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TWO TRADITIONS COME TOGETHER AS ONE DURING EVENING SERVICES

Please join us 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 (Sunday, September 15) and, for the first time, on Kol Nidre (Sunday, September 24).



Rabbi Meir Bergeron 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 the holidays. Brian Klickman will be our cellist for Kol Nidre. He is a member of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, where he holds the Linda and Joseph D. Ruffolo Family Foundation Chair, and is Principal Cellist of the Canton (OH) Symphony Orchestra.

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. [Find the full schedule](#)

We warmly welcome visitors to our High Holy Days services. Please contact the Temple office for more information about in-person attendance or Zoom access at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org. Our services also are available on [YouTube](#). Visit [our calendar](#) for the latest schedule.

CORNED BEEF ON RYE FUNDRAISER MARKS 21ST YEAR!



Get ready to savor delicious delicatessen when our Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser returns on Thursday, October 19 for a 21st year! 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 and a delivery option on Deli Day. Special sponsorship opportunities also are available.

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.

Our sale is a little earlier this year, so plan now to order, sponsor, and volunteer so you don't miss out on this annual treat!

[Online ordering](#) will begin Thursday, September 7 or [download an order form](#) at 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.

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UPCOMING SERVICES

SEPTEMBER SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Shabbat Service

Friday, September 1
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 2
9:45 a.m.

Joy Vey! A Kid-Ish Shabbat

Friday, September 8
5:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service*

Friday, September 8
7:30 p.m.
*New fall schedule begins

Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 9
9:45 a.m.

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.

Shabbat Shuvah Service

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

Erev Yom Kippur Services

Sunday, September 24
7:15 p.m. Mincha (Chapel)
8 p.m. All-Congregation Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur Services

Monday, September 25

Conservative Services

8:30 a.m. Shacharit Service
10 a.m. – Torah, Haftarah, 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 (RSVP by Tuesday, September 19)

Reform Services

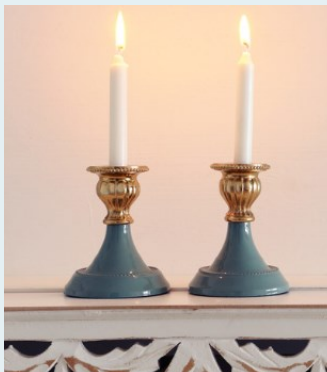
10 a.m. Morning Service
2:30 p.m. – Afternoon Learning (MRRC)
4 p.m. – Yizkor (Memorial) Service
5 p.m. – Neilah (Concluding) Service
Break-the-Fast follows (RSVP by Tuesday, September 19)

Erev Shabbat & Sukkot Services

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

Shabbat & Sukkot Services

Saturday, September 30*
9:45 a.m., followed by a Nosh in the Sukkah
*Traffic delays for Fort4Fitness



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](#).

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES MOVE TO NEW TIME

Shabbat evening services will move an hour later to 7:30 p.m., beginning Friday, September 8. The new schedule continues through Memorial Day.



OLD MILL ROAD CLOSURE

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

See pages 10-14 for more Holiday News and page 10 for Upcoming Events



FORT4FITNESS WILL IMPACT TRAFFIC NEAR THE TEMPLE

Please contact the Temple office if you plan to attend the Shabbat and Sukkot morning service in person on Saturday, September 30 at 9:45 a.m. to get a [traffic pass](#). The annual [Fort4Fitness](#) will impact roads accessing the Temple.

The traffic pass should be placed on your dashboard that morning so it's visible. The ONLY entry or exit into the neighborhood will be at Fairfield Avenue/West Fairfax Avenue. Questions? Please contact Executive Director Samara Shera or one of our police officers at the Temple.



Congregation Achduth Vesholom

Rabbi Meir Bargeron: A SWEET, AND CRIMSON, NEW YEAR

As I write my column this month, we are experiencing a glorious late-summer day, following a couple of weeks of oppressive, practically tropical heat. This favorable weather gave the Temple Gardeners an opportunity to complete a special project.

After clearing out some shrubbery near the front entrance of the Temple, the gardeners planted a lovely, and youthful Emperor 1 Japanese Maple. This gorgeous tree, named HaEder (“the Maple” in Hebrew) by the Temple Gardeners, begins its life as a part of our beautiful Rifkin Campus.

Planting trees not only beautifies our campus; it strengthens the lands where we live – Israel and also Fort Wayne. Jewish tradition has quite a bit to say about trees. In Midrash it’s written: “It is said, ‘Follow the Lord, your God.’ This means: follow God’s example. When God created the world, God’s first action was to plant trees, as it was written, ‘And God planted a garden [of trees] in Eden.’ So you, too, when you will enter the land of Israel, planting trees should be your first involvement.” (Vayikra Rabba 25:3)

We are now preparing for Rosh Hashanah, our New Year, a time of reflection, renewal, and anticipation. It’s a period when we gather to celebrate the passing of one year and the beginning of another. In the midst of autumn, as the leaves turn vibrant shades of crimson-red, the Japanese maple tree stands as a poignant metaphor for the essence of Rosh Hashanah.

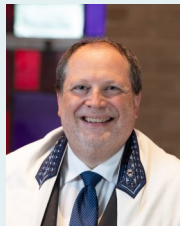
The Japanese maple, with its intricate branches and delicate leaves, symbolizes the interconnectedness of life’s journey. Just as each branch reaches out in diverse directions, so do our paths in life. Rosh Hashanah calls upon us to examine these paths, to consider the choices we’ve made, and to contemplate the potential avenues that lie ahead. Like the changing foliage, we experience growth and transformation throughout our journey.

The leaves of the Japanese maple, as they transform into fiery hues, teach us about change and transition. Rosh Hashanah marks a transition from the old year to the new, a time to reflect on the past and embrace the possibilities of the future. We look back with gratitude for the blessings we’ve received, and forward with hope for the opportunities that await us. The changing leaves remind us that change is not to be feared, but rather embraced as a natural part of life’s rhythm.

In essence, the Japanese maple tree serves as a profound metaphor for Rosh Hashanah. Its branches reach out, symbolizing our diverse paths. Its changing leaves reflect our growth and transitions. Its shedding leaves remind us to release the past. Its elegance and beauty evoke awe and wonder. And its resilience embodies the hope that anchors us. As we prepare to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, we are invited to embrace the wisdom of the Japanese maple and carry its lessons forward into the new year.

I wish each of you *Shannah Tovah u’Metukah*, a sweet and good New Year.

Rabbi Meir



HELP FOSTER CHILDREN THROUGH 175TH ANNIVERSARY

As part of the Temple’s longstanding commitment to social action and in honor of our 175th Anniversary, please join us in supporting a mitzvah project to assist 175 foster children in Northeast Indiana through a collaboration with Fostering Hope for Children.



Our goal is to give each child a tote filled with hygiene items, a blanket, and stuffed animal - something of their very own -- that can travel with them wherever they go.

In addition, we invite you to join us to learn more about foster care in our community during a Hot Topics Shabbat on Friday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. with Juliette Smith, founder and director of Fostering Hope for Children.

Here’s how you can help: We ask you to shop at your favorite store for age-appropriate hygiene items from our list (about \$25 per child, depending where you shop) for one or more children. Label each bag with the age and gender of the child. Then deliver the items at the Temple. If you prefer not to shop, please consider making a donation online to our 175th Anniversary Mitzvah Project.

During congregational Mitzvah Days on Sunday mornings, December 3 and January 14, we’ll assemble the totes with the toiletries and the additional items.

Thank you to Mitzvah Day Chair Juli Dominguez and committee members Rena Black, Rabbi Meir, Susie Miller, Samara Sheray, Kathy Sider, Donna Tourkow, and Beth Zweig. Special thanks to Kathy Sider for coordinating our silent auction in July, as well as those who donated and purchased items

Our Social Action Committee also asks for your support by:

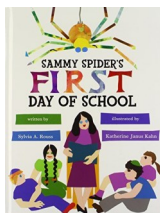
- Donating plastic grocery bags and paper grocery bags with handles for Wellspring Interfaith Social Services. The Temple is a faith partner of Wellspring.
- Volunteer your time at Wellspring by assisting at the food bank (on premises or mobile); free clothing bank; after-school program for grades Pre-K through 7th grade: with helping the senior and disabled adult program

Please contact Social Action Chair Rena Black for more information.



BACK TO SCHOOL IN THE RABBI RICHARD B. SAFRAN LIBRARY

Whether it's public, private, or Hebrew school, it's the time of year when students of all ages are back at it. We have dozens of school-related titles in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#) written for readers at all grade levels.

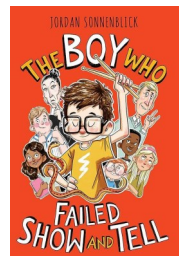


For the youngest students, four picture books are on topic. *Sammy Spider's First Day of School*, by Sylvia Rouss, is a good introduction for the youngest readers. Sammy is always a hit with pre-schoolers. *No Rules for Michael*, also by Sylvia Rouss, addresses the need for rules in the classroom. Although set in the wintertime, both *The Shabbat Box*, by Lesley Simpson, and *The Only One Club*, by Jane Naliboff, are good stories that take place in a school setting for younger children.

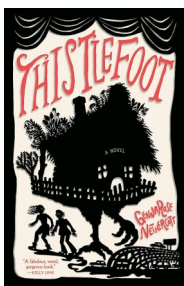
Most of our school-related titles are shelved in the juvenile fiction collection, for lower and middle grade readers. Many deal with bullies and bullying, and two of those are Sydney Taylor Award winners. *Turtle Boy*, by M. Evan Wokenstein, features a seventh grader named Will and his Bar Mitzvah project. Jane Yolen's *B.U.G. (Big Ugly Guy)* is a Golem-related novel starring twelve-year-old Sammy Greenburg. Mark Goldblatt's popular *Twerp and The Boy Who Failed Show and Tell* by Jordan Sonnenblick also focus on bullying. Other recent middle-grade titles include *Honey and Me* by Meira Drazin, a Sydney Taylor Honor Book, *Ellen Outside the Lines* by A.J. Sass, and Noa Nimrodi's *Not So Shy*.

The Assignment, by Liza Wiemer, is one of several school-related titles in our teen collection. Inspired by an actual event, this Sydney Taylor Notable Book follows a class debating the "merits" of Hitler's

Final Solution and the anti-Semitism provoked by this. Most other teen titles related to school are not so serious. Lori Goldstein's *Screen Queens* addresses social media. Marisa Kanter's *As If On Cue* and Diana Harmon Asher's *Upstaged* are theater-related. Other Sydney Taylor Notable Books include *Why We Fly* by Kimberly Jones and *Today Tonight Tomorrow* by Rachel Lynn Solomon.



As we look forward to another year of Religious School, we hope you and your students will take advantage of the resources in the Temple Library. Meanwhile, you can check out titles whenever you're in the building and access the [full catalog online](#).



TEMPLE BOOK CLUB RESUMES IN OCTOBER WITH *THISTLEFOOT*

Please join us when we resume our Temple Book Club via Zoom on Tuesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. with a discussion of *Thistlefoot*, followed by a conversation at 7:30 p.m. with author GennaRose Nethercott. The author is a writer and folklorist. 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, *Thistlefoot* 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."

Our LiveChats with the authors are sponsored by the [Jewish Book Council](#). The book is available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS BAG ASSEMBLY TEAM WILL MEET IN SEPTEMBER

Thoughtful Thursdays will begin its 14th 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 Head Start families in need.

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



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 13th 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. 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.'



Youth News

A GREAT YEAR OF JEWISH LEARNING COMING SOON!



Registration is underway now for our Youth Education programs for the 2023-2024 school year, which includes a wide range of options aimed at instilling a love of lifelong Jewish learning and creating an environment in which students, teachers, parents, and communities experience Jewish values as a meaningful way to navigate the world.

Registration is required for our school-aged youth (age 6 by September 1 and up) who are eligible to participate in our weekly online Hebrew classes and in-person Sunday values programs from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Temple.

Our elementary-age students participate in interactive, values-based curriculum through the Union for Reform Judaism's Shalom Learning program, which focuses on developing a positive Jewish identity.

Lessons incorporate Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) skills in the context of introductory Hebrew study, living 12 Jewish values, celebrating Jewish holidays, and exploring Jewish texts and prayers. Students also participate in weekly online Hebrew instruction, featuring such classes as Hebrew Decoded – a Journey through the Alphabet; Friday Night and Home Prayers; and Morning Prayers.

As a reminder, students ages 9 and above are required to enroll in and complete three full years of Values and Hebrew instruction prior to their B'nai Mitzvah. Participation in Values and Hebrew programming by students ages 6-8 is optional.

Our Middle-School-age students who are preparing for their B'nai Mitzvot study with Rabbi Meir during in-person interactive family education sessions and preteen modules using Moving Traditions curriculum. At the same time, they also study Hebrew individually with their B'nai Mitzvah tutors, and also participating in weekly online Hebrew instruction

featuring such classes as Shabbat Morning Torah Service and Concluding Prayers.

Our students who are B'nai Mitzvah participate in monthly in-person collaborative sessions based on The Advot Project's Teen Fellowship program to create deep connections between teens as they grapple with key issues like healthy relationships, communication, consent, self-worth, and the challenges of communication over technology, all grounded in Jewish texts and values.

We also look forward to two upcoming KESHER ("connection") programs being planned by Stephanie Gottesman and Kate Crell, chairs of our new Holiday Parties Team. We welcome your involvement (see page 13)!

Please see details on this page for our apple picking and potluck picnic on Sunday, September 10 at 10 a.m. and on page 11 for our Sukkot celebration and Pizza in the Hut on Sunday, October 1 at 10:30 a.m.

It's going to be a great year!



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY

We're looking forward to beginning a new year of Religious School on Sunday, October 15 for children in pre-Kindergarten (age 6+ by September 1) through high school.

Families must be members of the congregation to enroll children. Enrollment materials and more information are available at 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

JOIN US FOR APPLE PICKING AND POTLUCK PICNIC

Bring the kids and enjoy a fun adventure picking apples, sharing a potluck picnic, and preparing for the holiday season on Sunday, September 10 at 10 a.m. during a KESHER ("connection") program for families with children of all ages!

Please join us at Silverbirch Studios. We'll ride together (less than a 1/2 mile) to Cook's Orchard to pick and buy apples and honey. Then we'll return to Silverbirch Studios for some kid-focused Rosh Hashanah activities and a potluck picnic lunch.

Please RSVP here and sign up for a potluck contribution. Bring your own lawn chairs/blanket, place settings, and serving utensils. Thank you to Stephanie Gottesman and Kate Crell for organizing. Questions? Please email steph.gottesman@gmail.com.



CORNED BEEF ON RYE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PREP NIGHT

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, October 18 for Prep Night from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, October 19, with shifts beginning at 8 a.m. Contact the office at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245 to say you'll help

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

Look sharp and celebrate our unique fundraiser by wearing a custom apron and cap with our corned beef sandwich logo!



Purchase yours for \$18 per item to support the congregation and share in the magic of the Temple's annual Deli Day. They also make great gifts. Wear them year-round! [Find an order form](#)

THANKS TO CORNED BEEF COMMITTEE:

Micah Soltz (chair), Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Bargeran, 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

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

Gather 'round your little kids for a playful and silly, yet peaceful start to Shabbat for the whole family on Friday, September 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Temple.

In our cooperative, family-run service, we light candles, pray, sing songs, move and groove, and even practice mindfulness.

[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. Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat will meet in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.



JOIN US WITH YOUR PET FOR BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Do you have a pet? A dog? A cat? An iguana? Or maybe you just love animals?

Meet us in the Temple parking lot on Sunday, October 22 from 11 a.m. to noon in honor of our just completed reading of *Parashat Noach*, and have your pet blessed by Rabbi Meir.



Refreshments for both pets and their humans will be provided. Big or small does not matter, as there will be a blessing for all!

We'll meet in the Temple Parking Lot. In the event of rain, we'll move to the front door portico.

All dogs must be leashed; cats may be leashed or brought in a carrier. All other animals must arrive in carriers.

175th SEASON OF EVENTS CELEBRATES MILESTONE YEAR

Our celebration of the Temple's 175th Anniversary season continues this fall with a variety of exciting activities that build on the recent music and art programs that brought members of our congregation and larger community together.

In August, Musician-in-Residence Shira Kline, also known as ShirLaLa, shared her talents with congregants of all ages during Shabbat programs and a community concert that included Havdalah. She also worked with our Joy Vey leaders to help them further develop the Temple's popular program for young children and their families. The programs were enhanced by a BBQ hosted by the ROMEOs and a spaghetti dinner coordinated by Stephanie Gottesman.

Additionally in August, the Temple collaborated with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation next door to offer programs featuring local artist Hilarie Couture and her

portraits of "Unity with Diversity" within Fort Wayne. CAV members Fran & Irv Adler and Jon Tam were among the 41 subjects of the paintings. The day included an art show at both congregations, as well as a panel discussion at the Temple that included portrait sitters.

Summer also brought a fundraising campaign for the 175th, a silent auction to benefit an anniversary Mitzvah Project, continued work on a Jewish Heritage Tour and our Temple museum, and a flurry of planning for docents, food, worship, and activities for our big celebration weekend.

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Shira Kline Shares Spirit and Music

We shared an incredible two days of music with Artist-in-Residence Shira Kline on August 18-19, including spirited Shabbat and Havdalah services, a community concert and Joy Vey programs.

Thank you to all involved in planning the weekend, including Kathy Sider, Wendy Soltz, Stephanie Gottesman, and Rabbi Meir Bargeron and the 175th Anniversary Music Subcommittee. We also appreciate the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, Joy Vey Parents Wendy & Micah Soltz, Amy & Sam Krouse, and Stephanie Gottesman & Jon Tod, and the 175th Anniversary sponsors for their support of the program.

Thank you to Denny Reynolds and the ROMEOs for the BBQ and to Stephanie Gottesman and her team for organizing the delicious dinner. Thank you to our 175th Anniversary Co-Chairs Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig, along with Executive Director Samara Sheray and the Temple staff. (More photos on the next page)



175th Anniversary Committee

Co-Chairs Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig

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



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Rabbi Meir and 175th Co-Chairs Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig with Shira Kline

Under the leadership of 175th Anniversary Committee Co-Chairs Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig, a team of volunteers is working with Rabbi Meir and Executive Director Samara Sheray to prepare for our big celebration weekend November 10-12 and other events into early 2024. These include:

Friday, November 10 - Shabbat services with URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs and musician Orin Reynolds, with a presentation of a Torah to GUCI from CAV in honor of our milestone anniversary; Festive Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, November 11

- Shabbat morning service and Kiddush luncheon
- Pizza dinner, Havdalah and song session with Orin Reynolds

Sunday, November 12 - Open House for the community with:

- A new Jewish Heritage tour developed with ARCH and trolley tour
- Open house with docents stationed in the building
- Grand opening of the Goldman Memorial Museum in the MRRRC
- String quartet from the Philharmonic with klezmer-inspired music
- Refreshments, including Jewish favorites

In addition, a new exhibit is opening on Saturday, November 11, 2023 through January 28, 2024 at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art called "Jewish History and Art Illuminated: 175 Years of Congregation Achduth Vesholom."

This exhibition was curated by Temple members Sharon Eisbart, Owner of Sharon Eisbart Corporate Art, and Dr. Wendy Soltz, Assistant Professor of Public History at Ball State University. and made possible with art and Judaica loans from Congregation Achduth Vesholom and a grant from

the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation.

A reception and talk with Dr. Wendy Soltz and Mike Brown, Executive Director of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, will be held on Sunday, November 19 at 2 p.m. at the Art Museum.

Fundraising

We are grateful to everyone who so generously has contributed to our fundraising campaign for the 175th Anniversary so that we can offer a season of events. We appreciate Irene Walters for spearheading this effort! A full list of sponsors will be included in the commemorative booklet during our celebration weekend in November.

Mitzvah Project

As part of the Temple's longstanding commitment to social action, we've launched a mitzvah effort to assist 175 foster children in Northeast Indiana through a collaboration with Fostering Hope for Children.

Our goal is to give each child a tote filled with hygiene items, a blanket, and stuffed animal - something of their very own -- that can travel with them wherever they go.

Find out more on page 3, including Hot Topics Shabbat and Mitzvah Days.

Volunteers Needed

We welcome your involvement with our 175th activities, including bakers, greeters, docents, and more. Contact the



Shira Kline and Rabbi Meir leading Shabbat services

Unity With Variety Art Exhibit Focuses on Diversity

The art exhibit by Hilarie Couture called "Unity With Variety" on Sunday at the Temple and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation next door showcased portraits of people from diverse cultures living in Fort Wayne. The vibrant, captivating paintings not only brought to life the stories of our community, but the panel discussion that followed at the Temple provided the opportunity to learn more about the immigrant experience, the transition to a new culture, what it's like to be a religious minority, and what it meant to work with Hilarie and be included as a portrait sitter in the exhibit.

The exhibit was part of the Temple's 175th Anniversary season of events and a collaboration with the UU.

Thank you to Hilarie Couture for sharing her artistry and inspiration with us! Thanks to Rena Black for moderating the panel with portrait sitters Fran Adler, Suin Roberts, Thamay Paw, and Akimu Salawan.

We are very grateful to Temple member Jon Tam for chairing the afternoon program and reception, as well as setting up the beautiful art display in the Social Hall and coordinating with Cathie Rowand from the UU. We appreciate the volunteers from both congregations who assisted.

Thank you to our 175th Anniversary sponsors for their support of the program. We also appreciate 175th Anniversary Co-Chairs Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig, Rabbi Meir Bargeran, and Executive Director Samara Sheray for their support.



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 Bargeran.

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. Thank you to Dawn Hammond and Amy Krouse for chairing the reception!

CAST AWAY YOUR SINS ON TASHLICH

The Hebrew word *tashlich* literally means “You shall cast away.” In the book of Micah (7:18-20) we find the verse: “And you shall cast (*tashlich*) into the depths of the sea all their sins.” Traditionally, Jewish communities throughout the world have taken Micah’s words to heart by gathering on Rosh Hashanah and symbolically casting away their sins by throwing breadcrumbs into a lake, stream or ocean.

Join us for Tashlich on Saturday, September 16, following Rosh Hashanah morning services (about noon). Meet in the lobby for directions to [Foster Park West, Winchester Road](#) (street address 3900 Old Mill Road). Bread will be provided. No livestreaming will be available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Thoughtful Thursdays

Wednesday,
September 6
10 a.m.

KESHER Apple Picking & Potluck Picnic

Sunday, September 10
10 a.m.

Meet at Silverbirch Studios
[RSVPs requested](#)

Meet Your Mishpocha

Sunday, September 10
NEIJGS Fort Wayne Jewish Family Day
10:30 a.m. at the Temple
Meteorologist Greg Shoup will speak on his newfound Jewish roots.

OCTOBER EVENTS

Decorate the Sukkah & Pizza in the Hut

Sunday, October 1
10:30 a.m. (RSVPs requested)

Simchat Torah & Consecration Service

Sunday, October 8
4pm, Simchat Torah Service with Consecration and Yizkor

Religious School Begins

Sunday, October 15
10:30 a.m.
[Registration required](#)

Corned Beef Prep Night

Wednesday, October 18
6 to 9 p.m.

Corned Beef Fundraiser

Thursday, October 19
Sale 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Volunteer shifts begin at 8 a.m.

Doris Gottlieb

Bat Mitzvah Naming of Morgan Gottesman-Tod
Friday, October 20
7:30 p.m.

Temple Book Club

Tuesday, October 24
7 p.m. on Zoom
We’ll discuss *Thistlefoot* with author GennaRose Nethercott

Hot Topics Shabbat: Fostering Hope for Children

Friday, October 27
7:30 p.m. at the Temple
Learn about our Mitzvah Project in honor of the Temple’s 175th Anniversary

Guest speaker: Juliette Smith, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Fostering Hope for Children

Genealogist Jennifer Mendelsohn

Sunday, October 29
2 p.m. on Zoom
Two talks: “No, You Don’t Really Have 7900 4th Cousins,” and “DNA Reunion Project”
Sponsor: [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#)

ONGOING EVENTS

Lunch with the ROMEOS

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

Thursday, September 7
[800 Degrees Wood-Fired Pizza](#)
10020 Lima Rd.

Thursday, September 21
[Taj Mahal Indian Restaurant](#)
6410 W. Jefferson Blvd.



[Find the lunch schedule](#)



MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATION ON SEPTEMBER 22

Please join us for Shabbat Shuvah, the Sabbath of Return between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, on Friday, September 22.

We'll begin at 7 p.m. with the dedication of memorial plaques added during the past year. We'll also remember those honored on our virtual plaques and on the yahrzeit sculpture in the courtyard, which brings together bronze plaques from Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob. (The dedication will not be livestreamed.)

Our Shabbat service will begin at 7:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir Bargeran. Share in the evening in person or via livestream on Zoom or YouTube.

The name of this special Shabbat comes from the first word of the reading from the Haftarah reading from Hosea, which also shares the same Hebrew root with t'shuvah, repentance.

The link for worship services on Zoom is sent in the weekly email to our Temple family. We warmly welcome guests. Please contact the Temple office for online access information at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.

What is Shabbat Shuvah?

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. (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.

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.

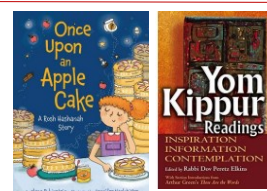


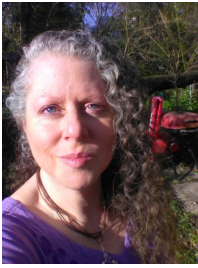
Please make a reservation online or to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Tuesday, September 19 so that we can prepare enough food and seating. Thanks to the generosity of the ROMEOs, there is no charge. However, cash donations gladly will be accepted to help offset the costs.

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!

HIGH HOLY DAYS BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

The Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library has more than 200 titles for the High Holy Days that can be found online. Find a "one-sheet" with recommendations on the Temple's website.





CANTOR YAEL FISCHMAN WILL LEAD CONSERVATIVE HOLIDAY SERVICES

Cantor Yael Fischman returns for the High Holy Days in 5784 (2023) to lead our Conservative services.

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.



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](#), 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.

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!



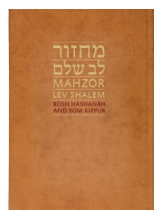
Our High Holy Days services are open to all. Services are offered both in person and via livestream ([YouTube](#) and [Zoom](#)). We look forward to welcoming everyone. To receive information on how to access virtually on Zoom, please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.



MACHZORIM WILL BE AVAILABLE

For those attending services online for the High Holy Days, we are making the Temple's *machzorim* (holiday prayer books) available for congregants to borrow during the Days of Awe for both 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. [Find out more.](#)



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.

SHARE SUKKOT CELEBRATIONS & VISIT OUR SUKKAH

Shake the lulav and inhale the lovely scent of the etrog during several Sukkot celebrations in honor of the harvest festival. We'll observe Sukkot and Shabbat both in person and online via Zoom and [YouTube](#) during two worship opportunities. Please join us on:



- **Friday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m.** when we celebrate Sukkot and Shabbat during our service, led by Rabbi Meir. We'll light the Sabbath candles, learn more about the symbols of the holiday, and enjoy an autumn evening of community. Enjoy Kiddush and a nosh afterward in the Temple's sukkah, hosted by Janet Finkel and Sheryl Merritt.
- **Saturday, September 30 at 9:45 a.m.**, led by Ron Friedman with a D'var Torah by Rabbi Meir. Share a lovely morning of Torah and learning. Join us in sukkah afterward for Kiddush and a nosh in the sukkah, hosted by Rabbi Meir. Please expect traffic delays due to the [Fort4Fitness race](#).

The fun continues when we decorate the sukkah on Sunday, October 1 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed by Pizza in the Hut. Bring the kids and join us for a family-friendly KESHER program of decorating, shaking the lulav and etrog, reading holiday stories, and eating pizza for lunch. Please RSVP by Friday, September 29 to the Temple at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245.

COMPLETE THE CYCLE AND BEGIN ANEW ON SIMCHAT TORAH - AND CELEBRATE CONSECRATION, TOO!

Be part of our festive Simchat Torah celebration on Sunday, October 8 at 4 p.m. when we parade our sacred scrolls through the Sanctuary, enjoy festive singing and flag waving, and complete the reading of the Book of Deuteronomy while also beginning the Book of Genesis.

Join us in person or online via Zoom or [YouTube](#) when we also celebrate Consecration with our youngest Religious School students.



As we finish the annual reading of the Torah, we'll continue our beautiful tradition of completely unrolling the scroll. Please come and offer your assistance!

JOIN OUR HOLIDAY PARTIES TEAM!

Do you like to party? Do you have good ideas for fostering fun and community?



Stephanie Gottesman and Kate Crell would like your help forming a new Holiday Parties Team to help coordinate kid-centered holiday celebrations throughout the year. Most of these parties are in conjunction with the Religious School, but some will involve the whole CAV community.

- We are looking for team members of all ages, regardless of whether you have young kids.
- Sign up to be part of the core team, or just volunteer for a specific holiday that calls to you.
- Even if you don't have time to volunteer, we would love your suggestions and ideas.

If you are interested in contributing, please [fill out this Google Survey](#). We are grateful for all your input!

Trash or Recycle?

During our Hot Topics Shabbat on August 11, Shelby Nichter, Communication and Outreach Coordinator from the Allen County Department of Environmental Management, provided local guidelines for what can be recycled, what is trash, and how to tell the difference.

Greasy pizza boxes, half-full plastic bottles, Styrofoam, and items smaller than a credit card should not be placed in curbside recycling! And "Don't be a Wish-Cycler – when in doubt, throw it out! All recyclables should be empty, clean and dry!"

Social Action Committee Chair Rena Black hosted a fun and informative rapid-fire Q&A with Shelby, holding up items that ran the gamut from detergent bottles to pill bottles to plastic bags.

Find the service and program at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTXQqiNFFDo>

Learn more about recycling at <https://acwastewatcher.org/>.



NEWS FROM THE BOARD

At its August meeting, the Temple Board gratefully approved the establishment of **The Nancy and Michael Dicker Youth and Religious School Fund**, which will be used to support Temple youth activities that enhance Jewish values and education. The generous gift from the Dickers, who are long-time members, can be used for Jewish education, cultural enrichment, and Jewish community activities for children from early childhood through high school. Others may also contribute to the fund.

The Board also continued discussions with Don Gulbrandsen of Empower Nonprofit Consulting, who has been working with the Temple leadership for the past year on its mission, vision, organizational restructuring and strategic issues.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

We're pleased to welcome Joshua Reynaud as the Temple's newest member. He is a full-time student at Purdue Fort Wayne, studying Information Technology.

Joshua grew up in a family of Hoosiers, though he was born in San Antonio, Texas, when his father was in the Air Force. His family attended Shabbat services at Temple Beth-El in San Antonio and later, after another move, the Misawa Chapel on the U.S. Air Force Base in Misawa, Japan. After returning to Northeast Indiana, Joshua lived in Syracuse and Warsaw, and now in Fort Wayne.

He's interested in getting involved with Thoughtful Thursdays, social events, our digitization team, and corned beef crew. Joshua enjoys cooking and working with technology.

"ESCAPE TO SHANGHAI" VR EXHIBIT WITH DORIS FOGEL

Temple Member Doris Fogel will be the focus of a VR Exhibit from September 1 to September 30 called "Escape to Shanghai" at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie.

Created by Illinois Holocaust Museum and award-winning production company East City Films, *Escape to Shanghai* is a virtual reality experience that follows Doris' epic journey from Nazi Germany to Shanghai, China, as her family made a temporary home and a new life cut off from the horrors playing out in German-occupied Europe.

Through 360 video technology alongside 3D environments, stylized animation, motion capture, and a spatial soundtrack, audiences are immersed in Doris' story.

After witnessing Doris' firsthand experience of *Kristallnacht*, the Night of Broken Glass, audiences travel with Doris from Berlin, Germany to the Hongkew area of Shanghai, China, where she lived in a single room with five family members amongst 20,000 Jewish refugees.

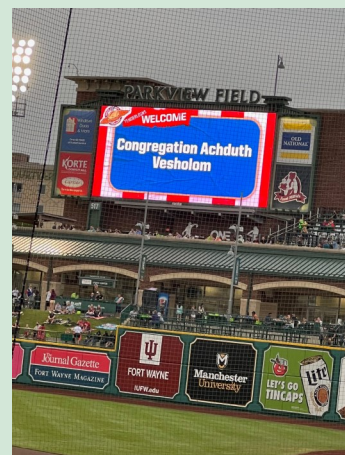
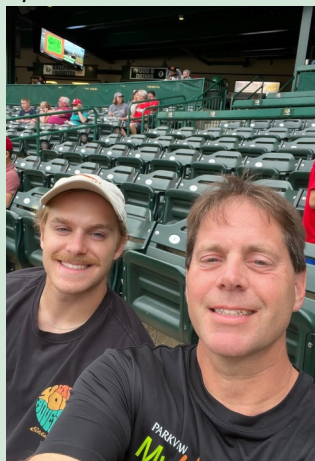
A past president of the Temple, Doris also is a past president and former Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.



Temple family members beat the heat by enjoying their picnic meals indoors on July 28, followed by rousing Friday Night Live Shabbat services led by Rabbi Meir with Heartland Sings. We had some impromptu dancing and a silent auction to raise funds for our upcoming 175th Anniversary Mitzvah Project to help Fostering Hope for Children.



Even with wet weather on August 5 during Temple Night at the TinCaps game, we enjoyed seeing our name in lights at the ballpark! Special thanks to Mike Barasch, who has organized this congregational favorite every year since we began the tradition in 2009 - the same year Parkview Field opened!



GREG SHOUP TALK TO HIGHLIGHT “MEET YOUR MISHPOCHA”

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society will welcome local meteorologist Greg Shoup as the featured speaker for “Meet Your Mishpocha,” the society’s annual open house on Sunday, September 10 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Temple.

In his presentation, “Surprise! I’m Jewish!,” Greg will share the story of his newfound Jewish roots – how he learned of his roots through DNA testing, and worked with genealogist Marlise Gross to trace his connection to the Kisselhoff family and their heritage in Russia, the United Kingdom, and America.

His presentation will begin at 11 a.m. For those unable to attend in-person, please register to join us on Zoom.

Before and after his presentation, guests can take advantage of a wide variety of family history resources. Bring your old photos and documents to get digitized and take the scans home on a free thumb drive!

Check out the Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database, with information about more than 7,000 people with Jewish roots in

Northeast Indiana. NEIJGS members will be on-hand to answer questions about beginning genealogical research, including using DNA and conquering adoption challenges.



Steve Carr from Purdue Fort Wayne’s Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies will introduce the new Holocaust resources available through the Shoah Foundation and the Yale Fortunoff Video Archive.

And representatives from the Indiana Jewish Historical Society and the Temple’s Oral History Video Project will answer questions about their programs. Irv Adler will provide the latest details about the International Conference on Jewish Genealogy taking place in Fort Wayne in August 2025. The NEIJGS will offer a free DNA kit as a door prize to one lucky attendee at the conclusion of the event.

Thanks to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation for their support. Find additional information at www.NEIndianaJGS.org, or our Facebook Page.

JOIN JFFW FOR ROSH CHODESH DINNER

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne’s Rosh Chodesh group will meet for dinner on Wednesday, October 11 at 5:30 p.m. at The Hoppy Gnome, 203 E. Berry Street. Dinner is on your own, but making new friends and catching up with cherished friends will be shared by all.

Please RSVP a week before each date to office@fwjf.org or call (260) 456-0400. These dinners are open to all Jewish women in our area. Our next dinner will be Wednesday, December 6 at Bagger Dave’s, 2886 E. Dupont Road.



JEWS OF THE WILD WEST COMING TO PBS39



Western Jewish pioneers, those of the silver screen and real life, are a largely forgotten chapter in U.S. history even though they played a definitive role shaping the expansion of the United States. The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne is

proud to co-sponsor PBS39’s screening this month of Jews of the Wild West.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming dates:

- Friday, September 15 at 3 p.m.
- Sunday, September 17 at 2 p.m.
- Sunday, September 24 at 3 p.m.
- Monday, September 25 at 4 p.m.

Many thanks to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support

YOUTH SYMPHONY PRESENTS THEODORAKIS MAUTHAUSEN

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne is proud to be a sponsor of the Fort Wayne Youth Symphony’s performance of Theodorakis Mauthausen on Sunday, October 22, beginning at 4 p.m. at PFW’s Auer Performance Hall.

The program features music by legendary Greek composer Mikis Theodorakis, including the haunting Ballad of Mauthausen sung by Greek mezzo soprano Betty Harlafti. The Ballad of Mauthausen, with lyrics by Jewish poet Iakovos Kambanellis, has been described as the most beautiful work written about the Holocaust.

Thank you to the Martha Rothenberg Replane Theater & Creative Arts Fund for its support.



Friends and family joined Jaki Schreier on August 27 in Indianapolis when she was inducted into the 2023 Hoosier Jewish Legends Hall of Fame by the Indiana Jewish Historical Society. Mazel tov to Jaki, who is Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and a Past President of the Temple.

Donations

Campership Fund

In memory of June Shafer: *Doris Fogel, Susan & Alan Cooperman, Susan Kennicott, Cindi & Richard Wismer*

B'nai Jacob Conservative Judaism Fund

In memory of Bea Turin: *Keith Groman*

Dr. John Planer Music Fund

In memory of Shirley Graham: *Marcia & Denny Reynolds*

In memory of Iris Sands Gilbert: *Barbara & Alan Gilbert*

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In memory of June Shafer: *The Platt Family, Bill Warshauer, Cindi & Richard Wismer*

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In memory of William Edward Pownall: *Sue & Jerry Pownall, Linda Bullerman*

In memory of Harriet & Steve Weitzman: *Jo Ellen & Mike Rush*

Holocaust Education Fund

In memory of Brokha Koyfman: *Victor Kutsenok*

Holocaust Memorial Fund

A donation has been received from: *Dora Itkin*

Library Fund

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

In memory of Arnold Katinsky: *Nola & Matthew Katinsky*

In memory of Geri Schwartzstein and in honor of Betsy Gephart: *Barbara Silverman*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

A donation has been received from: *Elissa & Steven Cohen*

ROMEOs

In honor of Denny Reynolds: *Janet Finkel*

Sposeep Chapel Fund

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Thoughtful Thursdays

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

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

In memory of Estelle Block: *Micki & Sherwin Kepes*

In memory of Harold & Berenice Smith: *Cindi & Richard Wismer*

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

HELP US STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT

Please let the Temple office know your college student's email address so we may stay in touch by sending the monthly Bulletin.



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.

NEW GUIDE AVAILABLE WITH HOLOCAUST RESOURCES AT HELMKE LIBRARY

In order to highlight newly-acquired resources, as well as long-standing holdings at Purdue Fort Wayne's [Helmke Library](#), a new research guide has been published on the library's website: [The Holocaust and Other Genocides: A Research Guide](#).

This resource provides navigation and guidance on materials such as subscription and open-access databases, print and digital books, video content, and websites for research on genocide and the Holocaust.

Indiana residents who are not affiliated with PFW can access subscription content by using the public access computers in Helmke Library. Print materials and DVDs are also available for checkout to Indiana residents.

Please see [this page](#) for Helmke Library circulation policies. For further questions, you may contact Dr. Emily Tock at etock@pfw.edu or (260) 481-6515.

September Jahrzeits

September 1-2

Abe Beck
 Claire Beer
 Irma Benson
 Herbert Berger
 Blanche Leiter Block
 Anna Bluestein
 Clara Brosler
 Gita Bruckman
 Dora Buxbaum
 Joe Congress
 Betty Dubinsky
 Alex Feldman
 Henry A. Fleck
 William Gitlin
 Dorothy B. Gold
 Henry Grinsfelder
 Susan Hakey
 Morton F. Haslacher
 Robert Johnson
 Michael M. Katz
 Asher Lechleidner-Stoll
 Howard Maier
 Rex P. Mercer
 Hamin Ochstein
 Betty Lehman Pollak
 Marian Rodman
 Abner Rosenberg
 Eugenia Russ
 Dorothy R. Salon
 Seymour Samet
 Marilyn Sax
 Morris Schuster
 Alfred Seiken
 Abraham Siegel
 Steve Weitzman
 Nelson W. Williams
 Henriette Wolf
 Goldie Yaffe

Lottie Guttmacher
 Lilly Hertzman
 Dr. Morris Himelstein
 Ruby Jackson
 Sophia Maier Johnston
 Rose J. Kaplan
 Robert I. Kesselman
 Edward Krainess
 Michael Kupersmith
 Moses Lamley
 Steven Warren Landy
 Eduard Lefand
 Sam Levin
 Laura Himmelstein
 Levine
 Theodore Levy
 Dr. Abraham Ochstein
 Lillian Facks Ochstein
 William. J. Platka
 Lloyd Ray
 Lawrence Ress
 Pearl Russ
 Moses Safirstein
 Francine Schubert
 Irene P. Sherr
 Jeanetta A. Silverman
 Jack Singer
 Fannie Spanjer
 Thelma Strouse
 Jacob Weil

September 15-16

Herb Albert
 Benjamin Becker
 Joe Blumenthal
 Blanche Boyles
 Adolph Brateman
 Lottie Colucci
 Joseph Cristil
 Daniel Daniel
 Terri Darienzo
 Rabbi Eddie Fox
 John Gilbert
 Irving Golder
 Ryan Goldstrom
 Joseph Goltz
 Adolph Greenebaum
 Rose Kaufman

September 8-9

Lottie Albert
 Grace Becker
 Etta Brower
 Hyman Doppelt
 Max Dubrowin
 Harry Fryefield

Himelstein
 Mildred K Jacobs
 Shirley Komito
 Carole Krainess
 Sam Landy
 Charles Leopold
 Howard Levin
 Jennie Levis
 Leah Cohen Malay
 Ethel Mansbach
 Katie Meyer
 Dorys Meyers
 Sidney Motel
 Julius Nathan
 Robert Nusholtz
 Nate Pollack
 Benjamin Rosenberg
 Leah Schulman
 Gerlinde Schwartz
 Fay Slutsky
 David Spanjer
 Irmgard A. Stein
 Bruce Stone
 Nettie Stumpf
 Emmanuel Warshauer
 Irvin I. Weinraub
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The family of Allen Greenberg, a former member of Congregation B'nai Jacob, who died on August 18, 2023 in Birmingham, Alabama. We think of his son and daughter-in-law, Larry & Jennifer Greenberg.



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President's Corner Ronnie Greenberg



Shana Tova! On behalf of the Board of Directors and our family, Norm and I wish you and your family a happy and healthy 5784!

As this new year coincides with our congregation's 175th anniversary, I've been thinking about our history and our past 174 High Holiday observances. [The Temple website](#) has a fascinating and comprehensive account of our history.

You can learn that Achduth Vesholom was originally founded as a "Chevra Kadisha," a "Society for Visiting the Sick and Burying the Dead" in 1848 by 23 members. They worshipped in the home of Frederic Nirdlinger, who was also the first president (and the third and the fifth – some things don't change) until 1859, when they acquired their first building. We were also, originally, a German Orthodox congregation, with our transition to Reform Judaism beginning in 1862.

At its founding, Achduth Vesholom provided its members with a place to worship and a place to honor the dead. It must also have provided a community, a place to meet, talk and study with other Jewish people who shared a culture and background. The Jewish community of Fort Wayne has never been very large, so the congregation would have been vital for Jews to meet and interact with other Jews.

Looking back to our beginning, I wonder what our founders envisioned for the congregation they established? Would they be surprised that we're still going strong 175 years later? Putting aside inventions not yet available in 1848 (cars, cell phones, streaming), would they even recognize the congregation? I think they would.

Just as at our beginning, our congregation today provides not only for our spiritual needs, but also for our cultural, educational, and social needs. With the establishment of the Rifkin Campus and integration of members of the former B'nai Jacob Congregation, we have truly become a center of Jewish life in Fort Wayne, just as we must have been in 1848. We are a one-stop shop for all things that liberal and inclusive Judaism embraces, be it worship, study or socializing.

But as with all things, you reap what you sow. I would guess that the 23 members who established Achduth Vesholom were not all the Jews in Fort Wayne. There were probably a few who chose not to join. How unfortunate! They missed an opportunity to be part of the establishment of something that has flourished for 175 years! Similarly, there are some Jews in Fort Wayne now who chose not to join, and some who are members but don't take advantage of all our community offers. Again, how unfortunate! They are missing the opportunity to grow as Jews and human beings while being part of a warm, caring and inclusive community.

How can we change this? In this new year, each of us can make an effort to reach out and invite other Jews, be they members or not, to join us for services and programs. Guests are always welcome at High Holiday services, so consider inviting someone who doesn't usually attend to accompany you. There are so many interesting programs coming up in 5784 in celebration of our 175th, so invite someone to join you. It can make all the difference.

In 1973, when Norm and I were new members of the Temple and knew no one, our rebitzten and dear friend Lois Safran z"l invited me to a Sisterhood meeting. She met me at the door, sat with me at lunch, and made sure I was introduced to many other women. That was the beginning of our involvement at the Temple. It's 50 years later, and we're still here. One person can make a difference. You can make a difference.

May 5784 be a good year for you! Shana Tova!

