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WE DID IT!!! WE REACHED OUR GOAL— AND THEN SOME!!!

JEWISH COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN TO HELP AFGHAN REFUGEES COMPLETED

When the Jewish community announced in December a month-long fundraiser for Catholic Charities to assist with resettling Fort Wayne's Afghan refugees, we set a lofty goal of \$5,000 from Congregation Achduth Vesholom, with the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne offering to match that amount.

The generosity in the first few days was so exceptional that the Temple Board of Directors raised the goal to \$10,000. And as the final days of the campaign and year-end 2021 approached, the amount kept growing. And growing. The exceptional generosity of our congregants and the greater Jewish community raised \$21,868 to assist the newest residents of Fort Wayne.

"Your generosity to assist our new neighbors is so limitless that we can't thank our donors enough," Bobbie Golani and Jaki Schreier, co-chairs of the campaign, wrote in a letter to donors. "...We are taking this opportunity to say thank you a hundred times over.... We can't begin to imagine how much this will help the "strangers in a strange land" find their new homes and new lives in Fort Wayne."

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NEW TOPICS IN JEWISH LEARNING OFFERED THIS MONTH



Expand your Jewish knowledge by joining us for lifelong learning classes that include a variety of Jewish study topics with Rabbi Meir Barger. Please join us:

Wednesday February 9 at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Doing Unto Others: Compassion in Jewish Life

Explore how the human trait of caring for the wellbeing of others is expressed in Judaism and other faith traditions of the world. Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Thursday, February 3 to receive materials.

Tuesday, February 22 at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Judaism and the Afterlife

Do Jews believe in heaven, hell or any type of afterlife? The answer is complicated and may surprise you! We will come together to read Jewish texts and reflect on their meaning for our lives today. Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Thursday, February 17 to receive materials.

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



It is with much love and happiness that we invite you to join us as our children
Milly and Oliver Cunningham

are called to the Torah
as B'nai Mitzvah

Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Congregation Achduth Vesholom

Join us in person or via livestream

Shara & Harry Cunningham



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UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

PANDEMIC SAFETY PROTOCOLS UPDATE - NO IN-PERSON CLASSES THIS MONTH PROOF OF VACCINATION NEEDED TO ENTER THE BUILDING

In response to Allen County's continued high number of COVID cases, the Temple has canceled all in-person programs and events except for worship services through March 1, 2022. Shabbat services will continue to be offered both in person and via livestream. Religious School will move to Zoom only, while lifelong learning sessions will be offered only on Zoom.

The decision was made on January 6 by the Temple's Executive Committee keeping Jewish values in mind and taking into account guidelines from health officials. President Ronnie Greenberg said the leadership will reassess pandemic protocols in mid-February.

The Temple Board adopted a new policy effective December 17, 2021 requiring everyone entering the building to be fully vaccinated and to show proof of vaccination (a vaccination card or photo of the card). Masks continue to be required. Children under 5 who are not eligible for vaccination may come in the building with their fully vaccinated parent or guardian, but must social distance with their family.

To allow for social distancing, Friday evening services are being held exclusively in the Sanctuary. Saturday morning services are held in the Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel.

Programming Changes

Due to updated safety protocols, several events in February have been canceled, including Home Shabbat, Souper Bowl Shabbat, and Movie Night

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Shabbat Service

Friday, February 4
6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 5
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, February 11
6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 12
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, February 18
6 p.m. Service

Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 19
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, February 25
6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, February 26
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.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Five Books of Moses Study Group

Sundays, February 6, 13, 20, 27
7 p.m. on Zoom

Hebrew 1: Kita Aleph

Sundays, February 6, 13, 27 (No class February 20)
7 p.m. on Zoom

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group

Mondays, February 7, 14, 21, 28
7 p.m. on Zoom

Doing Unto Others: Compassion in Jewish Life

Wednesday, February 9
7 p.m. on Zoom
RSVP by February 3

Jewish Surnames & Given Names

Sunday, February 13
2 p.m. on Zoom
Sponsored by NEIJGS

Judaism and the Afterlife

Tuesday, February 22
7 p.m. on Zoom
RSVP by February 17

MARCH EVENTS

Strings of Inspiration With Bruce Colegrove

Wednesday, March 2
7 p.m.

B'nai Mitzvah of Oliver & Milly Cunningham

Saturday, March 5
10 a.m. at the Temple

Hamentashen Making

Sunday, March 6
10:30 a.m. at the Temple

Religious School Purim Party

Sunday, March 13
Noon to 2 p.m.

Erev Purim Service

Wednesday, March 16
7:30 p.m.

ONGOING EVENTS

Lunch with the ROMEOs

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



Thursday, February 3

[Mad Anthony Brewing Co.](#)
1109 Taylor St.
2002 Broadway

Thursday, February 17

[Joanna's Family Restaurant](#)
10368 Leo Rd.

RSVP to Denny Reynolds at dennisreynolds@me.com

[Find the lunch schedule](#)

ONGOING CLASSES

Hebrew 1: Kita Aleph with John Planer

Sundays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom (registration closed)

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group with John Planer

Mondays at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Five Books of Moses Study Group with Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan

Sundays at 7 p.m. on Zoom



RABBI MEIR BARGERON

AN ENDURING PEOPLE

In our part of the world, midwinter is often a challenging time of the year. The weather is at its coldest, iciest, and snowiest. The sun is creeping higher in the sky, but the days still feel short. Sometimes I long for sunshine, outdoor walks with green grass and flowers in sight, and the feel of a gentle and not frigid breeze on my bare arms. Maybe a lot of you have your own version of midwinter longing, too.

And, of course, these longings are run-of-the-mill occurrences in a typical winter. But what's typical about winter 2021-22? Not much. As I write this, Allen County is experiencing tremendously high case counts, with the ongoing pandemic fueled by the Omicron variant. Many more of us are personally acquainted with folks who have had COVID, and too many more of us have become ill ourselves. Thank God, for those who are vaccinated, COVID has become a much less dangerous disease. But the pandemic persists.

And this winter the Jewish people saw (yet) another example of what it means to live as a minority in a land where antisemitism remains a serious problem. The hostage situation at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, TX ended with three congregants and their rabbi escaping unharmed, but Jews from Colleyville to Jerusalem to Fort Wayne were affected. We hope and pray that that this is the end of the risk of senseless violence against our communities. But while we hope and pray, our congregation is taking measures to increase our protection and reduce our risks.

In this midwinter, it is an entirely rational response to cover our heads, declare our surrender to the chaos, anxiety, and fear, and to cry out "When will this end?"

Jewish tradition offers us some support when we feel our resilience slipping and need to find the strength to keep going. **Neitzach** (נֵיצַח), translates as both "Eternity" and "Endurance." We find this word in the Amidah:

*L'dor vador nagid godlecha ul'neitzach
n'tzachim k'dushat'cha nakdish.*

*To all generations we will make known
Your greatness and to all eternity
proclaim Your holiness.*

Judaism takes the long view: we look not only to what we can do in our own lifetimes, but also throughout all time. From generation to generation, we continue to live in covenant with the Eternal One, and with each other. That is the essence of *neitzach* in Jewish prayer.

And what of endurance? Very simply, endurance is the story of the Jewish people. We endured 400 years of slavery in Egypt, 40 years wandering in the desert, multiple diasporas, pogroms, and a genocide. We persist, we persevere, we endure. To put this in secular terms: we Jews have **grit**. In her book *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance*, Senator Angela Duckworth calls grit, "passion and perseverance for long-term goals."

Living Jewishly is to look forward, even if the ending we desire feels very far away. *Pirke Avot* teaches "It is not your responsibility to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from it..." (2:16).

In this difficult midwinter, Jewish prayer, and wisdom, and experience tell us that we can endure. We will come to a time, God willing, very soon, when our lives are not dominated by COVID. With vigilance, we will work toward a time when the societies in which we live in no longer tolerate antisemitism. May we each lift up and support one another as we make our way.

Rabbi Meir



NEW STORIES OFFER STRINGS OF INSPIRATION FROM BRUCE COLEGROVE

Temple member Bruce Colegrove returns on Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. with his latest Strings of Inspiration presentation with new stories of some of the most

remarkable events in the life of the women's orchestra at Auschwitz-Birkenau.

The orchestra at Auschwitz-Birkenau included three different pairs of sisters, all of whom played fascinating roles in the ensemble. Remarkably enough, a mother-daughter pair also found its way into the group.

Eva Steiner, the daughter of that pair, is one member about whom we know much from the extensive literature around the orchestra. The mother, on the other hand, is one

member about whom little has been known – until recently. In fact, no published resource to date has been able to report as much as her first name.

As it turns out, Eva Steiner died in late December 2021 at the young age of 100, and her nephew, Robby Steiner, reached out to Bruce hoping to discover some poignant details that he could include in his eulogy for Eva.

In Bruce's presentation, he will share many of the inspiring details about Eva that he shared with her nephew. He also will present some of the exciting new findings that his contact with Robby disclosed about this Jewish family, including Eva's fascinating mother, Jolanda.

We hope to offer the program in person at the Temple, as well as on Zoom. Please check next month's Bulletin or www.templecav.org for updated details. The link will be shared in the weekly email to our congregational family. Guests are welcome and asked to contact

us at office@templecav.org for access information. Please follow our [COVID safety protocols](#).

Bruce first shared incredible stories of these women in fall 2019 when the Violins of Hope programming captivated members of the Fort Wayne community. The enthusiastic response led to a second program in February 2021.

He describes the women's orchestra as the most eclectic, the most unique, the most controversial, and, without any question, the most zealously documented gathering of female musical talent the world has ever known. By many regards, it was also the most inspiring.

An ardent researcher in Holocaust studies, Bruce is the developer of the website [Women's Orchestra of Auschwitz-Birkenau](#). Recently retired from many years teaching Hebrew at Achduth Vesholom, he has taught for 20+ years at Canterbury High School.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION – “RESPONSIBILITY” RESOURCES IN THE TEMPLE LIBRARY

Achrayut, or “responsibility,” refers to our responsibility to act on behalf of the world and the environment, helping to make things better – at home, in the community, and for the world. The Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library has a wide variety of titles available for all ages on the subject. Additional suggestions for environmental titles can be found on our One-Sheet for Tu Bishvat. Check out the full collection of related resources here.

Debbie Herman’s *Rosie Saves the World* is a great picture book to start the conversation about various levels of responsibility – home and family, community and the world. *26 Big Things Small Hands Can Do*, by Coleen Paratore, uses the alphabet to help young readers think of ways to help. *What Zeesie Saw on Delancey Street*, by Elsa Rael, and Sarah Lynn Scheerger’s *Mitzvah Pizza* are both beautiful stories of responsibility to the community.

Barbara Krasner’s picture book biography of Golda Meir, *Goldie Takes a Stand: Golda Meir’s First Crusade*, and Nancy Churnin’s *A Queen to the Rescue: The Story of Henrietta Szold, Founder of Hadassah*, are both excellent introductions to community activism. *Each Living Thing*, by Joanne Ryder, and *Pond*, by Jim LaMarche, and Bob Graham’s *How to Heal a Broken Wing*, are all beautiful books that encourage children to respect and protect the environment.

For middle-grade readers, Danny Siegel’s two books, *Mitzvah Magic* and *Tell Me a Mitzvah: Little and Big Ways to Repair the World*, are both good sources of project ideas. Liz Suneby’s *The Mitzvah Project Book: Making Mitzvah Part of Your Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Your Life*, is a similar title for older students, as is Jeffrey K. Salkin’s *For Kids – Putting God on Your Guest List*.

Madelyn Rosenberg’s *One Small Hop*, a humorous novel set in the not-too-distant future, celebrates the impact small changes can make on our environment, when the main characters discover a live bullfrog in their town. *The Renegade Reporters*, by Elissa Weissman, and *Linked*, by Gordon Korman, tackle the issue in different ways. The

latter addresses the responsibility inherent in the world of journalism, but in a fun way for middle-grade readers. Korman’s novel for teens is a mystery involving anti-Semitism.

By way of inspiration, we have two biographies of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, an excellent example of social activism. For teens, Or N. Rose’s *Abraham Joshua Heschel: Man of Spirit, Man of Action*, is an introduction to his work. *As Good as Anybody: Martin Luther King and Abraham Joshua Heschel’s Amazing March Toward Freedom*, by Richard Michelson, is a Sydney Taylor Award-winning picture book for lower and middle-grade readers.

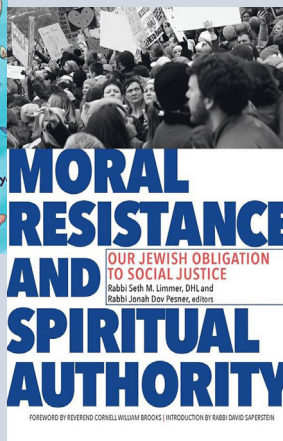
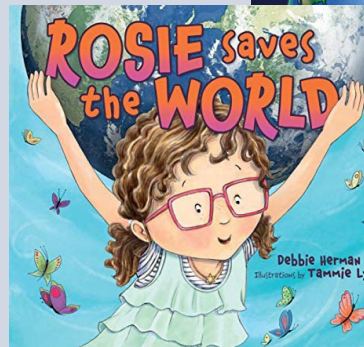
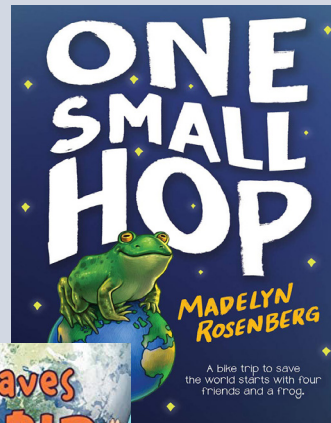
In our adult collection, *Judaism and Justice: The Jewish Passion to Repair the World*, by Rabbi Sidney Schwarz, is a call to action for American Jews. *Jews, Money and Social Responsibility*, by

Lawrence Bush and Jeffrey Dekro, focuses on socially responsible shopping and investing. Seth Limmer’s *Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority: Our Jewish Obligation to Social Justice*, is a collection of essays exploring a Jew’s responsibility to bring justice to the world. For additional inspiration, you might consider Michael Lerner’s anthology, *Tikkun... to Heal, Repair and Transform the World*.

Several environmentally relevant titles are available as well, including *Simple Actions for Jews to Help Green the Planet: Jews, Judaism and the Environment*, by

Rabbi Dov Elkins, and *Low Carbon Diet: A 30-Day Program to Lose 5000 Pounds – Be Part of the Global Warming Solution!*, by David Gershon.

Self-checkout is available at the library desk. You also can select titles through our online catalog. These books can then be picked up at the Temple office at your convenience. Any questions can be directed to Betsy at library@templecav.org.



DIVE INTO “FLORENCE ADLER SWIMS FOREVER” AT TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

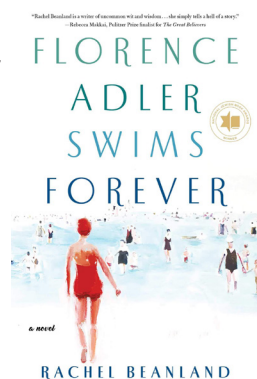
Our Temple Book Club returns on Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. via Zoom when we discuss *Florence Adler Swims Forever* with author Rachel Beanland.

The 2021 National Jewish Book Award winner for Debut Fiction, the novel is set in Atlantic City in the 1930s. 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.”

The review also notes: “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.”

We’ll begin our discussion at 7 p.m., followed by a conversation with the author at 7:30 p.m.. The Zoom link will be included in our weekly e-mails. Please contact Betsy at library@templecav.org with any questions. Thanks to the Jewish Book Council for making the author’s visit possible.



ABOUT THIS MONTH: ADAR I



The month of Adar I starts on the evening of February 1 and... and Adar II starts on March 4, because 5782 is a Jewish leap year, or *shanah me'uberet* ("pregnant year" in Hebrew). We have a leap year approximately once every three years to keep the lunar months of the Jewish year in sync with the solar calendar that governs our celebrations and holidays throughout the year.

Having *shanah me'uberet* in our calendar cycle keeps us from celebrating Sukkot in the dead of winter or celebrating Hanukkah in July some years!

I read a [description](#) of Adar I that I thought was a nice way to recognize our bonus month:

"We can think of Adar I as a hidden month, revealed only when we need it, to set the calendar straight! Similarly, in the natural world, many things hidden are coming to light. Hints of spring, until now hidden beneath the snow, begin to show themselves. We wonder when the first flowers will come out of their hiding place."

I'll definitely keep my eyes peeled and be optimistic for the first signs of spring that might sneak in this month!

WHAT WE'RE STUDYING

Our value this month at Religious School is *Hakarat hatov*, which is translated as gratitude; recognition of good; and appreciation. We'll be talking a lot about recognizing and appreciating our blessings throughout our day and will be committing to a *100 Brachot Challenge*. We'll be revisiting and learning *brachot* that we can use

to start our day with intention, recognize new things in our lives, give thanks for the things we have, contemplate hardships, and end our day with gratitude.

As parents, we can help and participate, too! As you go through your day, think about the things you might give thanks for and take a moment to recognize them with your children by reciting:

Hebrew: *"Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam,..."*

English: "Blessed are You, our God, sovereign of the universe, who..."

... and you can fill in the blank!

We'll have some fun activities to do that involve gathering our *brachot* and seeing just how much good we've experienced this month!

SCHEDULE

Our schedule for this month is:

February 6 – Meet online at 10 a.m.

February 13 – Meet online at 10 a.m.

February 20 – No class - Presidents Day Weekend

February 27 – 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



PURIM PLANS ARE PENDING FOR MARCH



While we aren't quite sure what the coming weeks will bring regarding safety protocols, we are planning a festive Purim celebration in March!

Start planning your costume and mark your calendar to join us for our Purim service and megillah reading on Wednesday evening, March 16! Details will be coming.

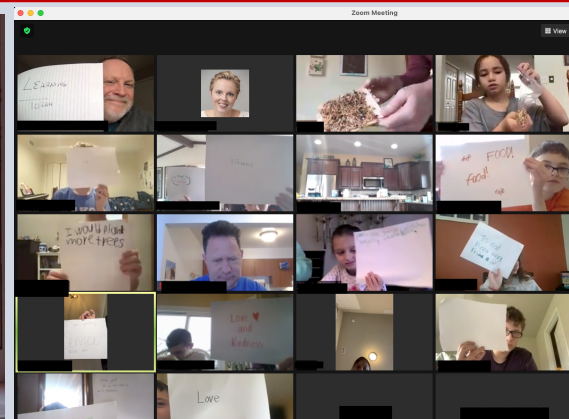
Due to safety protocols, our annual Purim Carnival is on hiatus again this year. However, Religious School families are invited on Sunday, March 13 from noon to 2 p.m. for a Purim Party. We will keep you posted if the celebration will be in person or via Zoom.

We're hopeful that our hamentashen bakers will be able to gather on Sunday, March 6 to create tasty take-home three-cornered treats for our Purim service. (See Page 10)



In the photo on the left, a little visitor stopped by the bird feeder made by Ella Hadashi during our virtual Tu B'Shvat celebration at Religious School.

As part of our study on Zoom of Tu B'Shvat, the New Year of the Trees, Religious School students shared what values they are planting for future generations.



CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR JEWISH SUMMER CAMP

Jewish summer camp provides young people with a heightened sense of Jewish community and spirituality.

Registration for summer 2022 at [Goldman Union Camp Institute](#) is underway! A sibling discount of \$100 also is available for the summer. GUCI is our regional Union for Reform Judaism camp in Zionsville. Children entering 3rd through 12th grade are eligible. [Find out more](#)

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](#).



WE DID IT! (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

We more than tripled the initial congregational goal of \$5,000, receiving contributions of \$16,868 from our Temple family. That included donations from the ROMEOS and attendees at our Hanukkah dinner, along with a gift from Rabbi Meir Bargerons's discretionary fund. The checks from the Temple and the Federation will be presented in person to Catholic Charities.

Thank you to Bobbie and Jaki and Afghan Resettlement Steering Committee members Kathy Sider, Scott Salon, Fran Volante, Bonnie Pomerantz, Rena Black and Rabbi Meir.

Learning more about Refugee Resettlement

As part of the campaign effort, we welcomed two guests from Catholic Charities to our Hot Topics Shabbat service: Nicole Kurut, Mission Advancement/Volunteer Manager, and Nyein Chan, Director of Refugee Services. During the evening on December 10, they told us that 88 Afghans have been settled in Fort Wayne, with an additional 19 to arrive shortly. Watch the service and program

They said finding permanent housing for the refugees is one of the biggest challenges. The federal government only provides 90 days of monetary support to newly arrived refugees as they begin new lives in our country. During this short time, the agency is required to provide numerous services including pre-arrival processing, arrival services, assistance with housing, referrals for medical care, acculturation, referrals for ESL (English-as-a-second-language) classes, school enrollment for the children, and other educational services as needed.

The agency also provides job training and placement services for all refugees including job readiness assessment, assistance with résumé writing and the interview process, job recruitment, job placement, job retention, and training and referrals.

Nyein also shared his journey more than three decades ago as a refugee from Burma, highlighting many of the immense struggles that are common to all refugees.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Afghan Resettlement Campaign!

- Larry & Carol Adelman

Fran & Irv Adler

Rabbi Meir Bargerons
& Jon Tam

Deborah Bauer

Jamie & Jon Berger

Don & Rena Black

Estelle Greenberg & Sue
Combs

Hannah & Jack Copeland

Ron Cousino

David & Kate Crell

Nancy Dicker

Ben & Sharon Eisbart

Janet Finkel

Ron & Pam Friedman

Betsy & Geoff Gephart

Nancy Nirdlinger Gerbino

Rhonda Gerson-Hurwitz
and Audrey Gerson

Rachel & Geoff Gordon

Doris Gottlieb

Maureen & Alan Grinsfelder

Rebecca Guttstein

Shai Hadashi

Matthew & Nola Katinsky

Janet & Andy Katz

Micki Kepes

Jim & Suzi King

Amy & Sam Krouse

New Hope Foundation

Len & Cookie Mastbaum

Joanne & Elliott McCrory

Rev. Bill McGill

Nancy McGinnis

Susie Miller
- Harriet Miller & Monica
Wehrle

Tom & Rita O'Neill

Marcia & Denny Reynolds

Christine Riley

ROMEOS

Cookie & David Rosenblum

Leise & Brian Rosman

Mike & Jo Ellen Rush

Kay Safirstein

Scott & Nancy Salon

Karen Sandler

Jan & Steve Sarratore

Samara Sheray

Lawrence Shine

Kathy & Todd Sider

Wendy & Micah Soltz

John Stein

Suzi Stone

Ellen & Mick Tom

Aliza Tourkow

Josh & Donna Tourkow

John Planer

& Janina Traxler

Steve & Sally Trotter

Deb & Joel Vilensky

Bill & Louise Warshauer

Steve & Judy Zacher

Al Zacher

Mimi & Don Zelman

Dan & Beth Zweig

Jewish Federation of Fort
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During our Hot Topics Shabbat on December 10, we welcomed Nicole Kurut (Mission Advancement/ Volunteer Manager) and Nyein Chan (Director of Refugee Services) from Catholic Charities to tell us about the agency's recent efforts to resettle Afghan refugees in our community.

Watch the video

Bobbie Golani and Jaki Schreier, who co-chair the joint committee from the Temple and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, announced that the Temple board voted unanimously on December 9 to double the fundraising goal to \$10,000 by December 31. The congregation surpassed the new goal, too!

As we prepare for the arrival of our newest neighbors in Fort Wayne, Rabbi Meir Bargerons prayed that we rejoice as we form partnerships with all of God's children to do the work of creating homes of safety, of dignity, where each human being made b'tzelem elohim, in God's image, may live in comfort and in safety, and in achduth (unity) and b'shalom (in peace).



REMEMBERING LOVED ONES IN A NEW WAY

Adding biographical information and photos to digital display

The Temple's new digital yahrzeit display in the foyer provides a special way to remember our loved ones and continue the Jewish tradition of observing the anniversary of their passing.

The new display uses an interactive platform that features a digital “plaque” that includes the individual’s name and date of death, as well as a touchscreen to find a personalized page with biographic information, photos, and a link to other family members who have plaques in the system.

Yahrzeit names for a given week are highlighted, along with a search option to locate information at other times. This platform not only allows our Temple family to memorialize loved ones, but also enables us to learn more about these individuals.

In the coming weeks, we will begin to gather additional information and photos from loved ones to enhance the page for each individual. Forms are available to [fill out online](#) or [on paper](#) with specific information about a loved one to submit to the Temple office to be added to the display.

Gathering the biographical information is the latest step in our yahrzeit project that grew out of the transition that began in July 2019 when members of the former B’nai Jacob became part of Achduth Vesholom. The long history of both congregations meant we had nearly 1,000 bronze nameplates on 10 larger boards with limited wall space.

The Temple's Board of Directors voted in February 2021 to purchase the interactive digital display, which was installed in September near the Sanctuary. The existing bronze plaques will be incorporated into a sculpture in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. The Arts and Beautification Committee is overseeing this project.

Digital yahrzeit plaques are available for \$500 each, with proceeds going to the Temple's Endowment. While the congregation draws from our entire yahrzeit list when we say Kaddish during services, the digital display includes only names for those whose loved ones have purchased a plaque.

Additional benefits of the interactive system

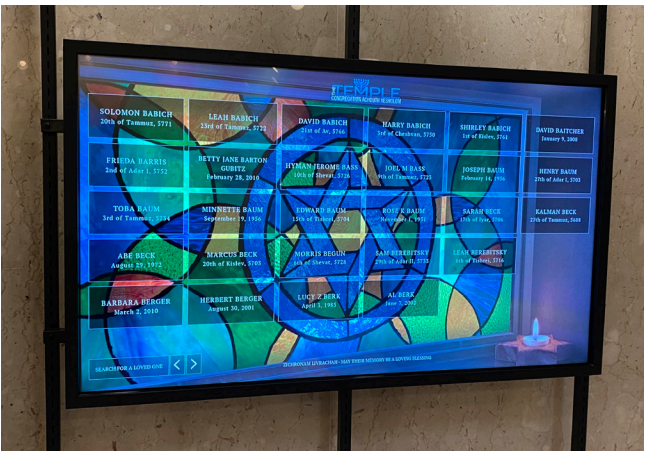
Another feature of the Yahrzeit Interactive platform is that it will hold our entire Yahrzeit database. Our full yahrzeit records include roughly 2,500 names that are read at services in a year, not just the ones whose loved ones have purchased a yahrzeit plaque. Even as our yahrzeit list continues to grow, the database will organize and automate the work that was being done by the Temple office.

We can now go in week by week or month by month and pull the yahrzeit names at any given time. It also will calculate the anniversary year after year. This includes the Hebrew date for those that prefer to observe that anniversary as opposed to the Gregorian calendar date.

A wonderful perk of this program is it also generates the Yahrzeit letters that go out each month as a reminder to loved ones. We already have been using this method since the start of this year, so you may have noticed a few very minor format changes.

As we continue to implement this program, please reach out with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your patience. We are working through the process and hope to correct any errors.

-- Marie McFadden, Administrative Assistant



With our new digital yahrzeit display being utilized, volunteers removed bronze yahrzeit plaques from the walls near the Sanctuary to be incorporated into a new sculpture that will be installed in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. Nearly 1,000 nameplates from both Achduth Vesholom and B’nai Jacob were alphabetized by the volunteers to be used by the artist. (See News from the Board on page 9.)

EXPLORE JEWISH NAMES WITH GENEALOGY EXPERT

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is excited to welcome genealogist Warren Blatt for two free virtual programs on Sunday, February 13, beginning at 2 p.m.

The afternoon will begin with "Jewish Given Names," an introduction to Jewish first names, focusing on practical issues for genealogical research. Learn why "Mordechai Yehuda" is also "Mortka Leib" is also "Max."

Our ancestors each had many different given names and nicknames, in various languages and alphabets, making Jewish genealogical research difficult. This presentation will address the history and patterns of Jewish first names, and how to recognize ancestors' names in genealogical sources.

Beginning at 3:30 p.m., he will continue with "Jewish Surnames," their origins, types, and etymologies. Learn when they were first used in various countries, how they developed, and their transformation upon immigration.

This presentation will dispel several common myths about Jewish surnames and discuss the classifications of surnames: patronymic/matronymic, toponymic, occupational, artificial, religious, and acronyms. Sources for learning more about your surnames and how they may be accessed also will be included.

Blatt is the former Managing Director of JewishGen, the primary internet site for Jewish genealogy, a division of the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, in New York City.

He is the author of *Resources for Jewish Genealogy in the Boston Area* (Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston, 1996); and co-author (with Gary Mokotoff) of *Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy* (Avotaynu, 1999). He was the Chair of the 15th International Seminar on Jewish Genealogy. In 2004, he was awarded the IAJGS' Lifetime Achievement Award in Jerusalem.

Registration is required to attend. The link can be found at the NEIJGS website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org/upcoming-events/. Thanks to the Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation, and the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center for their support.



More than 40 members of our extended Temple family gathered from near and far to kindle the first candle together on November 28 during "Hanukkah at Home" via Zoom, led by Rabbi Meir. Watch the candle lighting on ABC21 WPTA.



FAMILIES SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION OF THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

The "thank you" on the front of this handmade card says it all. It came with several others from Brightpoint Head Start families who appreciate Thoughtful Thursdays. As one mother said, "...we say thank you because we needed the items." We have the cards displayed on the door to the Thoughtful Thursdays room, so please take a look when you're in the building.



Even though our volunteers are unable to be together to assemble bags due to the pandemic, they have really stepped up to gather the necessary items for the bags. Whether shopping in person or ordering online for delivery to the Temple, they are making sure that we will have food for the Head Start families. Thank you to our amazing Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers!

We also appreciate the continued generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the members of our Jewish community for making Thoughtful Thursdays possible!

This month we will be sending home bags that include peanut butter, jelly, chicken noodle soup, canned peaches, crackers, four rolls of toilet paper, tissues, bath soap, and a "Valentine goodie bag."

Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sally Trotter at sartrotter@gmail.com.

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



Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers gathered in December to assemble bags of food and non-perishable items for the 40+ Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple!



The large Tree of Life plaque that formerly was displayed at Congregation B'nai Jacob has a new home outside our Sanctuary. First installed at B'nai Jacob's building on Fairfield and later at its home on Bittersweet Moors Drive, the 9-foot-wide tree features leaves engraved with important moments in the lives of congregants. The team of Maintenance Chief Clint Rossiter, Executive Director Samara Sheray, and Facility Committee Chair Jay Zemmol worked together to hang the piece. Add a new leaf to the tree for \$180.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Updates from the December 2021 and January 2022 meetings of the Temple Board:

Yahrzeit Plaque Sculpture

Carol Adelman, chair of the Art & Beautification Committee, updated the Board on the early stages of a new sculpture that will incorporate nearly 1,000 yahrzeit nameplates remembering loved ones from both Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob. The sculpture by artist George Morrison is planned for the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center and will be approximately 24 feet long and 12 feet high.

The Temple board in August approved spending \$22,000 on the new sculpture to create a beautiful, contemplative space, with funds coming equally from the two congregations.

Since that time, the artist gathered bids, selecting Precision Fabrication for the framework, materials, and fabrication and Mosaic Construction for the foundation and installation.

However, Carol said, the cost of supplies has increased since the original agreement. The committee requested approval for an additional \$5,000 for the project, which does not include lighting modifications in the courtyard nor lettering on the sculpture. The board approved additional funding to move forward with the project. As part of the transition agreement between the congregations, monies from B'nai Jacob recently were added to those from Achduth Vesholom so no further delineation of funds was noted for the project.

Carol also said volunteers removed the Temple's yahrzeit nameplates near the Sanctuary. Those plaques, along with ones from B'nai Jacob, will be utilized in chronological order within the sculpture. The Tree of Life plaque from B'nai Jacob has been installed next to the Sanctuary.

An ad hoc committee that includes members of the Art & Beautification and Facility committees will begin creating an inventory of artwork from both congregations and make recommendations to the Board on placement of items or a rotation plan.

Union for Reform Judaism General Assembly

The Union for Reform Judaism held a virtual General Assembly on January 9, with some 1,000 representatives from nearly 400 congregations. President Ronnie Greenberg and Board members Mike Rush and Beth Zweig represented Achduth Vesholom.

Attendees approved restructuring and changes to the constitution to create a smaller Executive Board tasked with fiduciary responsibility for the organization and a larger National Board to set strategic direction. Diversity in terms of geography and size of congregation are required on the National Board. The National Board will have the ultimate vote on issues, but will be elected by the General Assembly, thereby giving voice to the General Assembly

COVID Protocols Updated

After a lengthy discussion in December after Allen County entered the red zone for COVID cases, the Board voted to require proof of vaccination for everyone entering the building. Children 5 and under who are not eligible for vaccination may attend with a vaccinated parent or guardian, but they must social distance. Masks are still required to be worn in the building. Services will continue to be livestreamed and in person.

Services on Friday evenings will return weekly to the Sanctuary to allow space for social distancing. Saturday morning services will be held in the Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel or the Sanctuary, depending on attendance.

On January 6, the Executive Committee canceled all in-person programs and events except for worship services through March 1. Religious School moved to Zoom only.

The decisions were made following guidelines established previously by the Temple's COVID Task Force.

Member Engagement Task Force

Building community and increasing member engagement were the focus of a presentation by Board Development Committee Chair Beth Zweig. Following a discussion, Ronnie announced that she has established a task force to look at ways to increase connections to and within the congregation, as well as explore new programs and opportunities for engagement. Wendy & Micah Soltz will chair the effort.

Price of Leaves on Tree of Life Established

Leaves on the new Tree of Life plaque near the Sanctuary may be purchased for \$180 each, with proceeds going toward programming and lifelong learning. The Tree of Life came from Congregation B'nai Jacob.

As part of a review of other donation opportunities, the Executive Committee also determined that the cost of adding a name or occasion to other displays would remain the same. These include the:

- "And You Shall Be A Blessing" Simcha Quilt in the Social Hall - stars are available for \$180 and \$360, with proceeds to the Endowment Fund
- Olive Tree near the Madge Rothschild Resource Center - \$180 per leaf, with proceeds to support the resource center.
- The B'nei Mitzvah plaque in the Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel is considered complete with no additional plaques added.

BRING YOUR FAVORITE FILLING AND BAKE HAMENTASHEN WITH US!

As we prepare to celebrate Purim, please plan to join us to bake a variety of delicious hamentashen on Sunday, March 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Please check upcoming Temple communications for more information due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. We'll celebrate Purim as a community on Wednesday evening, March 16. Depending on our safety protocols, we will serve the three-cornered treats or provide a to-go nosh. Bakers also will be able to take some treats home fresh from the oven.

Dough will be provided, but please bring your favorite filling (no jelly as it is too runny), such as preserves, canned pie and strudel filling, chocolate chips, etc. If you have a rolling pin and 3-inch cookie cutter, please bring those as well. Tables will be set up to allow for social distancing. Masks and proof of vaccination are required.

Everyone is invited to participate in baking, but please RSVP to office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 no later than Tuesday, March 1 so that adequate supplies will be available. If you have any questions, please contact coordinators Mimi Zelman (mimiz21@msn.com) and Deb Vilensky (dmvilensky@yahoo.com).



SHARE IDEAS AT BRAINSTORMING SESSION



Bring your program ideas to the Brainstorming Session on Tuesday, March 8 at 2 p.m. on Zoom. The event is hosted by the Programming "Cabinet" of committee chairs – those who contribute events to our Temple calendar.

This is every member's opportunity to suggest ideas for programs you'd like to attend and help with next year and beyond. Whether general

or specific, all ideas are welcome for consideration. Please contact Program Vice President Kathy Sider with questions and to receive the link. If you are unable to attend, you may email suggestions to ksider812@gmail.com.

SALAMIS AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

We have delicious whole Hebrew National kosher salamis available for sale. Reserve yours while they last. The 12-ounce chubs are \$12 each.



Order [online](https://www.templecav.org) or contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org. Pick up your order during regular office hours - Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds support Temple programs.

CONFRONTING THE SHOAH CONTINUES

Please join Dr. David Lindquist for remaining sessions of Confronting The Shoah, a six-part class providing comprehensive contextual and historical knowledge about the Nazi Holocaust. Classes will meet on Zoom at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 8, and 15.

Sponsored by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](https://www.jewishfederation.org), 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.

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



Our Champagne Shabbat service on December 31 provided a perfect opportunity for members of our Temple family at home and in person to share a toast to 2022. Thanks to Ronnie & Norm Greenberg for leading the service.

MISHEBEIRACH HELPS US COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

Our *Mishebeirach* list helps us come together as a congregation and community to think of those among us who especially need healing, care, and compassion. We encourage you to add your loved one's name 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 your list current.

You also may share your loved one's name during services when the service leader asks for additional *Mishebeirach* names. [Learn more about the Mishebeirach prayer.](#)

Rabbi Meir and the Temple's Caring Committee are available to offer support and comfort, so please let us know when situations arise where we may be of help. We are a *kehillah kedoshah*, a holy community. Our Temple family supports one another during difficult times and joyous ones.





Our Festival of Lights celebration on December 3 included a delicious latke dinner hosted by the ROMEOs, the warm glow of hanukkiyot, the launch of the Jewish community's project to assist Afghani refugees, the dedication of the Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel, and a Hanukkah & Shabbat service.

Thank you to Denny Reynolds and the Retired Old Men Eating Out guys for a wonderful meal that included nearly 400 latkes, kosher hot dogs, veggie burgers, and sufganiyot (jelly donuts)!

Rabbi Meir Bargerone led us in kindling the Hanukkah lights, as well as the meaningful Chapel dedication and mezuzah hanging, and great Hanukkah and Shabbat service. We're grateful to Jaki Schreier, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, for representing the steering committee that's leading the Jewish community effort on behalf of the Temple and Federation to raise funds for the Afghani refugees who are settling in Northeast Indiana. (See page 6)

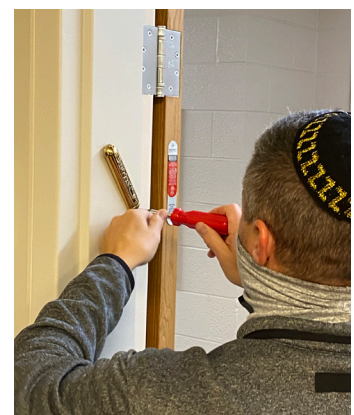


WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

We're pleased to welcome Becky Guttstein and her partner, Mark Eckert, as the newest members of our Temple family.

A Fort Wayne native, Becky returned to her hometown five years ago to be near family. She works in human resources at Zimmer Biomet. Mark works in IT at Autokinon.

Becky, who has two adult daughters, previously lived in Dayton and Indianapolis. At Congregation Beth Or in Dayton, she served as President, chaired the education committee, taught Religious School, and sang in the choir. Becky plays mah jongg regularly with Temple friends and looks forward to getting involved at Achduth Vesholom, including singing in Hazemir.



After a long delay due the pandemic, the Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel was dedicated on December 3, 2021 during a Shabbat evening when we also celebrated Hanukkah. Rabbi Meir led the ceremony, with readings by past members of Congregation B'nai Jacob, including Janet Finkel and Past Presidents Ron & Pam Friedman. Jay Zemmol received the honor of hanging the mezuzah on the doorpost. Remodeling of chapel began in fall 2019, soon after Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob came together as one congregation with two traditions.



THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURITY AND COMMUNITY

In the aftermath of the hostage situation in Colleyville, Texas, the Temple's leadership is closely reviewing our security needs to make sure our Jewish community is as safe as possible at the Rifkin Campus and to ensure we are as prepared as we can be in case of a threat or attack. Additional security measures may be implemented.

At Achduth Vesholom, we take security seriously and examine our safety plans on an ongoing basis. Some measures are more visible than others, such as armed police officers on our campus.

Within the past year, for example, we've added three sets of security doors in the Religious School hallway to provide better access control in our building, allowing us to isolate the school wing as needed or while having other events. These were funded by a \$100,000 federal grant obtained by the Temple in 2019 for ongoing security improvements. The Nonprofit Security Grant Program is funded by the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA.

Prior to the pandemic in September 2019, nearly 50 congregants attended a security training workshop to learn strategies to prepare and respond to an unpredicted event. Led by Deputy Chief James E. Feasel Jr. of the Fort Wayne Police Department and owner of Integrated Threat Analysis Consulting LLC, participants learned several steps to take to help law enforcement response and to help limit the number of potential injuries.

Executive Director Samara Sheray, who chairs our Security Committee, regularly consults with law enforcement and Homeland Security authorities on practical considerations to make sure the Temple complies with best practices for our building and grounds. Our leadership also is connected to a network of resources, including ones from the [Anti-Defamation League](#), the [Secure Community Network](#), the [Union for Reform Judaism](#).

LEARN THROUGH HUC CONNECT WEBINARS

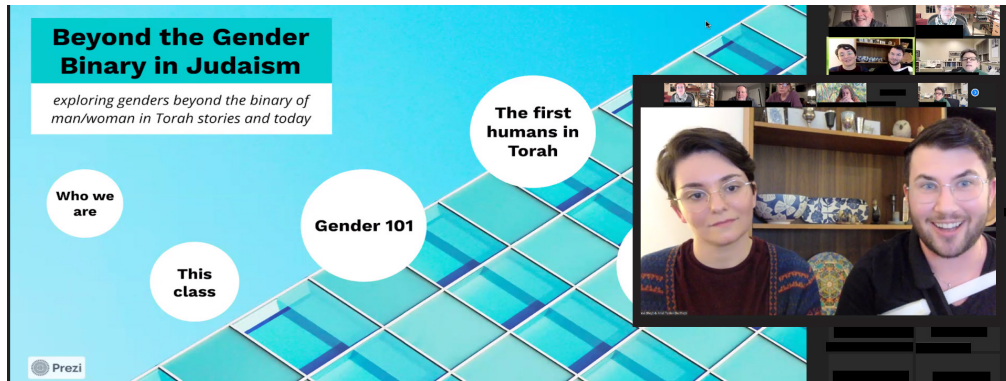
At the height of the pandemic, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion brought together those who love to learn through [HUC Connect](#). Over 30,000 participants from 55 countries joined us online to discover something new about Judaism and about themselves.

We are thrilled to welcome you back for Season 2 of HUC Connect, beginning in February.

Join us for [four stimulating lecture series](#) with social and cultural influencers:



- **Arts and Culture:** Experience the impact of Jewish material culture through the creativity of artists, composers, poets, architects, and writers who illuminate our Jewish heritage.
- **Civil Society:** The Dr. Fritz Bamberger Memorial Lecture Series: Probe the pressing concerns of our civic life today, including race and identity, elections, prison reform, and religious voices on social justice issues.
- **(Re)Defining Allyship:** Uncover the steps to be an ally to the LGBTQ+ community, women, and Jews of color, while confronting the hard work we must face to move forward.
- **Religion:** Explore the shared roots of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity and develop a deeper understanding to foster interreligious relations today.



Ze'evi Tovlev (they/them or ze/zem) and Ariel Tovlev (he/him or they/them) taught nearly two dozen congregants and friends on January 25 about gender beyond the binary during a lifelong learning class 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.

We learned about Gender 101 in today's world (including sharing your pronouns and not making assumptions) before exploring passages in Genesis about creation and rabbinic commentary that led to a stimulating discussion on gender. We also learned about the six genders in ancient Jewish literature.

Ze'evi is a 4th year cantorial student and Ariel is a 4th year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. They both have a master's degree in Jewish Education from HUC.



We welcomed Cantor Yvon F. Shore, Director of Liturgical Arts and Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, to share her beautiful voice at our Shabbat Shirah service on January 14. Maestro Robert Nance accompanied her on keyboard at the service, led by Rabbi Meir.

CONNECTING TO CURRENT EVENTS

As Jews, it's important to connect to the larger community to live our values of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) through both social action and social justice. Our involvement in recent weeks has included the tremendous support of our Jewish community in contributing to Catholic Charities' work in the resettlement of Afghan refugees, as well as our ongoing assistance through Thoughtful Thursdays.

Rabbi Meir participated in two community gatherings in January:

- On January 6, he joined Mayor Tom Henry and other leaders in commemorating the first anniversary of the assault on the Capitol.
- On January 16, he shared a reading during We are the Dream: Commemorating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Plymouth Congregational Church with Heartland Sings.

As a congregation, we also joined together for prayer and healing during our Shabbat service on January 21 in the aftermath of the hostage situation at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas. To help rebuild our strength and resilience, Rabbi Meir was joined by Ronnie & Norm Greenberg to light four Shabbat four candles as members both in person and via livestream recited:



We stand together against hatred, bigotry, and violence.

We stand together in love and support of each other.

We stand together in words and deeds.

We stand together understanding that our actions matter.

Rabbi Meir also offered a D'var Torah on balancing fears and security with the desire to be welcome the stranger.



Delivered by Rabbi Meir during the January 6 commemoration:

Prayer for our Country

By Rabbi Dr. Andrea Weiss

Every inch of America is sacred, from sea to shining sea. There is much to be done in our time, the sort of hard work on which God smiles because it is done for the sake of the dignity and well-being of all God's creatures.

Together, let us work to preserve and make manifest the values upon which our democracy was founded. The task of all people of faith is to call governing authorities to fulfill God's purpose of bringing about justice, mercy, and peace. Individually and as a nation, may we heed our obligations to each other as we navigate the tensions of building a just society.

Rather than a politics of divisiveness, may we move our country toward a politics of empathy. May we use our power well so we do great things for all God's creatures, all those made in God's image who yearn for an equal place at America's table. If we do all this, may grace and peace be ours in abundance. May we be a beacon and a blessing to the world.

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BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER WITH A PLANNED GIFT

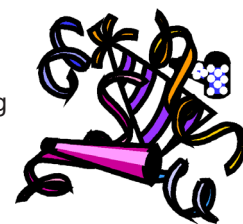
One of the best ways we can sustain a Jewish presence in northeast Indiana is through a lasting gift to Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

More than 40 congregants already have become members of the L'dor Vador Legacy Society since it was established in 2012 to encourage individuals to make arrangements to remember the Temple in their estates. Legacy society members are recognized at the Temple's Annual Meeting in June.

To become a society member, please inform the Temple in writing that you have made provisions to remember the congregation in your estate. For further information about the L'dor Vador Legacy Society or making a planned gift now or in the future, contact Planned Giving Committee Chair Beth Zweig at blzweig@msn.com.

MAZEL TOV TO:

- **Amy & Sam Krouse** on the birth of their daughter, Ruth Bea Krouse, on December 2, 2021 in Fort Wayne. Proud big brother is Noah.
- **Joanne & Elliott McCrory** on the birth of their granddaughter, Sarah McCrory, on January 5, 2022 in Fort Wayne. Proud parents are Ashlee & Alex McCrory and big brother is Isaac.
- **Becka Roberts** on her engagement to Alex Kastner. Congratulations to her parents, Debby & Keith Roberts, and grandmother Susie Miller, and to Alex's parents, Jim & Kim Berger and Rick Kastner of Fort Wayne. Becka plans to graduate from Ball State University in May. Their future plans are to move to Florida in August so Alex, a 2019 Ball State graduate, can pursue his master's degree at the University of Central Florida. They plan a December wedding.
- **Jane Martin & Charles Downey** on their upcoming marriage on February 20, 2022 in Fort Wayne. Temple member and Senior Judge (Retired) Mike Rush will officiate at the ceremony.



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Adelman Facility Improvement Fund

In memory of Gertrude Stein
Adelman: *Rita & Tom O'Neill, Carol & Larry Adelman*
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MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

GUCIPalooza is a music festival-themed weekend at Goldman Union
Camp Institute that brings together 9th-12th grade teens from across the
Midwest for a weekend together in person in Zionsville.

From wake up at 8:30 a.m. through lights out at 11 p.m., teens will be
engaged in a variety of programs. From
celebrating Shabbat, playing sports, arts
and crafts, learning about social justice,
singing our favorite camp songs, and more
– the weekend will be filled with options for
all!

Please contact the Temple at office@templecav.org
to say your student is
interested. [Find out more](#)



MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY: TECH EXPERTS NEEDED

Are you good with computers, especially getting Zoom and
access to YouTube up and running? We need your help
-- and it's a mitzvah! From time to time, members of our
congregation need a little technical assistance in order to be
able to access our services via livestream on a computer,
phone, or tablet.

If you're fully versed (Windows or
Mac OS, IOS or Android) and are
available to help another Temple
member with their online access,
please let us know at (260) 744-4245 or
office@templecav.org



FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

February 4-5

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Judith Baitcher
Nancy Barasch
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Molly Bleifeld
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Jane Costanza
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LOCAL ARTIST SEEKS SUBJECTS FOR DIVERSITY PROJECT

Hilarie Couture, an artist new to Fort Wayne, is working on an exhibit that will tell the story of the diverse cultures in our community through paintings. She is seeking an individual, couple, or small family to share their experiences in connecting to the community. She will paint your story, native dress, artifacts or cultural objects and what being in Fort Wayne means to you.

The commitment includes up to 90 minutes in her studio (or another location for a live painting session or photo shoot for her to paint from), along with a conversation for an audio story about your experience and why you'd like to be honored in this way. In addition, you would be a "live mannequin" next to your painting for an opening exhibit in October 2022. For more information, contact her at hilariecouture@gmail.com.

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The deadline for the March Bulletin is Tuesday, February 15.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



RONNIE GREENBERG

I am still smiling from our Shabbat Shirah service. In the Torah portion *Beshalach*, which is read on Shabbat Shirah, the children of Israel escape across the Sea of Reeds from Pharaoh and his army. Led by Moses' sister Miriam, they celebrate with dance and song praising *Adonai* – hence the name Shabbat Shirah, Sabbath of Song.

And we certainly had beautiful song that night! Cantor Yvon Shore joined us on January 14 for this special Shabbat, sharing a beautiful and eclectic sermon in song. ([Watch the video](#)) Cantor Shore is no stranger to Achduth Vesholom -- and it was a pleasure to have her back among us.

Music is very important to Jewish prayer. Dating back to the time of the First Temple in Jerusalem, the Levites sang and played instruments as part of the service. Through much of our history, most Jews had to memorize the prayers, and the chanting that developed was an aid to memorization. Later, the institution of the *shaliah tzibbur* arose to chant the texts for the entire congregation. This developed into the role of the cantor, who was responsible not only to pray on behalf of the community, but also to sing the service well.

A long, rich tradition of cantorial music developed over time, especially among Eastern European communities, and became a venue for some of the world's most beautiful voices. More recently, folk music-influenced cantors and Jewish musicians have introduced new music, both in Hebrew and English, into the liturgy. But the basic impact of music in our services – to enhance the prayer experience – has never changed.

I have always loved music, especially vocal music and especially Jewish music. I started singing in the children's choir at Congregation Beth-El Zedek in Indianapolis when I was six years old, and basically have never stopped. Rabbi Richard Safran first asked Norm and me to sing for services when we joined the Temple in 1973, and we have continued to enjoy this privilege, in collaboration with a number of rabbis, to this day.

But the guitar and folk-influenced music has not been the only music heard at the Temple. Under the direction and creative influence of Dr. John Planer, Hazemir choir has sung classical liturgical music of the great Jewish composers from the 16th century to the present. We also have enjoyed music by Maestro Robert Nance and his Heartland singers, especially the spirited Friday Night Live services. And, periodically, we have enjoyed a weekend with a Cantor-in-Residence, like Cantor Yvon Shore. We also are blessed to hear the beautiful voice of Rabbi Meir leading us. We are, indeed, a lucky congregation!

It is fairly amazing for a congregation of our size to have all these musical experiences available on a regular basis, but there is a very good reason for it. It is because people with a talent or ability or simply enthusiasm have been willing, even eager, to share their gifts and interests. That is, after all, the only way things happen in a small congregation. If you want it to be, volunteer to do it! What would you like to see happen at the Temple?

DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES

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