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**SHARE SHAVUOT WITH OUR TEMPLE FAMILY**

Please join us for our Shavuot service on Friday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. when we celebrate the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai, led by Rabbi Meir Bargeron. Our Shabbat service on Saturday, May 27 at 9:45 a.m. will include Yizkor. Please join us in person or via livestream on Zoom or [YouTube](#).

In ancient times, Shavuot marked the conclusion of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest. The holiday is celebrated 50 days after Passover.

Traditionally, the Book of Ruth is read on Shavuot because just as that story recounts how a young Moabite woman chose to become an Israelite so did the Israelites choose to accept the commandments when they stood before Mt. Sinai. It is customary to eat dairy foods on the holiday to symbolize the sweetness of Torah and the association of Israel as the land of milk and honey.

With Much Joy and Love

We Invite You to Share our Special Day

When our Children

**Ducky Judd & Mila Belle**

Are Called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah

Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m.

Congregation Achduth Vesholom

*Jessica & Roger Ash*




**CELEBRATE CONFIRMATION WITH OUR STUDENTS**

Share Shabbat with us on Friday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. when we also celebrate the Confirmation of three students in our Religious School. Join us in person or via livestream for our service, led by Rabbi Meir Bargeron.

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

Mazel tov to:

- Matthew Hadashi**, son of Leah Zimmerman and Shai Hadashi
- Leo Powell**, son of Marnie & Mark Lowden and Jason Powell
- Isabella Wallet**, daughter of Wendi & Josh Wallet

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



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## UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

### May Shabbat Services

**Shabbat Service**  
Friday, May 5  
7:30 p.m.  
Music: Hazemir

**Shabbat Service & Torah Study**  
Saturday, May 6  
9:45 a.m.  
Torah Study and a nosh follow the service

**Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat**  
Friday, May 12  
5:30 to 6 p.m. at the Temple

**Shabbat & Confirmation Service**  
Friday, May 12  
7:30 p.m.

**Shabbat Service**  
Saturday, May 13  
9:45 a.m.

**Shabbat Service**  
Friday, May 19  
7:30 p.m.  
Music: Maestro Robert Nance

**Shabbat Service and B'nai Mitzvah of Ducky & Mila Ash**  
Saturday, May 20  
10 a.m.

**Shabbat and Shavuot Service**  
Friday, May 26  
7:30 p.m.

**Shabbat Service and Yizkor**  
Saturday, May 27  
9:45 a.m.

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### MAY EVENTS

**Torah Scribe**  
Tuesday, May 2  
7 p.m. at the Temple

**Thoughtful Thursdays**  
Wednesday, May 3  
10 a.m. at the Temple

**Lag B'Omer BBQ and 5th Grade Prayer Book Presentation**  
Sunday, May 7  
Noon to 1:30 p.m.

**Genealogist Ron Arons on "Prohibition and Criminal Ancestors"**  
Sunday, May 7  
2 p.m. at the ACPL NEIJGS

**Proverbs: Book of Jewish Wisdom**  
Tuesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. on Zoom  
RSVP by May 11

**Maccabiah Games**  
Sunday, May 21  
10:30 a.m.

### JUNE EVENTS

**NEIJGS Annual Meeting**  
Thursday, June 1  
7 p.m.

**Shabbat & Blessing for Campers**  
Friday, June 2  
6:30 p.m. (summer service schedule begins)

**Temple Annual Meeting**  
Wednesday, June 7  
7 p.m.

**Shabbat & Blessing for Graduates**  
Friday, June 9  
6:30 p.m.

**Federation Annual Meeting**  
Sunday, June 11  
3 p.m. at [Ceruti's](#) 6601 Innovation Blvd.

### Holocaust Symposium for Teachers

Tuesday, June 13 and Wednesday, June 14  
Registration required

**Lilly & Bella Alberts B'not Mitzvah**  
Saturday, June 17  
10 a.m.

### 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, May 4**  
[West Coast Grille](#)  
2310 S. Calhoun St.

**Thursday, May 18**  
[The Hoppy Gnome](#)  
203 E. Berry St.

[Find the lunch schedule](#)



*Join us at the Temple!*



**A NEW TIME TO CELEBRATE SHABBAT!**

STARTING ON JUNE 2, SUMMERTIME SERVICES ON FRIDAYS WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 P.M.



### JOIN US FOR SHABBAT & CELEBRATE OUR GRADS

Please join us for our Shabbat service on Friday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. when we also offer a blessing for our graduating high school seniors.

Share in the simcha and celebrate with:

**Noah Gephart**, son of Betsy & Geoff Gephart

**Sam Katinsky**, son of Nola & Matthew Katinsky



### PLEASE RETURN DUES PLEDGES

A reminder to all members to please return your dues pledge as soon as possible for the coming year. Your financial commitment to the Temple helps us to plan our budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year that begins July 1. Thank you to all who already have responded for your generous support of our congregation.



## Rabbi Meir Bargeron: LIVING, BREATHING TORAH

This month is remarkably full of Torah. We begin May with a visit by Rabbi Moshe Druin, who will be working to maintain and repair our Torah scrolls. Near the end of May, we will celebrate Shavuot, and the Jewish people's reception of Torah. This seems like a good time for me

to share an original poem that describes the moment when one first encounters a physical *sifrei Torah*, the Torah scroll:

### Bracha

*I have been waiting for you.  
In the words that are inscribed upon your skin,  
The spaces between the letters that tell the story of stories,  
The molecules that form the ink that makes timeless  
The yearnings of your people,  
The sinews that bind the sections of your flesh into one,  
As it binds together all of us who study it,  
All of creation is found.  
I have been waiting for you.*

*Hineni: I am here.*

*Is it possible that you have  
been waiting for me too?*

May we continue to find sustenance in Torah, the story of God's relationship with the Jewish people.

– Rabbi Meir



## LEARN ABOUT ANCIENT PROCESS OF WRITING A TORAH

Explore the age-old process of writing, repairing, and caring for a Torah on Tuesday, May 2 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Temple when we welcome Rabbi Moshe Druin,



President of Sofer on Site International.

Please join us for this memorable opportunity for all ages to learn from Rabbi Druin, a sofer (Torah scribe), about some of the complex laws governing the writing of the 304,805 Hebrew letters that comprise a Torah. Learn about the quill, ink, and tools he uses to maintain a sacred scroll according to ancient traditions.

His visit to Fort Wayne is part of Achduth Vesholom's Torah restoration efforts. In addition to working on some of the Temple's 12 scrolls, Rabbi Druin will repair a Torah that will be donated later this year to Goldman Union Camp Institute in honor of our 175th anniversary.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and Carol & Larry Adelman for their support of Rabbi Druin's visit. Find out more on page 11.

## PROVERBS: BOOK OF JEWISH WISDOM

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

**Proverbs: Book of Jewish Wisdom**  
**Tuesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. on Zoom**

*Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths, peaceful. She is a tree of life to those who grasp her, And whoever holds on to her is happy.* Proverbs 3:17-18

Proverbs ("Mishlei"), the second book of the section in the Hebrew Bible called Writings, contains guidance for living a wise, moral, and righteous life, in the form of poems and short statements. We will come together to read and

experience these texts and their significance to our lives.

Please RSVP to [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) by Thursday, May 11. Zoom links are provided in the weekly email to our Temple family.



## CATCH THE TINCAPS WITH ACHDUTH VESHOLOM

Join members of our Temple family on Saturday, August 5 for a trip to Parkview Field to watch the Fort Wayne TinCaps play the Great Lakes Loons, followed by post-game fireworks.

The game starts at 6:35 p.m. Tickets for seats in the All-Star section behind home plate are \$14 per person. Please make your reservation and payment online or call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Friday, July 21 to reserve your seats and then send your check (made payable to "CAV- The Temple"). We will not order extra tickets, so please make your reservations by the deadline. No refunds will be issued for cancellations.

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

## LEARN ABOUT ISRAEL IN THE TEMPLE LIBRARY

We've just celebrated *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, Israel's 75th birthday. If you're interested in learning about Israel, the [Rabbi Richard B. Sfran Library](#) has hundreds of titles to choose from in our collection. From picture books to adult non-fiction, we have resources for all ages. [Check out our full catalog of Israel-related titles](#)

There are a few picture books specifically written to celebrate Israel's birthday. Ellen Dietrick's *It's Israel's Birthday!* is written for the youngest of readers, with photographs of pre-school children celebrating the holiday. *Engineer Arielle and the Israel Independence Day Surprise*, by Deborah Bodin Cohen, is a great introduction to the holiday, especially for train-lovers. *Shmulik Paints the Town*, by Lisa Rose, and Andria Rosenbaum's *Meg Goldberg on Parade*, also incorporate the holiday into colorful stories.

When browsing our shelves, other picture books set in Israel can be found by the flag stickers on their spine. A few titles do stand out. *Chicken Man*, by Michelle Edwards, is a National Jewish Book Award winner and now a classic story about kibbutz life. Leslie Kimmelman's *Everybody Says Shalom* is a wonderful picture-book tour of Israel that stands out amidst many of its kind. Rachel Raz has

two beautiful books of photographs of Israel in our non-fiction collection: *The Colors of Israel* and *ABC Israel*.

For the slightly older reader, Fan Manushkin's *Come, Let Us Be Joyful! The Story of Hava Nagila*, is a wonderful story with a bit of history thrown in.

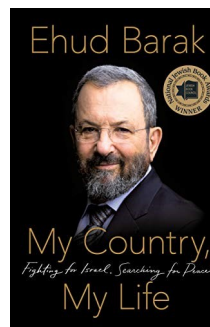
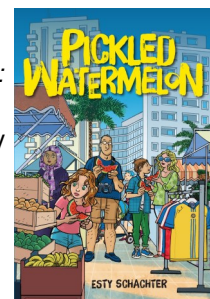
We have several non-fiction titles in our juvenile collection that are full of information and photographs of Israel. These include *Israel*, by Jill DuBois, Mitchell Bard's *Israel Matters*, and two titles by Debbie Smith: *Israel the Land*, and *Israel the People*. For those more interested in fiction, *Pickled Watermelon*, by Esty Schachter is a good place to start. Those who enjoy Kenneth Roseman's Do-it-Yourself Series may enjoy *Jeremiah's Promise: An Adventure in Modern Israel*. *The Dog of Knots*, by Kathy Walden Kaplan, is a novel about a girl and a stray dog, set during the Yom Kippur War.

Some of our most interesting non-fiction titles are written for young adults. *When I Was a Soldier*, by Valerie Zenatti, is an ALA Best Book for Young Adults, and is a memoir about a teenager's compulsory military service. *Working Together: Economy, Technology, and Careers in Israel*, by Elisa Silverman, explores an aspect of Israel that is top-of-mind for

many teens. *Homeland: The Illustrated History of the State of Israel*, by Marv Wolfman, presents the country's history in graphic novel format, and is a National Jewish Book Award winner. Among the award-winners in teen fiction are *Beni's War* and *The Six-Day Hero*, two novels by Tammar Stein, about the Yom Kippur War, and *Ronit & Jamil*, by Pamela Laskin, a novel written in verse.

Whether it's award-winning fiction by Israeli authors, or non-fiction histories and commentaries, we have a more than 200 adult titles in our collection related to Israel. Highlights include *Apeirogon: A Novel*, by Colum McCann, and Ehud Barak's autobiography, *My Country, My Life: Fighting for Israel, Searching for Peace*, and *Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn*, by Daniel Gordis. All three are National Jewish Book Award winners.

Next time you're in the building, check out your library. Self-checkout is available at the library desk. [View the full library](#)



Nearly 90 members of our Temple family celebrated Passover on Thursday evening during our congregational Second Seder. Led by Rabbi Meir Bergeron, we read from the Haggadah, retelling the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt and freedom from bondage. Thank you to Denny Reynolds and the ROMEOs – and Juliets -- for coordinating the delicious meal and the team from Crackerjack Catering! The Seder meal included matzah ball soup, gefilte fish, brisket, eggplant parmesan, potato kugel, and dessert. Thank you to everyone who assisted in big and little ways! We appreciate Rabbi Meir, Executive Director Samara Sheray, Facilities Manager Jason Price, and Custodian Timmy Oberley.

# Youth News

## JOIN THE FUN AT JOY VEY! A KID-ISH SHABBAT

Gather 'round your little kids for a playful and silly, yet peaceful start to Shabbat for the whole family on Friday, May 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Temple.

In our cooperative, family-run service, we light candles, pray, sing songs, move and groove, and even practice mindfulness. Our May theme is "water."

Find the [link](#) for more information on signing up to help.

Please join us and Rabbi Meir 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 meet outdoors in Sposeep Chapel. Please bring lawn chairs and blankets.



## CAMPERS INVITED FOR SPECIAL BLESSING



Students who will be attending a Jewish camp this summer are invited to our Shabbat service on Friday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. for a special blessing with our Temple family before they head off on their adventures.

We are fortunate to have young people spending time at Goldman Union Camp Institute, Camp Joe Levine, and other Jewish settings to reinforce their learning at the Temple. Thank you to everyone who supports our campership efforts to assist those who need financial help and to encourage first-time attendance.

## SHARE NEWS OF YOUR GRADUATE

We look forward to celebrating education milestones with our Temple family! If you have a child graduating from high school or college this year, please let us know so that we may offer congratulations, list the school attended, and include future plans in our Bulletin. Please send graduation information by Friday, May 12 to be included in our June/July Bulletin. Contact us at [office@TempleCAV.org](mailto:office@TempleCAV.org) or (260) 744-4245.



## CREATING A WORLD OF SHALOM

Our youngest congregants have been studying the Jewish value of *Shalom* this month - helping to create a calmer, more peaceful world. They're also learning how they can create peace anywhere they go, including in their own homes - a concept known as *shalom bayit*, a peaceful home. Rabbi Natan said: "If one brings peace into the home, it is as though peace were brought to all the people of Israel."

There are many ingredients to having *Shalom Bayit* and we're focusing specifically on three *middot* (values) that can help create peace in the home:

- Speak respectfully to your family members (understanding the power of words)
- Be a team player and be cooperative (doing our part to make the world a better place)
- Be forgiving, don't sweat the small stuff (resolving conflicts)

As we move through this month of study, you might notice opportunities to talk with the young people in your life about how we can create more peace in our lives and homes through respectful speech, cooperation, and forgiveness.

This month also represents the end of our official program year for our youth education programming. We have a busy month ahead and hope to see you at our upcoming celebrations, worship services, and community activities.

*Leise Rosman, Religious School Committee chair*



*Thoughts of sunny summer days and fun with friends was the focus of a Camp Day at Religious School in late March. Activities included making "world famous" chocolate balls from Camp Joe Levine, along with tie-dying towels to take to GUCI (Goldman Union Camp Institute) and to the pool when the weather gets warm.*

## CANDIDATES FOR THE 2023-2024 LEADERSHIP

The Board Development Committee presents the following slate of officers and trustees for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, beginning July 1.

### **OFFICERS**

*Nominated for an additional 1-year term ending in June 2024*

**President:** Ronnie Greenberg

*Nominated for 1-year term ending in June 2024*

**Vice President Programs:** Beth Zweig

**Vice President Finance:** John Stein

**Secretary:** Amy Krouse

**TRUSTEES** (*Nominated for 2-year term ending in June 2025*):

Shai Hadashi

Dawn Hammond

Leise Rosman

Kathy Sider

Micah Soltz

**TRUSTEES** (*Serving 2-year term ending in June 2024*):

David Crell

Juli Dominguez

Sam Krouse

Brian Rosman

Mimi Zelman



**Thank you to the Board Development Committee:** Beth Zweig (chair), Fran Adler, Betsy Gephart, Leise Rosman, and John Stein

## STAY INFORMED ABOUT TEMPLE NEWS AT 175TH ANNUAL MEETING

Learn about changes that strengthen our congregational leadership model during the Temple's 175th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m.

Please join us in person or via livestream when we update the membership on the restructuring of our governance to adopt a partnership model, creating new efficiencies and greater opportunities for strategic planning to better serve our members. We'll also vote on the budget for the coming year and candidates for leadership.

Members in good standing will be able to vote again this year in real time regardless of how they choose to attend.

Information will be sent later this month about how to vote on candidates for leadership and the budget for 2023-2024. Absentee ballots also will be available for those who cannot attend in person or virtually.

During the meeting, President Ronnie Greenberg, the Board of Directors, Rabbi Meir Barger, and Executive Director Samara Sheray will review the past year's activities, including the status of the major upgrade to livestreaming operations approved last June by the members.

We'll also learn more about the 175th season of events to

celebrate our milestone anniversary, including a special weekend of events coming on November 10-12.

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

- Outgoing Board members Larry Adelman, Mike Rush, and Mark Schneider for their service.
- Members of the L'dor Vador Legacy Society for indicating they've made a planned gift to the congregation.

Absentee ballots, an agenda, and the proposed budget will be made available beginning Wednesday, May 31. To be eligible to vote, members must be current in their financial obligations to the congregation. All absentee ballots must be signed and returned by U.S. mail, by fax, or by emailing a PDF copy of the ballot prior to the Annual Meeting.



## BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER WITH A PLANNED GIFT

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

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

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

## THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS CONCLUDES 14TH YEAR IN MAY

As the school year comes to a close for our Brightpoint Head Start students, Thoughtful Thursdays will conclude its 14th year with distributions in May of food and toiletries. We will be giving a little extra to these families to help them through the summer months when we prepare bags on Wednesday, May 3 at 10 a.m. at the Temple.

Thank you to those who continue to make Thoughtful Thursdays a priority with your donations. You realize how important it is to keep the children fed and safe!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who continue to be so engaged and supportive. Without you we could not provide this program.

Thank you, also, for the continued generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the members of our Jewish community for making Thoughtful Thursdays possible.

Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. If you are interested in volunteering for Thoughtful Thursdays, please contact me at [sartrotter@gmail.com](mailto:sartrotter@gmail.com). We would love to have you join us!



**Remember, hunger doesn't stop just because of inflation and supply chain issues. It makes what we do even more important!**

*Sally Trotter, Thoughtful*



## OFFICE STAFFING CHANGE FOR MAY THROUGH JULY

We're excited for Administrative Assistant Marie McFadden and her husband, James, as they prepare to welcome their first child in May. Beginning the week of May 8, Marie will be on maternity leave through July. Office hours will remain Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please welcome Cheri Buker, who will be assisting in the Temple office during Marie's time with her family. Cheri has previously served temporarily in the same role.

Often called "Aunt Cheri" by her Temple friends since she's the aunt of Executive Director Samara Sheray, Cheri is an active volunteer with Thoughtful Thursdays, the corned beef fundraiser, and in many other ways as a member of our extended Temple family.

Our Communications Committee also will be providing additional support with publications during this time.



*Marie McFadden at baby shower hosted by Thoughtful Thursdays.*



## MAZEL TOV TO:

Sam & Amy Krouse and their children, Noah and Ruth, for the honor of being invited to attend the annual White House Easter Egg Roll on April 10 in Washington, DC, hosted by President Joe & Jill Biden. Sam, co-CEO of MPS Egg Farms in North Manchester, served as a representative from the American Egg Board, a sponsor of the event. Sam and Amy both serve on the Temple Board.



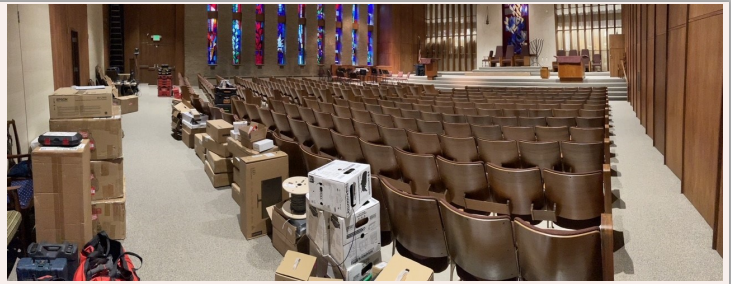
*Rabbi Meir participated in a Civil Conversations panel discussion on March 29 hosted by AVOW (Advancing Voices of Women) exploring religion and its role in the history of America, including "Is America a Christian Nation?"*

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

At the April 13 meeting, the Temple Board accepted the slate of candidates for Temple leadership for 2023-2024 as proposed by the Board Development Committee. The board also adopted a new plan for restructuring committees as outlined by President Ronnie Greenberg. (See President's column on page 14.)

John Stein, Vice President for Finance, presented a preliminary look at the budget for the coming fiscal year. A final proposed budget will be presented to the board in May before the congregation approves it at the Annual Meeting in June.

Executive Director Samara Sheray reported that the necessary electrical work has been completed for the audio-video upgrade project. Installation of the livestreaming equipment in the Sanctuary and Social Hall started the week of April 24 and is expected to take a maximum of two weeks. Friday evening services during that time will be held in the Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel.



*Installation of new equipment is underway in the Sanctuary.*

Progress continues in the Goldman Memorial Museum in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. A new display about Jewish holidays and updates to the history wall will be installed soon. Additional displays are planned prior to the 175th Anniversary weekend in November.

Rabbi Meir told the Board that Rabbi Moshe Druin, a sofer, will be at the Temple on April 30 to May 4 to work on Temple's Torahs. Rabbi Druin also will offer a program on Tuesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. to teach about the creation and maintenance of scrolls.



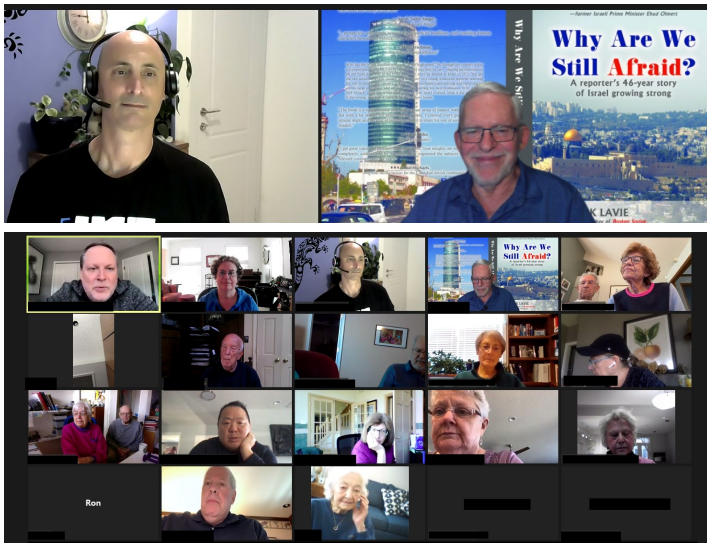
## CORNED BEEF ON RYE – SURE TO SATISFY FOR 21ST YEAR!

Our Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser returns for a 21st year on Thursday, October 19 when heaping corned beef sandwiches, gigantic dill pickles, creamy coleslaw, and rich brownies return as part of the Temple's largest fundraiser.

Mark your calendar for Deli Day and help us top last year's record sales of nearly 2,000 meals and 116 additional pounds of corned beef!

Save the date for our Mail Prep Day on Wednesday, August 30 at 10 a.m. at the Temple when we prepare a large mailing for the sale.

Thank you to Co-Chairs Micah Soltz, David Crell, Samara Sheray and their team! Please plan to take the day off work to assist with the sale, as well as Prep Night on Wednesday, October 18. Proceeds support the Temple's general operations.



*More than 30 members of our Temple family gathered April 9 on Zoom to learn about the movement to save Israeli democracy from the impact of the government's efforts to change the nation's judiciary. Steven Greenberg and Mark Lavie, two Fort Wayne natives who live in Israel as citizens, shared their experiences and perspectives, with Rabbi Meir Bergeron moderating.*

## HELP US PRESERVE OUR RECORDS!

The Digitization Committee invites you to help with our scanning project to ensure preservation of important Temple documents.

We have set up a station in the Religious School office with two scanners and plenty of instructions. If you have time while you're in the building or prefer to schedule a time, we have made it as easy as possible for you to participate in this worthwhile project.

We have boxes of minutes, Bulletins, and other congregational records ready to be digitized. Once everything is scanned, the originals will go to the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati where they can be preserved in the best way possible. We will retain the digital copies for our congregational use.

If you are interested in helping, please call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245. Thank you! Thank you to committee members Betsy Thal Gephart (chair), Samara Sheray, Maureen Grinsfelder, John Planer, Jon Tam and Leise Rosman.





## NEIJGS: PROHIBITION AND CRIMINAL ANCESTORS ON MAY 7

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is excited to welcome Ron Arons, a veteran genealogist, speaker, and author, for a program on Sunday, May 7, beginning at 2 p.m.. This is a hybrid program, taking place both at the Allen County Public Library and on Zoom.

During his talk on “**Alcohol, Prohibition and Temperance Societies in Ohio and Indiana**,” he’ll discuss Indiana and Ohio’s role and participation in Prohibition and the temperance movement. The session will cover alcohol production and distribution, the push for temperance, key figures, groups, legislation, enforcement, and the demise of Prohibition.

At 3:30 p.m., Arons will discuss “**Researching Criminal Ancestors**.” He’ll demonstrate how to research black sheep ancestors, those relatives who might be difficult to research for any one of a number of different reasons. He’ll talk about using ‘standard’ genealogical records (census, vital records, city directories, etc.), but also about other specific records available only for those who broke the law or came close to doing so.

Arons has been researching his family for more than 20 years and became particularly interested in researching criminals when he discovered a very deeply buried secret about an ancestor who got into trouble and served time at one of the most famous American prisons.

Ron has authored three books: *The Jews of Sing Sing*, *WANTED! U.S. Criminal Records*, and *Mind Maps for Genealogy*. Ron earned degrees in engineering and business from Princeton and University of Chicago. He currently serves as Secretary for the IAJGS Board of Directors.

If you are unable to attend in person, registration is required. [Find the link](#)

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



## ROSH CHODESH DINNER SET FOR MAY 10

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne’s Rosh Chodesh group will meet for dinner on Wednesday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Wu’s Fine Chinese Cuisine, 4411 Coldwater Road.

Dinner is on your own but making new friends and catching up with cherished friends will be shared by all.

Please RSVP no later than May 3 to [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org) or call (260) 456-0400. This dinner is open to all Jewish women in our area. Our next dinner will be Wednesday, July 19 at Joanna’s Family Restaurant, 3720 W Jefferson Boulevard.



## GREEN THUMBS NEEDED FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP

Our gardening crew is looking forward to tending to the beautiful grounds at the Rifkin Campus. Ronnie Greenberg, a Master-Gardener, and her team of volunteers soon will begin a spring clean-up of the gardens in front of the Temple and surrounding the Sposeep Chapel.

Additional volunteers are welcome to assist. Please contact Ronnie at [rkg128@gmail.com](mailto:rkg128@gmail.com) to learn more.

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

## SAVE THE DATE FOR FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

The business portion of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne’s 102nd annual meeting is open to all members who have made their 2022 - 2023 pledge. The meeting will take place on Sunday, June 11 at 3 p.m. at Ceruti’s (6601 Innovation Boulevard).

Soon you will receive your invitation to our Israel@75 celebration which begins at 4 p.m. following our annual meeting at Ceruti’s.



## WE APPRECIATE OUR CHALLAH BAKERS AND SPONSORS!

Our dedicated team of challah bakers and sponsors is growing! These wonderful volunteers provide us with delicious and beautiful challot to enjoy on Friday evenings after services.

Thank you to Jamie Berger, Becky Guttstein, Nola Katinsky, Joanne McCrory, Wendy Soltz, Deb Vilensky, Jon Tam, Kari Weitalla, and Beth Zweig for baking and/or sponsoring challot.

## TEACHER SYMPOSIUM FOCUSES ON HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

A symposium to help support Indiana teachers at all levels in educating students on the Holocaust and Holocaust-related events will be held on Tuesday evening and Wednesday, June 13-14 at the Temple.

The effort is a collaboration between the [U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum](#) and the [PFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#). Congregation Achduth Vesholom is the lead sponsor and generous supporter of this initiative. [Find the application](#)

Now more than ever, this education needs to take place in Indiana classrooms.

Workshop hosts are Steven Alan Carr, director of IHGS at Purdue Fort Wayne, and Stella Schafer, USHMM Teacher Fellow 2016-2017 and Tippecanoe School Corporation ELA Teacher.

The program will review best practices for teaching about the Holocaust. It also will include sessions on Judaism, eugenics, Indiana's state mandate for teaching the Holocaust, and how to use primary source materials like films and historical newspapers to prompt students to grapple with complex questions. Teachers will take classroom-ready materials and proven resources back home with them, increasing their confidence in teaching the Holocaust to their students. Upon request, attendees can receive up to six Professional Growth Points (PGP).



Limited housing - with some meals provided - may be available at no cost to participants who need to arrive early. In addition, small stipends may be available to cover travel and other expenses.

Registration will continue as long as space is available.

The program will begin with a dinner and presentation on Tuesday, June 13 at 6 p.m. with Rabbi Meir Barger of Congregation Achduth Vesholom on "What Is Judaism and What Does It Mean to Be Jewish?"

Sessions on Wednesday, June 14 are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

[Find the tentative schedule](#)



Fort Wayne's annual Yom Hashoah commemoration was presented on April 17 by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and Congregation Achduth Vesholom. Memorial candles in memory of the six million murdered during the Shoah were lit by students from the Temple and local high schools. Speakers included Andrew Lapin, a journalist and creator of the Radioactive podcast, and Carol Black, a survivor of the Tree of Life synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh.

Rabbi Meir also led a Yom HaShoah service at Manchester University, as part of the university's Peace Week. Joining him at the service were several members of the Temple family, including Professor Kate Crell, who organized the event, as well as John Planer and Janina Traxler, who lit the Shoah memorial candles.

## TORAH SCRIBE VISIT MEMORABLE A QUARTER-CENTURY LATER

"Oh, my, has it been 25 years already since we had the Holocaust Torah repaired and a sofer came?"

That comment on the [Temple's Facebook page](#) was part of a recent exchange among past members reminiscing about an extraordinary time in Achduth Vesholom history, the celebration of our 150th year.

The discussion was sparked by an announcement that we're welcoming a Torah scribe this month to launch our 175th Anniversary season. Rabbi Moshe Druin will teach us about writing holy texts and the intricacies of caring for a sacred scroll. He'll repair one of our Torahs that will be donated later this year to Goldman Union Camp Institute in honor of our milestone and our long association with GUCI. (Learn more on page 3)

Our [Holocaust Torah](#) came in 1997 with the last half of Numbers and first half of Deuteronomy intact. It was saved from Nazi destruction in Czechoslovakia and is on permanent loan from the [Memorial Scrolls Trust](#). Master Sofer Dr. Eric Ray, (z"l) to Fort Wayne and began writing the opening sections of Genesis and explained the process of Torah writing. He continued to work on the sections in New York and Israel for nearly a year to incorporate new sections with the old ones in time for our 150th celebration in October 1998.

The Holocaust Torah has a special cover with the Hebrew word "Zachor," which means "Remember." The Torah is used regularly, with many of our b'nei mitzvah reading from it during their simcha.

A remnant of the damaged Torah has been on display at the Temple ever since it was restored. The section of Torah will have a new display case and new home near the entrance of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center in time for our 175th Anniversary celebration weekend in November.

This update to an important piece of our congregational history comes along with other changes coming to the Goldman Memorial Museum in the resource center. This includes updates to the wall highlighting the Jewish history of Northeast Indiana.



*Rabbi Emeritus Richard B. Safran (z"l) and Rabbi Sanford Kopnick examine the Holocaust Torah in 1998 with Dr. Eric Ray (z"l), the sofer who restored the sacred scroll for the Temple's 150th anniversary.*



### SAVE THE DATES FOR 175TH SEASON

Please join us for our [175th celebration](#) events as we mark this special occasion. These include music, art, and educational programming. Save the date for November 10-12, for a big weekend, including a visit by Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, and other guests for our evening Shabbat service.

## CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER CAMP AT GUCI

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

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

Please contact the Temple office for campership information or Campership Chair Brian Rosman. Considering Jewish overnight camp for the first time? Your child may be eligible for a need-blind grant of up to \$1,000 this summer through the [Foundation for Jewish Camp](#).

## THINKING ABOUT SUMMER? THINK ABOUT CAMP JOE!

It's never too early to start thinking about summer! The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) Camp Joe will be held at [Metea County Park](#).

Sessions are offered for three weeks, beginning June 26 and ending July 14. You may register your child ages 4 to 14 for one, two, or all three weeks!

Our "refer a friend" program is back! When you and your "friend" register, you will both receive a 10% discount on your payment. [Registration is now open](#), and we can't wait to see you!

Our thanks to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the Janet Finkel Campership Fund for amazing support!

## Donations

### Art and Beautification Fund

In honor of Harriet Miller: *Valerie Goldblatt*

### Dr. John Planer Music Fund

In memory of Ron Miller and Nikki Kaplan Stern: *Susie Miller*

In honor of Marcia & Denny Reynolds: *Ron Cousino*

### General Operations

A donation has been received from: *Sophia Hugo, Cheri Buker*

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In memory of Elizabeth Ruth Johnson: *Kay Safirstein*

In memory of Pearl Fichman: *Ann Fichman*

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In memory of May Bussel: *David Bussel*

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In memory of Zelda Punsky: *Fani Kozolchyk*

In memory of Bessy Levy: *Linda Bullerman*

### Holocaust Education Fund

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In memory of Betty & Leonard Castle: *Suzi Stone*

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In memory of Joseph Stumpf: *Ronnie & Norm Greenberg*

### Thoughtful Thursdays

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

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

In memory of Eva Salon: *Nancy & Scott Salon*

### Wyle Weiman Youth Activities Fund

In memory of Leonard Goldstein and Wyle Weiman: *Rikki Goldstein*

***Explore all our Tribute Funds or make a Donation***

## YOUTH EVENTS PLANNED FOR GUCI

Lots of exciting youth events are planned at [Goldman Union Camp Institute](#), our regional Union for Reform Judaism camp in Zionsville, during the next school year. Please save the dates for:

**Nitzanim Weekend on September 23-24** - Children in grades 1-5 are invited for a mini-camp experience for first-time campers or those considering GUCI for the first time. Experience a traditional camp Havdalah to Bunk Night-esque activities, and a chance to climb the Migdal (climbing tower).

**Midwest Mesibah on September 8-10** – All 6th-to-12th-graders are invited to a weekend at camp for a variety of activities, including a GUCI-style Shabbat, electives (art, archer, Migdal/Climbing Tower), and more.

**NFTYFest on April 19-21, 2024** – NFTY Missouri Valley, Ohio Valley, and Michigan are hosting an in-person NFTY event at GUCI. This teen-powered weekend is open to participants in grades 8-12. Join us for a retreat full of exciting programs, meaningful tefillah experiences, and lots of NFTY fun with new and old friends.

## MISHEBEIRACH HELPS US COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY



Our Mishebeirach list helps us come together as a congregation and community to think of those among us who especially need healing, care, and compassion. We encourage you to add your loved one's name by calling the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or emailing us at [office@TempleCAV.org](mailto:office@TempleCAV.org) so that those we hold dear will be called to mind during our Shabbat services.

Names will remain on the list for four weeks. For those who wish to have a family member or friend's name listed for longer, please contact us to make another request. Thank you for helping us keep your list current. You also may share your loved one's name during services when the service leader asks for additional Mishebeirach names.

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

## May Yahrzeits

<b>May 5-6</b>	Abraham Stein	Jerry Sweedler	Lillian J. Pilgrim	Marvin Katz
Sigmund Apfelbaum	Bor Tam	Pauline Turansky	Dora Rozeen	Henry Kepes
Morris Becker	Samuel Wolf	William Walter	Edward Ruben	Annette P. Kesselman
Dan Bernstein		Emily Weinstein	Jonathan Safran	Harry H. King
Emanuel Blum	<b>May 12-13</b>	David Winnick	Lena Salon	Aaron Komito
Heather Chernen	Sarah Beck	Bernard A. Woolner	Morris Salon	Anna Landy
Harold I. Chon	Lena Nahmias Cohen		Gerda Schmitz	Harry E. Landy
Louis S. Dessauer	S. Stephen Cohen	<b>May 19-20</b>	Helen M. Schubert	Sylvia Levine
Rabbi Frederic A. Doppelt	Marian Smith D'arcy	Julie Brooks	Philip Sisman	Sarah Levy
Freda M. Dubin	Hyman Dicker	Dr. B. M. Edlavitch	Wolf Soloway	Rae Lipp
Gabor Fenyes	Joseph Freiburger	Helen Fishman	Jack Speyer	Sadie Livingston
Alexander Fiegler	Chad Goldberg	Stan Fishman	Elizabeth Stein	Morris Meyer
Sylvia Forlander	Myron Goldman	Solly K. Frankenstein	Lorenz Edward Stillpass	Rivah H. Meyers
Rabbi Samuel Goldin	Bonnie Harrison	Julia Frankenstein	Isaac D. Straus	Herman Moss
Sara Kaliski	C. C. Hollingsworth	Mina Freiburger	Stanley Tinkel	Bessie Ochstein
Selma Kaufman	Minnie Kaplan	Paul Gepsman	Fannie Trivus	Carolyn Katz Polakoff
Marion Kaufman	Max Kaplan	Sam Goldstine	Shulamith Troy	Rabbi Herman Price
Sarah Komisarow	Mathilde Kaufman	Paul Gordon	Ruth Turansky	Franz Reimann
Naomi Frank Korkes	Sarah Krakower	Sherman Gordon	Pearl Waterman	Orion Reynolds
Grace Kupersmith	Sarah Kraus	Leo Horn	Max Weisman	Bernard Rosenblatt
Jean Lee	William Landy	Anna Hurwitz	Ruth Wertheimer	Reuben Sachs
Dora Leiberman	Harry Lechtner	Steven R. Jaeger	Pauline Young	Sarah Salon/Kaye
Samuel Levis	Fannie Lipp	Abraham Kamile		Joseph Schachter
Evelyn Lipp	Edwin Maier	Betty Kann Castle	<b>May 26-27</b>	Herman Stern
Nathan Nemeroff	Hyman Mazur	Robert Katz	Vida Assael	Samuel Tourkow
Rebeca Pressman	Isidore Nemeroff	Anthony Kirdahy	Esther Cera Brateman	Bernard Turansky
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Lucille Schuler	Samuel Schultz	Theresa Levy	Eugene Frank	
Esther Schwartz	Yitschok Isaac Schwartz	Julia Liberman	George Ivan Fredrick	
Irene Gazda Schwarz	Rose Soraich	Felix Maier	Yetta Freiburger	
Scott Sherr	Curtis M. Stein	Geraldine Mansbach	Sara Goldberg	
Harry N. Speyer	Joseph A. Stumpf	Jennie Nemeroff	Sidney Goldin	

## 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.



## WE CARE

Please let the Temple office or Rabbi Meir know if a family member is in the hospital or if other situations arise when the congregation may be of assistance or comfort. We aren't always aware of situations unless family or friends notify us.



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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, Brightpoint Head Start, the Madge Rothschild Resource Center, and the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society.



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The Temple Board welcomes your comments and suggestions. We will do our best to address your questions and concerns. We value the diversity of viewpoints within our congregation. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org for information. President Ronnie Greenberg can be reached at (260) 483-6327 or president@templecav.org.

The deadline for the June/July Bulletin is  
Tuesday, May 16.

## President's Corner Ronnie Greenberg



In February's Bulletin, I talked about the Board's adoption of a partnership model of governance at the Temple. This is a collective leadership model that elevates the professional staff of the Temple – the Rabbi and the Executive Director (ED) – into more strategic and autonomous roles. This model recognizes the key roles they play and gives them the authority to direct activities within their area.

For the Rabbi, this includes all religious, ritual, educational and social action activities, and for the Executive Director, this includes all operational issues. This leaves the Board more time to consider strategic issues.

Governance aside, two people cannot run a complicated organization like the Temple all by themselves. That's where our committees come in. Like most organizations, the Temple relies on committees to generate and implement ideas and provide support for staff. Some committees meet regularly; some as needed. Some have been around forever; some are relatively new. But each one has a discrete task to perform. The occasional challenge has been coordinating the work of several committees to ensure we're all going in the same direction and that that direction is compatible with the direction set by the Board.

So, the next step in our process of streamlining and increasing the efficiency of our governance is implementation of a new way of organizing our committees. The goal is to ensure that each committee has someone providing oversight and coordination.

Therefore, each committee will be aligned with either the Board, the Rabbi or the ED. And the Board, the Rabbi and the ED will each have a committee portfolio that will include those committees for which they have functional accountability - that is, committees consistent with their areas of responsibility.

Explaining this makes it sound much more complicated than it is.

See a visual [organizational chart](#).

While some committees might be chaired by a board member, the Rabbi, or ED, many committees will continue to be chaired by congregants, as they are now. They will continue to meet on an appropriate schedule, from as needed to every month.

Alignment in portfolios will ensure that the committees accomplish what needs to be done and can easily bring to the Board anything that requires Board input or approval. This provides a direct line from each committee to the Board, and back again.

So, what will this look like on a practical, day-to-day basis? Probably not too different. We will still rely on committed congregants to make our community the best it can be. Placing committees under the portfolio of the Board, Rabbi or ED will improve coordination among committees, and consistency within that area of authority, resulting in a more unified direction for the congregation. These are all positive outcomes and will be worth the effort required to implement change.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and discussion more at the Annual Meeting in June.