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SPECIAL JOY VEY FOR YOUNG FAMILIES IN MAY WITH MUSICIAN MATT CHECK

Our festive monthly Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat service for young families on Friday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m. features [Matt Check](#), an accomplished singer-songwriter, guitarist, banjoist and producer of Americana, bluegrass, Jewish music and children's music. He also will join us for our Shabbat service that evening at 7:30 p.m.

After almost 20 years in New York City as a Jewish educator and musician, Matt now serves as director of lifelong learning at Wise Temple in Cincinnati. He holds an MA in Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary (2008), as well as an MPA from Baruch College (2011).

Please join us 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 the most months. Matt's visit is the first of four special musical programs that will be offered in the coming months during Joy Vey services thanks to the generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation. Musician [Juliette Nehring](#) will join us on two Shabbat mornings for young families on Saturdays, August 10 and January 11 at 10:30 a.m. [Joanie Calem](#) will join us on Friday, October 18 for Sukkot.

BYLAWS CHANGES TO BE CONSIDERED AT 176TH ANNUAL MEETING

Members will be asked to approve a revised proposal to update the bylaws that govern our congregation at the Temple's 176th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 5 at 7 p.m., with the option to attend in person or via Zoom.

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

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.

The proposed modifications to the bylaws were prompted by 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.

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 Bergeron, and Executive Director Samara Sheray 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.

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INFO PACKET TO BE MAILED IN MID-MAY

Check your email inbox (or mailbox if you don't have email) during the week of May 13 for information about the proposed bylaws and annual meeting.



UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

MAY SHABBAT SERVICES

Shabbat Service

Friday, May 3
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 4
9:45 a.m.

Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat With Matt Check

Friday, May 10
5:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, May 10
7:30 p.m.
Musician: Matt Check

Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 11
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, May 17
7:30 p.m.

Music: Maestro Robert Nance

Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 18
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, May 24
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 25
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service/ 5th Grade Prayer Book Presentation

Friday, May 31
6:30 p.m.

MAY EVENTS

Thoughtful Thursdays

Wednesday, May 1
10 a.m.

Ellie Vance: History of Jews in the Russian Empire NEIJGS

Sunday, May 5
2 p.m. ACPL and Zoom

Yom Hashoah Commemoration

Monday, May 6
7 p.m. at the Temple
Sponsor: Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne with the Temple

Shabbat & 5th Grade Prayer Book Presentation

Friday, May 31
6:30 p.m.

JUNE EVENTS

Temple Annual Meeting

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

Shabbat Service and Blessing for Campers

Friday, June 7
6:30 p.m.

Erev Shavout & Yizkor Service

Wednesday, June 12
7 p.m.

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](#)

Bradley Gordon Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, June 29
10 a.m.



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.

CAN'T COME IN PERSON? JOIN US ONLINE!

Please join us in person or via livestream for worship services. Friday evening services are offered on [YouTube](#). Saturday morning services are available on [Zoom](#) and [YouTube](#).

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

Lunch with the ROMEOs

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

Thursday, May 2
[The Hopy Gnome](#)
203 E. Berry St.

Thursday, May 16
[Black Canyon Restaurant](#)
1509 W. Dupont Rd.

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

[Find the lunch schedule](#)



SHARE NEWS OF YOUR GRADUATE

We look forward to celebrating education milestones with our Temple family! If you have a child graduating from high school or college this year, please let us know so that we may offer congratulations, list the school attended, and include future plans in our Bulletin. Please send graduation information by Friday, May 10 to be included in our June/July Bulletin. Contact us at office@TempleCAV.org or (260) 744-4245.

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE FOR A BLESSING

Audrey Gerson

A gravestone unveiling and dedication service in memory of Audrey Gerson will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 12:30 p.m. at the [Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery](#) at [6224 Decatur Rd.](#) The congregation is invited to attend.

Harriet Crell

A gravestone unveiling and dedication service in memory of Harriet Crell will be held on Sunday, May 12 at 11 a.m. at the [Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery](#) at [6224 Decatur Rd.](#) The congregation is invited to attend.



Rabbi Meir Bargeron: THE POWER OF JEWISH COMMUNITY

I am writing this column during the intermediate days of the Passover festival, when we greet one another with *Modadim L'simcha*, "May your times be happy." Happiness, indeed! I'm still smiling from our Second Night community seder. It was so wonderful to see about 100 folks of all ages seated around seder tables as we experienced the ritual order of Passover. We were a strong and beautiful community that night!

In Jewish tradition, the concept of community is deeply ingrained, emphasizing that we need each other to thrive. This central idea is reflected in various aspects of Jewish life, from prayer and study to celebrations and support networks. The Talmud teaches, "A person cannot live without a community, just as a limb cannot survive without the body" (Berakhot 6b). This wisdom highlights the significance of interdependence and mutual support in our lives. In other words, we need each other!

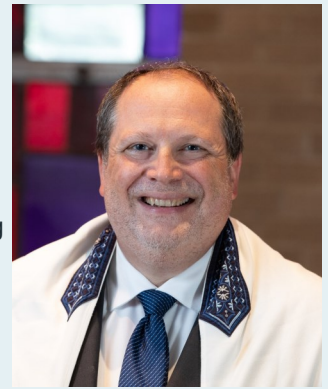
In Jewish tradition, **prayer** is often a communal experience, with a minyan (quorum of 10) required for certain prayers, including the Mourner's Kaddish. This emphasizes the importance of coming together to connect with the divine and with each other. Similarly, **study** is traditionally done in pairs or groups, fostering a sense of shared learning and growth. As the sages taught, "Just as a single thread is easily broken, but many threads together are strong, so too, individuals are weak, but together, they are strong" (Eruvin 54a).

Jewish **simchas**, such as weddings, b'nai mitzvahs, and holidays, are by definition communal affairs, bringing people

together to share in joy and milestones. Life cycle events, like birth, marriage, and death, are also marked with communal support and rituals, demonstrating the importance of collective support during significant moments. In a sense, what happens to each of us, happens to all of us.

Jewish tradition places a strong emphasis on **caring for one another**, particularly in times of need. The concept of *gemilut chasadim* (acts of loving kindness) encourages individuals to support each other through acts of kindness, charity, and compassion. These mitzvot take various forms, such as visiting the sick, comforting mourners, or providing tzedakah to those in need. Judaism's emphasis on community and interdependence reminds us that we need each other to thrive. By coming together in prayer, study, celebration, and support, we create a web of connections that strengthen our individual and collective lives. As the Talmud teaches, "All Israel is responsible for one another" (Shevi'it 39a). May we embrace this wisdom, recognizing that our relationships and connections are the very fabric of our lives.

Rabbi Meir



SHARE SHAVUOT WITH OUR TEMPLE FAMILY ON JUNE 12

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 Bargeron. 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.



YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION ON MONDAY, MAY 6

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) annual Yom HaShoah commemoration service will be held on Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus. The Temple is a co-sponsor.

The Holocaust memorial service will be led by Rabbi Meir Bargeron, with music by Maestro Robert Nance and Heartland Sings. Members of the community will read first-person accounts from the Holocaust and other historical moments of anti-Semitism.

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



YOM HASHOAH
FORT WAYNE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

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.

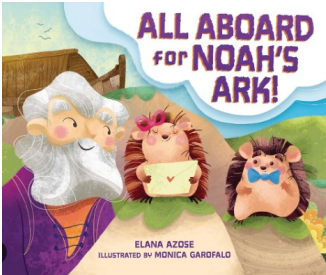
The game starts at 6:35 p.m. Tickets for seats on the first base line (section 102) are \$11.50 per person. Please make your reservation and payment online or call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Friday, June 7 to reserve your seats and then send your check (made payable to "CAV-The Temple"). 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!

NEW FOR KIDS IN THE TEMPLE LIBRARY FROM KAR-BEN

Our spring shipment from Kar-Ben Publishing recently arrived in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#). In the box were 11 new titles for children of all ages.

A few were holiday titles. *Happy Purim, Grover!* by Joni Sussman, is a new board book in a series of Sesame Street holiday titles. We also received three new Passover picture books. *Everybody's Book: The Story of the Sarajevo Haggadah*, by Linda Leopold Strauss, tells the true story of a Haggadah dating back to the Spanish Inquisition. Eventually ending up in a museum in Sarajevo, it became known as the Sarajevo Haggadah and was hidden in a village mosque to protect it from the Nazis. Amalia Hoffman's *Afikotective* and Susan Tarcov's *Tyrannosaurus Tsuris: A Passover Story* are lighter fare for the holiday.



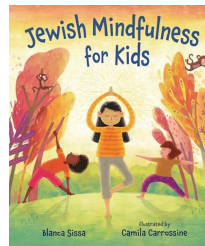
For Shabbat, Sarah Sassoon's *This is Not a Cholent* features an Iraqi stew in an Australian cholent contest. *Sophie's Monster Goes to Shul*, by Sandy Asher, is the story of a girl and a scary monster in her closet.

The Apple Argument, by Jane Yolen, is a new take on the Creation story, focusing on the fruits and vegetables in the Garden of Eden.

Another Bible story, Elana Azose's *All Aboard for Noah's Ark!*, features a pair of

helpful hedgehogs aboard the boat.

A Feather, a Pebble, a Shell, by Miri Leshem-Pelly, is a natural tour of Israel. When the author finds small treasures to hold, such as a basalt pebble or a hoopoe feather or a ripe olive, she leaves them for her readers to find, and includes descriptions of these unique objects in her story.



Written for children ages 3 through 8, Bianca Sissa's *Jewish Mindfulness for Kids* is full of exercises to use every day. Centered around Jewish culture, the activities include "Blow the Shofar," "Breathe Like a Dove," "Light the Shabbat Candles," and more.

For older readers, *Things That Shimmer*, by Deborah Lakritz, has been added to our

Juvenile Fiction collection. Set in 1973, it follows the story of Melanie Adler, her friend Dorit, and her struggle to fit in. From the Jewish Book Council, it is "A well-told story that will be savored by preteens and young people who find bits of themselves in it."

We hope you'll continue to take advantage of our wonderful library collection whenever you're in the building. [Find our complete catalog](#)



Our dedicated Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers prepped two bags on April 10 for the 51 Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple. The food and household items included ingredients for Wagon Wheel Beef Soup. A second bag included tissues, toilet paper, and hand soap.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS TO PREPARE LAST BAGS OF SCHOOL YEAR

With the school year ending soon for the Brightpoint Head Start students who attend class at the Temple, our Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers will be preparing bags with a little extra food and toiletries to help families through the summer months.

The Jewish community team will meet on Wednesday, May 1 at 10 a.m. to assemble the last bags of the school year.

We appreciate the continued generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the many members of our Jewish community and non-members for making Thoughtful Thursdays possible through their donations and hard work.

Thank you to Sally Trotter for her leadership during this 14th year of Thoughtful Thursdays. We're grateful to the wonderful Temple staff and volunteers who

continue to be so engaged and supportive, whether picking apples, shopping for supplies, bagging, and helping in other ways. Without all of you, we could not provide this program.

Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#). If you are interested in volunteering for this endeavor, please contact our incoming chair Cheryl Schorey at cheryl_schorey@yahoo.com. We would love to have you join us!



Youth News

"WHY WALK FOR 40 YEARS?" AND OTHER QUESTIONS

Our students remained busy in their Religious School studies during April!

Our Bimah Buddies students talked about how to make positive choices when faced with real-world dilemmas of character.

Our Middot students learned about setting personal boundaries, including discussion about honoring their own and others' religious observances.

Our youngest students took advantage of a beautiful spring day to experience the Exodus by way of a tour around our outdoor campus, visiting such important sights as Mount Sinai (the playground), the Jordan River (the Foster Park pathway), Jericho (a big tree we marched around), and at last the Promised Land (the Sposeep Chapel). We even encountered a frog and some pests along the way!

Our 30-minute walk certainly provided our students with some perspective on the perilous journeys of their ancestors. They were tired. They were thirsty.



They questioned the point of our hike. We left behind a couple of students who found shadier spots to rest at various points. They asked many times if we were there yet.

What I enjoyed most about this experience was the discussion we had when we finally got to the benches and shade. The students asked why anyone would keep walking for forty years. We talked about how people

are motivated by their faith. The students asked why it took forty years to complete what should've been an 11-day trip. We talked about how their journey changed the Jewish people and prepared them to live together in a place of their own as the nation of Israel. And then the students asked if we could go back inside and eat our routine end-of-session donut holes in the air conditioning. Modern problems for modern times!

This month represents the end of our official program year for our youth education programming. We have a busy month ahead and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming celebrations, worship services, and community activities.

-Leise Rosman, Religious School Committee chair

Upcoming Religious School Dates

- **Sunday, May 5 at 10 a.m.** – Religious School at Temple – All Students
- **Sunday, May 19 at 10 a.m.** – Last Day of Religious School – Maccabiah Games at Temple
- **Friday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m.** – Prayer books presented to 5th grade students during Shabbat Services
- **Friday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.** – A blessing for children attending a Jewish summer camp during Shabbat Services



SHARE SHABBAT AND PRAYER BOOK PRESENTATION

Join us for Shabbat on Friday, May 31 when our summer services move to 6:30 p.m. We also will present prayer books to 5th grade students Guy Copeland, son of Hannah & Jack Copeland, and Keira Barasch, daughter of April & Mike Barasch, in honor of beginning their b'nei mitzvah studies.



Our Joy Vey children and their families enjoy celebrating Shabbat time together with grape juice (wine for the adults) and challah.

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 an additional 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

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.



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.

176TH ANNUAL MEETING

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In addition, 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.

To be eligible to vote, members must be current in their financial obligations to the congregation. All absentee ballots must be returned prior to the Annual Meeting.

MITZVAH DAY BASKETS

Thank you to the volunteers, donors and sponsors who contributed toiletries, stuffed animals, and blankets for many months as part of the Temple's 175th Anniversary mitzvah project to help foster children in Northeast Indiana. Through their generosity, we reached our goal of filling 175 totes to support the efforts of Fostering Hope for Children. As of this week, the final donations of totes have been given to FHOC to help children in our community.



JEWISH GENEALOGY OF THE FORMER RUSSIAN EMPIRE FOCUS OF MAY PROGRAM



The [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) will welcome Ellie Vance of Family Search to the [ACPL Genealogy Center](#) on Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m. for two programs on Jewish Genealogy of the Former Russian Empire and Surrounding Regions. She'll speak at:

- **2 p.m. - History of Jews in the Russian Empire and an Introduction to Record Types** - This presentation will provide a brief history of Jews in the Russian Empire, the Pale of Settlement and an introduction to basic record types including revision lists, metrical books, census records, family lists, and more.
- **3:30 p.m. Jewish Research in the Former Russian Empire** - Unsure of where to start with researching your Jewish roots in the former Russian Empire? This presentation will provide an introduction to Jewish genealogical research and discuss resources, websites, and tools for research in the former Russian Empire as well as modern country specific resources for Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, and Ukraine.

This program is in-person at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center. To attend online, [register here](#).

Vance graduated from Brigham Young University with degrees in Russian and Family History and Genealogy. She worked as the Slavic research specialist for the FamilySearch Library and currently works as a technical historical records expert at FamilySearch, where she provides data for machine learning and indexing of Russian genealogical documents.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Dr. Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation, and the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center for their continued support of NEIJGS programming.



An afternoon of local history on April 14 featured two programs: Dr. Wendy Soltz on her Indiana Synagogue Mapping Project and Greg Merrell about how he and his wife, Stacey, purchased the former synagogue in Ligonier from Indiana Landmarks convert the historic property into their home. The presentations at The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library were sponsored by the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society in conjunction with the Temple in honor of our 175th anniversary.





SECOND SEDER BRINGS TOGETHER TRADITIONS AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

More than 100 people gathered on Tuesday evening for the Temple's Second Seder, as we read from the Hagaddah about the Jews' exodus from Egypt and freedom from bondage. Rabbi Meir Bargerone brought together the traditions of Passover with discussion of contemporary issues. These included an empty chair marked with "134," the number of hostages being held in Gaza since the October 7 attack on Israel, and olives on the Seder plate representing an olive branch and the hope for peace.

A traditional Pesach meal included gefilte fish, matzah ball soup, brisket and potato kugel. Thank you to Denny Reynolds, the ROMEOs and Juliets for coordinating a delicious meal and the Seder items! Thank you to Crackerjack Catering, including owner and Chef Mike Bentz and sous chef Paul Queen, for the wonderful meal! Thank you to the Temple staff for their contributions to the beautiful evening. Thanks also to Dawn Hammond and Beth Zweig for the photos.

We were pleased to welcome so many congregants and guests to our tables. Thank you also to members of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne for joining us for our Passover observance.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

At its April 11 meeting, the Temple Board discussed the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, beginning in July. The final budget will be approved at the May board meeting before it goes to the congregation for approval on Wednesday, June 5 at the annual meeting.

High Holy Days Services

Cantor Penny Myers will lead Conservative services at the Temple during the High Holy Days and will also serve as cantor, co-leading with Rabbi Meir, at the combined Erev Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday, October 2 and Kol Nidre services on Friday, October 11.

Rabbi Meir said Cantor Myers was recommended by the Conservative High Holy Days Service Leader Search Committee that included Ben Eisbart (Chair), Ron Friedman, Josh Tourkow and Bob Walters.

Religious Education

Rabbi Meir and Religious School Committee Chair Leise Rosman have identified a Jewish educational consultant who will assist with aligning our religious education program with the needs of our community and our resources. [Dr. Wendy Grinberg](#) will begin working with us in the next few weeks.

Torah Maintenance

[Rabbi Moshe Druin](#) and an assistant from Sofer-on-Site International returned to the Temple to continue work repairing four of our Torahs to bring them to a kosher state. Rabbi Druin, president of Sofer-on-Site, was here almost a year ago to work on our sacred scrolls and explain the role of a sofer during an education program as part of our 175th Anniversary season. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

City Sewer Project

Executive Director Samara Sheray said the city of Fort Wayne's sewer project has started. All of the trees and foliage along the north property line have been removed. Digging is underway in the northwest corner of our property, which is where the final pump station will be. Additional digging on the northeast of our property from Old Mill Road back to the northwest corner of our property has started and is scheduled to conclude and move onto Old Mill by the end of May.

In March 2023, the Temple Board agreed to sell the city a section of our property to build a stormwater pump station near the northwest corner and install a new underground consolidation sewer on the north property line. A permanent utility easement and temporary construction easements are part of the agreement.

The city said the project will reduce the likelihood of flooding in surrounding neighborhoods during heavy rain and/or high river levels and will help reduce the frequency of combined sewer overflows. As part of the agreement, the Temple will receive about \$29,000 from the city, as well as new fencing and landscaping that is planned and contracted to be installed at the completion of the project.



MEET OUR NEW FACILITIES MANAGER: MIKE FRETZ

Mike Fretz started as our new Facilities Manager on April 9. He is "fur-dad" to two rescue dogs - and said he would probably have at least one more if his landlord didn't say only two. Mike has lived most of his life in Fort Wayne and graduated from Snider High School.

He spent his first two years of college at the University of Houston, where he was active in the marching band and pep band. An avid supporter of U of H athletics, Mike drives to at least one football game annually and is

excited that the men's basketball team this year made their fifth straight Sweet 16 appearance (even though that's where their season ended).

In addition to country dancing and spending time with family and friends, Mike is very active in supporting veterans as a member of the Indiana Patriot Guard. He recently joined the Volunteer Corps for Honor Flight Northeast Indiana and is excited to accompany his father on the Honor Flight on April 24.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 22ND CORNED BEEF FUNDRAISER

Our [Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser](#) returns for a 22nd year on Thursday, November 7 when heaping corned beef sandwiches, gigantic dill pickles, creamy coleslaw, and rich brownies return as part of the Temple's largest fundraiser.

Mark your calendar for Deli Day and help us top last year's sales of 1,800 meals! We raised a record \$29,688 for the Temple's general operations! Thank you to Co-Chairs Micah Soltz & Amy Krouse and their team! Please plan to take the day off work to assist with the sale, as well as Prep Night on Wednesday, November 6. If you'd like to join the committee, please contact the Temple office.



Donations

175th Anniversary

In memory of Bessie Levy: *Sue & Jerry Pownall*

Joseph & Elsa Adler Memorial Fund

A donation was received from *Carter Morr*

B'nai Jacob (Conservative) Judaism Fund

In memory of Ronald Miller and Nikki Kaplan Stern:
Susie Miller

Campership Fund

In memory of Charlotte Korin: *Beth & Mitchell Sherr*

Floral Fund

A donation was received from *Carter Morr*

General Operations

A donation was received from: *Fani Kozolchyk; Carter Morr; Juan Suarez*

In memory of David B. Fishman and Rosa Fishman:
Carol Levy

In memory of Doris Tillinger: *Jenny & Howard Levitin*

In memory of Irina Kutsenok: *Eda K. Kyner*

In memory of David Levin: *Laurin & Ronald Jacobson*

In memory of Morton Trauner: *Scott & Theresa Trauner*

In memory of Irina Kutsenok: *Victor Kutsenok*

In memory of Louise Warshauer: *Bill Warshauer*

Ryan Golstrom Memorial Fund

In memory of Dr. Sheldon Kantor: *Lori Goldstrom*

Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural Enrichment Fund

A donation was received from: *Deborah A Rothberg; Stephen Rothberg*

In memory of Peter A Rothberg and Josephine Rothberg:
Stephen Rothberg; Cathy Lash

In memory of Betty Castle and Kathryn Mendelblat:
Cathy Lash

Prayer Books Fund

A donation was received from *Carter Morr*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

A donation was received from *Carter Morr*

In memory of Audrey Gerson: *Chad M. Gerson*

Rabbi Kornspan Tzedakah Fund

A donation was received from *Cori Laemmle*

In memory of Dr. Bernard Rosenblatt: *Stanley Rosenblatt*

Max & Gerda Schmitz Holocaust Education Fund

In memory of Josephine Bach, and Julius Stein: *Janice & Joel Greenberg*

Thoughtful Thursdays Fund

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CAMPERS INVITED FOR SPECIAL 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.

CAMP JOE REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's [Camp Joe Levine](#) will be held once again in beautiful [Metea 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](#).

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the Janet Finkel Campership Fund for continued support.

ROSH CHODESH DINNER AT FRIENDLY FOX

We had so much fun last month that we don't want to wait until June to meet again!

Ladies, mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 22. We will meet at the [Friendly Fox](#) (4001 S. Wayne Avenue) at 5:30 p.m. for the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) Rosh Chodesh event.

Food and drinks are on your own, but having fun, making new friends and catching up with cherished friends will be shared by all!

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

THE MAN WHO SAVED 669 CHILDREN ON PBS

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) is pleased to be a sponsor of another amazing [PBS39](#) program.

[The Man Who Saved 669 Children](#) will air on Sunday, April 28 at 4 p.m.; Monday, April 29 at 2 p.m.; Wednesday, May 1 at 11 p.m.; and Thursday, May 2 at 2 a.m..



May Jahrzeits

May 3-4

Sigmund Apfelbaum
Ruth Beck
Morris Becker
Emanuel Blum
Ronald Brateman
Jacob Bruch
Harold I. Chon
Louis S. Dessauer
Leah Edelman
Muriel Feinstein
Sonia Finkelstein
Etta Gepsman
Clara Heilbroner
June Saul Himmelstein
Rebecca Kaplan
Naomi Frank Korkes
Samuel Kornspan
Louis Latker
Jean Lee
Samuel Levis
Frances Levy
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Gary Nemeroff
Alfred Novitsky
Ann Peltz
Stephen Powers
Zelda Punsky
Jean Rehm
Paul N. Richardson
Sol Rothberg
Charles J. Rothschild
Lois Safran
Dr. Hans Sahlmann
Dr. Harry Salon
Arthur Albert Sapirie
Anna Lee Scheffman
Hazel Schultz
Erna Shulkin
Rosetta R. Siegle
Harry N. Speyer
Abraham Stein
Bertha Strass
Bor Tam
Anna Trauner
Morton Trauner
Philip Trivus
Samuel Weinberg

May 10-11

Ann Block
Jacob Brateman
Samuel Brateman
Lena Nahmias Cohen
Marian Smith D'arcy
Rabbi Frederic A. Doppelt
Sophia Ebner
Dr. B. M. Edlavitch

Joseph Freiburger
Chad Goldberg
Myron Goldman
Lena Goltz
C. C. Hollingsworth
Sara Kaliski
Sarah Krakower
Sarah Kraus
Dora Leiberman
Larry Levin
Evelyn Lipp
Irwin Mallin
Louis Masursky
Hyman Mazur
Minnie S. Mendelson
Nathan Nemeroff
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Harry Peurye
Esther Pomerantz
Deborah Rifkin
Meyer Roseman
Mayora Rosenberg
Arthur Michael Rudek
Lucille Schuler
Samuel Schultz
Scott Sherr
Alan Slutsky
Curtis M. Stein
Ida Ruth Superior
Jerry Sweedler
Pauline Turansky
Louise Warshauer
Emily Weinstein
Lillian Weiss
Bernard A. Woolner
Samuel Zaslowsky

May 17-18

Irvin Adams
Ruth Cohen
Harriet Crell
Hyman Dicker
Freda M. Dubin
Pearl Fichman
Helen Fishman
Stan Fishman
Sylvia Forlander
Solly K. Frankenstein
Julia Frankenstein
Paul Gordon
Sherman Gordon
Leo Horn
Abraham Kamile
Betty Kann Castle
Robert Katz
Anthony Kirdahy
Sarah Komisarow
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Elizabeth Stein
Lorenz Edward Stillpass
Isaac D. Straus
Joseph A. Stumpf
Stanley Tankel
Sidney David Troy
Jennie Weisman
Ruth Wertheimer
Molly Wolf
Pauline Young

May 24-25

Vida Assael
Sarah Beck
Dan Bernstein
Miriam Brenn
Julie Brooks
Heather Chernen
S. Stephen Cohen
Gabor Fenyes
Alexander Fiegler
Eugene Frank
George Ivan Fredrick
Mina Freiburger
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Helen M. Schubert
Esther Schwartz
Irene Gazda Schwarz
Philip Sisman
Jack Speyer
Herman Stern
Ruth Turansky
Bernard "Bud" Turansky
William Walter
Sally Zelinger

May 31-June 1

Eva Bosell
Ken Burcham
Anna Jones Clark
Gertrude Cline
Nissim Yuda Farhi
Shirley Gerber
John C. Gosney
Bonnie Harrison
Herbert Isay
Minnie Kaplan
Max Kaplan
Marvin Katz
Mathilde Kaufman
Henry Kepes
Annette P. Kesselman
Aaron Komito
William Landy
Harry Lechtner
Rosa Levine
Jack Levine
Rae Lipp
Leopold Loeb
Isidore Nemeroff
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Donald Persky
James Rakes
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MAZEL TOV TO:

Rabbi Jen Gubitz and her husband, Matan BenYishay, on the birth of their son, Ori Shir Gubitz-BenYishay, just before Shabbat on March 22, 2024. Rabbi Gubitz, who grew up at Achduth Vesholom and lives in Boston, recently was one of our Legacy Rabbinic Scholars for the Temple's 175th Anniversary.



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The deadline for the combined June/July Bulletin is Wednesday, May 15.

President's Corner Ronnie Greenberg



I've always kept a to-do list, not just since I've been President of the Temple, but, really, my whole life. I've never wanted to spend mental energy continually reminding myself of things I need to do when I can just write it down on the list and forget about it – until it's time to do the task, obviously.

This time of year, my personal to-do list is longer than usual. With the coming of warmer weather, there are many seasonal projects around the house. And my gardens need to be cleared of last year's growth, fertilized and re-mulched, and my seeds started inside. Also, our family has a number of birthdays in May so we need to buy and send presents and arrange to call and sing the "Happy Birthday" song in two-part harmony to the birthday celebrant – an old family tradition.

My Temple to-do list also expands in the spring. As the end of the fiscal year approaches, there are all those behind-the-scene tasks to do that keep our synagogue functioning smoothly. The Board of Trustees is busy discussing and approving the budget, a slate of officers and trustees, and a schedule of board meetings and tasks for the coming year. There also is the agenda and preparation for the June 5 annual meeting to be arranged.

And this year, we will organize a get-out-the-vote campaign to approve the amended Bylaws at the annual meeting. And let's not forget the Temple Gardeners – Hagananim – will convene to begin spring clean-up on our Temple gardens and plan changes and enhancements for the summer.

I'm guessing that spring and summer are busy times of the year for you also. In addition to your seasonal projects at home, there are end-of-the-school-year activities, summer camp to plan, family and friend get-togethers, and vacations to organize. Then, sooner than expected, it's time to get ready for fall, the High Holidays, and a new school year. So, your personal to-do list grows this time of year too. But what about your Temple to-do list?

While it's true that summer at the Temple is a little slower paced, there is still a lot going on. Erev Shabbat services move to an earlier time; Saturday morning times do not change. And, yes, there will still be Joy Vey services for our littlest ones throughout the summer. In addition, a Pride Shabbat and Friday Night Live with Heartland Sings are scheduled in July and August, respectively. And also remember the Annual Meeting in June. It's a great time to see old friends and help set the course of your congregation. Also in June, for a purely social event, you can attend Temple Night at the Tincaps. Maybe it won't rain this year.

There also are formal and informal groups that continue to meet and work over the summer. The Digitization task force is busy organizing our archives and, of course, HaGananim will be very busy playing in the dirt!

So, there is no need to include a vacation from Temple in your summer vacation plans. The Temple is there for you all 12 months of the year. Worship services are held every weekend and there is at least one special event each month. The Thursday email will still arrive in your inbox with the information you need to take advantage of all the Temple has to offer. I hope you will put "check Temple email on Thursday" at the top of your to-do list, and that we see you over the summer.