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**CELEBRATE OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY WITH WEEKEND OF EVENTS**

Please join us for the Temple's [175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend](#) on November 10-12, with numerous opportunities to celebrate our milestone as Indiana's oldest Jewish congregation.

Highlights include welcoming Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, as our keynote speaker during our Shabbat evening service and a community open house on Sunday afternoon with the grand opening of our Goldman Memorial Museum and the launch of a new Jewish Heritage Tour with historic preservationists at ARCH.



Under the leadership of 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Co-Chairs Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig, a team of volunteers has been working for months with Rabbi Meir Bargeron and Executive Director Samara Sheray to prepare for the big celebration, along with other events into early 2024.

A commemorative booklet will be distributed at Shabbat services that features the Temple's history, as well as 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sponsors and volunteer chairs.

"We're very excited to recognize the important history of Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish community in Northeast Indiana with these events," Beth said. "Our longevity is a testament to the vibrancy of our congregation and commitment of our members, our leadership, and our rabbis over the years. We hope the mix of historical, cultural and religious activities will help us continue to build community – both within and beyond our congregation."

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**FORT WAYNE MUSEUM OF ART EXHIBIT FOCUSES ON OUR 175TH: "JEWISH HISTORY AND ART ILLUMINATED"**

A new exhibit opening this month at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art takes visitors on a journey through seven different themes since the Temple's founding. Called "[Jewish History and Art Illuminated: 175 Years of Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#)," the exhibit will run November 11, 2023 through January 28, 2024.

This exhibition was curated by Sharon Eisbart, Owner of Sharon Eisbart Corporate Art, and Dr. Wendy Soltz, Assistant Professor of Public History at Ball State University. Both are Temple members. The exhibit was made

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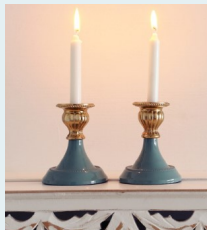
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## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

### NOVEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

**Shabbat Service**  
Friday, November 3  
7:30 p.m.

**Shabbat Service**  
Saturday, November 4  
9:45 a.m.



**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shabbat Service**  
Friday, November 10  
7:30 p.m.

**Led by:** Rabbi Meir Bargeron  
**Keynote Speaker:** Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President, Union for Reform Judaism  
**Musician:** Orin Reynolds  
**Torah presentation to:** Jeremy Klotz, director, Goldman Union Camp Institute  
Oneg Shabbat follows

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shabbat Service**  
Saturday, November 11  
9:45 a.m.

**Led by:** Ron Friedman with Rabbi Meir Bargeron  
Kiddush luncheon follows\*  
\*Kindly RSVP by November 3

**Shabbat Service**  
Friday, November 17  
7:30 p.m.

**Shabbat Service**  
Saturday, November 18  
9:45 a.m.

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**  
Tuesday, November 21  
7 p.m.



**No Shabbat Service**  
Friday, November 24

**No Shabbat Service**  
Saturday, November 25

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](#).

### 175th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND EVENTS

**Erev Shabbat Service and Reception**  
Friday, November 10  
7:30 p.m., followed by an Oneg Shabbat

**Shabbat Morning Service and Kiddush Lunch**  
Saturday, November 11  
9:45 a.m., followed by Kiddush Lunch. Kindly RSVP for lunch by Friday, November 3.

**Family-Friendly Evening: Pizza Dinner, Song Session and Havdalah**  
Saturday, November 11

**Pizza Dinner** at 5:30 p.m. Kindly RSVP by Friday, November 3  
**Song Session and Havdalah with Orin Reynolds**  
6:30 p.m.

**Community Open House**  
Sunday, November 12  
1 to 5 p.m.

- Jewish Heritage Tour with ARCH by trolley
- Open house with docents stationed in the building
- Grand opening of the Goldman Memorial Museum in the MRRC
- String quartet from the Philharmonic with klezmer-inspired music
- Refreshments, including Jewish favorites
- Campus Partners

**Jewish History and Art Illuminated: 175 Years of Congregation Achduth Vesholom**  
Saturday, November 11, 2023 through January 28, 2024  
at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art

#### Reception and Program

Sunday, November 19 at 2 p.m. at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art  
Speakers: Dr. Wendy Soltz, Assistant Professor of Public History at Ball State University, and Mike Brown, Executive Director of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society. [RSVPs required](#) to [www.fwmoa.org](http://www.fwmoa.org) by Monday, November 13.



### NOVEMBER—DECEMBER EVENTS

#### Kehilla Kedosha Israel Support Group

Sunday November 5 at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 3 at 4 p.m. (All on Zoom)

**Thoughtful Thursdays**  
Wednesday, November 8  
10 a.m.

#### GUCI Camp Shabbat

Friday, December 1  
7:30 p.m.

Guests: Assistant Camp Director Jillian Hastings and Songleader Raya Aberbach

#### Mitzvah Day

Sunday, December 3

10 a.m.

Help assemble baskets for foster children

#### First Night of Hanukkah

Thursday, December 7

#### Hanukkah Dinner and Service

Friday, December 8

6 p.m. Dinner\*

7:30 p.m. Service

\*RSVP by Monday, December 4

#### Champagne Shabbat

Friday, December 29

7:30 p.m.

### ONGOING EVENTS

#### Lunch with the ROMEOs

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

#### Thursday, November 2

[Casa! Ristorante](#)

7545 W. Jefferson Blvd.

#### Thursday, November 16

[Bangkok Bistro](#)

3009 E. State Blvd.

[Find the lunch schedule](#)

## Rabbi Meir Bargeron: A LETTER FROM RABBI MEIR

Dear Beloved Congregation of Unity and Peace,

I tend to think of myself as a person with a lot to say. You might think that is part of the deal for rabbis. As a rabbi, I am a spiritual leader and a teacher, and also a manager, a sales person, a professional committee member, and even an occasional schlepper of stuff around the Temple. The tool I have, the means by which I do much of my work, is words. But since that horrible Shabbat morning on October 7, 2023, I have had a lump in my throat that won't go away.

It is a lump that remains unmoved even when I lead prayer, or in those precious opportunities I have to pray on my own. It remains unmoved when I talk to some of you about routine Temple matters. It remained unmoved after I personally thanked dozens of volunteers and customers with whom I interacted on Deli Day. It remains unmoved when I shed tears of joy, as I and many others did last month when our Doris Gottlieb became *bat mitzvah*. And the lump remains unmoved when I shed tears of sadness and anguish at the incomprehensible atrocity that happened on that Shabbat morning in Israel.

I wonder if any of you have had your own version of this experience. What can anyone possibly say after this atrocity? I know I have tried, and I know that many of us have tried; but for me the words I have managed to say about this tragic moment in Israel, this tragic moment for every Jew on the planet, are only a costume to disguise the primal scream that is dammed up behind that lump in my throat. For me, for so many of us, it is too soon, the pain is too acute, our emotions are too raw.



In this time of pain, when our tender hearts are stretched open, almost to the breaking point, we share something that supports us and will carry us through this dark time. When the founders of our Jewish community came together 175 years ago to form the first synagogue in Indiana, they chose a name that, whether they considered it or not, provides essential guidance to us in this tragic moment: **Achduth Vesholom**.

It is in our unity as a Jewish people that we have the strength that allows us to endure great difficulty and even tragedies. The answer to the question posed by Cain to God, "Am I my brother's keeper?" is unequivocally **yes**. Our unity ties us to one another in times of joy and times of tragedy. We keep one another. We hold each other up.

By supporting one another in our own community with friendly hellos and hugs, and by asking each other how we are doing, the emotional rawness will heal and our primal screams will dissipate. And then we as a people can turn our attention to the long and difficult enterprise of first securing Israel, and then building an enduring Shalom to guarantee the safety and peace for Israel and for all of the people who live there.

For now, we need to support each other and support Israel. Please read about the Temple and Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's joint campaign to support Israel (page 8), and be generous. May the one who makes peace from high above bring peace to us, to Israel and to all who dwell on the earth.

Rabbi Meir



## INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Share an interfaith celebration of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 21 at 7 p.m. at Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

The Temple is pleased for an 11<sup>th</sup> year to host Fort Wayne's annual community interfaith service. Join us in person or via livestream on [YouTube](#).

Sponsoring congregations to date include: Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren, First Presbyterian Church, Imani Baptist Temple, Plymouth Congregational Church of Fort Wayne, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, Union Baptist Church, and the Baha'i Community of Fort Wayne.

Donations collected at the service will benefit Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network.

A reception will follow the service. Thank you to Dawn Hammond for chairing.

## SHARE LATKES AND LIGHTS AT HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

Celebrate the Festival of Lights with our Temple family on Friday, December 8 amid the glow of dozens of *hanukkiyot* and the warmth of Jewish community.

Please bring your *hanukkiyah* and candles to light for the second night of Hanukkah.



Join us for dinner at 6 p.m. hosted by the ROMEOS, including delicious, crisp latkes, dreidels to spin, and games for the kids.

Then at 7:30 p.m., Rabbi Meir will lead our Hanukkah service marking the Maccabees' triumph over the Greeks and their rededication of the Temple. The service will also be livestreamed at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom and [YouTube](#).

Please RSVP for dinner by Monday, December 4 to the Temple office. The menu includes kosher beef hot dogs, veggie burgers, green salad, latkes, applesauce, and *sufganiyot* (jelly donuts). There is no charge for dinner, but monetary donations are appreciated.

Thank you to Denny Reynolds and the Retired Old Men Eating Out for providing the meal. [What is Hannukah?](#)

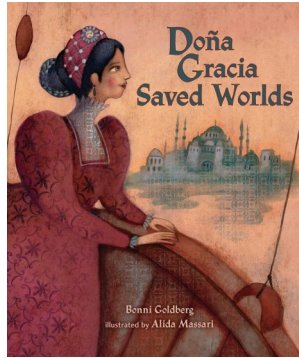
## NEW ADDITIONS TO THE TEMPLE LIBRARY FROM FROM KAR-BEN

Thanks to our recent "ASAP" shipment from Kar-Ben Publishing, we have 16 new titles ready to be checked out in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).

A few were fall holiday picture books. For Rosh Hashanah, we added *Tzimmes for Tziporah* by Megan Hoyt. For Yom Kippur, David Sherrin's original *Big Bad Wolf's Yom Kippur* and Amy Novit's *Three Jumps to Sorry: A Yom Kippur Story* joined our collection. And for Sukkot, we received *The Moving-Box Sukkah* by Leah Berkowitz.

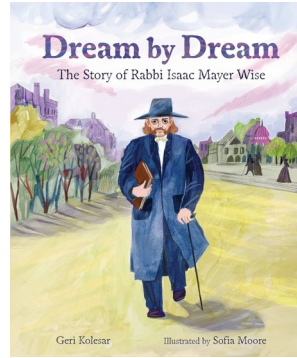
For this year's Hanukkah celebrations, we received Alan Silberberg's board book, *Latke's First Hanukkah*, which looks adorable. Other Hanukkah picture books include *Hanukkah Upside Down*, by Elissa Brent Weissman, set in New Zealand, Jo Gershman's *A Wild, Wild Hanukkah*, Elak Weber's *Mrs. Maccabee's Miracle*, and Linda Elovitz Marshall's *The Mexican Dreidel*.

Two good-looking picture book biographies arrived in the box as well. *Ruth First Never Backed Down*, by Danielle Joseph, explores the efforts of Ruth First to highlight the horrors of apartheid in South Africa. Geri Kolesar's *Dream by Dream: The Story of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise*, seems particularly



appropriate as we celebrate our congregation's 175th anniversary.

For our smallest readers, Nancy Churnin's new board book, *Counting on Shabbat*, joins our Shabbat collection. And for those interested in Yiddish, we have a fun new picture book by Leslie Kimmelman, *A Book about Bubkes*.



Three more titles round out the set. *Zhen Yu and the Snake*, by Erica Lyons, takes place in ancient China, but is based on a Talmudic tale of Rabbi Akiva. *The Promise*, by Fawzia Gilani-Williams, tells the story of two boys in a Moroccan village, one Jewish and one Muslim. When the Jewish family is forced to leave, the boy's Muslim friend promises to care for his garden. *Doña Gracia Saved Worlds*, by Bonni Goldberg, tells the story of a woman of 16th-century Portugal who helped protect Jews during the Inquisition, ran her husband's international business after his death, and eventually lived in Turkey, helping build synagogues, schools, and hospitals.

All these new titles and more await you in our own Temple library. Please take advantage of this resource and stop by next time you're in the building. [Find our full catalog](#)

## MUSICAL GUCI SHABBAT WILL BRING THOUGHTS OF SUMMER CAMP ON DECEMBER 1

Brighten up a winter evening with warm thoughts of [Goldman Union Camp Institute](#) on Friday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. during our GUCI-style Shabbat service at the Temple.

Rabbi Meir Bargeron will lead the service with Senior Assistant Camp Director Jillian Hastings and song leader Raya Aberbach, who will share stories and music from our regional Union for Reform Judaism camp in Zionsville.

Please join us in person or on Zoom or [YouTube](#). An Oneg Shabbat follows.

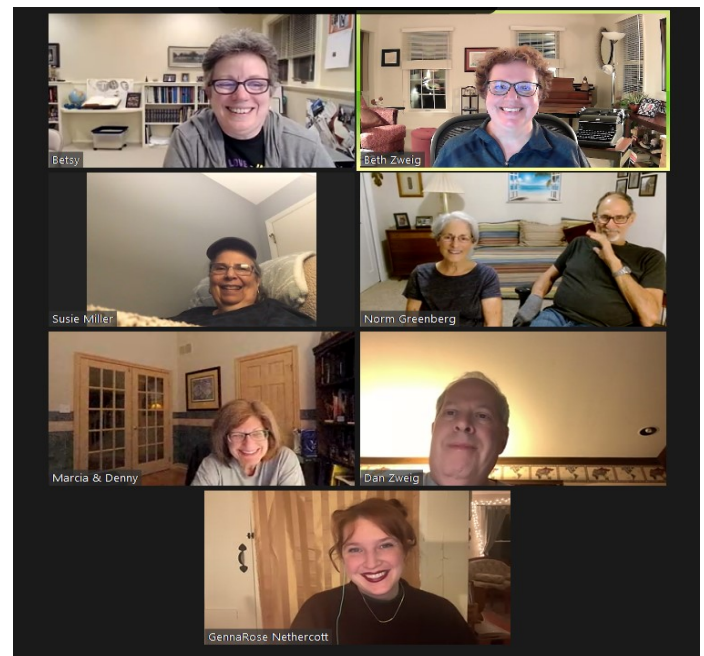
For many years, GUCI has provided campers from Achduth Vesholom with a heightened sense of Jewish community and spirituality, along with new friendships.



[Registration is open](#) for summer 2024 at GUCI for children entering 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) for Campership information. Campership Chair Brian Rosman also can answer questions.

Your child also may be eligible for a need-blind grant up of up to \$1,000 this summer through the [Foundation for Jewish Camp](#).



## FOLKLORE & MORE AT BOOK CLUB

GennaRose Nethercott, author of *Thistlefoot*, joined us for a fascinating discussion on October 24 with the Temple Book Club.

We learned about her approach to developing the story and characters, along with the literary style of magical realism vs fantasy. Thanks to Betsy Gephart for organizing and to the Jewish Book Council for its LiveChat program for book groups.

# Youth News

## BUILDING JEWISH COMMUNITY THROUGH YOUTH PROGRAMS

As always, our youth education programs are keeping our families busy with many opportunities for Jewish learning and community!

We started off the month of *Tishrei* with a beautiful Sunday morning spent decorating the sukkah, playing fall games, and sharing Pizza in the Hut at the Temple. Rabbi Meir offered a Sukkot blessing before teaching us how to shake the lulav and etrog. (See Page 11 for photos)

The following Sunday on October 8, we gathered for Simchat Torah and celebrated the Consecration of one of our youngest students, Teddy, who took his first steps on his formal Jewish education journey.



We also welcomed our Religious School students back for Hebrew and Values classes in October. Our school-aged youth explored Shabbat and Havdalah themes, which included adding their own video to an interactive online map that shows how Jews around the world welcome Shabbat.

Our youth will have the opportunity to celebrate Havdalah together on Saturday, November 11 when special 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary musical guest Orin Reynolds leads a family-friendly song session at 6:30 p.m. Join us beforehand for a pizza dinner at 5:30 p.m. (Kindly RSVP to [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) no later than Friday, November 3).

The Jewish month of *Cheshvan* is also Jewish Social Action Month. All families are invited to join us for Service Sunday on November 19 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Temple in



support of the Temple's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service project focused on foster children in our community.

Looking ahead to Friday, December 1, we're excited to have special guests from Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) joining us for a songful Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m.

We also are busy planning our family-friendly CAV Hanukkah Party on Sunday, December 8 at 6 p.m. at the Temple, with services to follow at 7:30 p.m.. We will celebrate *yontif* by spinning dreidels, lighting our *hanukkiyot*, and enjoying dinner and dessert as provided by the world-renowned ROMEOs! We hope you'll bring your *hanukkiyah* and join in the festivities!

As always, please reach out to me at [educator@templecav.org](mailto:educator@templecav.org) any time with any questions you might have!

*Leise Rosman, Religious School Committee chair*



## Joy Vey! "It is so good to...celebrate being Jewish together."

Our Joy Vey families with young children gathered on October 13 at the Temple to light Shabbat candles, sing, dance, and pray for Israel. Stephanie Gottesman led the music and Wendy Soltz shared a playful activity to teach the kids the story of creation.

We said the blessings over the candles, grape juice, and homemade challah rolls made by Wendy. A pizza dinner and sweet treats followed.

As one parent shared, "It is so good to come together after such a dark week and just celebrate being Jewish together."



## CELEBRATE OUR 175TH WEEKEND (continued from page 1)

Rabbi Meir noted that the Temple for 175 years has been “the heart and soul of Jewish life in this community.”



“Generation after generation, we have continued to embrace our heritage, passing on the torch of knowledge and tradition, and forging connections that have stood the test of time,” he said. “From the religious school to the chuppah, from b’nei mitzvah to solemn farewells, this Temple has been the backdrop for our most profound moments.”

Kathy Sider has been working on the Jewish Heritage Tour with ARCH and an advisory group of long-time Temple members and those familiar with local Jewish history.

“Those who take the tour will learn about the neighborhoods, houses of worship, merchants, community organizations, people and largest Jewish community,” Kathy said.

“I am looking forward to sharing our culture, traditions and local history with the greater Fort Wayne and our own Jewish community. This history is new to a lot of us who did not grow up in Fort Wayne.”

### THANK YOU TO OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: Co-Chairs Kathy Sider and Beth Zweig

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

### WE APPRECIATE OUR 175th WEEKEND EVENT SPONSORS: Donors to our 175th Season of Events

The Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of many anniversary weekend events.

Hazemir members for contributing to Orin Reynolds’ visit, including Ron Cousino, Barbara & Alan Gilbert, Doris Gottlieb, Ronnie & Norm Greenberg, John Planer & Janina Traxler, Marcia & Denny Reynolds, and Jo Ellen & Mike Rush.

Al Zacher for contributing to the Jewish Heritage Tour.

Jamie & Jon Berger for hosting the Saturday Dinner.

## Join us for milestone events this month:

### Friday, November 10 — Shabbat Service and Oneg Shabbat

**7:30 p.m.** - Shabbat service, led by Rabbi Meir with musician Orin Reynolds. The keynote speaker is URJ President Rabbi Rick Jacobs. A Torah will be presented to Jeremy Klotz, director of Goldman Union Camp Institute in Zionsville, in honor of our 175<sup>th</sup> and our long association with GUCI. A festive Oneg Shabbat will follow.

### Saturday, November 11— Shabbat Torah Service and Kiddush Luncheon

**9:45 a.m.** - Shabbat Torah service, led by Ron Friedman with a D’var Torah by Rabbi Meir.

A Kiddush luncheon will follow. Kindly RSVP by Friday, November 3 to [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or (260) 744-4245.



### Saturday, November 11— Family-Friendly Evening with Orin Reynolds

Bring the whole family for a fun evening!

**5:30 p.m.** - Pizza dinner. Kindly RSVP by Friday, November 3 to [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or (260) 744-4245.

**6:30 p.m.** - Song session with Orin Reynolds, followed by Havdalah.

### Sunday, November 12 — Community Open House

**1 to 5 p.m.**

**Take a docent-led Jewish Heritage Tour of Fort Wayne.** Trolleys with docents from ARCH will leave the Temple at 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages 12 and up only. Tour is approximately 2 hours. A self-guided tour will be available later this year.



**Visit the Goldman Memorial Museum in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center for its grand opening.** In addition to the timeline of 200 years of local Jewish history, displays include Judaica and a new showcase for the Holocaust Torah remnant.

**Docents will be available throughout the building** to answer questions.

**Experience klezmer-inspired music** performed by a string quartet from the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. The quartet features David Ling and Betsy Gephart, violins; Bruce Graham, viola; and David Rezits, cello. Betsy and David are Temple members.

**Enjoy a nosh** that includes favorites for holidays and year-round.

**Learn from the Rifkin Campus partners** about their involvement in the community

## NIRDLINGER DESCENDANTS TO ATTEND 175TH

During our anniversary weekend, we’re looking forward to welcoming descendants of Frederic Nirdlinger, a founding member and first president of Congregation Achduth Vesholom in 1848.

Kristine Singer, the great-great-great-great niece of Frederic Nirdlinger, and members of her family are planning to attend some of our 175<sup>th</sup> weekend events.

## HELPING FOSTER CHILDREN THROUGH TEMPLE'S 175TH MITZVAH PROJECT

As part of the Temple's longstanding commitment to social action and in honor of our [175<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Here's how you can help:** Please 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 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mitzvah Project.

During congregational Mitzvah Days on Sunday mornings, December 3 and January 14 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., we'll assemble the totes with the toiletries and the additional items.



During our Hot Topics Shabbat on October 27, Erin Warner, social media coordinator for Fostering Hope for Children, told us about her organization's collections for foster children.

Thank you to Mitzvah Project Chair Juli Dominguez, Social Action Committee Chair Rena Black, and Rabbi Meir for their work on the project.

## ART EXHIBIT (continued from page 1)

possible with art and Judaica loans from Congregation Achduth Vesholom and a grant from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation.

"When visitors come to the show, hopefully, they will experience how the art illuminates CAV's story, but also how the 175-year narrative of CAV gives additional meaning to the art and artifacts," Wendy said.

Please join us at the art museum on Sunday, November 19 for a reception at 2 p.m. and a lecture at 3 p.m. featuring two speakers:

**Michael Brown**, Executive Director of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, will speak on "Achduth Vesholom: A Jewish Congregation at the Frontier of Indiana History."

**Dr. Wendy Soltz** will discuss "Illuminating Congregation Achduth Vesholom's 175-year History," which includes the concept for the exhibit, her research, and how the art and Judaica help tell the story of the congregation.

[Please RSVP to the art museum](#) by Monday, November 13. Seating is limited and first-come, first-served.

We are grateful to the Fort Wayne Museum of Art for sharing its artwork with the community in honor of our anniversary. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and our 175th Anniversary sponsors. Thank you to Sharon & Ben Eisbart for hosting the reception.

**Artwork on Page 1: Irving Amen, American, 1918-2011. The Family, lithograph on paper. Photo courtesy of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art.**

## EXPLORE NEIJGS' JEWISH FAMILIES DATABASE AT 175<sup>TH</sup> OPEN HOUSE

The [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) is thrilled to join in the Temple's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, November 12. NEIJGS members Irv Adler and Pamela Friedman will be available at the open house to share information about our group and upcoming programs.



The [Fort Wayne Jewish Families Database](#) will be open for browsing. This is a "family tree" of our area's Jewish community and includes more than 7,000 people, from our congregation's founders to current members.

And you can get the latest information about the 45<sup>th</sup> International Association of Jewish Genealogy Societies' International Conference taking place in Fort Wayne on August 10-14, 2025. We hope you'll stop the NEIJGS table and say "hello."



Volunteers attended docent training recently to prepare for the 175th open house. Thanks to Chairs Dawn Hammond and Mike Rush!

## FEDERATION AND TEMPLE PARTNER ON SWORDS OF IRON CAMPAIGN FOR ISRAEL

Early in the morning of October 7th, armed Hamas terrorists from Gaza carried out the most heinous, multi-front murder, kidnapping and torturing rampage against Israel in history. Some 1,400 men, women and children were brutally killed and more than 3,000 were injured. Thousands of rockets were fired into the border communities, and into cities in the center, the South and even as far as Jerusalem.

Once again, on a holy day of the Jewish calendar, the people of Israel have come under attack. On Simchat Torah, when we read in Genesis that “in the beginning ... darkness was on the face of the deep,” darkness indeed descended upon Israel, and the lives of Jews in Israel and Around the world changed forever!

The magnitude of this brutality is unprecedented. There were more Jews killed on October 7, 2023 than were killed on any date since the Holocaust. Simply stated, this represents an existential event for Israel.

We know our community has been impacted, whether with shock, pain, sadness, or anger, and we share that with Jews everywhere. We mourn for those who were murdered, and our hearts cry out for all the hostages whose fates remain unknown. We despair alongside the injured and are saddened by the images of communities torn apart, families destroyed, homes reduced to rubble, towns left vacant amid the destruction, and lifetimes of recurring trauma.

And we pray for the healing of the wounded, redemption for the hostages, and comfort for the bereaved. There truly are no words to describe such a loss. We know there will be more difficult days ahead.

During stressful times in Israel, world Jewry has once again come together, as we stand in solidarity with those affected by terror, those whose lives have been shattered, and those who are living with heightened fear, anxiety and uncertainty.

The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), and the Conservative Jewish Movement (CJM) have come together to raise funds to support our brothers and sisters during this time.

This fundraising effort is called SWORDS OF IRON - Israel Emergency Fund. Due to the destruction caused by the Hamas terrorist group, the goal for this phase of Swords of Iron is \$500 million.

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and Congregation Achduth Vesholom have partnered to do our part to assist with this humanitarian rebuilding effort.

Although the Federation will be the fiscal agent to disburse the funds, this is a true partnership.

### HOW TO MAKE A DONATION:

Donate through the Federation website at [fwjf.org/donate](http://fwjf.org/donate) or send checks (made payable to the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne), or drop checks/cash in person at 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.



In addition, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne sends out daily emails with updates on the ongoing crisis in Israel.

If you are not receiving them and wish to, please fill out the contact form at [fwjf.org](http://fwjf.org) or contact our office at: [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org) to be added to the list.

So, too, in the blackness of this moment, we know that better times will come. Let us hasten those better days through our actions, deeds and generosity.

Together, through the power of our collective, in this unprecedented way through the JFNA, URJ, and CJM, we will help do our part to restore the light, and keep it shining on our beloved Israel. Am Yisrael Chai.

**Scott Salon**  
**Jaki Schreier**  
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**Ronnie Greenberg**  
**Rabbi Meir Bargeron**  
**Samara Sheray**  
**Congregation Achduth Vesholom**

## KEHILLA KEDOSHA SUPPORT & DISCUSSION GROUP TO FOCUS ON SITUATION IN ISRAEL

The vicious attack on Israel and the assault, slaughter and kidnapping of innocent people living in the Gaza Envelope has caused so much pain and suffering.

Because all Jews are responsible for one another (Talmud Shevuot 39a), the pain and anguish echo widely in the diaspora — to us. These feelings can be difficult to hold and are complicated by living as part of a tiny Jewish minority in Northeast Indiana.

You are invited to a *Kehilla Kedosha (Holy Community)* support and discussion group that is focused on this difficult time. Rabbi Meir will facilitate.

The sessions will be held on Zoom on these dates and times:

- Sunday, November 5 at 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 15 at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 28 at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, December 3 at 4 p.m..

The Zoom link will be provided in our weekly email. You may attend any or all of the group sessions.

Questions? Contact Rabbi Meir at [rabbi@templecav.org](mailto:rabbi@templecav.org).





## A LETTER TO OUR COMMUNITIES FROM THE INDIANA BOARD OF RABBIS

On October 7, Hamas slaughtered over 1,300 Israelis and abducted more than 200. They kidnapped children, tortured elderly Holocaust survivors, murdered entire families, murdered over 250 concertgoers, paraded the dead as war trophies, and did unspeakably worse. It was the largest murder of Jews on a single day since the Holocaust.

We are grateful to those of you, our colleagues, who have reached out to us, and we thank you for your ongoing comfort and support. For those who have kept quiet, we who supported your churches and mosques when terror struck your communities must ask: "Where are your voices?" Your silence is both sobering and painful.



Some of you have issued statements. Distressingly, many minimize Hamas's massacre of innocents by decrying violence "on both sides," woefully failing to recognize the moral distinction between those who butcher and those who are butchered, between intentional murder and self-defense. Like you, we pray for the safety of all innocent civilians and for a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

We categorically affirm the difference between Hamas and the Palestinian people. Hamas is a terrorist organization, as designated by the United States and many other nations, whose stated goal is the annihilation of Jews. History shows their callous disregard for life extends to their own people. We

encourage you to see President Biden's remarks from October 10 for an example of leadership and moral clarity on this issue.

We ask that all Indiana faith leaders and organizations unequivocally condemn Hamas for their murder, torture, and kidnapping of Jews and non-Jewish Israelis, permanent residents, and tourists. We ask that you call for the immediate return of the hostages, and to denounce the horrifying and deeply un-American displays of support for Hamas in our streets and on social media.

Your Jewish friends and neighbors are suffering. We hope we can count you among our allies. We, your colleagues in spiritual leadership, await your response.

*Rabbi Meir Barger, co-chair, Fort Wayne*  
*Rabbi Roxanne Shapiro, co-chair, Indianapolis*  
*Rabbi Adam Bellows, West Lafayette*  
*Rabbi Brian Besser, Bloomington*  
*Rabbi Karen Compane, South Bend*  
*Rabbi Michael Friedland, South Bend*  
*Rabbi Cantor Mariana Gindlin, Munster*  
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*Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan, Fort Wayne*  
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*Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow, Carmel*  
*Rabbi Aaron Spiegel, Indianapolis*  
*Rabbi Faedra Weiss, Indianapolis*  
*Rabbi Lew Weiss, Indianapolis*

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## REMEMBERING THOSE MURDERED IN ISRAEL ON OCTOBER 7 AND ITS AFTERMATH

Nine stained-glass windows in our Sanctuary tell the story of the Jewish people, including one that symbolizes the hope of the emergence of the State of Israel.

The description of the window says, "The thick track of deep purple running through the center symbolizes the suffering and struggles in the re-birth of the state. Out of it grows olive leaves and citrus fruit, symbols of the peace and agricultural plentitude. Pushing upward to the sunlight is the white and blue of the Israeli flag. Here is the promise for the future and life-giving rays that can bring health and hope to other nations."

A shiva candle now stands on the ledge in front of the window in memory of those who died as a result of the horrific attack in Israel and in its aftermath.

The window to the right is a memorial to the six million who were murdered in the Holocaust. The window to the left tells the story of the American world.



The theme for the windows was developed by Rabbi Emeritus Frederic Doppelt z'l and the creative work of Samuel Wiener Jr. of Columbia University.

## SIMCHAT TORAH 2023: A “HAFUCH” KIND OF DAY

Rabbi Meir Bargeron explained to the congregation on October 8 that it was a “hafuch” kind of day. Hebrew for “upside down,” the word describes a situation that is entirely different than what is expected.

We gathered for Simchat Torah, a holy day that means literally “Joy of the Torah.” Yet, he noted, we are heartbroken over the horrific terrorist attack in Israel the day before. The day was not what we expected, but coming together as a community was important.

We began sharing a joyous moment of Consecration with one of our youngest students who took his first steps on his formal Jewish education journey. Then we honored our rock, our Torah, reading the end of Deuteronomy and beginning the Torah cycle with Genesis. Then we prayed for Israel.



*Celebrating the holiday*



*Consecration*



*Prayers for Israel, Israel Defense Forces, and those taken hostage.*



*Remembering*



*Finishing the Torah cycle and beginning anew*



*L'dor Vador*

**O Heavenly One, Protector and Redeemer of Israel,  
Bless the State of Israel which marks the dawning of hope for all  
who seek peace.**

**Shield it beneath the wings of Your love; spread over it the  
canopy of Your peace;**

**Send Your light and truth to all who lead and advise,  
Guiding them with Your good counsel.**

**Establish peace in the land and fullness of joy for all who dwell  
there.**

**Amen. — From *Mishkan T'filah***



*Finding the Torah portion for her Bat Mitzvah*

## SHARING COMMUNITY IN THE TEMPLE SUKKAH

Our congregational sukkah featuring lights and autumn decorations provided a wonderful setting to celebrate Sukkot and Shabbat on September 29!

Volunteers from the Temple's gardening crew (HaGananim) had come earlier in the day to festoon the sukkah with garlands of fall leaves, pumpkins, and flowers.

Following a beautiful service in the Sanctuary led by Rabbi Meir, we shared Kiddush outdoors in the sukkah. We had an opportunity to shake the lulav and etrog, as well as enjoy a delicious array of treats provided by Janet Finkel and Sheryl Merritt.

Our KESHER ("Connection") families spent a beautiful morning on October 1 decorating the sukkah, playing fall games, and sharing Pizza in the Hut at the Temple. "Soccer croquet" and cornhole were a big hit, along with crafting stars of David from popsicle sticks, coloring paper leaves, creating paper chains, and painting pumpkins. Rabbi Meir offered a Sukkot blessing before teaching us how to shake the lulav and etrog.



*HaGananim—our decorating team!*



*Learning more about the lulav and etrog*



*Sharing Kiddush in the sukkah on Shabbat*



*KESHER families on a beautiful morning on Sukkot.*

## CORNED BEEF ON RYE SURELY DID SATISFY AT 21ST SALE!

Even with rainy and brisk conditions on October 19, the Temple's 21st Corned Beef on Rye – Sure To Satisfy Fundraiser brought enthusiastic community support, with sales of 1,800+ meals and an additional 134 pounds of bulk corned beef.

Fifty-three sponsors generously supported the sale, contributing a record \$12,630. Meals also included coupons from our gold sponsors, Chapman's Brewing Co. and Brateman's, and a list of all who helped underwrite the sale. The final amount raised toward Temple programs is not yet available.

"A big thank you goes to all of our volunteers on whom we rely for both prep night and sale day," said Micah Soltz, who co-chaired the fundraiser with Amy Krouse.

"Though everyone agrees the sale is hard work, we always enjoy getting together with our fellow congregants for the benefit of CAV."

An outstanding ["Positively Fort Wayne" feature story](#) on WANE-TV generated a flurry of online orders just days before the Temple's largest annual fundraiser.

A dedicated team of volunteers worked tirelessly to prepare and deliver the delicious meals, each with 1/3-pound corned beef on rye, creamy coleslaw, giant dill pickle, fudgy brownie and a drink.

The popularity of our Deli Day tradition also proved to be our greatest challenge. Kudos came from customers for the tasty meals, along with constructive



feedback on our need to do better with the pick-up process.

For those who didn't opt for delivery of their meals, only drive-thru service was offered. We appreciate the patience and good humor displayed by most of our customers as our dedicated volunteers hustled to prepare orders and bring them to vehicles as quickly as possible.

Despite increased staffing and a new order relay system, we just couldn't move cars fast enough through the line, even though the meals were ready to go.



### THANK YOU TO OUR CORNED BEEF CREW!

Co-Chairs Micah Soltz and Amy Krouse, and their team: Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Barger, Jamie Fritz, Scott Goldberg, Shai Hadashi, Sam Krouse, Marie McFadden, Lee Pomerantz, Denny Reynolds, Samara Sheray, Jon Tam, Steve Zacher, Mimi Zelman, and Beth Zweig

We began offering drive-thru pickup three years ago as a result of the pandemic.

In response to the feedback, the corned beef team already has met to begin to consider ways to improve the customer experience for our 22<sup>nd</sup> sale next fall. Our 17-member Corned Beef Committee remained flexible throughout the months of planning and preparation, especially since this year's sale was about two weeks earlier than in recent years.

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

Our condiment bag prep crew met the Monday of corned beef week to assemble 850 bags with sponsor sheets, mustard packets, and other items to get a head start in advance of Wednesday's prep night.

More than 100 volunteers – including



friends of congregants and new recruits - helped on Prep Night, weighing meat portions, scooping coleslaw into cups, bagging pickles, and cutting brownies.

For a second year, we utilized a three-tiered sponsorship level, with gold sponsors (minimum \$1,000 contribution), silver level sponsors (\$500 to \$999); and bronze level donors (\$100 to \$499).

Thank you to Rabbi Meir Barger, Amy Krouse, Denny Reynolds, Samara Sheray, and Beth Zweig for being part of the WANE-TV interview. Special thanks to Greg Shoup and reporter Pat Hoffmann for helping to support our sale.

We appreciate the Temple staff for pitching in, problem-solving, and persevering! Thanks to Executive Director Samara Sheray, Administrative Assistants Marie McFadden and Cheri Buker, Comptroller Jamie Fritz, and Custodian Timmy Oberley. All of them went above and beyond.

Many thanks also to our security team led by Joe Lyon for keeping us safe, directing traffic, and pitching in on Prep Night.

Thank you to our kitchen crew: Denny Reynolds, Marcia Reynolds and Jon Tam. We again used the "counting grid" created last year by Denny to help with accuracy in tracking the number of meat packets for sandwich orders. We appreciate Norm Greenberg for his deli experience and meat slicer skills to help capture every bit of corned beef to enjoy.

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## CORNED BEEF ON RYE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10)

Our sponsorship efforts – led by Amy Krouse, Sam Krouse, Samara Sheray, and Steve Zacher - included reaching out to connections in the community and congregation.

Amy Krouse did a great job recruiting volunteers, including our Prep Night station captains: Scott Goldberg (pickles), John Stein (coleslaw), Steve Zacher (brownies), Dan Zweig and Brian Rosman (corned beef weighing), Denny Reynolds (kitchen), Lee Pomerantz and Susan Cooperman (large orders), Jon Tam (bulk corned beef), and Beth Zweig (condiment bags). The delivery management team included Amy Krouse, Lee Pomerantz, Susan Cooperman and Shai Hadashi. Order fulfillment operations were organized by Samara Sheray, Marie McFadden, and Amy Krouse.

Micah Soltz captained the sourcing of supplies and proved a jack of all trades throughout the sale.

Our social media and other marketing continued a weekly e-blast with corned beef reminders to previous customers and increased our social media presence on Facebook with paid advertising, regular posts, and help from our congregants in

sharing news of the sale with friends. Thanks to Fran Adler, Samara Sheray, and Beth Zweig for their work on marketing.

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

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



## THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 CORNED BEEF SPONSORS

### Gold Sponsors

Brateman's  
Chapman's Brewing Co.  
Amy & Sam Krouse  
The Zacher Co.

### Silver Sponsors

Burda Family  
Jamie & Jon Berger  
Rita & Michael Lewis  
Jere Leib  
Erica Sullivan  
Michiana Title LLC  
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### Bronze Sponsors

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Jessica & Roger Ash  
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Greg Shoup  
Sally & Steve Trotter  
Deborah & Joel Vilensky  
Irene & Robert Walters  
Deborah & Michael Worpell  
Al Zacher  
Beth & Dan Zweig





## AN EVENING OF JOYOUS MOMENTS

At the beginning of our Shabbat Noach service on October 20, Rabbi Meir compared the rainbows that shine through dark clouds to the simchas to be celebrated that evening. During this time of war in Israel, our congregation's simchas are even more precious. Morgan was welcomed into the Covenant with her Hebrew name, and Doris Gottlieb became a bat mitzvah. It was a beautiful evening!



*Beth & Dan Zweig and Ronnie & Norm Greenberg attended the 175<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Mass and luncheon on October 1 at St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church in downtown Fort Wayne. Andrea Thomas, a long-time member of the parish who chairs the History and Liturgy committees, and her husband, the Rev. Dr. Hal Thomas, were their gracious hosts.*

## RECONNECT, REJOICE, RECOMMIT AT UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM'S 150TH

As our hearts remain with our wider Jewish community and the people of Israel, it's more important now than ever before to show our support and add our perspectives to our discussions about Zionism, Israel's future, and Jewish peoplehood.

**URJ150** RECONNECT.  
REJOICE.  
RECOMMIT.

DECEMBER 15-17, 2023 • WASHINGTON, D.C.

We are counting down the days to the weekend of December 15-17 and the URJ's 150th anniversary gathering in Washington D.C., we want to let you know about the dynamic [schedule](#) and our plans to reconnect, rejoice, and recommit to our Movement. This gathering will offer opportunities for you to connect with other members of our Movement and deepen your own connection to Israel.

[Find details and registration information](#)

If you plan to attend, please contact the Temple at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or (260) 744-4245. Some financial assistance is available.

## THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS APPLE PROJECT BEARS FRUIT

Our 13<sup>th</sup> annual [Thoughtful Thursdays](#) Apple Project was a success again this year, with support from the Jewish community to help us to provide fresh fruit to our 51 Brightpoint Head Start children and their families.

For the first time this year, our crew picked the apples themselves! On a sunny and very warm morning, seven of our volunteers headed to Phil's U-Pick Apple Orchard in Huntington to gather a large supply of tasty apples. Then we headed to the Temple to deliver the fruit of their labor and set up for our monthly bag assembly team.

Later in the week, we divided the apples to send home with the kids, along with prepping two additional bags with ingredients and recipe for chicken taco casserole and household products.

Thank you to Chair Sally Trotter and her crew for their dedication to this important mitzvah project. Thoughtful Thursdays is a joint project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

Our volunteers will meet on Wednesday, November 8 at 10 a.m. to assemble bags.

Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#). Thanks to Thoughtful Thursdays Chair Sally Trotter and everyone who helped!



## SWEETS, TREATS, AND MORE NEEDED FOR INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING RECEPTION



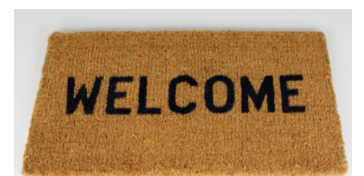
Please volunteer to help and to bake for the reception that follows the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 21.

Baked goods are needed at the Temple no later than Tuesday, November 21 at 4:30 p.m. (Please note that the Temple is closed on Monday, November 20.) Items may be put in the freezer no later than Friday, November 17, 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 say you can help at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) or Reception Chair Dawn Hammond at [dawnghammond@gmail.com](mailto:dawnghammond@gmail.com).

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER

We're pleased to welcome Debbie Rothberg as the Temple's newest member. A Fort Wayne native, she belonged to Achduth Vesholom with her family, including her parents, Jo & Maurice Rothberg z"l. Her brother, Steve, and several cousins are congregants.



A resident of Washington, DC, Debbie retired after 35 years in the Office of Public Programs at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, where her role included putting together a free, weekly public film and lecture series.

She said she joined the Temple to support our congregation, which is smaller than in her youth, and our Jewish community.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of our just completed reading of Parashat Noach, Rabbi Meir Barger on October 22 offered a blessing for pets who are part of our extended Temple family. The furry creatures who attended included dogs, both big and small, and a cat. Refreshments also were provided for pets and their humans. Big or small, Rabbi Meir offered a blessing for all!

We honored our pets, those who work at animal shelters and rescues, pet parents and caretakers. We also collected donations for Humane Fort Wayne.



ברוך מְרַחֵם עַל הַבְּרִוּת.  
Blessed is the One who embraces all creatures!



## SHARE YOUR TALENTS AT BEIT CAFÉ

Calling all singers, instrumentalists, comics, spoken-word artists, and any and all members of the Temple community who have a talent that they want to share!



Congregation Achduth Vesholom will present "Beit Cafe: A Temple Coffee House," on Saturday, February 3 at 7 p.m., with Maestro Robert Nance, who will be our music director. This congregational showcase is part of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Contact Rabbi Meir at [rabbi@templecav.org](mailto:rabbi@templecav.org) if you are interested in sharing your talent, or even think you might be interested. Also, Rabbi Meir is recruiting a committee to help plan the program, please be in touch with him if you want to help.



Window on the world: A gorgeous view of the Temple grounds.



## NEW HOURS AND STAFFING FOR TEMPLE OFFICE

We have a few changes to share regarding the Temple office:

### New hours

The Temple office has a new schedule. Beginning Tuesday, October 31, the office will be staffed on Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We look forward to assisting members and visitors during those times. If you need assistance during other hours, please contact us to make arrangements at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org). In case of a life-cycle emergency, Rabbi Meir Bargeran may be reached at (260) 210-4581.

### Personnel changes

**Marie McFadden**, who has been the Temple's Administrative Assistant since June 2018, has left the position. Her last day was October 20. We appreciate Marie's hard work over the years and will miss her. We wish her well.

**Cheri Buker** will be assisting temporarily in the Temple office. She served as our Administrative Assistant while Marie was on maternity leave in May through July, and during additional days in recent months.

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



## CONFRONTING THE SHOAH CLASSES BEGIN IN JANUARY

Mark your calendars for a six-week class presented by Holocaust scholar Dr. David Lindquist, beginning in January. Sponsored by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#), this course provides participants with a comprehensive contextual and historical knowledge regarding the Nazi Holocaust.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6 and 13 at the [Stillwater Hospice](#)



[Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center](#) (5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne). Classes begin at 7 p.m. and will last about 2 to 2 ½ hours each.

There is no cost to Federation members, teachers, principals, historians or high school juniors or seniors. For all others, there is a \$5.00 fee to cover the cost of materials. More information to follow in the upcoming months.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and members of Federation for its continued support.

## INVITATION-ONLY VIEWING OF "GOLDA" COMING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Please join the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Rosh Chodesh group on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at [Stillwater Hospice Peggy F. Murphy Grief Center](#) (5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne) at 6 p.m. for a one night only showing of "Golda." There will be a discussion after the movie along with a light nosh.

The evening is open to members of the Jewish community and invited guests. This event is free, but seating is limited. To reserve your seat, contact the office at [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org) or call (260) 456-0400 and leave a message.

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



## PLEASE PLAN FOR YEAR-END DONATIONS

For your 2023 tax planning purposes, our guidelines for establishing the date when dues payments and donations to the Temple are received:

- If by mail, the postmarked date
- If hand delivered, the date received at the Temple
- If by phone or [directly online](#) (credit cards only), the date of the call

Any gifts of appreciated securities must be received into the Temple's account on or before December 15. Contact Robin Tribbett, Senior Vice President - Investments, at Wells Fargo Advisors, at (260) 299-7022 for further information. Wells Fargo Advisors is a trade name used by Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC, Member SIPC.

## Donations

### Jack & Gertrude Adelman Facility Improvement Fund

In memory of Jack Adelman: *Rita & Tom O'Neill*

### B'nai Jacob Conservative Judaism Fund

In memory of Gertrude Brateman: *Adrienne Brateman*

In memory of Max Cohen: *Rebecca & Michael Park*

In memory of Abraham Fichman: *Ann Fichman*

In Memory of Arlene Leib: *Jere Leib*

### Dr. John Planer Music Fund

In memory of Dorothy Reynolds and in honor of Doris Gottlieb's Bat Mitzvah: *Marcia & Denny Reynolds*

In honor of Doris Gottlieb: *Ronnie & Norm Greenberg*

In Memory Of Dr. Stephen Kelman and Tillie Kaposky: *Susie Miller*

### Floral Fund

In honor of the Temple's 175th Anniversary:  
*Jane Martin Downey*

### General Operations

A donation has been received from: *Juan Suarez, Maia Wachter, Bruce Herman, Sylvia & Eric Smitt, Stacy Grindle; Broderic Kartholl*

In memory of Abraham Fichman: *Kaye Fichman*

In Honor of Leslie Kolenberg: *Jamie & Jonathan Berger*

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In honor of Davy Singer: *Rachell & Fredrick Singer*

In memory of Jean Pownall: *Linda Bullerman;*

In memory of Jean Pownall: *Sue & Jerry Pownall*

In honor of Doris Gottlieb: *Debra Finkle*

In memory of Joel Groden: *David Bussell*

In honor of Greg Shoup: *Stuart Kissel*

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In memory of Maurice Rothberg: *Stephen Rothberg*

### Library Fund

In memory of Goldye Appel: *Anne & Daniel Appel*

### Nancy & Mike Dicker Youth & Religious School Fund

In memory of Suzanne Watemberg: *Nancy & Mike Dicker*

In memory of Sadie Rush: *Jo Ellen & Mike Rush*

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

A donation has been received from: *Dora & Leonid Itkin*

In memory of Myrtle Shine: *Jody & Steve Shine*

In memory of Oscar Mastbaum: *Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum*

In honor of Doris Gottlieb: *Leslie Gottlieb & Michael Davis; Liselle Gottlieb; JoEllen & Mike Rush; Janet Finkel*

In honor of Rabbi Meir Bargeron: *Sara Peiken*

In memory of Lee Gottlieb: *Doris Gottlieb*

In memory of Irving Walters: *Irene & Robert Walters*

In memory of Esther King: *Suzi & Jim King*

In Memory Of Arlene Leib: *Jere Leib*

### Rabbi Kornspan Tzedakah Fund

In memory of Kathy Stoller: *Marcia & Denny Reynolds*

In honor of Doris Gottlieb: *Jefferson Singer*

### Temple Gardens Fund

A donation has been received from: *Nancy & Mike Dicker*

### Thoughtful Thursdays

A donation was received from: *Rachel & Geoff Gordon; Hannah & Jack Copeland; Nancy & Mike Dicker; Nola & Matthew Katinsky*

In memory of Marylou Kaplan and Shirley Komito: *Susie Miller*

In memory of David Ash: *Jessica & Roger Ash*

In memory of Regina de Lerner Safirstein and Diane Ervin: *Kay Safirstein*

In honor of Doris Gottlieb: *Carol & Larry Adelman; Cheri Buker; Nancy & Mike Dicker; Micki & Sherwin Kepes; Charla Sheray; Beth & Mitch Sherr; Kathy & Todd Sider; Beth & Dan Zweig*

In memory of Pearl Sandler: *Karen and Jeffrey Sandler*

### Wyle Weiman Youth Activities

In memory of Kathleen Shine: *Lawrence Shine*

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



Hanukkah begins on Thursday evening, December 7 when we light the first candle



## November Jahrzeits

### November 3-4

Chester Ambler  
 Rose K. Baum  
 Ida Blumenthal  
 Cathy Bradley  
 Sarah Brazy  
 Barbara Cohen  
 Max Cohen  
 Hannah Crell  
 Pauline Cristil  
 Abe Fox  
 Julius Gilbert  
 Mitchell Goldstein  
 Charles Gubitz  
 Bertram Hornstein  
 Mendel Hurwitz  
 Mina Goldberg Isay  
 Eva Jaffe  
 Abe Lachoff  
 Harold Lesser  
 Enid Lesser  
 Jack Levin  
 Frances Levis  
 Max Levy  
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 Nathan Sheray  
 Mrs. Harry Silberg  
 Dora Silverman  
 Bert Silverstein  
 Loren Smith  
 Joseph Sweedler  
 Irving Walters  
 Alfred S. Weil  
 Joseph Weinraub  
 Rosa Zweig

### November 10-11

Sam Barabash  
 Solomon Saul Bleifeld  
 Norman Bosell  
 Fannie Salon Bronstein  
 Kathy Chapman  
 Sally Cramer  
 Robert Edgar  
 Boris Epstein  
 Rose Ewing  
 Isolina Behar de Faienstein  
 Minnie Fidler  
 Phillip Flora  
 Jennie Gilbert  
 Annette Glazer  
 Mark Glucklick  
 Joseph Golden  
 Daisy Hefter  
 Mendel Himelstein  
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 Allen Kwatnez  
 Isidore Lande  
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 Dorothy Hassan Schiller  
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 Jacob Sunshine  
 Leo Sunshine  
 Edith Thomson  
 Samuel Tillinger  
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Bronnica Weinberg  
 Nathaniel S. Wittenberg  
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### November 17-18

Sonia Abrams  
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## OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Stan Levine on the death of his stepdaughter Thea Levine on October 15, 2023.



## WE CARE

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



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**The deadline for the December-January Bulletin is Wednesday, November 15**

**President's Corner**  
**Ronnie Greenberg**



This column is about the war instigated by the brutal Hamas attack on Israel two weeks ago. If the war is over and everything is OK, you don't have to read this. But as I write this column, the war in Israel is a week old and a ground encounter in Gaza seems imminent. I would like to write about something else, but it is hard to even think about anything else. There is no question that Israel will prevail – must prevail - but the cost will be very high.

It is difficult to know what to do, how to react, how to help. I think there are several things we all can do. We can learn as much about the situation as possible, so that we can help friends, the media, family, whoever asks, to understand that Hamas isn't fighting to help the Palestinians. Hamas exists only to destroy Israel and kill or drive the Jews into the sea. Sadly, the Palestinian people are expendable pawns in this vicious plan.

With this knowledge, we can contact our elected officials to voice our concerns and urge continued support for the State of Israel. I fear it will not be too long before the world begins to blame Israel for this war. It's happened before.

We can reach deep into our pockets and give generously to the Temple and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's combined fundraising campaign, Operation Swords of Iron. Both organizations have each pledged \$10,000, and our goal is to at least match that amount from our members and congregants.

We can also come together in prayer. There is a particularly beautiful Prayer for the State of Israel written in 1948 by Israel's Chief Rabbis Yitzhak HaLevi Herzog and Ben-Zion Meir Hai Uziel, together with Nobel laureate author S.Y. Agnon. It begins "*Aveinu shebashamayim – Our Father in Heaven.*"

Here is an excerpt from the text:

"Our Father in Heaven, Rock and Redeemer of Israel, bless the State of Israel, the first manifestation of the approach of our redemption. Shield it with Your lovingkindness, envelop it in Your peace, and bestow Your light and truth upon its leaders, ministers, and advisors, and grace them with Your good counsel.

"Strengthen the hands of those who defend our holy land, grant them deliverance, and adorn them in a mantle of victory. Ordain peace in the land and grant its inhabitants eternal happiness. Lead them, swiftly and upright, to Your city Zion and to Jerusalem, the abode of Your Name, as is written in the Torah of Your servant Moses."

These words are moving and beautiful, but music has always spoken to me more powerfully. There are two beautiful musical settings for this prayer. The first link is for [David Burger's setting](#) and the second is [a setting by Cantor Sol Zim](#).



These beautiful melodies express our longing to just live in peace, as Jews, in our own land.

I hope you enjoy listening to them and I sincerely hope and pray that you don't even have to read this column.