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YOUR VOTE MATTERS: BYLAWS CHANGES AND MORE AT ANNUAL MEETING

Proposed changes to the bylaws that govern our congregation are among the important issues to be considered at the Temple's 176th [Annual Meeting](#) on Wednesday, June 5 at 7 p.m. Please join us in person or on Zoom.

Members will be asked to approve changes to the bylaws that take into account the implementation in the past year of a partnership model of operation and the need to give the board more flexibility, particularly in financial matters. The structural change creates new efficiencies and greater opportunities for strategic planning to better serve our members.

Changes to the bylaws must be approved by at least two-thirds of the members who are eligible to vote. An earlier bylaws proposal was considered at a special congregational meeting in March, but it failed to pass due to low turnout despite overwhelming support from those who voted.

Materials outlining the important new changes were sent by email to members in mid-May, along with an online absentee ballot to encourage early voting. Printed information and ballots were sent by U.S. mail to congregants without email addresses.

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We invite you to share
a beautiful tradition with our family
when our son
Bradley Gordon
is called to the Torah
as a Bar Mitzvah
on Saturday, June 29
at 10 a.m.

at Congregation Achduth Vesholom

Rachel and Geoffrey Gordon



SHARE SHAVUOT WITH OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

Please join us for our Shavuot and Yizkor service on Wednesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. when we celebrate the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai, led by Rabbi Meir Barger. Join us in person or on [YouTube](#).

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

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

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

JUNE-JULY SHABBAT SERVICES

Shabbat Service & Blessing for Campers & Jaki Schreier

Friday, June 7
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 8
9:45 a.m.

Erev Shavuot & Yizkor Service

Wednesday, June 12
7 p.m.

Joy Vey: A Kid-ish Shabbat

Friday, June 14
5:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, June 14
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 15
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, June 21
6:30 p.m.
Music: Maestro Robert Nance

Shabbat Service (Reform Liturgy)

Saturday, June 22
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, June 28
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service & Bradley Gordon Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, June 29
10 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, July 5
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 6
9:45 a.m.

Joy Vey: A Kid-ish Shabbat

Friday, July 12
5:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, July 12
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 13
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, July 19
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 20
9:45 a.m.

Pride Shabbat Service

Friday, July 26
6:30 p.m.
Oneg Shabbat follows

Shabbat Service

Saturday, July 27
9:45 a.m.

JUNE EVENTS

Temple Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 5
7 p.m. in person and Zoom

Words to Action: An ADL Program for Jewish Teens

Sunday, June 9
1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Temple
Led by Trent Spoolstra, Associate Regional Director, ADL
Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 4

Temple Night at the TinCaps

Saturday, June 22
6:35 p.m. at Parkview Field
RSVP by Friday, June 7

Camp Joe Levine Begins

Monday, June 24
Metea County Park
Register at [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#)

AUGUST EVENTS



Friday Night Live & BBQ

Friday, August 2
5 p.m. BBQ
6:30 p.m. Service
RSVP by Friday, July 26

Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat Morning

Saturday, August 10
10:30 a.m.
Musician Juliette Nehring

Corned Beef Mail Prep

Thursday, August 29
10 a.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE WITH HEARTLAND SINGS AND BBQ HOSTED BY ROMEOs

Our spirited Friday Night Live service moves outdoors at the Temple on August 2 at 6:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir with [Heartland Sings](#) on their mobile stage. Tap your toes, get on your feet, and share the joy of Shabbat with this lively worship experience. (Please note that the service will not be livestreamed.)

Join us prior to services at 5 p.m. for a barbecue hosted by the ROMEOs, with Hebrew National hot dogs, veggie burgers, coleslaw, vegetarian baked beans, and chips. After the service, we'll gather around the CAV fire pit for s'mores, popsicles, and ice cream.

Kindly RSVP for dinner no later than Friday, July 26 online or to (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org. Good-will donations to help cover costs are appreciated.

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

Thank you to Denny Reynolds for coordinating and the ROMEOs for hosting the meal.



**SHABBAT SERVICES MOVE TO
6:30 P.M.
STARTING FRIDAY, MAY 31**

Our summer service schedule begins on Friday, May 31, when evening services move to 6:30 p.m. The earlier worship time will continue through August 30 (Labor Day Weekend). Services will resume at 7:30 p.m., beginning Friday, September 6.

JOIN US FOR REFORM TORAH SERVICE JUNE 22

Please join our Shabbat morning minyan on Saturday, June 22 at 9:45 a.m. when Rabbi Meir leads a Reform Torah service with the *Mishkan T'filah* prayerbook. Join us in person or via livestream on Zoom or [YouTube](#).

Summertime services on Saturday mornings

We're grateful to Ron Friedman who leads our Shabbat morning worship most Saturdays at 9:45 a.m. throughout the year using Conservative liturgy and the *Siddur Sim Shalom* prayerbook, with Rabbi Meir providing the D'var Torah.

Lunch with the ROMEOs

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

Thursday, June 6

[Salvatori's SW](#)

10337 Illinois Rd.

Thursday, June 20

[Salsa Grille](#)

7755 Coldwater Rd.

Thursday, July 4

No lunch

Thursday, July 18

[Sweetwater Music](#)

5501 US HWY 30 W

For more information, please contact Denny Reynolds at dennisreynolds@me.com.

[Find the lunch schedule](#)

Rabbi Meir Bargeron: SHAVUOT: USE OUR WORDS

When we celebrate Shavuot this month, we will be reminded of the significance of community, unity, and the power of words. This holiday, which commemorates the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, comes at a time when the Jewish community is facing a surge in antisemitism worldwide.

In 2023 there was a massive spike in antisemitic reactions to the October 7th massacre in Israel and the ensuing war in Gaza, according to the [Anti-Defamation League](#). The ADL reports that in 2023 there were "8,873 incidents of assault, harassment, and vandalism across the country. The total represents a **140-percent increase** from 2022 – already a record-setting year – and the highest level recorded since ADL started tracking this data in 1979." This is an unprecedented situation for American Jewry, and it is our collective responsibility to confront it.

First, we must recall that the roots of antisemitism run very deep. Arguably, one could look to the book of Exodus for the first spark of the hatred towards the Jewish people: "A new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are much too numerous for us. Let us deal shrewdly with them, so that they may not increase; otherwise in the event of war they may join our enemies in fighting against us and rise from the ground.'" (1:8-10)

Torah can also guide our response to antisemitism: "You shall not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor" (Leviticus 19:16). This verse serves as a poignant reminder that we cannot remain silent in the face of hatred and discrimination. We must stand together, as a community, to denounce and combat antisemitism in all its forms.

Torah teaches us, "Justice, justice shall you pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20). This commandment is not limited to the legal system; it is a moral imperative that requires us to strive for justice and equality in all aspects of life. We must confront the systemic and structural forms of discrimination that perpetuate antisemitism and other forms of oppression. We must do this for ourselves, and for all who face oppression or injustice.

As we celebrate Shavuot, we are reminded of the power of words. The Torah is often referred to as the "Book of Life," and its words have the power to inspire, to heal, and to transform. We must use our words to speak out against hatred and to promote love, acceptance, and inclusivity.

In the face of rising antisemitism, we must come together as a people, as a society, and as a global family. We must reject the forces of hatred and division, and instead, embrace the values of love, compassion, and justice.

Shavuot is a call to action, a reminder that we are not alone in this struggle. We are part of a long tradition of standing up against oppression and fighting for justice. Let us continue this legacy, and let us work together to create a world where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.



REV. JOHN TOLLEY TO SPEAK AT PRIDE SHABBAT



In conjunction with [Fort Wayne Pride](#) activities, we'll celebrate Pride Shabbat on Friday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir Bargeron, with

readings and prayers inspired by the LGBTQ experience.

Please join us in person or on [YouTube](#) as we recognize the importance of LGBTQ equality and inclusion. An Oneg Shabbat reception will follow, hosted by Rabbi Meir Bargeron & Jon Tam and Beth & Dan Zweig. We warmly welcome guests.

Our guest speaker is the Rev. John Tolley, who for 16 years was the minister of drama at First Presbyterian Church, focusing on performances that raised social issues.

He moved from Fort Wayne in

1989, living in Tennessee, New Jersey, and Connecticut before becoming a professor of ministry in the arts at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago.

After retiring, he moved back to Fort Wayne in 2016 with his husband, Richard.

A self-described humanist minister, Rev. Tolley also is a "human book" as part of the [Human Library project](#) at the Allen County Public Library. He is the affiliated community minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne.

A Crawfordsville native, Rev. Tolley graduated from the University of Indianapolis (formerly Indiana Central University). He earned a master's degree in Religious Communications from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis and a PhD in Educational Theater from New York University.



CATCH THE TINCAPS AT PARKVIEW FIELD

Join members of our Temple family on Saturday, June 22 for a trip to Parkview Field to watch the [Fort Wayne TinCaps](#) play the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, followed by post-game fireworks.

The game starts at 6:35 p.m. Tickets for seats on the first base line (section 102) are \$11.50 per person. Please make your reservation and [payment online](#) or call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Friday, June 7 to reserve your seats and then send your check (made payable to "CAV- The Temple"). We will not order extra tickets, so please make your reservations by the deadline. No refunds will be issued for cancellations.

We'll let you know when your reserved tickets will be available for pick up at Achduth Vesholom so that everyone can meet that evening. Thanks to Mike Barasch, who has been organizing this annual event since we began the tradition in 2009 - the same year Parkview Field opened!



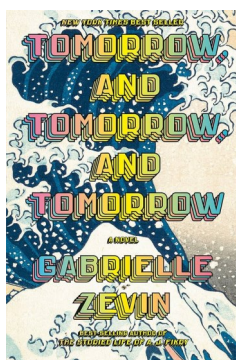
BLESSINGS OFFERED ON JUNE 7 FOR JAKI SCHREIER AND CAMPERS

Share the warmth of Jewish community during our Shabbat service on Friday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. when we offer blessings for students who will be attending a Jewish camp this summer and for Jaki Schreier on her retirement after 11 years as executive director of the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).

ESCAPE WITH A BOOK FROM THE TEMPLE LIBRARY

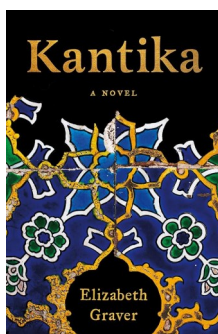
Summer is the perfect time to “get away” with a good book! Nothing too serious, perhaps, maybe some fantasy, romance, or historical fiction. We have lots of good fiction for adults and teens in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).

For those interested in fantasy fiction, Helen Wecker's *The Hidden Palace* and *The Golem and the Jinni* will definitely take you away from current events. Set in New York City in the early 20th-century, the novels feature Chava and Ahmad as the Golem and the Jinni. Phil M. Cohen's *Nick Bones Underground* was a National Jewish Book Award finalist in 2019. From Eli Hirsch, it's a "...rollicking rabbinic roller coaster ride through a dystopian futuristic world." *Spinning Silver: A Novel*, by Naomi Novik, is a beautiful novel steeped in Russian, Jewish, and German folklore. Notable fantasy titles in our teen collection include Sacha Lamb's *When the Angels Left the Old Country*, *The City Beautiful* by Aden Polydoros, and *The Way Back* by Gavriel Savit. [Check out catalog of fantasy fiction](#)



If you're looking for romance, *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* is a novel by Gabrielle Zevin, the author of *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*. It follows two friends who come together in the world of video game design. Novels to consider from our teen collection include *My Fine Fellow*, by Jennieke Cohen, Becky Albertalli's *Yes No Maybe So*, and *Today Tonight Tomorrow* by Rachel Lynn Solomon. [Check out our catalog of romance fiction](#)

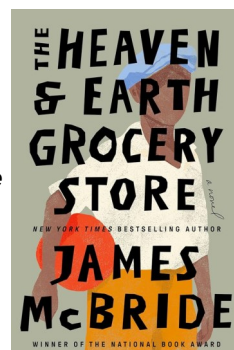
Finally, if historical fiction is your go-to,



there are literally hundreds of titles in our collection. Avoiding Holocaust fiction for the moment, we have several books to recommend if you're looking to escape the present-day. *Kantika: A Novel*, by Elizabeth Graver, was the National Jewish Book Award winner for Sephardic Culture in 2023. It is a four-generation family saga, and from NPR, “A highly readable and poignant tale of dislocation, refuge and resilience.”

James McBride's *The Heaven & Earth*

Grocery Store is another National Jewish Book Award-winner, set in 1972 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. From *Time Magazine*, “A story of community, care, and the lengths to which we'll go for justice, McBride's tale is a wondrous ode to the strength of humanity in a small town.” *The Nesting Dolls* by Alina Adams and Rachel Beanland's *Florence Adler Swims Forever* are both former Temple Book Club titles worth checking out. [Check out our catalog of historical fiction for all ages](#)



Whatever reading you do to escape this summer, we hope you'll take advantage of our collection in the Temple library. Self-checkout is available at the library desk whenever the building is open.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS WRAPS UP 14TH YEAR HELPING BRIGHTPOINT FAMILIES

Our dedicated Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers ended the 14th year of this important social action program on May 1 by preparing the last bags of the school, including extra food and toiletries to help the Brightpoint Head Start families through the summer months.

Thank you to our hard-working committee members for all the shopping and shlepping they did to help. We're also grateful to Sally Trotter for her leadership as she steps down after four years chairing the project. We are very lucky that she has agreed to continue volunteering. Thank you to Cheryl Schorey for serving as our new chair and to Jamie Berger, founding chair of Thoughtful Thursdays, for her assistance in the transition. Special thanks to Administrative Assistant Lily Noga and Executive Director Samara Sheray for assisting with ordering items for the bags.

We also appreciate the extra donations that help us sustain the program. These include Jon Tam for arranging for 900 bags from Trader Joe's; toothbrushes and toothpaste from

Dr. Michael and Ellen Tom; apples from Phil's U-Pick Apple Orchard in Huntington; booster seats and coats from Amy & Sam Krouse; and the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, Dr. Geoffrey & Rachel Gordon, everyone who made donated to the Apple Project during the High Holy



Days, and so many who donated much-needed items and finances to support the Brightpoint Families. Thank you!

Thoughtful Thursdays is a joint project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).

We look forward to beginning our 15th year in September!

Thank you to our Thoughtful Thursdays Committee:

Sally Trotter (chair), Fran Adler, Jamie Berger, Cheri Buker, Bonnie & Alex Crubaugh, Nancy Dicker, Jane Martin Downey, Janet Finkel, Rachel Gordon, Doris Gottlieb, Pam Friedman, Janet Katz, Micki Kepes, Suzi King, Amy Shepsman Krouse, Jordon Lockwood, Joanne McCrory, Marie McFadden, Cookie Mastbaum, Rita O'Neill, Lily Noga, Bonnie Pomerantz, Marcia & Denny Reynolds, Nancy Salon, Cheryl Schorey, Jaki Schreier, Samara Sheray, Kathy Sider, Suzi Stone, Ellen Tom, Donna Tourkow, Steve Trotter, Deborah Vilensky, and Beth Zweig.

Youth News

SCHOOL YEAR ENDS WITH MACCABIAH GAMES AS WE ALSO LOOK AHEAD TO FALL



TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

We wrapped up our Religious School program year at the end of May with our annual Maccabiah Games field day! Our students faced off for several feats of strength, including the human ring toss, relay race tic-tac-toe, and beachball baseball. Our annual parents-included tug-of-war battle also featured serious competition! We

celebrated the end of our year with an ice cream sundae bar, which hit the spot on an 80-degree morning.

While our students may take a break for the summer, we have already been planning our youth education for next year! In reflecting on our current programming, it became clear we could benefit from the counsel of a knowledgeable and experienced Jewish educator who could help us align our programming around a shared vision and identify actionable promising practices and programs that we could implement in the year (and years!) to come.

Our consultant [Dr. Wendy Grinberg](#) has wrapped up her stakeholder outreach and research and is now working with us to identify priorities for the coming year. We will provide updates as details emerge. We appreciate your support and engagement as we consider what the future could hold for educating our youngest congregants.

Also, as we look to the year ahead, we are always looking for volunteers who can help us fulfill the mitzvah of ve'Shinantam le'Vaneikha ve'Dibarta Bam (Deuteronomy 6:7) ("You shall teach [the Commandments] diligently to your children"). Please consider contributing your gifts to our programming as you are able.

Lastly, I hope you'll join us as we bless children who will be attending a Jewish summer camp during Shabbat services on Friday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Have the best summer!

Leise Rosman, Religious School Committee chair



Our annual Maccabiah Games provided an exciting end to the school year with lots of games, including a tug-of-war with parent participation.

CAMPERS INVITED FOR BLESSING

Students who will be attending a Jewish camp this summer are invited to our Shabbat service on Friday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. for a special blessing with our Temple family before they head off on their adventures.

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



REGISTER FOR CAMP JOE

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's [Camp Joe Levine](#) will be held once again in beautiful [Metee County Park](#). Camp will be held June 24 - 28, July 1 - 5, and July 8 - 12. We look forward to having your child join us for 1, 2 or all 3 weeks! More information can be found [here](#).





JOY VEY! SHARE IN OUR SHABBAT SERVICE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES



Please join us on Fridays, June 14 and July 12 at 5:30 p.m. for Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat for a playful and silly, yet peaceful start to Shabbat for the whole family!

We'll light candles, pray, sing songs, move and groove, and even practice mindfulness. We also embrace the tradition of blessing children as we make a joyful place for Shabbat in our lives and hearts... together. Meet us in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center on the second Friday night of each month.

Folks are encouraged to stick around to enjoy a glass of wine/ juice, challah, and dinner afterwards!

JOIN US FOR JOY VEY MORNING IN AUGUST

Plan to join us when we welcome musician [Juliette Nehring](#) on Saturday, August 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the second of four musical Joy Vey services for young families sponsored by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation.

Our special Joy Vey service on May 10 featured Matt Check. Please mark your calendars for Joy Vey with [Joanie Calern](#) on Friday, October 18 at 5:30 p.m. for Sukkot. Juliette Nehring will return on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES:

Sammy Ash on his graduation from Eagle Tech Academy, earning an honors diploma at Columbia City High School. He plans to attend Purdue Fort Wayne before beginning chiropractic studies. Proud parents are Jessica & Roger Ash, and grandparents are Mimi & Don Zelman and Sharon Ash.

Jacob Cohen on his graduation from Homestead High School. He plans to attend Indiana University in Bloomington in the fall to study pre-med. Proud parents are Leslie Cohen and Joe Cohen, and grandparents are Elissa & Steve Cohen and Nancy & Rick Fisher.

Sam Cohen on his graduation from Indiana University in Bloomington with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Affairs from the Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He will be moving to Columbus, Ohio, where he has accepted a job at Metal Conversions as an Account Manager. Proud parents are Leslie Cohen and Joe Cohen, and grandparents are Elissa & Steve Cohen and Nancy & Rick Fisher.

Vivian Flapan on her graduation from Homestead High School. She plans to attend Indiana University in Bloomington in the fall to study psychology. Proud parents are Goldy Carbanaru & David Flapan and grandparents are Janet & William Flapan and Bella Faeirstein Carbanaru Echerman & Boris Echerman.

Grace Gephart on her graduation from Canterbury School. She will be going to the Richmond (Virginia) Ballet as a trainee in the fall. The two-year program begins with a Summer Intensive at the end of June. Proud parents are Betsy & Geoff Gephart, and grandfather is Norman Thal.

Stephanie Gottesman on her graduation from Chapman University in Orange, California, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design. She will be starting graduate studies in June at Purdue Fort Wayne, working toward an M.S.Ed. in Counselor Education on the Clinical Mental Health Counseling track. She plans to become a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC). Proud husband is John Tod and daughter is Morgan.

Alexander Gold McCrory on his graduation from Purdue Fort Wayne with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He graduated in the top 50 of all Purdue graduates, and with highest distinction. He will intern for a second year at Franklin Electric Company this summer and continue his studies toward a Master's Degree next year in Mechanical Engineering. He continues his Bassoon performance and is nationally known for Bassoon servicing and repair. Proud parents are Joanne & Elliott McCrory, wife Ashlee Bickley McCrory, and children Isaac and Sarah.

Joshua Reynaud on his graduation from Purdue University Fort Wayne with a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology. He plans to study for certification exams while looking for a job in his field. Proud parents are Tina Liberti and Sean Reynaud.

Congratulations
2024 GRADUATES

CANDIDATES FOR THE 2024-2025 LEADERSHIP

The Board Development Committee presents the following slate of officers and trustees for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, beginning July 1:

OFFICERS

Nominated for a 1-year term ending in June 2025

President: Ronnie Greenberg

Nominated for 1-year term ending in June 2025

Vice President Programs: Beth Zweig

Vice President Finance: John Stein

Secretary: Amy Krouse

TRUSTEES *(Nominated for 2-year term ending in June 2026):*

David Crell
Sam Krouse
Mimi Zelman

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

Shai Hadashi
Dawn Hammond
Leise Rosman
Kathy Sider
Micah Soltz

Thank you to the Board Development Committee: John Stein and Beth Zweig (co-chairs), Fran Adler, Betsy Gephart, Amy Krouse, and Leise Rosman

YOUR VOTE MATTERS: BYLAWS CHANGES & MORE AT ANNUAL MEETING

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In addition to the bylaws, members will also vote on candidates for leadership and the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Members in good standing will be able to vote in person, in real-time via Zoom, or by absentee online ballot.

During the meeting, President Ronnie Greenberg, the Board of Directors, Rabbi Meir Barger, and Executive Director Samara Shera will review the past year's activities, including our 175th Anniversary season of events and progress on the construction of a stormwater pump station by the city on our property.

The annual meeting will include recognition of outgoing Board members Juli Dominguez and Brian Rosman for their service and members of the [L'dor Vador Legacy Society](#) for indicating they've made a planned gift to the congregation.

STAY FOR SCREENING AFTER ANNUAL MEETING



Members are invited to stay after the business meeting to watch a special 30-minute video highlighting the story of our congregation since 1848, which was first shown in November during the Temple's 175th anniversary weekend.

BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER WITH A PLANNED GIFT



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

More than 40 congregants already have become members of the L'dor Vador Legacy Society since it was established in 2012 to encourage individuals to make arrangements to remember the

Temple in their estates. Legacy society members are recognized at the Temple's Annual Meeting in June.

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

A NEW WAY TO VOLUNTEER – BECOME A SHAMASH!

Are you interested in becoming more involved on Friday nights at the Temple? Consider becoming a shamash!



SHAMASH:
ONE WHO HELPS

You may know the term from Hanukkah when we refer to the candle used to light the others on the menorah as the shamash or "helper" candle. The Hebrew word shamash also refers to a person who helps take care of things. That's what we envision at CAV.

In this new volunteer role at the Temple, the shamash will assist about a half-hour before our 6:30 p.m. summer services with preparing the wine, juice and challah for Kiddush and motzi. The shamash also will help for a few minutes afterward by removing the leftover items. Not only do we appreciate the assistance, but this is an especially great way to get to know others in our congregation.

We plan to welcome our first shamash on Friday, July 5. If you are interested in joining the Shamash team, please contact the Temple at office@templecav.org or Dawn Hammond at dawnhammond@gmail.com. If you're interested in helping as an usher on Fridays, please also let us know.



The ROMEOs enjoying lunch on May 16 with a few helpings of schmooze!

HELPERS NEEDED WITH MAIL PREP FOR 22nd DELI DAY



Volunteers are needed to help prepare a large bulk mailing on Thursday, August 29 at 10 a.m. at the Temple as we get ready for our 22nd Corned Beef Fundraiser. Please contact the Temple

office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org to say you can assist.

Mark your calendar and clear your schedule to help with our Deli Day and biggest fundraiser on Thursday, November 7. We especially need volunteers during the corned beef sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., as well as Prep Night on Wednesday, November 6 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Thanks to our Co-Chairs Amy Krouse and Micah Soltz and their team: Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Barger, Jamie Fritz, Lily Noga, Lee Pomerantz, Denny Reynolds, Samara Sheray, Celeste Sexton, Rachel Tobin-Smith, Jon Tam, Steve Zacher, Mimi Zelman, and Beth Zweig.



SHABBAT OF MINDFULNESS

Members of our Temple family celebrated Shabbat outdoors on May 4 in the Spouse Chapel amid the lovely gardens for a service that included many moments of mindfulness. Afterward, we shared Kiddush and motzi, along with a birthday cake for Rebbitzman Jon Tam.



45TH IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
JEWISH GENEALOGY
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA | AUGUST 10-14, 2025

And We Settled Here...The Jewish Journey



What is the IAJGS International Conference?

The [International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies](https://www.iajgs.org/) holds a conference in the summer of each year, drawing hundreds of genealogists from around the world. Features include:

- Programs and workshops on a wide variety of topics, including DNA analysis, historical migration, records available worldwide, and Holocaust research
- Special events with Research Divisions focused on a particular country or region of research
- Networking opportunities with hundreds of genealogists
- An exhibit hall full of vendors from genealogy companies and local societies

Why Fort Wayne?

In prior years, the conference was held in costlier, big cities, such as London, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Philadelphia, and San Diego. This is the first conference to be held in a more affordable, yet dynamic, smaller city.

The [Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center](https://www.allen.org/genealogy/) is among the largest family history research centers in the world. The collection of more than 1.2 million physical items is completely open and available to researchers, and visitors can access a large number of genealogical databases on-site. Resources of interest to Jewish researchers include:

- Holocaust-related materials, including a large collection of Yizkor books
- Temple and synagogue histories
- Jewish genealogy research guidebooks
- Jewish periodicals
- Jewish diaries and personal memoirs
- The "Jewish Life in America, c1654-1954" database from the American Jewish Historical Society

Local Leadership in Key Roles

The [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](https://www.neindianajgs.org/), one of Achduth Vesholom's Rifkin Campus Partners, is excited to host this event. Several Temple members have taken key leadership roles in planning the conference. Irv Adler is our local chair of the event, Betsy Gephart is heading up the Outreach Committee, Beth & Dan Zweig are handling Hospitality, and Fran Adler will be co-chairing the Volunteers. Bruce Colegrove has agreed to serve on the IAJGS Program Committee for the event, and Samara Sheray will be coordinating security. As vice president of NEIJS, Pam Friedman is also very much involved.

Sign Up Now for More Information

As we move forward, we'd love to keep you informed of what will be available in August 2025. We are planning a virtual informational program for Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 2 p.m. Eastern time. This will include information about Jewish research at the Genealogy Center, an introduction to Fort Wayne, and opportunities for Q&A about the conference.

To keep up to date with conference information, visit our website at <https://neindianajgs.org/iajgs-2025/> and sign up for our e-mail list.

Those interested in volunteering or donating can check the appropriate box on the sign-up form.

NEIJS ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR JUNE 10

The [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](https://www.neindianajgs.org/) will hold its annual meeting virtually on Monday, June 10 at 7 p.m. Officers will be elected, next year's programs will be presented, and we will have a discussion of the 2025 Conference. Irv Adler will also give a short presentation about the Second Generation Project that he has been involved with. If you are interested in attending, please contact NEIndianaJGS@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR PEOPLE OF THE BOOK TALK



The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) People of the Book committee is excited to announce that author [Marie Benedict](#) will be our guest speaker on Monday, September 9 at 7:30 pm at the Rifkin Campus at 5200.

More details will be coming. Thank you to the Dr. Louis A. and Anne B. Schneider Foundation for its support.

ADL SPEAKER AT JEWISH FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) 103rd Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, June 9. The business portion of the meeting will begin at 3 p.m. and is open to all Federation members who have paid their 2023 - 2024 pledge/dues.

All members of the Jewish community are invited to hear our guest speaker Trent Spoolstra from the ADL at 4 p.m.

All of this takes place at [The Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center](#) located at 5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN. There is no charge to attend.

We thank the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support of our events.

MAZEL TOV:

Jaki Schreier on her retirement after 11 years as Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. She and her husband, Eric, plan to spend more time volunteering in Fort Wayne and in the Western Galilee area of Israel, along with other pursuits. Jaki also is a past president of Congregation Achduth Vesholom.



SECOND GENERATION TALKS INCLUDE IRV ADLER

Finding or inheriting family letters, often in languages we don't speak and in barely decipherable handwriting, can present those with a Holocaust heritage with many challenges, dilemmas and rewards.

Three members of the [Second Generation Network](#), including Temple member Irv Adler, will share their experiences on Tuesday, July 2 at 1:30 p.m. Eastern on Zoom. They'll discuss dealing and working with family letters, how and where they were found, what steps they took to be able to read them, how they have used them (as the basis for memoirs, articles), what light they have shed on their relatives, and the repercussions within their own lives and the wider family.

This Zoom event is open to all members of the First, Second and Third Generations.

[Make a reservation for the event.](#)

June Jahrzeits

June 7-8

Issadore Adelman
Jonas Arnold
Al Berk
Esther Cera Brateman
Gary Cohen
Archibald Cohen
Georgia B. Daniel
Kate Dicker
Edward T. Dinken
Moses Englehard
Paul Gepsman
Sara Goldberg
Sidney Goldin
Rose Goldman
Isaac M. Hallenstein
Fred Hefter
Anna Hurwitz
Sarah Jacobson
Aaron M. Krakower
Julie See Latz
Anna Marlow
Abe Minske
Edward Phillips
Eleanor B. Platka
Martha Replane
Anna Mae Rosenblatt
Dora Rozeen
Lena Salon
Anna Schultz
Eleanore Schwarz
Nathan Snow
Wolf Soloway
Meyer Warshauer
Pearl Waterman
Max Weisman
Sidney Weiss
Eugenia Young

June 14-15

Linda Babb
Baruch Bronstein

Amelia Butz
John Cornell
Gail Cousino
Joel Deitch
Fannie Edelman
Morris Erman
Miriam Falakovicz
Alice Fenyes
Louis Fishman
Allen Fleischman
Jack Frank
Motel Golder
Sarah Goldfarb
Sylvia Goodman
Jack Goodman
Bernard Gross
Robert Hutner
Julius Lyman Isay
Lauren Kaminsky
Dr. James B. Katz
Margaret Katz
Della Krainess
Charles A. Lampel
Anna Landy
Mildred Llewellyn
Morris Meyer
Dorothy Mullennix
Chaje Nichtern
Bessie Ochstein
Robert M. Pollak
Herman Price
Franz Reimann
Lottie Sahlmann
Joseph Schachter
Zuse Silverman
Louis Smith
Samuel Ralph Tourkow
Julia W. Trauerman
Rose K. Weigler
Flora S. Weil
Billie A. Wenbert
Abraham Wolf

Helena Wolf
Edward Zamrin

June 21-22

David G. Altheide
Michla Breindel
Mitchell Bronstein
Peter Bronstein
Lisa Deitch
Levi Edlavitch
Rebecca Farhi
Jean Fishbein
Rose Gibson
Betty Golden
Getel Himmelstein
Sara Hirsch
Jacob Kaplan
Helen Kornspan
Jan Levin
Danny Levin
Ann Levy
Kathryn Kann Mendelblat
Barbara Miller
Babette Dessauer Neuwirth
Beryl Novitsky
Harold B. Price
Susan Schwartz Prigozen
Herta Rosanis
Myron Russ
Martin Schwartz
Doris Sedgwick
Harold Sheyer
Harry Slutsky
Esther Smith
Doris M. Sposeep
Hyman G. Steiber
Morris A. Stillpass
Emanuel Strass
Norma Trauner
Samuel Weiner
Wayne C. Whisler
Irving Zeal

June 28-29

Samuel C. Blumenthal
Abraham Brateman
Norma Jean Chambers
Dale Chambers
Stanley Cohn
Ruth Davis
Sarah DuBow
Louis Erdrich
Yitzchok Falk
Joseph Finkleman
Ann Golder
Leon Hasid
Helaine Kann Hill
Morris Hyman
Lawrence Levy
Louise Marcus
Pearl Marks
Samuel Milstein
Thelma Ochstein
Aaron Rothschild
George Sandel
Isaac Schwartz
Louis Siegel
Bernard Silverman
Max Sposeep
Leah S. Tourkow
Macon Traxler
Isador Vigran
Becky Weinberg
Florence Weinberg
Rosa Wertheimer
Robert Wollman
Rubin Zamrin
Etta Hoffman Zussman

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of long-time member Charles "Chuck" Replane, who died on May 11, 2024 in Colorado. We think of his children, Shauna (Michael) Leavey and Taylor (Sheri) Replane; grandchildren, Nora, Isaac, Jonah, Martha Elizabeth, and William; and bonus daughter Tanya (Thane) Fee-Bouthot and bonus grandson Oliver.

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.



July Jahrzeits

July 5-6

Rena Babich
Elana Ben-Yehoshua
Bart Broederzs
Margot Field
Solomon Gabe
Otto Gartner
Sabine Gartner
Teresa Hanna Gartner
Charlotte L. (Lottie) Goldstine
Robert Goldstine
Bertha Gross
Olga Haas
Philip Kaplan
Jack Komisarow
Abe Magazine
Sol Mastbaum
Nathan Mull
Louis Papernick
Yetta Piccone
Carol Rosenberg
William Rothenberg
Benjamin Rothschild
Nathan Rothschild
Adria Sax
Samuel Schechter
Tillie Speyer
Florence Wald

July 12-13

Mollie Barasch
Toba Baum
Joseph Bialick
Alain Biger
Alvin Avraham Farber
Simon Freiburger
Jerry Friedman
Morris Gladstone
Naf Gladstone
Klara Goldfarb
Florence Goode
Libby Harris
Nathan Hendelman
Ruth Henzel
Andy Kollman
Joan Lesson
Louis Levin

Betty Luskin
Isidore Marx
Stephen Alan Mirman
Glen Noyes
Marshall Pallas
Dr. Eric Ray
Milton J. Jr Rosenthal
Ada Rothberg
Louis Schefman
Siegfried Schmitz
Eleanor C. Schwartz
Max Spanjer
Jeannette Sposeep
Harry Trauner
Rose Smith Wittenberg

July 19-20

Irving E. Appel
Maurice Cohen
Anna Dively
Ann Doran
Bernard Dubinsky
Oscar Eisbart
Marguerite Elder
Edward Finkel
Dora Fisher
Cheryl Gannon
Bertha Gifis
Samuel Herman
Arthur Hill
Ida Lefko
Harry Marlin
Nanette Mayer
Henry Ney
Louis Novitsky
Frace Polz
Sigfried Schmitz
Don Sewell
June Shafer
Phyllis Silver Silverman
Manny Silverman
Minnie Sposeep
Zalman Sposeep
Celia Pearl Steiber
Nathan Stoller
Isaac Trauerman

July 26-27

David Auerbach
Solomon Babich
Marvin Berg
Isadore Berkowitz
David Block
Harry Bosell
Jeanne F. Bransilver
Samuel Bretzfelder
Mary Kay Byrne
Dr. Harold Cline
Dr. Hyman L. Cohen
Armand Cohodes
Jack Feldheim
Abe Field
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Naomi Levin
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Marlene Primack
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Julius Saffron
Betty Saul
Albert Schnitt
Charles W. Schwartz
Maurice Seelberg
Harry Segal
Miriam Singerman
Albert Smith
Jacques Tourkow
Walter Weinstein
Sylvia Wolfe

August 2-3

Leah Babich
Kalman Beck
Marcus Block
Bernard Blumenthal
Alfred Milton Bronstein
Cynthia Cremer
Virginia Calisch Fairman
Herman Fischer
Bill Fox
Adelaide Frank
Sam Fried
Gulian Friedman
Frieda Friedman
Joe Gerson
Lillian Goldenberg
Mollie Greensfelder
Sol Hutner
Clifford Jones
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Terri Katz
Cathy Krainess
Eugene Sr. Kraus
Isaac Kretzman
Blanche Leopold
Celia Masursky
Yetta Michelson
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**The deadline for the August Bulletin is
Monday, July 15**

President's Corner Ronnie Greenberg



By the time you read this, we will be in the final countdown of preparation for the Temple's annual meeting. Of course, every annual meeting is important because we need to approve new officers and board members for the coming year, as well as a budget. We also need to celebrate our accomplishments of the past year and honor outstanding volunteers who made it all happen. But this meeting is especially important because we need to approve a revision of our Bylaws.

Please note I did not say we need to consider a revision of our Bylaws, or discuss a revision of our Bylaws, I said we need to approve this revision. Over the past two years, the Board of Trustees has worked hard to design and implement a partnership model of governance for the Temple, professionalizing our staff positions and allowing the board to step back from operations and concentrate on strategizing for the future of the congregation.

It is no secret that membership in religious organizations has been declining for years across all denominations, including membership in the Reform Jewish movement. Our own congregation has seen a significant decrease in membership over the 50 years during which I have been a member. Fewer Jews identify as such and fewer who do identify choose to commit to a congregation. But on the other hand, there is a very dedicated subset who identify strongly and to whom the concept of a Jewish community through a congregation is very important, even vital.

Achduth Vesholom is in a strong position. We have a beautiful, well cared for facility, a large endowment fund, a stable and very capable staff, including Rabbi Meir Barger and Executive Director Samara Sheray, and a committed community of Jews who call the Temple home. But in order to stay strong going forward, we cannot simply rely on the status quo. We need to gather information, question our current situation, and consider alternatives to the way we currently operate. Maybe we won't find it necessary to change anything, or maybe we'll find a better, more meaningful way to operate that will better serve our congregants in the 21st century.

The partnership model allows the board the time and flexibility to study these issues and recommend actions to the congregation. But without the congregation's approval of the revised Bylaws, we will need to dismantle the progress we have made on implementing it, and return to the old way of doing business. I will have to go back to appointing every committee chair and participating in the selection of committee members – see Article VI, Section 2 of the current Bylaws – rather than leading the board in consideration of issues affecting our future. Which do you think sounds like a better use of the President's time?

Therefore, I am unabashedly asking you not only to vote, but to vote in favor of the revised Bylaws. I sincerely think that the future of our congregation depends on our ability to be flexible and visionary. It's hard work, and a little scary, but it needs to be done. We have made voting very accessible and easy. You can vote early online using the link that has been sent to all members in the annual meeting packet, or you can cast your ballot at the meeting in person or through Zoom. So, there really are no excuses.

Please, vote affirmatively for these Bylaws so we can move forward into our next 175 years.