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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 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 Barger on with music by Ronnie & Norm Greenberg.

Enjoy the spirit of community as we gather together at the Temple for the holiday after celebrating last year entirely online. 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 during the evening to formally dedicate the chapel, which was remodeled just before the Temple temporarily closed for the pandemic in March 2020.

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CELEBRATE SHABBAT SHIRAH WITH CANTOR YVON SHORE



Share a special musical evening with us on Friday, January 14 at 6 p.m. when we welcome Cantor Yvon F. Shore, Director of Liturgical Arts and Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, to give a sermon in song in celebration of Shabbat Shirah (Sabbath of Singing).

The service is named for a musical moment in Jewish biblical history when Moses and Miriam lead the Israelites across the Sea of Reeds and out of Egypt. Part of the reading is known as Shirat HaYam (song of the sea).

Please join us in person or via livestream, led by Rabbi Meir. Maestro Robert Nance will accompany Cantor Shore on the piano.

Cantor Shore previously has shared her beautiful voice at our High Holy Days services and for our Violins of Hope Shabbat service focusing on the music of European Reform synagogues in the years leading up to the Holocaust.

HOT TOPICS SHABBAT FOCUSES ON AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Please join us for a Hot Topics Shabbat on Friday, December 10 following our 6 p.m. service when speakers from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will inform our members on resettlement efforts for the recently arrived Afghan refugees. The program is sponsored by the Temple's Social Action Committee.

Our speakers will be Nicole Kurut and Nyien Chan, both heavily involved in the resettlement efforts. We'll learn of the areas they must address in the first 90 days of the refugees' new lives in our community. Education, tutoring, English as a second language, housing, health needs, as well as clothing for winter weather and everything that goes into their new homes, are all goals that must be met in the first 90 days.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

DECEMBER SERVICES

Hanukkah & Shabbat Service Dedication of Goldstine-B'nei Jacob Chapel

Friday, December 3

7 p.m.

(Hanukkah dinner at 6 p.m.

RSVPs needed)

Music: Ronnie & Norm Greenberg

Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 4

9:45 a.m.

Hot Topics Shabbat Service

Friday, December 10

6 p.m.

Music: Maestro Robert Nance

Followed by program on recent

resettlement efforts for Afghan

refugees.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 11

9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, December 17

6 p.m. Service

Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 18

9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, December 24

6 p.m.

Lay leaders: Ronnie & Norm

Greenberg

Music: Hazemir, directed by John

Planer

No Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 25

Champagne Shabbat Service

Friday, December 31

6 p.m.

No Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 1

JANUARY SERVICES

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 7

6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 8

9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Shirah Service

Friday, January 14

6 p.m. Service

Music: Cantor Yvon Shore

& Maestro Robert Nance

Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 15

9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 21

6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 22

9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 28

6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 29

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. We continue to require masks in the
building. Find the [Temple's COVID safety protocols](#)
at www.templecav.org.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Thoughtful Thursdays

Wednesday, December 1

10 a.m.

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. After that date,

contact us to see if space is available.

Five Books of Moses Study Group

Sundays, December 5, 12, 19, 26

7 p.m. on Zoom

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group

Mondays, December 6, 13, 20, 27

7 p.m. on Zoom

Jewish Study Responsa – Part 1

Tuesday, December 7

7 p.m. on Zoom

RSVP by Thursday, December 2 to receive materials

Jewish Study Responsa – Part 2

Tuesday, December 21

7 p.m. on Zoom

RSVP by Thursday, December 16 to receive

materials

JANUARY EVENTS

Thoughtful Thursdays

Wednesday, January 5

10 a.m.

Five Books of Moses Study Group

Sundays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

7 p.m. on Zoom

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group

Mondays, January 3 & 24

(No class January 10 & 17)

7 p.m. on Zoom

A Year for the Trees: The Environment & Jewish Tradition

Tuesday, January 11

7 p.m. on Zoom

RSVP by Thursday, January 6

Beyond the Gender Binary in Judaism with Ariel & Ze'evi Tovlev

Tuesday, January 25

7 p.m. on Zoom

RSVP by Thursday, January 20

ONGOING EVENTS



Lunch with the ROMEOs

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

Thursday, December 2

[The Hoppy Gnome](#)

203 E. Berry St.

Thursday, December 16

[Casa! Ristorante](#)

7545 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Thursday, January 6

[Baan Thai Restaurant](#)

3235 N. Anthony Blvd.

Thursday, January 20

[Cosmos Restaurant](#)

9807 Lima Rd.

RSVP to Denny Reynolds at

dennisreynolds@me.com

[Find the lunch schedule](#)



RABBI MEIR BARGERON

A CHOOSING PEOPLE

As these words arrive "in print," we are in the midst of Hanukkah, our festival of light and dedication. And because this issue of the Bulletin will be seeing us through the months of December *and* January, wrapping up one secular year and beginning another is at the top of the agenda. This is often a time for taking stock of our lives, perhaps particularly those areas of concern that were not on our minds during the Days of Awe. That's the wonderful thing about living on Jewish time in a secular society: we get two new years!

The Hanukkah story of the rededication of the Temple allows us to reflect on our personal dedication to Jewish life. And through a marvelous coincidence of calendar mathematics, we do so at the same time of the year many people make resolutions for the secular new year. Which leads me to this question: **why be Jewish?**

A reader may sensibly question my sanity for bringing up a very big question in a very small space, but I do so to make this point. In Torah's description of the covenantal relationship between God and the Jewish people we read, "Adonai your God chose you to be God's treasured people." (Deut. 7:6) This verse is often used as the basis for referring to Jews as God's **chosen** people.

I view this verse not as a description of Jewish superiority, but rather as the basis of a mutual covenant. God chooses the Jewish people, and the Jewish people choose God in return. The idea of choice in Judaism is associated with another circumstance: people who convert to Judaism are often referred to as "Jews by Choice." But here's the thing: *we are all Jews by choice!*

Living a Jewish life in diaspora requires making countless choices,

large and small, all the more so as liberal Jews. Do we affiliate with a congregation? Do we connect with the larger Jewish community? What aspects of Jewish tradition do we take on in our daily life? How will we pass down Jewish identity to our children? All of these are choices. Even when we decide *not* to do something related to Judaism or Jewish tradition, that is a choice, too. Each one of us lives our Jewish lives through a series of choices.

During Hanukkah we rejoice in the resilience of the Jewish people as the Maccabees re-claimed and dedicated the Temple. And the festive lights, and songs, and meals associated with this holiday open the door to our own reclamation and re-dedication to Jewish life.

In the month of January, it is common to make resolutions for better living in the new secular year. As we enter 2022, I invite you to consider **the Jewish choices** you will make. What inspires you? What do you want more of? What are you ready to let go of? What can you bring to congregational life, and how can CAV nourish you?

In this season of light, dedication and new beginnings, I wish for you a vast array of Jewish choices.

Hanukkah Sameach and Happy 2022,

Rabbi Meir



THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS HONORS FOUNDERS AND CONTINUES HELPING FAMILIES

Nearly 30 Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers honored Jamie Berger and her daughter, Jordan, during a luncheon on November 17 as the inspiration, motivation and founders 12 years ago of the Jewish community's award-winning social action program.

Jordan spoke to the group about SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), the largest federal nutrition assistance program, and its relevance to what Thoughtful Thursdays does for Brightpoint Head Start families at the Temple.

On November 18, we were finally able to send home a hot, fully cooked roasted chicken with our 48 Brightpoint families. We will provide another roasted chicken for them on December 2. The supply chain issue caused a shortage of turkeys, so we were fortunate to be able to get the chickens. Thank you to our volunteers who helped pick up, load and distribute the chickens: Jon & Jamie Berger, Rebecca Gonzalez, Suzi King, Janet Finkel and Steve & Sally Trotter.



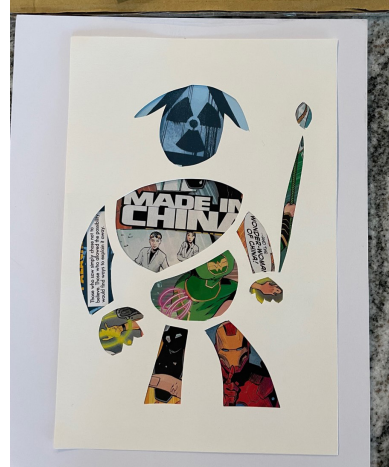
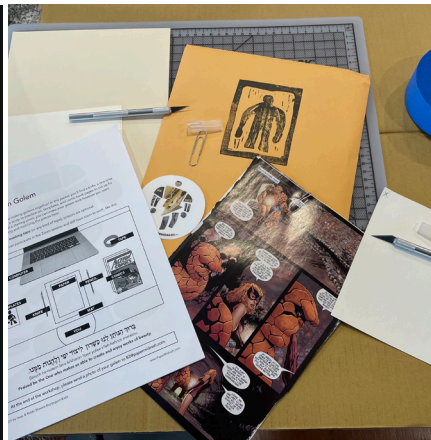
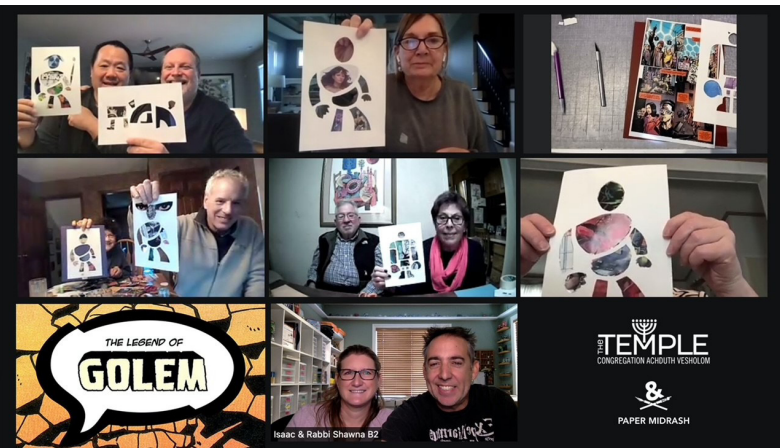
This month, in addition to the second roasted chicken, we will be sending home two bags that include mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, corn muffin mix, cake mix, toilet paper, hot chocolate mix and a tin of butter cookies.

Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who have made this year a success!

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

*Sally Trotter,
Thoughtful Thursdays chair*





Artists participating in The “Make Your Own Golem” workshop on October 31, led by Isaac & Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik, show off the results of their labors. It was a fun and educational program, made possible by the generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation. Isaac & Rabbi Shawna also shared a D’var Torah on “The (Not So) Spooky Jewish World of Witches & Demons.” The stories of demons and witches in Jewish lore and Jewish texts captivated the audience.

CHECK OUT NEXT TEMPLE BOOK CLUB TITLE

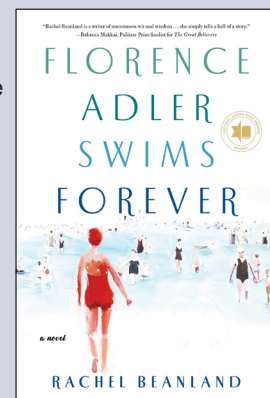
When our Temple Book Club next meets on Tuesday, March 8, we’ll talk to author Rachel Beanland about her National Jewish Book Award-winning novel, *Florence Adler Swims Forever*. The winner for debut fiction, the novel received wide acclaim as a *New York Times Book Review* Editors’ Choice, an Amazon Best Book of July 2020, and more.

It’s a page-turner about the Adler family, whose daughter, Florence, has recently drowned. From the *New York Times Book Review*:

“Beanland’s novel draws the reader in. The situation she describes is poignant and the characters she develops win us over with their private grief. Beanland is particularly good at conjuring 1930s Atlantic City, with its small family-owned hotels yielding to larger, more commercial palaces.

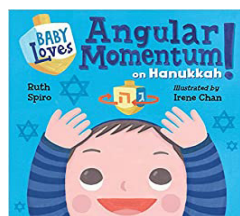
“The historical moment is fraught as American Jews try to save relatives in an increasingly untenable Nazi Germany. We see cruel obstacles to immigration, and the growing chasm between European Jews and their increasingly prosperous American counterparts. This is a book about the American dream. The dream is not without costs, and the dreamers are not immune to tragedy.”

A copy of the book is available in the Temple library. We’ll meet at 7 p.m. to discuss the book and then join the author via LiveChat at 7:30 p.m. Thanks to the [Jewish Book Council](#) for their help with this program.



FIND A NEW BOOK FOR EACH NIGHT OF HANUKKAH!

Whether you’re looking for your old favorites or something new to read for Hanukkah this year, the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#) has you covered. This year we have eight new picture books – one for each night – and one chapter book to share.



Our newest board books are great math and science titles for our youngest audience. *Hello, Hanukkah!*, by Susan Novich, is a counting book. Most intriguing, though, is *Baby Loves Angular Momentum on Hanukkah!*, by Ruth Spiro. It’s part of a “Baby Loves Science” series and talks about the physics behind a spinning dreidel!

One of our favorite authors, Eric Kimmel, has a new Hanukkah book this year, *The Three Latkes*. The three latkes argue over which is the tastiest and let a hungry cat decide! *The Hanukkah Magic of Nate Gadol*, by Arthur Levine, is a beautifully illustrated book that adds a new character to the Hanukkah story to help explain our gift-giving traditions.

Ann Koffsky has added to her “Kayla and Kugel” series with *Kayla and Kugel’s Happy Hanukkah*, featuring a girl and her mischievous dog. *The Ninth Night of Hanukkah*, by Erica Perl, was a Sydney Taylor Honor Book last year. It’s a heartwarming story of new neighbors

helping a family who lost their Hanukkah supplies in their recent move.

There are lots of jokes and silliness in Leslie Kimmelman’s *Eight Knights of Hanukkah*, along with a dragon named “Dreadful!” And for our eighth picture book, *There Was a Young Rabbi: A Hanukkah Tale*, by Suzanne Wolfe, is a wonderful rhyming tale for young children. For readers ready for chapter books, we have brand-new Pinky Bloom mystery from Judy Press – *Pinky Bloom and the Case of the Magical Menorah*.



Looking for more recommendations? We have a new [Hanukkah “One-Sheet”](#) full of recommendations for all ages of readers – from the classic and favorite picture books to non-fiction titles for adults and more! Created in conjunction with this year’s Religious School syllabus, our full list of one-sheets includes holidays, several Jewish values, family history resources, and more. They’re all available on the [library page](#) of the Temple website.

Self-checkout is available from the library desk whenever you’re in the building. If you’d prefer, you can reserve materials through the library’s catalog online and pick them up in the Temple office. If you have questions, contact Betsy at library@templecav.org.

KESHER UPDATE: THE VALUE OF RESPONSIBILITY



As we leave behind the month of *Kislev* and our study of the Jewish value *Gevurah* (courage, strength), we will move on to the months of *Tevet* (starting December 5) and *Shevat* (starting January 3), which bring us to the exploration of our next Jewish value of "*Achrayut*."

Achrayut is generally translated to mean "responsibility." However, the respective roots of "responsibility" and "*achrayut*" illustrate

their different connotations. "Responsibility" refers to responding, answering or accounting for your own decisions and actions.

"*Achrayut*" often is connected to the Hebrew word "*acher*," meaning "other." It refers to our moral commitment to the other in a given situation -- not just to answer to the other for your actions, but also to make the other's needs and concerns your own, to put those needs at the center. When we care for each other, we express and strengthen our *achrayut*.

"*Achrayut*" also is related to the Hebrew word "*achar*," or "after," reminding us of our obligation to pay attention to what happens after we act (or refrain from action). If we ignore injustice because we're not being directly harmed, what happens after? If we speak or act in a way that causes harm, what happens after? *Achrayut* reminds us of our ethical obligation to keep the impacts and outcomes of our actions in mind.

As we explore this topic, we will discuss living the value of *Achrayut* by being responsible for others at home and as a community, as well as by taking care of the planet we all share.

We will start this session talking about responsibilities and especially what it might look like to put the value of *Achrayut* into practice at home. This article may be helpful to you as you think about what *Achrayut* looks like in your own family: [4 Principles for Teaching Kids Responsibility | Reform Judaism](#)

Our job as parents can be made easier by asking ourselves these four questions when giving our children responsibilities:

1. "Does it help my child feel needed?"

If we invite them to help us with real chores – even when it may take a lot longer than simply doing them ourselves and even if the end result may not be perfect – they will be more likely to pitch in.

2. "Does it help my child feel appreciated?"

A simple, matter-of-fact statement like "I really appreciated your help," or "Thanks, that was a big help" will suffice.

3. "Does it help my child feel capable?"

We do well when we give our children household responsibilities that make them feel capable when they rise to an ability-appropriate challenge.

4. "Does it help my child feel part of a team?"

We're more likely to accept responsibility when we feel our efforts mean something to other people.

As we move into *Shevat*, we'll spend more time talking about what we can do to make the world a better place. We'll discuss the prohibition of wasting resources in nature, *Bal Taschit*. And we'll celebrate *Tu Bishvat* together on Sunday, January 9 as we make *Eco-Mezzuzot*.

I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events and to hear more about where these conversations take you:

- Sunday, December 12 - Meet online at 10 a.m.
- Sunday, January 9 - Tu Bishvat program at 10:30 a.m. in person at CAV
- Sunday, January 23 - Meet online at 10 a.m.
- Sunday, January 30 - Meet online at 10 a.m.

Please always feel free to reach out to me at educator@templecav.org with any questions, ideas, needs, etc.!

Leise Rosman,
Religious School Committee Chair



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Tie-dye creations, friendship bracelets, and s'mores were part of a spirited and fun morning on November 7 at Religious School. We focused on the excitement of Jewish summer camp with Jillian Shkolnick, Assistant Director at Goldman Union Camp Institute, our regional Union for Reform Judaism camp in Zionsville, and Larisa Drosdova and Samantha McGlennen, camp directors at Camp Joe Levine, a day camp sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne at Fox Island. Parents learned more about the programs and about Campership opportunities for their children from Temple Campership Chair Brian Rosman.



Religious School families met on a snowy November morning at the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery to learn more about its history from Cemetery Association President Dan Zweig and about Jewish burial customs from Rabbi Meir. The Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery and the Temple's sections at Lindenwood Cemetery are the two Jewish burial grounds in Fort Wayne. Dan's great-grandfather Mendel Zweig and grandfather Sam Zweig were among the cemetery's founders in 1912.

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



After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Temple's 19th Corned Beef on Rye fundraiser returned stronger than ever on November 4 with enthusiastic community support and record sales of nearly

1,800 sandwiches and an additional 90 lbs. of corned beef to benefit programs at the Temple. Final numbers for Deli Day are pending, but we anticipate raising nearly \$24,000, our best year to date.

Our 21-member Corned Beef Committee led by Co-Chairs Larry Adelman and Micah Soltz remained flexible throughout the months of planning, turning various challenges into opportunities and adopting strict COVID safety precautions. All volunteers were required to be masked and fully vaccinated, along with the usual hairnets and gloves.

We canceled our dine-in option and pivoted to drive-thru-only pick up. Early sales for whole Hebrew National kosher salamis were strong, but supply chain issues stymied the effort. Committee members contacted salami customers to offer a full refund or to substitute an equivalent number of corned beef meals at no extra charge. Some also donated the amount toward our fundraiser. (Salamis are still on order for sale upon arrival, though we do not know when that might be. If you'd like to be notified, please contact the Temple office.)

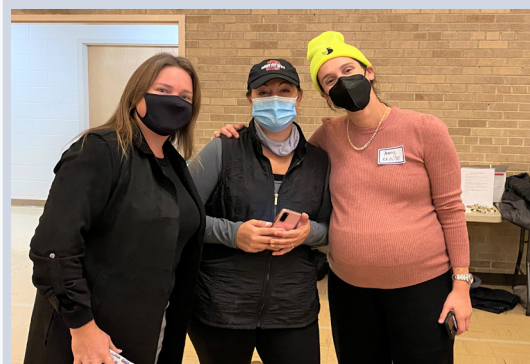
The success of Deli Day included the support of 58 generous sponsors. The committee plans to develop and add new sponsorship levels for future sales after an initial trial this year. We included in each meal this year a gift card from [Chapman's Brewing Company](#) for \$10 off their products, as well as an individual bag of caramel corn donated for a second year by Noah Sheray, owner of [Popsalot California Popcorn](#). The committee already has interest from potential additional sponsors moving forward.

Online sales continued to be popular for a third year, along with a high volume of advance orders to take advantage of early-bird pricing. Nearly 100 new orders were taken on Deli Day before we sold out.

On a crisp and sunny fall Thursday, the drive-thru line proved successful, despite some initial delays that resulted in a line that stretched from our south entrance past Pettit Avenue. Customers were directed to either the south entrance of the parking lot for pre-orders or circle drive in front of the building for new orders. Delivery drivers picked up orders at the kitchen entrance. The number of larger business orders was down this year since many companies have employees working remotely.

Nearly 100 volunteers assisted with the sale, including friends of congregants who joined the corned beef crew for Prep Night and sale

day. We are grateful to Larry and Micah and their team: Carol Adelman, Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Barger, Jamie Fritz, Scott Goldberg, Shai Hadashi, Sam Krouse, Amy Krouse, Marie McFadden,



Lee Pomerantz, Denny Reynolds, Nancy Salon, Samara Sheray, Jon Tam, Ellen Tom, Steve Zacher, Judy Zacher, and Beth Zweig.

We also appreciate the Temple staff for pitching in, problem-solving, and persevering! Thanks to

Maintenance Chief Clint Rossiter, Administrative Assistant Marie McFadden, Comptroller Jamie Fritz, and Executive Director Samara Sheray. All of them went above and beyond. Many thanks also to our security team led by Joe Lyon.

"I was struck by the amazing community support from both within the CAV community (for Prep Night and day of) and then from the wider community in support of the fundraiser's sales after what has been a really unpredictable year," Micah said. "Since this was my first year involved with the corned beef fundraiser in any capacity aside from enjoying a sandwich, all the great CAV community members taught me a lot about what goes into pulling off this event. I enjoyed working closely with so many great people and am already looking forward to next year's fundraiser!"

Our Prep Night continued to be a popular and fun evening, with volunteers weighing corned beef, scooping cole slaw, slicing brownies, bagging pickles, and preparing condiment bags. Teamwork and flexibility also paid off on sale day, with orders steadily filled and deliveries successfully made.

Our sponsorship efforts – led by Larry Adelman and Steve Zacher - included reaching out to connections in the community and congregation. Amy Krouse and Ellen Tom did a great job recruiting volunteers, including our Prep Night station captains: Scott Goldberg (pickles), Kathy Sider (cole slaw), Steve Zacher (brownies), Carol Adelman (weighing corned beef), Lee Pomerantz and Susan Cooperman (large orders), and Beth Zweig and Ellen Tom (condiment bags).

We continued a weekly e-blast with corned beef reminders to previous customers and increased our social media presence on Facebook with paid advertising, regular posts, and help from our congregants in sharing news of the sale with friends. Thanks to Fran Adler, Lee Pomerantz, and Beth Zweig for their work on marketing.

The kitchen crew worked well together in smoothly preparing the corned beef on Deli Day. Thanks to Denny Reynolds, Marcia Reynolds, and Jon Tam.

We welcomed Rabbi Meir Barger to his first corned beef sale and appreciated his versatility in helping at many posts! David Crell showed his skill at the meat slicer, drawing on his previous deli experience as a college student and helping capture every available bit of corned beef to enjoy.

More information will be coming on plans for next year as we continue to look for additional congregational fundraisers and members to get involved. Contact Samara Sheray at cavadmin@templecav.org to offer your help or ideas. It's lots of fun and a great way to meet people!

Visit our [Facebook page](#) to find photos from [Prep Night](#) and [Deli Day](#).

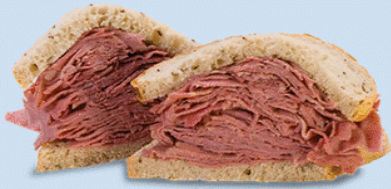


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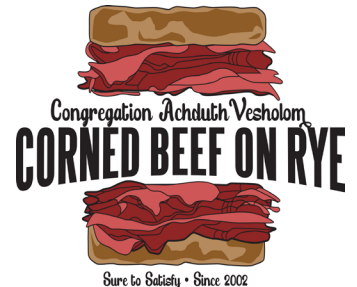
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 The Zacher Company
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 Judy & Steve Zacher
 Beth & Dan Zweig



After months of planning via Zoom, our Corned Beef crew gathered in person and worked hard on Prep Night to ensure smooth operations. Our first drive-thru proved successful, helped by new signage and a large-order prep station in the chapel. Volunteers helped in so many ways, including making deliveries and sandwiches. Thanks to all who assisted!





Lifelong LEARNING

at Congregation Achduth Vesholom

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. Zoom links are included in our weekly email. Please join us:

Jewish Study Responsa Parts 1 & 2

Tuesdays, December 7 & 21

7 p.m. on Zoom



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.

Join Rabbi Meir for these two sessions when we 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 Thursday prior to the class to receive materials.

Coming in January:

A Year for the Trees: The Environment & Jewish Tradition

Tuesday, January 11

7 p.m. on Zoom

Join Rabbi Meir and members of the Temple community to learn about the Jewish holiday of Tu B'Shvat, and how traditions surrounding this festival contribute to a deeper understanding of our connection to Creation and our obligation to care for the earth. Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Thursday, January 6 to receive materials.



Hebrew 1: Kita Aleph with John Planer

Sundays, January 23 to April 10

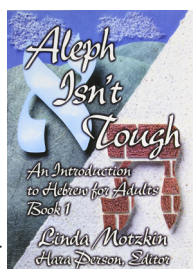
7 to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom

Ready to follow along in the Hebrew Shabbat services? Wondering how to master your pronunciation of the prayers? Then our new "" class is for you!

John Planer will guide us through our study of Hebrew on Sunday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. via Zoom, beginning January 23. The class will meet for 11 sessions, through April 10. (We will not meet on February 20).

Hebrew 1 is offered at no charge, but participants must purchase the required text and have it at the first session. Textbook:

Aleph Isn't Tough: An Introduction to Hebrew



for Adults, Book 1. Purchasing Options: [Behrman House](#) or [Amazon](#).

Registration is required by Sunday, January 9 to office@templecav.org. The Zoom link to attend will be sent to those who register.

Beyond the Gender Binary in Judaism with Ariel & Ze'evi Tovlev

Tuesday, January 25

7 p.m. on Zoom

While "transgender" and "nonbinary" are modern terms, our

Jewish tradition has understood gender to be beyond "male" and "female" for almost 2,000 years! Come learn about gender beyond the binary in Judaism, and what our ancient texts can teach us about gender expansiveness.

Ze'evi Tovlev (pronouns: they/them or ze/zem) is a 4th year cantorial student and a graduate of the Master's degree of Jewish Education at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR). Ariel Tovlev (pronouns: he/him or they/them) is a 4th year rabbinical student and a graduate of the Master's degree of Jewish Education at HUC-JIR. Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Thursday, January 20 to receive materials.



ONGOING CLASSES INCLUDE:

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group with John Planer

Mondays

7 p.m. on Zoom

Study the Hebrew texts – both Orthodox and Reform – of the daily and Shabbat liturgies on Mondays at 7 p.m. led by John Planer on Zoom. Join us to examine the meanings and grammar of the texts we recite and note significant variants. The group is open to any and all.

The Five Books of Moses Study Group with Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan

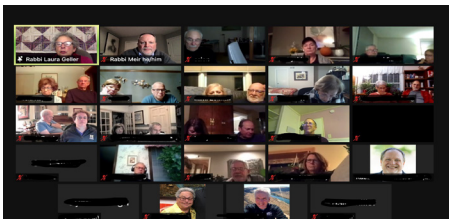
Sundays at 7 p.m. on Zoom

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.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Temple Board met virtually on Thursday, November 11 for its regular monthly meeting. Some highlights:



Lifelong Learning

Rabbi Meir Barger told the board that 30 congregants participated in a virtual lifelong learning class on November 10 with Rabbi Laura Geller on "Getting Good at Getting Older." Pleased with the turnout and active discussion, he said a survey has been sent to attendees to gather feedback and ideas for future programs for this segment of our membership.

19th Corned Beef Fundraiser

Corned Beef Co-Chairs Larry Adelman and Micah Soltz reported to the board on the success of the Temple's largest fundraiser, raising nearly \$24,000 due to record sales of nearly 1,800 meals and 90 pounds of bulk corned beef, along with sponsorships. Larry said he appreciated the great committee and veterans of the sale who pitched in. He also offered kudos to Micah, who contributed much in his first year as co-chair with his experience in the food service industry.

Livestreaming

The Temple is looking at different aspects of our livestreaming, including upgraded equipment and personnel to run Zoom for worship services. Please contact Executive Director Samara Sheray if you or someone you know is interested in being a regular Zoom operator on Friday evening and/or Saturday morning.

Raising Funds for Afghan Refugees

The board approved a recommendation by the Social Action Committee to begin a fundraising effort at the Temple with a goal of \$5,000 to help Afghan refugees who will be resettled in northeast Indiana.

The Temple's goal would be part of an overall initiative with the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne on behalf of the Jewish community that will be led by a joint steering committee. Rena Black, Bobbie Golani, and Kathy Sider will represent the Temple.

The refugees are being resettled by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Fort Wayne South Bend, with support from Amani Family Services.

Kathy Sider, Vice President Program and a member of the Social Action Committee, said that \$5,000 will help fund a refugee family for four months. The fundraising effort at the Temple will include a free-will offering taken by the ROMEOS at the Hanukkah dinner on December 3. Other tzedakah and matching opportunities are being considered. (Find out more on pages 1 and 11.)

Board Development

Board Development Committee Chair Beth Zweig gave a presentation to the leadership on the importance of strategic planning.

The board also learned about an upcoming program offered by the Union for Reform Judaism on May 1-3, 2022 in Washington with in-person and virtual attendance options. The URJ Biennial and Consultation on Conscience are not being held in 2021, but have been reimaged into "Leading Change: A URJ Summit."

The gathering is aimed at three leadership groups: Leaders focused on social justice; congregational leaders who are tackling critical challenges in their communities; and emerging leaders who hope to lead us into the future. Interested congregants may contact President Ronnie Greenberg.

SHARE IN A FESTIVE EVENING (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

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.



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. After that date, please contact the office to see if space is available. Please bring your hanukkiyah and candles to light. Thank you to the Retired Old Men Eating Out for hosting the meal.

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. (Learn more on page 1 and 11.)

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.



Hoosier Fried Latkes

A History of Mid-Western
Chanukah Recipes

Guest Speaker Avery Robinson
A virtual program
Presented by the Indiana Jewish Historical Society

7 PM EST Thursday 12/9

Please RSVP at michael.brown@ijhs.org

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JOIN US FOR A TOAST ON CHAMPAGNE SHABBAT

Celebrate Shabbat with us as we approach the start of 2022! Share Sabbath worship on Friday, December 31 at 6 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir. Join us in person or via livestream. Kiddush follows the service, as well as a champagne toast. We look forward to seeing you! Happy New Year!




THE TEMPLE IS PLEASED TO BE A CO-SPONSOR OF THIS PROGRAM:



The Bible as a Resource for a Time of Crisis: A Torah Study

Saturday, December 11
9:00-10:30 am PST
 10 am MST / 11 am CST / 12 pm EST
 online and in person

with
Rabbi Dr. Tamara Cohn Eskenazi
 The Effie Wise Ochs
 Professor of Biblical Literature and History
 Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion
 Editor, *Torah: A Women's Commentary*



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFO AT: ORAMI.ORG/RSVP

LEARN ABOUT JEWISH NAMES IN FEBRUARY



Warren Blatt, an internationally known Jewish genealogist and former head of [JewishGen](http://JewishGen.org), will present two free public programs for the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society on Sunday, February 13, beginning at 2 p.m.

The presentations will take place in-person at the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center, with details of a virtual component to

come in January. The first program, "Jewish Given Names," will focus on the history and patterns of Jewish first names and how to recognize names in genealogical sources. "Jewish Surnames" will discuss the types and origins of surnames, how they developed and how they transformed with immigration.

Further details about the program and the NEIJGS are available on their website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org. Thanks to Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the Dr. Louis A. and Anne B. Schneider Foundation Trust for their support of this program.

MAZEL TOV TO:

Rachel Sider on earning her Masters in Public Policy with Distinction from the Blavatnik School of Government at University of Oxford. She is currently serving as the Chief of Staff for the President of Interpeace, an international peace building organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Proud parents are Kathy & Todd Sider.

Congratulations!

CONFRONTING THE SHOAH RETURNS

Please join Dr. David Lindquist for a six-session class providing comprehensive contextual and historical knowledge about the Nazi Holocaust. Classes will meet on Zoom at 7 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: January 11, 18, and 25, and February 1, 8, and 15.



Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the program is free and open to everyone. Please call (260) 456-0400 or email office@fwjf.org to register. Class material and the Zoom link will be sent to participants the week before classes begin.

Major funding for the program is provided by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and by gifts to the Federation's annual campaign.

HAVA NAGILA (THE MOVIE) COMING IN JANUARY

It's to music what the bagel is to food – a Jewish staple that has transcended its origins and become a worldwide hit. Bob Dylan sang it. Elvis, too. And that's only the beginning when it comes to *Hava Nagila*.

Follow the infectious party song on its fascinating journey from the shtetls of Eastern Europe to the *cul-de-sacs* of America in this hilarious and surprisingly deep film. Watch a screening of [*Hava Nagila \(The Movie\)*](http://Hava Nagila (The Movie)) on January 23 at 2 p.m. on PBS39, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.



During a lovely Shabbat service on November 5, we celebrated Consecration with three of our youngest students in honor of the formal start of their Jewish education. Rabbi Meir and Religious School Committee Chair Leise Rosman joined the children in saying the Shema. We also recognized Bruce Colegrove for nearly two decades teaching Hebrew at the Temple. Mazel tov to the Crell, Gordon, and Soltz families and to Bruce!

DONATIONS

Campership Fund

In memory of Celia Zweig: *Beth & Dan Zweig*

General Operations

Donations have been received from: *Suzi Stone, Sue & Jerry Pownall*

In memory of Marvin Cristil: *Fran & Irv Adler*

In memory of Jean Pownall: *Sue & Jerry Pownall*

Holocaust Education Fund

In memory of the Finkelshteyn Family: *Dora & Leonid Itkin*

In memory of Marquard Bach and Bessie Schmitz:

Janice & Joel Greenberg

In honor of Karen & Curt Posner: *Janice & Joel Greenberg*

Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural Enrichment Fund

In memory of Samuel Rothberg: *Stephen Rothberg*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

A donation has been received from: *Fran & Irv Adler*

Religious School Fund

A donation has been received from: *Ronnie & Norm Greenberg*

In honor of Bruce Colegrove: *Marcia & Denny Reynolds*

Temple Library Fund

A donation has been received from: *Fran & Irv Adler*

Thoughtful Thursdays

A donation has been received from: *Jessica & Roger Ash,*

Nancy & Scott Salon

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

HOT TOPICS SHABBAT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Join us in person or via livestream on Zoom or YouTube for the service, led by Rabbi Meir Bargerion with music by Maestro Robert Nance. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation. We look forward to a very informative talk on a very pressing issue.

- A fundraising campaign within the Temple with a goal of \$5,000 by December 31. [Donate online](#) (indicate: Project Assist-Afghani Resettlement)
- An effort to collect hard goods that are needed to set up homes, like brooms, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, and the like.
- Assistance to an individual family or families to join them in setting up their new homes with these donated items.

Masks are required in the building. Find the Temple's [COVID safety protocols](#). The link will be sent in the weekly email to our extended Temple family or by request to office@templecav.org. Guests are welcome. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of Hot Topics.

The Jewish community's Afghan Steering Committee members from Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne are Co-Chairs Bobbie Golani and Jaki Schreier, Kathy Sider, Scott Salon, Fran Volante, Bonnie Pomerantz, and Rena Black.

JEWISH COMMUNITY EFFORT TO HELP AFGHAN REFUGEES

[Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) have joined forces to assist the effort by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend in resettling Afghan refugees in Fort Wayne. The first group of 75 has already arrived. Many significant items are needed for them to make a home locally.

CAV's Board of Directors has approved initial plans, which are threefold:

The Federation has committed to matching all donations up to \$5,000 from their coffers. Additional support is coming from the Religious School, the ROMEOS, and other Temple funds. By the time we finish, we hope to have in excess of \$10,000 combined from both organizations to contribute in addition to the hard goods.

Members are encouraged to help our two Jewish organizations with these goals by pledging to contribute in one or more of the above ways. You will receive a letter from the Afghan Steering Committee detailing exactly what you can do to help. Of course, time is of the essence. Catholic Charities aims to have all the homes set up by the end of the year. Please respond quickly and enthusiastically when you receive the formal request.

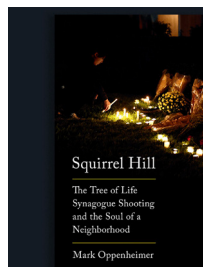
As we were once strangers in a strange land, it is now up to us to help our newest arrivals. Please give generously.

SIGNED COPIES AVAILABLE OF OPPENHEIMER BOOK

The Temple was honored to host Mark Oppenheimer on October 25 to talk about his powerful new book, [Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood](#).

[A recording of the program](#) is available on YouTube. We also have signed copies of the book for \$25 in the Temple office. To purchase yours, please contact us at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245.

Oppenheimer's visit was sponsored by Congregation Achduth Vesholom (Holocaust Education and Social Action committees), the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#), and the [PFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#). Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.



December YAHRZEITS

December 3-4

David J. Ash
Rachel Behar
Sarah Bronstein
Anna Bussell
Herman Cohen
Mae Fine
Morris J. Foreman
Samuel Gibson
Rebitzin Gute Golden
Marion K. Grinsfelder
Jacqueline Hagendorf
Albert Herzog
Eva J. Huebschman
Edith Gold Hutner
Oscar Allen Isay
Gladys Katz
Ethel Kruger
Bertha Levin
Stanley Maier
John V. Malay
Manuel Margulis
Moses Mayer
Samuel S. Meyers
K.J. Miller
Charlotte Novitsky
Mickey Pass
Bunny Posner
Harold Prigozen
Ruth Rosenthal
Rebecca Ruderman
Irene Schibel
Golda Sheray
Fannie Siegel
Elizabeth H. Smulo
James Solomon
Joseph Stiefel
J. T. Thompson
Rose Warshauer
Herbert Weinraub
Sarah Weiss
Wilbur Zweig

December 10-11

Col. Richard G. Banks
Nathan Bialick
Bess Bookstaff
Fanny Brenn
Benjamin Cahn
Pearl Davidson
Dr. Jerome Gerber
Rosetta Goodman
Don Gordon
Lou Hoffman
Dora Horwitz
Hanno Jensen
Isaac M. Kann

Susan Kaplan
Joseph Kaplan
Florence Katz
Herman Komisarow
Sarah Leah Komisarow
Anna Krantzle
Bernard Kroot
William (Bill) Latz
Peter Lauinger
Harry Levin
Saralee Levin
Hortense Wolf Maier Levy
Vitaliy Leybman
Irma G. Loeser
Helene Goldenberg Maier
Dorothy Margulis
Rosa Rappaport McKinney
Bessie Meyer
Myron J. Morris
William J. Platka, Jr.
Ethel Rath
Allan Rush
Salomon Z. Safirstein
Betty Schaffer
Harry Sherr
Candy Stinnett
Louis Samuel Superior
Marguerite Long Thal
Morris Tillingier
Betty Wald
Dr. Oscar Weinstein
David Weiss
Phoebe Da Costa Wolf
Esther Zissen
Leah Zucker

December 17-18

Elsa Adler
Joseph Barasch
Salomon Efrom Borenstein
Miriam Yuter Chodosh
Josephine P. Cressy
Marsha Dan
Dorothy Dicker
Howard Dinnerstein
Nathan N. Donner
Phil Flook
Mary Fogel
Morris Forlander
Clyde R. Gaddis
Henry Haskell Glazer
Alex E. Goldberger
Arnold L. Goldsmith
Frances Bussell
Lily D. Grover
Bertie Haslacher
Steven Hollander

Viola Hutner
Yetta Jacobson
Sarah Kalver
Isidore Kalver
Sidney Katz
Sam Krantzle
Max Kraus
Jeff Kruger
Mollie Kutcher
Rose Lande
Joseph Latker
Henry Levine
Laura H. Levy
Lee Marshall Loeser
Julius Marx
Harold Michelson
Hattie Griffin Minske
Lena Moss
Thomas Portman
Leona Zweig Rosenberg
Sally Rosenberg
Reba Safran
Dora Sains
Marilyn Salon
Darren Schongold
Rebekah Schwartz
Jeanette Sunshine
Louisa Trauerman
Ethel J. Trotter
Bessie Weinstein
Toba Weinstein
Charles Young
Max Zinn
Dr. Elmer Zweig
Ruth G. Zweig

December 24

Bertha Browarsky
Pauline Brateman
Thomas Edgar Butz
Minnie Cline
Marvin Crell
Geraldine Crubaugh
Dorothy Talberg Ernest
Rose Fisher
Fannie Franklin
Rosalie Appel Freund
Henry Friedman

David Frosh
Frederick Gee
Sidney Gold
Samuel Greenberg
Eugene S. Lesser
Michele Lundmark
Kathryn Manalis
Donald L. Marx

Gina A. McClatchey
Stephen L. Meyers
Louis Meyers
Guy Miller
Minnette Papier
Edna K. Platka
Bettye Roberts
Dr. Maurice Rosenthal
Dr. Joel W. Salon
Louis Sandler
David Schibel
Morton Stillpass
Edwin Turansky
David Warshauer
Barney Warshauer
Joseph David Weinraub
Victor Weiss
Kent Wenbert
Leon Wertheimer
Retha West
Joseph Wiesenthal
Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf
Ida Wolfson
Mendel Zweig

December 31

Gertrude Stein Adelman
Josephine Ferbstein
Abe Latker
Gertrude E. Blum
Jack Rosenberg
Ethel Rath
Helen Isay Smith
Morris Schwartz
Irvin J. Bransilver
Robert Buker
Anna Platt
Jane Y. Rutin
Maureen Gilbert
Julius Kaufman
Hayme Sains
Jeanette Lewis
Samuel Finkelstein
Ethel Shecter
Herman Messe
Harry Papier
David Weinberg

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.

JANUARY YAHREZEITS

January 7-8

Sylvia Ash
Ruth Berkow
Linda Berwert
William Brosler
Joseph Doran
Philip Dorman
Hedwig Einstein
Anna S. Engelhard
Henry Friedman
Harry Fryfield
Isidore Goldberg
Leona Goldstein
Joseph C. Goodman
Fannie Hassan
Margo Hirshfeld
Harry Horwitz
Morris King
Elsie Kraus
Bess Landy
George Latz
Arthur Lenhart
Claire Leopold
Martin Levine
Louis Levy
Aida McCassey
Milton M. Meyers
Don Minnich
Alice Novitsky
Gertrude Replane
Ted Replane
Beverly King Ribel
Norma Jean Rifkin
Marshall Rosenthal
Estelle Sachs
Samuel Salomon
Rose Schempp
Leonard Schreier

Herman Sheyer
Harvey Siegel
Cecilia Stern
Deborah Taub
Bea Waldman
Jeanne Winnick

January 14-15

Hyman Jerome Bass
Bess Belans
Grete Benedix
Faye Bodenstein
Sylvia Brateman
Stephen Cristil
Sam Edlow
Samuel J. Fishman
Lorry Goldenberg
Joseph Goldenberg
Glen Goldstrom
Basy Gurevich
Pearl Hertzman
Manuel K. King
Jack Krainess
Gertrude Kraker
Jewell Kraus
Marc S. Lauer
Rose Leader
Isidor Lehman
Ruth M. Levy
Eleanor Mazur
Abraham Morris
Robert J. Nathan
Sam Nemeroff
Patricia Rothman
Minnette D. Ruchman
Edward Rudin
Pearl Starr Sachs
Betty W. Sandler

Sidney L. Schechter
Irving A. Snow
Edna Vilensky
Raphael E. Vogel
Belle Zelman
James Zelman

January 21-22

Hurleen Blumenthal
Jacob Leon Brenn
Yetta Falk
Nathan Feldman
Hurley A. Feltman
Lottie Frosh
Gertrude Stein Gartner
Morris Gubitz
Henri Hagendorf
Fran Herman
Isadore Hersch
Anna Silverman Hyman
Ann Iczkovitz
Kathy Jarvis
Miriam Katz
Berenice Kempler
Mary Kathryn Klarke
Leopold Kraus
Morris Kudysh
Janet Latz
Hyman Marcus
Celia Mastbaum
Mark Merin
Robert Nerenberg
Netty K. Oppenheim
Mabel Papier
Tzvi ben Pinchas
Elias Punsky
Geraldine Greenberg Reich
Daniel Russ

Richard Sachs
Julius Schongold
Caroline Schwartz
Samuel L. Shafer
Herman Strauss
Jerome Moses Trotter
Frannie Weinraub
Sarah Ann Wills

January 28-29

Rosalind Adelman
Bill Aichele
Ruth Aichele
Manuel Babich
Rose Besser
Alan Blumenthal
Marian Behar Dodson
Phil Feldman
Milton Ferkel
Norma M. Flox
Sam Fogel
Dr. Max M. Gitlin
Chester Horn
Anita S. Kalver
Isadore Kaplan
Ruth Kepes
Rose Kraus
Marvin Kravitz
Rose Levy
Beckie Metzger
Deborah Rachel Neiman
Byron F. Novitsky
Bertha V. Shipsky
Brian Soraich
Anne Frank Wagner
Jack Weiner
Charles "Chuck" Weinraub

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.

Thank
you 

HELP THE TEMPLE WHEN YOU BUY!

We have two simple ways to help the Temple when you do your regular shopping:

- Shop through AmazonSmile. Indicate you want to support Achduth Vesholom Congregation and 0.5% of eligible purchases will go to the Temple. It's an easy way to help!
- Register your Kroger card in the Community Rewards Program. Link your card to benefit Congregation Achduth Vesholom - Organization number IF039.



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



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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
 February Bulletin is Monday, January 17.**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

RONNIE GREENBERG

More hours of daylight in the morning and less in the evening. A real nip in the air and, sometimes, soggy snowflakes. A major exodus of lawn furniture from the patio to the garage. These are some of the things we have come to expect in November.

The other things we expect at this time of year are an outstanding corned beef sandwich, an evening and morning spent working hard and having a great time with

scores of our fellow congregants, and a major inflow of cash to the Temple's coffers. This year's "Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy" sale satisfied all of the above expectations, and, in fact, saw a record number of sandwiches sold and a record net profit! THANK YOU and MAZEL TOV to all of you who participated, and especially to Larry Adelman and Micah Soltz and their committee for their leadership and hard work.

And while our Temple community's comradery and spirit of togetherness during the corned beef sale is so important, I also want to point out the importance of the income generated to the congregation's financial health. The last several years, at our annual meeting in June, the congregation has approved a deficit budget, meaning we projected our expenses to be greater than our income. We have some funds put by for just this situation, but it's not something we can make a habit of. So, what steps can we as congregants take to close that deficit gap?

The first place that we can make a difference is with our dues. The dues that we pledge each year to the Temple account for just over 40% of our annual organizational income. We should ask ourselves: Are we each being as generous as we can? Do we pay the invoice promptly when it arrives and are we sure we didn't forget to pay a prior invoice? Our lives are busy and it's easy to postpone, and then forget about, something. But the Temple still needs to pay its bills. So, I hope we can all answer "yes", we are being as generous as we can. Please know that we do not turn away anyone based on the inability to pay dues. We rely on the generosity of those who are able to make up for those who are not.

Another way to support the congregation is through [donations to the various funds](#). Whether your interest is music, Holocaust education, or the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, a donation is a beautiful way to remember a loved one, or say "Happy Birthday," or honor a friend's or family member's accomplishment. Most of these funds are linked to specific projects or purposes, allowing you to target your donation to your area of interest or that of your honoree.

You can also [donate](#) to the Temple regularly and easily while you do your shopping at Kroger or Amazon. Just indicate on AmazonSmile and/or Kroger Marketplace that you want to help Achduth Vesholom Congregation – and a percentage will be automatically donated.

Yet another way to support Achduth Vesholom is to think long term and support future generations by joining the [L'dor Vador Legacy Society](#). This involves making a provision to remember the congregation in your estate through bequests, revocable trusts or as a beneficiary of a life insurance or retirement policy. It's a meaningful way to ensure that our congregation will continue long after we are gone.

And don't forget those year-end donations!

So please give some thought, and then some action, as to how you might help our congregation meet and exceed our fundraising needs. It's our congregation. If we don't nurture and support it, who will?

Thank you for being part of our Temple family. Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year!

