

THE TEMPLE

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HANUKKAH PARTY INCLUDES LATKES AND LIGHTS

Spin the dreidel, nosh on latkes, and kindle the first candle together at a fun-filled Hanukkah party for the Jewish community on Sunday, December 18 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Temple. Please bring your *hanukkiyah* and candles to light.

The ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will be hosting the dinner, which includes latkes, applesauce, kosher hot dogs, vegan hot dogs, salad, and *sufganiyot* (jelly donuts).

Please RSVP for dinner to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org by Wednesday, December 14. Donations always are appreciated to help the ROMEOs continue to sponsor these wonderful events.

Thank you to Denny Reynolds and the ROMEOs for providing the meal and Leise Rosman for coordinating the festivities.



EXPLORE THE HANUKKAH STORY THROUGH ART & OBJECTS

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.

As part of our ongoing lifelong learning programs, join Rabbi Sarah Berman on Tuesday, December 13 at 7 p.m. on Zoom 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 by Thursday, December 8 to receive materials.



CELEBRATE HANUKKAH AND SHABBAT WITH OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

Kindle the lights of Shabbat and Hanukkah with us at our service on Friday, December 23 at 7:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir, with music by Maestro Robert Nance.

Add to the joy and warmth of the holiday by bringing your *hanukkiyah* to celebrate the sixth night of the Festival of Lights as a community amid the glow of many candles.

Join our Temple family as we mark the Maccabees' triumph over the Greeks and their rededication of the Temple, as well as sing Hanukkah songs during the service. Kiddush follows. [What is Hanukkah?](#)



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UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

December Shabbat Services

Shabbat Service

Friday, December 2
7:30 p.m.
Music: Hazemir

Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 3
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, December 9
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 10
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, December 16
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 17
9:45 a.m.

Hanukkah & Shabbat Service

Friday, December 23
7:30 p.m.
Music: Maestro Robert Nance

No Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 24

Champagne Shabbat

Friday, December 30
7:30 p.m. at

No Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 31

January Shabbat Services

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 6
7:30 p.m.
Music: Hazemir

Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 7
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 13
7:30 p.m.
Music: Maestro Robert Nance

Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 14
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 20
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

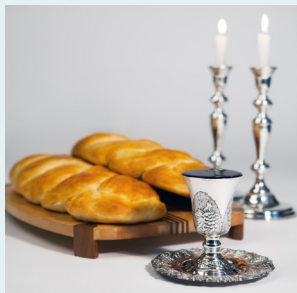
Saturday, January 21
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 27
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 28
9:45 a.m.



Please join us in person or via livestream for worship services. Many classes and programs also are offered via livestream. Zoom links are 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. Services also are available on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).



DECEMBER EVENTS

Five Books of Moses Study Group

Sundays, December 4, 11, 18
7 p.m. on Zoom

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group

Mondays, December 5, 12, 19, 26
7 p.m. on Zoom

Thoughtful Thursdays

Wednesday, December 7
10 a.m.

Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat

Friday, December 9
5:30 to 6 p.m.

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 Storytime

Sunday, December 18
11 a.m. at Barnes & Noble (SW)
Sponsored by Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne

Hanukkah Party

Sunday, December 18
4:30 p.m. at the Temple
Light the 1st candle and celebrate
RSVP by Wednesday, December 14
Hosted by the ROMEOS

JANUARY EVENTS

Thoughtful Thursdays

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

Hebrew Kita Aleph With John Planer

Starts Sunday, January 15
7 p.m. on Zoom
RSVP by Wednesday, January 4

Five Books of Moses Study Group

Sundays, January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
7 p.m. on Zoom

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group

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

Confronting the Shoah

Begins Tuesday, January 10
7 p.m. on Zoom
RSVP to Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne

Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat

Friday, January 13
5:30 to 6 p.m.

"Calling All Angels": Divine Messengers in Jewish Tradition

Wednesday, January 11
7 p.m. on Zoom

ONGOING EVENTS

Mah Jongg Open Play

Monday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
[Sign up to play](#)

Lunch with the ROMEOS

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

Thursday, December 1

[Club Room at the Clyde](#)
1806 Bluffton Rd.

Thursday, December 15

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

Thursday, January 5

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

Thursday, January 19

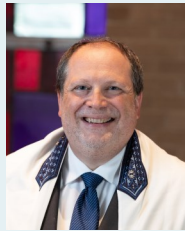
[China Palace](#)
5810 Bluffton Rd.

[Find the lunch schedule](#)

Rabbi Meir Barger

RISE AND SHINE

Jon and I recently visited friends in the Southern California desert. The Coachella Valley has become a favorite place for us to retreat to when we need to rest and recharge. This time we spent a day at Joshua Tree National Park hiking and taking in the wonders of Creation. It was truly an awe-inspiring experience to see the Joshua Trees, the varieties of cacti, and the majestic rock formations. But what struck me most about being in Joshua Tree, and everywhere else in the desert, was the light.



In the last weeks of the secular year and at the beginning of the month of Kislev on the Hebrew calendar, we are by tradition and through astronomy focused on light. In Joshua Tree, the cloudless sky combined with the lower solar altitude and early setting of the sun behind the

mountains caused a rich illumination that I can only describe as stunning. As I gazed out on the landscape, I remembered with joy God's first act of Creation: *Yehi or, va-yehi* or, "Let there be light, and there was light." (Gen 1:3)

The light I experienced in Joshua Tree is akin to the first aspect of Creation, and light has become a metaphor for God's presence and protection. We see this in the story of the Hanukkah miracle. When the Maccabees reclaimed the Temple in Jerusalem following its desecration by the court of the occupying Greek rulers, they found that there was one day's supply of oil to light the menorah. But it lasted for eight nights as the most visible and powerful symbol of the rededication of the Temple. *Nes gadol haya sham* – a great miracle occurred there, in the presence of God. God demonstrated divine power through the sustained light of the menorah.

Light, such a precious commodity in the month of Kislev, offers consolation and a call to action. The prophet Isaiah said, "Arise, shine, for your light has dawned; The Presence of God has shone upon you! Behold! Darkness shall cover the earth, And thick clouds the peoples; But upon you God will shine, And God's Presence be seen over you. And nations shall walk by your light, Sovereigns, by your shining radiance." (60:1-3)

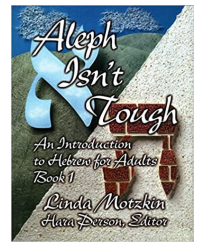
Rabbi Jan Uhrbach teaches that "Isaiah draws heavily on the metaphor of light and darkness, and the repair and redemption is imagined as individuals' and society's embodiment of divine light. When God's presence truly shines upon a person or nation, that person or nation is in turn able to bring light to others."

God's light becomes our light as it shines upon us, and we are commanded to shine this light upon everyone. We must be generous with our light; we cannot contain it within ourselves. We must allow our light to be a glorious chain that illuminates us and allows us to see how we must repair the world.

In these dark days of the year, may each of us be comforted by the light of sunrises, sunsets, starscapes, and Hanukkah candles. May we be warmed by this light and share the joy it brings us with everyone we encounter.

BEGINNING HEBREW CLASS WILL START IN JANUARY

Ready to follow along in the Hebrew at Shabbat services? Wondering how to master your pronunciation of the prayers? Then Hebrew 1: Kita Aleph is for you!



John Planer will guide us through our study of Hebrew on Sunday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. via Zoom. The class will meet for 11 sessions from January 15 to April 2. (No class on February 19.)

The class is offered at no charge, but participants must purchase the required text and have it at the first session. Textbook: ***Aleph Isn't Tough: An Introduction to Hebrew for Adults, Book 1.*** Purchasing Options: Behrman House or Amazon.

Registration is required by Wednesday, January 4 by emailing us at office@templecav.org. The Zoom link to attend will be sent to those who register.

"Calling All Angels": Divine Messengers in Jewish Tradition

Wednesday, January 11

at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Derived from the word for "messenger," angels appear throughout the Hebrew Bible, rabbinic texts, and in Jewish prayers. In this session, we will study examples of angels in our tradition and discuss their meaning to the Jewish people and to individual Jews.

Please RSVP by Thursday, January 5 to office@templecav.org receive materials.

Ongoing Weekly Study Groups

The Five Books of Moses Study Group with Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan meets on Sundays at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Hebrew Liturgy Study Group with John Planer resumes on Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Zoom links are provided in the weekly email to our Temple family.



TOAST THE NEW YEAR WITH US AT CHAMPAGNE SHABBAT

Celebrate Shabbat with us as we approach the start of 2023! Share Sabbath worship on Friday, December 30 at 7:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir. Join us in person or via livestream. Kiddush follows the service, as well as a champagne toast. We look forward to seeing you! Happy New Year!

GRAPHIC NOVELS AVAILABLE IN THE TEMPLE LIBRARY

Graphic novels and biographies and non-fiction in that format are quite popular with readers. By their nature, they are not appropriate for the youngest patrons. But for middle-grade readers and older, we have a significant collection in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).

The bulk of our graphic novel collection falls in our juvenile category, in fiction, non-fiction and biography. The best-known of these are the *Hereville* series by Barry Deutsch and the *Rabbi Harvey* series by Steve Sheinkin. But we have a wide variety of other books in our collection.



Dani Colman's *The Unfinished Corner* was a finalist for the 2021 National Jewish Book Award and features twelve-year-old Miriam and her adventures with an angel and the

mystery and monsters of Jewish mythology. Another title delving into mysticism, mystery, and mythology is Mat Tonti's *The Book of Secrets*. Arnon Z. Shorr's *José and the Pirate Captain Toledano*, takes place during the Spanish Inquisition.

We have several Holocaust-themed titles in our collection, including three award-winners or finalists. *Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust*, by Loic Dauvillier, is almost a classic at this point, and an excellent introduction to the Holocaust for graphic novel readers. Kath Shackleton's

Survivors of the Holocaust: True Stories of Six Extraordinary Children, is non-fiction presented in graphic format. A winner of the Sydney Taylor Book Award, *White Bird: A Wonder Story*, by R.J. Palacio, is the story of a French girl's survival.

In addition to fiction and non-fiction, we have several biographies in this format, covering Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Natan Sharansky, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, and Lily Renee.

Our newest graphic novel for teens, *Whistle: A New Gotham City Hero*, by E. Lockhart, is a Sydney Taylor Honor Book, featuring 16-year-old Willow Zimmerman. Susan Kim's *City of Spies* is set in New York City in the 1940s and involves a German spy ring. *The Resistance* series, by Carla Jablonski, has been popular with teen readers. It's set in France during the Second World War. Joseph Joffo's *A Bag of Marbles*, is another Holocaust story set in France. Art Spiegelman's award-winning *Maus* books are also in our Teen section.



There are several titles in our non-fiction section. Ken Krimstein's *When I Grow Up: The Lost Autobiographies of Six Yiddish Teenagers*, features new autobiographies discovered in Lithuania. We also have a graphic adaptation of Anne Frank's diary. Stanley Mack's *The Story of the Jews: A 4,000 Year*

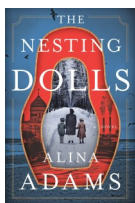
Adventure, is a history in graphic format.

Our graphic novel collection isn't limited to those for children. There are a few titles most appropriate for adults, though some will be relevant to teens as well. *Forgiveness: The Story of Eva Kor, Survivor of The Auschwitz Twin Experiments*, by Joseph E. Lee, is a beautiful new biography of the survivor who settled in Terre Haute, Indiana. Rutu Modan's *The Property* is also centered around the Holocaust. A survivor returns to Warsaw to claim the building her parents owned but finds more than she expected.

Superman Isn't Jewish, by Jimmy Bemon, is about a man working out his religious identity, told with a certain amount of humor. James Sturm's *The Golem's Mighty Swing* is set in the 1920s and features the Stars of David, a Jewish baseball team. Finally, *The Rabbi's Cat*, by Joann Sfar, features a cat who has swallowed a parakeet and is able to talk. The cat wants to study Kabbalah and to have a bar mitzvah!



Come take advantage of the Temple library, a resource available to all members. The collection is available whenever the building is open, with self-checkout at the library desk. [View our full catalog](#).



SAGA OF A RUSSIAN JEWISH FAMILY FOCUS OF NEXT TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

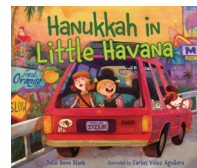
Plan to join us for the next Temple Book Club on Tuesday, February 28 at 7 p.m. on Zoom when we discuss *The Nesting Dolls*, followed by a conversation with author Alina Adams. The novel is a family saga of a Russian Jewish family, spanning from 1930s Siberia to Odessa in the 1970s to contemporary Brighton 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.

She immigrated to the United States with her family from Odessa, USSR, in 1977. Adams lives in New York City with her husband, Scott, and their three children.

HANUKKAH RESOURCES IN THE LIBRARY

The [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#) has plenty of Hanukkah titles for you to choose from – definitely enough to last eight nights! Check out our One-Sheet of recommendations for all ages and our [full catalog of Hanukkah titles](#).



HANUKKAH STORYTIME INCLUDES DREIDELS, CRAFTS & MORE

After a two-year hiatus, [PJ Library](#), the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) and [Barnes & Noble](#) are bringing back Hanukkah Storytime! Please 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.

Youth News

LEARNING THE VALUE OF COURAGE AT HANUKKAH AND IN LIFE

This month our youngest congregants are learning about the Jewish value of *gevurah* – courage of the heart and body. It's not a coincidence that we talk about *gevurah* during the Hebrew month of Kislev – Hanukkah starts on the 25th of this month.



Fittingly, our holiday celebrations give us the opportunity to recognize the critical role of *gevurah* in the Maccabees' defeat of Antiochus' armies and rededication of the Temple in the name of spiritual resilience and religious freedom. Our lessons and activities in December explore the idea that we can all apply *gevurah* when withstanding peer pressure, standing up for what is right and just, and taking leadership when the opportunity or need to "step up" comes along.

In her book *Mind in the Making*, author Ellen Galinsky discusses seven essential life skills that are important components of a child's education at home and in school, including the life skill of "taking on challenges" -- being proactive rather than reactive when difficulties arise. This is where our Jewish stories, rituals, and mitzvot come in. Revisiting stories like that of the Hanukkah miracle year after year builds our "muscle memory" for responding with *gevurah* when we face the challenges of modern-day life.

I hope your family will join us as we build our communal muscle during our upcoming Hanukkah celebrations. We will have our family-friendly CAV Hanukkah Party on Sunday, December 18 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Temple.

Come 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! Also, earlier that same morning, PJ Library is hosting a Hanukkah Storytime at Barnes & Noble (southwest) at 11 a.m., featuring holiday traditions, games and crafts.

KESHER will be on Winter Break after our Hanukkah party until Sunday, January 8. Wishing you all a safe and warm break and looking forward to seeing you all again in the new year!

Leise Rosman, Religious School Committee Chair

LIGHT AND NATURE UPCOMING THEMES FOR 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! We'll meet on Friday, December 9 and Friday, January 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 6 pm. at the Temple to light candles, pray, sing songs, move and groove, and even practice mindfulness. Our December theme is "light" and our January focus is "nature."

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!



During our KESHER Sunday program on November 13, students learned about *hakarat hatov* (recognizing the good) and *tzedakah* (giving help to others) by playing games and assembling care packages for The Villages of Indiana, a local nonprofit serving hundreds of children living in foster care each year.

Students give *tzedakah* each time they meet and their contributions went toward purchasing the blankets, art supplies, birthday party goodies, and new travel bags we assembled for The Villages.

20th DELI DAY BRINGS NEW RECORD ALONG WITH MAYORAL PROCLAMATION!



Celebrated by mayoral proclamation as "Corned Beef on Rye Day" in Fort Wayne, the Temple's 20th Deli Day on November 3 brought enthusiastic community support, with record sales of 1,970 meals and 116 additional pounds of meat!

A dedicated team of volunteers and generous sponsors helped us reach a new high for the sale, raising about \$24,000 in what continues to be the Temple's largest annual fundraiser. Morning live shots on WANE-TV – aided by an early-bird crew of CAV members arriving before 4:30 a.m. - helped swell the turnout of walk-in customers and the drive-thru line, which at one point extended from the Rifkin Campus to Pettit Avenue.

Our 19-member Corned Beef Committee led by Co-Chairs Micah Soltz and David Crell remained flexible throughout the months of planning, dealing with supply chain challenges, the impact of rising food prices, and a last-minute notice that our order of Hebrew National whole kosher salamis would not arrive on time for a second year.

In addition, a change in Indiana tax law impacted the cost per meal and required us to add sales tax on purchases. Fortunately, volunteers proved nimble in pivoting to different roles during the sale when extra hands were needed.

"It has been encouraging and exhilarating to see the continued success of the corned beef fundraiser since its return after the brief pandemic hiatus," said Micah, who co-chaired the sale for a second year.

"While there is no question as to the significance the Corned Beef Fundraiser plays in regards to Congregation Achduth Vesholom's financial health, it is hard to overlook the social role this fundraiser plays both within the CAV community and to the broader Fort Wayne community. I am proud to assist in continuing a 20-year tradition that brings our community together in such a marvelous way!"

The success of the sale included the support of 51 sponsors. For the first time, we utilized a three-tiered sponsorship level, enabling our gold sponsors (minimum \$1,000 contribution) to include a business card or promotion with each meal. Silver level sponsors (\$500 to \$999) were included with gold sponsors on our online ordering form. Bronze level donors (\$100 to \$499) also were included with gold and silver donors on a list with each meal.

Online sales continued to be popular for a fourth year, along with a high volume of advance orders to take advantage of early-bird pricing and delivery.

This is our second sale after a year-long hiatus due to COVID. Our dine-in option returned, with about 40 people enjoying their meal of corned beef on rye, creamy coleslaw, giant dill pickle,

fudgy brownie, and a drink. These included a clergy group hosted by Rabbi Meir and a group of Pickleball friends who, well, especially enjoyed the pickles.

We are grateful to Micah and David and their team: Carol Adelman, Larry Adelman, Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Bargerone, 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.



Nearly 100 volunteers assisted with the sale, including friends of congregants who joined the corned beef crew for prep night and sale day. We also appreciate the group who came in several days in advance to begin assembling the condiment bags for each meal.

Thank you also to our early-birds Rabbi Meir Bargerone, Larry Adelman, Denny Reynolds, Jon Tam, and Beth Zweig for working with the WANE-TV crew for live shots on the morning news that began airing at 5:15 a.m.

We also appreciate the Temple staff for pitching in, problem-solving, and persevering! Thanks to Executive Director Samara Sheray, Administrative Assistant Marie McFadden, Comptroller Jamie Fritz, Maintenance Chief Clint Rossiter, and custodian Timmy Oberley. All of them went above and beyond.

Many thanks also to our security team led by Joe Lyon for keeping us safe and for pitching in to help run meals to cars during the "rush" of our drive-thru pick up!

This year was a first with a mayoral proclamation, spearheaded by Beth Zweig and Fran Adler, with Larry Adelman. By proclamation of Mayor Thomas C. Henry, the city encouraged "all citizens to duly note this occasion" and highlighted 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.

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20th DELI DAY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

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



Denny Reynolds used his engineering skills and PVC pipe to create a “counting grid” to help with accuracy in tracking the number of meat packets for sandwich orders. He also found a new way to stack coleslaw cups to maximize refrigerator space and avoid spills.

Our sponsorship efforts – led by Larry Adelman and Steve Zacher - included reaching out to connections in the community and congregation. Amy Krouse did a great job recruiting volunteers, including our Prep Night station captains: Scott Goldberg and Jay Zemmol (pickles), John Stein (coleslaw), Steve Zacher (brownies), Carol & Larry Adelman (corned beef weighing), Denny Reynolds (kitchen), Lee Pomerantz (large orders), Jon Tam (bulk corned beef), and Beth Zweig (condiment bags).

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

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

Marcia Reynolds, Norm Greenberg, and Jon Tam. We appreciate Norm Greenberg and David Crell for their deli experience and meat slicer skills to help capture every bit of corned beef to enjoy.



Micah Soltz captained the sourcing of supplies and proved a jack of all trades throughout the sale. Delivery teams were coordinated efficiently by Larry Adelman and Shai Hadashi.

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

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

SALAMI & CORNED BEEF UPDATE

Additional 1-lb. packages of corned beef are available (\$18 per pound, plus tax). They are vacuum sealed and frozen. Please contact us at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org to reserve yours for pick up at the Temple.

Our order is still pending for Hebrew National whole kosher salami. We will contact customers when the salami arrives. We apologize for the delay.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 CORNED BEEF SPONSORS

Gold Sponsors

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Bussick Orthodontics
Popsalot Gourmet Popcorn
The Zacher Company

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Cheri Buker
C. Henry Steel
Joe Cohen, Barrett McNagny LLP
Elissa & Steve Cohen
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Ron Cousino
Sharon & Jay Daitch
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Design Collaborative
Sharon & Ben Eisbart
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Kristin & Scott Goldberg
Doris Gottlieb
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Hartford Iron and Metal
Noel Knox, JD, MBA (Solve Consulting Group)
Luminous Production
Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum

Lori McCutcheon
Maestro Robert Nance
Rita & Tom O'Neill
Marcia & Denny Reynolds
Jo Ellen & Mike Rush
Kay Safirstein
Nancy & Scott Salon
Charla Sheray, Coldwell Banker
Shine & Hardin LLP
Kathy & Todd Sider
The Midland Group
The Olive Twist
Steve & Sally Trotter
Deborah & Joel Vilensky
Irene & Robert Walters
Deborah Worpell
Al Zacher
Beth & Dan Zweig




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GENEALOGY SOCIETY HIGHLIGHTS IMMIGRATION RECORDS

More than 150 people attended Marian Smith's informative program, "More than Manifests: Immigration and Naturalization Records," hosted by the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society in November. She introduced numerous records held by the National Archives and elsewhere that most people have not heard about. Members of the group met virtually with Ms. Smith after her public presentations for an information Q & A session, and will have access to recordings of her presentations.



Looking ahead, the NEIJGS will be changing things up a bit in February by offering three one-hour programs on Tuesday afternoons with Dr. Nicholas Evans of the University of Hull in England. Beginning at 2:30 p.m. each Tuesday of the month, he'll offer a virtual program about some aspect of Jewish immigration.

The plan is to begin with the trip immigrants took from their homes in Eastern Europe to various European ports. The second program will discuss travel to America and elsewhere, and the third program will highlight the lives of immigrants in this country. All three programs will be co-hosted by the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center.

On the fourth Tuesday, NEIJGS members will have the opportunity to question Dr. Evans in their own special session. More information will be provided on the NEIJGS website at www.NEIndianaJGS.org.



More than 30 members of Congregation Achduth Vesholom, First Presbyterian Church, and Plymouth Congregational Church gathered on November 6 for a forum on Reproductive Justice at the Temple. The conversation was a follow-up to our Sacred Conversation on Reproductive Justice in November. Thank you to Rabbi Meir Barger and our faith partners, including Rev. Dr. Anne Bain Epling of First Presbyterian Church and Rev. Sara Ofner-Seals of Plymouth Congregational Church.

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 on Friday evenings after services.



Thank you to Nola Katinsky, Wendy Soltz, and Deb Vilensky for being our December and January 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 to find out more about this effort.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Andrew Bosell and his children, Elijah (Eli), 5, and Riley, 6, are the newest members of our Temple family. They are familiar faces at Shabbat services, as well as holiday and family activities. They live in Auburn, where Riley is a kindergarten student at James R. Watson Elementary School.

Born in Arizona, Andrew moved to Northeast Indiana at age 7 with his family and became part of our Achduth Vesholom community. His parents, Dave & Mary Bosell, also are CAV members.

Andrew said he looks forward to participating in services and Religious School.



ROASTED CHICKENS PROVIDED TO THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS FAMILIES

Our Thoughtful Thursdays team is providing a hot, fully-cooked roasted chicken for each of our 51 Brightpoint Head Start families in December. Though we've provided frozen turkeys in the past, we thought the rotisserie chicken was a better choice because of the continued supply chain shortage and rising cost of food.

Thank you to our volunteers who are helping pick up and distribute the chickens: Cheri Buker, Suzi King, and Sally & Steve Trotter.

In addition to the roasted chicken, we will be sending home two bags with each student that include mashed potatoes, corn, savory chicken and wild rice soup, vanilla pudding, and chocolate fudge brownie mix.

We also continue to collect athletic wear (shirts and sweatpants) in children's sizes 3-8, with the greatest need in sizes 6-8.

From December through March, we are collecting bottles of hand sanitizer (8 oz. or larger) and boxes of tissues (60-120 count). Please drop donations at the Temple.



Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who have made this year a success! Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

Our bag assembly team will meet on Wednesday, December 7 and Wednesday, January 4 at 10 a.m. at the Temple. Please contact Thoughtful Thursdays Chair Sally Trotter for more information at sartrotter@gmail.com.



Annelise Heinz, a professor of history at the University of Oregon, gave a fascinating talk on November 6 at the Temple on the history of Mahjong's rise in America.

Dr. Heinz described its origins as a game played among gamblers in 19th-century China and its evolution to become a wildly popular parlor game played the world over, notably among American Jewish women.

Following the 70-minute lecture with Q&A, Dr. Heinz greeted attendees at a dessert reception and signed books for Mahjong enthusiasts. Thank you to Kathy Sider, the Temple's Program Vice President, for coordinating Dr. Heinz' visit.

SHARE MAH JONGG AND COMMUNITY DURING WEEKLY GAMES



We love the clack of tiles and calls of cracks, bams, and dots when members of the Temple and Fort Wayne community gather in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center

for spirited games of mah jongg. Whether you're a beginner or experienced player, we welcome you!

Please join us for weekly open play mah jongg games in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center! [Sign up to play](#) on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. Members may schedule games at other times during office hours. [Find out more](#)

JOIN US FOR TU B'SHVAT TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR OF THE TREES

Mark your calendar to join us in our community-wide Tu B'Shvat celebration on Sunday, February 5 (time TBA) at the Temple, including a seder and tree noshes.



Tu B'Shvat, sometimes referred to as "Jewish Arbor Day," marks the time when almond trees begin to bloom in Israel. We will celebrate the importance of trees to *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and look forward to the return of spring.

Volunteers are needed to assist with food, decorations, set-up, and clean-up. If you'd like to serve on the Tu B'Shvat Committee, or otherwise help with the event, contact Lyla Spath at lspace@outlook.com.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Temple Board at its November meeting worked on a vision statement for the congregation, beginning with a draft written by our consultant Don Gulbrandsen of Empower Nonprofit Consulting, based on information from a previous brainstorming session. A final version once approved will be shared with the congregation. The discussion is part of the leadership's strategic planning process.

The board also discussed a proposal from the Congregation B'nai Jacob Transitional Board for a final disbursement of their remaining funds. The Temple Board suggested some changes to the proposal and will talk further with the CBJ Transitional Board.

Finance Vice President John Stein reported that the Dr. Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation has approved a \$30,000 grant to the Temple toward our livestreaming project. The Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation previously approved a \$25,000 grant toward the \$120,000 project that was approved unanimously by the congregation last June at our Annual Meeting.

Executive Director Samara Sheray told the Board that improvements are underway in the Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel as part of the livestreaming project. We are waiting for additional equipment to arrive to begin audio-visual improvements in the Sanctuary and Social Hall.

Samara also updated the board on some changes to the Indiana sales tax law that impacts non-profits, including the Temple, that pertain to when sales tax must be collected.

SMALL FEDERATIONS EXPERIENCE ISRAEL:

Join us on this special trip designed for you and others from small Jewish communities.

Dates: April 17 – 23, 2023

Cost: \$3,750 (based on double occupancy), does not include airfare, insurance or tips

We will visit Tel Aviv, Akko, Caesarea, Rosh Hanikra and more. Enjoy Shabbat in Jerusalem, tour the Western Wall tunnels, float in the Dead Sea, experience the history of Akko, a guided tour through Yad Vashem, take a culinary tour through the historic Lewinsky Market, visit the Old Port City of Jaffa. A treat for all of your senses.

The Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly is immediately following this trip, it will be in Tel Aviv April 23 – 26.

Subsidies are available for members of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. For more information, call (260) 456-0400 or email us at office@fwjf.org.



DREAMING OF A JEWISH CHRISTMAS PREMIERES IN DECEMBER ON PBS



The irreverent film "Dreaming Of A Jewish Christmas" tells the story of the unlikely Jewish immigrants who, enamored with Broadway and Hollywood, wrote

some of the most popular songs in America: Christmas music.

This film premieres on PBS Fort Wayne in December, airing on PBS Fort Wayne Explore (39.4) on Monday, December 19 at 2 p.m. and on PBS Fort Wayne (39.1) on Thursday, December 22 at 9 p.m. and again on 39.1 on Christmas Day at 11:30 a.m.

The program is sponsored locally by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

CONFRONTING THE SHOAH CLASS BEGINS IN JANUARY

We are back in person with this six-week class presented by Holocaust scholar Dr. David Lindquist in January and February. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, 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, and February 7 and 14 at the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center (5920 Homestead Road). 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. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and members of Federation for its continued support.

ENGAGEMENT TASK FORCE SURVEY PROVIDES INSIGHTS

Wendy & Micah Soltz, co-chairs of the Temple's Member Engagement Task Force, share results of the group's recent survey of congregants:

In January 2022, at the request of Temple President Ronnie Greenberg and Rabbi Meir, we began organizing a task force around a specific mission: to survey our congregation on how they want to connect with Temple CAV and what is keeping them from connecting.

It was essential to include a diverse group of members from both Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the former Congregation B'nai Jacob. In the end, our nine-member task force included: Talia Bugel; Ron Cousino; Kate Eisenbise Crell; Ron Friedman; Shai Hadashi; Sheryl Merritt; Wendy Soltz (co-chair); Micah Soltz (co-chair); and Jon Tam.

We met four times over the course of several months during the spring of 2022. During the first few meetings, we focused on the organization and implementation of the survey. We settled on the following eight categories as a framework to organize our questions: Religious & Holiday Services; Programming; Online/ Zoom services; Access of Transportation; Communication; Religious School; Administration & Infrastructure; and Spirituality.

With these categories set, we wrote 15 questions [nine quantitative (0-5 scale) and six qualitative (discursive)] and set up the survey using Google's free survey platform.

Our goal was to reach a 50% response rate from our membership of 172 member households. We split up the membership list among the nine task force members and we began reaching out by phone and email to notify Temple CAV members about the need to complete the survey.

Members had close to eight weeks to respond and complete the survey and they could do so directly online or by phone with one of our taskforce members.

By June we had 83 respondents to the survey (approximately 75 households represented,) which is equivalent to a 43% participation rate. Some households had more than one response per household.

Fifty-six percent of survey respondents reported that they are not actively engaged members or neither agreed or disagreed with the statement "I am an active member of Temple CAV." One could also make the assumption that those who did not respond to the survey request are not actively engaged.

Based on the quantitative questions (those questions with over 70% of responses "agree" or "strongly agree") and frequency of comments in response to the qualitative questions:

At the end of August, we presented a thorough report to Ronnie and the Rabbi. On October 13, Micah presented the findings of the survey to the Temple Board.

Takeaways and Next Steps

Temple CAV is doing a good job of being a welcoming place and offering online options for members. In general, members can get to the Temple with ease and state that dues appear to be appropriate.

The feedback from respondents included identifying opportunities for improvement in communications, community outreach, Religious School, youth and family programs, as well as religious services and programming.

"It's natural that with changing demographics and the realities of a post-pandemic world, that the Temple's programs and activities should evolve," said Rabbi Meir Barger. "The



engagement survey, and the conversations it has already started among Temple leadership, will help us align our offerings to meet those needs over time.

Ronnie said she is grateful to Wendy and Micah and their committee for sharing their time and talents in conducting the survey.

"The information gathered will be very useful to the board as we continue our work on setting a strategic direction for the congregation," she said.

Ronnie noted that perspectives on engagement vary greatly among individuals. As one congregation with two traditions, she said, we do our best to balance interests and expectations within our human and financial resources.

For example, Ronnie said, our Religious School has struggled in the recent years to find teachers and faced challenges from the pandemic that limited in-person options. With a student body of fewer than 30 students, classes are grouped with several grades together, which can be difficult for planning lessons.

In response, Ronnie said, we've developed a KESHER (connections) program that brings together students for a mix of in-person experiences and online learning with children in other small Jewish communities. Additionally, we offer in-person family Shabbat and other programming to try to reach more members of our community.

Our worship opportunities continue to provide different ways to explore spirituality, such as outdoor worship that includes Friday Night Live and a Shabbat of Mindfulness, as well as Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat. Social gatherings and lifelong learning opportunities also continue to bring together members to build community.



SHARE SOUPER BOWL SHABBAT DINNER

Warm up a cold winter evening at our “Souper Bowl” Shabbat on Friday, February 10 at 6 p.m. at the Temple. We’ll sample a variety of homemade soups before declaring the top three “people’s choice” winners. Our Shabbat service begins at 7:30 p.m., followed by an Oneg Shabbat.



While you don’t need to bring soup to attend, we invite you to get creative in the kitchen and enter the friendly competition. Make your favorite soup to feed 8-10, whether vegetarian, chicken or beef. Maybe matzo balls, noodles or even kreplach? The only requirements: No pork or shellfish and no meat or cheese in the same dish. Please bring your hot soup in a crockpot. Any leftovers will be utilized by the Caring Committee for those in need of TLC.

Please RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Friday, February 3. Let us know if you will be bringing soup and what kind. The cost is \$6 per person (no charge for children 5 and under). Your check is your reservation. Menu includes salad, soup, challah, and a beverage. Questions or interested in helping? Contact Kathy Sider at ksider812@gmail.com.

SUPPORTING SPIRITUAL LIFE: URJ HAD'RACHA PROGRAM FOR PRAYER

Temple members have a special opportunity to support our communal worship by participating in *Had'rachah* (which means leadership). This learning program, offered by the Union for Reform Judaism and beginning in January, is intended for members of small congregations with no more than one full-time clergy member.

Had'rachah teaches lay leaders a variety of skills to help them support and lead communal worship, like Shabbat and festivals, and lifecycle events, such as funerals and baby namings. This 6-session interactive online learning experience will meet between January and May. [Find out more](#) about the *Had'rachah* program.

CAV will reimburse congregants for the registration fee, with prior approval. If you think you might be interested to be a part of the CAV Prayer & Ritual Team, please be in touch with Rabbi Meir (rabbi@templecav.org) as soon as possible.

MAZEL TOV TO:

Noah Gephart, son of Betsy & Geoff Gephart, on his award-winning entry in the Journal Gazette’s “Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Why It Matters” essay contest. [Find the article](#)

Alan Grinsfelder on being featured in an article by Purdue Fort Wayne highlighting his impressive dedication to lifelong learning. Alan, 86, is currently the oldest student attending PFW. The article notes that one of his favorite sayings is “It’s never too late to keep learning.”

Rita & Tom O'Neill on their 50th wedding anniversary on January 7, 2023.

Janet & Andy Katz on the birth of their granddaughter, Leah Liu-Katz, on November 4, 2022 in Virginia. Proud parents are Becky & Kyung Liu-Katz.

COATS AND PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED FOR WELLSRING

As you may know, CAV holds a food drive each fall for [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#). They are much more than just a central city food bank. Wellspring also runs a clothing store for their clients at the same Broadway location. And just like the food bank, there is not a charge to their clients.



Many of you may have donated clothing in the past as you cleaned out your closets. Now, however, the Temple – as one of Wellspring’s faith partners - has received a specific request from Wellspring for winter outerwear...new or gently-used warm coats and jackets for women, men, and children. Donations of gloves, scarves, and hats also are appreciated.

Our Social Action Committee is sponsoring a drive in December, encouraging our members to go again to their closets to see what can be weeded out and donated to [Wellspring Shoppe](#), the clothing bank.

At the same time, Wellspring also needs plastic bags, the kind that supermarkets use for food. Nothing fancy, just the hard-working plastic bags that we all get but cannot recycle here. Now is your chance to get rid of those bags with no holes in the bottom and both handles still intact. Wellspring would even take kraft paper bags, like those Trader Joe’s uses.

To make it as easy as possible, a bin is available in the Temple lobby where you can drop off your donations.



WE'RE THANKFUL FOR OUR INTERFAITH COMMUNITY

The Temple was honored to host Fort Wayne's community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 22 for a 10th year, welcoming clergy and members of the Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, and Baha'i faith communities for the first such celebration in three years due to the pandemic.

More than 150 people gathered for a lovely celebration of Thanksgiving highlighting the theme "From Mourning to Dancing," led by interfaith clergy. Music was provided by Maestro Robert Nance, an interfaith choir, and Orin Reynolds & Kiotta Reynolds. Dancers from Restored to Glory Dance Ministry offered liturgical dance: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Those who attended also were invited to light Candles of Remembrance and Hope. An offering was collected to benefit Wellspring Interfaith Social Services.

Sponsoring congregations included Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Baha'i Community of Fort Wayne, Destiny Life Center, First Presbyterian Church, Imani Baptist Temple, Plymouth Congregational Church of Fort Wayne, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and the Universal Education Foundation.

Thank you to participating faith leaders: **Rabbi Meir Barger** from Congregation Achduth Vesholom; **Imam Hamzah Sharif** from the Universal Education Foundation; **Fr. Paul Greve** from Trinity Episcopal Church; **Jiling Yang** from the Fort Wayne Baha'i Community; **Rev. Sara Ofner-Seals** from Plymouth Congregational Church; **Bhante Kumburugamuwe Sugunadamma** from the Indiana Buddhist Temple with interpretation by **Bruce Allen**; **Rev. Bill McGill** from Imani Baptist Temple; **Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Murphy** from Plymouth Congregational Church; **Fr. Thomas Shoemaker** from St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church; **Rev. Dr. Anne Epling** from First Presbyterian Church; **Rev. Timothy Lake** from Union Baptist Church; and **Pastor Karen Stanton** from Destiny Life Center.

Watch the service at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBRHzWi75SM>



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In memory of Sarah Weiss and Joseph Kaplan: *Susie Miller*

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In memory of Goldye Appel: *Annie & Dan Appel*

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Thoughtful Thursdays

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

In memory of Tony Ficaro: *Fran & Irv Adler*

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TEMPLE MEMBER CURATES EXHIBIT AT SPERTUS MUSEUM

If you find yourself in downtown Chicago over the next year, check out the exhibit curated by Temple member and historian Wendy Soltz on the 120-year history of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Chicago at the Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership at 610 S. Michigan Ave.

The exhibit runs through November 2, 2023. Titled "ReGeneration," it celebrates JUF Federation's impact, recognizing how it has evolved to meet urgent and changing needs. Designed by Spertus Senior Designer Tracy Kostenbader, the exhibit features artifacts from early naturalization certificates to coverage of protests in support of Soviet Jewry, and from records of the Israel Emergency Fund to recent initiatives to fight discrimination, provide disaster relief, and combat rising antisemitism.

Wendy is Assistant Professor of History and Director of the Public History Program at Ball State University. She received her PhD in 2016 from The Ohio State University, and specializes in U.S. history, Jewish history, public history, museum studies, and digital history. Congratulations, Wendy!

Tuesday, December 6, 12:00 - 12:40 PM EST

The Indiana Synagogue Mapping Project

A virtual Presentation
Presented by the Indiana Jewish Historical Society



With Dr. Wendy Soltz

RVSP for Zoom link at ijhs@ijhs.org

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.



December Jahrzeits

December 2-3

David Appel
David J. Ash
Rachel Behar
Larry Belans
Herman Cohen
Rose Cohen
Beatrice Feldheim
Morris J. Foreman
Marion K. Grinsfelder
Esther F. Grossman
Jacqueline Hagendorf
Albert Herzog
William Hornstein
Eva J. Huebschman
Edith Gold Hutner
Oscar Allen Isay
Gladys Katz
Ethel Kruger
Abraham Levy
Samuel Liff
Charlotte Maier
Stanley Maier
Moses Mayer
Samuel S. Meyers
Zelda Novitsky
Charlotte Novitsky
Etta Oppenheim
Ethel F. Pollak
Mildred Prady
Ruth Rosenthal
Esther Rothstein
Roslyn Rozeen
Rebecca Ruderman
Nathan Salon
Bessie R. Schmitz
Fred Schneider
Abraham Schwartz
Martha Jane Schwartz
Claire Selan
Emanuel Siegel
Diane Sisman
Elizabeth H. Smulo
James Solomon
Vicki Sours
Don Sowles
Joseph Stiefel
Sam Stoller
Ron Subeck
Fredrick Tourkow
Sidney Trivus
Maurice Waldman
Rose Warshauer

Joseph Waterman
Sarah Weinberg
Herbert Weinraub
Shep Weinswig
Bina Young
Joseph Zinn
Wilbur Zweig

December 9-10

Col. Richard G. Banks
Fanny Brenn
Emanuel Cohen
Pearl Davidson
Mae Fine
Dr. Jerome Gerber
Rosetta Goodman
Don Gordon
Herman Himmelstein
Dora Horwitz
Samuel D. Hurwitz
Isaac M. Kann
Susan Kaplan
William Latz
Peter Lauinger
Louis Leader
Elsie Levin
Saralee Levin
Leonard J. Levy
Hortense Levy
Vitaliy Leybman
Irma G. Loeser
Helene Maier
John V. Malay
Myron J. Morris
Milton Ontell
William J. Platka, Jr.
Rita Jo Levin Rainey
Samuel Rothberg
Allan Rush
Salomon Z. Safirstein
Toba Malka Schwartz
Kathryn Sheray
Harry Sherr
Marguerite Long Thal
Rebecca Winnick
Mindel Yoinovicz
Esther Zissen

December 16-17

Elsa Adler
Joseph Barasch
Marcus Beck
Florence Bernstein

Bess Bookstaff
Paulette Bussell Oatley
Miriam Yuter Chodosh
Josephine P. Cressy
Marsha Dan
Nathan N. Donner
Eric Eling
Phil Flook
Mary Fogel
Alex E. Goldberger
Arnold L. Goldsmith
Louis Groden
Lily D. Grover
Bertie Haslacher
Steven Hollander
Viola Hutner
Sarah Kalver
Isidore Kalver
Max Konigsberg
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Emanuel Kreitman
Jeff Kruger
Mollie Kutcher
Rose Lande
Henry Levine
Laura H. Levy
Lee Marshall Loeser
Yetta Magazine
Sigmund Maier
Audra E. Mandel
Julius Marx
Harold Michelson
Hattie Griffin Minske
Lena Moss
Leona Zweig Rosenberg
Reba Safran
Darren Schongold
Leon Seigman
Alfred Solotkin
Louisa Trauerman
Bessie Weinstein
Dr. Oscar Weinstein
Sarah Weiss
Phoebe Da Costa Wolf
Charles Young
Isadore Yourist
Abraham M. Zinn
Elmer Zweig

December 23

Sara Bronstein
Bertha Browarsky
Anna Bussell

Thomas Edgar Butz
Minnie Cline
Marvin Crell
Geraldine Crubaugh
Dorothy Dicker
Rose Fisher
Rosalie Freund
David Frosh
Samuel Gibson
Henry Haskell Glazer
Sidney Gold
Gute Goldin
Samuel Greenberg
Eugene S. Lesser
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Kathryn Manalis
Manuel Margulis
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Minnette Papier
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Maurice Rosenthal
Marilyn Salon
Louis Sandler
Irene Schibel
David Schibel
Fannie Siegel
J. T. Thompson
Ethel J. Trotter
Edwin Turansky
Barney Warshauer
David Warshauer
Joseph David Weinraub
Victor Weiss
Kent Wenbert
Leon Wertheimer
Retha West
Rabbi Arnold Wolf
Ida Wolfson
Mendel Zweig
Ruth G. Zweig

December 30

Gertrude Adelman
Nathan Bialick
Gertrude Blum
Benjamin Cahn

Victor S. Cohen
Hanchen Daniel
Dorothy Ernest
Cyvia Feinberg
Josephine Ferbstein
Ruth Finkel
Ida Finkelshteyn
Flora Flapan
Lou Hoffman
Hanno Jensen
Joseph Kaplan
Fannie Kaplan
Florence Katz
Louis Kaufman
Sarah Leah Komisarow
Herman Komisarow
Anna Krantzle
Fannie Kravitz
Bernard Kroot
Abe Latker
Minnie Levey
Harry Levin
Dorothy Margulis
Kurt Marx
Rosa McKinney
Bessie Meyer
Jack Rosenberg
David Rothberg
Beryl Rush
Joel Salon
Betty Schaffer
Irene Schibel
Golda Sheray
Minnie Sheyer
LeRoy Shine
Robert Sommer
Karoline Stein
Morton Stillpass
Candy Stinnett
Louis Samuel Superior
Richard Tankel
Morris Tillinger
Betty Wald
Roslyn Weinraub
Leonar Weinraub
David Weiss
Sarah Weiss
Leah Zucker

January Yahrzeits

January 6-7

Sylvia Ash
Ruth Berkow
Linda Berwert
Irvin J. Bransilver
William Brosler
Roberta Buker
Howard Dinnerstein
Hedwig Einstein
Anna S. Engelhard
Morris Forlander
Harry Fryefield
Clyde R. Gaddis
Isidore Goldberg
Leona Goldstein
Joseph C. Goodman
Frances Groden Bussell
Yetta Jacobson
Sidney Katz
Sam Krantzle
Elsie Kraus
Bess Landy
Joseph Latker
George Latz
Arthur Lenhart
Martin Levine
Louis Levy
Milton M. Meyers
Don Minnich
Alice Novitsky
Anna Platt
Thomas Portman
Gertrude Replane
Ted Replane
Beverly King Ribel
Norma Jean Rifkin
Sally Rosenberg
Marshall Rosenthal

Jane Y. Rutin
Estelle Sachs
Dora Sains
Samuel Salomon
Rose Schempp
Leonard Schreier
Albert Schultz
Rebekah Schwartz
Morris Schwartz
Herman Sheyer
Cecilia Stern
Jeanette Sunshine
Deborah Taub
Toba Weinstein
Jeanne Winnick
Max Zinn

January 13-14

David Baitcher
Bess Belans
Grete Benedix
Faye Bodenstein
Pauline Brateman
Sam Edlow
Samuel Fishman
Fannie Franklin
Frederick Gee
Joseph Goldenberg
Lorry Goldenberg
Glen Goldstrom
Deborah Gorelick
Basy Gurevich
Harry Horwitz
Morris King
Stanley Kornspan
Jack Krainess
Gertrude Kraker
Jewell Kraus

Marc S. Lauer
Claire Leopold
Ruth M. Levy
Emanuel Levy
Michelle Lundmark
Eleanor Mazur
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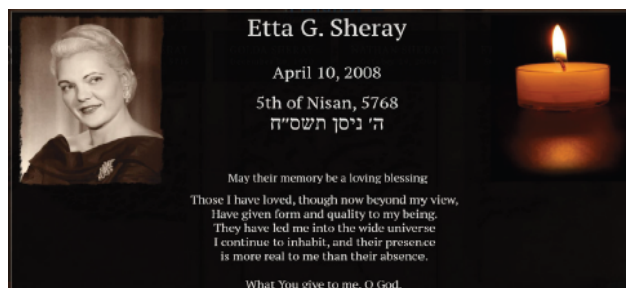
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Have you previously purchased a bronze yahrzeit plaque for a loved one at Achduth Vesholom or B'nai Jacob? Or have you recently purchased a digital plaque on our new display in the foyer?

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 February Bulletin is Tuesday, January 17

President's Corner Ronnie Greenberg



Corned Beef 5783 is just a memory now. It seems we hit a record for the number of sandwiches served, nearly 2,000 – WOW! And while the financial numbers aren't in yet, it's likely that we raised a significant amount of money, a welcome addition to our budget.

I love Corned Beef. Not just the sandwich or the money we raise, although those are both good, but the actual event, the act of so many of us coming together and working together for our congregation. There we all are, in our hairnets and gloves, a community with a common goal for the common good.

However, this year I noticed something unsettling. There did not seem to be as many volunteers at Corned Beef as there have been in the past, or as we needed.

The Membership Engagement task force, led by Wendy & Micah Soltz, report that 56 percent of the approximately 50 percent of congregant households who responded reported that they are not actively engaged members or neither agreed or disagreed with the statement "I am an active member of Temple CAV." If one makes the assumption that those who did not respond to the survey also are not actively engaged, then we can assume that somewhere around 25 percent of our members would describe themselves as actively engaged. I guess that approximates the 80/20 rule, but it has profound implications for our congregation.

As part of our work on a vision statement, board member Leise Rosman sent me a [link to a Vimeo video](#) she found in a URJ newsletter. The video is a High Holiday address by Rabbi Alexis Beck to her congregation in Soleil, California. Rabbi Beck says that a Temple is a spiritual cooperative, a collaboration that we build together, and that congregants are not members, which implies they can come and go, but are partners, which implies commitment and belonging. It's not just about religious services and life-cycle events, it's about belonging to a community. In our case, if you look at the survey, only 25 percent of our congregants are partners. The rest are merely members.

Although the Temple offers many opportunities for programs, study and socializing that appeal to many interests, Rabbi Beck points out that these are to no avail if congregants do not attend them. She minces no words when she says that, in order to be connected, congregants must come often and work at it. In other words, it's a two-way street. The Temple can provide a warm, welcoming, inclusive community, but you have to be there to be part of it.

If you are reading this, very likely you are part of the 25 percent and I'm preaching to the choir. I can promise you that both the lay and professional leadership at the Temple will continue to work hard to engage all members. Maybe there is something you - our partners - can do, too. You can encourage Jewish friends to attend Temple events and invite one to come with you the next time you are at Temple. You can engage with someone you don't know at a Temple event. These small mitzvot may help someone else experience the sense of belonging and community that you experience. It could turn a member into a partner.

I look forward to seeing you soon!