

CONGREGATION ACHDUTH VESHOLOM

MAH JONGG WORKSHOP COMING TO THE TEMPLE

Curious about mah jongg, the centuries-old Chinese game that has been a staple for years among Jewish-Americans? The Temple's Adult Education Committee is excited to offer a four-week mah jongg workshop on Sundays, February 5, 12, 26 and March 5 from noon to 2 p.m. at Congregation Achduth Vesholom. The workshop will not only teach newbies the art of this classic game, but also will provide learning and teaching opportunities for seasoned players.

Participants will watch the documentary film The Tiles That Bind, hear Gregg Swain, author of Mah Jongg: The Art of the Game, speak about the history of the connection between the Jewish community and the game, examine the artwork depicted on various mah jongg tiles, and learn the details of the card. After the workshop concludes, drop-in games will be scheduled in the Temple's new Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

Men and women, ages 13 and older, are invited to participate. Space is limited! Please RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 by Sunday, January 22. Cost for the 4-week workshop is \$25 for Temple members and \$30 for non-members. The cost also includes a 2017 National Mah Jongg League membership and card. (Please make checks payable to "CAV – The Temple.") Please let Wendy Soltz or the Temple office know if you are interested in helping teach during the workshop.

SHARE SHABBAT AT THE TEMPLE IN PERSON OR ONLINE

Please share the warmth of Shabbat with us during January at the Temple. If you can't get to the Rifkin Campus at 5200 in person, please attend online through our new TempleConnect option. We look forward to seeing you on the following dates:

Friday, January 6 – Two great options with our Shabbat Katan Family Service for children at 6 p.m. led by Samara Sheray and our Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m. led by Rabbi Lenny. Kiddush follows. (TempleConnect online at 7:30 p.m.)

Friday, January 13 – Join us for an early service at 7 p.m. when our kindergarten students and their families will celebrate the start of their formal Jewish education with our Shabbat and Consecration Service. An Oneg Shabbat follows.

Friday, January 20 – Join us at 7:30 p.m. for Shabbat worship, followed by Kiddush.

Friday, January 27 – We will not have a service at the Temple so that we may gather at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation B'nai Jacob for our Indiana Bicentennial Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 3 – We will not have a service at the Temple due to our 14th annual Home Shabbat when we gather at host homes for Sabbath dinner.

TALMUD CLASS EXPLORES CENTRAL PILLAR OF JUDAISM

If the Bible is the cornerstone of Judaism, then Talmud is the central pillar. The Bible gives us Jewish concepts. The Talmud defines how to apply those concepts within any particular context.

Please join Rabbi Lenny for Talmud Class this month on Tuesday, January 10, 17, 24, and 31 at 7 p.m. at the Temple when we discuss how the concepts in the Talmud apply today in Fort Wayne and are relevant in our personal lives.

Unlike most learning topics, if you need to miss a few weeks, it will not affect your ability to participate and understand. Students may also attend online through TempleConnect. Call the Temple office to register for the class at (260) 744-4245 or contact Rabbi Lenny at rabbi@templecav.org. Find out more at www.templecav.org.

JOIN OUR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS TEAM

The Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers will meet on Wednesday, January 18 and February 1 at 10 a.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200 to assemble bags for our 72 Brightpoint Head Start families. Contact Jamie Berger to learn more at jberger02@comcast.net.

Saying "Goodbye"

Join me in wishing the Jewish Federation's Administrative Assistant, Bonnie Smith, a wonderful, healthy, happy, and fun retirement. Bonnie came to the Federation after first working as the AA at B'nai Jacob and we're so happy she did. She has been a real trooper, taking on whatever tasks we've put on her.

She will truly be missed, however, she has definite plans to make retirement an exciting phase of life. –Jaki Schreier■

Saying Goodbye

Administrative Assistant Bonnie Smith



My 18 ½ year career with the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne as administrative assistant has finally come to an end with my retirement at the end of the year.

I've been through four office moves and 4 executive

directors. I've enjoyed getting to know the Jewish community and enjoyed many of the Federation events. I will miss you all and will think of you often.

Now I will have more time to spend with my husband, daughter, and my three grandsons. More time to spend on art work, exercise, and finding a place to volunteer.

I wish the JFFW a very bright and successful future.■

What we're reading



This is the story of how two young sisters survived World War II in London.

Federation GA in Washington, DC

Federation and community members present at the General Assembly in Washington, DC in November included Federation Director Jaki Schreier.



Chuck Todd



Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks



The Hon. Ruth Bader Ginsburg



The Hon. John Lewis

Condolences



•Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of **Marv Gottlieb** who passed away on November 26, 2016.

Marv was on the board of Fort Wayne Public Transportation Corporation since 1997..... And guided by his leadership as

Marketing Committee Chair, crafted the logo and identity for FWPT debuting as CITILINK in February 2000! Marv served on many Boards around Fort Wayne and was the current V.P. of Finance for the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. He was also the official photographer for the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

•Our sincere condolences to the family of Sam Stoller who passed away on December 8, 2016.■



**Jewish Federation of
FORT WAYNE
chailights**

If you'd like to receive the chailights electronically, please call the office at 260-456-0400 or email office@fwjf.org.

SAVE THE DATE



Brad Meltzer

Monday, March 6, 2017
7:30 p.m.
Rifkin Campus

WINTER RECIPE

Crispy Smashed New Potatoes



Crispy like a roasted potato, creamy and fluffy like mashed--these smashed potatoes are the best of both worlds.

45 min duration
40 min cook time
5 min prep time
6 servings

INGREDIENTS

1½ pounds new potatoes
5 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary
3 tablespoons chopped flat leaf parsley

PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with foil.
2. Place potatoes on prepared pan and toss with 2 tablespoons of evoo, salt, and pepper. Roast at 400°F for 20 minutes.
3. Remove potatoes from oven. With a small glass or bowl, smash each potato until flattened but still holding together.
4. Drizzle 3 tablespoons of evoo over smashed potatoes then sprinkle garlic, rosemary, parsley, and more salt and pepper over potatoes.
5. Return potatoes to the oven and roast for 20 minutes more, until brown and crispy.
6. Remove from oven and serve alongside Salisbury Steak with Mushroom Ragout and Wilted Broccoli Rabe■

If you are over 65...

Medicare Tips & Resources Concrete Answers to 10 Common Medicare Questions

Posted by MedicareMadeClear.com

Medicare decisions are highly personal. And there may be as many different questions about Medicare as there are beneficiaries—maybe more. But certain questions seem to come up more often than others. Here are the answers.

1. How do I know what Medicare coverage is right for me?

The answer to this may be easy to say and maybe not as easy to do. You need to understand your personal needs and choose Medicare coverage to help meet them.

2. How much does Medicare cost?

Your costs will depend on the type of coverage you choose. You will likely pay the Part B premium to Medicare. Beyond that, you may pay other premiums, deductibles, co-pays and co-insurance. The total amount will depend on the Medicare coverage you choose and the health care services you use.

3. What do I do about Medicare if I work past age 65?

Many people enroll in just Part A when they turn 65 and have employer coverage. Generally, Part A is premium free if you or your spouse worked and paid Medicare taxes for at least 10 years. You may be able to delay enrolling in Part B without penalty if your employer provides creditable coverage.

4. How can I get dental and vision coverage with Medicare?

Original Medicare (Parts A and B) does not cover routine dental or vision care, however, some private Medicare Advantage plans do. Plans include all the coverage provided by Parts A and B, and often additional benefits, all in one plan.

5. What's the difference between Medicare supplement insurance and Medicare Advantage?

Medicare supplement insurance is also known as Medigap. It's private insurance you can buy to help pay for some costs not paid by Original Medicare

(Parts A and B). Medicare Advantage is an alternative to Original Medicare. It's a different way to get your Medicare benefits.

6. What's the difference between a Medicare Advantage HMO and a PPO?

A Medicare Advantage HMO plan usually helps pay only for care you receive from providers in the plan network. A PPO plan will generally help pay for care received outside the plan network, but it may pay less than for the same care received within the network.

7. Where can I get help paying for Medicare?

Financial assistance programs for people with limited income and assets include Extra Help for prescription drugs, the Medicare Savings Program and Medicaid, to name a few. Qualifications for each program and the level of help offered vary.

8. How does Medicare automatic renewal work?

Your Medicare coverage choices will stay in place year after year unless you make a change. This ensures that your coverage continues, but plan benefits and costs may change. It's a good idea to review your Medicare choices every year during Medicare Open Enrollment, Oct. 15 – Dec. 7, to make sure you have the Medicare coverage that fits with your needs.

9. What's the difference between Medicare and Medicaid?

Medicare and Medicaid are both government health care programs but they are very different. Medicare is generally for people who are older or disabled. Medicaid is for people with limited income and resources.

10. I'm disabled. When can I get Medicare?

In general, you are eligible for Medicare after receiving Social Security disability benefits for 24 months. There are exceptions for people with certain medical conditions. Get your enrollment dates and learn more about Medicare and disability.

For more information, explore MedicareMadeClear.com or contact the Medicare helpline 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), TTY 1-877-486-2048.