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ENJOY EXTRA NIGHT OF LIGHT AT HANUKKAH PARTY

Spin the dreidel, enjoy a festive dinner, and share in a fun-filled Hanukkah party on Sunday, December 22 at 6 p.m. at the Temple.

[Please make a reservation for dinner with payment](#) by Sunday, December 15 or contact us at (260) 744-4245. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12.

The Holiday Celebrations Team is planning activities for all ages, including crafts and games. Dinner will be catered from Casa, with latkes and sufganiyot sponsored by the ROMEOs. Thank you to Stephanie Gottesman, Kate Crell, Celeste Sexton, and Deborah Bauer for organizing.

Though the holiday doesn't begin until Wednesday evening, December 25, many people will be traveling during Hanukkah this year so we are gathering a few days early. We'll still "practice" lighting candles, so bring your hanukkiyah! We can all use an extra night of light!



SHARE HANUKKAH LIGHTS AND A TOAST TO THE NEW YEAR

Celebrate the Festival of Lights and Champagne Shabbat with our Temple family on Friday, December 27 at 7:30 p.m., led by Rabbi Meir. Join us in person or on [YouTube](#).

Share the warmth of Jewish community along with the glow of *hanukkiyot* and Shabbat candles. Please bring your hanukkiyah and candles to light for the third night of Hanukkah. After the service, we'll share a toast to 2025. All are welcome.

ISRAEL UPDATE WITH JOURNALIST MARK LAVIE IN DECEMBER

What is the current situation in Israel and the Middle East after a year of war? Journalist Mark Lavie will join us on Wednesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. at the Temple to share his insights on where we are in the aftermath of the October 7 attack on Israel by Hamas. His talk will be followed by a Q & A and light refreshments. The program also will be available on [YouTube](#).

A Fort Wayne native, Lavie is the author of two books: [Why Are We Still Afraid?](#), which follows his five-decade career and provides a real-time picture of Israel growing up, and [Broken Spring](#), which gives insights from his time in Cairo from 2011-2013 covering the Arab Spring. Lavie's blog posts on Israel and the Middle East can be read at [Medialine](#).

Lavie's roots in Fort Wayne include being part of the Temple's Confirmation class of 1961, the first in the building on Old Mill Road. After graduating from Indiana University in Bloomington, he worked in television and radio news in Indianapolis and South Bend before making *aliyah* in 1972.

The program is sponsored by [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) with support from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation.

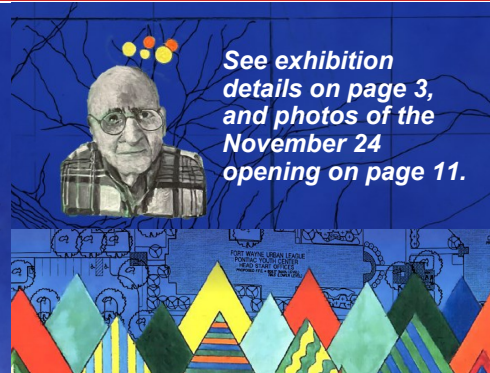


a Creative Life the Architecture and Art of Alan Grinsfelder

OPENING
November 24, 2024
2 to 5 pm

VIEWING
December 7-8, 2024
1 to 4 pm

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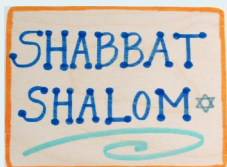
See exhibition details on page 3, and photos of the November 24 opening on page 11.

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UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS



DECEMBER SERVICES

Shabbat Service

Friday, December 6
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 7
9:45 a.m.

Joy Vey: A Kid-ish Shabbat

Friday, December 13
5:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, December 13
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 14
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, December 20
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 21
9:45 a.m.

Hanukkah & Champagne Shabbat Service

Friday, December 27
7:30 p.m.

No Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 28

JANUARY SERVICES

Beginning on January 4, Shabbat morning services will be held on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 3
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 4
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 10
7:30 p.m.

Joy Vey! Shabbat Morning

Saturday, January 11
10:30 a.m.
Musician: Juliette Nehring

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 17
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Saturday, January 18
9:45 a.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 24
7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 31
7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Thoughtful Thursdays

Wednesday, December 4
10 a.m.

A Creative Life: The Architecture & Art of Alan Grinsfelder

Saturday, December 7
from 1 to 4 p.m.
Sunday, December 8
from 1 to 4 p.m.

Lifelong Learning: Mark Lavie

Wednesday, December 11
7 p.m.

Hanukkah Party

Sunday, December 22
6 p.m.

First Candle – Hanukkah

Wednesday, December 25

Lunch with the ROMEOS

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

Thursday, December 5

[Bagger Dave's Tavern](#)
2886 E. Dupont Rd.

Thursday, December 19

[Club Room at the Clyde](#)
1806 Bluffton Rd.

JANUARY EVENTS

Thoughtful Thursdays

Wednesday, January 8
10 a.m.

Lifelong Learning:

Righteousness in Our Age

Wednesday, January 8
7 p.m. on Zoom

Taste of Leadership Dinner

Wednesday, January 15
6 p.m.
RSVP required by December 20

Leadership Program

Wednesday, January 29
7 p.m. on Zoom



Thursday, January 2

[Joanna's Family Restaurant](#)
10368 Leo Rd.

Thursday, January 16

[Mad Anthony Brewing Co.](#)
2002 Broadway

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

[Find the lunch schedule](#)



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



**Happy Hanukkah
from the
Temple Board
& Staff!**



Rabbi Meir Bargeron: SEVEN JEWISH PODCASTS WORTH YOUR TIME

For many good reasons related to current events, I heartily recommend that you seriously consider a news diet to assist in managing anxiety and worry. And what better way to fill the time you might otherwise be staring at your favorite cable news outlet, or doom-scrolling through social media, than to do a deep dive into Jewishness and Judaism by listening to podcasts?

To carry you through these first months of winter, here are some Jewish podcasts that are worth your time. Please note that most of these podcasts are available at Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, or as they say, wherever you get your podcasts:

1. [Being Jewish with Jonah Platt](#): A weekly podcast that illuminates the full, beautiful, often unexplored spectrum of Jewish identity by exploring the personal journeys of both Jews and non-Jewish allies alike. Actor, artist and Jewish advocate Jonah Platt interviews celebrities from many fields in search of insights and answers to the question, "What does it mean to be Jewish to you?"
2. [For Heaven's Sake](#): Produced by the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, the weekly podcast features conversations between Rabbi Donniel Hartman and Yossi Klein Halevi, an American-born Israeli author and journalist. This pod's title comes from the Hebrew expression *machloket l'shem shemayim*, "disagreeing for the sake of heaven." Hartman and Halevi engage in robust discussion on political and social trends in Israel, Israel-Diaspora relations, and the collective consciousness of being Jewish. Since October 7, 2023, they have focused on Israel at War. This is a very high-quality Jewish/Israeli podcast that I highly recommend.
3. [Identity/Crisis](#): Also produced by the Shalom Hartman Institute, this podcast features host Yehuda Kurtzer, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute, who talks with leading

thinkers to unpack current events affecting Jewish communities in North America, Israel, and around the world, revealing the core Jewish values underlying the issues that matter most to you.

4. [Judaism Unbound Podcast](#): One of the best Jewish podcasts out there, Dan Liebson and Lex Rofeberg analyze pressing issues for 21st century American Judaism. Mixing their own analysis with interviews of leading thinkers, practitioners, and even "regular Jews," Dan and Lex look to push past the bounds of what it means to be Jewish in the 21st century.
5. [Sermons from Ikar](#): Rabbi Sharon Brous is one of the leading progressive Jewish voices in America and author of the recently published book [The Amen Effect](#). Ikar, the Hebrew word for "essence," is a vibrant synagogue in Los Angeles, where they produce podcasts of sermons from Brous and her associate rabbis.
6. [Tablet Studios](#) Produces several high-quality podcasts that examine Jewish life, history and current affairs. Their mini-series [Re-Form](#) does a deep dive into the central questions of modern Reform Judaism in America and will be the basis of a Temple Lifelong Learning series beginning in February.
7. [College Commons](#): Produced by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the podcast features passionate perspectives from Judaism's leading thinker. Hosted by Joshua Holo, professor of Jewish History.

Happy listening!
Rabbi Meir



A CREATIVE LIFE: THE ARCHITECTURE AND ART OF ALAN GRINSFELDER CONTINUES IN DECEMBER

"A Creative Life: The Architecture and Art of Alan Grinsfelder" continues on display at the Temple on Saturday and Sunday, December 7-8 from 1 to 4 p.m.

This inspiring exhibit highlights Alan's designs and architectural contributions to the Fort Wayne skyline during his long career with Grinsfelder Associates Architecture, along with the creativity displayed in his ongoing fine arts endeavors.

Alan's building projects featured in this exhibition include Headwaters Park, the Foellinger Theatre, the Pyramid Plaza, the Hanna Creighton block (Urban League, Head Start, and Pontiac Public Library) and the downtown Community Center.

Grinsfelder exhibit and hours:

- **Friday, December 6** from 5 to 9 p.m. (before and after the Temple's Shabbat service)
- **Saturday, December 7** from 1 to 4 p.m.
- **Sunday, December 8** from 1 to 4 p.m.



His artwork has been on display in local coffeehouses and galleries. Alan, who will turn 89 days before the exhibit's opening, has been touted as Purdue Fort Wayne's oldest student and continues to take art classes.

Alan and his wife, Maureen, are long-time members of the Temple and past presidents.

More than 150 people attended the exhibit opening on November 24. A panel discussion, moderated by **Irene Walters**, included **Alan**, **Geoff Paddock**, Fort Wayne City Councilman and former Executive Director of Headwaters Park, and **John O'Connell**, Dean of the College of Visual & Performing Arts at Purdue Fort Wayne.

Watch the [panel discussion](#).

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support. Thank you to Jon Tam for developing the exhibit and program.

Please see page 11 for photos of the exhibit opening.

NEW FOR HANUKKAH IN THE RABBI RICHARD B. SAFRAN LIBRARY

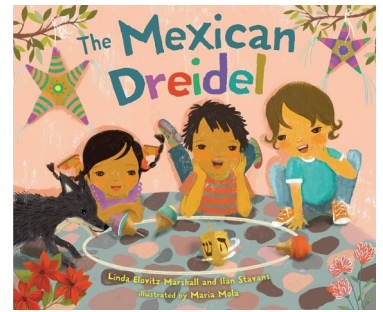
We have more than 500 Hanukkah titles in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#), so we hope you'll come in and choose a few for the holiday! This month, we'll feature our newer picture books for young readers, all published in 2022 or later.



Three new board books are available for our littlest members. Our latest is *Hanukkah Hippity-Hop* by Barbara Kimmel. *Latke's First Hanukkah* by Alan Silberberg and *Hanukkah Nights* by Amalia Hoffman are two other new board book titles.

Charley and Seymour's *Hanukkah Miracle* by Melody Howard Ritt is a story about two chipmunks and their holiday celebration. Another animal book is *A Wild, Wild Hanukkah* by Jo Gershman. Each night, another wild animal joins the party. Elissa Brent

Weissman's *Hanukkah Upside Down* is set in New Zealand. Elka Weber's *Mrs. Maccabee's Miracle* is a new spin on the Hanukkah story. *Tizzy the Dizzy Dreidel* by Allison Marks literally focuses on the "spin" in the holiday celebration.



Two picture books with a Latin flavor are Linda Elovitz Marshall's *The Mexican Dreidel* and *Hanukkah in Little Havana* by Julie Ann Blank. Both include aspects of the holiday that many children may not have considered.

There are holiday books for all ages in our collection. [Check out our full list of Hanukkah titles](#). Self-checkout is available at the library desk whenever the building is open.



THE MATCHMAKER'S GIFT FOCUS OF NEXT TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

Our Temple Book Club will meet virtually on Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. to discuss *The Matchmaker's Gift*, followed by a conversation with author Lynda Cohen Loigman.

The plot centers around a Lower East Side matchmaker, Sara, and her granddaughter, Abby. Abby inherits her grandmother's journals after her death. From the Jewish Book Council, "The historical chapters are compelling; the more contemporary ones are equally so. A fascinating narrative."

The Zoom link will be included in the weekly e-mail as we get closer. A copy of the book is available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS PREPPING SEASONAL ITEMS FOR BRIGHTPOINT FAMILIES

The Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers filled bags in November for the 51 students who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple with items typically served for a Thanksgiving meal, along with a rotisserie chicken.

In December, we will follow with holiday favorites and a rotisserie chicken. A second bag will be filled with dental hygiene products graciously donated by Ellen & Michael Tom. It also will include household products, along with a treat and a poem:

"A little Packet of Cocoa, I'm sending your way, For you to sip and enjoy, on a cold winter day. Add hot water and sip it slow. Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow. Happy Holidays!"

Our volunteers will meet on Wednesdays, December 4 and January 8 at 10 a.m. at the Temple to assemble bags. Feel free to join us.

Thoughtful Thursdays is joint project of [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#) and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#). Thank you to Chair Cheryl Schorey and all our volunteers!



Youth News

YOUNG FAMILIES INVITED FOR EVENING AND MORNING JOY VEY PROGRAMS



Introduce your young children to the beauty of Shabbat evening and morning during two upcoming Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat services.

Please join us on Friday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m. 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. Folks are encouraged to stick around to enjoy a glass of wine/juice and challah.

Share a special musical morning of Joy Vey on Saturday, January 11 at 10:30 a.m. with musician [Juliette Nehring](#).



Meet us in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center to introduce your child to the beauty of a Shabbat **morning** service with prayer, singing, movement, joyfulness, and friends. Folks are encouraged to stick around afterwards to enjoy coffee, juice, and donuts.

Nehring has been a lay leader and music specialist at Jewish congregations in the Indianapolis area for the past 13 years and has been a professional in the fields of music and education for over 30 years.

Currently, she is dedicated to her position as music specialist, cantorial soloist, and religious school teacher for Congregation Beth Shalom in Carmel, Indiana. She has a passionate interest in children and families, and community engagement and social justice. Her philosophy of teaching includes lifetime music and cross-cultural development, and she enjoys the beauty and spirituality of music from all around the globe, helping others on their journey in finding shared values in the world and peoples around us.

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



Rabbi Meir shows the children the beautiful challah during Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat.



Religious School students talked in November about how scary it must have been for Abram to leave his home to go to a new place that God will show him and how much he trusted God to lead him. Rabbi Meir also taught students how to say the Sh'ma. Classes will be on winter break from December 23 to January 11.

STREAMLINED PICK UP PROCESS PROVES POPULAR AT 22ND DELI DAY

The Temple's 22nd Corned Beef Fundraiser once again brought enthusiastic community support, with sales of nearly 1,700 meals and 100+ pounds of bulk corned beef, along with multiple operational improvements that contributed to a smooth and successful Deli Day on November 7.

A new order pick-up plan received rave reviews from customers and volunteers alike. The traffic bottleneck of the past few years along Old Mill Road was avoided by eliminating the drive-thru line. Customers instead parked in our spacious lot and walked up to the front of the building, where multiple volunteers were conveniently stationed outdoors to assist.

The cumbersome process of looking up customer orders on paper in binders was replaced by a computerized system for easy searching. Once the order was confirmed, a copy was printed inside the building, where our customer fulfillment squad could then gather the sandwich boxes (already prepped in plastic bags with one or two meals) and/or 1-lb. bags of bulk corned beef to bring to the customer. A drink table in front of the building made it easy to pull the correct soda cans or water bottles to complete the orders. The process was quick and efficient.

"Once again, enjoyed our meals immensely," one customer wrote on Facebook.

"And the pick-up was SO much easier – very streamlined. Congratulations to all for a job well done."

We also expanded our regular 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. hours, adding a 10 a.m. opening for those who ordered in advance. Customers began lining up even earlier to pick up and add to their orders. We sold out by 11:15 a.m. for walk-up orders. More customers this year opted for our local delivery service.

The improvements came after careful analysis in the past year by members of our committee, including computer simulations to determine the most efficient procedures to best serve our customers.

Forty-one sponsors generously supported the sale, contributing nearly \$16,000 to help cover our costs. New this year, we added a fourth sponsorship levels. Thank you to our inaugural platinum sponsor, The Krouse Family, who received an autographed copy of *The Jewish Deli: An Illustrated Guide to the Chosen Food*, by Ben Nadler. We're also grateful to our gold sponsors: Center for Colon & Rectal Care, Cremm Farms, and The Zacher Company.

The final amount raised by the fundraiser

for Temple programs is not yet available.

Thank you to our Corned Beef Committee, led by co-chairs by Micah Soltz and Amy Krouse. Their team included Fran Adler, Rabbi Meir Barger, Jamie Fritz, Lily Noga, Denny Reynolds, Samara Sheray, Celeste Sexton, Jon Tam, Steve Zacher, Mimi Zelman, Beth Zweig, and Dan Zweig.

"Every year it is amazing to see what a small group of non-professional volunteers can pull off by coming together for the cause of community and what in large part fuels my drive to continue being a part of CAV's annual Corned Beef Fundraiser," Micah said.

About two dozen volunteers came earlier during Corned Beef Week on Monday to prepare 2,000 condiment bags, filling them with sponsor sheets, mustard packets, and other items.



On Wednesday evening, more of the 100 volunteers helped on Prep Night - including friends of congregants and new recruits – to assist with weighing meat portions, scooping coleslaw into cups, bagging pickles, cutting brownies, and more.

On Thursday, some 80+ volunteers began shifts at 7 a.m. to assist on Deli Day! Morning live shots on WANE-TV – aided by an early-bird crew of CAV members arriving before 4:30 a.m. - helped swell our turnout. Thanks to Rabbi Meir Barger, Denny Reynolds, Micah Soltz, Jon Tam, and Beth Zweig

We appreciate the Temple staff for pitching in, problem-solving, and persevering! Thanks to Executive Director Samara Sheray, Administrative Assistant Lily Noga, Comptroller Jamie Fritz, Facilities Manager Charlie Smiley, 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 in 2022 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.

Our sponsorship efforts – led by Amy Krouse, Sam Krouse, Samara Sheray, Steve Zacher and Dan Zweig - 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 (weighing station), Denny Reynolds (kitchen), Shai Hadashi (large orders/deliveries), Jon Tam (bulk corned beef, and health and sanitation), Sam Krouse (refrigerated storage), and Beth Zweig (condiment bags). The delivery management team included Amy Krouse, and

Shai Hadashi. Order fulfillment operations were organized by Samara Sheray, Lily Noga, and Amy Krouse.

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

We continued a weekly e-blast with corned beef reminders to previous customers and increased our social media presence on Facebook with posts and reels, and help from our congregants in sharing news of the sale with friends. Thanks to

Fran Adler, Celeste Sexton, 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 opportunities for members to get involved. Contact Samara Sheray at 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 [Condiment Bag Prep Afternoon](#), [Prep Night](#) and [Deli Day](#). And [find reels](#)

Find interviews on WANE-TV on [First News Weekend](#) and [Deli Day](#).



Thank you to our 2024 *Corned Beef on Rye* SPONSORS

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The Krouse Family

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- ★ Center for Colon & Rectal Care
- ★ Cremm Farms
- ★ The Zacher Company

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- ★ Jamie & Jon Berger
- ★ Franklin Law, LLC
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- ★ Hartford Iron & Metal Inc.
- ★ Ellen & Michael Tom D.D.S
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- ★ Beth & Dan Zweig

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- ★ Carol & Larry Adelman
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- ★ Alpha Rae Personnel
- ★ Rabbi Meir Bargerion & Jon Tam
- ★ Brateman's Uniforms
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- ★ DeHaven Chevrolet
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- ★ Barb & Alan Gilbert
- ★ Beth Goldsmith
- ★ Doris Gottlieb
- ★ Ronnie & Norm Greenberg
- ★ Linda & Larry Lee - Leepoxy
- ★ Lindenwood Cemetery
- ★ Luminaut
- ★ Marcia & Denny Reynolds
- ★ Jo Ellen & Mike Rush
- ★ Kay Safirstein
- ★ SheeKriStyle Academy of Dance Arts
- ★ Sheray Family
- ★ Shine & Hardin, LLP
- ★ Kathy Sider
- ★ Stein Ad Promos
- ★ The Monogram Shoppe
- ★ Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne
- ★ Irene & Bob Walters
- ★ Jonathan Zweig

THE TEMPLE



JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF LIFELONG LEARNERS!

Expand your Jewish knowledge and friendships by being part of our growing and engaged community of lifelong learners.

The Temple offers regular opportunities for adults to learn from Rabbi Meir and guest speakers, creating opportunities for holy conversations about Torah, concepts of God, Judaism, Israel and relevant issues in today's world in all their exhilarating, challenging, and profound forms.

In just the past few months, our members and friends have gathered to talk about how we can look to Jewish values and traditions for sustenance, support and guidance during an uncertain time following the election; explored how evil exists in a world with a good God; and learned from an inspiring exhibit and panel discussion about "A Creative Life: The Architecture and Art of Alan Grinsfelder."

Read more in this issue about lifelong learning programs, including the situation in Israel and the Middle East with Journalist Mark Lavie (see page 1) and Righteousness in this Age in January. Beginning in February, we'll explore issues in Reform Judaism with Rabbi Meir through a new [Re-Form](#) podcast.



RIGHTEOUSNESS IN OUR AGE

Wednesday, January 8 at 7p.m. on Zoom

The pursuit of justice and the care of our communities and our neighbors are the bedrocks of Jewish ethics. Join Rabbi Meir to explore biblical, rabbinic and modern Jewish texts that present different views of righteousness. We will discuss how these texts are relevant to the present moment in America, Israel and the world.

The Zoom link is included in the weekly email to our Temple family. All are welcome.



THE REFORM MOVEMENT IN AMERICA TODAY

Wednesdays at 7 pm on Zoom, beginning February 12

The Reform Movement, with its origins in Germany, is America's largest Jewish movement. Congregation Achduth Vesholom is one of the nearly 850 congregations in North America affiliated with the [Union for Reform Judaism](#).

According to the Pew Research Center, 2.8 million Jews live in the U.S. and 38% identify as Reform.

In this series led by Rabbi Meir, we will focus discussions based on episodes of [Re-Form](#), a recent podcast series from Tablet Studios, supplemented with Jewish texts presented during the class.

Re-Form focuses on five questions or issues that have defined the movement in the modern era. Participants are highly encouraged to listen to the podcast episode in advance, but this is not required. Come prepared to learn, to question and to share your views on what it means to be a Reform Jew in America today.

Below are session dates and topics, with links to the corresponding episode of Re-Form.

- February 12: [Origins of the Reform Movement](#)
- March 5: [Patrilineal Descent](#)
- April 9: [Social Justice](#)
- May 14: [Inclusivity](#)
- May 28: [Interfaith Marriage](#)
- June 11: [Zionism](#)

The Zoom link is included in the weekly email to our Temple family. All are welcome.



Temple family and guests gathered on November 13 to learn how different strands of Jewish tradition addressed the co-existence of evil with a God that is good and all-powerful. Led by Rabbi Meir Barger, the group discussed the role of free will and considered the question of why God allows evil to exist. There were no firm answers, but there was a lively discussion.

TASTE OF LEADERSHIP – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO CONNECT, LEARN, & LEAD!



Are you looking for a meaningful way to get more involved in our Achduth Vesholom community? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to play a leadership role here at our congregation?

We have a special opportunity on Wednesday, January 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. during our “Taste of Leadership” dinner at the Temple for congregants who would like to explore the

many meaningful and rewarding ways you can help shape the future of our CAV community.

During the evening, members will network with current leaders and up-and-coming leaders who are eager to strengthen our congregation. We’ll explore volunteer leadership roles and discuss the range of opportunities available, whether in program planning, youth engagement, ritual life, educational

offerings, outreach, or other vital areas. We’ll also make connections and find others who are interested in getting more involved.

Please RSVP to office@templecav.org by Friday, December 20 to confirm your attendance for “Taste of Leadership.” Questions? Contact Leise Rosman (leise.m.rosman@gmail.com), John Stein (john@steinadpromos.com), or Beth Zweig (blzweig@msn.com).

We hope you’ll be enthusiastically interested after our “Taste of Leadership” evening to join us for part two of our leadership events on **Wednesday, January 29 from 7 to 8 p.m. on Zoom**. During this program, we’ll provide more details about congregational operations, including our partnership model of governance and next steps to get more involved.

Thank you to the Board Development Committee: Co-Chairs John Stein and Beth Zweig, Fran Adler, Dawn Hammond, Amy Krouse, and Leise Rosman

SHARE SOUPER BOWL SHABBAT DINNER

Warm up a cold winter evening at our “Souper Bowl” Shabbat on Friday, February 7 at 6 p.m. at the Temple. We’ll sample a variety of homemade soups before declaring the top three “people’s choice” winners. Our Shabbat service begins at 7:30 p.m.

While you don’t need to bring soup to attend, we invite you to get creative in the kitchen and enter the friendly competition. Make your favorite soup to feed 8-10, whether vegetarian, chicken or beef. Maybe matzo balls, noodles or even kreplach? The only requirements: No pork or shellfish and no meat or cheese in the same dish. Please bring your hot soup in a crockpot. Any leftovers will be utilized by the Caring Committee for those in need of TLC.

Please RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Friday, January 31. Let us know if you will be bringing soup and what kind. The cost is \$8 per person (no charge for children 5 and under). Your check is your reservation. Menu includes salad, soup, challah, dessert, and beverage. Thank you to Co-Chairs Dawn Hammond and Rachel & Robert Laing. Questions or interested in helping? Contact Rachel at rlaing9@gmail.com.



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DONATE WINTER CLOTHING!

WINTER COATS NEEDED FOR WELLSRING

As you prepare for colder weather, please look through your closets for any winter coats that you may no longer need. [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#) is looking for warm outerwear – new or gently used - for men, women, and children of all ages to distribute through its clothing bank.

Coats may be dropped off at the Temple or at Wellspring, 1316 Broadway. The Temple is one of Wellspring’s faith partners. Thank you for your generosity.



ADD A LEAF TO THE OLIVE TREE

Purchasing a [leaf on the olive tree mural](#) in the hallway leading to the Madge Rothschild Resource Center is a wonderful way to recognize an important person or significant occasion. Leaves are \$180 each and may be personalized with three or four lines to highlight a lifecycle event, anniversary, or special kindness. Proceeds benefit the resource center.

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.





STAY INFORMED ABOUT WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTION

Help promote religious pluralism in Israel by voting in the election for the members of the [39th World Zionist Congress](#).

Known as the international “parliament of the Jewish people,” the WZC is the global representative body for Jewish communities, with control over a \$1 billion budget pivotal to securing religious pluralism, LGBTQ+ rights, gender equality, democratic values and more in Israel. The WZC elections will take place March 10 – May 4, 2025. The Reform Movement is represented by [ARZA](#) (The Association of Reform Zionists in America) and the international Reform Zionist organization [ARZENU](#).

What is at stake? The highly motivated religious fundamentalist opponents’ vision for the future of Israel is diametrically opposed to that of the Reform Movement. They are organizing to destroy what we value, including:

- Chipping away at Israel’s democracy
- Rolling back gains for gender equity, LGBTQ+ rights, and religious pluralism
- Stripping our Israeli Reform clergy – especially our women rabbis – and our Reform communities of their rights, funding, and infrastructure
- Making sure that our converts and children are not recognized as Jews in the Jewish State
- Blocking any hope of Palestinian self-determination and safety

Join thousands of Reform Jews in mobilizing. [Get involved in the WZC](#)

We will continue to share information with Temple members. Registration will open when voting begins, and it will be done primarily online and via mobile devices. Ballots are cast for slates of candidates submitted by Zionist groups.

The WZC is the successor gathering to the first Zionist Congress convened by Theodor Herzl in Basel in 1897.

In the United States, the American Zionist Movement (AZM) organizes a grassroots election, where the American Jewish community can choose its delegates to the WZC. The WZC, which now meets about every five years, is the overall supreme ideological and policy-making body of the Zionist movement.

CONFRONTING THE SHOAH CLASS BEGINS IN JANUARY

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

Classes will be held on Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4 and 11 at the [Stillwater Hospice Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center](#) (5920 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne). Sessions begin at 7 p.m. and last about 2 to 2 ½ hours.

There is no cost to Federation members, teachers, principals, historians or high school juniors or seniors. For all others, there is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials. Call the Federation office at (260) 456-0400 or email office@fwjf.org to register.

New this year for teachers: We will provide Professional Growth Points (PGP) certificates at the end of the program for those who request it.

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



TRY A DONUT EXPERIENCE WITH ROSH CHODESH WOMEN

What would Hanukkah be without donuts? Would you like to learn how to make them? You are in luck!

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) Rosh Chodesh group has made arrangements for a delicious “Donut Experience” with chef Jessica Waggoner of the [Hazelnut Baking Company](#).

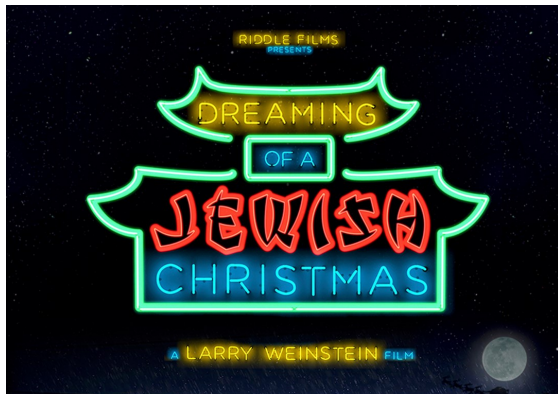
We will meet on Thursday, December 5 from 5:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. when we learn how to make, knead, fry and fill donuts for our holiday tables!

We have reserved the Teaching Kitchen at the Union Street Market on the Electric Works Campus (1690 Broadway). Our class will meet upstairs in The West Hall in The Teaching Kitchen. On either end of the West Hall are stairs that take you directly upstairs to the mezzanine and the kitchen is on the north end of the building. There is an elevator on the south end if needed. For parking information, [click here](#).

The event is free to women who are members of the Federation. For all others, the cost is \$10.

Space is limited! RSVP as soon as possible to reserve your place. Call the Federation office at (260) 456-0400 or email us at office@fwjf.org. Remember to bring some containers so you can bring home some extra treats to share!

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



FILM FOCUSES ON JEWISH IMMIGRANTS WHO WROTE CHRISTMAS MUSIC

The irreverent film [“Dreaming Of A Jewish Christmas”](#) tells the story of the unlikely Jewish immigrants who, enamored with Broadway and Hollywood, wrote some of the most popular songs in America: Christmas music.

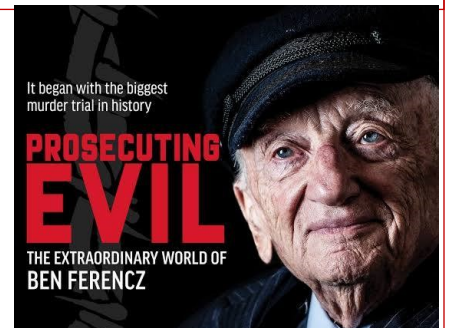
This film premieres on PBS Fort Wayne in December, airing on PBS Fort Wayne (39.1) Saturday, December 21 at 10 p.m.; PBS Fort Wayne Explore (39.4) on Monday, December 23 at 8 p.m.; and on PBS Fort Wayne (39.1) on Wednesday, December 25 at 2 p.m.

The screenings are sponsored by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).

MOVIE NIGHT FEATURES ‘PROSECUTING EVIL’

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#)’s Rosh Chodesh group invites all members of our Jewish community to join us for a free movie night on Saturday, January 11 at 7 p.m. in the Temple’s Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

We will be showing [“Prosecuting Evil.”](#) a portrait of Ben Ferencz, the last surviving Nuremberg Trial prosecutor, who continues to wage his lifelong crusade in the fight for law and peace. Seating is limited. Please RSVP to office@fwjf.org or call (260) 456-0400 to reserve your seat. Light snacks will be served.



For more information on *A Creative Life: the Art and Architecture of Alan Grinsfelder*, see page 3.



45TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA | AUGUST 10-14, 2025

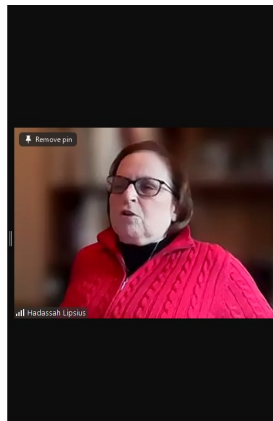
And We Settled Here...The Jewish Journey

IAJGS OFFICIALS VISIT FORT WAYNE TO PREP FOR JEWISH GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

In preparation for next summer's [2025 International Jewish Genealogy Conference](#) in Fort Wayne, Co-Chairs Hadassah Lipsius and Judi Missel, along with conference planner Zabrina Hazeltine, visited on November 4-7 to meet with local conference coordinators from the board of the [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#).

The guests toured conference venues - the Hilton Hotel and Grand Wayne Convention Center - and the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, which will serve as the conference's resource center. Bethany Sutherland, Visit Fort Wayne Group Services Manager, coordinated the site visits and is partnering with NEIJGS to provide essential on-the-ground support for the conference on August 10-14, 2025.

Following the site visits, local conference chair Irv Adler took the team to Trader Joe's to meet with Assistant Store Manager Jon Tam to discuss kosher products to make available for conference attendees. The group then visited the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, meeting with Colleen Huddleson, Vice President & Chief Program Officer, to explore potential programming opportunities for the conference.



The IAJGS conference next summer features a film festival that includes a screening celebrating the 50th anniversary of Hester Street.



On Wednesday evening, the IAJGS representatives participated in the Temple's Corned Beef Prep Night, which allowed them to meet many congregants who we will be recruiting as volunteers for the conference.

On Thursday, Irv guided Hadassah on a tour that included Sweetwater Sound, Promenade Park, and the newly opened Pearl Street Arts Center. They concluded their tour at the Botanical Conservatory, another potential site for conference programming. Overall, the four days in Fort Wayne were highly productive and beneficial for the upcoming conference.

Outreach Program in Action

On Sunday, November 10, 2024, under the leadership of NEIJGS President Betsy Gephart, we held our [first virtual outreach program](#) for potential conference attendees. Ninety people from 23 states and five countries attended. [Visit the conference website](#)



WE APPRECIATE OUR CHALLAH BAKERS AND SPONSORS!

Our dedicated team of challah bakers and sponsors add to our Shabbat experience by providing delicious and beautiful challot to enjoy on Friday evenings after services. If you'd like to join our team, please contact Jon Tam or Beth Zweig.

Thank you to Jamie Berger, Becky Guttstein, Nola Katinsky, Rachel & Robert Laing, Joanne McCrory, Bonnie Pomerantz, Wendy Soltz, Jon Tam, Kate Theise, and Beth Zweig for baking and/or sponsoring challot.





NEWS FROM THE BOARD

During the Temple board meeting on November 14, Finance Vice President John Stein reported that the congregation will end the 2023-2024 fiscal year with a surplus of \$59,000 instead of the anticipated deficit of \$30,000. The

large swing is the result of savings on wages and salary for an unfilled position and repairs and maintenance that were budgeted but didn't happen.

Corned Beef Co-Chairs Amy Krouse and Micah Soltz reported to the board that our 22nd Deli Day went smoothly, with improved operations and nearly \$16,000 raised from sponsorships. They reported that many customers sent complimentary emails about their food and experience. Fi-

nal numbers are not yet ready. Nearly 1,700 meals were sold, though Micah indicated that we could handle producing several hundred more. A focus next year will be increasing sponsorships.

The Board Development Committee presented several ideas for building interest in congregational leadership, including offering a Leadership CAV 2025 program in January (see page 9). Leise Rosman and Amy Krouse said the program will focus on different leadership roles and the advantages of getting more involved, from professional development to networking to building community to making a meaningful contribution to our Jewish community.

At its next meeting in February, the Board will continue its strategic discussions. Upcoming topics are member engagement and finances.

President Ronnie Greenberg also reported that chair(s) are needed to coordinate the Temple's Second Seder on Sunday, April 13. Please contact Ronnie or the Temple office to volunteer.

SUPPORT TEMPLE WITH YEAR-END GIFT

For your 2024 tax planning purposes, our guidelines for establishing the date when dues payments and donations 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 Financial Advisor, at Optare Financial Partners, Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, at (260) 299-7009 for further information. Wells Fargo Advisors is a trade name used by Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC, Member SIPC.

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*!

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 volunteer role at the Temple, the shamash will assist about a half-hour before our 7:30 p.m. 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.

If you are interested in joining the Shamash team, please contact the Temple at office@templecav.org or Dawn Hammond at dawnghammond@gmail.com. If you're interested in helping as an usher on Fridays, please also let us know.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Celeste & Evan Sexton and their daughters, Quinn ("Quinny"), 4, and Marigold ("Goldie"), who turns three in January, as the newest members of our Temple family.

They are regular participants at the Temple through Joy Vey! A Kid-ish Shabbat. In addition to assisting with our holiday celebrations team, Celeste also worked on the Corned Beef Committee this year, creating reels for our Facebook page to market the fundraiser.

Celeste and Evan have lived in Fort Wayne for 18 years. She owns Fusion Yoga Fort Wayne. He is a project manager for Swiss Re. The girls attend Peace Children's Nursery School. They like to run, hike, travel, and eat "yummy food." Evan plays guitar, drums, and piano.

Celeste, who was adopted, discovered three years ago that her biological family is Jewish. She is interested in learning about Judaism and Hebrew. Adult education,

The Monogram Shoppe
and more...

Vesholom when shoppers mentioned the Temple Tuesday promotion.

Thank you to The Monogram Shoppe for its support of the Temple! Ten percent of purchases on November 19 were contributed to Achduth

Donations

Adult Education Fund

In memory of Melvin Krel: *Rossya Klebanow*
In memory of Dr. Todd Sider, Al Zacher, and Robert Einhaus:
Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum
In memory of Al Zacher: *Kathy Sider*

B'nai Jacob Conservative Judaism Fund

In memory of Gladys Katz: *Roslyn Katz-Eling*

Campership Fund

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

Endowment Fund

In memory of Al Zacher: *The ROMEOS, Maureen & Alan Grinsfelder*

General Operations

A donation was received from: *Juan Suarez, Dora Itkin, Michele Helfgott & Rodney Kraisinger, Sylvia & Eric Smitt,*
In memory of Al Zacher: *Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum, Ronnie & Norm Greenberg, Harriet & Alan Cohen, George Huber, Cheryl Schorey, Sally & Fritz Aichele*
In memory of Maxine Margaret Fichman: *Ann Fichman, Kay Fichman*
In memory of Dr. Todd Sider, and Robert Einhaus: *Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum*
In memory of Max Cohen: *Rebecca & Michael Park*
In memory of Jean Pownall: *Sue & Jerry Pownall*
In memory of Goldye Appel: *Anna & Daniel Appel*
In memory of his grandmother Celia Zweig: *Beth & Dan Zweig*
In memory of Abraham Fishman: *Ann Fichman*

Library Fund

In memory of Al Zacher: *Betsy Thal Gephart, Fran & Irv Adler, David Resnick*

Thoughtful Thursdays

A donation was received from: *Jessica & Roger Ash, Ellen & Michael Tom, Diane & Herb LeShay*
In memory of Al Zacher: *Susan & Alan Cooperman*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

A donation was received from: *Jessica & Roger Ash, Charles H. Downey, Maestro Bob Nance, D.O McComb & Sons Funeral Homes*
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In memory of Abbie Sax: *Enid & Stanley Rosenblatt*
In memory of my Father, Irving Walters z"l: *Irene & Bob Walters*
In memory of Sadie Rush and Al Zacher: *Jo Ellen & Mike Rush*
In memory of Esther King: *Suzi & Jim King*

Religious School Fund

In honor of Joy Vey's September Service: *Amy & Sam Krouse*

Temple Gardens—Spouseep Outdoor Chapel Fund

In memory of Samuel Spouseep: *Patrice & Michael Spouseep*

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

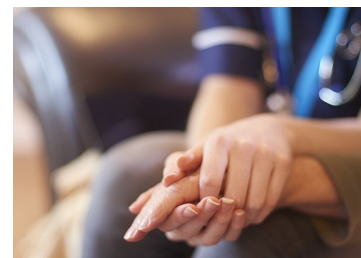
MISHEBEIRACH HELPS US COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

Our Mishebeirach list helps us come together as a congregation and community to think of those among us who especially need healing, care, and compassion. We encourage you to add your loved one's name by calling the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or emailing us at office@TempleCAV.org so that those we hold dear will be called to mind during our Shabbat services.

Names will remain on the list for four weeks. For those who wish to have a family member or friend's name listed for longer, please contact us to make another request. Thank you for helping us keep our list current. You also may share your loved one's name during services when the service leader asks for additional Mishebeirach names.

[Learn more about the Mishebeirach prayer.](#)

Rabbi Meir and the Temple's Caring Committee are available to offer support and comfort, so please let us know when situations arise where we may be of help. We are a kehillah kedoshah, a holy community. Our Temple family supports one another during difficult times and joyous ones.



OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of long-time member Betty Fishman, who died on November 11, 2024, just three weeks before her 101st birthday. We think of her daughters, Marguerite Fishman and Katie Eastridge, and family. Betty was a former member of the Temple's Board of Directors, a long-time chair of the Art & Beautification Committee, and twice received the William Brosler Award for Outstanding Volunteerism.

Debbie Rothberg, Steve Rothberg, Suzi Stone, and Cathy Lash on the death of their cousin Ron Mendelblat, a long-time Temple member, who died on October 18, 2024 in Fort Wayne.



MAZEL TOV TO:

Jaki & Eric Schreier on the birth of their grandson, Mason Grey Schreier, on November 1, 2024 in Fort Wayne. Congratulations to Proud Parents Abe & Kayla Schreier.

December 6-7

Sophie Bass
David J. Ash
Shirley Babich
Col. Richard G. Banks
Rachel Behar
Fanny Brenn
Herman Cohen
Rose Cohen
Frances Cornell
Pearl Davidson
Mae Fine
Dr. Jerome Gerber
Max Gilbert
Ruth Goldstein
Don Gordon
Marion K. Grinsfelder
Esther F. Grossman
Jacqueline Hagendorf
Albert Herzog
William Hornstein
Edith Gold Hutner
Susan Kaplan
Ethel Kruger
Peter Lauinger
Sarah LeShay
Abraham Levy
Hortense Wolf Maier Levy
Stanley Maier
John V. Malay
George Meschel
Samuel S. Meyer
Charlotte Novitsky
William J. Platka, Jr.
Jacob Reich
Ruth Rosenthal
Esther Rothstein
Bessie R. Schmitz
Kathryn Sheray
Elizabeth H. Smulo
Vicki Sours
Joseph Stiefel
Ron Subeck
Marguerite Long Thal
Sidney Trivus
Maurice Waldman
Rose Warshauer
Sarah Weinberg
Herbert Weinraub
Joseph Zinn
Esther Zissen
Wilbur Zweig

December 13-14

David Appel
Joseph Barasch
Bess Bookstaff
Emanuel Cohen
Doris Fogel
Rosetta Goodman
Lily D. Grover
Bertie Haslacher
Herman Himmelstein
Steven Hollander
Dora Horwitz
Samuel D. Hurwitz
Viola Hutner
Isaac M. Kann
Max Kraus
Jeff Kruger
Mollie Kutcher
Rose Lande
William (Bill) Latz
Saralee Levin
Henry Levine
Laura H. Levy
Vitaliy Leybman
Samuel Liff
Irma G. Loeser
Helene Goldenberg Maier
Charlotte Maier
Julius Marx
Myron J. Morris
Zelda Novitsky
Mildred Prady
Rita Jo Levin Rainey
Leona Rosenberg
Roslyn Rozeen
Allan Rush
Salomon Z. Safirstein
Richard Safran
Darren Schongold
Toba Malka Schwartz
Claire Selan
Harry Sherr
Sam Stoller
Dr. Oscar Weinstein
Bessie Weinstein
Phoebe Da Costa Wolf
Charles Young
Elmer Zweig
December 20-21
Elsa Adler
Marcus Beck
Florence Bernstein

Bertha Browarsky
Thomas Edgar Butz
Miriam Yuter Chodosh
Marvin Crell
Josephine P. Cressy
Geraldine Crubaugh
Marsha Dan
Dorothy Dicker
Nathan N. Donner
Rose Fisher
Phil Flook
Mary Fogel
Henry Haskell Glazer
Alex E. Goldberger
Arnold L. Goldsmith
Sarah Kalver
Isidore Kalver
Max Konigsberg
Emanuel Kreitman
Louis Leader
Elsie Levin
Leonard J. Levy
Lee Marshall Loeser
Yetta Magazine
Kathryn Manalis
Audra E. Mandel
Donald L. Marx
Harold Michelson
Hattye Griffin Minske
Lena Moss
Milton Ontell
Minnette Papier
Edna K. Platka
Samuel Rothberg
Reba Safran
Marilyn Salon
David Schibel
Louisa Trauerman
Ethel J. Trotter
Edwin Turansky
David Warshauer
Barney Warshauer
Sarah Weiss
Victor Weiss
Retha West
Rebecca Winnick
Ida Wolfson
Mindel Yoinovicz
Isadore Yourist
Lois Zemmoll
Abraham M. Zinn
Ruth G. Zweig
Mendel Zweig

December 27-28

Gertrude Stein Adelman
Sarah Bronstein
Paulette Bussell Oatley
Minnie Cline
Victor S. Cohen
Hanchen Levi Daniel
Eric Eling
Dorothy Talberg Ernest
Josephine Ferbstein
Rosalie Appel Freund
David Frosh
Samuel Gibson
Sidney Gold
Samuel Greenberg
Louis Groden
Fannie Kaplan
Louis Kaufman
Fannie Kravitz
Abe Latker
Eugene S. Lesser
Bertha Levin
Sigmund Maier
Kurt Marx
Gina A. McClatchey
Stephen L. Meyers
Louis Meyers
Guy Miller
Bunny Posner
Jack Rosenberg
Maurice Rosenthal
David Rothberg
Beryl Rush
Joel Salon
Louis Sandler
Irene Schibel
Leon Seigman
Golda Sheray
Alfred Solotkin
Robert Sommer
Karoline Stein
Morton Stillpass
J. T. Thompson
Joseph David Weinraub
Leonard Weinraub
Roslyn Weinraub
Kent Wenbert
Leon Wertheimer
Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf
Anne Worpell

January 3-4

Sylvia Ash
Linda Berwert
Gertrude Blum
Irvin J. Bransilver
Roberta Buker
Anna Bussell
Benjamin Cahn
Hedwig Einstein
Anna S. Engelhard
Cyvia Feinberg
Ida Finkelshteyn
Flora Flapan
Harry Fryefield
Gute Goldin
Lou Hoffman
Hanno Jensen
Joseph Kaplan
Florence Katz
Bernard Kroot
Bess Landy
Arthur Lenhart
Minnie Levey
Harry Levin
Manuel Margulis
K.J. Miller
Don Minnich
Alice Novitsky
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Albert Schultz
Morris Schwartz
Minnie Sheyer
LeRoy Shine
Fannie Siegel
Candy Stinnett
Louis Samuel Superior
Richard Tankel
Deborah Taub
Betty Wald

January 10-11

David Baitcher
Bess Belans
Grete Benedix
Ruth Berkow
Nathan Bialick
William Brosler
Sam Edlow
Ruth Finkel
Samuel Fishman
Morris Forlander
Clyde R. Gaddis
Isidore Goldberg

Joseph Goldenberg
Leona Goldstein
Joseph C. Goodman
Frances Groden Bussell
Harry Horwitz
Etta Jacobson
Sidney Katz
Morris King
Sarah Leah Komisarow
Herman Komisarow
Gertrude Kraker
Anna Krantzle
Sam Krantzle
Elsie Kraus
Jewell Kraus
Joseph Latker
George Latz
Marc S. Lauer
Claire Leopold
Martin Levine
Louis Levy
Dorothy Margulis
Eleanor Mazur
Rosa Rappaport McKinney
Bessie Meyer
Milton M. Meyers
Abraham Morris
Gertrude Replane
Ted Replane
Beverly King Ribel
Norma Jean Rifkin
Sally Rosenberg
Marshall Rosenthal
Clint Rossiter
Dora Sains
Samuel Salomon
Betty Schaffer
Herman Sheyer
Cecilia Stern
Morris Tillinger
Edna Vilensky
Raphael E. Vogel
Toba Weinstein
David Weiss
Jeanne Winnick
Leah Zucker

January 17-18

Faye Bodenstein
Pauline Brateman
Stephen Cristil
Howard Dinnerstein
Fannie Franklin
Gertrude Stein Gartner
Frederick Gee
Lorry Goldenberg
Glen Goldstrom
Basy Gurevich
Berenice Kempler

Manuel K. King
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Samuel L. Shafer
Irving A. Snow
Jeanette Sunshine
Joseph Wiesenthal
Sarah Ann Wills
Belle Zelman
Max Zinn

January 24-25

Hurleen Blumenthal
Alan Blumenthal
Solomon Borenstein
Jacob Leon Brenn
Sol Bronstein
Nathan Feldman
Phil Feldman
Hurley Feltman
Milton Ferkel
Samuel Finkelstein
Norma M. Flox
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Ann Iczkovitz
Anita S. Kalver
Miriam Katz
Ruth Kepes
Mary Kathryn Klarke
Solomon Kramer
Janet Latz
Emanuel Levy
Herman Lowenhar
Michelle Lundmark
Celia Mastbaum
Sarah (Sally) Masursky
Robert Nerenberg
Marlene Ochstein

Netty K. Oppenheim
Tzvi ben Pinchas
Morris Abraham Ruchman
Ethel Schecter
Julius Schongold
Caroline Schwartz
Bertha V. Shpisky
David Siegel
Helen Isay Smith
Brian Soraich
Herman Strauss
Jerry Trotter
Anne Frank Wagner
Frannie Weinraub

January 31-Feb 1

Rosalind Adelman
Bill Aichele
Ruth Aichele
Tillie Auerbach
Nancy Barasch
Rose Besser
Ann Butler
Beatrice Cristil
Marian Behar Dodson
Joseph Doran
Philip Dorman
Nathan Fisher
Mae Freiburger
Henry Friedman
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The Temple is located at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. Our Campus partners are the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association, Brightpoint Head Start, the Madge Rothschild Resource Center, and the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society.



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The deadline for the February Bulletin is Wednesday, January 15

President's Corner

Ronnie Greenberg



The Journal Gazette recently featured the winner of their essay contest answering the question: "What makes Allen County truly special to you?"

The adult winner – there was a separate contest for teens – moved here three years ago to be closer to family. She said she will never leave now and cited a number of reasons, including physical things like trendy restaurants, downtown murals, festivals, the river greenway, and historical treasures like the Allen County Courthouse.

She also stated that "the people are ridiculously friendly." Our sons, who have always lived their adult lives in larger cities, echo that sentiment, telling me they always know when someone they are meeting for the first time is from the Midwest because we are so *#@& friendly. I guess not everywhere in the world strangers passing on the street nod and say, "good morning." We do that here – it's just polite.

This openness to our neighbors and others extends through the faith community of Fort Wayne as well. Although we have different theologies, and may have different viewpoints on social issues, we basically recognize that we worship the same God. Therefore, we can, and should, come together to work for the good of our community and to celebrate accomplishments. Our congregation is fortunate that Rabbi Meir fully embraces this concept and has been a leader in planning and executing many interfaith events.

Last month, Norm and I were privileged to attend the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Bill McGill as a Bishop in the Baptist Church. Bishop McGill – Bill - has been a good friend and supporter of the Jewish community. He participated in our October 7 service to remember victims of the brutal Hamas attack on Israel, and, as usual, he spoke with eloquence and fervor. He can always be counted upon to participate in the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service that the Temple has hosted for many years. I was pleased that many of our congregants were present on November 15 to celebrate his consecration with him, and that Rabbi Meir was one of the guest clergy and part of the program.

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service has been a longstanding tradition in the local faith community. Held on the Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving, the gathering brings together Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Baha'i, Native American, and other religious leaders to celebrate our shared gratitude on this American holiday. If you haven't attended, you should. It's a very unique and beautiful service. Originally, the host for the service rotated among congregations, but for the past 12 years the Temple has been the host – a tribute to our warm, welcoming congregation, and our excellent oneg!

Looking forward to next spring, the Temple will be partnering with the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne to bring the Violins of Hope instruments and their stories back to Fort Wayne, based on a new book of photographs and history. We will participate in a joint service with Roman Catholic Bishop Kevin Rhoades and the congregants of St. Vincent de Paul parish on Thursday, March 20 at the St. Vincent de Paul church. The following evening, we will hold special Shabbat services to which our Catholic friends will be invited. I hope many of you will attend!

It isn't always easy being Jewish in an overwhelmingly Christian community. Perhaps one could also say that about being Muslim or Buddhist or Unitarian. Creating and taking advantage of opportunities to forge relationships with members of non-Jewish congregations can be a huge step toward understanding others and helping them understand us, as we all work together towards a better Fort Wayne and a better world. And isn't that the goal?