

# THE TEMPLE

## CONGREGATION ACHDUTH VESHOLOM

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## CITY PROCLAIMS CORNED BEEF DAY IN FORT WAYNE!

In honor of the Temple's 20th Deli Day, the city of Fort Wayne has declared Thursday, November 3 as "Corned Beef on Rye Day" in the Summit City.

By proclamation of Mayor Thomas C. Henry, the city encourages "all citizens to duly note this occasion."

In four "whereas" paragraphs, the statement notes that Congregation Achduth Vesholom is Indiana's oldest Jewish congregation and has been building Jewish community since 1848, as well as adding to the religious fabric of Fort Wayne.

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## INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Share an interfaith celebration of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 22 at 7 p.m. at Congregation Achduth Vesholom. The Temple is pleased for a 10th year to host Fort Wayne's annual community interfaith service.

The service will include representatives of Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, and Bahá'í faith communities, as well as an interfaith choir and guest musicians Orin & Kiotta Reynolds.

Sponsoring congregations include Congregation Achduth Vesholom, First Presbyterian Church, Imani Baptist Temple, and Plymouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ.

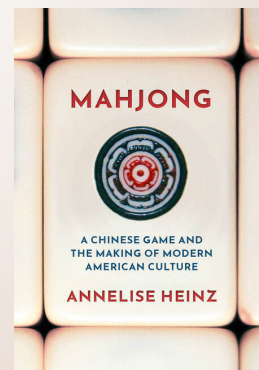
Donations collected at the service will benefit Wellspring Interfaith Social Services. A reception will follow the service. Thank you to Jon Tam for chairing. (See page 10 to find out how to assist.)

## EXPLORING THE CULTURAL JOURNEY OF MAHJONG

Please join us on Sunday, November 6 at 2 p.m. when Annelise Heinz, author of *Mahjong! How a Chinese Game Shaped Modern American Culture*, will share with us the American history of the Chinese parlor game mahjong.

She charts a complex cultural journey as the game's history connects American expatriates in Shanghai, Jazz Age white Americans, urban Chinese Americans in the 1930s, Jewish American suburban mothers, and Air Force officers' wives in the postwar era.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

## NOVEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

### Shabbat Service

Friday, November 4

7:30 p.m.

Music: Hazemir

### Shabbat Service

Friday, November 18

7:30 p.m.

### Shabbat Service & Torah Study

Saturday, November 5

9:45 a.m., followed by Torah Study and a nosh

### Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 19

9:45 a.m.

### Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 22

7 p.m. at the Temple

### Shabbat Service

Friday, November 11

7:30 p.m.

Music: Maestro Robert Nance

### No Shabbat Service

Friday, November 25

### Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 12

9:45 a.m.

### No Shabbat Service

Saturday, November 26

Please join us in person or via livestream for worship services. Many classes and programs also are offered via livestream. Links are sent in the weekly email to our Temple family. We warmly welcome guests. Please contact the Temple office for online access information on Zoom at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org). Services also are available on [YouTube](#).

## MAINTAINING A HEALTHY CONGREGATION

We have entered the cold and flu season, and face the possibility that there may be a seasonal surge of COVID-19. In the spirit of *pikuach nefesh*, protecting the life and health of others, please help us by following these common-sense measures:

- If you have symptoms of illness, even if you have not tested positive for COVID, please avoid attending in-person activities at the Temple until you feel better.
- If you have tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the [recommended CDC guidance](#) and stay away from in-person Temple activities as indicated.
- If you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the [recommended CDC guidance](#). If you live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please consider avoiding in-person Temple activities until it is recommended that they end their isolation period, [per CDC guidance](#).

We continue to offer as many worship services and programs as possible via livestream on Zoom and [YouTube](#).

If you have any questions about health precautions at the Temple, please consult our [COVID-19 Pandemic Safety Protocols](#), or be in touch with our Executive Director Samara Sheray ([cavadmin@templecav.org](mailto:cavadmin@templecav.org)).

Thank you!



## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### Corned Beef Prep Night

Wednesday, November 2

6 to 9 p.m.

### Corned Beef Fundraiser

Thursday, November 3

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Exploring the Cultural Journey of Mahjong with

Annelise Heinz

Sunday, November 6

2 p.m. at the Temple

### Reproductive Justice Forum

Sunday, November 6

4:30 p.m. at the Temple

### Five Books of Moses Study Group

Sundays, November 6, 13, 20, 27

7 p.m. on Zoom

### Hebrew Liturgy Study Group

Mondays, November 7, 14, 21, 28

7 p.m. on Zoom

### Seeing and Counting Our Blessings

Tuesday, November 8

7 p.m. on Zoom

RSVP by Thursday, November 3

### Thoughtful Thursdays

Wednesday, November 9

10 a.m. at the Temple

### Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat

Friday, November 11

5:30 to 6 p.m.

### NEIJGS: Immigration and Naturalization Records With Marian Smith

Sunday, November 13

2 p.m. on Zoom

[Registration Required](#)

## SHARE SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY ON NOVEMBER 5

Please join us in person or via livestream on Saturday, November 5 at 9:45 a.m. for Shabbat worship. For those who are at the Temple, the service will be followed by Torah Study of the Weekly Portion and a nosh. Please RSVP for Torah Study by Wednesday, November 2.



## DECEMBER EVENTS

### The Jews and the Greeks: A

Hanukkah Object Story

with Rabbi Sarah Berman

Tuesday, December 13

7 p.m. on Zoom

RSVP by December 8

### Hanukkah Party

Sunday, December 18

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Temple

Light the 1st candle and celebrate

### Hanukkah & Shabbat Service

Friday, December 23

7:30 p.m. at the Temple

### Champagne Shabbat

Friday, December 30

7:30 p.m. at the Temple

## 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, November 3

No lunch - Corned Beef Fundraiser

### Thursday, November 17

[Baan Thai Restaurant](#)

3235 North Anthony Blvd.

RSVP to Denny Reynolds at

[dennisreynolds@me.com](mailto:dennisreynolds@me.com)





# RABBI MEIR BARGERON

## VOTING IS A JEWISH OBLIGATION



As we begin November, it is just about time to vote for local, state and national offices. Jewish tradition has long recognized that each person has an obligation for civic participation. In *Pirke Avot*, Rabbi Hillel writes “*Al tifros min hatzibur*, Do not separate yourself from the community” (2:5). Just as we are obligated to engage in Jewish life to the fullest extent possible for each of us, we are also obligated to engage

in the larger communities of which we are a part.

In the Talmud, Rabbi Yitzhak taught that “A ruler is not to be appointed **unless the community is first consulted**” (Berachot 55a). Rabbi Yitzhak further explained that in the Torah, Bezalel could be chosen to build the Tabernacle only with the community’s approval. The construction of the Tabernacle, the means by which God’s presence would accompany the Israelites on their journey through the wilderness, was dependent on each person’s participation in the approval of the artisan who would build it.

Modern Jewish texts also endorse voting. Rabbi Avraham Yeshaya Karelitz (1878-1953) was an Orthodox rabbi from Belarus who is known by the name of his major work, *Chazon Ish*. On Israeli Election Day, the Chazon Ish encountered a man, a fellow Jew. “Did you vote yet?” inquired the Chazon Ish. The man responded, “No.” “Why not,” the Chazon Ish persisted. The man responded, “I don’t have the three Israeli pounds to pay the poll tax.” The Chazon Ish would not give up. “Do you own a pair of tefillin,” he continued. “Of course,” the man replied. “Well, go and sell your pair of tefillin and use the funds to pay the poll tax so that you can go and vote,” said the Chazon Ish.

The Chazon Ish later explained that wearing tefillin is a mitzvah, but voting in an election is also a mitzvah. He was not worried that this Jewish man would not put on tefillin. If need be, he would borrow a pair. But he was afraid that this person would not perform this other mitzvah – voting in the election. One cannot borrow another person’s access to the ballot.

Rabbi David Russo writes, “For the Chazon Ish, voting was so important that it superseded owning tefillin, which is used on a daily basis. His stated reason was because the person could easily borrow tefillin. But I also wonder if the Chazon Ish was making a broader point – that elections impact the day-to-day lives of every person in society. Just like tefillin, our vote matters not only on the day of the election, but every day after it until the next one.”

This election provides each citizen the opportunity to take part in our precious American democracy. While we are a distinct people, Hillel taught we must not remain separate. Even God, who called Bezalel to construct the tabernacle, required that the community approve his selection. In this time of tremendous polarization, with so many issues of justice and democracy itself at stake, we have a duty to fully participate in the electoral process.

## JOIN BEIT MIDRASH CLASSES WITH RABBI MEIR

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

### Seeing and Counting our Blessings

**Tuesday, November 8**

**7 p.m. on Zoom**

A substantial part of Jewish prayer is comprised of blessings, the act of calling down God’s favor on someone or something. Blessings are so important that the Talmud teaches that a person is obligated to recite 100 blessings every day! We will study the form of traditional Jewish blessings and reflect on their meaning in Jewish life.

Please RSVP to [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) by Thursday, November 3 to receive materials.



### The Jews and the Greeks: A Hanukkah Object Story

**With Rabbi Sarah Berman**

**Tuesday, December 13**

**7 p.m. on Zoom**

The Hanukkah story pits the ancient Jews against their Hellenistic Greek neighbors, but in real life the divisions between these two groups were often much less dramatic.

Join Rabbi Sarah Berman to explore art and objects that tell more nuanced stories about the encounter between Judaism and Hellenism — and come away with a new understanding of Hanukkah.

Sarah Berman is Rabbi and Director of Adult Education at Central Synagogue in New York. Before her ordination in 2020 she served as a rabbinic intern in New York City, suburban New Jersey, and Wisconsin, as well as in pastoral roles at organizations serving women transitioning from incarceration to independence. Before attending rabbinical school Sarah spent a decade doing art and historical research and curatorial work at the Seattle Art Museum.

Please RSVP to [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) by Thursday, December 8 to receive materials.

## CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ON REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

As a follow up to our Sacred Conversation on Reproductive Justice, we will hold a Reproductive Justice Forum on Sunday, November 6 at 4:30 p.m. at the Temple. The event is in-person only.

The program includes:

- Update on Current Status of SB-1, the Abortion Ban Law
- Education on Reproductive Justice Activism
- Building Connections Between our Faith Communities

Rabbi Meir Bargeron will participate in the forum with Rev. Dr. Anne Bain Epling of First Presbyterian Church and Rev. Sara Ofner-Seals of Plymouth Congregational Church.

In September, members of the Temple and First Presbyterian gathered to hear a reading from the play *Roe*, by Lisa Loomer, presented by actors from the First Presbyterian Theater, followed by sacred conversations about abortion, the Jewish and Presbyterian perspectives on reproductive justice, and next steps for those who are inspired to take action locally and statewide.



Every few months, the Association of Jewish Libraries publishes a newsletter with reviews of recent Jewish titles, which means new materials are purchased for the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library. This fall, we have several new books for all ages available to check out. I'll just highlight a few.

We've added a whole series of board books to our collection by Vicki L. Weber, covering special times of the day and week. *Shabbat Shalom*, *A New Week*, and *Time for Bed*, are a few of the titles. Another beautiful board book is *My Hands Make the World*, a Creation story by Amalia Hoffman. And Julie Merberg's *My First Book of Famous Jews* is a cute addition to the board book collection.

*Yossel's Journey* is a beautiful new picture book by Kathryn Lasky that features a Russian-Jewish immigrant settling near Santa Fe, New Mexico, contrasting with the "typical" immigrant

experience in New York. *The Porridge-Pot Goblin* is a fun new picture book for Shabbat by Jacqueline Jules, and Gloria Koster's *Dance the Hora, Isadora!* is one of a few children's titles to focus on a Jewish wedding. *A Synagogue Just Like Home*, by Alice Blumenthal McGinty, features a building in desperate need of repairs the community that fixes it.

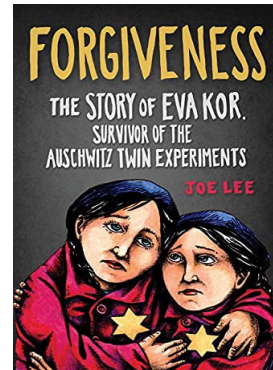
For older readers, Michael Rosen's *On the Move: Home is Where You Find It*, is a collection of poems written about his life as a refugee of the Holocaust. They are meant to transcend generations and address the plight of all refugees. The book is geared to middle grade readers.

On the slightly less serious side, *The Boy Who Failed Show and Tell*, by Jordan Sonnenblick, features a fourth-grade Jewish boy and his struggles to fit in. *Who Even Cares? A Rebbe Nachman Tale*, by Rabbi Gavriel Goldfeder, is an original presentation of Rabbi Nachman's fables in graphic format. *The Ghosts of Rose Hill*, by R. M. Romero, is a novel for teen readers set in Prague.

Finally, new in our adult collection is Joseph E. Lee's *Forgiveness: The Story of Eva Kor, Survivor of The Auschwitz Twin Experiments*. This graphic biography tells the horrific story of the woman who founded the CANDLES museum in Terre Haute.

These and many more new titles are now available in your Temple library. [Check out our full catalog](#), and stop by next time you're in the building!

- Betsy Gephart, Librarian



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS!

Our Thoughtful Thursdays' 12th annual Apple Project was a huge success this year thanks to the Jewish community's continued support. More than 50 people donated at least \$10 each to support our effort.



In October, we were able to provide a bag of delicious Honeycrisp apples for the 51 Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple and the Brightpoint staff. One of the teachers told us she only eats apples once a year since tasting the locally grown Honeycrisp apples. She said she can't afford them on her salary so this is a special treat.

This month, our plan is to send home side dishes that go with a Thanksgiving meal, including stuffing, rice, cranberry sauce, green beans, corn muffin mix, chocolate pudding, paper goods, and salt and pepper. Next month, we will be providing rotisserie chickens to the families.

We are also collecting athletic wear (shirts and sweatpants) for the students. All children's sizes 3-8 are needed, with the greatest need in sizes 6-8.

A special thanks to Janet Katz for ordering the apples; Rick Meyer, manager at Orchard Hill Farms; Cheri Buker for picking up and delivering the apples; and our awesome volunteers Jamie Berger, Cheri Buker, Janet Finkel, Suzi King, Donna Tourkow, Micki Kepes, Doris Gottlieb, Bonnie & Alex Crubaugh, Kathy Sider, and Beth Zweig.



Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. Thank you to Sally Trotter for chairing this important project.



*Our Temple Book Club had a wonderful discussion on October 18 with Author Pam Jenoff about her book *The Woman with the Blue Star*. In addition to offering insights about the story and her writing, she shared a few photos to answer some of our questions. When looking for a subject to write about, she said she likes to discover "history so untold" that it makes you gasp.*

*Thank you to Betsy Gephart for organizing our book club and the Jewish Book Council for making authors available.*

*Our next Temple Book Club is February 28 when we read "The Nesting Dolls" and discuss the book with author Alina Adams.*



# YOUTH NEWS

## HONORING GOD'S LIKENESS IN OURSELVES AND OTHERS

As always, our KESHER (Connection) program is keeping our families busy with many opportunities for Jewish learning and community.

Coming in November, we're continuing our study of *B'tzelem Elohim*, the concept that humans were created in God's image, and, as such, we have a purpose and mission to our lives of divine proportions.

This value underlies the units that we will study the rest of the year – our status as images of God will help us summon the courage to act when needed, will clearly point to our responsibilities towards others, will remind us of the power in speech and words, and will make us seekers of peace and wholeness. We'll be exploring ways we can honor God's likeness in ourselves and in others.

We're also welcoming the Jewish month of *Cheshvan*, which is also Jewish Social Action Month. All families are invited to join us for KESHER Service Sunday on November 13 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Temple where we will be assembling personal care packages to support local youth in crisis as they are placed with foster families.

Looking ahead to next month, we are busy planning our family-friendly CAV Hanukkah Party on Sunday, December 18 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Temple. We will celebrate the first night of yontif by playing holiday games, lighting our *hanukkiyot*, and enjoying dinner and dessert - bring on the *latkes* and *sufganiyot* (jelly donuts)! - as provided by the world-renowned ROMEOs! We hope you'll join in the festivities!

As always, please reach out to me at [educator@templecav.org](mailto:educator@templecav.org) any time with any questions you might have!

*Leise Rosman, Religious School Committee chair*



**TEMPLE  
RELIGIOUS  
SCHOOL**

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Sunday, November 6

Values classes & Confirmation class meet online

### Week of November 7

Hebrew classes meet online

### Friday, November 11

Joy-Vey: A Kid-ish Shabbat at 5:30-6 p.m.

### Sunday, November 13

KESHER Service Sunday at 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Week of November 14

Hebrew classes meet online

### Sunday, November 20

Values classes meet online (no Confirmation class)

### Week of November 21

No Hebrew classes online

### Sunday, November 27

No classes – Thanksgiving Break

### Sunday, December 4

Values classes & Confirmation class meet online

### Week of December 5

Hebrew classes meet online

### Sunday, December 11

Values classes meet online (no Confirmation class)

### Week of December 12

Hebrew classes meet online

### Sunday, December 18

CAV Hanukkah Party at 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



## "THANKS" IS THE THEME OF THIS MONTH'S JOY VEY!

Gather 'round your little ones (ages 0-5ish and older siblings) for a playful and silly, yet peaceful start to Shabbat for the whole family on Friday, November 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Temple. We will light candles, pray, sing songs, move and groove, and even practice mindfulness. This month's theme is "thanks."

Please join us in the tradition of blessing your children as we make a joyful place for Shabbat in our lives and hearts... together. Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat will be led by Bekah Worpell, music and movement mentor, and Rabbi Meir in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

We meet on the second Friday night of the month and folks are

encouraged to stick around to enjoy a glass of wine/juice and a bite of challah afterwards!



Children and families gathered on October 9 for our KESHER youth program to learn about Sukkot, decorate the sukkah, and share a pizza lunch. We also had a chance to shake the lulav and etrog with Rabbi Meir. Thanks to Religious School Committee Chair Leise Rosman and all who helped.

## CITY PROCLAIMS CORNED BEEF DAY (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

It also highlights that the Temple is proud to serve “corned beef on rye, which surely does satisfy” and has for 20 years been “bringing the aroma and tastes of deli to Fort Wayne,” as well as the congregational camaraderie.

The proclamation notes the importance of the sale, which last year served nearly 1,800 meals and received support from 68 sponsors and 100 volunteers, “using proceeds from the sale for ritual, cultural, educational, social action, social programs.” More Corned Beef News below.

## IT'S CORNED BEEF TIME!

Don't miss our 20th Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser when it returns for a 20th year on Thursday, November 3.

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

**Returning this year:** Drive-thru and dine-in option. Hebrew National whole kosher salami chubs (12-oz. size) for \$12 each.

**Sponsorship extras:** An individual bag of Popsalot California Popcorn with your meal and additional promotions from our gold level sponsors.

Order online (pre-order through Wednesday, November 2 at noon or order at our drive-thru the day of the sale) or download an order form at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org). We're unable to accept any more delivery orders. Contact the Temple office to be a sponsor.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DELI DAY

We need your help to support our biggest fundraiser of the year! Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, November 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, November 3 for shifts beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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

**Thanks to the Corned Beef Committee:** Co-Chairs Micah Soltz and David Crell, Carol Adelman, Larry Adelman, Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Barger, Jamie Fritz, Scott Goldberg, Shai Hadashi, Sam Krouse, Amy

Krouse, Marie McFadden, Lee Pomerantz, Denny Reynolds, Nancy Salon, Samara Sheray, Jon Tam, Steve Zacher, and Beth Zweig

## WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

Look sharp and celebrate our unique fundraiser by wearing a custom apron and cap with our corned beef sandwich logo! Purchase yours for \$18 per item to support the congregation and share in the magic of the Temple's annual Deli Day. They also make great gifts. Wear them year-round!

Find an order form



## THANK YOU TO OUR CHALLAH BAKERS AND SPONSORS!

We are fortunate to have a dedicated team of bakers and sponsors who provide us with delicious and beautiful challot to enjoy during holidays and on Friday evenings after services. Most recently, these included traditional round braided loaves during the holidays.

Thank you to Nola Katinsky, Deb Vilensky, and Wendy Soltz for being our November bakers! We're also grateful to Jamie Berger, Joanne McCrory, Jon Tam, Deb Worpell and Beth Zweig for baking and/or sponsoring challot.

Join us in the coming weeks on Friday evenings to enjoy this social time after services and the culinary efforts of our baking team.

If you're a challah baker, we'd love to have you join our team of volunteers who take turns providing 4-5 loaves for a given month. If you're not a baker, we welcome your financial support to sponsor this effort so that we can purchase challah or ingredients for our bakers to use. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) to find out more about this effort.

## PANEL GIVES THOUGHTS ON HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTARY

The Temple hosted a public screening and panel discussion October 23 in conjunction with the three-part documentary The U.S. and The Holocaust that aired recently on PBS-39 Fort Wayne.

Following the screening of a 43-minute segment of the documentary, Erin Arnold, Development Director for PBS Fort Wayne, moderated the discussion. The panel featured Irv Adler, author with his wife Fran Adler of Then and Now: Discovering My Viennese Family, Steve Carr, director of PFW's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, and Thamay Paw, Bilingual Outreach Assistant at Amani. Rena Black, chair of the Temple's Holocaust Education Committee, helped coordinate the program.

The series, directed and produced by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein, explores America's response to one of the greatest humanitarian crises in history.

The panel discussed the plight of German Jewish and other refugees seeking entry in the U.S. before and during the Holocaust, and the relevance of that history both to today's refugee crises and to U.S. responsibilities in addressing these crises since the end of World War II.





# CORNER BEEF SALE: THE MAKING OF A TRADITION

As we prepare for our 20th sale this month, the Temple's Corned Beef Fundraiser surely is a tradition, bringing the aroma and tastes of deli to Fort Wayne along with the congregational camaraderie. A mayoral proclamation declaring "Corned Beef on Rye Day" even says so!



But how did we get here?

The long-ago "Hadassah Businessmen's Lunch" was part of the inspiration. Larry Adelman, then a high school student, remembers moving to Fort Wayne in 1968 and the experience of a huge turnout in the Temple's Social Hall for

a noon-time meal that helped the Jewish community raise funds and connect to the greater community through food. Cindi Wismer recalls that her parents let her miss school to help at the sale, which brought what looked to a little girl like a "sea of men in white shirts."

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

The big sale that began in October 2002 continues today, returning this year on Thursday, November 3 with Micah Soltz and David Crell serving as co-chairs of a 19-member committee. (For those who are doing the math, we did not have a sale in 2020 due to the pandemic.)

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

Online ordering proved wildly popular when we introduced it in 2018, as did the arrival of Hebrew National whole kosher salamis in 2019. This year we have added new sponsorship levels and bonuses provided by our sponsors, including individual bags of caramel corn from Popsalot California Popcorn for a third year.

In response to COVID safety concerns in 2021, we did not offer customary in-person dining and added drive-thru pick up of meals. This year, we are offering both options.

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

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

We ended up selling 1,070 meals our first year. In 2021, we reached a new record, with sales of nearly 1,800 sandwiches.

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

We also decided the first year that sponsorships would help us raise money by underwriting the cost of the food. We had 32 sponsors the first year, a number that's more than doubled in recent years. The sale consistently is our biggest fundraiser, having raised from \$10,000 in the beginning to topping \$24,000 in 2021.

The first year brought the realization that we didn't have enough refrigerator space for all the goodies. That led to rental of a refrigerated truck. When some of us realized we had aching backs,

our maintenance chief Clint Rossiter came to the rescue, creating a way to raise our work tables so we didn't need to bend over. Rabbi Jonathan Katz, our spiritual leader in the early years, felt entertaining "words of wisdom" would add a nice touch to the boxed meals, so we've offered those most years to the delight of customers.

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

discontinued.

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

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

"We hope everyone will turn out for Prep Night on November 2 and the big day on November 3," said Larry, one of our sponsorship chairs. "We do appreciate everyone who supports this event -- the customers, the sponsors and the volunteers!"



# MEMORIAL SCULPTURE REMEMBERS LOVED ONES THROUGH THE YEARS

Nearly 30 people gathered on Friday, September 30 before our Shabbat Shuvah service to dedicate the memorial sculpture in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center, led by Rabbi Meir Barger.

The beautiful piece brings together the bronze *yahrzeit* plaques from Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob, with the words "Let Us Remember" (*Nizchor* in Hebrew) in the center.

Artist George Morrison designed the artwork to enhance the enclosed outdoor space and describes it as "a place of contemplation and a testimony to the unity of two congregations whose separate histories have become one."

"I wanted it to be simple, elegant and respectful but spiritually up-lifting rather than somber," Morrison said at the dedication. "It was important that the overall layout integrate with the design of the courtyard and not overwhelm it, leaving it open to other uses and functions."

He said he thinks the concept of the plaques appearing to float in a cloudlike form is up-lifting and very different from the way they had been displayed in the Temple's foyer. Arranging them chronologically allowed the plaques of both congregations to seamlessly blend together.

Carol Adelman, previous chair of the Temple's Art and Beautification Committee that coordinated the project, and Sharon Eisbart, current chair, spoke about the origin of the artwork and how it came to fruition.

Carol said the project began in spring 2021 when then-President Ellen Tom asked the committee to take on the task of finding an appropriate place for the 970 bronze *yahrzeit* plaques.

Over several months, Morrison and his wife, Mary, with volunteers from the Temple added nameplates along the curvature of the piece.

A new digital display in the foyer of the Temple includes the names of those remembered on the bronze plaques, as well as others whose loved ones have purchased digital plaques since we stopped adding bronze nameplates in early 2021.

Sharon thanked committee members Carol Adelman, Alan and Maureen Grinsfelder, Ellen Tom, Irene Walters, Jay Zemmol, Jon Tam, and Wendy Soltz, along with President Ronnie Greenberg and Executive Director Samara Sheray.

She also thanked the volunteers who helped with disassembly, assembly and organization: Denny Reynolds, Norm Greenberg, Ron Cousino, Mike and Nancy Dicker, Hazemir Choir, Rabbi Meir, and Clint Rossiter.

## IHGS HONORED FOR COMMITMENT TO HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Purdue Fort Wayne's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies will be presented with the State of Indiana's Never Again Ambassador Award on Thursday, November 10 at noon at the state's 24th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Program at the Indiana Statehouse North Atrium. Register to attend

The Never Again Ambassador Award, which is being given for the third time, is presented to an individual or organization that has shown a commitment to Holocaust education and creates meaningful spaces for both the memories and lessons of the Holocaust never to be forgotten so that such atrocities never again happen.

Congratulations to IHGS Director Steve Carr, who also is a Temple member. IHGS is one of the Temple's Rifkin Campus partners and often collaborates with us on Holocaust-related programming.

November 9-10 is the anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass. On this day in 1938, Nazis in Germany torched synagogues, vandalized Jewish homes, schools, and businesses, and killed approximately 100 Jews. The program will honor those who perished in the Holocaust and commemorate the anniversary of Kristallnacht.

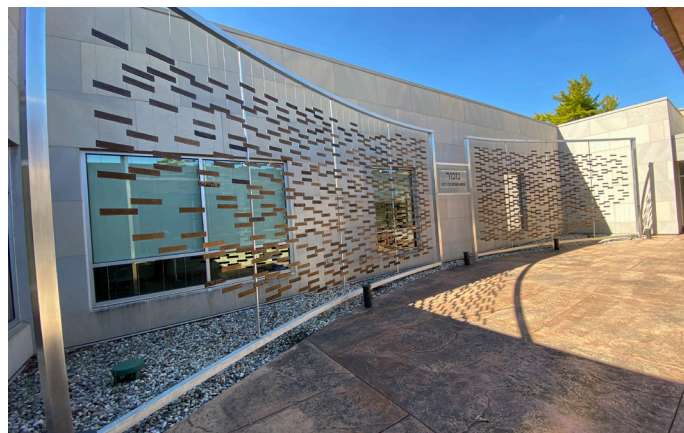
The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission, the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, and the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council will be awarding Hoosiers and Indiana Organizations who have shown a commitment to promoting Holocaust Education so that such atrocities will never be repeated.

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Her talk follows the history of one game to think about how, in their daily lives, individuals create and experience cultural change.

Currently, a historian at the University of Oregon, her work has been featured by National Public Radio, The Wall Street Journal, TIME, Tablet, and Kveller among others. She has lived and played mahjong in the United States and Southwestern China.

Dessert reception, book sale and signing, and meet and greet with the author will follow.







Thank you to the ROMEOs and Chair Denny Reynolds for hosting delicious break-the-fast meals after both Reform and Conservative services on October 5 for Yom Kippur! This is the 9th year that the Retired Old Men Eating Out and their Juliets have provided this wonderful way to end the holiday and come together as a community.

We're grateful to Rabbi Meir for leading meaningful Reform services for Yom Kippur with guest Cantor Yvon Shore and Maestro Robert Nance. Thank you to Hazemir, under the direction of John Planer, and Cellist David Rezits. And we appreciate Cantor Yael Fischman and Ron Friedman for leading Conservative worship.

Thank you to our High Holy Days sponsors, the Temple staff, and those who helped in big and little ways. Thanks also to everyone who supported the High Holy Days Food Drive to benefit the food bank at Wellspring Interfaith Social Services.



We celebrated Shabbat and Sukkot with a beautiful service on October 14, led by Rabbi Meir. Afterward, we socialized with Kiddush in the sukkah and a delicious Oneg Shabbat. Thank you to Janet Finkel and Sheryl Merritt for hosting.





*An unseasonal October snowfall didn't stop our festive Simchat Torah celebration on October 17. A delicious Oneg Torah was followed by a beautiful service, led by Rabbi Meir. We paraded our Torahs through the Sanctuary, completed the reading of Deuteronomy and began the cycle anew with Genesis. The Torah covers were changed from white for the holidays to our colorful ones for the rest of the year.*

*Thank you to Religious School Committee Chair Leise Rosman and Religious School parents for hosting the Oneg Torah. Thanks to Nola Katinsky for baking the scrumptious challah. Many thanks to Rabbi Meir for a lovely service, Ronnie & Norm Greenberg for the terrific music, and Torah readers John Planer and Rabbi Meir.*



*Mah jongg lessons for beginners in October brought together members of the Temple and the Fort Wayne community to learn the basics of the game and start to play. Thank you to Marcia Reynolds and John Stein for teaching. We look forward to having some new players for our regular open play games on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoon.*

## SWEETS, TREATS, AND MORE NEEDED

Please volunteer to help and to bake for the reception that follows the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 22.

Baked goods are needed at the Temple no later than Tuesday, November 22 at 3 p.m. (Please note that the Temple is closed on Sunday, November 20 and Monday, November 21.) Items may be put in the freezer in advance, 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 say you can help at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or Reception Chair Jon Tam at [hdtam1@gmail.com](mailto:hdtam1@gmail.com).





## UNITY WITH VARIETY EXHIBIT FEATURES THREE CAV MEMBERS

An exhibit called “[Unity With Variety](#)” at the [Allen County Public Library](#) downtown through Saturday, November 12 features 50 portraits of people from diverse cultures living in the Fort Wayne area, including Temple members Fran Adler, Irv Adler and Jon Tam.

The portraits by artist [Hilarie Couture](#) on display in the Jeffrey R. Krull Gallery also include a QR code with each painting that viewers can scan to see a video of each subject answering three questions about their experience living and coming to Fort Wayne.

A book produced as part of the exhibit includes the photos with a caption about the subject. Jon explains that he was born in New York City and raised in a Chinese-American immigrant family and immersed in a wide variety of cultures while living on the Lower East Side.



“My personal fabric has been woven by the diverse communities in New York and experiences living abroad in Europe and Asia,” Jon’s caption notes. “I am currently a college instructor and Rebbetzman.”

Jon said he sat for the portrait around the Lunar New Year and shared with the artist a mix of Asian and Jewish elements. “I was wearing our wedding kippah that has the

word Ahava (Hebrew for “love”), a paper-mâché pomegranate with

Hebrew words, a Lunar New Year citrus, a pillow with two koi, and a red bowl.

Irv and Fran Adler are each described in the exhibit as a “Jewish-Child of Holocaust

survivor” and are

identified as authors of the book *Then and Now: Discovering My Viennese Family* about Irv’s journey researching what happened to his grandmother and family. Irv’s parents left Vienna as a result of the Nazi occupation and came to the U.S. They never talked much about their experiences. His portrait includes a suitcase with photos and letters that led to his discovery of his family’s story.

Fran’s portrait includes a Torah from her mother’s synagogue that her family brought from Germany to the U.S. when they fled in October 1938. The synagogue was destroyed two weeks later. Her grandparents did not escape and were murdered in the Holocaust. Fran said the Torah still survives and almost all her parents’ great-grandchildren have read from the Torah at their bar or bat mitzvah.



## U.S. IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION RECORDS FOCUS OF GENEALOGY PROGRAM

The [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) is excited to welcome Historian Marian Smith for a free virtual program on Sunday, November 13, beginning at 2 p.m.

In her talk “More than Manifests: U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Records,” Smith will present an overview of major U.S. immigration and naturalization record sets of interest to genealogists researching 19th and 20th century immigrants. Please join us:

- 2 p.m. - Information regarding passenger lists, immigration correspondence files, visas, legalizations/adjustments, 1940 alien registration forms, and alien registration files (A-Files).

- 3:30 p.m. - Details regarding court naturalization records, INS naturalization certificate files (C-Files), and naturalization correspondence files.

Some of these records are held by the National Archives, others by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), thus request procedures for both will be outlined.

Smith retired after 30 years as an historian for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, later U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Following the formal presentations, Marian will answer questions with a special session for NEIJGS members.

Registration is required to attend this free virtual program. Please contact Pamela Friedman at [vp@NEIndianaJGS.org](mailto:vp@NEIndianaJGS.org) for more information.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation, and the [Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center](#) for their continued support of NEIJGS programming.



## SAVE THE DATES FOR FEDERATION ACTIVITIES:

### Join us for Hanukkah Storytime!

After a two-year hiatus, [PJ Library](#), the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) and [Barnes & Noble](#) are bringing back Hanukkah Storytime! We hope you can join us on Sunday, December 18 at 11 a.m. at Barnes & Noble (1034 S. Thomas Road, Suite 107 in Fort Wayne). We will read a few Hanukkah stories, light the hanukiah, play the dreidel game and work on a craft project. This event is free and open to the public. We are so thankful for the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.

### Confronting the Shoah

We are back in person with this six-week class presented by Holocaust scholar Dr. David Lindquist. This course provides participants with a comprehensive contextual and historical knowledge regarding the Nazi Holocaust.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7 and 14, 2023. Sessions begin at 7 p.m. and last 2 to 2 ½ hours each. There is no cost to Federation members, teachers, principals, historians or high school juniors or seniors. For all others, there is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials. More information to follow in the upcoming months. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and members of Federation for its continued support.



# DONATIONS

## Art & Beautification Fund

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

## General Operations

A donation has been received from: *Scott Fergusson*

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## Thoughtful Thursdays

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

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

## 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.

## PLEASE PLAN FOR 2022 YEAR-END

For your 2022 tax planning purposes, our guidelines for establishing the date when dues payments and donations are received:

- If by mail, the postmarked date
- If hand delivered, the date received at the Temple
- If by phone or [directly online](#) (credit cards only), the date of the call
- Any gifts of appreciated securities must be received into the Temple's account on or before December 15. Contact Robin Tribbett, Senior Vice President - Investments, at Wells Fargo Advisors, at (260) 423-4861 for further information. Wells Fargo Advisors is a trade name used by Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC, Member SIPC.



## MAZEL TOV TO:

**Mimi & Don Zelman** on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary! They were married on November 26, 1972 in Buffalo, NY.

**Shirley Busack** on the marriage of her son, Christopher, to Margaret Fabyanic on September 24, 2022 in Fort Wayne. The couple lives in Fort Wayne. The bride's parents are Mike & Elaine Fabyanic.



# NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

## November 4-5

Chester Ambler III  
Sam Barabash  
Rose K. Baum  
Rosalie Becker  
Norman Bosell  
Cathy Bradley  
Sarah Brazy  
Barbara Cohen  
Max Cohen  
Hannah Crell  
Pauline Cristil  
Abe Fox  
Julius Gilbert  
Mitchell Goldstein  
Bertram Hornstein  
Mendel Hurwitz  
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Max Levy  
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Sharlene Pass  
Helen Perlis Planer  
David J. Platka  
Lawrence J. Schubert  
Mrs. Harry Silberg  
Dora Silverman

Bert Silverstein  
Joseph Sweedler  
Edith Thomson  
Joseph Weinraub

## November 11-12

Solomon Saul Bleifeld  
Fannie Salon Bronstein  
Kathy Chapman  
Sally Cramer  
Robert Edgar  
Boris Epstein  
Rose Ewing  
Isolina Behar de Faierstein  
Minnie Fidler  
Dvoiyra Finkelshteyn  
Hana Finkelshteyn  
Itta Finkelshteyn  
Kisel Finkelshteyn  
Leib Finkelshteyn  
Meyer Finkelshteyn  
Yankel Finkelshteyn  
Phillip Flora  
Jennie Gilbert  
Annette Glazer  
Mark Glucklick  
Joseph Golden  
Daisy Hefter  
Mendel Himelstein  
Melvin Krel  
Mabel H. Kwatnez  
Allen Kwatnez

Isidore Lande  
Henrietta Levy  
Alan Lichtenberg  
Rachel Lipp  
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David B. Nelson  
Gertrude Nusholtz  
Art Perlman  
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Irving J. Pressman  
Samuel Ruderman  
Dorothy Hassan Schiller  
Bessie Schmitz  
Haskell Schultz  
David Lester Smith  
Isaac Steiber  
Jacob Sunshine  
Leo Sunshine  
Samuel Tillinger  
Evangeline Weil  
Bronnica Weinberg  
Nathaniel S. Wittenberg  
Corrine H. Wittenberg

## November 18-19

Sonia Abrams  
Goldye Appel  
Shirley Babich  
Marquard Bach  
Phillip M. Baum  
Harry Brateman

Dorothy Burcham  
Leonard Castle  
Harriet Chodash  
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Myron M. Horwitz  
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Ada Lazar  
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Simon Stanford Maier  
Jack Marks  
Leonora Marlow  
Wayne McIntyre  
Margaret Merin  
Samuel S. Meyer  
Lev Progrebinskiy  
Joseph Rezits  
Gittel Rovel  
Linda Ruchman  
Minnie Moyer Sapirie  
Nathan Shine  
Max B. Wetzstein  
Rosalind Wiletsky  
Celia Zweig

*\*We will not have Shabbat services on November 25-26. Yahrzeit names for the week that begin with A-M will be read on November 18-19 and names that begin with O-Z will be read on December 2-3. Please contact the office with any questions.*

**Yahrzeit Donations can be made online.**

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Temple Board met several times in September and October for regular and special meetings that included discussions of strategic planning, the congregational leadership structure, and member engagement.

Members of the board, Rabbi Meir Bargerion, and Executive Director Samara Sheray met three times with Don Gulbrandsen from Empower Nonprofit Consulting for work sessions to help us continue to strengthen our leadership and look to the future.

An outgrowth of the discussions was a new partnership model further developed by Board member Leise Rosman and later approved by the board that focuses on key leadership roles in the congregation among the Board, the Rabbi, and the Executive Director. (See President's Corner on Page 14.)

Micah Soltz also presented results from the recent Member Engagement Task Force survey. The information will be utilized by the board in its planning and also shared with the congregation. President Ronnie Greenberg thanked the task force: Co-Chairs Micah & Wendy Soltz, Talia Bugel, Ron Cousino, Kate Eisenbise Crell, Ron Friedman, Shai Hadashi, Sheryl Merritt, and Jon Tam.

Samara reported to the board that the Temple has received a non-profit security grant of \$150,000 from the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA. The Temple previously received a \$100,000 federal grant for security upgrades in 2019. The monies will be used to further fortify our facility.

The board approved the establishment of The Norma Jean Rifkin Educational Fund to help support and promote Jewish education and music for the betterment and enjoyment of the members of the Temple. The fund will be used to promote and support various functions and activities including, but not limited to, adult programming, youth programming, sponsored events, and Temple Religious School. The Rifkin family, which originally established the fund at Congregation B'nai Jacob, worked with Temple leadership to develop the guidelines.



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## TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

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

The Temple Office will be closed on Thursday-Friday  
November 24-25 for Thanksgiving.

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



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## WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

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

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**The deadline for the  
December/January Bulletin is Tuesday,  
November 15.**



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER RONNIE GREENBERG

Change. This is the season for change. The leaves turn red and gold, and fall from the trees. Nature settles in for a long rest as the temperature falls. If we want to go outside, we have to put on warmer clothes and coats. We don't really have a choice. It's too cold for sandals and shirt sleeves.

Sometimes we do have a choice in how we respond to our environment. We can stay home if we decide it's too cold or too wet to go out. We can Zoom Friday night services if the shorter days make it too dark to drive across town. But the bottom line is that we see or expect something to change (it's getting cold and dark) and we prepare so we can respond appropriately (I'll make sure my Zoom is working).

But what if we didn't see the change coming? My analogy falls apart a bit here, since everyone knows it gets chilly in October. But what if you didn't know, and you were caught unaware. You would be unprepared – no coat, no socks. Maybe you don't even own a coat or socks and you would really have to scramble to quickly get the supplies you need to succeed in the changed environment.

In order to be successful in a continually shifting environment, businesses and not-for-profit organizations monitor changes in public opinion and habits continually to ensure that their products and services are what are needed and wanted. Our Temple must do this also.

We need to be aware of national trends in membership in religious organizations. We need to know what our members think and want from their congregation. We need to have a plan that addresses the trends we are seeing, where we are going, and where we will be in 20 or 30 years. Otherwise, with no coat or socks, we won't make it.

The Temple Board has been working toward a goal of increasing our focus on strategic issues. With the help of a consultant, we have made some changes in the way our board interfaces with Rabbi Meir Barger and Executive Director Samara Sheray, assigning more operational authority to them. This gives them the tools to direct our day-to-day operations and ensure that we function efficiently. With less involvement in operational issues, the board will be able to focus on strategic issues, identifying changes that could affect us and investigating our optimal response to them.

There is an adage in the not-for-profit world that describes an ineffective board as one that spends its time choosing the color of the napkins for the fundraiser rather than addressing strategic issues. I understand why boards do that – it's much easier to do. What we are doing is new territory for us, and it is difficult. But it is so necessary. The world of today is completely different from 20 years ago, and from 20 years in the future. We need to be sure we are prepared to meet the needs of our congregants both now and in the future.

If the future of Reform Judaism in Fort Wayne is important to us, we need to be sure we have a coat and socks.

