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## HAVDALAH UNDER THE STARS AT LC NATURE PARK

Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne invite you for an evening of nature on Saturday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. at LC Nature Park, 9744 Aboite Road, Roanoke, IN. Join us as we explore this native Indiana landscape located in the historic Little River Valley.

Observe herds of buffalo and elk graze on restored grasslands and learn how the park's preservation efforts are related to *tikkun olam* or repairing the world.

We will go on a guided tour (optional), eat s'mores, and participate in Havdalah, led by Rabbi Meir with music by Norm & Ronnie Greenberg. Bug spray, a water bottle and folding chairs are recommended. A liability waiver must be signed to participate in the guided tour. Please sign and bring with you to the event.

This event is free and open to the community. Please RSVP by Tuesday, August 16 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).



## EREV ROSH HASHANAH BRINGS TOGETHER TWO TRADITIONS AS ONE

When we celebrate the High Holy Days next month, we'll welcome the New Year 5783 as a community in a new way, gathering on Erev Rosh Hashanah for the first time with both Reform and Conservative *minyanim* worshipping together as one congregation.

Rabbi Meir Barger will lead the service on Sunday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m., weaving together aspects of both liturgical traditions to inspire new insights during this time of reflection, forgiveness, and renewal.

We are fortunate to have two special guests - Cantor Yvon F. Shore and Cantor Yael Fischman -- sharing their voices, with musical accompaniment by Maestro Robert Nance. Ronnie Greenberg also will deliver the President's address during the service.

Our annual New Year's Reception will follow, providing an opportunity for our Temple family to share good wishes and enjoy a delicious nosh.

During the remaining Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur worship services, Cantor Shore will join Rabbi Meir for Reform services and Cantor Fischman will lead our Conservative *minyan*. Hazemir will sing during some services and Cellist David Rezits will play Kol Nidre for the Erev Yom Kippur Reform service. Plan to join us in person or via livestream throughout the Days of Awe. Under our current COVID safety protocols, masks are optional.

In addition to the New Year's Reception, other favorite traditions will be returning: Our all-congregation Tashlich observance and Break-the-Fast meal hosted by the ROMEOs.

**FIND THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AND NEWS ON PAGES 10-11**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

## AUGUST SERVICES

### Shabbat Service

Friday, August 5  
6:30 p.m.

### Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 6  
9:45 a.m.

### Shabbat Service

Friday, August 12  
6:30 p.m.

### Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 13  
9:45 a.m.

### Shabbat Service

Friday, August 19  
6:30 p.m.

### Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 20  
9:45 a.m.

### Shabbat Service

Friday, August 26  
6:30 p.m.  
Outdoors in Sposeep Chapel

### Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 27  
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](mailto:office@templecav.org) for access information.

## AUGUST EVENTS

### Havdalah Under The Stars

Saturday, August 20  
6:30 p.m. at LC Nature Preserve  
RSVP by Tuesday, August 16



## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### First Day of Religious School

Sunday, September 11  
11 a.m. at the Temple

### Meet Your Mishpocha Open House NEIJGS and Rifkin Campus

Sunday, September 11  
Noon to 2 p.m. at the Temple

### Selichot Service

Saturday, September 17  
7:30 p.m.

### People of the Book with Ron Suskind

Monday, September 19  
7:30 p.m. at the Temple  
Sponsored by [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#)

### High Holy Days Schedule

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## ONGOING EVENTS

### Mah Jongg Open Play

Mondays at 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Thursdays at 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
[Sign up here](#)

### Lunch with the ROMEOs

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

### Thursday, August 4

[Club Soda](#)  
235 E. Superior St.

### Thursday, August 18

[Han Dynasty](#)  
6401 W. Jefferson Blvd.

RSVP to Denny Reynolds at [dennisreynolds@me.com](mailto:dennisreynolds@me.com)

[Find the Lunch Schedule Here](#)

### 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 ON SEPTEMBER 9

Shabbat evening services will move an hour later to 7:30 p.m., beginning Friday, September 9. Summertime services continue at 6:30 p.m. through Labor Day Weekend.

## HELPERS NEEDED WITH MAIL PREP FOR 20TH DELI DAY

Volunteers are needed to help prepare a large bulk mailing on Thursday, August 25 at 10 a.m. at the Temple as we get ready for our [20th Corned Beef Fundraiser](#). Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) to say you can assist.

Mark your calendar and clear your schedule to help with our Deli Day and biggest fundraiser on Thursday, November 3. We especially need volunteers during the corned beef sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., as well as Prep Night on Wednesday, November 2 from 6 to 9 p.m.

We're looking forward to topping last year's sales of nearly 1,800 delicious meals featuring a heaping corned beef sandwich, giant dill pickle, creamy coleslaw, rich fudgy brownie, and a drink. Whole kosher salami chubs from Hebrew National also will be available. Drive-thru pick-up returns for a second year. We also plan to resume our in-person dining option. Look for more news soon about special sponsorship opportunities.



## BAMS, CRACKS, AND DOTS RETURN - IT'S TIME FOR MAH JONGG!

Open play mah jongg games resume this month in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. 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.

Beginner's lessons will be offered this fall – check next month's Bulletin for more information. Email us at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) to let us know you'd like to be added to our occasional mah jongg e-newsletter.





# RABBI MEIR BARGERON

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE



Julia Child, America's first celebrity chef, offers us a very Jewish lesson. By any measures, she was a late bloomer. Born in 1912 in Pasadena, CA, Julia grew up in an affluent household that, ironically, employed a cook to prepare all the family's meals. After graduating from Smith College, Julia worked as an advertising copywriter. When World War II broke out, she joined the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) at the age of 30. This U.S. government agency eventually evolved into the Central Intelligence Agency, and it was during this phase of her career that she met her husband, Paul Child.

Only after the war did Julia's life take a direction that was consistent with her later fame, but always at her own pace. She graduated from the Cordon Bleu cooking school at 39. Collaboration with her friends and co-authors over the next decade resulted in the publication of *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, a landmark book, when Julia was 49 years old. The notice this book generated led to the premiere of her first PBS cooking show, *The French Chef*, when Julia was 51 years old. At an age when many find themselves past the mid-point of their careers, Julia Child was just getting started in her career as America's greatest cooking teacher.

I have long been inspired by Julia Child as an accomplished woman who substantially influenced American culture. But in addition to her accomplishments, I see Julia Child as a shining example of how creation is an ongoing process. By following her joys and passions,

she made the world a better, and better-fed, place. Julia Child's life parallels a powerful story from Jewish tradition.

Rabbi Akiva lived in the first and second centuries CE, during the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple and its aftermath. He was a prominent scholar and sage whose teachings were recorded and preserved in the Mishnah and passed down through generations of teachers and students. Rabbi Akiva contributed to the foundations of rabbinic Judaism, but it was not at all certain that this would be his path. He, too, was a late bloomer.

According to tradition, Rabbi Akiva didn't begin to study Torah until he was 40 and didn't begin to teach Torah until he was 80! His drive to study Torah was so strong that it changed his life's path in middle age.

Rabbi Akiva's and Julia Child's examples show that creation is an ongoing process in our lives. The passion to follow a dream may not be only a personal preference – perhaps it is also an example of God luring us to be more complete creations, better exemplifying God's image. And you will never know if you don't give yourself the chance to find out. It is never too late to do something important with your life.



*Rabbi Meir*

## SHARE MEDITATIVE SHABBAT SERVICE OUTDOORS IN SPOSEEP CHAPEL

Rabbi Meir will lead us on Friday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. in a meditative Shabbat service outdoors that features the beautiful setting of the Sposeep Chapel and the Temple gardens. In the event of rain, the service will be moved indoors.



Share the warmth of Jewish community with our Temple family in person or online from your home!

The link for worship services on Zoom is sent in the weekly email to our Temple family. We warmly welcome guests. Please contact the Temple office for online access information at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org). Services also are available on [YouTube](#).

## SUPPORTING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Recently the Supreme Court struck down *Roe v Wade*, an almost 50-year precedent which guaranteed that reproductive choices would be at the sole discretion of a woman and her doctor. Many states, including Indiana, are in the process of enacting very strict guidelines or outright bans on certain medical procedures, including abortion.

Jewish beliefs on when life begins are varied, yet consistent in the view that a fetus is part of the pregnant woman and not an independent human being. Under Jewish law, abortion is not only permissible in certain instances but is required if necessary to protect the physical and mental health of the pregnant woman.

We stand fully on the side of personal choice. Because of our strong stance, many Jewish organizations are writing letters and organizing events to make clear where we stand and demanding that a woman's right to choose is restored. Because of this, we will be sharing information about events in our area and throughout Indiana that support a woman's right to choose. We encourage you to take part in as many as you feel comfortable supporting.

– Social Action Committee



*Rabbi Meir spoke in support of religious freedom and shared a Jewish perspective on reproductive rights during an interview on July 21 with WPTA21 about the proposed Indiana abortion law.*

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

Plan to join us for our Temple Book Club in 2022-2023 when we gather via Zoom for a lively discussion, followed by a LiveChat with the author.

**On Tuesday, October 18 at 7 p.m.**, we'll discuss *The Woman with the Blue Star* and talk with Author Pam Jenoff. Set during World War II in Krakow, it follows two girls – one Jewish, living in the ghetto, and one a wealthy Polish girl – as their lives cross and they become close.



Jenoff is the author of several books of historical fiction, including the NYT bestseller *The Orphan's Tale*. She holds a degree in international affairs from George Washington University and a degree in history from Cambridge, and she received her JD from UPenn. Her novels are inspired by her experiences working at the Pentagon and as a diplomat for the State Department handling Holocaust issues in Poland. She lives with her husband and three children near Philadelphia, where she teaches law.

**On Tuesday, February 28 at 7 p.m.**, we'll join author Alina Adams to discuss *The Nesting Dolls*. This is a family saga of a Russian Jewish family, spanning from 1930s Siberia to Odessa in the 1970s and contemporary Brighton Beach.



Adams is the New York Times bestselling author of soap opera tie-ins, romance novels, and figure skating mysteries. She has worked as a creative content producer for *As the World Turns* and *Guiding Light*; was part of the *All My Children* and *One Life to Live* reboots; and has been a writer, producer, and skating researcher for ABC, NBC, TNT, ESPN and Lifetime TV. Adams immigrated to the United States with her family from Odessa, USSR, in 1977. She lives in New York City with her husband, Scott, and their three children.

The books are available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#). A Zoom link will be provided in our weekly email. The [LiveChats](#) are provided through the Jewish Book Council.

## MEET YOUR MISHPOCHA AT A RIFKIN CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE!

Save the date for Sunday, September 11 when we welcome everyone back to "campus" at a family open house from noon to 2 p.m. at 5200 Old Mill Road.

Come enjoy food truck fare for just \$5/family or \$2.50/person (details soon)! Check out the Corned Beef table with hats and aprons available for purchase as we prepare for our 20th Deli Day and a chance to help with the Temple's largest fundraiser on Thursday, November 3.

Learn about Achduth Vesholom's new [digital yahrzeit display](#) and how to enhance your loved one's page with biographic information and photos. And visit the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne table for information about their upcoming programs.

The event coincides with the open house of the [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) that will include half-hour programs on these topics: document preservation, the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, and DNA testing.

Bring your family documents and photographs to digitize and take the files home on a free USB drive! Learn about the NEIJS Fort Wayne Jewish Families database, get advice on family history research, and explore resources from the Indiana Jewish Historical Society and the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center.

Information about the [Temple's Oral History Video Project](#) and the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association also will be available. You can take a family picture or record a family story. Attendees have a chance to win a free DNA kit and consultation with the Genealogy Center's DNA expert!

More details will be available soon, but we hope you'll plan to join us as we celebrate our community together at the Rifkin Campus.



## NEW ADULT TITLES IN THE LIBRARY

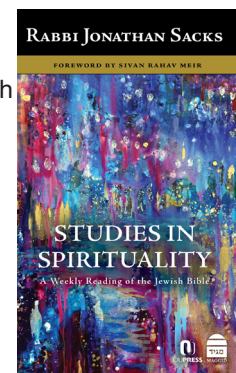
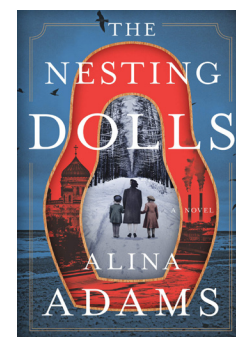
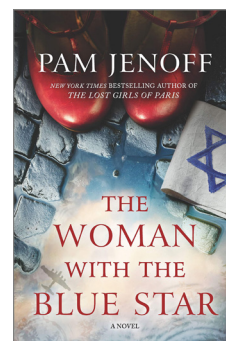
We focused in the last Temple Bulletin on new children's titles in the library from Kar-Ben publishers, so we'll turn our attention now to a few new adult books. In addition to the two fiction titles chosen for this year's Temple Book Club – *The Woman with the Blue Star* by Pam Jenoff and *The Nesting Dolls* by Alina Adams – we have a few new non-fiction titles worth noting in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).

*Studies in Spirituality: A Weekly Reading of the Jewish Bible*, by Jonathan Sacks, is one of the author's last works. Part of his "Covenant & Conversation" series, it includes his essays about the weekly Torah portion. From the book jacket, "His poignant reflections on spirituality return to us the sense of closeness with God that resonated so powerfully with our ancestors - that intimacy which gave them a sense of hope and courage and singularity."

Jonathan Sarna's *Coming to Terms with America: Essays on Jewish History, Religion and Culture*, includes 15 essays on many aspects of Jewish-American life. It focuses on the challenges of being both Jewish and American at the same time. From Gary Zola at the American Jewish Archives, "The breadth and depth of Jonathan D. Sarna's work on the American Jewish experience is electrifying. This collection of the author's most outstanding historical essays is a page-turning exploration of the dynamics of Jewish life."

Finally, for cinema fans or those looking for additional Holocaust resources, we've added Rich Brownstein's *Holocaust Cinema Complete: A History and Analysis of 400 Films* to our collection. Films and made-for-TV movies, recommendations, reviews and a teaching guide are included.

Other recent additions to our collection include National Jewish Book Award finalists and winners, covered in the [March 2022 issue](#) of the Temple Bulletin. Come check out our new titles next time you're in the building!





## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

We're looking forward to beginning a new year of Religious School on Sunday, September 11 for children in pre-Kindergarten (age 4+ by September 1) through high school. Families must be members of the congregation to enroll children.

Enrollment materials and more information are available at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org). Kindly complete prior to the first day of class. Please contact Religious School Committee Chair Leise Rosman at [educator@templecav.org](mailto:educator@templecav.org) with any questions. Contact us at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).



## KESHER - CREATING CONNECTIONS FOR OUR TEMPLE YOUTH

We're excited to kick off another great year of KESHER ("connection") programming for our Temple youth by gathering together on Sunday, September 11 at 11 a.m. for a fun morning of fellowship, after which we'll be participating in the Rifkin Campus Open House starting at 12 p.m. All Temple youth are welcome to attend.

For the year ahead, KESHER will be offering a wide range of education and engagement options for kids of all ages.

### Tot Shabbat for Youth Ages 0-5

Throughout the year, our youngest children and their families are invited to join us for a professionally-led program featuring a combination of music, movement, and learning offering young children and their parents, grandparents, and caregivers an early exposure to the Shabbat experience through age-appropriate songs and prayers, as well as the weekly Torah *parsha* (Torah portion).

### Mitzvot for Youth Ages 6-13 (requires Religious School registration)

Our school-aged youth will participate in weekly online Jewish values and Hebrew courses through the Union of Reform Judaism's Shalom Learning program, which strives to instill a love of lifelong Jewish learning and to create an environment in which students, teachers, parents, and communities experience Jewish values as a meaningful

way to navigate the world.

### Middot for Youth Ages 13-15 (requires Religious School registration)

Our youth who have become B'nei Mitzvah will participate in weekly in-person and virtual courses and youth group activities exploring key personal characteristics, traits, and virtues for living a Jewish life (*middot*). These youth-centered programs will support students by providing skills and tools that can help them virtuously navigate the unique challenges of their teen years.

### Mussar for Youth Age 16 (requires Religious School registration)

Our Confirmation-age youth will participate in regular sessions with Rabbi Meir exploring virtue-based ethics and principles of leading a meaningful and ethical life as students prepare to affirm their commitment to the Jewish people as Confirmands.

### Family Activities

Our calendar for the coming year also includes several in-person Family Shabbaton, youth-oriented simcha and yontiff celebrations, a family movie night, and community service opportunities. Please watch the Bulletin and weekly e-mails for more details on dates and times for these activities.

## HELP US STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT

Please let the Temple office know your college student's email address so that we may stay in touch by sending the monthly Bulletin. We'll also be glad to send the weekly email, which also provides links for online services and opportunities. Contact us at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).



Our Religious School families got together on July 17 for pizza and socializing, while also planning for the year ahead. Thank you to Leise & Brian Rosman for hosting and Leise for chairing the Religious School Committee.



During our Shabbat service on June 3, Rabbi Meir offered a blessing to some of the Temple kids who were soon heading to Jewish summer camp. Four of those going to GUCI (Goldman Union Camp Institute in Zionsville) shared that they were most excited about reconnecting with friends and making new ones, as well as Shabbat and going swimming. We're fortunate to have had our young people attend GUCI, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Camp Joe Levine, and other Jewish experiences, including Birthright trips to Israel.



Congregants gathered in person and online on June 8 for Achduth Vesholom's 174th Annual Meeting, conducting business that included unanimously approving a major upgrade to our livestreaming capability.

President Ronnie Greenberg presided over the assembly of Indiana's oldest Jewish congregation, which for a third year generated greater participation through technology. About 30 congregants joined us in the Social Hall, with an additional 30 "screens" of attendees on Zoom. For the first time, members in good standing were able to vote in real time regardless of how they chose to attend.

President's Report

In addition to welcoming eight new member households in the past year, Ronnie highlighted several milestones and developments since the membership last met.

She said the 19th Corned Beef fundraiser, which returned in November after a hiatus during the pandemic, proved the largest to date, raising more than \$23,000. And a month later, a successful Jewish community effort with the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne raised \$16,868 to assist resettlement of Afghan refugees by Catholic Charities.

Ronnie also called attention to the sculpture by George Morrison, which is currently under construction in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. The piece will incorporate nearly 1,000 bronze *yahrzeit* nameplates that previously were on the walls at Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob. A digital *yahrzeit* display in the foyer highlights the loved ones on the bronze plaques and any additional ones that are added going forward.

In recapping the past year, Ronnie said security remains a high priority. A new building access policy and programmable key cards are now in place. Improvements have been made with monies received from a \$100,000 federal grant received from the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA. She said

the Temple has applied for a second grant from the non-profit security grant program for additional upgrades.

Our transition to one congregation with two traditions continued during the past 12 months. A transition board of former members of Congregation B'nai Jacob has been working to distribute remaining monies. As a result, funding has been provided in three areas:

- **B'nai Jacob (Conservative) Judaism Fund** to promote and sustain Conservative Judaism. Uses include engagement of rabbinic or cantorial services for the High Holy Days. (\$72,000)
- **The Rabbi Kornspan Tzedakah Fund** to assist members of Congregation Achduth Vesholom in times of need to the maximum of \$5,000 per emergency. (\$50,000)
- **A lump sum** to the Congregation Achduth Vesholom General Operating Fund with no stipulations. (Approximately \$135,500)

Ronnie also reported that the City of Fort Wayne has asked to construct a sub pump station on the northwest corner of our property as part of the city's storm and sanitary sewer separation project. She said details are pending and she will keep the members informed.

In looking to the coming year, Ronnie shared several items:

- Achduth Vesholom's 175th anniversary will be celebrated in 2023. Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig will be chairing those efforts and welcome interested volunteers to contact them.
- Efforts will continue to develop the next generation of Temple leaders. We are working with a consultant to provide sessions for our board in effective board functioning and strategic thinking and integrating information from the member engagement task force. This will build on the ongoing work of the Board Development Committee.
- An Employee Benefits Review Committee is updating job descriptions and will review and adjust our employee salary and benefits package based on current market research in the city of Fort Wayne.

Ronnie said our employees are outstanding and we want to ensure that we treat them that way.

- Installing new livestreaming equipment and recruiting and training operators.

Rabbi's Report

Rabbi Meir reflected in his report on the past year and looked ahead through the lens of *gematria*, the Jewish tradition of numerology. Because we use Hebrew letters for both words and numbers, Rabbi Meir said, one can then calculate the numerical value of a word by adding together the values of each letter in it. Biblical commentators base an argument on numerological equivalents of words and draw connections.

He said the numerical value of *Achduth* (unity), our name, is 419. This is the numerical value for the Hebrew word *hatuvah*, which means produce, as in the yield from our fields, as well as wisdom.

"We are a community that has accomplished much, such as feeding Fort Wayne 1,731 corned beef sandwiches last November, while raising a record amount to support the Temple," Rabbi Meir said. "Or continuing to keep our members connected to each other through hybrid worship and online educational programs."

He said we will celebrate with five b'nai mitzvah students, two confirmands, and three consecrants, all while reaching 40 of our kids in in-person events to build Jewish community. We also have supported several adults in learning Hebrew from the very beginning, under the generous teaching of Dr. John Planer.

"It has been a fruitful year, and we have yielded much," he said. "And we are planting for the future: during this year we have welcomed eight beautiful new households to the CAV, leaving us with more households that we began the year with. These new members of the Temple family will be a part of our story, our *hatuvah*."

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## Finances

John Stein, Vice President-Finance, presented the 2022-2023 budget, which was developed by the Finance Committee and staff to take a realistic look at past year's budgets and reallocating funds where needed.

The budget, which has a planned deficit of \$10,800, includes increases for security, a new programming fund, and some changes as part of the Religious School's use of online Hebrew instruction. It also has an 8% cost of living adjustment for fixed expenses. The new budget was unanimously approved by the membership.

## Livestreaming Upgrade

Executive Director Samara Sheray outlined the need for a major upgrade to the Temple's outdated livestreaming equipment. She said that congregant expectations have grown as a result of the pandemic, with more members connecting with us via livestream for worship, classes, and meetings. Samara played a video showing the striking difference between the images from our Friday evening services and those from another synagogue using better equipment.

The improved system would allow one person to operate multiple cameras. The changes would impact live streaming from the Sanctuary, Social Hall, and Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel. One congregant noted that improved production quality creates opportunities to attract more members. Recordings of services will continue to be available on the Temple's [YouTube](#) channel, with links also in the weekly email, Bulletin, website, and Facebook.

The cost of the proposed upgrade is \$120,000, which includes a built-in buffer for inflation. The Temple's Bylaws require the congregation to approve the expenditure because of the amount.

Vice President Finance John Stein said much of the funding will come from grants and outside money, with \$27,000 already secured from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation. The proposal was approved unanimously by the congregation.



## New Board Elected for 2022-2023

The members unanimously elected new leaders for the coming year as presented by Board Development Chair Beth Zweig.

## OFFICERS

*Serving a 2-year term ending in June 2023*

**President:** Ronnie Greenberg

*Elected for 1-year term ending in June 2023*

**Vice President Programs:** Kathy Sider

**Vice President Finance:** John Stein

**Secretary:** Amy Krouse

## TRUSTEES

*(Elected for 2-year term ending in June 2024)*

David Crell

Juli Dominguez

Sam Krouse

Brian Rosman

Mimi Zelman

## TRUSTEE

*(Elected for 1-year term ending in June 2023)*

Beth Zweig

## TRUSTEES

*(Serving 2-year term ending in June 2023)*

Larry Adelman

Leise Rosman

Mike Rush

Micah Soltz

## TRUSTEE

*(Representing Congregation B'nai Jacob Transitional Board until the transition is legally complete)*

Mark Schneider

## Installation of New Board Members

New members of the board were installed by Rabbi Meir.

## Outgoing Officers and Trustees

We thanked the following officers and trustees for their service as they complete their terms: Immediate Past President Ellen Tom and Trustees Rachel Gordon, Josh Tourkow, and Jay Zemmol. In appreciation, each received a gift of a copy of *Pirkei Avot*, "Ethics of our Fathers."

## Member Engagement Task Force

Micah Soltz, who co-chairs the Member Engagement Task Force with his wife, Wendy, presented an overview of the project to look



at how congregants want to connect to the congregation and what barriers might keep them from connecting.

He said the response rate was good to a 15-question survey that covered worship, programming, online/zoom services, transportation access, communications, Religious School, administration/infrastructure, and temple member spirituality. The committee will be continuing to analyze results, with anticipated findings available by the end of summer.

## L'dor Vador Legacy Society Recognized

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

She thanked Rena Black, who is the newest member of the society. Forty-five members and friends of Achduth Vesholom are part of our legacy society after formally indicating that they've made arrangements for a planned gift.

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

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

*(left) Temple Presidents - past and present - gathered before the Annual Meeting.*

## DENNY REYNOLDS RECEIVES BROSLER VOLUNTEER AWARD

The list is long and diverse when counting the ways Denny Reynolds has shared his multiple talents over the years at Achduth Vesholom. His commitment is both impressive and inspiring.

While serving on the Temple Board, Denny chaired the Ritual Committee in a period of transition with an interim and two new rabbis. During Shabbat services, he might be ushering, operating the livestream equipment, or singing tenor in the Hazemir Choir.

As coordinator of the ROMEOS, Denny has planned lunches with the guys and chaired Break-the-Fast meals, Hanukkah dinners, and Second Seders. He's overseen the kitchen for several years during our annual corned beef fundraiser. And he's tended the Temple's gardens as part of our volunteer crew. Those are just some of the ways Denny -- always in a quiet and friendly manner -- has shown his dedication to the Temple during the past 25 years. And that's why he received the William Brosler Outstanding Volunteerism Award in June at the Temple's Annual Meeting in recognition of his long-time service to the congregation.

In presenting the award, President Ronnie Greenberg noted that Denny "would never be one to loudly proclaim his opinion or insist on having his way. But having accepted an assignment, he will complete it on time, within budget, done with exact attention to detail, with a detailed report after the event."

Also joining in the presentation via Zoom from Seattle was Orin Reynolds, who expressed pride in his father and sang a special version of *Tefillat Haderech* in his honor.

In receiving the award, Denny thanked the congregation for its kindness. "There's not a Temple event that someone doesn't take time to say 'thank you'," he said. Denny also thanked his wife, Marcia, for all her support of his involvement and to Orin for the tribute.

Denny's name has been added to the Brosler Award that hangs near the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.



Thirty members of our Temple family shared a fun evening on July 9 at Parkview Field watching the Fort Wayne TinCaps play the Lake County Captains, followed by fireworks. Thank you to Mike Barasch for organizing this annual event!



Following our Shavuot service on June 6, we gathered for delicious cheesecake and Torah study. Led by Rabbi Meir, we explored some of Judaism's best ideas and why they are meaningful to us.



# COMMITTEE CHAIRS NAMED FOR 2022-2023

We are grateful to our committee chairs for their involvement!

## Art and Beautification:

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## ROMEos:

Denny Reynolds

## Security:

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## Social Action:

Rena Black

## Thoughtful Thursdays:

Sally Trotter

\* Board Member



## ADLERS DEDICATE STONE OF REMEMBRANCE IN AUSTRIA

Irv & Fran Adler traveled in May to Vienna, Austria, to view the new Vienna Holocaust Memorial and to dedicate a Stone of Remembrance for three members of Irv's family murdered in the Holocaust.

On Monday, May 30, Fran and Irv went to Ostarrichi Park in the eighth district of Vienna, adjacent to the University of Vienna's main campus, to see the new Shoah Wall of Names.

Dedicated in October 2021, the monument is a memorial to the almost 66,000 Viennese Jews murdered during the Holocaust, including 11 of Irv's family members whose names were etched into the multi-section wall and whose gravestones are represented by the Stones of Remembrance that Irv has been dedicating since May 2014.

The next day, May 31, Irv and Fran participated in the dedication of several Stones of Remembrance, including one for his uncle Salamon Nichtern, his aunt Gisela, and their daughter Gertrude.

Irv gave a dedication speech to about 40 attendees who gathered inside the last known residence of the family of Salamon Nichtern, the collection apartment at Althanstrasse 9/13 in the ninth district of Vienna. From there, the Nichtern family, along with 1,306 other deportees who were rounded up from other locations, were sent to Theresienstadt, where Salamon died on February 6, 1943. On October 9, 1944, Gisela and Gertrude and 1,600 other deportees were sent to Auschwitz, where they were murdered.

As Irv said in his remarks for this Stone of Remembrance dedication, as well as for all the previous dedications, the Stone of Remembrance serves to preserve the memory of the victims of the Shoah and to give them the gravestones they never had. May their memory be a blessing.



In conjunction with Fort Wayne Pride activities, we celebrated Pride Shabbat on July 22 at the Temple with prayers and readings inspired by the LGBTQ experience. With congregants and members of the greater community attending, Rabbi Meir led a meaningful service, with an inspiring talk by Rev. Misty-Dawn Shelly from the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne.

Rabbi Meir also presented Rev. Shelly with the Temple's Abraham's Tent Award for Interfaith Friendship and Partnership in appreciation of her leadership in the faith community and her work for tikkun olam to repair the world.

The festive evening also featured rainbow challot and an Oneg Shabbat filled with Pride. Thank you to Rabbi Meir & Jon Tam and Beth, Dan, & Elm Zweig for hosting.

Find the service at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUexoS9J7JJ8xP807Ltyrlw>

HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE 5783 (2022)

Please plan to join us in person or via livestream.

Selichot – Saturday, September 17

7:30 p.m. Begin the holiday season together with Havdalah and meditative prayer and readings

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services – Sunday, September 25

7:30 p.m. All-Congregation service

Reception follows

Rosh Hashanah – Monday, September 26

Conservative services

8:30 a.m. - Shacharit

10 a.m. Torah service with D'var Torah

11 a.m. Musaf

Reform Service - 10 a.m.

Noon - All-Congregation Tashlich

Rosh Hashanah – Second Day – Tuesday, September 27

Conservative services

8:30 a.m. - Shacharit

10 a.m. Torah service with D'var Torah

11 a.m. Musaf

Shabbat Shuvah Services

Friday, September 30

7 p.m. Memorial Sculpture Dedication

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 1 at 9:45 a.m.

Cemetery Services – Sunday, October 2

1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery

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

Erev Yom Kippur Services – Tuesday, October 4

Conservative Services –

6:30 p.m. Mincha

7 p.m. Kol Nidre

Reform Service - 8 p.m.

Yom Kippur – Wednesday, October 5

Conservative Services –

8:30 a.m. Shacharit Service

10 a.m. – Torah, Haftorah, D'var Torah, Yizkor

11:30 a.m. Musaf

6 p.m. Mincha

7 p.m. – Neilah

8 p.m. – Havdalah

Break-the-Fast follows

Reform Services –

10 a.m. Morning Service

2:30 p.m. – Afternoon Learning (MRRC)

4 p.m. – Yizkor (Memorial) Service

5 p.m. – Neilah (Concluding) Service

Break-the-Fast follows



Erev Shabbat & Sukkot Service

Friday, October 14

7:30 p.m.

Followed by a Nosh in the Sukkah

Shabbat & Sukkot Service

Saturday, October 15

9:45 a.m.

Followed by a Nosh in the Sukkah

Erev Simchat Torah Service with Yizkor

Monday, October 17

6:30 p.m. “Oneg Torah,” including food for kids (to be confirmed)

7 p.m. Service

SUPPORT THE TEMPLE WITH HIGH HOLY DAYS DONATION

As we prepare to start the New Year, it's tradition to make a donation to the Temple to help support our year-round efforts to ensure a Jewish presence in Northeast Indiana.

Please consider being a “sponsor” of Achduth Vesholom’s High Holy Days 5783. Your generous gift will be used for needs during the holidays and beyond, from replenishing the floral fund to assisting with security, music, technology, and congregational events.

Sponsors who donate \$54 or more by Friday, September 16 will be recognized in our holiday announcements.

Jewish tradition encourages making tzedakah (charitable gifts) in multiples of 18, which is spelled chai and also means “life.” Donations offered in any amount will be greatly appreciated.

We’re proud to be one congregation with two worship traditions. Whether your customary gift is through sponsoring aliyot during Conservative services or your annual donation contributes to other

congregational needs, we value and appreciate your assistance.

We have several ways to give:

- Donate online and choose “High Holy Days” on the dropdown menu. Please indicate if your gift is “in honor of” or “in memory of” a special person, or celebrates an occasion.
- For aliyot during our Conservative services, please contact Josh Tourkow at [jtourkow@tcrlaw.com](mailto:jtourkow@tcrlaw.com). (To donate online, choose “High Holy Days – Aliyot” on the dropdown menu and indicate if your gift is “in honor of” or “in memory of” a special person, or celebrates an occasion.)
- Send a check payable to “CAV- The Temple” to sponsor the High Holy Days (5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807)

Thank you!



REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES

If you wish to have a loved one’s name included during memorial services on Yom Kippur, please provide information to the Temple office by Wednesday, September 28. Call us at (260) 744-4245 or email at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).

Join us for Yizkor (Memorial) services in person or via livestream on Zoom or YouTube on Wednesday, October 5 at 10 a.m. during our Conservative service or 4 p.m. during our Reform service.



# GUEST CANTORS JOINING US FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

## CANTOR YVON SHORE

Cantor Yvon F. Shore, Director of Liturgical Arts and Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, returns as our guest cantor this fall for Reform services during the High Holy Days.

Maestro Robert Nance will accompany Cantor Shore on keyboard.

Cantor Shore earned a Masters in Sacred Music and Ordination through HUC-JIR, New York. She received a bachelor's degree in Music Education from West Chester University, College of Visual and Performing Arts with a double major in flute and conducting.

Cantor Shore took additional studies in ethnomusicology at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and The Jewish Theological Seminary in NYC with Bathja Bayer, Israel Adler, Amnon Shiloah, Edwin Seroussi, and Johoash Hirshberg. She continued graduate studies with an emphasis in musicology at the University of Cincinnati, College Conservatory of Music and liturgy at HUC-JIR Cincinnati.

## CANTOR Yael Fischman

Cantor Yael Fischman joins us for the High Holy Days to lead our Conservative services. She is one of the first 35 women to have been invested as a Cantor by the Conservative Movement. She earned her Diploma of Hazzan and Bachelors in Music from The Jewish Theological Seminary's H.L. Miller Cantorial School, as it is now known. She has served in both full-time, part-time, and High Holy Day positions.

Additionally, she served her synagogue community for three years as its Religious Committee Chair. Born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA., Cantor Fischman attended Parkway Jewish Center in Penn Hills almost from birth, delighting in the prayers and "heimish" feeling of the small community, a feeling she brings to each service she leads. It was at Parkway that she received her spiritual calling to become involved in Jewish leadership.

Her undergraduate studies at Indiana University, where she chanted High Holy Day services with Professor Michael Morgan as her Rabbi, confirmed her desire to become a Hazzan, although at the time only the Reform were training women as cantors. Yet, as one of her uncles observed, she possessed a "dogged determination" to follow this path.

Many years, a husband, two daughters, and several cats later, she is still determined to follow where she is called. When not substituting for the Hazzan or teaching at Mishkan Torah Congregation in Greenbelt, MD, Cantor Fischman uses her hands to create beautiful beaded wire *kippot*, wall hangings, and earrings which connect people with their spirituality through natural design, in homage to the Artist of the Creation. You can see her work on her website, [www.renaissancewomankippot.org](http://www.renaissancewomankippot.org).

## SWEETS, TREATS, AND MORE NEEDED

Please volunteer to help and to bake for the Rosh Hashanah Reception following our service on Sunday, September 25. Baked goods are needed at the Temple no later than Friday, September 23. Items may be put in the freezer, but please mark them for the reception including your name.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up. Please contact the Temple office to offer your assistance at (260)

744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org). Thank you to Amy Krouse for chairing.

# SUPPORT HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE

Once again this year Congregation Achduth Vesholom is raising funds and food to benefit the clients of our partner organization, Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, which serves people in need living in the heart of Fort Wayne. You can participate in one of these ways:

- Pick up a grocery bag from our lobby on Rosh Hashanah, fill it with peanut butter and/or paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.), and return it to the Temple on Yom Kippur.
- Order a case or cases of your favorite peanut butter (16 oz. size) to be delivered directly to Wellspring, 1316 Broadway St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Request a card be included with your name and CAV's name.
- Write a check for any amount, from \$5 to \$500, payable to "Wellspring Interfaith Social Services." Deposit it in the Tzedakah Box in our lobby -- or mail it to the Temple (5200 Old Mill Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46807) and we will forward it with other checks as a group to Wellspring.
- Donate online directly to the food bank at Wellspring.

Thank you for your generosity. This is our largest effort in a calendar year to assist those with less than we have. Please open your hearts and pockets again this year as you have for so many years.

Questions can be directed to the Temple office at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).



## JOIN US FOR BREAK THE FAST HOSTED BY THE ROMEOs

The ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) are preparing a delicious break-the-fast meal for the congregation following both Reform and traditional services on Wednesday, October 5. Everyone is invited for tuna salad, egg salad, bagel, lox, herring in wine sauce, herring in sour cream, kugels, fresh fruit and other delicacies.

Reservations are required to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Wednesday, September 28 so that we can prepare enough food and seating. Thanks to the generosity of the ROMEOs, there is no charge. However, cash donations gladly will be accepted to help offset the costs.

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



# VISITORS WELCOME FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

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

Our High Holy Days services are open to all. Services are offered both in person and via livestream ([YouTube](#) and [Zoom](#)). We look forward to welcoming everyone. Masks are optional in the building. Kindly review our [COVID safety protocols](#). To receive information on how to access virtually on Zoom, please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).

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

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

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



## HELP PURCHASE APPLES FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS FAMILIES

Help supply a bag of apples for each of the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple through the 12th annual Thoughtful Thursdays [Apple Project](#). This year Head Start is planning for the normal enrollment of 50 students!

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

A tree will be on display at the Temple decorated with paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$10 or more for the apple project by Friday, October 7. [Donate online](#) at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org). Indicate the amount of your donation, designate "Project Assist/Thoughtful Thursdays" and indicate the name you would like to appear on the apple for the tree. You also can mail a check payable to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays

Apple Project.

Pictures of the tree will be posted on the Temple's Facebook page as it "grows."

Thoughtful Thursdays will begin its 13th year on Wednesday, September 7 at 10 a.m.! Plan to join the Jewish community's teams as we continue to help the Brightpoint Head Start families in need. Thank you to Sally Trotter for chairing Thoughtful Thursdays.

Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).



## PEOPLE OF THE BOOK LECTURE FEATURES RON SUSKIND

[Ron Suskind](#), a Pulitzer-winning journalist, best-selling author, and founder of Sidekicks, will be the featured speaker at the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) People of the Book Lecture on Monday, September 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus.

Published in 2014, his bestseller *Life, Animated*, chronicles his family's 20-year journey raising and connecting to their autistic son, Owen. The Suskind family is also the subject of an award-winning documentary feature of the same name. Their story has driven activism and research about the compensatory strengths of those with autism and others who are differently-abled.

The program is free and open to the public. A dessert reception and book signing follow the lecture.

The People of the Book Lecture is made possible with generous support from the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and the Dr. Louis A. and Anne B. Schneider Foundation.



## MEMORIAL SCULPTURE DEDICATION PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 30



The [memorial sculpture](#) in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center will be dedicated during our Shabbat Shuvah service on Friday, September 30 at 7:30 p.m. It brings together the bronze *yahrzeit* plaques from Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob.

Artist [George Morrison](#) designed the artwork to enhance the courtyard and describes it as "a place of contemplation and a testimony to the unity of two congregations whose separate histories have become one."

Over several months, he and his wife, Mary, with volunteers from the Temple added the nearly 1,000 nameplates along the curvature of the piece. The words "Let Us Remember" also will be added in English and Hebrew.

In addition, *yahrzeits* added in the past year to our digital display in the foyer will be dedicated that evening.



## CAV TO ASSIST WITH PROGRAMMING RELATED TO "THE U.S. AND THE HOLOCAUST"

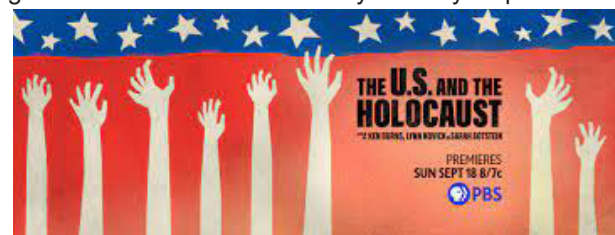
The Temple will be holding several events in conjunction with a new three-part documentary called The U.S. and The Holocaust that will premiere next month on PBS. The series, directed and produced by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein, will explore America's response to one of the greatest humanitarian crises in history.

PBS39, our local station, asked the Temple to work with them on holding several events to discuss the Holocaust and immigration issues in general with the community at large. Some programming will be held in our Sanctuary, while others will be in schools and other locations.

PBS is asking various immigrant groups in Fort Wayne, including the recent Afghan refugees that the Jewish community recently helped financially, to take part in this endeavor. They hope to work with organizations including PFW's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies relating what the immigrant experience is like, the similarities among various groups, and the differences.

We are thrilled to be working on this project with them. Dates and times of the public events will be announced soon.

---Holocaust Education Committee



## ROMEOS BEGIN NEW YEAR OF LUNCHEES & SCHMOOZE

The ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will begin a new year of twice-monthly lunches on Thursday, August 4 at noon at Club Soda, continuing a tradition launched in 2012 when the guys started gathering to share stories, meals, and friendship.

Their social time has expanded over the years to include supporting congregational events in big ways – including this coming year as hosts of the Break-the-Fast, Hanukkah dinner, and Second Seder. Led by Denny Reynolds, the ROMEOS also are hosting the BBQ on July 29 before our Friday Night Live service and volunteering at the Corned Beef Fundraiser.

The ROMEOS will continue to meet for regular lunches together most months on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. To find out more or join the chaverim, please contact Denny Reynolds at [dennisreynolds@me.com](mailto:dennisreynolds@me.com). Find the 2022-2023 schedule

## ACHDUTH VESHOLOM INCLUDED IN RECENT LGBTQ+ EXHIBIT

Our congregation was highlighted in the exhibit in June at The History Center called "Resilient Pride: Fort Wayne's LGBTQ+ Voices."

The Temple was listed as one of the local LGBTQ+ affirming congregations and two of our spiritual leaders – Rabbi Meir Barger, who joined us in 2020, and Rabbi Javier Cattapan, who served from 2010-2016 -- were included among the LGBTQ+ clergy.

The exhibit during the month of June talked about the history of the LGBTQ+ movement nationally and locally from the 1970s to the 1990s. It was the final exhibit in the Fabric of the Fort: Our Tapestry of Human Heritage series.

We appreciate being part of the exhibit and strive to be a welcoming place for people of diverse religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, gender identities, and abilities.



## CHALLAH BAKERS KNEADED!

We "knead" your help to ensure we have delicious challah to share during our Oneg Shabbat after services.



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

Thank you to our CAV Star Bakers for volunteering their talents! Our team includes Nola Katinsky, Joanne McCrory, Wendy Soltz, Jon Tam, Deb Vilensky, and Beth Zweig.

## HOOSIER JEWISH LEGENDS CEREMONY ON AUGUST 21

Hoosier Jewish Legends recognizes Hoosiers who have made a significant and lasting impact on their profession, community and the fabric of our cultural heritage in Indiana.

Sponsored by the Indiana Jewish Historical Society and the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, the awards will be presented in person and over Zoom on Sunday, August 21 at 1 p.m. at Indianapolis Jewish Community Center - Laikin Auditorium. Reservations are required by August 7 to IJHS, 1839 Box Elder Court Indianapolis, IN 46260. Questions? Email [ijhs@ijhs.org](mailto:ijhs@ijhs.org).

This year's recipients are:

\*Marilyn & Gene Glick, Indianapolis

Marcia Goldstone, Indianapolis

Ted Green, Indianapolis

\*Mark Hasten, Indianapolis

Hart Hasten, Indianapolis

\*Abe Silverstein, Terre Haute

\* - of blessed memory

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Historical  
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# DONATIONS

## Adelman Facility Improvement Fund

In memory of Issadore Adelman, David Salnitsky, Mary Kay Bryne:

*Rita & Tom O'Neill*

In memory of Joel & June Deitch: *Carol & Larry Adelman*

## Art & Beautification Fund

A donation has been received from: *Rachel & Geoff Gordon*

In memory of Sol Mastbaum: *Lenoard & Cookie Mastbaum*

## B'nai Jacob Conservative Judaism Fund

In memory of Joe Gerson: *Audrey Gerson and Rhonda Gerson-Hurwitz*

## Dr. John Planer Music Fund

In honor of Denny Reynolds: *Doris Gottlieb*

In memory of Cheryl Gannon: *Marcia & Denny Reynolds*

In memory of Macon Dale Traxler: *Ronnie & Norm Greenberg*

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A donation has been received from: *Scott Fergusson, Richard Grzych*

In memory of Dorothy Rothberg: *Betty Butterfield & Samuel Rothberg*

In memory of Morris Hyman: *Nancy & Mike Dicker*

In memory of Ruth Davis: *Jerry Davis*

In memory of Leah Tourkow and Samuel Ralph Tourkow:

*Donna & Josh Tourkow*

In memory of Gabor Fenyes: *Annie & Daniel Droegmyer*

In memory of Margot Field: *Steven Field*

In memory of Jerry Friedman: *Norma Friedman*

In memory of Samuel Herman: *Jeff Herman, Steve Herman*

In memory of Henry Kepes: *Micki & Sherwin Kepes*

In memory of Manny Silverman: *Jane Downey*

In memory of Meyer Levin: *Jason Levin*

In memory of Sidney Motel: *Karen Sandler*

In memory of M.H. Cohen: *Lis & Hugo Kahn*

In memory of Robert Johnson: *Kay Safirstein*



## Holocaust Memorial Fund

A donation has been received from: *Lesley Newman*

In memory of Adolph B. Weigler: *Adrienne & Adolf Brateman*

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In memory of Paul Schwartz Jr.: *Lenore Levine*

In honor of Audrey Gerson: *Janet Finkel*

## Ryan Goldstrom Memorial Fund

In memory of Ryan Goldstrom: *Marian Kantor*

## Temple Gardens Fund/Spouseep Chapel

A donation has been received from:

*Joanne & Elliott McCrory, Rachel & Geoff Gordon*

In memory of Doris Spouseep: *Patrice & Michael Spouseep*

In memory of Amelia Butz: *Nola & Matthew Katinsky*

In memory of Betty Meyer: *Deb & Joel Vilensky*

## Thoughtful Thursdays

A donation has been received from: *Rachel & Geoff Gordon*

In memory of Robert O'Neill: *Rita & Tom O'Neill*

In memory of Mo Safirstein, Manny Silverman, and Abe & Arnett Latker:

*Kay Safirstein*

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

## JOIN THE TEAM PLANNING OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY

We're excited to celebrate Congregation Achduth Vesholom's 175th anniversary in Fall 2023! Volunteer now to be part of the team planning the festivities for this milestone occasion.

Share your ideas as we prepare to rejoice in our rich heritage as Indiana's oldest Jewish congregation, celebrate the strength of our *kehilla kedosha* (holy community), and look ahead to a vibrant future.

Please contact Co-Chairs Kathy Sider (ksider812@gmail.com) and Beth Zweig (blzweig@msn.com) for more information and to volunteer.



## MAZEL TOV TO:

- **Brian & Arlyn Mae Sours** on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Dela Cruz Sours, on July 7, 2022.
- **Betsy Thal Gephart**, whose recent biography of her grandfather, *Norman Thal and his New York Diaries*, has been added to the collection at the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center. Part of a series of titles she's written for her children, the book covers his life in both the advertising and manufacturing businesses in Detroit and Toledo. Also included are travel diaries from his trips to New York City in the 1940s, which reveal his fascination with the tremendous development taking place at that time.



# AUGUST YAHRZEITS

## August 5-6

Marcus Block  
Bernard Blumenthal  
Mary Bronstein  
Louis Hansen Carter  
Susan Cohen  
Natalie Duckor  
Virginia Calisch Fairman  
Sam Fried  
Iris Sands Gilbert  
Lillian Goldenberg  
Mollie Greensfelder  
Isaac Hoffman  
Clifford Jones  
Terri Katz  
Steve Kelman  
Aaron Kravitz  
Anne Kurzner  
Samuel Laderman  
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Louis Levin  
Tanya Luark  
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Beatrice S. Motel  
Frederick Nirdlinger  
Robert O'Neill  
Rose W. Portman  
Isaac Roseman  
Dorothy Rothberg  
Joseph S. Rothschild  
Sidney Rouda  
Rosalin Samet  
Phyllis Saratore  
Benedict Schulman  
Mary Siegel  
Alfred Stoller  
Ruth Strauss  
Adeline F. Wetzstein

## August 12-13

Mollie Bronstein  
Barbara Congress  
Bertha Doran  
Frieda Erman  
Clara Riddner Field  
Jack Golden  
Morris Goldin  
Alex Honig  
Arnold Katinsky  
Louis Katz  
Fraida Rivah Klein  
Hyman Komisarow  
Sara Konkell  
Brokha Koyfman  
Samuel Kraus  
Mildred Kurtz  
Maxine Landy  
Frances Lare  
Sarah Latker  
Claude K. Lee  
Susan Schiller Leibow  
Hyman Liberman  
David Lichtscien  
Dr. Donald Mark  
Myron M. Marks  
Lillian Meyers  
Max Moyer  
Thea Nordtvedt  
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Charlotte Gilbert Schiff  
Esther Schmitz

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Sylvia Sommer  
Betty Stein  
Charles Wigod  
Harvey Wolf  
Alex Young

## August 19-20

Solomon Ackerman  
Abe Ackerman  
Rosie Adams  
David Babich  
Dennis Berquist  
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- **Janina Traxler & John Planer** on the death of her mother, Macon Dale (West) Traxler, on June 28, 2022 in Kokomo, IN.

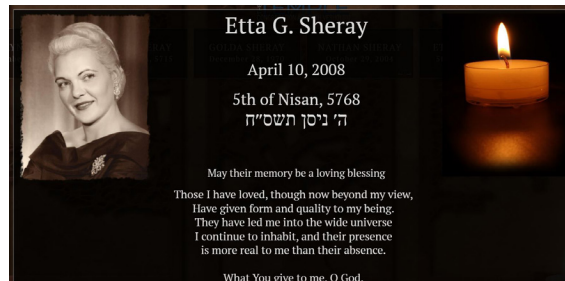
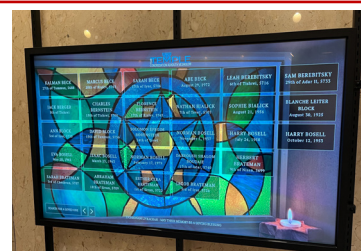
## PERSONALIZE YOUR LOVED ONE'S DIGITAL YAHRZEIT PAGE

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.

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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**The deadline for the  
September Bulletin is Monday, August 15.**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### RONNIE GREENBERG

The Temple participated on July 30 in an Indiana Native Plant Society-sponsored (INPS) tour of six gardens in the Woodhurst neighborhood showcasing native plants. Here is the description of our gardens on the handout given to participants:



"Congregation Achduth Vesholom maintains three gardens containing both native and non-native perennials. The shady chapel garden behind the building is a lovely spot for peaceful contemplation with seating surrounded by star sedge, golden alexander, Solomon's seal, blue-stemmed goldenrod, Celandine poppies, dwarf iris cristata and several 25-year-old sycamore trees.

"A sunny garden at the southeast corner of the building includes pollinator favorites milkweed, sundrops, solidago speciosa, and Joe Pye. At the front entrance is an award-winning garden designed by Laura Stine Gardens that includes winterberries, prairie dropseed, liatris, black-eyed susan, purple coneflower, and prairie smoke."

The tour also showcased the native garden behind our neighbor the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne, a pocket garden on the corner of South Wayne and Pettit, and three gardens at private homes. Each garden is unique and demonstrates how native plants can be incorporated into a garden setting, increasing the availability of food for pollinators – helping nature as part of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world).

When the idea of a garden tour in the Woodhurst neighborhood was first discussed at a board meeting of our northeast INPS chapter, on which I serve as secretary, I was a little hesitant to commit the Temple to the project. It's not because I didn't think our gardens were worthy of attention – they certainly are! It's because July 30 was a Saturday, Shabbat. And I just wasn't sure whether this was an appropriate activity for Shabbat morning on the Temple grounds.

This dilemma is an ongoing, nearly weekly, consideration for many Jews in Fort Wayne. As a very small minority, we are always having to make choices about what to do on Friday night and Saturday. Do we attend that dinner or party or reception with our work colleagues, or the high school football game, or light candles and make a special dinner at home? On Saturday, do we take our kids to insert-name-of-sport-here practice, or go grocery shopping, or go to Temple? On Sunday morning, will it be another practice or game, or Religious School? And what about the holidays?

It isn't easy being Jewish in Fort Wayne. It takes commitment and constant choices. At the Temple, we try to offer a variety of Jewish programming, acknowledging that our Temple family encompasses a variety of members with different interests and backgrounds. And, admittedly, attending religious services isn't something in which everyone is interested. That's why there are adult education programs and classes, family programs, and social service projects. There are many ways to be Jewish. But you have to choose it, and show up, and participate.

And now for the end of the story. After discussion with Rabbi Meir, we decided that having guests tour our gardens, appreciating the beauty of nature, was very consistent with the gratitude we feel on Shabbat, and so, obviously, we participated. Thank you to Ron Cousino, Norm Greenberg, Jon Tam, Deb Vilensky, and Laura Stine for assisting as docents. I hope you will take some time to appreciate the beautiful grounds around the Temple the next time you choose to be there, and I hope it's soon.

## 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.

