of Songs Rabbah 2:16)

This was about 70 years after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem wiped out the Jewish way of worship. With the sacrificial system obsolete, the Sages (also called the Rabbis) undertook an audacious enterprise aiming to do no less than remake Judaism into what we recognize as Jewish practice today.

The rabbinic texts of Mishnah, Midrash and Talmud lay the groundwork for our prayer book and the Jewish legal code known as *halacha*. But what really caught my attention in our Zoom discussion was the description of the Sages coming together to learn and teach “**as...the times require[d].**” In the aftermath of massive societal change, the rabbis were not concerned with preserving tradition for tradition’s sake. Instead, they wanted to study Torah and Jewish tradition in order to help Jews in the Land of Israel and the Diaspora build a new Judaism that could survive and thrive in a changed world.

The rabbinic imagination kept Torah at the center of Jewish life, while interpreting its texts to answer questions that were unthinkable in ancient times. *And it is a process that we undertake today.* The Jewish encounter with modernity resulted in the development of the Reform, Conservative, and Reconstructionist streams of Judaism. As the times have required, Jews have looked deeply into Torah and tradition and found answers.

Judaism has much to offer as we consider the concerns of today: the [COVID-19 pandemic](#), [the environment and climate change](#), [racial justice](#), and the [#MeToo](#) movement. Obviously, this is only a partial list of pressing issues of justice, ethics and human well-being that are of wide concern.

While the issues of concern may change with the times, the foundation of Torah and Jewish tradition does not. It is the process of understanding Judaism as the times require that has allowed a religion that may well have died out almost 2,000 years ago to be the center of our congregational life today.

In December, our [Beit Midrash](#) series continues with two sessions on how the modern Reform and Conservative movements have studied Jewish tradition to answer questions that are relevant to contemporary Jewish practice. Look for dates on page 4, with more details in next month’s Bulletin and in upcoming e-mails.

The process that the rabbis demonstrated so long ago now belongs to each of us. What will you do with it? I wish each of you behatzlacha, good luck, as you consider what the times require of you and your Judaism.

Rabbi Meir



SHARE FESTIVE EVENING OF LATKES, LIGHTS, AND DEDICATION OF THE CHAPEL

Celebrate the Festival of Lights with our Temple family amid the warm glow of dozens of *hanukkiyot* on Friday, December 3 at 6 p.m. Share in a special evening that includes a latke dinner hosted by the [ROMEOs](#), the dedication of the remodeled [Goldstine-B’nai Jacob Chapel](#), and a Hanukkah and Shabbat service, led by Rabbi Meir Bargeron.

Enjoy the spirit of community as we gather together at the Temple for the holiday after celebrating online last year with Hanukkah at Home each night. The service, which includes participation by our Religious School students, will be livestreamed at 7 p.m. on Zoom and [YouTube](#).

We’re especially pleased to formally dedicate the chapel, which was remodeled just before the Temple temporarily closed for the pandemic in March 2020. The beautiful worship space brings together the history of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and Congregation B’nai Jacob. The ark and several stained-glass pieces came from the former B’nai Jacob building (dedicated in 1993) and stained-glass windows from the former Achduth Vesholom building (dedicated in 1916) also are featured.



Happy Hanukkah!

*First candle is Sunday evening,
November 28*

The dinner menu includes latkes, applesauce, kosher hot dogs, veggie burgers, salad, and sufganiyot (jelly donuts). Please RSVP for dinner to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org by Tuesday, November 30. Please bring your hanukkiyah and candles to light.

The sixth night of Hanukkah sometimes is known as [Ner Shel Tzedakah](#), the candle of righteousness, when we focus on tikkun olam (repairing the world). A free-will offering will be collected at the dinner to help refugees from Afghanistan who will be resettled through [Catholic Charities](#), Diocese Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Masks are required. Please review the Temple’s [COVID safety protocols](#). The Zoom link will be sent in the weekly email to members. Guests are welcome. To access the livestream, please contact the Temple office.

Beit Midrash translates to "House of Study," and describes the institution of classical Jewish learning. Expand your Jewish knowledge by joining us in the coming year for lifelong learning classes that include a variety of Jewish study topics with Rabbi Meir Barger. Please join us in November:

Wednesday, November 10 at 7 p.m. on Zoom: Getting Good at Getting Older with Rabbi Laura Geller. See page 1

Tuesday, November 23 at 7 p.m. on Zoom: Gratitude in Judaism. See page 1

Coming in December:

Tuesday, December 7 at 7 p.m. on Zoom: Jewish Study Responsa Part 1

Tuesday, December 21 at 7 p.m. on Zoom: Jewish Study Responsa Part 2

Throughout the generations, Jewish communities have looked for rabbinic guidance, often from a long distance. These questions and answers, called "Responsa," are the means that Jewish communities use to apply tradition to real-life situations.

In these two sessions, we will read from and discuss a number of responsa from the Reform and Conservative movements and consider their implications on our Jewish lives. Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by the Tuesday prior to the class to receive materials.

Ongoing lifelong learning classes include:

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group led by John Planer on Mondays at 7 p.m.

The Five Books of Moses Study Group with Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan on Sundays at 7 p.m. Read and study the Torah with classic commentaries by Rashi, Rashbam, Seforno and many others. Temple members, as well as members of the larger Fort Wayne Jewish community, are invited to participate.

Links are provided in the weekly email to members of our Temple family. Guests may contact the office for access information.

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CHECK OUT OUR HEBREW RESOURCES IN THE LIBRARY

Whether you're brushing up on your Hebrew skills or just learning the alphabet, the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#) has a large collection of Hebrew resources that can help.

For young readers learning the Hebrew alphabet, we have several picture books in our collection to introduce the letters. *My Aleph-Beis Friends*, by Julie Orelowitz, is a board book for the youngest audience. Yael Rosenberg's *The Hebrew Alphabet: Book of Rhymes for English Speaking Kids*, presents the letters in a colorful way with basic Hebrew words and rhymes. *Alef to Tav*, by Yaffa Ganz, also focuses on the letters of the alphabet. Debra Band's *All the World Praises You: An Illuminated Aleph-Bet Book*, is a gorgeous combination of artwork and Hebrew in one spread per letter, that is probably best shared with a parent.

In addition to picture dictionaries, children interested in learning more words can check out a colorful series by Sarah Mazor which includes colors, animals and counting in Hebrew. And Ruth Goldeen's *Alef-Bet Yoga for Kids* is a unique way to review the letters, though some poses are more accurate than others.

Deborah Pessin's *The Aleph-Bet Story Book* is a classic title for lower and middle-grade readers. It includes a short story devoted to each letter, introducing Jewish folklore and more along the way. For those who have moved beyond the alphabet, we have a series of paperbacks featuring well-known Torah portions told with large Hebrew characters and simple English translations. Created by Alison Greengard and Carol Racklin-Siegel, these nine titles range from *In the Beginning* to *Let My People Go*!

Even more adventurous readers may be interested in Hebrew versions of some of their English favorites. Our collection includes Hebrew translations of Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree* and *Falling*

Up, and *Winnie the Pooh* by A.A. Milne. Our Young Adult collection includes a wonderful resource by Joseph Anderson, *Tall Tales Told & Retold in Biblical Hebrew*. Complete with a glossary and lists of frequently used words, this book presents sixteen well-known fairy tales and folk tales, including "Goldilocks" and "Jack and Beanstalk," in Biblical Hebrew with simple illustrations.

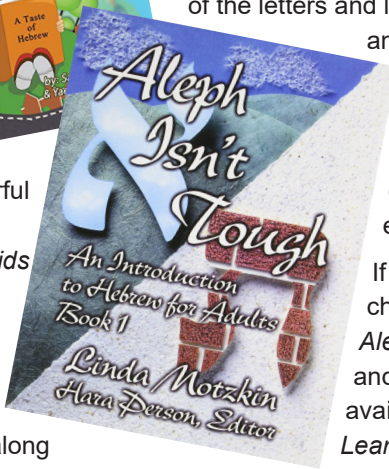
From Jill Jacobs' *Hebrew for Dummies* to Linda Motzkin's three-book series, we have several introductory Hebrew titles for adults in our library. A two-volume Hebrew course by Ora Band and primers by Ethelyn Simon are also options. More adventurous readers might be interested in *Spice of Torah – Gematria*, by G. Locks. This book delves into the study of Biblical Hebrew based on the numeric value of the letters and lists every word of the Pentateuch - in Hebrew and English – according to its gematria.

Our collection also includes numerous dictionaries and Hebrew references. For those fluent in Hebrew, we have a small "Hebrew collection" of modern Israeli fiction in Hebrew editions.

If you're learning Hebrew with young children, check out our videos, puzzles and games. *Alef-Beis Cards: A Match-Four "Go Fish" Game* and *Alef Bet Bingo* are just two of the games available to check out from our library. *Grover Learns Hebrew* is one of the "Shalom Sesame" available in our DVD collection.

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Check out our full catalog of Hebrew titles [here](#). We have several "one-sheets" on the Temple website with recommendations for Hebrew and other subjects. Self-checkout is available during Temple building hours, or titles can be reserved online through the library catalog and picked up in the Temple office. Contact Betsy Gephart at library@templecav.org with any questions.



KESHER UPDATE – MONTHLY VALUE IS GEVURAH (STRENGTH)



The first Shabbat of November is on *Rosh Chodesh*, as we start the Hebrew month of *Kislev*. Kids may remember *Kislev* as the month that brings us *Hanukkah*... and lots of other things that are great, too, surely... and, but, also, *Hanukkah*. Please make sure to add our Holiday Party on Sunday, December 5 to your family's calendar.

Kislev also brings us to the start a new monthly value theme for Religious School: *Gevurah*.

Gevurah is sometimes translated as "strength", "power," and "courage." We think of *gevurah* as doing real *teshuvah* or acting as a *B'tzelem Elohim* (a theme which our students learned about in October); that heroism can come at a cost - in social capital or reputation or in putting oneself at risk. *Gevurah* is not shown just at a point of conflict, but is an incremental behavior that gets reinforced every time we need to make a decision. (Find [Gevurah resources](#), [B'tzelem Elohim](#), and [Hanukkah](#) resources in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library)

Our lessons and activities throughout the month will provide our students with more opportunities to reflect on this topic.

A troubling, but important, Biblical story involving the dynamics of the group against the individual is the story of Joseph and his brothers ([Vayeshev: Bereishit 37](#) on the Shabbat after Thanksgiving).

We also will come to together on Friday, November 5 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary and on Zoom to mark the Consecration of some of our youngest Religious School students - Cora Crell, Eleora Soltz, and Maddie Gordon - honoring the beginning of their formal Jewish learning and also affirming our commitment and dedication to educating our young people in Jewish tradition.

And, as we see the hope and spirit in our young people, we renew in

ourselves a passion for Jewish learning that we hope to transmit to our children.

As you have a chance to talk within your own family in the coming weeks, consider the following points for discussion:

- Take a moment to watch [this story](#) and discuss Joseph and his brothers' actions.
- Share examples of when you've felt "peer pressure" as an adult (good and bad) and how *gevurah* may have played a role.
- What does it mean to be spiritually courageous?
- In what ways are the Maccabees in the Hanukkah story spiritually courageous?
- Can you name someone you know who you think is spiritually courageous?

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, November 7 at 10:30 a.m. - Staff from [Goldman Union Camp Institute](#) will be visiting our in-person Religious School session to get everyone excited about summer camp!
- Sunday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m. - at the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery
- Sunday, November 21 at 10:30 a.m. - In-person service learning project offsite (location TBD)
- Sunday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Break
- Friday, December 3 - Hanukkah Latke Dinner & Service at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, December 5 - In-person Hanukkah Party

Please reach out to educator@templecav.org with any questions you might have about our family programming and Religious School.

Leise Rosman,
Religious School Committee Chair



Religious School students spent a fun morning learning about family history in conjunction with the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society's Meet Your Mishpocha program. They conducted oral histories with a parent and learned about gathering and preserving family history with an archivist.



LOOKING AHEAD TO A GREAT SUMMER AT GUCI

Registration is underway for an exciting summer 2022 of fun and Jewish friendships at [Goldman Union Camp Institute](#), our regional Union for Reform Judaism camp in Zionsville. Make sure to sign up soon to save your spot! Sibling discounts also are available for the summer.

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

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



DELI DAY IS BACK - CORNED BEEF ON RYE – SURE TO SATISFY!

Don't miss our 19th Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser on Thursday, November 4. After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic, our Deli Day will be back – including whole kosher salami!

Boxed meals are \$18 each and include a heaping 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, giant pickle, creamy coleslaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink.

Returning this year: Hebrew National whole kosher salami (12-oz. size) for \$12 each.

New for 2021: Drive-thru pick up of your corned beef meals! It's easy and convenient! Whether you've pre-ordered or not, we will be ready to provide a tasty carryout lunch while you remain in your car. We will not offer our customary in-person dining this year, but look forward to welcoming everyone back inside next year.

An added bonus this year: Each corned beef meal will include a gift card from Chapman's Brewing Company. Order online at shop.chapmansbrewing.com for \$10 off same-day delivery to your home using the coupon code or present it at any one of our taproom locations for \$10 off your purchase (Angola, Columbia City, Huntington & Wabash).

But wait, there's more: Each meal will include an individual bag of Clandestine Caramel Original Recipe popcorn donated by Popsalot California Popcorn. Air-popped popcorn is folded into made-from-scratch caramel and finished off with Bourbon vanilla. All products are non-gmo, kosher, whole grain, and gluten free.

Order online (pre-order through Wednesday, November 3 by 12 p.m. or order at our drive-thru the day of the sale) or download an order form at www.templecav.org. We've also got additional pounds of bulk corned beef for sale for \$18 per pound. We're unable to accept any more orders for delivery. Contact the Temple office to be a sponsor.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DELI DAY

We need your help to support our biggest fundraiser of the year! Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, November 3 for Prep Night from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, November 4, with shifts beginning at 9 a.m. Kindly note volunteers must be fully vaccinated and masked to assist indoors. Contact the office to say you'll help.

Whether you're new to our sale or a veteran member of the Corned Beef Crew, we can use your help on what is one of the most fun events of the year at the Temple. This is a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with lots of people and help us raise money to support activities year-round



Thanks to the Corned Beef Committee: Co-Chairs Larry Adelman and Micah Soltz, 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



Author Mark Oppenheimer joined us at the Temple on October 25 to discuss his new book *Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood*, almost three years to the day after the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in the United States.

Nearly 90 people attended the program in person and via livestream to hear about the resilience of the Jewish community in the Squirrel Hill area of Pittsburgh and others in the non-Jewish community who offered their support.

The program was sponsored by Congregation Achduth Vesholom's Social Action and Holocaust Education committees, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, and Purdue Fort Wayne's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies with support from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation.

Signed copies of the book are available for \$25 at the Temple. Purchase yours today - please contact us at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245.

CORNERD BEEF SALE: THE MAKING OF A TRADITION - NOW IN ITS 19TH YE@R



As we prepare for our 19th sale this month, the Temple's Corned Beef Fundraiser surely is a tradition, bringing the aroma and tastes of deli to Fort Wayne along with congregational camaraderie. But how did we get here?

The long-ago "Hadassah Businessmen's Lunch" was part of the inspiration. Larry Adelman, then a high school student, remembers moving to Fort Wayne in 1968 and the experience of a huge turnout in the Temple's Social Hall for a noon-time meal that helped the Jewish community raise funds and connect to the greater community through food. Cindi Wismer recalls that her parents let her miss school to help at the sale, which brought what looked to a little girl like a "sea of men in white shirts."

Fast forward a few decades, with Larry serving as Temple president and looking for a fundraising idea. Recalling the Businessmen's Lunch, Larry spearheaded a revival, brainstorming with other members to re-imagine it as a corned beef fundraiser that would bring people to our congregation for a delicious meal and support the Temple.

The big sale that began in October 2002 continues today, returning this year on Thursday, November 4 (after a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic), with Larry Adelman and Micah Soltz serving as co-chairs of a 21-member committee.

Each year in October or November, depending when the High Holy Days fall, we put together a heaping 1/3-pound of corned beef on rye, creamy cole slaw, gigantic pickle, rich brownie and a drink in a boxed meal.

Online ordering proved wildly popular when we introduced it in 2018, as did the arrival of Hebrew National whole kosher salamis in 2019. This year we have added bonuses from two of our sponsors: Chapman's Brewing Company is providing a \$10 gift card and Popsalot California Popcorn is providing individual bags of caramel corn for a second year.



As we continue to adapt amid COVID safety protocols, we have some changes for 2021, including masks with our customary gloves and hairnets/caps and a requirement that volunteers be fully vaccinated to assist indoors. We are not offering our customary in-person dining this year. However, drive-thru pick up of corned beef meals is new.

The issues to address this year are

different than those in the beginning. We started with many questions, from the most efficient way to "fluff" the meat and wrap the sandwiches to how to uniformly slice the brownies. We pondered whether the gigantic pickles should be served whole or quartered. The "uncut" enthusiasts won over the spear supporters, arguing the full-size pickle would be a conversation starter. It still induces giggles for novices -- and we still get a request or two each year asking if we'll slice a pickle for a customer.

Sally Trotter recalls that we had no idea how many sandwiches we would sell the first year, figuring "we'd be euphoric if we sold 400 to 450." Since we were in unknown territory, we developed early-bird pricing to give us an idea of how much meat to buy.

We ended up selling 1,070 meals our first year. The biggest sale years were 2006 and 2007, when we sold more than 1,600 sandwiches.

In addition, the sale has turned into one of the Temple's biggest social events of the year, often bringing more than 100 volunteers of all ages to help on Prep Night and the day of the sale. It's become a not-to-miss event -- and we even have some out-of-towners and friends of members who come to help. We look forward to welcoming many of our new members to their first taste of this special event!

We also decided the first year that sponsorships would help us raise money by underwriting the cost of the food. We had 32 sponsors the first year, a number that's grown considerably. We reached 68 sponsors in 2019. The sale consistently is our biggest fundraiser, having raised from \$10,000 in the beginning to topping \$22,700 in 2019.

The first year brought the realization that we didn't have enough refrigerator space for all the goodies. That led to rental of a refrigerated truck. When some of us realized we had aching backs, our maintenance chief Clint Rossiter came to the rescue, creating a way to raise our work tables so we didn't need to bend over. Rabbi Jonathan Katz, our spiritual leader in the early years, felt entertaining "words of wisdom" would add a nice touch to the boxed meals, so we've offered those most years to the delight of customers.

Beginning in 2011, we added delivery service on larger orders for a small fee. In recent times, our challenges have included what to do when our supplier stopped providing the meat already sliced and when favorite rye bread brands have been discontinued.

Since the sale is a team effort, Beth Zweig, who has helped with marketing and sandwich-making every year, suggested in 2019 the creation of a logo and branded aprons and caps (available for \$18 apiece as part of our fundraising efforts).

With 19 years of success, we still ask ourselves if our biggest fundraiser has run its course, given the size of our congregation, large number of volunteers vital to operations, physical work involved, and rising cost of the corned beef. On the other hand, we don't know what other project would raise comparable funds or bring so many members together. And, besides, the food is delicious!

"We hope everyone will turn out for Prep Night on November 3 and the big day on November 4," said Larry. "We do appreciate everyone who supports this event -- the customers, the sponsors and the volunteers!"



ADLERS PEN BOOK ON SEARCH FOR VIENNESE FAMILY

After returning from an August 2010 trip to Vienna, Temple member Irv Adler discovered 102 letters from his grandmother and other relatives to his mother, who had left for England in September 1938.

The letters offered a glimpse into everyday conversations among family members as if they were sitting around the kitchen table discussing daily events with some of the letters pleas to help the family member get out of Nazi-occupied Vienna.

The letters led Irv on a decade-long journey to research what happened to his grandmother and family members who were victims of the Holocaust and led him to find the last relative who had survived the camps and a “death march” – and who was unaware that any member of his Viennese family was still alive.

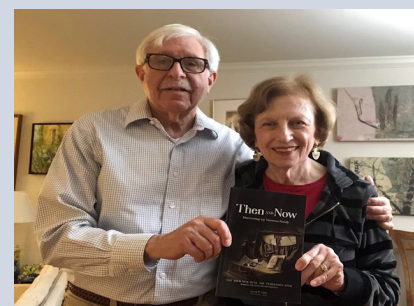
Now Irv with his wife, Fran, has written a recently published book called *THEN and NOW: Discovering My Viennese Family*, which provides a glimpse into the day-to-day life after the Anschluss and the search through records in Vienna, Washington, London, and lots of searching in publications and online to document the story.

The book also shares some modern-day efforts to remember those who perished. Irv shares his experience dedicating a Stone of Remembrance for his grandmother in 2014 in Vienna and at a memorial service for her and other victims in 2017 at Maly Trostinec, where they were murdered.

“I wanted my family and others to know who these people were, what their lives were like under Nazi occupation and what happened to them,” Irv said. “And I wanted them not to be forgotten.”

Irv said the concept for the book developed in 2017, with the writing taking place in 2020 and 2021.

Temple members and the Fort Wayne community have been fortunate to learn about Irv’s research over the years during several talks. His experiences and role as president of the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society also have helped to bring experts here to talk about doing researching into those who perished in the Holocaust.



Rabbi Meir Barger led a beautiful Simchat Torah service on September 28 as we celebrated the holiday together again in person - wearing masks - and via livestream. The joyous holiday evening included the hakafah when we took turns marching with the Torahs around the Sanctuary. We later unrolled two sacred scrolls to read, as we completed the annual cycle of reading Torah and began anew. Pamela Friedman read from Deuteronomy and Andrew Bosell read from Genesis.



JEWISH CEMETERIES IN INDIANA AND BEYOND

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is proud to partner with the Indiana Jewish Historical Society for “Jewish Cemeteries – Indiana and Beyond,” a virtual program on Sunday, November 14 at 2 p.m. Guest speakers will be Jeannie R. Regan-Dinius, from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and JewishGen’s Nolan Altman. The program is free and open to the public. Registration is required to attend and can be found [here](#).

Cemeteries tell us much about who came before us. The size, shape and documentation vary from religious groups, time period, and location, but all are important outdoor museums. The symbols and markings that individuals put on their stones reveal much about the individual and family.

Regan-Dinius, Director of Special Initiatives for the Department of Natural Resources’ Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, will begin at 2 p.m. with a discussion of the state of cemeteries in Indiana, the presumed meanings of markings, how pop culture affects stones, and what you need to look at when you walk through a cemetery.

She has a lifelong interest in history, family history, and research. She earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Public History from Ball State University, where she also studied anthropology and American Studies. She has her Master’s Degree in Urban Planning and Information Management/Library Science from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis with additional graduate course work in public history.

Beginning at 3:30 p.m., Nolan Altman will continue the afternoon’s program with “Patronymic Naming and Cemetery Records - Their Importance in Jewish Genealogy.” This presentation will familiarize attendees with the evolution of family surnames and the practice of patronymic naming.

Recognizing the components of patronymic naming, participants will learn how to take advantage of these clues to link their family through generations. By using an actual case study Mr. Altman will show participants online resources to help find headstone information worldwide. Examples of odd inscriptions and errors will add unexpected humor to the presentation.

Altman received the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) and was President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Long Island. He has presented workshops at genealogical conferences worldwide and serves as coordinator for JewishGen’s Online Worldwide Burial Registry (JOWBR).

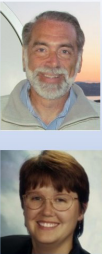
Thanks to Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Dr. Louis A. and Anne B. Schneider Foundation Trust, the Bureau of Jewish Education Endowment, the Lande Genealogy Fund, and the Indiana Jewish Historical Society for their support of this program.

Questions? Contact Betsy Gephart at vp@NEIndianaJGS.org for more information.



Jewish Cemeteries – Indiana and Beyond

Nolan Altman from JewishGen and the IAJGS
Jeannie Regan-Dinius from the Indiana DNR



Our screening of “Hummus! The Movie” on October 9 included Havdalah and the opportunity to taste five varieties of hummus, including traditional, buffalo style, spicy, pumpkin pie, and chocolate. An interesting discussion followed about the film. We also shared our experiences with hummus and whether we’re purists or like unusual variations of the chickpea treat. Thank you to VP Programs Kathy Sider and Dave Flapan for coordinating a fun evening!

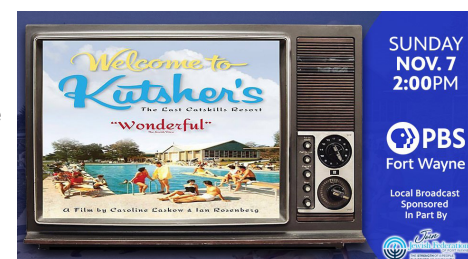
CONNECTING TO WORLDWIDE MEMORIAL PLAQUES DATABASE



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society contributed yahrzeit information from the 2,400 people in the Achduth Vesholom and B’nai Jacob records to the JewishGen Memorial Plaques Database to assist family history researchers. The NEIJGS also took photos of gravestones at Lindenwood Cemetery and the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery to add to JewishGen’s Jewish Online Worldwide

DOCUMENTARY LOOKS AT LAST JEWISH RESORT IN CATSKILLS

Kutsher’s Country Club was the last surviving Jewish Resort in the Catskills. The award-winning documentary “Welcome to Kutsher’s” explores the full Dirty Dancing-era Catskills experience – and how it changed American pop culture in the comedy, sports, and vacation industries. It captures a last glimpse of a lost world as it disappears before our eyes. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the documentary will be aired on Sunday, November 7 at 2 p.m. on PBS 39.



Happy Thanksgiving!

CHANGES COMING NEAR THE SANCTUARY AS PART OF YAHRZEIT DISPLAY TRANSITION



More changes are coming to the area near the Sanctuary following the recent addition over the summer of a digital yahrzeit display. The large bronze yahrzeit boards that have enhanced the foyer for many years will be removed from the walls to allow the individual nameplates to

be utilized as part of a new sculpture in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

Nearly 1,000 nameplates remembering loved ones from both Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob will be part of a sculpture to be created by artist George Morrison. The nameplates come from our 10 large yahrzeit boards, including five that are located near the Sanctuary and five from B'nai Jacob's previous building that were not yet on display.

The Temple Board approved the new sculpture in August to enhance the courtyard and create a beautiful space that the artist describes as "a place of contemplation and a testimony to the unity of two congregations whose separate histories have become one."

The art piece will be approximately 24 feet long and 12 feet high. Morrison says that names of loved ones will be "seen in cloud-like arrays of bronze plaques that appear to float along the curvature of the courtyard pathway." The piece will be visible from the resource center and rooms that offer views of the courtyard.

Only existing bronze nameplates (about 980) will be used in the sculpture. Those names also will be displayed on the digital Yahrzeit board. Any new yahrzeit plaques purchased in memory of a loved one will be virtual rather than physical and will be part of the digital display. Yahrzeit plaques are available for \$500 each, with proceeds going to the Temple's Endowment.

The congregation will continue to draw from our entire yahrzeit list when we say Kaddish during services, but the digital display only will

have names for those whose loved ones have purchased a plaque.

Instead of the small lights that traditionally were lit next to the bronze nameplates to highlight the week's yahrzeits, the new digital display will feature yahrzeit names for a given week, as well as an option to touch a name to learn more or search for a name in the archive to find a page for the individual.

Coming in the future for the digital display will be the opportunity to personalize individual pages for loved ones with photographs, biographical information, Hebrew names, quotations or prayers. A link also can be added to connect to pages for other family members who have plaques in the system.

The digital display is located in the foyer area formerly housing a glass display case. The 9-by-9-foot Tree of Life plaque from B'nai Jacob, which was commissioned by Bill & Clara Brosler, will be added to the right of the Sanctuary entrance. Other possible changes to displays in the foyer area will be considered by the Art & Beautification Committee, chaired by Carol Adelman, and sent to the board for review.

Volunteers are needed in November to assist with taking down the nameplates. Each one will be wiped down to prepare for the artist. Please contact the Temple office for more information.

As part of the transition to one congregation with two traditions that began in July 2019, the Facility Committee, chaired by Jay Zemmol, and later the Arts & Beautification Committee considered various options to display some items from B'nai Jacob. An initial plan to make modifications in the Sanctuary to accommodate the 10 yahrzeit plaques was reconsidered due to space constraints.

The Board voted in February 2021 to purchase an interactive digital yahrzeit display, followed by the decision in August to use the nameplates in the sculpture by Morrison. Two additional proposals were considered in the process.

The cost of the sculpture is about \$22,000, to be covered equally by funds from Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob.

Executive Director Samara Sheray and Administrative Assistant Marie McFadden continue to work on developing the digital database. To purchase a virtual yahrzeit plaque, please contact the Temple office.

The people honored by the nameplates date back to the beginning of Congregation Achduth Vesholom as Indiana's oldest congregation. They include a plaque recalling our first president, Frederick Nirdlinger, who died August 5, 1873.



verall View

See page 9 for information on JewishGen Memorial Plaques database.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

Thoughtful Thursdays' 11th annual Apple Project was a huge success this year thanks to the Jewish community's continued support.

In October we were able to provide a bag of delicious Honeycrisp apples for the Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple. This month, our plan is to send home ingredients for a "Spanish Rice & Black Bean Roll-Ups Casserole," paper goods, and dishwashing liquid.

A special thank you to Janet Katz for picking up, delivering, and helping bag the apples together with our volunteers Jamie Berger, Cheri Buker, Janet Finkel, Suzi King and Beth Zweig. Thank you also to Beth for taking pictures.

Due to supply chain issues this year, our annual "turkey project" looks like it will now be roast chickens! As we have said from the beginning of the year, flexibility is key!

Remember, hunger doesn't stop just because there is a pandemic or supply chain issues!

Sally Trotter and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs



Enthusiastic Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers turned out in full force in October to assemble bags for our Brightpoint Head Start children!



PEOPLE OF THE BOOK DATE PROGRAM TO BE RESCHEDULED

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's People of the Book evening with author Ron Suskind planned for November will be rescheduled. The Federation anticipates a new date in spring 2022.



FEDERATION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION POSTPONED

There is an old Yiddish adage, "Man plans and God laughs." (And, in this case, Mother Nature even chimed in!)

Despite our most careful planning, the unpredictability of life has caused us to change our plans for the recognition of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's 100th anniversary.

The new date for the celebration is May 21, 2022.

Save the date and look to celebrate this momentous occasion with all the splendor, significance and spirit it deserves.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Temple Board met on Thursday, October 14 for its monthly meeting, with some members in person and others on Zoom.

Facility Rental – A new facility use policy and rental agreement form were approved by the Board. The updated policy covers use by members, Campus partners, and others who would like to use our facility and includes procedures for reserving, scheduling, and renting space.

The updated policy includes matters such as security, food, Shabbat guidelines, insurance and liability, vendors, clean-up, and staffing. The rental agreement outlines particulars relating to fees, timeline for scheduling rooms, and other needs for an event, such as arranging tables and chairs, linens, coffee service, and audio-visual equipment. For more information, contact Executive Director Samara Sheray.

Transition with B'nai Jacob – Mark Schneider, a Temple board member and president of the Congregational B'nai Jacob Transitional Board, reported on next steps toward wrapping up remaining financial matters as part of the transition to one congregation with two traditions that began in July 2019. The conversation included a discussion and agreement on the use of funds that will be transferred to Achduth Vesholom.

Employee Benefits – VP Finance John Stein will chair an ad hoc committee to review employee salaries and benefits as part of a periodic examination.

DONATIONS

Adelman Facility Improvement Fund

In memory of Jack Adelman: *Carol & Larry Adelman, Rita & Tom O'Neill*
In memory of R.J. O'Neill: *Rita & Tom O'Neill*

Joseph & Elsa Adler Memorial Fund

In memory of Hannah Crell and Marvin Krel: *Rossya & Howard Kelbanow*

Art and Beautification Fund

In memory of Kathleen Shine: *Lawrence Shine*

B'nai Jacob

In memory of Herb Ryneerson and Bill & Bea Ochstein: *Mical Ryneerson*

Campership Fund

In memory of Leon Korin: *Beth & Mitchell Sherr*

General Operations

A donation has been received from: *Michelle Helfgott & Rodney Kraisinger, Sophia Kartiak*

In memory of Diane Ervin, Regina Safirstein, Daniel Stut, and Aaron Borenstein: *Kay Safirstein*

In memory of Edward Pownall and Jean Pownall: *Linda Bullerman*

In memory of Martin Dicker: *Nancy & Mike Dicker*

In memory of Dr. Abraham Fichman: *Kaye Fichman, Ann Fichman*

In memory of Gladys Friedman: *Norma Friedman*

In memory of Melvin Shulkin and Linda Shulkin-Nail: *Donna & Josh Tourkow*

In memory of Seth Aaron Horwitz: *Phillip Horwitz*

In memory of Evelyn Feldman: *Pam & Ken Feldman*

In memory of Frederick Reinhold Tourkow: *Donna & Josh Tourkow*

In memory of Lawrence Shubert: *Linda & Philip Schubert*

In memory of Marvin Cristil: *Marcia & Denny Reynolds*

Dr. John Planer Music Fund

In memory of Sadie Rush: *Jo Ellen & Mike Rush*

In memory of Annette Glazer and Dorothy Reynolds: *Marcia & Denny Reynolds*

Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural Enrichment Fund

In memory of Leonard Castle: *Cathy Lash*

Project Assist

In memory of Sidney Klepper: *Sharon & Ben Eisbart*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

A donation has been received from: *Sally & Steve Trotter*

In memory of Marvin Cristil: *Jamie & Jon Berger*

In memory of Abbie Sax: *Enid & Stanley Rosenblatt*

In memory of Myrtle Shine: *Lawrence Shine, Jody & Steve Shine*

In memory of Irving Walters: *Irene & Bob Walters*

In memory of Lee Gottlieb: *Doris Gottlieb*

Religious School Fund

In memory of Suzanne Watemberg: *Nancy & Mike Dicker*

Temple Gardens Fund

In memory of Samuel L. Sposeep: *Patrice & Mike Sposeep*

Thoughtful Thursdays

In memory of Marvin Cristil: *Lee Ann Ryan, Cindi & Rich Wismer*

In memory of Esther King: *Suzi & Jim King*

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

HAZEMIR LOOKING FOR SINGERS

Hazemir, our volunteer choir, is seeking singers. Knowledge of Hebrew and ability to read music are NOT necessary. All who enjoy singing and wish sing our liturgy are welcome!

Hazemir usually rehearses on Sundays at 2 p.m. at the Temple. If interested please contact John Planer at JHPlaner@manchester.edu.

MAZEL TOV TO:

- **Marcia & Denny Reynolds** on the marriage of their son, Orin, to Kiotta Marshall on October 3, 2021 in Indianapolis. Congratulations also to Kiotta's parents, Karyn & David Marshall of Jacksonville, FL. The couple lives in Seattle.
- **Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig** on the marriage of her son Shai Knight-Winnig and Kristin Talia Jaffe on October 1, 2021 in Columbus OH. Kristin is the daughter of Ky & Dan Jaffe of Columbus, OH. Shai & Kristin will adopt the family name Winkaffe and will reside in Columbus.



PLEASE PLAN FOR 2021 YEAR-END WITH DONATION TO THE TEMPLE

For your 2021 tax planning purposes, our guidelines for establishing the date when dues payments and donations are received:

- If by mail, the postmarked date
- If hand delivered, the date received at the Temple
- If by phone or directly online (credit cards only), the date of the call
- Any gifts of appreciated securities must be received into the Temple's account on or before December 15. Contact Patrick Higgins, Registered Client Associate at Wells Fargo Advisors, at (260) 423-4871 for further information. Wells Fargo Advisors is a trade name used by Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC, Member SIPC.

NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

November 5-6

Chester Ambler III
Shirley Babich
Rose K. Baum
Norman Bosell
Harry Brateman
Sarah Brazy
Fannie Salon Bronstein
Harriet Chodash
Hannah Crell
Pauline Cristil
Jeanne Erlich
Abe Fox
Mendel Frank
Julius Gilbert
Sophia Heiligman
Seth Aaron Horwitz
Mina Goldberg Isay
Tillie Kaposky
Abe Lachoff
Isidore Lande
Elaine Lazar
Jacob Levin
Frances Levis
Henrietta Levy
Jack Marks
Loren (Gus) Meyer
Samuel S. Meyer
Adolph Meyer
Lloyd Mullennix
Helen Perlis Planer
David J. Platka
Esther Rothstein
Fred Schneider
Lawrence J. Schubert
Haskell Schultz
Abraham Schwartz
Emanuel Siegel
Dora Silverman
Don Sowles
Isaac Steiber
Frederick Reinhold Tourkow
Joseph Waterman

Joseph Weinraub
Nathaniel S. Wittenberg
Joseph Zinn

November 12-13

David Appel
Rose Cohen
Sally Cramer
Melvin Crell
Boris Epstein
Isolina Behar de Faierstein
Dvoiyra Finkelshteyn
Hana Finkelshteyn
Itta Finkelshteyn
Kisel Finkelshteyn
Leib Finkelshteyn
Meyer Finkelshteyn
Yankel Finkelshteyn
Phillip Flora
Jennie Gilbert
Annette Glazer
Mark Glucklick
Joseph Golden
Esther F. Grossman
Daisy Hefter
William Hornstein
Allen Kwatnez
Mabel H. Kwatnez
Abraham Levy
Alan Lichtenberg
Samuel Liff
Rachel Lipp
Charlotte Maier
Frank Mullins
David B. Nelson
Mildred Prady
Jacob Reich
Roslyn Rozeen
Samuel Ruderman
Dorothy Hassan Schiller
Bessie Schmitz
Claire Selan
Kathryn Sheray

Nathan Shine
Sam Stoller
Ron Subeck
Sidney Trivus
Maurice Waldman
Evangeline Weil
Sarah Weinberg
Max B. Wetzstein
Rosalind Wiletzky
Corrine H. Wittenberg
Celia Zweig

November 19-20

Marquard Bach
Phillip M. Baum
Dorothy "Dot" Burcham
Leonard Castle
Emanuel Cohen
Della R. Ellis
Rosalyn Friedman Fink
Sophia Maude Gale
Max Gilbert
Etta S. Gold
Thomas Gray
Isidor Hassan
Herman Himelstein
Rabbi Samuel D. Hurwitz
Julius Kann
Philip Kass
Leon Korin
John T. Lawrence
Louis Leader
Joyce Lenington
Elsie Levin
Leonard J. Levy
Leonora Marlow
Wayne McIntyre
Zelda Novitsky
Milton Jerry Ontell
Lev Progrebinskiy
Rita Jo Levin Rainey
Joseph Rezits
Samuel Rothberg

Linda Ruchman
Toba Malka Schwartz
Diane Sisman
Rebecca Winnick
Mindel Yoinovicz
Bina Young

November 27

Marcus Beck
Larry Belans
Florence Bernstein
Paulette Bussell Oatley
Eric E. Eling
Beatrice Feldheim
Clyde R. Gaddis
Jacob Louis Goldman
Saul Goodman
Marvin Gottlieb
Louis Groden
Benjamin Kaplan
Max Konigsberg
Ada Kramer
Emanuel Kreitman
Yetta Magazine
Simon Stanford Maier
Sigmund Maier
Audra E. Mandel
Etta Oppenheim
Ethel G. Pollak
Dr. Nathan L. Salon
Martha Jane Schwartz
Leon Seigman
Alfred Solotkin
Abraham Sposeep
Ron Subeck
Shep Weinswig
Isadore Yourist
Abraham M. Zinn

CONDOLENCES TO:

**The family of long-time member
Marvin L. Cristil**, who died on
September 28, 2021 in Fort Wayne.



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.

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.

Charter Member of the Union For Reform Judaism
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The Temple office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25-26 for Thanksgiving.

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



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WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

The Temple Board welcomes your comments and suggestions. We will do our best to address your questions and concerns. We value the diversity of viewpoints within our congregation.

Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org for information. President Ronnie Greenberg can be reached at (260) 483-6327 or President@templecav.org.

**The deadline for the
December - January Bulletin is Monday,
November 15.**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER RONNIE GREENBERG

When our older son, Steve, first emigrated to Israel in 1990, it was a different world. If you can imagine, there were no cell phones, no internet, and one had to wait months for a land line phone to be installed in Israel. The only way to communicate was by letter – what we call snail mail today. And for international communication, this meant the red and blue edged aerograms. Anyone else remember them? It was like having a conversation with two weeks between sentences.



Fast forward to today. Now we see and talk with Steve every Sunday at noon EDT, along with some subset of my brother in Phoenix and sister in Tucson, two nieces in Denver, Norm's sisters in California and North Carolina, son Jonathan in Chicago, and an assortment of spouses and grandkids. I could hug the inventor of Zoom. Zoom allows us to be a closer family and be involved in each other's lives even though we're thousands of miles apart.

Technology has done the same thing for us at the Temple. How would we have maintained communication with each other and our sense of community during the last year and a half without it?

We have held countless meetings, attended worship services, participated in study groups, and enjoyed speakers and presentations, all in the comfort and safety of our homes. Even now, as we begin to emerge from COVID-induced restrictions on gathering, we often find it more convenient, and sometimes a necessary time-saver in our busy lives, to continue to use Zoom rather than attend in-person gatherings.

My preference will always be for attending services and meetings in person. But given the convenience and time-saving factors, as well as on-going COVID concerns, I predict that our online options for Temple meetings, services and programs will continue for the foreseeable future. Especially now that winter is coming. It will be cold, maybe icy, certainly dark, and we're getting older. Who wants to drive when you can sign-on?

Therefore, we have begun researching additional or replacement equipment – and the funding for it - to make it easier to provide online options as well as easier to operate. We will be evaluating Zoom versus YouTube, and the ability to operate the equipment remotely in an effort to increase the number of people willing to operate it. It's quite a selling point to offer the option of controlling the streaming of our Shabbat services from your own home!

We are very fortunate to have an Executive Director who is technologically savvy. We owe a huge thank you to Samara Sheray for the countless hours she has spent streaming services and programs, and hosting meetings. We owe another huge thank you to Denny Reynolds who has been Samara's back-up operator for all these months. As a not technologically savvy person, I am very grateful that they have been willing to share their expertise, and their time, with us!

If you have ideas about equipment, or interest in joining the exclusive club of operators, please get in touch. And if you have benefited from our use of technology, be sure to thank Samara and Denny.

Our Temple gardeners tackled the vinca by the south entrance and won! What a team!

Ronnie Greenberg, Temple president and our resident master gardener, shared that the vinca in that area was way past its "use by" date. After some 25 years, the weeds, including thistle, needed extra attention. The area will be seeded with grass seed, and a bush planted on the left (west) of the door next to the building.

