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We invite you to join us when
our daughters

Isabella & Lillian Alberts

are called to the Torah as B'not Mitzvah

Saturday, June 17 at 10 a.m.

Congregation Achduth Vesholom

Kiddush luncheon to follow

Samara Sheray & Brandon Alberts



We welcome you to share our joy
as our daughter

Iris Miriam Powell

is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, July 15 at 10 a.m.

Congregation Achduth Vesholom

Marnie & Mark Lowden and Jason Powell



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 Bargeron, 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

June Shabbat Services

Shabbat Service and Blessing for Campers

Friday, June 2 (**NEW TIME**)
6:30 p.m.

Music: Maestro Robert Nance

Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 3
9:45 a.m.

Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat

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

Shabbat Service and Blessing for Graduates

Friday, June 9
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service & Torah Study

Saturday, June 10
9:45 a.m.

Torah Study and a nosh follow the service

Shabbat Service

Friday, June 16
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service and B'not Mitzvah of Lillian & Isabella Alberts

Saturday, June 17
10 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, June 23
6:30 p.m.

No Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 24

Shabbat Service

Friday, June 30
6:30 p.m.

July Shabbat Services

Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 1
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, July 7
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service and Torah Study

Saturday, July 8
9:45 a.m.

Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat

Friday, July 14
5:30 to 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, July 14
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Iris Powell

Saturday, July 15
10 a.m.

Pride Shabbat Service

Friday, July 21
6:30 p.m.

No Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 22

Friday Night Live Shabbat Service

Friday, July 28
6:30 p.m.

Music: Heartland Sings
Outdoor service, with Bring-Your-Own Picnic at 5:30 p.m.; Kiddush/Motzi at 5:45 p.m.; Dessert follows the service.

Shabbat Service (Reform Liturgy)

Saturday, July 29
9:45 a.m.

Led by Rabbi Meir

Torah Reader: Bruce Colegrove

Please join us in person or via livestream for services. Zoom links are in the weekly email to our Temple family. We warmly welcome guests.

Please contact us for online access information on Zoom at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org. Services also are available on [YouTube](#).

JUNE EVENTS

NEIJGS Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 1
7 p.m.

Temple Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 7
7 p.m.

Federation Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 11
[Ceruti's](#) (6601 Innovation Dr.)
3 p.m. Meeting
4 p.m. Israel@75 Celebration
RSVP needed

Holocaust Symposium for Teachers

Tuesday, June 13 and
Wednesday, June 14
RSVP needed

Jewish Q & A with Rabbi Meir

Tuesday, June 27
7 p.m. on Zoom
RSVP and submit questions by Tuesday,
June 20

JULY EVENT

Rosh Chodesh

Wednesday, July 19
5:30 p.m. at [Joanna's Family Restaurant](#),
3720 W Jefferson Blvd.
[Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#)
RSVP needed

AUGUST EVENTS

Temple Night at the TinCaps

Saturday, August 5
6:35 p.m. at Parkview Field

Corned Beef Mail Prep

Wednesday, August 30
10 a.m.

175th Events (see page 8)

Friday/Saturday, August 18-19

Musician-in-Residence: Shira Kline/ShirLaLa

Sunday, August 20

Hilarie Couture Art Exhibit & Panel Discussion at Unitarian Universalist Congregation & Temple

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, June 1

[Black Canyon Restaurant](#)

1509 W. Dupont Rd.

Thursday, June 15

[Salvatori's SW](#)

10337 Illinois Rd.

Thursday, July 6

[Salsa Grille](#)
7755 Coldwater Rd.

Thursday, July 20

[Top Notch Diner](#)
6800 Bluffton Rd.

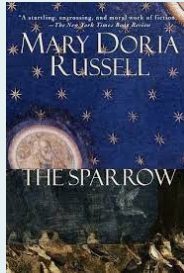


Rabbi Meir Bargeron: HERE COMES JEWISH SUMMER

With Pesach and Shavuot behind us, and with the end of the school year, Summer beckons. These months of long, warm days are when many of you take time off to rest, recharge and have fun. Whether you plan to hit the beach, go on a road trip, or even to enjoy a few days of staycationing at home, please enjoy the down time! Here are a few recommendations of Jewish-themed books and podcasts that you can read by the pool, or listen to on road trips.

Books

Among my favorite novels are [The Sparrow](#) and its sequel [Children of God](#), written by Jewish author [Mary Doria Russell](#). Set in the near future, humanity discovers an inhabited planet and a team of scientists, including a Jesuit priest, and a brilliant Jewish woman journey across space to meet "God's other children." While both books are classified in the sci-fi genre, the novels' plots focus on profoundly human experiences of love and loss. The books are easy, engaging reads and, if you like these, Russell has written a number of other non-sci-fi novels for you to explore.



For those who are interested in Jewish-focused non-fiction, I highly recommend Sara Hurwitz's [Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and A Deeper Connection to Life — In Judaism \(After Finally Choosing to Look There\)](#). The expansive title essentially describes this spiritual memoir, written by former First Lady Michelle Obama's head speech writer. Hurwitz's appealing, personal prose describes her intentional exploration of Judaism, following the pain of a break-up. Through Hurwitz's words, we can understand how being Jewish feels to her, while also reviewing the basic elements of our people's faith.

For other suggestions, I encourage you to review the Jewish Book Council's summer reading lists for [2022](#) and [2023](#).

Some of their recommendations for 2023 are not yet published, but well worth looking out for. (I myself can't wait to read [Portico: Cooking and Feasting in Rome's Jewish Kitchen](#).)

Podcasts

Podcasts are a great way to pass the time on a road trip, or while lounging by the pool. My three personal favorites are [Judaism Unbound](#), [HUC College Commons](#), and [Identity/Crisis](#) from The Shalom Hartman Institute.

Summer at the Temple

There will be three wonderful Shabbat programs this summer. On Friday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m., we will celebrate [Pride Shabbat](#) in conjunction with the Fort Wayne Pride Festival. Our guest speaker will be Jeff Markley, Executive Director of NE Indiana Positive Resource Connection.

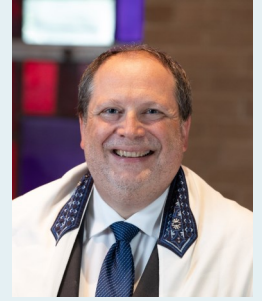
On July 28, [Friday Night Live](#) with Heartland Sings returns to the grounds of the Rifkin Campus. Join us for a bring-your-own picnic beginning at 5:30 p.m., with services beginning at 6:30.

On Friday, August 18, Jewish singer and teacher [Shira Kline](#) will be our musician-in-residence, beginning with Joy Vey at 5:30 p.m., and continuing with a BBQ and outdoor service at 6 p.m.. There will be a full Shabbat evening of fun, meaningful music, and Jewish connection.

[Find all of our summer programs](#) on the Temple website.

May everyone have a relaxing, and joyful summer!

-Rabbi Meir



SHARE PRIDE SHABBAT WITH US ON JULY 21



In conjunction with Fort Wayne Pride activities, we'll celebrate Pride Shabbat on Friday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir Bargeron, with readings and prayers inspired by the LGBTQ+ experience.

Our guest speaker will be Jeff Markley, Executive Director of Northeast Indiana's [Positive Resource Connection](#). His extensive experience in the field of HIV/AIDS makes him a valuable historical resource, as well as a contemporary advocate in the modern era.

During the late 80s and early 90s, Markley was a CDC-trained HIV/STD Disease Intervention Specialist and soon became the first HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator for the Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health.

He was a volunteer beginning in 1988 with the AIDS Task Force (now known as the Positive Resource Connection) and was involved in HIV/AIDS humanitarian ventures in Uganda and Kenya.

Since 2013, he has served as the executive director of the Positive Resource Connection, which provides HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis services in 12 northeast Indiana counties and is based in Fort Wayne.

Please join us in person or online on Zoom or [YouTube](#) as we recognize the importance of LGBTQ+ equality and inclusion. An Oneg Shabbat reception will follow.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE RETURNS ON JULY 28 WITH "BYO" PICNIC

Our lively Friday Night Live service moves outdoors at the Temple on July 28 at 6:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir with [Heartland Sings](#) on their mobile stage. Tap your toes, get on your feet, and share the joy of Shabbat during our spirited worship experience.



We invite you to join us at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your own picnic meal and beverages to enjoy when we gather as a Temple family on our beautiful grounds. Kiddush and Motzi will begin at 5:45 p.m. After the service, the Temple will provide

the fixings for s'mores over the firepit and delicious ice cream treats. (The service will not be livestreamed.)

Please bring your own folding/camping chairs and blankets to sit on and long-handled forks to roast marshmallows. Bug spray is recommended.

Thank you to our dessert team: Wendy & Micah Soltz and Kate & David Crell.

FIND LGTBQ+ TITLES IN THE TEMPLE LIBRARY

Attacks on school and public libraries have been in the news lately, especially surrounding books dealing with LGBTQ subjects. If you or your children are looking for some of these titles, we have several on our shelves in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).

For our younger readers, Meryl G. Gordon's picture book, *The Flower Girl Wore Celery*, covers the wedding of two women. And for middle-grade readers, *Ellen Outside the Lines*, by A.J. Sass, is one of our newer titles. The winner of a Sydney Taylor honor, it centers around a pair of 13-year-olds on a trip to Barcelona.

The teens and young adults section has the widest selection of LGBTQ+ items in our collection. Among our newest titles is Sacha Lamb's *When the Angels Left the Old Country*. It has won numerous awards, including a Sydney Taylor Book Award, and a Stonewall Young Adult Literature Award, and was named a National Jewish Book Award finalist. This fantasy title features two supernatural creatures – Uriel, the angel, and Little Ash, the demon – and their encounter with humans from their home shtetl.

Once More with Chutzpah, by Haley Neil, follows an 18-year-old aspiring musical theater lyricist on a Temple youth group

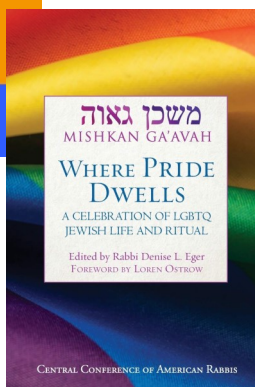
trip to Israel. Another award-winner, *The City Beautiful*, by Aden Polydoros, is a fantasy romance set in Chicago in 1893. Other titles for teens include Laura Silverman's *Recommended for You*, Becky Albertalli's *What If It's Us*, and *The Spy with the Red Balloon*, by Katherine Locke. Katherine Locke has also edited a book of stories, *It's a Whole Spiel*, by 14 different authors about a very diverse group of young Jews.

For adults, Michael Chabon's *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay* falls into this category, as well as *Beyond the Pale*, by Elana Dykewomon. The former is a Pulitzer-prize winning novel about New York cartoonists. The latter is a novel about women on the Lower East Side in the early 1900s.

In our non-fiction collection, you can check out our prayer book, *Mishkan Ga'avah: Where Pride Dwells*, from the CCAR. And Lisa J. Grushcow's *The Sacred Encounter: Jewish Perspectives on Sexuality*, is part of the CCAR's "Challenge and Change" series.

We hope you find what you're looking for in our library. If you have recommendations that you think we should include, please let us know.

Check out our [full collection online](#) and use our self-checkout at the library desk any time you are in the building.



JEWISH QUESTIONS ON YOUR MIND? ASK RABBI MEIR!

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 Bergeron.

Beit Midrash: Jewish Q&A with Rabbi Meir
Tuesday, June 27 at 7 p.m. on Zoom

As adults, we all have questions about being Jewish, and many of us are still searching for answers.



Is there something about Judaism or Jewish life that you've wondered about? Something that you've never gotten around to asking about -- or the answer that you received doesn't make sense to you? We will come together to share YOUR questions, which will be the basis of our group learning for this session.

Rabbi Meir commits to addressing up to **10 questions that are sent in advance** of the session. More questions will be covered as time permits. For this session, it is very important to **RSVP to office@templecav.org and to send in your question by Tuesday, June 20**. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you send in a question in advance.



SUMMER EVENING SERVICES MOVE TO EARLIER TIME


Our summer service schedule begins on Friday, June 2, when evening services move to 6:30 p.m. The earlier worship time will continue through September 1 (Labor Day Weekend).

Shabbat morning services will meet most weeks at 9:45 a.m. We will not have services on June 24, July 22 and August 5. Our regular schedule resumes August 12.

YOUTH & FAMILY RESOURCES FROM THE URJ

Explore issues surrounding Jewish family life, including topics like parenting, marriage, and interfaith families with resources from the Union for Reform Judaism. [Find out more](#)





Save the Date

Beit Midrash will not meet in July.

Plan to join us on Tuesday, August 22 at 7 p.m. for "Preparing for Yamim Nora'im" (Days of Awe).

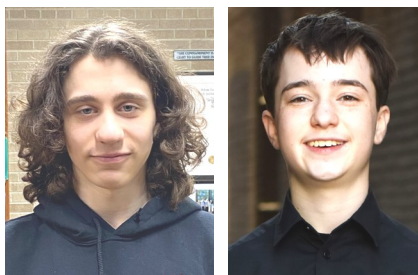
Youth News

CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES DURING SHABBAT SERVICE

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



GOING TO SUMMER CAMP? JOIN US FOR A 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.



Mazel tov to Matthew Hadashi, Leo Powell, and Isabella Wallet, who celebrated their Confirmation on May 12.

Confirmation recognizes our young people who have continued their Jewish studies beyond B'nei Mitzvah and constitutes an individual and group affirmation of commitment to the Jewish people and to a Jewish life.



5th-grade students Ethan Wallet and Adelaide Rosman received a prayer book presented by Rabbi Meir on May 7 in honor of beginning their B'nei Mitzvah Preparation.

BRING THE LITTLE ONES FOR JOY VEY! SHABBAT



Gather 'round your little kids for a playful and silly, yet peaceful start to Shabbat for the whole family on Fridays, June 9 and July 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. outdoors in the Sposeep Chapel.

In our cooperative, family-run [Joy Vey!](#) service, we light candles, pray, sing songs, move and groove, and even practice mindfulness. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets.

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

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.



CANDIDATES FOR 2023-2024 LEADERSHIP

The Board Development Committee presents the following slate for the 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 through June 2025:

Shai Hadashi

Dawn Hammond

Leise Rosman

Kathy Sider

Micah Soltz

TRUSTEES

Serving 2-year term through 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



LIGHTS, CAMERAS, ACTION!

Executive Director Samara Sheray demonstrates the updated livestreaming equipment from the new control booth behind the bimah. The monitor below offers a view of the new dropdown screen on the bimah.

The major improvements in the quality of sound and picture will be evident for those who have been attending services and programs on Zoom or YouTube. Find out more at the Annual Meeting.



ANNUAL MEETING (continued from page 1)

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 for Outstanding Volunteerism 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.

The agenda, proposed budget, and voting information have been sent to members. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Benjamin Finkel on his graduation from Canterbury High School. He plans to attend Indiana University's Honors Program in Bloomington. Proud father is Brad Finkel and Grandmother Janet Finkel.

Noah Gephart on his graduation from Canterbury High School. He plans to attend Haverford College in Philadelphia. Proud parents are Betsy & Geoff Gephart.

Sam Katinsky on his graduation from South Side High School. He plans to attend Earlham College. Proud parents are Nola & Matthew Katinsky.

Shira Pomerantz on her graduation from Tulane University with a bachelor's degree in Public Health. She graduated magna cum laude and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Proud grandparents are Temple members Micki & Sherwin Kepes and parents are Leslie Kepes Pomerantz and Stephen Pomerantz.

Elm Zweig on their graduation from the University of California, Los Angeles with a master's degree in Physics. Elm is beginning their third year of graduate school, pursuing a PhD in Physics at UCLA. Proud parents are Beth & Dan Zweig.



Religious School students and families on May 7 celebrated Lag B'Omer, including roasting marshmallows over the firepit.



VOLUNTEER TO HELP 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.



SECTION OF OLD MILL ROAD CLOSED NEAR FOSTER PARK

Old Mill Road will be closed near Foster Park through September 29.

The closure is from West Rudisill Boulevard to West Foster Parkway.

Please allow extra time when coming to the Temple south on Broadway.

175th SEASON EVENTS IN AUGUST FOCUS ON MUSIC AND ART

Our celebration of the Temple's [175th Anniversary](#) continues in August with programs by Musician-in-Residence Shira Kline, also known as ShirLaLa, and local artist Hilarie Couture during the weekend of August 18-20.



Friday, August 18 **MUSICAL SHABBAT WITH SHIRLALA AND** **BBQ HOSTED BY THE ROMEOs**



[ShirLaLa](#) is a unique and innovative approach to Jewish education, incorporating music, interactive storytelling, imaginative play, and spirituality to enrich and inspire children, their families and teachers.

Plan to join us at:

5:30 p.m. - We invite our families with young children for an early Shabbat service with ShirLaLa to build on the experience of their regular monthly "[Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat](#)" celebration.

6 p.m. - The whole congregation is invited for a barbeque hosted by the [ROMEOs](#). (Kindly [RSVP online](#) or to (260) 744-4245 no later than Friday, August 11). Please bring your lawn chair and picnic blankets.

7:15 p.m. – Join us for an outdoor service will be led by Rabbi Meir with Shira Kline. (The service will not be livestreamed.)

8:30 p.m. – Enjoy s'mores around the fire pit.

Saturday, August 19 **COMMUNITY CONCERT WITH SHIRA KLINE**

Enjoy the beauty of Havdalah with guest musician Shira Kline as we end a summer Shabbat, followed by a community concert for all ages at the Temple. Look for more information in the August Bulletin.

Thank you to:

- The Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and our Joy Vey families for sponsoring ShirLaLa's visit.
- Denny Reynolds and the ROMEOs for hosting the barbeque
- 175th Anniversary Music Subcommittee members Rabbi Meir, Kathy Sider, Norm Greenberg, Samara Sheray, Marcia Reynolds, Stephanie Gottesman
- Wendy Soltz from the Joy Vey team

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Save the date for 175th Anniversary Celebration
Weekend on November 10-12, 2023

Sunday, August 20 **HILARIE COUTURE'S "UNITY WITH VARIETY"** **PORTRAIT EXHIBIT & DISCUSSION**



The Temple will present a joint program with the [Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne](#) on Sunday, August 20 featuring an exhibit by artist [Hilarie Couture](#) called "[Unity with Variety](#)" that includes more than 40 portraits of people from diverse cultures living in Fort Wayne.

The event will be staged at both the Temple and next door at the UU. Please join us from noon to 1:30 p.m. at

the UU for an art exhibit and reception, followed by a program at the Temple. The CAV program will include a "Meet the Artist" session from 1:30 to 2 p.m., a moderated panel discussion with the artist and portrait sitters from 2 to 3 p.m., and an art exhibition and reception from 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Through the portraits, supporting references such as interviews (accessible via QR codes), and dialogue with portrait sitters, one can discover more about the experiences of people moving to and living in Fort Wayne. Temple members Jon Tam and Fran & Irv Adler are among those appearing in portraits by the artist.

"As in good art, the composition of our city needs variety. Unity with Variety makes our city a more vibrant place to live," according to Couture's artist statement in the exhibition book.

"This exhibit portrays a small segment of the real people who live in Fort Wayne and represent their cultures and diversity with dignity. Through these faces, I want to show their joy in that we are all people, and although we all come from different backgrounds, we are the same. We all matter. We are all special in our uniqueness and it is only a matter of understanding that brings people through acceptance."

Thank you to: Jon Tam for chairing the program and our 175th Anniversary sponsors for their support.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR 175TH **ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

Co-Chairs Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig

Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Barger, Jamie Berger, Nancy Dicker, Janet Finkel, Stephanie Gottesman, Norm Greenberg, Ronnie Greenberg, Dawn Hammond, Marie McFadden, Marcia Reynolds, Cheryl Schorey, Samara Sheray, John Stein, Jon Tam, Donna Tourkow, Irene Walters, Mimi Zelman

TORAH SCRIBE VISIT IN MAY LAUNCHES OUR 175TH CELEBRATION!



THE WRITE STUFF — More than two dozen congregants learned from Rabbi Moshe Druin, President of Sofer-on-Site International, about writing and caring for a Torah. In a captivating presentation, he shared stories about his experiences as a sofer. During his visit, he and a colleague tended to the Temple's sacred scrolls. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and Carol & Larry Adelman for sponsoring the program. (Photos: Dawn Hammond and Beth Zweig)



WE WELCOME YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT OF OUR MILESTONE 175th YEAR!

We would love to have your involvement during the Temple's memorable 175th Anniversary season! [Find event information](#)

Please join us for these exciting opportunities to share Jewish community, highlight our past, and strengthen our future. We have many ways to get involved. Volunteer to be a docent, help with a mitzvah project, bake goodies, or be part of a team organizing an event.

At the same time, we ask for your financial support with a donation toward the cost of our 175th anniversary. Donors will be listed in our commemorative booklet in November. Please consider the gift of a dollar for each year of Achduth Vesholom's significant role in the Jewish history of Fort Wayne and the State of Indiana. Smaller gifts would also be appreciated. Donate online or send a check to the Temple (payable to "CAV-The Temple" with "175th" in the memo line). Thank you!

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.

A WISH LIST FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

Thank you to our [Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers](#) who continue to be so engaged and supportive. We could not provide this program without you! Our last bag assembly on May 3 was accomplished with record speed, which gave us time for our long overdue end-of-the-year meeting.

Over the summer, we will be getting ready to begin our 14th year assisting the students who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple. School begins on Monday, August 21, and our first bag assembly will be Wednesday, September 6.

Brooke Hartman, the Brightpoint Head Start director, has shared a wish list of emergency items they need for the children when accidents happen at school:

- Slippers/socks with grippers (medium kids size 3-6)
- Plain-colored cotton shorts (Garanimals 3T to 5T)
- Neutral colored sweat pants (3T to 5T)
- 10 booster seats

Donations of those items are appreciated since they are not covered by other funding sources.

As we all know, the price of groceries is skyrocketing and that makes our job a little more challenging. However, it also makes what we do that much more important. Because of inflation, families are struggling to put food on the table.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued generosity 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 Chair Sally Trotter at (260) 744-4245.

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



THINK SUMMER AND 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 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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

John Planer on the publication of his poem *Vidui: Preface to an Unwritten Book* in the [Spring 2023 issue of The Reform Judaism Quarterly](#)

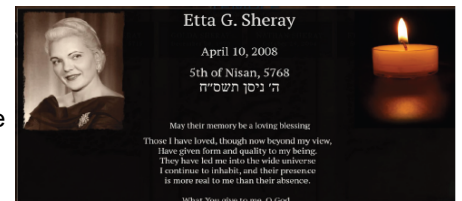
PERSONALIZE YOUR LOVED ONE'S DIGITAL YAHRZEIT

Have you previously purchased a bronze yearzeit 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 yearzeit 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 yearzeit plaques are available for \$500 each, with proceeds going to the Temple's Endowment. While the congregation draws from our entire yearzeit 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.



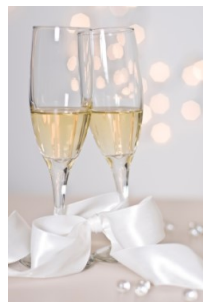


IT'S A WRAP FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL!

Students and parents gathered on Sunday, May 21 for a field day on the last session of Religious School before summer break. Rabbi Meir's Charlie was the morning's designated "Jewish Support Dog." Thanks to Religious School Committee Chair Leise Rosman, Rabbi Meir, Executive Director Samara Sheray, and all who contributed to a great school year!

MAZEL TOV TO:

Lauren Tom & Nick Iannazzo on their marriage on June 17, 2023 in Fort Wayne. Congratulations to their families: Lauren's parents, **Ellen & Mick Tom**; her grandparents, **Pam & Ken Feldman**, and brother, **Ryan Tom**; and Nick's parents, **Kathy & Steve Iannazzo** of Norwalk, CT. The couple lives in Indianapolis.



Joseph Planer & Alisha Jamil on their marriage in mid-May in New Jersey. Congratulations to their families, including Temple members John Planer & Janina Traxler. The couple lives in Philadelphia.

BABY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Marie & James McFadden on the birth of their son, **O'Shea James McFadden**, on May 12, 2023 in Fort Wayne.

Marie is the Temple's Administrative Assistant.

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.

Join us 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 your help. Volunteers 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.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR CORNED BEEF MAIL PREP ON AUGUST 30

Volunteers are needed to help prepare a large bulk mailing on Wednesday, August 30 at 10 a.m. at the Temple as we get ready for our [21st Corned Beef Fundraiser](#). Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org to say you can assist.

Mark your calendar and clear your schedule to help with our Deli Day and biggest fundraiser on Thursday, October 19. We especially need volunteers during the corned beef sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., as well as Prep Night on Wednesday, October 18 from 6 to 9 p.m.



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.



Genealogist Ron Arons shared his knowledge about Prohibition and Criminal Records on May 7 during a program sponsored by the North-east Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society.

A board member of the [International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies](#), Arons also gave advice to NEIJGS members, including President Betsy Gephart and Treasurer Irv Adler, [about hosting the IAJGS annual conference](#).

The IAJGS Conference will be held in Fort Wayne on August 10-14, 2025.

Several members of NEIJGS and the Temple will attend the IAJGS this summer in London.

JAKI SCHREIER NAMED A 2023 HOOSIER JEWISH LEGEND

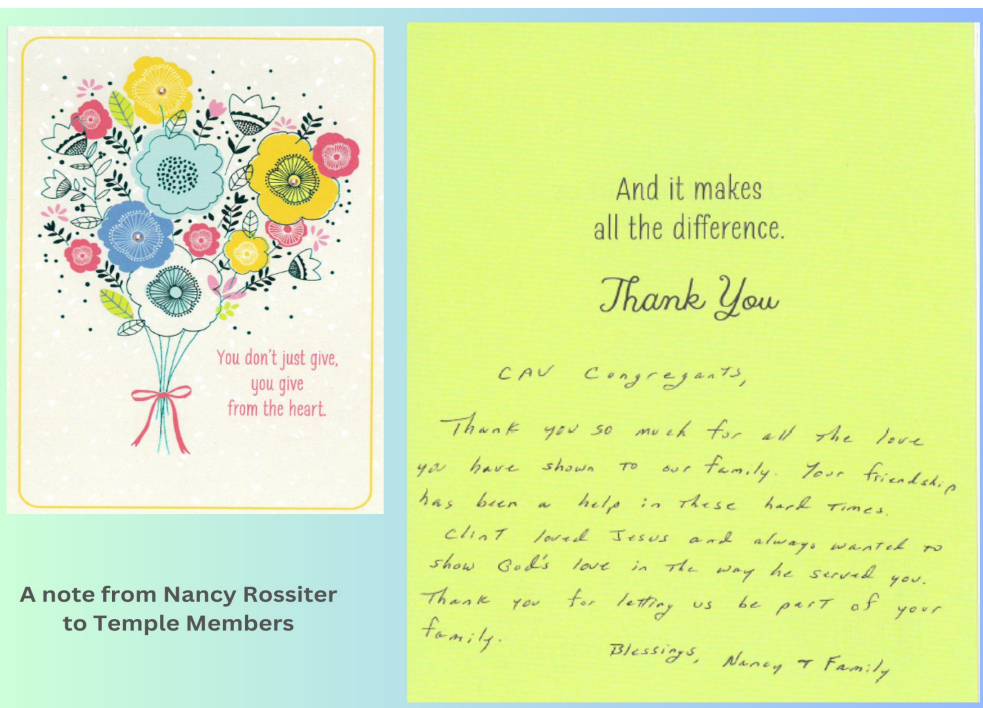
Mazel tov to Jaki Schreier, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and a past president of the Temple, on being named one of the five 2023 [Hoosier Jewish Legends](#) by the Indiana Jewish Historical Society.

The award recognizes Hoosiers who have made a significant and lasting impact on their profession, community and the fabric of our cultural heritage in Indiana. The honorees will be inducted on Sunday, August 27 at 1 p.m. at the JCC in Indianapolis.

Others named this year were John Abrams of Westfield; Trend D. Pendley of Chesterton; Alvin Rosenfeld of Bloomington; and Gregory Silver of Indianapolis.



A THANK YOU NOTE TO OUR TEMPLE FAMILY FROM THE FAMILY OF CLINT ROSSITER (Z"l)



A note from Nancy Rossiter to Temple Members

We are sharing this beautiful note from the family of Clint Rossiter, our long-time Facilities Manager, who died on January 10, 2023. He helped us in countless ways for nearly 21 years.

Nancy Rossiter, Clint's beloved wife, wrote us:

Thank you so much for all the love you have shown to our family. Your friendship has been a help in these hard times. Clint loved Jesus and always wanted to show God's love in the way he served you.

Thank you for letting us be part of your family.

Blessings, Nancy & Family

Donations

B'nai Jacob Conservative Judaism Fund

In memory of Samuel Zaslowsky: *Adrienne Brateman*

In memory of Selma Kaufman: *Rossya & Howard Klebanow*

Dr. John Planer Music Fund

In memory of Orion Reynolds and James Rakes: *Marcia & Denny Reynolds*

General Operations

A donation has been received from: *Juan Suarez; Talia Bugel*

In memory of Ira Sokoloff: *Shara Cunningham*

In memory of Jennie Nemeroff: *Howard Nemeroff*

In memory of Sarah Kaye: *Thomas Shine*

In memory of Esther Schwartz, Ralph Tourkow, Freda Dubin: *Donna & Josh Tourkow*

In memory of Stan Fishman: *Carol & James Levy*

In memory of Alice Fenyes and Gabor Fenyes: *Daniel & Aniko Droegmyer*

In memory of Lois Safran: *Ronnie & Norm Greenberg*

Holocaust Education Fund

In memory of Max Schmitz, Audrey Gerson, Josephine Bach, Julius Stein, Curtis Stein, Gerda Schmitz: *Jan & Joel Greenberg*

In memory of Gerda Schmitz: *Cheryl Schorey*

Library Fund

Donations were received from Rachel & Geoff Gordon; Sarah Renner

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of William Walters: *Irene & Bob Walters*

In memory of Audrey Gerson: *Janet Finkel*

Sposeep Chapel Fund

In memory of Lena Nahmias Cohen: *Elissa & Steve Cohen*

Temple Gardens Fund

In memory of Joan Hetty Kramer: *Cheryl Schorey*

Thoughtful Thursdays

A donation was received from Jessica & Roger Ash

In memory of Gerda Schmitz: *Kay Safirstein*

Explore all our [Tribute Funds](#) or make a [Donation](#)



Green Thumbs in the Gardens! – Thanks to our Temple Gardening Crew volunteers for their hard work keeping the Rifkin Campus grounds looking gorgeous! Weeding, applying mulch, and planting are next on the schedule.

HOLOCAUST SYMPOSIUM FOR TEACHERS IN JUNE

RABBI MEIR WILL DISCUSS "WHAT IS JUDAISM?" & "WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE JEWISH?"

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](#)

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



For some attendees, the symposium may be their first visit to a Jewish house of worship and an introduction to Judaism. Rabbi Meir Bargerone will speak to the group on Tuesday, June 13 at 7 p.m. about "What is Judaism?" and "What does it mean to be Jewish?," followed by a question-and-answer session.

Temple members who are interested may attend Rabbi Meir's talk, but kindly make a reservation to office@templecav.org.

June Jahrzeits

June 2-3

Vida Assael
 Esther Cera Brateman
 Miriam Brenn
 Baruch Bronstein
 Anna Jones Clark
 Alice Fenyes
 Eugene Frank
 George Ivan Fredrick
 Yetta Freiburger
 Sara Goldberg
 Sidney Goldin
 Marvin Katz
 Henry Kepes
 Annette P. Kesselman
 Harry H. King
 Aaron Komito
 Anna Landy
 Harry E. Landy
 Sylvia Levine
 Sarah Levy
 Rae Lipp
 Sadie Livingston
 Morris Meyer
 Rivah H. Meyers
 Herman Moss
 Bessie Ochstein
 Carolyn Katz Polakoff
 Rabbi Herman Price
 Franz Reimann
 Orion Reynolds
 Bernard Rosenblatt
 Reuben Sachs
 Sarah Salon/Kaye
 Joseph Schachter
 Herman Stern
 Bernard Turansky
 Rose K. Weigler
 Sally Zelinger

June 9-10

Issadore Adelman
 David G. Altheide
 Jonas Arnold
 Al Berk
 Abraham Brateman
 Michla Breindel
 Mitchell Bronstein
 Norma Jean Chambers
 Archibald Cohen
 Georgia B. Daniel
 Joel Deitch
 Kate Dicker
 Edward T. Dinken
 Moses Englehard
 Yitzchok Falk
 Allen Fleischman
 Rose Gibson
 Ann Golder
 Rose Goldman
 Leon Hasid
 Robert Hutner
 Sarah Jacobson
 Lauren Kaminsky
 Margaret Katz
 Helen Kornspan
 Aaron M. Krakower
 Julie See Latz
 Pearl Marks
 Barbara Miller
 Abe Minske
 Thelma Ochstein
 Edward Phillips
 Martha Replane
 George Sandel
 Anna Schultz
 Isaac Schwartz
 Louis Siegel
 Nathan Snow
 Leah S. Tourkow

Julia W. Trauerman
 Norma Trauner
 Isador Vigran
 Flora S. Weil
 Sidney Weiss
 Eugenia Young
 Edward Zamrin
 Etta Hoffman Zussman

June 16-17

Amelia Butz
 Dale Chambers
 Gail Cousino
 Ruth Davis
 Levi Edlavitch
 Morris Erman
 Joseph Finkleman
 Louis Fishman
 Jack Frank
 Solomon Gabe
 Sarah Goldfarb
 Sylvia Goodman
 Jack Goodman
 Bernard Gross
 Julius Lyman Isay
 Philip Kaplan
 Dr. James B. Katz
 Della Krainess
 Charles A. Lampel
 Mildred Llewellyn
 Abe Magazine
 Nathan Mull
 Dorothy Mullennix
 Babette Dessauer Neuwirth
 Chaje Nichtern
 Robert M. Pollak
 Susan Schwartz Prigozen
 Lottie Sahlmann
 Samuel Schecter
 Doris Sedgwick

Harold Sheyer
 Tillie Speyer
 Morris A. Stillpass
 Becky Weinberg
 Florence Weinberg
 Billie A. Wenbert
 Wayne C. Whisler
 Abraham Wolf
 Helena Wolf

June 23-24

Rena Babich
 Toba Baum
 Joseph Bialick
 Alain Biger
 Stanley D. Cohn
 Lisa Deitch
 Alvin Avraham Farber
 Rebecca Farhi
 Jean Fishbein
 Otto Gartner
 Sabine Gartner
 Teresa Hanna Gartner
 Morris Gladstone
 Naf Gladstone
 Betty Golden
 Robert Goldstine
 Ruth Henzel
 Sara Hirsch
 Andy Kollman
 Jack Komisarow
 Betty Luskin
 Kathryn Kann Mendelblat
 Samuel Milstein
 Stephen Alan Mirman
 Glen Noyes
 Harold B. Price
 Herta Rosanis
 Ada Rothberg
 Louis Schefman

Siegfried Schmitz
 Eleanor C. Schwartz
 Martin Schwartz
 Esther Smith
 Max Spanjer
 Max Sposeep
 Doris M. Sposeep
 Hyman G. Steiber
 Emanuel Strass
 Harry Trauner
 Rosa Wertheimer

June 30-July 1

Irving E. Appel
 Joel M. Bass
 Samuel C. Blumenthal
 Maurice Cohen
 Sarah DuBow
 Oscar Eisbart
 Louis Erdrich
 Bertha Gifis
 Samuel Herman
 Helaine Kann Hill
 Morris Hyman
 Ida Lefko
 Louis Levin
 Lawrence Levy
 Louise Marcus
 Louis Papernick
 Aaron Rothschild
 Sigfried Schmitz
 Bernard Silverman
 Nathan Stoller
 Macon Traxler
 Robert Wollman
 Rubin Zamrin

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

David & Kate Crell, their children, Cora and Leo, and family on the death of his grandmother, Harriet L. Crell, 90, on May 15, 2023 in Naples, Florida. We also think of her sons, Jeffrey (Linda Friedman) Crell and Steven (Amy) Crell; her grandchildren, Jacob (Marin) Crell, Hannah Crell and Emma Crell. We also think of Temple member Silvan Krel on the loss of his aunt. She was a member of Congregation B'nai Jacob and the Temple.

William Warshauer and family on the death of his wife, **Louise Ruchman Washauer**, 88, on May 9, 2023 in Naples, Florida. We also think of her children, **Bruce & Holly Warshauer; Susan & Don Kennicott; Amy & Ed Platt, and Marie & David (z"l) Warshauer; sister Harriett & Allen Cohen, brother Marshall & Judy Ruchman;** 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and three great-grandchildren on the way.



July Yahrzeits

July 7-8

Elana Ben-Yehoshua
David Block
Bart Broederz
Dr. Hyman L. Cohen
Armand Cohodes
Abe Field
Margot Field
Edward Finkel
Betty Fischer
Simon Freiburger
Jerry Friedman
Sarah Gerber
Jack Golder
Klara Goldfarb
Charlotte L. Goldstine
Bertha Gross
Olga Haas
Nathan Hendelman
Ben Kelman
Herb Kocks
Joan Lesson
Naomi Levin
Harry Marlin
Sol Mastbaum
Abraham Metzger
Louis Novitsky
Marshall Pallas
Yetta Piccone
Dr. Eric Ray
Carol Rosenberg

William Rothenberg
Benjamin Rothschild
Nathan Rothschild
Julius Saffron
Betty Saul
Adria Sax
Don Sewell
Albert Smith
Florence Wald
Walter Weinstein

July 14-15

David Auerbach
Leah Babich
Solomon Babich
Mollie Barasch
Isadore Berkowitz
Bernard Dubinsky
Gulian Friedman
Frieda Friedman
Joe Gerson
Florence Goode
Philmore I. Harris
Libby Harris
Israel Kaplansky
Meyer Levin
Isidore Marx
Raoul Roderick
Milton J. Rosenthal, Jr.
Thomas Sarratore
Manny Silverman

Miriam Singerman
Minnie Sposeep
Jeannette Sposeep
Jacques Tourkow
Adolph B. Weigler
Rose Smith Wittenberg

July 21-22

Kalman Beck
Alfred Milton Bronstein
Susan Cohen
Anna Dively
Ann Doran
Marguerite Elder
Herman Fischer
Dora Fisher
Lillie Hutner Fleck
Belle Frank
Leopold Freiburger
Cheryl Gannon
Arthur Hill
Morris Horn
Isaac Kretzman
Annette Latker
Iretta Lauinger
Celia Masursky
Nanette Mayer
Betty Meyer
Henry Ney
Frace Polz
Rose W. Portman

Marlene Primack
James H. Richardson
Amelia Rosenthal
Rose Moyer Rothberg
Sidney Rouda
Elinor Sachs
Charles Samet
Phyllis Silver Silverman
Zalman Sposeep
Celia Pearl Steiber
Isaac Trauerman
Fannie Wertheimer

July 28-29

Marvin Berg
Harry Bosell
Jeanne F. Bransilver
Samuel Bretzfelder
Mary Kay Byrne
Dr. Harold Cline
Cynthia Cremer
Natalie Duckor
Jack Feldheim
Bill Fox
Adelaide Frank
Carrie Broda Goodman
Isaac Hoffman
Alex Honig
David S. Hutner
Louis Katz
Steve Kelman

Selma Kline
Hyman Komisarow
Eugene Kraus, Sr.
Aaron Kravitz
Anne Kurzner
David Lauferty
Louis Levin
Myron M. Marks
Rita S. Marks
Phyllis Pinzow
Gladys Rudin
David Salnitsky
Rosalin Samet
Louis H. Saul
Albert Schnitt
Judy Schwartz
Charles W. Schwartz
Maurice Seelberg
Harry Segal
Mrs. E.M. Shonfield
Mary Siegel
Jeffrey Silver
Adele Snow
Alfred Stoller
Babette Trauerman
Sylvia Wolfe



"JEWISH JOURNEY: AMERICA" PREMIERES ON PBS39

Narrated by award-winning CBS News journalist Martha Teichner, [The Jewish Journey: America](#), which premieres on Monday, June 5 at 8 p.m. on PBS39, follows the trajectory of Jewish American life from the earliest arrivals in the mid-17th century through the impact of the Nazi regime in World War II, the creation of Israel, and the new challenges of 21st century assimilation.

It also explores the personal stories many faced as they migrated to America, whether for economic opportunity or to escape persecution. An encore presentation will be shown on Sunday, June 11 at noon.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.

FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR JUNE 11

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).



Invitations have been sent for our Israel@75 celebration, which begins at 4 p.m. following our annual meeting at Ceruti's.

SHARE MEAL ON ROSH CHODESH

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) Rosh Chodesh group will meet for dinner on Wednesday, July 19 at 5:30 p.m. at [Joanna's Family Restaurant](#), 3720 W Jefferson Boulevard.

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

Please RSVP to office@fwjf.org or call (260) 456-0400. The dinner is open to all Jewish women in our area.



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Temple Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

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 August Bulletin is
Monday, July 17

Guest Columnist Leise Rosman

Leise Rosman is chair of the Religious School Committee and member of the Temple Board. She shares this update:



We celebrated another fun-filled program year of KESHER with our very own Temple CAV Maccabiah Games on Sunday, May 21, featuring field day games and an ice cream sundae bar!

Earlier in May, we celebrated Lag B'Omer by roasting marshmallows and presenting *siddurim* to our 5th grade students, Ethan Wallet and Adelaide Rosman, as they start their studies toward their B'nei Mitzvah.

We expressed to them our congregation's enthusiasm for hearing what they learn and discover as they dive into exploring *tefillah*; as they work to incorporate these ideas into their lives each day; and as they become leaders in our congregation, joining us in fulfilling our commandment of prayer.

We also celebrated the Confirmation of three of our students, Isabella Wallet, Leo Powell, and Matthew Hadashi, on May 12. Confirmation recognizes our young people who have continued their Jewish studies beyond B'nei Mitzvah and constitutes an individual and group affirmation of commitment to the Jewish people and to a Jewish life.

We are already deep into planning our programming for the upcoming year. We will continue to offer our weekly virtual Hebrew classes for students in 3rd grade through B'nei Mitzvah age (approximately 12 students) through the Union for Reform Judaism's expanding [Shalom LinkED](#) program. We have leaned heavily on virtual platforms in the past three years to deliver our Jewish values programming. Our parents agreed to bring our values and cultural programming back on to the Rifkin campus for approximately two Sunday sessions each month for the next school year (for approximately 23 students).

In addition to our mixed-age elementary school programming, we also are excited to introduce our older students to the [Home Shalom](#) program presented by The Advot Project from Los Angeles, CA. *Home Shalom* uses in-person, arts-driven exercises, co-facilitated by virtual staff, to teach our teens about positive expression techniques that influence and enhance their communications and feelings of self-worth. This program is being offered through the generous support of the Salon Foundation.

We are always looking for Religious School Committee members and volunteers who can help us fulfill the mitzvah of *ve'Shinantam le'Vaneikha ve'Dibarta Bam* (Deuteronomy 6:7) ("You shall teach [the Commandments] diligently to your children").

Please consider contributing your talents and skills to our programming as you are able. It truly takes a village to raise our Jewish children!