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**175TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS IN AUGUST FOCUS ON MUSIC AND ART**

Please join us when our celebration of the Temple's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary continues on August 18-20, with programs by Musician-in-Residence Shira Kline (also known as ShirLaLa) and local artist Hilarie Couture. Share the joy of Jewish community with our Temple family!

**Musical Shabbat With Shira Kline Includes Joy Vey 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.

Please join us on Friday, August 18 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 led by Rabbi Meir with [Shira Kline](#). (The service will not be livestreamed.)

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

**Fun On Saturday With Dinner, Havdalah & Community Concert**

Share the end of a summer Shabbat with us on Saturday, August 19, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner, followed at 6:30 p.m. by Havdalah and a concert for all ages by guest musician Shira Kline at the Temple.



[Find RSVP and cost information on page 9](#)

**"Unity With Variety" Art Exhibit By Hilarie Couture Highlights Diversity In Our Fort Wayne Community**



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 51 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:

**Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the UU** - Art exhibit and reception

**1:30 to 2 p.m. at the Temple** - Meet the Artist

**2 to 3 p.m. at the Temple** - Panel discussion moderated by Rena Black with Hilarie and portrait sitters Fran Adler, Suin Roberts, Thamay Paw, and Akimu Salawan

**3 to 3:45 p.m. at the Temple** - Art Exhibition and reception

At least 12 portraits will be shown at the Temple and 24+ will be featured at the UU. The artwork at the Temple will include portraits of Fran & Irv Adler and Jon Tam.

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.

"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.

Thank you to Jon Tam for chairing the program and the Art & Beautification Committee for their help. Thank you to our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sponsors for their support.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

## AUGUST SHABBAT SERVICES

### Shabbat Service

Friday, August 4  
6:30 p.m.

### No Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 5

### Hot Topics Shabbat Service A Conversation About Recycling

Friday, August 11  
6:30 p.m.

**Lay Leaders:** Ronnie & Norm Greenberg  
**Speaker:** Shelby Nichter of the Allen County Department of Environmental Management  
Oneg Shabbat follows

### Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 12  
9:45 a.m.

Lay leader: Ron Friedman

### Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat With Musician ShirLaLa

Friday, August 18  
5:30 to 6 p.m.

Followed by BBQ Hosted by ROMEOS

### Shabbat Service with Shira Kline

Friday, August 18  
6 p.m. BBQ Hosted by the ROMEOS  
7:15 p.m. Service outdoors  
8:30 p.m. Dessert

### Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 19  
9:45 a.m.

### Shabbat Service & Baby Naming

Friday, August 25  
6:30 p.m.

### No Shabbat Service

Saturday, August 26

Please join us in person or via livestream for worship services.

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



## HIGH HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE

Erev Rosh Hashanah begins on Friday, September 15. See page 10-12 for the [holiday schedule of services](#) and events.

## 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.

### Havdalah & Community Concert with Shira Kline Saturday, August 19

6:30 p.m.  
Dinner – 5:30 p.m. at the Temple  
(\$10 per person for adults and children 7 and up; \$5 for ages 4-6; no charge age 3 and under; RSVP by August 11)

### Hilarie Couture Art Exhibit & Panel Discussion

Sunday, August 20  
Noon at the UU -  
Art Exhibit and reception  
1:30 p.m. at the Temple  
Meet the artist, panel, reception

### Preparing for the Yamim Nora'im (Days of Awe)

Tuesday, August 22  
7 p.m. on Zoom  
RSVP by Thursday, August 17

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### Thoughtful Thursdays

Wednesday, September 6  
10 a.m. at the Temple

### NEIJGS Meet Your Mishpocha Fort Wayne Jewish Family Day

Sunday, September 10  
10:30 a.m. at the Temple  
11 a.m. Meteorologist Greg Shoup will speak on his newfound Jewish roots

## OCTOBER EVENTS

### Corned Beef Prep Night

Wednesday, October 18  
6 to 9 p.m.

### Corned Beef Fundraiser

Thursday, October 19  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Temple Book Club

Tuesday, October 24  
7 p.m. on Zoom

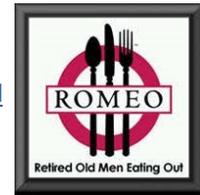
## ONGOING EVENTS

### Mah Jongg Open Play

We are on summer break from regular play. Check back for more information.

### Lunch with the ROMEOS

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



### Thursday, August 3

Club Soda  
235 E. Superior St.

### Thursday, August 17

The Han Dynasty  
6401 W. Jefferson Blvd.

[Find the lunch schedule](#)



## SHABBAT SERVICES MOVE TO 7:30 P.M. STARTING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Summer service schedule continue at 6:30 p.m. through Labor Day Weekend.

## TRAFFIC NOTES

Old Mill Road will be closed near Foster Park, from Rudisill Boulevard to West Foster Parkway, until September 29.



## Rabbi Meir Bargeron:

### STAR TREK: A JEWISH UNIVERSE?

As August comes in, the summer season is beginning to feel finite. The days are growing just a bit shorter, and it won't be long until the Hebrew calendar month of Elul begins, counting us down to the Days of Awe.

I hope you will forgive me if I want to hold on to the pace of summer for just a little while longer. I've used this slower time to catch up on movies I've wanted to see and books that I've been meaning to read. And I also have been having a bit of a binge-watching reunion with the legendary TV series *Star Trek*. And this month, I want to use the column to muse on the connections between *Star Trek*, a towering classic in popular culture, and — what else? — Jewish tradition.



Image: space.com

For starters, *Star Trek's* (I'm referring to the 1966-69 original series unless otherwise noted), two central characters, [Capt. James T. Kirk](#) and [First Officer Spock](#) were portrayed by Jewish actors, William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy. It was Nimoy who introduced a [Jewish hand symbol](#) to the series, as he suggested that the gesture he first saw going to Orthodox Shabbat services when he was a child would work very well as the [Vulcan greeting/departure salute](#).

There are a number of ideas that were promoted in *Star Trek's* stories that have clear analogs in Jewish tradition:

**The Pursuit of Peace and Justice:** The Federation, the confederation of a number of worlds, including Earth, is characterized by its commitment to universal peace and justice. "Shalom (peace) and "Tzedek" (justice) are foundational to our Jewish ethical system, and the act of righting a wrong, "Tikkun Olam."

**Embracing Diversity:** *Star Trek's* diverse cast of characters from various species and backgrounds exemplifies the principle of unity in diversity. In Judaism, the belief in the inherent worth of every individual, regardless of their background or nationality, is deeply rooted in the idea that each person is created in the image of God.

**The Search for Meaning and Truth:** *Star Trek* often explores philosophical and ethical dilemmas, reflecting on the meaning of existence and the nature of truth. Similarly, Jewish tradition places a strong emphasis on the pursuit of wisdom and understanding, with generations of sages engaging in extensive debates in Mishnah and Talmud to uncover deeper meanings within religious texts.

**Hope for a Better Future:** *Star Trek's* optimistic vision of the future aligns with the Jewish concept of hope and anticipation of a future world that perfectly reflects our values. In liberal Judaism, there is a belief in the eventual coming of the [Messianic age](#), a time of peace and spiritual enlightenment.

Part of the magic of *Star Trek*, and the reason for its enduring popularity in TV, film, and books, is that the universe it portrays feels consequential. I think this is no accident! A number of the original series' actors, writers, directors and producers were Jewish, and this continues to be true in the subsequent iterations of *Star Trek*. The universe they built feels like a place and a time where Jews can feel at home.



### HOT TOPICS SHABBAT: LET'S TALK ABOUT RECYCLING

Announcing something we all need to hear — our [Hot Topics Shabbat](#) on Friday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. will feature a conversation on Recycling. What can be recycled, what is trash, and how to know the difference?

Services will be led by Ronnie & Norm Greenberg. The evening will feature a presentation by Shelby Nichter of the Allen County Department of Environmental Management, followed by a Rapid-Fire Q&A hosted by Social Action Committee Chair Rena Black. Rena will show Shelby numerous items and find out if they are "in" or "out."

For some time, the City of Fort Wayne and Allen County had different rules on recycling. Happily, they recently combined forces and made the rules the same throughout the County, inside city limits and outside.

Congregants are encouraged to ask their own questions concerning what is acceptable at-the-curb pickup and what to do with the things that aren't. If you have questions about specific items, bring them along! It promises to be a fun exchange with our featured speaker. An Oneg Shabbat will follow.



### SHARE SHABBAT AND BABY NAMING CEREMONY

Please join us for [Shabbat and a simcha](#) at our service on Friday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m. when we celebrate the baby naming of Juniper Joy Laemmle, daughter of Cori & Douglas "Ty" Laemmle. She was born on October 14, 2022.

Mazel tov to Juniper, her parents, and brother Rowan. The Laemmles joined our Temple family in February.



### LIFELONG LEARNING: PREPARING FOR THE DAYS OF AWE

Expand your Jewish knowledge by joining us for [lifelong learning](#) classes that include a variety of Jewish study topics with Rabbi Meir Bargeron. Join us on Tuesday, August 22 at 7

p.m. on Zoom for [Preparing for the Yamim Nora'im](#) (Days of Awe). The group will read some texts and reflect on their personal perspectives on facing the High Holy Days. Kindly RSVP by Thursday, August 17 to [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).

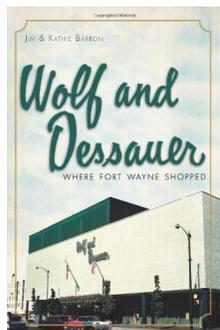
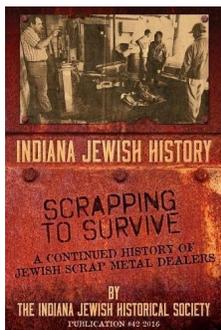
## CHECK OUT LOCAL HISTORY IN THE TEMPLE LIBRARY

.As we begin the celebration of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it might be a time to check out the local history options in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#). The definitive title in our collection is *The Emergence of a Jewish Community in Fort Wayne*, by Gideon M. Goldenholz, which covers the history of our congregation and the Jewish community. George Mather's *Frontier Faith: The Story of the Pioneer Congregations of Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1820-1860*, also includes the origins of Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

*Wolf and Dessauer: Where Fort Wayne Shopped*, by Jim Barron, is a history of the famous department store, founded and managed by the Wolf, Dessauer and Latz families, all members of our congregation. We also have Jason Smith's *Celebrate Fort Wayne: A Bicentennial Pictorial History of Fort Wayne* in our collection, as well as Betty Stein's *By the Way, the Columns of Betty E. Stein*.

Along with these books, our library has a full collection of publications from the Indiana Jewish Historical Society. The full

set is part of our Reference collection, to be used on-site. But duplicates are available for checkout. These issues cover everything from the scrap metal industry to the biography of Minette Baum by Harriet Miller.



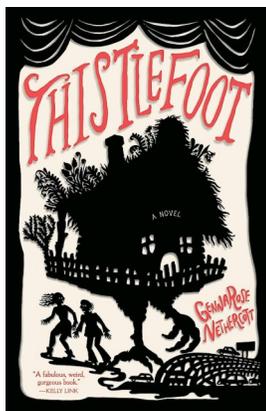
Other history titles that might be of interest include Hasia R. Diner's *Roads Taken: The Great Jewish Migrations to the New World and the Peddlers Who Forged the Way*. Though it covers peddlers around the world, the merchant immigrant experience is completely relevant to our history in Fort Wayne. If you're interested in GUCI, check out *GUCI at Fifty: Alumni Memories from Camp*. And Dan Rottenberg's *Middletown Jews* focuses on the history of Muncie, Indiana.

Whatever your historical interest, we hope you'll check out what our library has to offer. Whenever you're in the building, self-checkout is available at the library desk. [Find our full collection](#)

## TEMPLE BOOK CLUB TITLES ANNOUNCED FOR 2023-2024

Our Temple Book Club will read two highly-acclaimed books and meet with their authors on Zoom through the [Jewish Book Council's](#) LiveChat program.

On Tuesday, October 24 at 7 p.m., we'll discuss *Thistlefoot*, by GennaRose Nethercott. The author is a writer and a folklorist, and this fantasy saga is rich in Jewish myth and Eastern European folklore. Named one of the best books of the 2022 by NPR, the *Wall Street Journal*, and others, it was also a Jewish Fiction Award nominee.



From Wendy Smith of *The Washington Post*, "Steeped in the ancient tropes of folk tales and animated by a passionate belief in the vital role of storytelling, GennaRose Nethercott's first novel builds on her work as a folklorist and poet... Gorgeously written... riveting and moving."

In the spring on Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m., we'll discuss *The Latecomer: A Novel* by Jean Hanff Korelitz. It also

was named one of the best books of 2022 by NPR, as well as by the *New Yorker* and others. The novel follows the story of triplets born to a wealthy, Jewish family in New York, the Oppenheimers. It follows the relationship of the siblings when their parents decide to have a fourth child.

From Ron Charles of *The Washington Post*, "By the time we're done with these siblings, their lives have been turned inside out, and all their stored-up junk and secret treasures have been sorted, culled and curated for this immensely enjoyable sojourn with a truly memorable family."

Both authors will join us virtually to discuss their work, thanks to the arrangements of the Jewish Book Council. The titles are available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#). Zoom links will be included in the Temple's weekly emails. We hope you will consider reading these two books and joining our discussion.



## ROMEOS BEGIN NEW YEAR OF LUNCH AND SCHMOOZE

The [ROMEOS](#) (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will begin a new year of twice-monthly lunches on Thursday, August 3 at noon at Club Soda, continuing a tradition launched in 2012 when the guys started gathering to share stories, meals, and friendship.

Their social time has expanded over the years to include supporting congregational events in big ways – including this coming year as hosts of the Break-the-Fast, Hanukkah dinner, and Second Seder. Led by Denny Reynolds, the ROMEOS also are hosting the BBQ on August 18 before our musical Shabbat service with Shira Kline and volunteering in October at the Corned Beef Fundraiser.



The ROMEOS will continue to meet for regular lunches together most months on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. To find out more or join the chaverim, please contact Denny Reynolds at [dennisreynolds@me.com](mailto:dennisreynolds@me.com). [Find the 2023-2024 schedule](#)

# Youth News

## PREPARING FOR A NEW YEAR OF JEWISH LEARNING FOR TEMPLE YOUTH

We're excited to kick off another great year of **KESHER** ("connection") programming for our Temple youth by gathering together on Sunday, October 1 at 10:30 a.m. for our annual Pizza in the Hut Sukkot Celebration! All families are welcome for this fun-filled morning when we decorate the sukkah, learn about the holiday, and enjoy a pizza brunch. Please RSVP to the Temple office as we get closer.

We're preparing all of our registration materials for our this year's upcoming programs, which will include a range of incredible in-person and virtual experiences for youth of all ages, as summarized here:

Age Range	Program	Schedule
0+	JoyVey! Shabbat programs	In Person, Monthly
0+	KESHER programs	In Person at Holidays
Kindergarten-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mitzvot programs	In Person, Twice per Month
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade-7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	B'Mitzvah Club	In Person, Twice per Month
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade-7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Hebrew School	Online, Weekly
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade-9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Advot programs	In Person, Once per Month
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Confirmation programs	TBD

Registration will go live in early August for all programs. Classes start Sunday, October 15. Please watch for more details via the weekly Temple email and in September's Bulletin.

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").

Stephanie Gottesman and Kate Crell are heading up our party planning team and would love to have your help organizing and staffing several of our holiday programs throughout the coming year. Please reach out to Religious School Committee Chair Leise Rosman at [educator@templecav.org](mailto:educator@templecav.org) if you are interested in helping out with one or more of our community celebrations!



**TEMPLE  
RELIGIOUS  
SCHOOL**

### ENROLLMENT WILL BEGIN SOON FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

We're looking forward to beginning a new year of [Religious School](#) on Sunday, October 15 for children in pre-Kindergarten (age 4+ by September 1) through high school. Families must be members of the congregation to enroll children.

[Enrollment materials and more information](#) will be available in early August at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org).

Kindly complete prior to the first day of class. Questions? Please contact Religious School Committee Chair Leise Rosman at [educator@templecav.org](mailto:educator@templecav.org).



**HAPPY CAMPERS—** Rabbi Meir offered a blessing on June 2 for children who were going to Jewish summer camp.

The kids, who attended Goldman Union Camp Institute, Camp Ramah, and/or Camp Joe Levine, told him they looked forward to lots of fun activities, including swimming and bunk night with their friends.



**CONGRATS TO OUR GRADS!** - On June 9, Rabbi Meir offered a blessing for Noah Gephart and Sam Katinsky in honor of their high school graduation..

Noah was an active volunteer assisting in our Religious School and Sam regularly helped running our Zoom for Shabbat services.

Mazel tov to Noah and his parents, Betsy & Geoff Gephart, and Sam and his parents, Nola & Matthew Katinsky.

## 175<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS A BUSY YEAR

Congregants gathered in person and online on June 7 for Achduth Vesholom's 175th Annual Meeting, electing [new Board members](#), reviewing changes to the leadership structure, and approving the budget for the coming year.

President Ronnie Greenberg presided over the assembly of Indiana's oldest Jewish congregation, which for a fourth year generated greater participation through technology. About 35 congregants joined us in the Social Hall, with an additional 15 "screens" of attendees on Zoom.

We learned about the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season of events, updates to the Temple's livestreaming capability, and status of the transition with the former Congregation B'nai Jacob.

### President's Report

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

- **A new seven-year contract with Rabbi Meir Bargeron** through June 30, 2030. She said the length of the contract gives Rabbi Meir and his husband, Jon Tam, time to settle into their new home and gives the congregation the security of knowing that we will have the services of a spiritual leader that we have grown to value, respect and like. She thanked John Stein and Dan Zweig for working with Rabbi Meir on details of the contract.
- **A Member Engagement Survey** by a committee led by Wendy & Micah Soltz to help us continue to improve the work the Temple and how we engage our members.
- **Sharing a moment of silent reflection and appreciation** to remember Rabbi Emeritus Richard B. Safran and long-time Facilities Manager Clint Rossiter, both of blessed memory, who died in the past year.
- **Adopting a new governance model** with the assistance of consultant Don Gulbrandsen of Empower Nonprofit Consulting in Indianapolis. Through board training, we developed a "partnership model" with three pillars of leadership. The Board, the Rabbi, and the Executive Director each lead one area, serving as equal partners with assigned tasks, committees and responsibilities. This change is expected to allow the Temple President to spend less time on day-to-day issues and more time on big picture issues; help us attract future leaders; and make better use of our professionals.
- **New job descriptions for all staff were written and salaries were adjusted** as necessary as part of the new governance structure. Next steps include revising the personnel handbook to reflect changes and revisit our bene-

fits. Dan Zweig will be heading a task force to work on the handbook.

- **Crafting vision, values and mission statements for the congregation.** Board members Juli Dominguez and Leise Rosman wrote the guidelines and led the discussion.
- **Revised structure of Holocaust Education Committee to come together with the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and Purdue Fort Wayne's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.** Effective July 1, a steering committee will be in effect for Holocaust education and commemoration in Fort Wayne, called *Zachor* (Remember). This measure will increase efficiency by streamlining our efforts, avoiding any duplication, and better coordinate fundraising. The committee will be convened by the Federation, with two standing co-chairs to represent the Temple and IHGS. Programming-specific subcommittees will plan programs, such as the Holocaust Symposium, Yom Hashoah, and Confronting the Shoah.
- **The celebration of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** will include many interesting and educational programs. She thanked Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig for chairing this huge undertaking



### Transition with Congregation B'nai Jacob

At last year's Annual Meeting, Ronnie reported that three new funds were created at the Temple with monies designated by the CBJ Transition Board: the B'nai Jacob Conservative Judaism Fund (\$72,000), the Rabbi Kornspan Tzedakah Fund (\$50,000), and a contribution to the Temple's General Operating Fund (\$135,000).

Three additional allocations were made in the past year: a Torah Maintenance Fund (\$50,000), an allocation to the ROMEOS (\$9,000); and an allocation for benches in the courtyard and maintenance of the Yahrzeit Sculpture (\$8,000).

Ronnie said that the Temple recently learned that the final monies from CBJ have been distributed, with approximately \$13,000 more allocated to CAV for the Torah Maintenance Fund. CBJ has now ceased to be an active entity, she said, which will become official with the State of Indiana at the next nonprofit filing deadline.

She thanked Transition Board members Mark Schneider, Josh Tourkow, Jay Zemmol, Brandon Roberts and Ellen Tom for their hard work and perseverance.

### The Year Ahead

Ronnie reported that a Bylaws Task Force will be created to review the rules governing our congregation and make any necessary updates related to our governance changes. She would like to aim for a special meeting in the winter for the membership to improve any proposed changes.

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*Installation of the Board of Directors for 2023-2024*

## ANNUAL MEETING (FROM PAGE 6)

### Rabbi's Report

Rabbi Meir Bargeron said the past year has been one of accelerated returning as the pandemic receded. Two positive outcomes of the past three years include the use of Zoom and remote streaming. He said we found we liked it (most of the time) and that we couldn't do without it. The second it that we rediscovered how much we like to be together, embracing the change with great enthusiasm.

During the High Holy Days last year, he said, we came together as an entire congregation for Erev Rosh Hashanah. "It was a very special moment, and I heard from many of you who found coming together to be very meaningful," he said. Based on that experience, he said, we'll hold all-congregation services this year for Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre, with Cantor Yael Fischman returning. Hazemir will be singing through the High Holy Days.

Last September, we added to our Shabbat programming with Joy Vey. On the second Friday of the month, a group of 2- to 8-year-olds with their older siblings and adults gather for a family-focused entry into Shabbat. Rabbi Meir said what began as an experiment has turned



into a wonderful opportunity for young Jewish families to come together at Temple. He thanked Wendy Soltz, Amy Krouse, and Kate Crell for bringing the idea to life, and Stephanie Gottesman and Sam Krouse for co-leading and making wonderful music.

Rabbi Meir also shared that the Temple will be donating a Torah scroll to Goldman Union Camp

Institute during our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend.

He said he also wanted to thank the congregation for extending his contract and for being so welcoming to him and Jon. He shared a note he sent to the Board, which included the following:

"The relationship between a congregation and its rabbi is a sacred one. In Pirkei Avot it is written, "Make for yourself a rabbi, acquire for yourself a friend, and judge every person as meritorious." (1:6) We are each called to seek out one another to be teachers and friends, to support each other in our collective journeys to become the most fully realized creations that we can be. And in order to do this, we must look first for the very best in each other.

"I am blessed every day that I am a rabbi and that my rabbinate has brought me to Congregation Achduth Vesholom. Together we will continue to create a beautiful Jewish future in Fort Wayne."

### Executive Director's Report

Samara Sheray, who has served as our Executive Director for six years, reported on several topics, including:

- **Major improvements to our livestreaming capability** have been completed in the Sanctuary, Goldstine-B'nai Jacob Chapel and Social Hall. The congregation approved a \$120,000 upgrade at the 2022 Annual Meeting. She said

that we are still getting used to the new equipment, which is dynamic and elaborate. She thanked Denny Reynolds and Sam Katinsky for their help in the past year assisting her in running Zoom.

- **The City of Fort Wayne will install a lift station in the northwest corner of our property.** Samara said the start date is not known. Once the project begins, we will temporarily be unable to use the north driveway. The majority of the stormwater pump station will be underground and not visible or audible. She said the Temple also contracted with the city for permanent utility easements and an additional location for a temporary construction easement. The Temple received \$29,035 for the agreement. In addition, the city will install a new 6-foot cedar private fence along our north property line, improve the vegetation in the area, and restore our north driveway when the project is completed.
- **Our 2022 Corned Beef Fundraiser was our most successful to date,** with sales of almost 2,000 meals and 150 lbs. of extra meat sold. We raised \$24,000 for the Temple. The 21<sup>st</sup> sale will be on Thursday, October 19. If you would like to help with the fundraiser this year, please contact Chair Micah Soltz or the Temple office.
- **The Temple received another Nonprofit Security Grant in September from FEMA & Homeland Security.** The \$150,000 grant will be used to further fortify our campus against an attack. These improvements will be completed before August 2025
- **Changes have recently been made to the Goldman Memorial Museum** in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center, with a new wall display of Jewish holidays and an updated history timeline. QR codes have been included with the holidays to provide an opportunity to learn more.

### 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report

Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig, who co-chair the [175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary](#) Committee, explained that the goal of the celebration is to provide a variety of events to stimulate congregational interest, build community, forge new friendships and partnerships, and raise funds that will support most of the Temple's programming for the coming year and beyond. "We want both to honor our heritage and embrace our future as a vibrant Jewish congregation," Beth said.

### Financial Report

Vice President-Finance John Stein reported a planned deficit in the 2023-2024 budget between \$5,000 and \$10,000, which was approved at the Annual Meeting.

Our current financial statement shows us in the black, but we still estimate that by June 30 we will have a deficit. Our Endowment Fund balance as of May 31, 2023 was \$2,908,000, approximately the same as last year.

When we asked for approval last year to fund the livestreaming project, John said, we suggested that we would seek grants from foundations to offset part of the cost of \$110,000.

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## ANNUAL MEETING (FROM PAGE 7)

We received two grants, one from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for just under \$25,000 and another from the Dr. Louis A. and Anne B. Schneider Foundation for \$30,000. We are grateful for their participation.

“For the past several years, we have presented deficit budgets for approval,” John said. “The ‘why’ is simple. Our expenditures exceed our anticipated revenues. The solution is a bit more elusive, but the finance committee has been working on the ‘how’ to change this imbalance. The work will continue in the new fiscal year and we hope to have some new ideas for review.”

John presented a listing of our largest anticipated sources of income by percentage:

- Dues (estimated) 38.5%
- Endowment fund revenue stream 29.6%
- Facility/Rental income 11.4%
- Fundraiser, corned beef 3.7%
- Income from CAV funds 3.7%
- General Operations contributions 2.6%

John added that he's pleased that we have had almost no resistance to the board approved cost of expenses/cost-of-living dues adjustment. He thanked everyone for their support.



### Outgoing Trustees

We thanked Trustees Larry Adelman, Mike Rush and Mark Schneider for their board service. In appreciation, each received a copy of *Pirkei Avot*, “Ethics of our Fathers.”

### L'dor Vador Legacy Society

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

She said we learned very recently that the Temple is expected to receive a generous bequest from the estate of Rabbi Emeritus Richard B. Safran's estate.

“Not only are we so very grateful for what Rabbi and his wife, Lois, meant to us during their lifetimes, but also for this anticipated gift to show us again how much this congregation and community meant to them,” Beth said. “We will treasure them and their memories as a blessing.”

Beth said that she and John Stein continue to talk to congregants about their interest in making planned gifts while they can see the fruits of their generosity. Others who may not be able to make a gift now are utilizing different financial planning options to ensure they can contribute to the Temple in the future. To date, 45 members and friends of Achduth Vesholom are part of our legacy society after formally indicating they've made arrangements for a gift.

### Scanning Project

Betsy Gephart, who chairs the Digitization Committee, said volunteers are needed to help scan a large number of materi-



Present and Past Presidents before the Annual Meeting

als that need to be preserved in our effort to create a digital copy of our congregational archive. Equipment and instructions are available in the Religious School office.

### International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies Conference

Betsy Gephart, president of the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society, shared with our members that Fort Wayne has been awarded the 2025 conference for the [International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies](#) on August 10-14. This is the first time the conference is being held in a midsize city and it's expected to draw from 800-1,000 Jewish genealogists from around the world.

Betsy said Visit Fort Wayne estimates the project will have almost a \$1 million economic impact locally. Irv Adler is our local chair. She asked everyone to mark their calendars and plan to volunteer. More information will be coming.

## NEW BOARD ELECTED 2023-2024

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

### OFFICERS

*Elected to an additional 1-year term ending in June 2024*

**President:** Ronnie Greenberg

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

**Vice President Programs:** Beth Zweig

**Vice President Finance:** John Stein

**Secretary:** Amy Krouse

### TRUSTEES (Elected to 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

## BETSY GEPHART RECEIVES BROSLER VOLUNTEER AWARD

Betsy Gephart has an impressive resume of Temple involvement over the years, from her earliest days making music while wearing a wig for a Beatles-themed Purim spiel to chairing the committee that's currently overseeing the digitization of congregational records.

But the area she's most passionate about - and known for - is her role with our [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#). Not only has she served for many years as our librarian, chair of the Library Committee, and coordinator of the Temple Book Club, but she has overseen an impressive transformation of this wonderful congregational resource.

Betsy began volunteering in the library when her two children started Religious School, typing up information for the card catalog. When the library later moved to interim quarters in 2014 prior to its current location, she ran Sunday morning library sessions from the former Temple Gift Shop in the lobby, reading to kids with selections available from a book cart.

And Betsy added fresh volumes in 2016 through an innovative "Betty's 100 Books program" that was a tribute to Betty Stein on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and a way to restart interest in our collection. And she had a vision for the library - story pit and all - as part of its new home in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center in 2017.

In recognition of her active involvement for more than 30 years, Betsy received the William Brosler Award for Outstanding Volunteerism in June at the Temple's 175<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

In presenting the award, Board Member Beth Zweig said Betsy has been described as "dedicated, reliable, conscientious, capable, creative, and committed, an individual who has a strong connection to Judaism and to making experiences at Achduth Vesholom as meaningful as possible." She said that Betsy's husband, Geoff Gephart, noted that nothing has been as longstanding or ongoing as Betsy's involvement with the Temple.



Betsy has shared her leadership skills on Religious School, Ritual, Board Development, Adult Education, Digitization, and Mah Jongg, to name a few. She's served on the Temple Board and on the Executive Committee as our Program Vice President.

"This has been a wonderful, welcoming community for me," Betsy said. "To be honest, I've always just done what sounded interesting and I'm honored and humbled to be among the winners of this award."

Highlighting Betsy's many contributions, Beth said that Betsy also is committed to her family and family history. For many years, she's written a book annually for her children, Noah, 18, and Grace, 17, about a different aspect of their family's history.

She also helped found the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society in April 2018 with Irv Adler and Curt Witcher, director of the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library. Betsy is president of the NEIJGS, a Rifkin Campus partner of the Temple. Using her research and tech skills, Betsy has developed a database of Fort Wayne Jewish Families with more than 7,300 individuals on the tree.

A native of Toledo, Betsy received her Bachelors and Masters of Music degrees from the University of Michigan. She moved to Fort Wayne from South Bend in 1989 to play violin with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

In recent years, Betsy played during Violins of Hope and will be playing with a string quartet for the Temple's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 12.

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

## SHIRA KLINE – DINNER ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Dinner on Saturday, August 19 includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, cookie, and a drink. Kindly RSVP online by Friday, August 11. Cost is \$10 per person for adults and children age 7 and up; \$5 for children 4-6; and no charge for children 3 and under. [Find out more about the 175th Anniversary](#)

### Thank you to:

- The Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and our Joy Vey families for sponsoring Shira Kline's visit
- Denny Reynolds and the ROMEOs for hosting the barbeque
- 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Music Subcommittee members Rabbi Meir, Kathy Sider, Norm Greenberg, Samara Sheray, Marcia Reynolds, Stephanie Gottesman
- Joy Vey Coordinator Wendy Soltz
- Saturday Dinner Chair Stephanie Gottesman



### 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Co-Chairs Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig

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

## HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE 5784 (2023)



### Selichot Service

Saturday, September 9  
7:30 p.m.

### Cemetery Services

Sunday, September 10  
1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery  
2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery

### Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Friday, September 15  
7:30 p.m. All Congregation Service  
Reception follows

### Rosh Hashanah (First Day)

Saturday, September 16

#### Conservative Services

8:30 a.m. - Shacharit  
10 a.m. Torah service with D'var Torah  
11 a.m. Musaf

10 a.m. - Reform Service

Noon - All-Congregation Tashlich at [Foster Park West, Winchester Road](#)

### Rosh Hashanah, Second Day

Sunday, September 17

#### Conservative Services

8:30 a.m. - Shacharit  
10 a.m. Torah service with D'var Torah  
11 a.m. Musaf

### Shabbat Shuvah Services

Friday, September 22  
7 p.m. Memorial Plaque Dedication  
7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 23  
at 9:45 a.m.

### Erev Yom Kippur Services

Sunday, September 24  
7:15 p.m. Mincha  
8 p.m. All Congregation Kol Nidre Service

### Yom Kippur Services

Monday, September 25

#### Conservative Services

8:30 a.m. Shacharit Service  
10 a.m. - Torah, Haftorah, D'var Torah, Yizkor  
11:30 a.m. Musaf  
2:30 p.m. Learning program (MRRC)  
6 p.m. Mincha  
7 p.m. - Neilah  
8:23 p.m. - Havdalah  
Break-the-Fast follows

#### Reform Services

10 a.m. Morning Service  
2:30 p.m. - Afternoon Learning (MRRC)  
4 p.m. - Yizkor (Memorial) Service  
5 p.m. - Neilah (Concluding) Service  
Break-the-Fast follows

### Erev Shabbat & Sukkot Services

Friday, September 29  
7:30 p.m., followed by a Nosh in the Sukkah

### Shabbat & Sukkot Service\*

Saturday, September 30  
9:45 a.m., followed by a Nosh in the Sukkah  
\*Expect Fort4Fitness traffic delays

### Erev Simchat Torah, Consecration & Yizkor

Sunday, October 8  
4 p.m.

## BEGIN SACRED SEASON ON SELICHOT

For centuries, Jews have gathered in synagogues on Saturday evening near Rosh Hashanah to prepare for the sacred season of self-scrutiny and renewal on [Selichot](#). The word comes from the Hebrew for "forgiveness" and "pardon."



Continue the tradition with us on Saturday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple or via livestream on Zoom or [YouTube](#).

Please join us for Havdalah, help change the Torah covers to white for the New Year, and begin the holiday season with meditative prayer and readings, led by Rabbi Meir Bargeron.

[What is Selichot?](#)

## SWEETS, TREATS, AND MORE NEEDED

Please volunteer to help and to bake for the Rosh Hashanah Reception following our service on Friday, September 15.

Baked goods are needed at the Temple no later than Thursday, September 14. Items may be put in the freezer, but please mark them for the reception including your name.



Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up. Please contact the Temple office to offer your assistance at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org). Thank you to Dawn Hammond and Amy Krouse for chairing the reception!

## TWO TRADITIONS COME TOGETHER AS ONE DURING EVENING HOLIDAY SERVICES

Please join us next month when we welcome the New Year 5784 as a community, with both Reform and Conservative *minyanim* worshipping together as one congregation on [Erev Rosh Hashanah](#) on Friday, September 15 and, for the first time, on [Kol Nidre](#) on Sunday, September 24.

[Rabbi Meir Barger](#) will lead the services, weaving together aspects of both liturgical traditions to inspire new insights during this time of reflection, forgiveness, and renewal.

He'll be joined by [Cantor Yael Fischman](#), who returns as our guest clergy for a second year to lead Conservative worship on the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah and the Day of Atonement.

[Maestro Robert Nance](#) will join us throughout the holidays for evening and Reform services. Hazemir, under the direction of John Planer, will sing during some services.



Our annual New Year's Reception will provide an opportunity for our Temple family to share good wishes and enjoy a delicious nosh. The ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will host Break-the-Fast meals after both concluding services on Yom Kippur.

Plan to join us in person or via livestream throughout the Days of Awe.

## SUPPORT TEMPLE WITH HIGH HOLY DAYS DONATION

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

Please consider being a "sponsor" of Achduth Vesholom's High Holy Days 5784. Your generous gift will be used for needs during the holidays and beyond, from replenishing the floral fund to assisting with security, music, technology, and congregational events.

Sponsors who donate \$54 or more by Tuesday, September 5 will be recognized in our holiday announcements.

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

We're proud to be one congregation with two worship traditions. Whether your customary gift is through sponsoring

*aliyot* during Conservative services or your annual donation contributes to other congregational needs, we value and appreciate your assistance.



We have several ways to give:

[Donate online](#) and choose "High Holy Days" on the dropdown menu. Please indicate if your gift is "in honor of" or "in memory of" a special person, or celebrates an occasion.

For *aliyot* during our Conservative service, please contact Josh Tourkow at [jtourkow@tcrlaw.com](mailto:jtourkow@tcrlaw.com). (To donate online, choose "High Holy Days – Aliyot" on the dropdown menu and indicate if your gift is "in honor of" or "in memory of" a special person, or celebrates an occasion.)

Send a check payable to "CAV- The Temple" to sponsor the High Holy Days (5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807).

## CEMETERY SERVICES SET ON SEPT. 10

Memorial services will be held Sunday, September 10 at 1 p.m. at [Lindenwood Cemetery](#) and 2:30 p.m. at [Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery](#). Join Rabbi Meir for the traditional *El Maleh Rachmim* and *Kaddish* prayers, along with the appropriate psalms, poetry and prayers.

## REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES



If you wish to have a loved one's name included during memorial services on Yom Kippur, please provide information to the Temple office by Tuesday, September 19. Call us at (260) 744-4245 or email at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).

Join us for memorial services in person or via livestream on Zoom or [YouTube](#) on Monday, September 25 at 10 a.m. during our Conservative service or 4 p.m. during our Reform service.

## JOIN US FOR BREAK-THE-FAST, HOSTED BY THE ROMEOS

The [ROMEOs](#) (Retired Old Men Eating Out) are preparing a delicious [break-the-fast meal](#) for the congregation following both Reform and Conservative services on Monday, September 25. Everyone is invited for tuna salad, egg salad, bagel, lox, herring in wine sauce, herring in sour cream, cheese blintzes, fresh fruit and other delicacies.



Reservations are required to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Tuesday, September 19 so that we can prepare enough food and seating. Thanks to the generosity of the ROMEOs, there is no charge. However, cash donations gladly will be accepted to help offset the costs.

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

## CANTOR FISCHMAN TO LEAD CONSERVATIVE HOLIDAY WORSHIP

We look forward to welcoming Cantor Yael Fischman for a second year to lead our Conservative services for the High Holy Days.

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

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

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



Many years, a husband, two daughters, and several cats later, she is still determined to follow where she is called.

When not substituting for the Hazzan or teaching at Mishkan Torah Congregation in Greenbelt, MD, Cantor Fischman uses her hands to create beautiful beaded wire kippot, wall hangings and earrings which connect people with their spirituality through natural design, in homage to the Artist of the Creation. You can see her work on her website, [www.renaissancewomankippot.org](http://www.renaissancewomankippot.org).



## HELP WELLSRING THROUGH HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Once again this year Congregation Achduth Vesholom is raising funds and food to benefit the clients of our partner organization, [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](http://Wellspring Interfaith Social Services), which serves people in need living in every corner of Fort Wayne. This year you can participate in one of three ways:

**Pick up a grocery bag from our lobby on Rosh Hashanah**, fill it with peanut butter, Minute Rice, instant potatoes, and/or paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.), and return it to the Temple on Yom Kippur.

**Order a case or cases** of your favorite peanut butter (16 oz. size), Minute Rice, or instant potatoes to be delivered directly to Wellspring, 1316 Broadway St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Request a card be included with your name and CAV's name.

**Write a check for any amount, from \$5 to \$500, payable to "Wellspring Interfaith Social Services."** Deposit it in the Tzedakah Box in our lobby from August through October-- or mail it to the Temple (5200 Old Mill Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46807) and we will forward it with other checks as a group to Wellspring.

Thank you for your generosity. This is our largest effort in a calendar year to assist those with less than we have. Please open your hearts and pockets again this year as you have for so many years. Questions? Contact the Temple office at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).

## VISITORS WELCOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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



Our High Holy Days services are open to all. Services are offered both in person and via livestream ([YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) and Zoom). We look forward to welcoming everyone. To receive information on how to access virtually on Zoom, please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).

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

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

## MACHZORIM FOR ONLINE SERVICES

Planning to attend High Holiday services online? The Temple's *machzorim* (holiday prayer books) are available for congregants to borrow for Reform and Conservative worship.



On Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre when both minyanim worship together, we will be using *Mishkan HaNefesh*, the Reform machzor.

For the best worship experience, we encourage you to borrow or purchase copies. If borrowing, members must follow guidelines for keeping the prayer books in great condition and return them no later than Friday, October 13. The borrower is responsible for replacement of any misplaced or damaged books at \$50 per copy. To make arrangements for borrowing, please contact the Temple office.



*Mishkan HaNefesh*, the Reform machzor - is available for purchase or in a Kindle ebook format. [Find out more](#)

*Mahzor Lev Shalem*, the Conservative machzor also may be purchased. [Find a book for purchase](#)

## HELP PURCHASE APPLES FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS FAMILIES

Help supply a bag of apples for each of the children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple through the 13<sup>th</sup> annual [Thoughtful Thursdays](#) Apple Project. This year Head Start is planning for an enrollment of 51 students.

Many of the students rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. We provide them with delicious Honeycrisp apples purchased from a local orchard.

This mitzvah is a wonderful way to prepare for the High Holy Days season! A tree will be on display at the Temple decorated with paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$10 or more for the apple project by Friday, September 30.

Donate online at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org). Indicate the amount of your donation, designate "Project Assist/Thoughtful Thursdays" and indicate the name you would like to appear on the apple for the tree. You may also mail checks made payable to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project.

The tree will be on display in the lobby and the apples will be added with the names you choose for each donation. Pictures of the tree will be posted on the Temple's Facebook page as it 'grows.'



## BAG ASSEMBLY TEAM BEGINS NEW YEAR IN SEPTEMBER

Thoughtful Thursdays will begin its 14<sup>th</sup> year on Wednesday, September 6 at 10 a.m. when our volunteers meet to assemble bags for the 51 children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple. Plan to join the Jewish community's teams as we continue to help the Brightpoint Head Start families in need.

Contact Sally Trotter ([sartrotter@gmail.com](mailto:sartrotter@gmail.com)) to learn more. Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).



## JOY VEY! A KID-ISH SUMMERTIME SHABBAT

Our families with young children celebrated Shabbat outdoors in June and July during our monthly "Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat" service at the Temple, enjoying delicious homemade challah and growing friendships! This month, our Joy Vey families will share a musical Shabbat on Friday, August 18 with guest ShirLaLa (see page 1).



## OUR EXCITEMENT'S SKY HIGH FOR CORNED BEEF ON RYE!

Get ready to savor delicious delicatessen when our 21<sup>st</sup> Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser returns on Thursday, October 19.

We're looking forward to topping last year's sales of nearly 2,000 delicious meals!

For your convenience, we're offering drive-thru pick up of all meals on Deli Day, along with a delivery option!

Boxed meals are \$18 each when ordered by Friday, October 6. After that date and at the door, meals are \$21 each. Each meal includes a heaping 1/3-pound corned beef sandwich on rye, giant pickle, creamy coleslaw, fudgy brownie, and a drink.

Order meals, become a sponsor, tell your friends about our mouthwatering meal, and volunteer your time!

Online ordering will begin Thursday, September 7 at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org). We've also got additional pounds of bulk corned beef for sale for \$20 per pound. Delivery service is available when you order 12 meals or more by Friday, October 6 for \$15 per address.

**Become a sponsor! Three sponsorship levels are available for donations made by Friday, October 6:**

**Become a gold sponsor with a donation of \$1,000 or more** to be recognized on an enclosure inside each of the boxed lunches, on our website, and in our paid Facebook advertising for the sale. You also can provide a coupon or small advertisement (limited to 3.5 x 5 inches with approved wording) to be included with each meal.

**Become a silver sponsor with a donation of \$500 to \$999** to be recognized on an enclosure inside each of the boxed lunches, on our website, and in our paid Facebook advertising for the sale.

**Become a bronze sponsor with a donation of \$100 or more** to be recognized on an enclosure inside each of the boxed lunches and on our website.

More information will be available soon at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org)



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAIL PREP

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 [21<sup>st</sup> Corned Beef Fundraiser](#).

Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) to say you can assist.

## PREP NIGHT & DELI DAY HELPERS

Mark your calendar to assist with the Temple's largest fundraiser coming soon! Helpers are needed on:

**Prep Night** — Wednesday, October 18 from 6 to 9 p.m.

**Deli Day** — Thursday, October 19, with shifts beginning at 9 a.m.

Please contact the Temple office to say you can assist.

## THANKS TO CORNED BEEF COMMITTEE:

Micah Soltz (chair), Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Bargeron, David Crell, Jamie Fritz, Scott Goldberg, Shai Hadashi, Sam Krouse, Amy Krouse, Marie McFadden, Lee Pomerantz, Denny Reynolds, Samara Sheray, Jon Tam, Steve Zacher, Mimi Zelman, and Beth Zweig



**HOLOCAUST SYMPOSIUM FOR TEACHERS** — *The Temple was pleased to be the lead sponsor and host of a Holocaust Symposium on June 13-14 to help support Indiana teachers of all levels educate students about the Holocaust and Holocaust-related events.*

*A collaboration between the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and PFW's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, the program was led by Dr. Steve Carr, director of IHGS, and Stella Schafer, a USHMM Teacher Fellow and Tippecanoe School Corp. ELA teacher.*

*Eleven teachers attended the program, which began with dinner and a presentation by Rabbi Meir Bargeron on "What is Judaism and What does it mean to be Jewish?"*

*Sessions included an open discussion of teaching concerns and issues; an overview of historical topics; eugenics; Indiana State Standards; web resources; and using history to introduce primary sources and to prompt student answers to complex questions.*

*Thank you to Chair Rena Black and the Holocaust Education Committee for their help.*





## A SHABBAT FILLED WITH PRIDE

In conjunction with Fort Wayne Pride, the Temple celebrated Pride Shabbat on July 21, bringing together our Temple family and guests from the larger community for a meaningful service, led by Rabbi Meir.

We shared readings and prayers inspired by the LGBTQ experience and gained insights from guest speaker Jeff Markley, Executive Director of the Northeast Indiana Positive Resource Connection.

After the service, we enjoyed colorful rainbow challah made by Jon Tam and Beth Zweig. The festive Oneg Shabbat hosted by Rabbi Meir & Jon Tam and Beth & Dan Zweig was filled with Pride, including special cake, cookies, and decorations.

Special thanks to Dawn Hammond for helping and taking these wonderful photos.



## 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.

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](mailto:office@templecav.org) to find out more about this effort.

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

Join us in the coming weeks on Friday evenings to enjoy this

## Guest Columnist Steven Greenberg

### I'M MARCHING TO JERUSALEM WITH 20,000+ PRO-DEMOCRACY ISRAELIS

July 21, 2023

The massive truck-mounted police water cannon pulled up alongside the kilometers-long line of protestors marching on the road to Jerusalem in 100-degree heat. Those familiar with the cannon from previous encounters were taken aback. Until, that is, the policeman driving the vehicle opened the door, greeted them, and turned on a gentle spray from his cannon to cool them down.

To recap, this is what's happening in Israel today: we remain in the throes of a largely peaceful struggle between the sane and democratically oriented population (water cannon drivers included) and a handful of racist, misogynistic, homophobic, messianic zealots and convicted criminals who were (regrettably) legally voted into office. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's extremist government is not pursuing what they call a 'limited judicial reform'. They are attempting to dismantle the system that gave them power, to achieve unlimited power. It is attempted *coup d'état*, in the very literal meaning of the term.

In an unprecedented move, U.S. President Biden this week publicly acknowledged the folly of the war that Netanyahu and his sycophants have declared on Israel's population and our institutions – most notably the judiciary but also the army and the media and the educational system and the social welfare system and arguably decency itself.

Like President Biden, the vast majority of Israel's population simply do not want the regime change the government is relentlessly trying cram down our throats. Surveys show that some 60% of Israel's citizens - right and left, religious and secular, those who voted for this government and those who did not - want Netanyahu to stand down.

The Israeli electorate does not want Netanyahu's coup. The country's key institutions do not want this coup. The lawyers,

doctors, hi-tech entrepreneurs, economists, heads of industry, banks and IDF reservists do not want this coup. Israel's friends in the international community do not want this coup. And frankly, much of the ruling coalition itself quietly realizes that the divisions the coup is exposing are far more strategically dangerous than any alleged wrongs possibly rightable by the 'reform'.

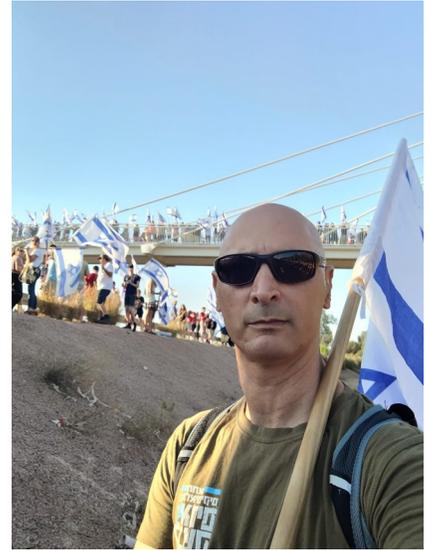
So, what does a population do when facing a hostile government hell-bent on acting against the economic, social and democratic interests of the electorate?

We rebel.

I got up at 04:00 today and spent the morning marching towards Jerusalem in 100-degree heat with over 20,000 other pro-democracy Israelis. This past week, I and tens of thousands of others closed my business for a day to legally deny tax revenue to the government. And I joined hundreds of thousands in twice-daily peaceful but determined protests, as I have weekly for the past 28 weeks.

Yesterday, hundreds of Israel Air Force pilots, Israel Defense Forces special forces, cyber warfare and other soldiers who serve on a volunteer basis collectively resigned their commissions. The healthcare system went on strike. The hi-tech sector that drives a third of our economy shut down. Hundreds of thousands of people were in the streets day and night - some (like me) just waving flags, and others blocking roads or shutting down train stations.

It is not an exaggeration to say that Israel is in chaos. The country has become ungovernable. Our parliament is not functioning. Our economy has been badly damaged. And in the true spirit of dictatorship, Benjamin Netanyahu, whose government remains impotent to stop the tsunami it unleashed, blames: the protestors, the CIA, President Biden, foreign interests, the EU, the media. Anyone but himself.



On Monday the government will likely pass the first nail in the coffin of Israeli democracy, which will eliminate judicial review – our most effective legislative check and balance mechanism. The bill that passes may be sufficiently watered down so as to make it ineffectual. It may actually be struck down by the very court it's aiming to hobble. And it's even possible that it may not pass, if just five members of the coalition government rediscover either their national conscience or their courage.

But here's what will not happen, and the primary reason I remain optimistic: The sane majority of Israel will never bow down to a petty tyrant. Decent Israelis of all backgrounds will not agree to be governed against our will. We will not stop protesting. Israel will remain, like the water cannon driver yesterday, of the people and for the people first. And most importantly, when the dust settles and Netanyahu and his cronies have slithered off the stage in disgrace – we will not be caught off guard again.

*Fort Wayne native Steven Greenberg is an Israel-based single dad and writer.*

*You can find his novels at <https://amzn.to/3JhReHE> and follow his Times of Israel blog at <https://bit.ly/3rKDH5z>.*

*He grew up at Achduth Vesholom and is the son of Ronnie & Norm Greenberg.*

# JEWISH CALENDAR AND HOLIDAYS PART OF NEW DISPLAY IN THE TEMPLE MUSEUM

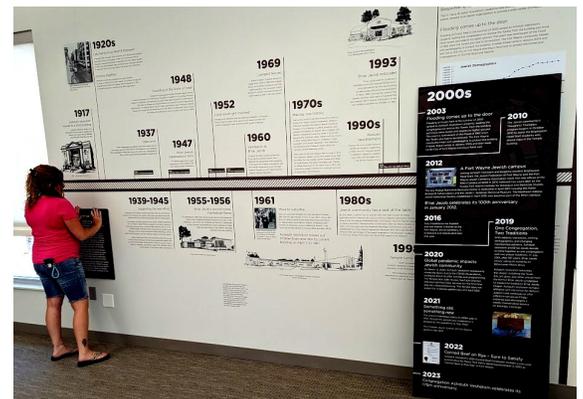
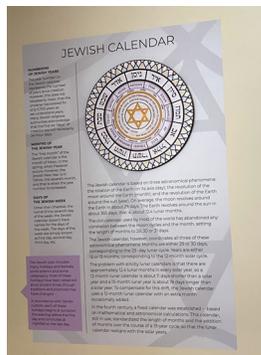
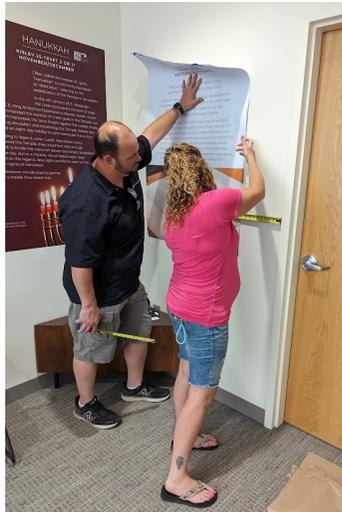
The next time you're in the [Madge Rothschild Resource Center](#), take a look at the new display about the Jewish calendar year and holidays that was installed recently as part of Goldman Memorial Museum.

Each panel includes a QR code for access to additional resources. Objects from the Temple collection will be added to the display in the coming months as we prepare for the 175th anniversary celebration weekend on Nov. 10-12.

The timeline of 200+ years of Jewish history in Northeast Indiana also was updated to include events since it was installed in 2017.

Thanks to our Museum team: Fran Adler, Wendy Soltz, John Stein, Beth Zweig, Executive Director Samara Sheray, and Rabbi Meir Bargeron

We also thank Amy Keller of Just Sue Graphic Design and GraphX for their assistance.



Save the date!

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Sunday September 10

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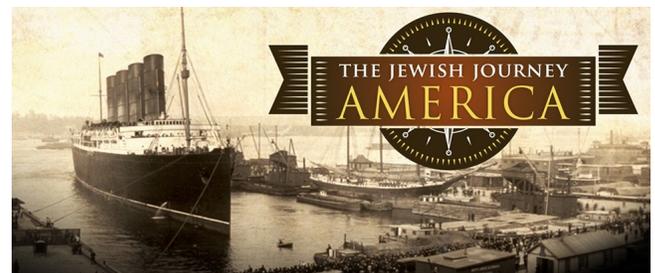
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**"JEWISH JOURNEY: AMERICA"**  
COMING IN AUGUST TO PBS39

Narrated by award-winning CBS News journalist Martha Teichner, *The Jewish Journey: America* will air on Sunday, August 13 at 6 p.m. and Monday, August 21 at 8 p.m. on PBS39. The showings are sponsored by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).

The documentary follows the trajectory of Jewish American life from the earliest arrivals in the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century through the impact of the Nazi regime in World War II, the creation of Israel, and the new challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> century assimilation. It also explores the personal stories many faced as they migrated to America, whether for economic opportunity or to escape persecution.

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



## FACES IN THE FORT INCLUDES CAV MEMBERS



The City of Fort Wayne honored the contributions of Temple members Harriet Miller & Monica Wehrle on July 20 in its "[Faces of the Fort](#)" public art series.

Artist Lyndy Bazile painted the multi-story mural at 310 West Berry Street.

The theme of this mural is "Equality," and it represents Harriet & Monica's years of community leadership in their work to found the

Women's Bureau, the Run Jane Run sports event featuring women athletes, and as plaintiffs in the 2014 Indiana marriage equality lawsuit.

The large group in attendance was a cross section of the communities in which Harriet & Monica made—and continue to make—a strong impact. A large group from the Temple was on hand to congratulate and celebrate with the honorees.

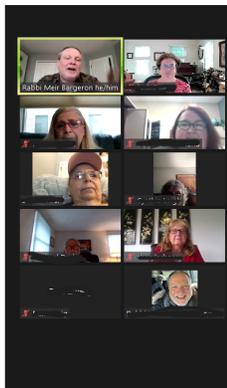
Mazel tov, Harriet & Monica!

## Jewish Questions Jewish Answers

With Rabbi Meir Bargeron



June 27, 2023



### AND THE ANSWER IS . . .

Rabbi Meir Bargeron presented a fascinating class called "Jewish Questions, Jewish Answers" on Tuesday evening, sharing insights on topics submitted in advance by the attendees.

These included: "What are the components of a Shabbat service?"; "Do I have to believe in God to be Jewish?"; "Is there an afterlife in Jewish tradition?"; "What is the Jewish view of the death penalty?"; "Why wasn't Moses allowed to enter the Promised Land?"; along with other questions about cemetery customs and tithing.

At the end of the session, the final question was, "Rabbi Meir, will you please offer this opportunity again?" And his answer is "yes!"

### MAZEL TOV TO:

**Carol & Larry Adelman** on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 27, 2023.

**Nancy & Michael Dicker** on the birth of their grandson, Eli Caleb Dicker, on June 7, 2023 in Indianapolis. Proud parents are Sarah & Corey Dicker; siblings are Talia and Ezra; and aunts and uncles, Libby & Alex Tyus and Aaron Dicker.



**Ron Friedman** on receiving the Goldie DuBow Award in June from the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. The award honors a Federation member who, through word and deed, has contributed to improving the quality of Jewish life within the greater Fort Wayne Jewish Community.

He is a Past President of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and Congregation B'nai Jacob. He currently leads services on Shabbat morning at the Temple.

### 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.



## JEWISH GENEALOGY PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED FOR 2023-2024

The [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) will present a variety of virtual and in-person programs in the coming year, all free and open to the public.



The season will open on **Sunday, September 10** at 10:30 a.m. with the 5th annual “Meet Your Mishpocha” open house at the Temple. The featured speaker at 10 a.m. is Meteorologist Greg Shoup, who will discuss the story of his newfound Jewish roots.

In addition to this presentation, which will also be offered virtually, attendees can learn more about tracing their family history, digitize family documents and photos, tour the NEIJGS Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database, and more.

**On Sunday, October 29**, Genealogist Jennifer Mendelsohn will present two virtual programs beginning at 2 p.m. Prior to her work as a genealogist, she spent many years as a freelance journalist. Mendelsohn now specializes in helping Eastern European Jewish families reclaim their history following the Holocaust. She will present “No, You Don't Really Have 7900 4th Cousins,” and discuss her “DNA Reunion Project” for Holocaust survivors.

**On February 18, 2024**, Schelly Talalay Dardashti and Maria Apodaca will be the speakers for virtual programs, with both addressing Crypto-Jews, Conversos, and Sephardic genealogy. Schelly is an internationally-known genealogist specializing in Sephardic heritage, and Maria's family has been in New Mexico since 1598. Schelly will begin at 2 p.m. with “The New World: Migration, DNA, and Genetics,” followed by Maria's presentation, “And it Only Took 500

Years!”

**On Sunday, April 14, 2024**, the focus will be more local, with Dr. Wendy Soltz discussing her Indiana Synagogue Mapping Project. Beginning at 2

p.m. at the ACPL Genealogy Center, she will talk about what has been accomplished since she last presented the project in 2021. Wendy is an Assistant Professor of History and Director of the Public History Program at Ball State University, as well as a Temple member. The program will be part of the Temple's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**Finally, on Sunday, May 5, 2024**, Genealogist Ellie Vance will come to Fort Wayne to discuss Jewish history in the former Russian Empire. Beginning at 2 p.m. at the ACPL Genealogy Center, she'll discuss the “History of Jews in the Russian Empire and an Introduction to Record Types,” and will follow that with “Jewish Research in the Former Russian Empire.” Ellie graduated from Brigham Young University with degrees in Russian and Family History and Genealogy. She currently works as a technical historical records expert at FamilySearch.

In addition to its free public programs, the NEIJGS offers several programs exclusively to its members, including two Lunch and Learns with Genealogy Center staff and an annual Member Workshop.

NEIJGS also is looking forward to hosting the Conference for the [International Association for Jewish Genealogical Societies](#) from August 10 to 14, 2025.



## HOLOCAUST VIRTUAL ARCHIVE NOW ACCESSIBLE AT PFW'S HELMKE LIBRARY

The [Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#) is pleased to announce the availability of the [USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive](#) at the Purdue University Fort Wayne [Helmke Library](#).

The Archive is a fully streaming video collection of more than 55,000 primary source testimonies of survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust and other crimes against humanity.

Leveraging resources within the Purdue University system, Erika Mann, Director of Digital Initiatives, Technology, and Scholarship, was able to negotiate access to the collection. Before then, researchers had to travel either to West Lafayette or Bloomington to access the largest collection of survivor testimony in the world.

Together with the [Yale Fortunoff Video Archive](#), a substantial collection of Holocaust and genocide-related books, DVDs, and online materials, the Visual History Archive now makes Helmke Library an important destination for anyone conducting Holocaust-related research.

Any Indiana resident may access the Archive and other materials. They can obtain a special library borrower's card with two forms of ID, one of which must be state issued. Patrons

wishing to access these resources must come to the library on campus in person to use them. Free parking is available in any spot not marked “A” during normal business hours.

Purdue University Fort Wayne Helmke Library is a member of the Federal Library Depository Program and a gateway in collaboration with the Indiana State Library to many important information databases tailored to the Purdue Fort Wayne community and the citizens of Northeast Indiana.

The Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies is the only academic center of its kind in Indiana exclusively devoted to the study of the Holocaust and other genocides.

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In honor of Carol & Larry Adelman's 50th wedding anniversary: *Rita & Tom O'Neill*

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We'll also be glad to send the weekly email, which provides links for online Shabbat services and other opportunities. Contact us at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org).



## August Jahrzeits

### August 4-5

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Bernard Blumenthal  
Mary Bronstein  
Bertha Doran  
Virginia Calisch Fairman  
Sam Fried  
Lillian Goldenberg  
Morris Goldin  
Mollie Greensfelder  
Sol Hutner  
Clifford Jones  
Terri Katz  
Fraida Rivah Klein  
Cathy Krainess  
Samuel Laderman  
Sarah Latker  
Blanche Leopold  
David Lichtscien  
Tanya Luark  
Dr. Donald Mark  
Yetta Michelson  
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Isaac Roseman  
Dorothy Rothberg  
Joseph S. Rothschild  
Abe Rubenstein  
Irene Sachs Singerman  
Phyllis Sarratore  
Charlotte Gilbert Schiff

Ruth Strauss  
Rivkah Sweedler  
Adeline F. Wetzstein  
Charles Wigod  
Harvey Wolf

### August 11-12

David Babich  
Dennis Berquist  
Mollie Bronstein  
Minnie Cahn  
Louis Hansen Carter  
Barbara Congress  
Ethel Eisbart  
Frieda Erman  
Iris Sands Gilbert  
Jack Golden  
Herschel Gorelick  
Betty Heller  
Louis Hirschberg  
Minnie Hornstein  
Arnold Katinsky  
Sara Konkel  
Brokha Koyfman  
Samuel Kraus  
Abraham Kurtz  
Frances Lare  
Claude K. Lee  
Nahum Lefand  
Susan Schiller Leibow  
Chester M. Leopold  
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Hyman Liberman  
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Molly Sandel  
Esther Schmitz  
Joseph Schmitz  
Benedict Schulman  
Arthur A. Simon  
Sylvia Sommer  
Betty Stein  
Bea Turin  
Donald M. Wasserman

### August 18-19

Solomon Ackerman  
Abe Ackerman  
Rosie Adams  
Melvin Binderman  
Robert B. Black  
Estelle Block  
Gary William Cohn  
Peggy Perrine Fredrick  
Conover  
Harry Felstein  
Clara Riddner Field  
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Henyra Rose Walter  
Abraham Weil  
Kalman Wolf  
Harold Wolf  
Eric Wolfe  
Alex Young  
David Zeemont

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Sophie Bialick  
Rose Boches  
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June Deitch  
Abraham Dicker  
Leonid Finkelshteyn  
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Osvey Leybman  
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Jean Lewy Marx  
Norah Lee McKee  
Jay Philip Oppenheim  
Joseph Ostertag  
Howard M. Ronsheim  
Paul Edward Rothenberg  
Rose Leib Rothman  
Hugh Rynearson  
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Florence Schechter  
Ben Soloff  
Lorraine Weinswig  
Harriet Weitzman  
Mentor Wetstein

## OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

**The family of June Schafer**, who died on July 18, 2023 in Fort Wayne. We think of her son, Cary Shafer; daughter-in-law; Linda Shafer; grandchildren, Lindsey Minnich, Adam Hakey, Zelda Miller, Jack Miller, and Iris Miller; great-grandchild, Shafer Benz; and her brother, Jerry Mansbach of Indianapolis.



**Ron Cousino** on the death of his mother-in-law, Shirley Gerber, on May 26, 2023 in Toledo, Ohio.

**The family of Emma Rosalie Hall**, 93, who died on June 12, 2023 in Fort Wayne. She was the Temple's office secretary during the 1980s.

## HOOSIER JEWISH LEGENDS TO BE INDUCTED

Jaki Schreier, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and a past president of the Temple, will be among the 2023 [Hoosier Jewish Legends](#) inducted on Sunday, August 27 at 1 p.m. by the Indiana Jewish Historical Society.



Co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Indianapolis, the event will be held at the Indianapolis Jewish Community Center and on Zoom.

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. Contact [ijhs@ijhs.org](mailto:ijhs@ijhs.org) to make a reservation or receive the link.



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The deadline for the September Bulletin is  
Tuesday, August 15

## President's Corner Ronnie Greenberg



As a school child, I learned to read Hebrew at Beth-El Zedeck Congregation in Indianapolis. We learned the letters, vowels and their sounds, but we didn't learn what the words meant, except for a few prayers like the Shema.

About 15 years ago, I decided I really wanted to know exactly what all the words in the prayers meant, so I decided to study Biblical Hebrew. I was lucky to find a study partner in Janina Traxler. Janina holds a PhD in French, so she knows how to approach learning a language. We obtained adult-oriented Hebrew primers and went to work. It was slow going, but eventually we finished the primer and graduated to other study materials.

Janina was a great study partner. With her knowledge of language construction (who really remembers what the subjunctive is?), she helped me with things I had long forgotten in English! (By the way, Janina, I still hate verb conjugations in any language!)

Our next step was to study excerpts from Torah, and we were fortunate to have John Planer (Janina's husband) to guide us. You probably know John, who holds a PhD in music, from the Hazemir choir, which he established and directed for over 35 years. But John is also a very knowledgeable Hebrew scholar and a terrific teacher. Little by little, I found that I could understand most of the prayers in our Siddur. Mission accomplished

Unfortunately, over time, our group ceased to study together and some (much?) of what I had learned was lost. Then, a couple of years ago, through the Temple's adult education series, John taught a weekly zoom Biblical Hebrew class. I was surprised by how much of what I had learned came back! The group worked its way through nearly all the Friday night and Saturday morning liturgy, and then began to work on some of the lesser-known books of the Bible. Again, John proved to be a knowledgeable and patient teacher. Although that study group has now disbanded, he continues to work with several individual students every week.

One of the last texts we studied was Ecclesiastes, known in Hebrew as Kohelet. It is one of the "wisdom books" of the Bible, reflecting on the nature of the world and the place of humans in the divine creation. Perhaps the most well-known verse from Kohelet is verse 3, which begins: "A season is set for everything, a time for every experience under heaven" or, as the popular song says, "For everything, turn, turn, turn, there is a season, turn, turn, turn."

As we approach the end of summer and begin to look forward to cooler days, school starting, and the High Holidays, we must acknowledge that along with this change in the season, there will be a change in our congregational family. John and Janina are moving to the east coast to be closer to their children.

Both John and Janina have been such an asset to the Temple for so many years. We will miss their warmth and their humor, and their willingness to share their special talents with us. I hope they will keep in touch and, maybe, John will continue to teach us on zoom. Thank you, Traxler-Planer family, for your friendship and for all you have done for the Temple!