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CELEBRATE CONFIRMATION & BABY NAMING ON MAY 20



Share Shabbat with us on Friday, May 20 at 6 p.m. when we also celebrate the Confirmation of two students in our Religious School and a baby naming.

The milestone of Confirmation provides our teens with the opportunity for individual and group affirmation of a commitment to the Jewish people.

Mazel tov to:

• **Jacob Cohen**, son of Leslie Cohen and Joe Cohen

• **Grace Gephart**, daughter of Betsy & Geoff Gephart



We'll also celebrate the naming of Ari Hochberg, daughter of Adam & Libby Hochberg. The Hochbergs, including their 2-year-old son, Evan, are new members of our Temple family.

The service also will be livestreamed and the link will be included in the weekly email. Guests may contact the Temple office for virtual access information.

Masks are optional in the building. Please see the [Temple's COVID safety protocols](#).

TOPICS FOR MAY: HOPE, RESILIENCE, AND REVELATION

Expand your Jewish knowledge by joining us for [lifelong learning classes](#) that include a variety of Jewish study topics with Rabbi Meir Barger and guest teachers.

Please join us for:

Jewish Hope & Resilience

Tuesday, May 10

7 p.m. on Zoom

With a pandemic, war in Ukraine, and social discord in America, we are living at a watershed moment in history. We will look at how the Jewish creative sensibilities that have guided our people through history can continue to guide us today. Together, we will explore a collection of texts, metaphors and simple practices that can help us adjust to our "new normal" world.

Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by

Thursday, May 5 to receive materials.

Experiencing Revelation

Tuesday, May 24

7 p.m. on Zoom

On Shavuot we remember the revelation at Mount Sinai. But what was revealed and how was revelation experienced? We will study a number of texts from the classical Midrash literature to gain insight about the Israelites' experience at Sinai.

Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Thursday, May 19 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.



**MƏH JONGG RETURNS IN MƏY!
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UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

MAY SERVICES

Shabbat Service

Friday, May 6
6 p.m.

No Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 7



Shabbat Service

Friday, May 13
6 p.m.
Music: Maestro Robert Nance

Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 14
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service, Confirmation and Baby Naming

Friday, May 20
6 p.m.
Music: Hazemir

Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 21
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, May 27
6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 28
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.

MAY EVENTS

Making the Most of FamilySearch for Jewish Research

Sunday, May 1
2 p.m.
[NEIJS](#)

Five Books of Moses Study Group

Sunday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
7 p.m. on Zoom

Mah Jongg Open Play Begins

Monday, May 2
6:30 p.m. at the Temple
Thursday, May 5
1 p.m. at the Temple
[Sign up to play](#)

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group

Mondays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
7 p.m. on Zoom

Thoughtful Thursdays

Wednesday, May 4
10 a.m. at the Temple

Jewish Hope & Resilience

Tuesday, May 10
7 p.m. on Zoom
RSVP by May 5

Rosh Chodesh: Jewish Burial Practices

Sunday, May 15
4 p.m. [Lindenwood Cemetery](#) (Bohn Chapel)
[Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#)

Last Day of Religious School

Sunday, May 22
10:30 a.m. at the Temple

Experiencing Revelation

Tuesday, May 24
7 p.m. on Zoom
RSVP by May 19

JUNE EVENTS

Temple Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 8
7 p.m. in person and Zoom

David Estrin, founder of Together We Remember

Wednesday, June 15
7 p.m. in person
Co-sponsored with [PFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#)

JULY EVENTS

Temple Night at the TinCaps

Saturday, July 9
6:35 p.m.
RSVP by Wednesday, June 22

Pride Shabbat with Rev. Misty-Dawn Shelly

Friday, July 22
6:30 p.m.

Friday Night Live and BBQ

Friday, July 29
6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING Events

ONGOING EVENTS

Lunch with the ROMEOs

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



Thursday, May 5

[China Palace](#)
5810 Bluffton Rd.

Thursday, May 19

[West Coast Grille](#)
2310 S. Calhoun St.

RSVP to Denny Reynolds at dennisreynolds@me.com

[Find the lunch schedule](#)

Ongoing Programs:

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

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES MOVE TO NEW TIME IN JUNE

Summer services on Friday evenings will move a half-hour later to 6:30 p.m., beginning June 3 through September 2 (Labor Day Weekend). The change in schedule comes after more than two years of an earlier time that started with the pandemic when only virtual services were offered.

In a return to the Temple's customary seasonal timetable, services will move to 7:30 p.m. beginning Friday, September 9, continuing through Memorial Day. Rabbi Meir made the schedule change based on the recommendation of the Ritual Committee. Saturday services remain at 9:45 a.m.

Feedback from members indicated that 6 p.m. generally was a good time for online-only services. However, the time has proven more challenging for those attending in person for several reasons: Dinner planning is difficult for families with children and others who prefer to eat earlier; it's hard to get home from work and arrive at services on time; and more difficult to coordinate plans with others before or after services.

Services have been offered both in person and via livestream since April 2021, initially with masking, reservations to limit attendance size, and social distancing in place. Later, vaccinations also were required in the building. Beginning in March 2022, as local COVID numbers decreased, vaccination and masking requirements were dropped, bringing a return to normalcy.

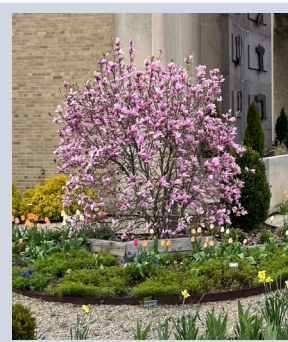


RABBI MEIR BARGERON

THE FLOWERS APPEAR ON THE EARTH

A season is set for everything, a time for every experience under heaven: A time for being born and a time for dying, A time for planting and a time for uprooting the planted; (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2)

Despite a few frosty and snowy(!) setbacks, spring has sprung in Northeastern Indiana, and in the gardens on our beautiful Rifkin Campus. The above text from Ecclesiastes describes the cycle of living that applies to the totality of life, and, very visibly, to the greening and flowering of the earth we are appreciating this month.



In our region we are blessed with abundant moisture; the spring rains and warming sun coax the flowers out of the earth and the buds from the trees. This life-affirming dynamic is especially visible in the garden that greets us as we approach the Temple doors.

When in full bloom, the magnolia tree commands attention in a way that evokes the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden. The mystical *Kabbalah* tradition describes this tree as “the tree of souls, from which souls take flight,” (Gershom Scholem, *Origins of the Kabbalah*, p.73). The stunning flowers of this magnolia brings Scholem’s vivid description to life!

These verdant weeks of spring are certainly a treat for the eyes and boost our spirits, but Judaism teaches a deeper truth regarding our natural world. “Be fertile and increase, fill the earth and master it; ... See, I give you every seed-bearing plant that is upon all the earth, and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit.” (Genesis 1:28-29)

Spring is a call to us, a reminder. Of these verses, Nahum Sarna wrote in the *JPS Torah Commentary on Genesis*, “Human beings are to enjoy a unique relationship with God, who communicates with them alone and who shares with them the custody and administration of the world,” (p. 11) As recipients of the gifts of Creation, each one of us bears a responsibility to tend to and care for the environment.

Our able and dedicated Temple Gardening Crew under the direction of Ronnie Greenberg, along with the tireless Clint Rossiter, tend to and care for our Temple environment. Their work is an inspiration and an example of the larger responsibility we all share to be stewards of Creation.

I hope that we can carry the inspiration of spring time in Fort Wayne and at Congregation Achduth Vesholom into the decisions we make each day that have an impact on our environment. For information on Jewish choices we can make to care for the earth, I recommend [this article from the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism](#).

I will close with this beautiful verse from Song of Songs, “The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land,” (2:10). Blessed is the One who created the natural world for us to admire and tend.

Rabbi Meir

BÄMS, CRÄCKS, ÄND DOTS RETURN - IT'S TIME FOR MÄH JONGG!

Get ready for the clack of tiles when mah jongg resumes this month at the Temple! Beginning the week of May 2, we will resume open play in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

Bring your 2022 card and join us on Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Thursday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. [Sign up here for these informal sessions](#). Players of all levels are welcome! We ask for a \$2 donation each time you play to help support mahj and other programs. (We will not meet on Monday, May 30 due to Memorial Day.)



Don't have the new card yet? Order yours at www.nationalmahjonggleague.org. Need a refresher? [Real Mah Jongg](#) is a popular app. And the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#) has several [mah jongg titles](#), including two different guides, that might come in handy.

If you'd like to be added to our occasional mah jongg e-newsletter, please contact the Temple at office@templecav.org.

We welcome newer players and gladly will assist as you learn the rules. (If you know anyone who would like to be contacted when we again offer lessons for beginners, please contact the Temple office at office@templecav.org.)

Masks are optional in the Temple. ([Find our COVID protocols](#)) Out of respect for others, please stay home if you are not feeling well, have a fever or cold symptoms, loss of taste or smell, or have been exposed to COVID.



CATCH THE TINCAPS WITH ACHDUTH VESHOLOM

Join members of our Temple family on Saturday, July 9 for a trip to Parkview Field to watch the [Fort Wayne TinCaps](#) play the Lake County Captains, followed by post-game fireworks.

The game starts at 6:35 p.m. Tickets for seats in the All-Star section behind home plate are \$14 per person. Please call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Wednesday, June 22 to reserve your seats and then send your check (made payable to “CAV- The Temple”). We will not order extra tickets, so please make your reservations by the deadline. No refunds will be issued for cancellations.

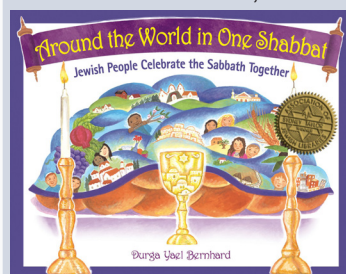
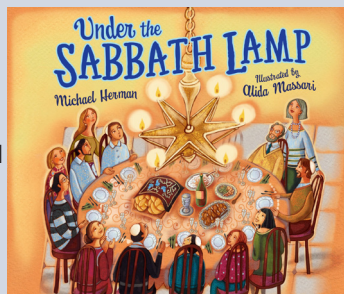
We'll let you know when your reserved tickets will be available for pick up at Achduth Vesholom so that everyone can meet that evening. Thanks to Mike Barasch for organizing this annual event.

SHABBAT RESOURCES IN THE LIBRARY

The Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library has hundreds of titles related to Shabbat. From picture books to practical guides, we have materials for all ages. Check out our full catalog of Shabbat resources [here](#).

For children, Shabbat titles range from very basic board books to fun and inspirational stories for older youth. To make finding them easier, they are all shelved together and have "Shabbat" stickers on their spines. *The Seventh Day*, by Deborah Bodin Cohen, is the classic introduction to the Creation story and the origins of Shabbat. Eric Kimmel's *Joseph and the Sabbath Fish* retells a traditional story of a poor man who works hard to observe the Sabbath and is unexpectedly rewarded.

Madelyn Rosenberg's *The Schmutzy Family* is a more contemporary and humorous look at preparing for the holiday. *The Friday Nights of Nana*, by Amy Hest, is a beautiful story about a girl and her grandmother getting ready for Shabbat. Another family story, *Under the Sabbath Lamp*, by Michael Herman, is a Sydney Taylor Notable Book that tells the story of a special Shabbat lamp that was passed down through generations of the Bloom family. For our board book audience, Chris Barash and Tracy Newman have both written titles about Shabbat and Havdalah. We also have the siddur, *Mishkan T'filah for Children: A Siddur for Families and Schools*, in our collection.



One of the most interesting titles in our collection for older children is Durga Bernhard's *Around the World in One Shabbat: Jewish People Celebrate the Sabbath Together*. It covers the world illustrating the varied ways of celebrating Shabbat. For those looking for a fun chapter book, Rabbi Susan Abramson's *Rabbi Rocketpower in Who Hogged the Hallah? A Shabbat Shabang!* might fit

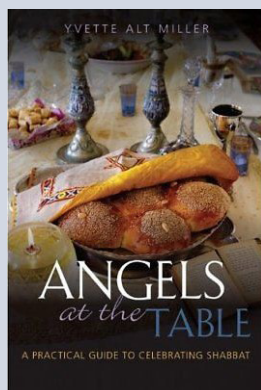
the bill. The *Hereville* books by Barry Deutsch are award-winning graphic novels that address the Sabbath repeatedly. They are all favorites for this age group. *Mishkan T'filah for Youth: A Siddur for Families and Schools* is also part of our juvenile collection.

In addition to prayer books from the past and the present, our adult Shabbat collection includes some excellent guides and inspirational titles. *Angels at the Table: A Practical Guide to Celebrating Shabbat*, by Yvette Alt Miller, is a beautiful introduction to all aspects of traditional Shabbat observance. Ron Wolfson's *Shabbat: The Family Guide to Preparing for and Welcoming the Sabbath*, is geared toward beginners, but really includes something for everyone. History, prayers and blessings, recipes and songs are included.

The shortest of our Shabbat guides, *An Invitation to Shabbat: A Beginner's Guide to Weekly Celebration*, by Ruth Perelson, was published by the URJ and introduces the holiday from a Reform perspective. *The Modern Jewish Mom's Guide to Shabbat*, by Meredith L. Jacobs, suggests ideas for bringing the family together and creating weekly traditions.

For those interested in the origins of the holiday, both Jewish and Christian, Judith Shulevitz covers both religious and personal history in *The Sabbath World: Glimpses of a Different Order of Time*. It's part history and part meditation and inspiration and was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award.

The library's collection is open for browsing and self-checkout during regular Temple hours and during special events. [Check out our full catalog](#), and contact Betsy Gephart at library@templecav.org with any questions.



HELP THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS REACH "25 X 25 = 25" GOAL

As the Brightpoint Head Start school year comes to a close, the distribution in May of food and toiletries will be the last for this year. To help our Thoughtful Thursdays families through the summer months, the bags will have a little extra.



We also ask for your help with an additional need. I mentioned last month that Brooke Hartman, Brightpoint's site director, has shared a need they have for booster seats for the children. Thus, our new campaign goal is "25 X 25 = 25." Translation: If 25 people each donate \$25, then we can purchase 25 booster seats.

Since parents still are not permitted to come into the Temple building to drop off or pick up their children, there is a car line. If a staff member sees that a child is not properly restrained (as in a booster seat), they are required to report it, since it is the law. Our 25 X 25 = 25 effort will help us keep the children safe and continue our focus on upholding Judaism's highest priorities of maintaining life and health.

Thank you to those of you who have already donated! I encourage those of you who have not to please consider doing so. Your donation can be made by cash, check, credit card or on the Temple website. Just be sure to designate your contribution for the TT booster seat project. It is important to keep these children safe as well as fed!

Thank you to our volunteers who continue to be so engaged and supportive. We could not provide this program without you!

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.

Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. If



you are interested in volunteering for Thoughtful Thursdays, please contact me at sartrotter@gmail.com

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

Sally Trotter, Thoughtful Thursdays chairperson





We celebrated Earth Day on a sunny Sunday, April 24 with an inspirational and experiential morning bringing together Jewish teachings about the environment with a hands-on opportunity to create a Mezuzah.

During an Eco-Mezuzah Workshop, members of all ages transformed and repurposed downed tree branches into decorated Mezuzahs, using natural botanicals to create a unique case to hold the Shema prayer for our doorposts. Religious School students also explored the trees and flowers on the beautiful grounds of the Rifkin Campus.

Thank you to Samara Sheray and Marnie Lowden for organizing the program.

SHARE NEWS OF YOUR GRADUATE

We look forward to celebrating education milestones with our Temple family! If you have a child graduating from high school or college this year, please let us know so that we may offer congratulations, list the school attended, and include future plans in our Bulletin. Please send college graduation information by Wednesday, May 4 to be included in our June/July Bulletin. Contact us at office@TempleCAV.org or (260) 744-4245.



CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER FUN AT GUCI

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

Registration for summer 2022 at [Goldman Union Camp Institute](https://www.gucicamp.org/) 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](https://www.gucicamp.org/)

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](https://www.foundationforjewishcamp.org/).

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CAMP JOE AT FOX ISLAND

Plans for the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](https://www.jewishfederationofportwayne.org/) Camp Joe 2022 are well underway as we are working to create the most wonderful experience for our campers. Last year, the COVID situation compelled us to redesign certain aspects of our days. We spent a lot more time outdoors and, as a result, discovered parts of [Fox Island](https://www.foxislandcounty.com/) we had not seen before. This experience was one of the most rewarding both for campers and staff. With so much of this beautiful park still to be explored, we are excited to incorporate more outdoor adventures into this year's program.

As always, our campers will have many opportunities to learn about Israel and Judaism, to play their favorite sports and games, to try themselves at new skills and, of course, to hang out with friends.

It is our goal to make sure that all children are able to attend camp. Camper scholarships are available. If you are interested in a scholarship for your child, please mark "yes" at the bottom of the application or contact the Jewish Federation directly at (260) 456-0400.

Take advantage of our new referral program: receive 10% off of your payment when a new family registers based on your recommendation.

We look forward to seeing all of you at [Fox Island County Park](https://www.foxislandcounty.com/) this summer.





Nearly 90 members of our extended Temple family gathered in person on April 16 for the second night of Passover and the return of our congregational Seder after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

Led by Rabbi Meir Barger, we retold the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt and freedom from bondage. In addition to the traditional items on our Seder plate, we added an orange to remind us that there are still people who are enslaved by oppression and are yearning to be free. A Ukranian flag also was included in the Social Hall to remind us that evil and tyranny are still rampant in our world.

We welcomed many friends of the Temple to our Seder tables, including Rev. Misty-Dawn Shelly, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne; Rev. Bill McGill, Imani Baptist Temple; Rev. Timothy Murphy and Rev. Sara Ofner-Seals, Plymouth Congregational Church; and Maestro Bob Nance, Heartland Sings.

Thank you to Co-chairs Denny Reynolds and David Crell, with the ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) for the delicious meal and all their hard work. Special thanks to Jon Tam for taking photos.

TWO WAYS TO ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 8

As our congregation continues to navigate the pandemic and enable greater participation through technology, we will offer two ways for members to attend our 174th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 8 at 7 p.m. – join us in person or via Zoom videoconferencing.

Our congregational business meeting in the early months of COVID in 2020 was entirely virtual. Following a gradual reopening, last year's hybrid gathering provided two options based on comfort level - members could attend in person with a reservation (and masked) or online.

This year's assembly will again be multi-access to bring members together both in the building (with masking optional) and also virtually. And for the first time, members in good standing may vote in real time regardless of how they choose to attend.

Information will be sent to members in the coming weeks with further details about the meeting and how to vote on candidates for leadership and the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Absentee ballots also will be available for those who cannot attend in person or virtually.

During the meeting, President Ronnie Greenberg, the Board of Directors, and Rabbi Meir Barger on will update the congregation on the past year's activities.

A proposal will be presented for a major upgrade to the Temple's streaming capabilities that will improve video quality, sound, lighting, and technical aspects. The changes would include updating equipment to enhance streaming of services and programming from both the Sanctuary and Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel. The proposal

comes in response to requests for improvements from members as they increasingly embrace the use of technology to engage in Temple activities.

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

- Ellen Tom, who is finishing her year as Immediate Past President after serving four years as President.
- Outgoing Board members Rachel Gordon, Josh Tourkow, and Jay Zemmol for their service.
- Members of the L'dor Vador Legacy Society for indicating they've made a planned gift to the congregation.

Absentee ballots, an agenda, and the proposed budget will be made available beginning Tuesday, May 24. To be eligible to vote, members must be current in their financial obligations to the congregation. All absentee ballots must be signed and returned by U.S. mail, by fax, or by emailing a PDF copy of the ballot prior to the Annual Meeting.



CANDIDATES FOR THE 2022-2023 LEADERSHIP

The Board Development Committee presents the following slate of officers and trustees for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, beginning July 1.

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>TRUSTEES</u> (Nominated for 2-year term ending in June 2024):	<u>TRUSTEES</u> (Serving 2-year term ending in June 2023):
<i>Serving a 2-year term ending in June 2023</i>		
President: Ronnie Greenberg	David Crell	Larry Adelman
<i>Nominated for 1-year term ending in June 2023</i>	Juli Dominguez	Leise Rosman
Vice President Programs: Kathy Sider	Sam Krouse	Mike Rush
Vice President Finance: John Stein	Brian Rosman	Micah Soltz
Secretary: Amy Krouse	Mimi Zelman	<u>TRUSTEE</u> (Representing Congregation B'nai Jacob Transitional Board until the transition is legally complete)
	<u>TRUSTEE</u> (Nominated for 1-year term ending in June 2023):	Mark Schneider
	Beth Zweig	

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

FOUNDER OF TOGETHER WE REMEMBER TO SPEAK ON JUNE 15

As the grandson of four Holocaust survivors, David Estrin has made it his life's purpose to leverage the power of collective memory to inspire collective action toward a world of "Never Again."

Founder and chief executive officer of Together We Remember, Estrin will speak on Wednesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at Congregation Achduth Vesholom in a program presented by the Temple's Holocaust Education Committee and Purdue Fort Wayne's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

Together We Remember is a nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming remembrance of the past into a global movement to advocate for victims of atrocities, genocide, and identity-based violence.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Temple's Max & Gerda Schmitz Holocaust Education Fund and Holocaust Memorial Fund, and the PFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies for their support.



NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Temple Board at its April 21 meeting discussed the preliminary congregational budget for 2022-2023. Finance Vice President John Stein and Comptroller Jamie Fritz reviewed the proposed plan for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, including increases for security, a new programming fund, and some changes as part of the Religious School's use of online Hebrew instruction. The board will vote in May on a final proposed budget, which must be approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting in June.

Livestreaming Upgrade Project

The board endorsed a major upgrade to the Temple's streaming capabilities and voted to bring the project to the membership for approval on June 8 at the Annual Meeting. The proposal comes in response to requests from members for better quality livestreaming as they increasingly embrace the use of technology to engage in Temple activities.

Executive Director Samara Sheray told the board that the \$120,000 project would improve video quality, sound, lighting, and technical aspects. The plan includes updating equipment to enhance streaming of services and programming from both the Sanctuary and Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel. The board watched parts of livestreams from our

current Shabbat services and compared it those from other congregations with newer equipment. Our current one-camera system was purchased in 2016 when technology, needs, and expectations were different.

John Stein said that the new equipment would carry us forward for many years and enable us to better serve our members and the Jewish community through better livestreaming opportunities available to our Rifkin Campus tenants.

During several months of discussion, the board has recognized that congregant expectations are different since we began using Zoom and YouTube during the pandemic. Our weekly worship services have a regular following online, as well as our ongoing lifelong learning opportunities.

These include members who live in town and out-of-town, as well as snowbirds, and others from the community. Some older congregants aren't comfortable driving at night to the Temple, and streaming has increasingly become their link to us.

Slate of Candidates Approved

Board Development Committee Chair Beth Zweig presented the slate of candidates for the Temple's leadership for 2022-2023.

(See page 7.) She said the committee has focused the past two years on leadership development to prepare potential candidates for board service. With 14 congregants attending the sessions, she said, the committee is excited to have this pipeline to emerging leaders. Though it's still challenging to recruit future presidents, officers and trustees, Beth said, she remains hopeful that members will recognize the importance of being involved. She said we are fortunate to have an excellent rabbi and staff to support our volunteers who assume leadership positions.

Membership approved

We welcome Brian Sours as the newest member of our Temple family.

Building Access Cards

As part of our continued security upgrades, the exterior door locks at the Temple have been changed. Access cards are now needed to get into the building. Executive Director Samara Sheray said cards are being distributed accordingly. Contact Samara for more information.



100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are excited to share the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's 100th Anniversary Commemoration with our Jewish community and friends!

Please join us **Saturday, May 21, 2022** at the **Rifkin Campus** (5200 Old Mill Road) at 7 p.m. for

Havdalah

Music

Food and wine

Entertainment by Rabbi Bob Alper

We will also preview our "Sizzle Reel" which is a sneak peek of the Documentary we have been working on for the past 100 years!

Please remember to send in your RSVP card no later than Tuesday, May 10. You may email your response to office@fwjf.org or call (260) 456-0400 as well.

We could not have planned this very special evening without the amazing 100th Anniversary Commemoration committee: Ben Eisbart, Sharon Eisbart, Bob Walters, Irene Walters, Donna Tourkow, Stan Levine, Al Zacher, and Executive Director Jaki Schreier. None of this would be possible without the continued support from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation. Thank you. Here's to the next 100 years!



THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE • THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

LEARN ABOUT JEWISH BURIAL PRACTICES AT LINDENWOOD CEMETERY

Please join the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Rosh Chodesh group as we learn about the importance of Jewish cemetery and burial practices. While rituals are ever evolving, many practices remain similar to our ancestors of yesteryear.



We are fortunate to have both Rabbi Meir Barger and Dan Zweig (President of the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery on Decatur Road) share their knowledge of the subject, both in religious context and in a local historical context. We are pleased to have Thomas Pehlke, the former general manager of Lindenwood Cemetery, discuss a short history of the cemetery itself. There will also be a scavenger hunt!

We hope to see you on Sunday, May 15 at 4 p.m. in the Bohn Chapel at Lindenwood Cemetery (2324 Main Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46808). This event is free and open to the public. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.



LEARN ABOUT FAMILYSEARCH ON MAY 1

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is thrilled to host genealogist Todd Knowles from the Family History Center in Salt Lake City on Sunday, May 1 for a presentation in person at the ACPL Genealogy Center.

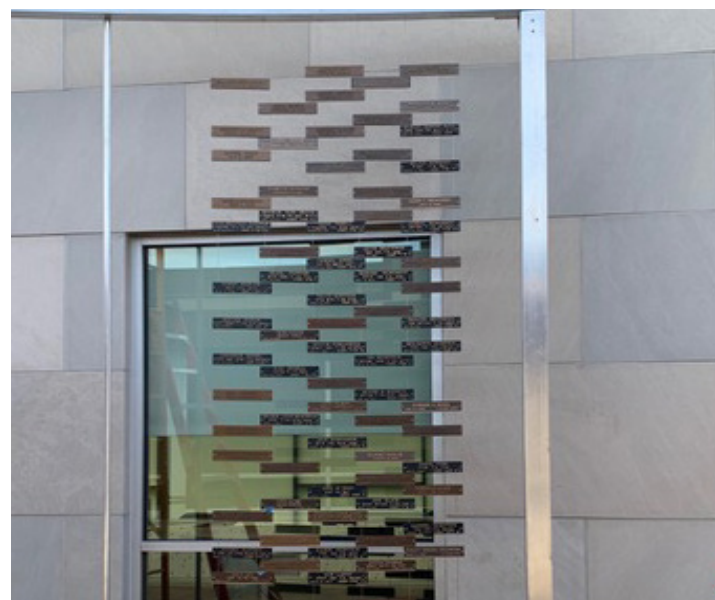
FamilySearch is an amazing source of original records for Jewish genealogical research. At 2 p.m., he'll begin with "How to Use FamilySearch," an introduction to the website, how to use it, and how records are obtained for the site. At 3:30 p.m., he'll focus on "Using FamilySearch for Jewish Research." In addition to presenting what's currently available, he'll touch on what's new and what's coming soon to the website.

Todd Knowles, AG® is an Accredited Genealogist who currently serves as a Deputy Chief Genealogical Officer for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. He has lectured all over the world and his articles have been widely published. His own genealogical search began at age 12 with the desire to find more about his family. His quest to find more about his G-G-Grandfather, a Polish Jew, has led to the creation of the Knowles Collection, six databases that contain the records of the Jewish people. It currently contains the records of over 1.5 million people.

NEIJGS is delighted to present our first in-person program in more than two years! However, we'll still be offering a virtual option. Registration is required to attend the virtual option and recommended for those joining us at the Genealogy Center. Both registration links can be found at the NEIJGS website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org/upcoming-events/.

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

Last month, the NEIJGS hosted more than 130 guests from around the world for a virtual presentation about historical maps by genealogist Ed Mitukiewicz. He provided an excellent seminar on the use of maps in genealogical research, particularly in determining locations of ancestral towns in Eastern Europe. NEIJGS members attended an additional workshop with Mitukiewicz following the public session.



Work is progressing on the memorial sculpture in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. With the metal frame installed, artist George Morrison is adding the yahrzeit plaques that previously were displayed at both Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob. The art piece is approximately 24 feet long and 12 feet high. The words "Let Us Remember" also will be added in English and Hebrew.

PERSONALIZE YOUR LOVED ONE'S DIGITAL YAHRZEIT PAGE

Have you previously purchased a bronze yahrzeit plaque for a loved one at Achduth Vesholom or B'nai Jacob? Or have you recently purchased a digital plaque on our new display in the foyer?

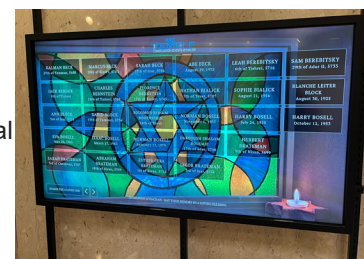
If so, we invite you to take advantage of special features on our new yahrzeit display by providing biographical information and photos of your family member. Forms are available both online or on paper to fill out with specific information about a loved one to submit to the Temple office to be added to the display.

This 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 last September. The existing bronze plaques will be incorporated into a sculpture in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

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.

Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 with any questions.



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In memory of Ronald Miller: *Susie Miller*

Explore all of our Tribute Funds or Make a Donation

DIAPER CHANGING STATIONS AVAILABLE

Looking for a convenient place to change your child's diaper at the Temple? We can help! Changing stations have been installed in the main men's and women's restrooms.



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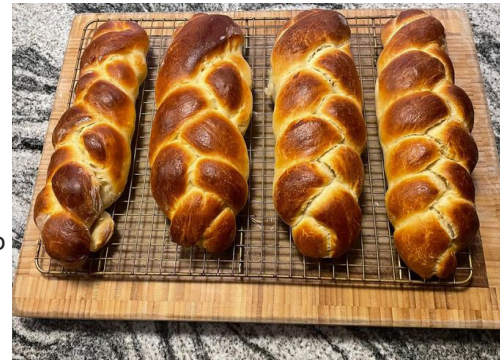
Rabbi Meir Bargerion on his election to a two-year term as Co-Chair of the Indiana Board of Rabbis, beginning in June. IBOR is the central forum for rabbis within the State of Indiana's diverse rabbinical community.

CHALLAH BAKERS KNEADED!

Now that our challah-days after Shabbat evening services have returned with the easing of pandemic restrictions, we "knead" your help to ensure we have tasty loaves to share during our mini-Onegs!

If you're a challah baker, we'd love to have you join our team of volunteers who will each take a turn providing 4-5 loaves for a given month to be enjoyed by our Temple family during this social time after services. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org to find out more. If you're not a baker, but would like to support this effort, please contact us.

Special thanks to Jon Tam, who has been our challah baker-in-chief during the past few months!



BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER WITH A PLANNED GIFT TO THE TEMPLE

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

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



MAY YAHREZEITS

May 6

Irvin Adams
Sigmund Apfelbaum
Morris Becker
Ann Block
Emanuel Blum
Jacob Brateman
Harold I. Chon
Ruth Cohen
Louis S. Dessauer
Rabbi Frederic A. Doppelt
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Alan Slutsky
Abraham Stein
Ida Ruth Superior
Bor Tam
Sidney David Troy
Jennie Weisman
Lillian Weiss
Samuel Wolf

Molly Wolf
Samuel Zaslawsky

May 13-14
Heather Chernen
Lena Nahmias Cohen
Marian Smith D'arcy
Hyman Dicker
Freda M. Dubin
Gabor Fenyes
Alexander S. Fiegler
Sylvia Forlander
Joseph Freiburger
Rabbi Samuel Goldin
Myron S. Goldman
C. C. Hollingsworth
Selma Kaufman
Sarah Komisarow
Sarah Krakower
Sarah Kraus
Grace Kupersmith
Fannie Lipp
Edwin Maier
Hyman Mazur
Donald Nusholtz
Bernard A. Woolner
Janet Perlman
Harry Peurye
Esther Pomerantz
Rebeca Pressman
Deborah Rifkin
Mayora Rosenberg
Samuel Schultz
Esther Schwartz
Rose Soraich
Curtis M. Stein

Lorenz Edward Stillpass
Joseph A. Stumpf
Jerry Sweedler
Pauline Turansky
Emily Weinstein
Ruth Wertheimer

May 20-21

Sarah Beck
Dan Bernstein
Julie Brooks
S. Stephen Cohen
Dr. B. M. Edlavitch
Helen Fishman
Stan Fishman
Solly K. Frankenstein
Julia Frankenstein
Mina Freiburger
Sam Goldstine
Paul Gordon
Sherman Gordon
Joel Groden
Leo Horn
Steven R. Jaeger
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Betty Kann Castle
Minnie Kaplan
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Robert Katz
Marion Kaufman
Mathilde Kaufman
Louis Komito
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Harry Lechtner
Ruth Levine
Theresa Levy

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Felix Maier
Geraldine Mansbach
Rivah H. Meyers
Herman Moss
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Irene Gazda Schwarz
Philip Sisman
Jack Speyer
Elizabeth Stein
Isaac D. Straus
Stanley Tankel
Ruth Turansky
William Walter
David Winnick
Pauline Young

May 27-28

Vida Assael
Eva Bosell
Miriam Brenn
Anna Jones Clark
Gertrude Cline
Eugene M. Frank
George Ivan Fredrick
Yetta Freiburger
Paul Gepsman

Bonnie Harrison
Marvin Katz
Henry Kepes
Annette P. Kesselman
Harry H. King
Aaron Komito
William Landy
Rosa Levin
Sylvia Levine
Sarah Levy
Rae Lipp
Sadie Livingston
Donald Persky
James Rakes
Orion Reynolds
Bernard Rosenblatt
Lena Salon
Sarah Salon/Kaye
Yitschok Isaac Schwartz
David Silverman
Ira Sokoloff
Wolf Soloway
Herman Stern
Marion Sweedler
Fannie Trivus
Shulamith Troy
Bernard "Bud" Turansky
Max Weisman
Sally Zelinger

***Yahrzeit Donations can be
made online.***

CONDOLENCES TO:

- Audrey Gerson** on the death of her brother, Norman Phillip Nachum Pincus, on April 8, 2022 in Berkley, Michigan. We also think of **Rhonda Gerson-Hurwitz** on the loss of her uncle.
- Nancy & Mike Dicker** and family on the death of her mother, Ethel Hyman Schnitt, on April 3, 2022 in Hallandale Beach, Florida. We also think of **Libby & Alex Tyus, Corey & Sarah Dicker**, and **Aaron Dicker** on the loss of their grandmother.

YAHREZEITS FOR MAY 6-7

We will not have a Shabbat service on Saturday, May 7. Yahrzeits for the week will be read on Friday, May 6 during our 6 p.m. service.

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.



GREEN THUMBS NEEDED FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP

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

Additional volunteers are welcome to assist. Please contact Ronnie at rkg128@gmail.com to learn more.

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



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Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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 June/July Bulletin is Wednesday, May 18.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER RONNIE GREENBERG

The news on April 11 that the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) voted to cease training Reform Rabbis at its original, flagship campus in Cincinnati greatly saddened me. It will mark the end of nearly 150 years of educating the next generation of religious leaders and scholars there when the program sunsets after currently enrolled students are ordained by the end of the 2026 academic year.

The HUC was launched in Cincinnati in 1875 by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, the founder of the American Reform movement. Seventy-five years later, in 1950, a New York campus was added when it merged with the Jewish Institute of Religion. In 1954 a third campus was opened in Los Angeles.

In 1963, the College opened a campus just inside the Green Line in divided Jerusalem. For a movement that had, at first, been officially anti-Zionist, it sent an unmistakable message that American Reform Jews would support Israel as a center for Jewish life. At that time, our leaders understood that choices about location send messages. Remember when the U.S. Embassy was moved to Jerusalem in 2018? Location matters.

HUC-JIR consists of a Rabbinical School, a School of Sacred Music, a School of Education, a School of Jewish Non-Profit Management, a School of Graduate Studies, a D. Min. program in Pastoral Care, museums, libraries, and other resources. For many years, HUC-JIR thrived. But today the College has undeniably fallen on hard times. Enrollment has steadily declined in the last 15 years. In 2006, there were 214 rabbinical students across the three American campuses. Next year, it will be 108. This decline has caused a large and growing budget deficit.

And so the leadership of the College proposed to the Board of Governors to consolidate rabbinical education at fewer campuses. On the surface this makes sense, until you learn that they specifically recommend closing the residential rabbinical program in Cincinnati and instead developing a low-residency clergy (e.g. online) program there.

But why close Cincinnati? Of the three campuses, it is our flagship. It is the least expensive location for students and faculty to live. It houses the extensive collection of the American Jewish Archives. Selling and downsizing the Los Angeles and New York campuses would realize a much greater profit. And even repurposed, the Cincinnati campus will need to be maintained. HUC says it plans to maintain the Klau Library, Skirball Museum, and the American Jewish Archives there.

Besides these practical considerations, I have a personal connection to the Cincinnati campus. Norm and I, along with many CAV friends, attended the ordination of our son, Jonathan, at Plum Street Temple in 2006. Some years before that, I had the privilege of singing the solo part of Bonia Shur's Kedusha at the HUC Chapel on a Saturday morning with Bonia – music director for the college at that time - in attendance.

For years, our congregation has benefited from the proximity of the college, enjoying scholar- and cantor-in residence weekends with distinguished faculty such as Cantor Yvon Shore, Dr. Michael Meyer, and Dr. Gary Zola, to name just a few. Those days are over. Bringing a scholar-in-residence from another HUC campus will be prohibitively expensive for us. We're on our own.

The motivation for this change ostensibly is financial, but I see little cost savings in it. What I do see is a case of east and west coast snobbery. I see a lack of respect for the Jews and congregations of the Midwest and South, a lack of acknowledgement of our contributions to the movement, and a lack of commitment to our very survival, let alone well-being. Choices about location send messages and I'm hearing loud and clear that we Jews in the Midwest don't matter.

I am not alone in my opinion. This move was opposed by many clergy and lay leaders across the country, as well as by all the faculty at the Cincinnati campus. I am hopeful that HUC-JIR will listen to and address the concerns expressed by these leaders of the Reform movement so we all may go from strength to strength together.