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## 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 offering a four-week mah jongg workshop on Sundays, February 5, 12, 26 and March 5 from noon to 2 p.m. 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. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 to see if space remains. 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 contact Wendy Soltz if you are interested in helping teach.

## CELEBRATE TOGETHER AT HOME SHABBAT

Services will not be held on Friday, February 3 at the Temple due to our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Home Shabbat. We'll kindle new friendships and deepen existing ones when about 60 members celebrate the warmth of the Sabbath in host homes.

We've matched guests at five homes to share in the evening. The dinner is potluck so everyone shares in meal preparation. Each host family will receive a challah and a Shabbat guidebook. Contact us at (260) 744-4245 to see if any spaces remain. Please send us photos from the evening for our congregational Facebook page.



Yahrzeit names for the week will be read on Friday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. Thanks to Leah Hadashi and Beth Zweig for co-chairing. Many thanks to our hosts:

Elissa & Steve Cohen  
Leah & Shai Hadashi & family  
Rabbi Lenny & Karen Sarko  
Sally & Steve Trotter  
Beth & Dan Zweig & family

# UPCOMING EVENTS

\*Reservations Required

Need more information? Visit [templecav.org](http://templecav.org) or give us a call!

## FEBRUARY

### Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly

Wednesday, February 1  
10 a.m. at the Temple

### Home Shabbat\*

Friday, February 3  
Hosts and guests will be matched for Shabbat dinner.

### Mah Jongg Workshop\*

February 5, 12, 28 and March 5  
Noon to 2 p.m.  
At the Temple  
Registration required

### Talmud Class\*

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28  
7 p.m. at the Temple  
Also available online through [TempleConnect](http://TempleConnect).



## MARCH

### Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly

Wednesday, March 1  
10 a.m. at the Temple

### Shabbat Katan Family Service

Friday, March 3  
6 p.m. at the Temple

### People of the Book Lecture

**Author Brad Meltzer**  
Monday, March 6  
7:30 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200  
Sponsored by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](http://Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne)

### Purim Service

Friday, March 10  
7:30 p.m. at the Temple  
Wear your costume and join the fun!

### Purim Celebration

Sunday, March 12  
11 a.m. to noon at the Temple  
Sponsored by FORTY, our high school youth group, the traditional Purim carnival has a new look and new time. Adults and children are invited.

## SERVICES

### FEBRUARY

#### Home Shabbat\*

Friday, February 3  
No service at the Temple

#### Friday, February 10

**Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.**  
Bimah Honors: Beth Zweig

#### Friday, February 17

**Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.**  
Bimah Honors: Yoko Rudolph

#### Friday, February 24

**Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.**  
Bimah Honors: Steve Zacher

**Kiddush follows Shabbat services.**

## JOIN US FOR TALMUD CLASS WITH RABBI LENNY



Our weekly Talmud Class with Rabbi Lenny meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Temple when we explore how the concepts in the Talmud apply in our personal lives. All are welcome to attend at the Temple or online

through [TempleConnect](http://TempleConnect).

Unlike most learning topics, if you need to miss a few weeks, it will not affect your ability to participate and understand. There is no charge for members. Non-members are asked to contact the Temple office for more information.

### CAN'T GET TO THE TEMPLE ON FRIDAY EVENINGS?

Some worship services are now available online through [TempleConnect](http://TempleConnect). This new option enables us to share services, simchas, and selected classes and programs, including our Talmud class, with our members remotely. Check our [website](http://website) [calendar](http://calendar) for dates and times at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org).



## PEOPLE OF THE BOOK FEATURES AUTHOR BRAD MELTZER

Author Brad Meltzer will be the feature speaker at the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](http://Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne) annual People of the Book lecture on Monday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. A dessert reception and book signing will immediately follow.



He is the New York Times bestselling author of numerous titles, including *The Inner Circle*, *The Book of Fate*, *The Tenth Justice*, *The First Counsel*, and his newest *The House of Secrets*. In addition to fiction, Meltzer is one of the only authors also to have books on the bestseller list for non-fiction, advice, children's books, and comic books. He also hosts "Brad Meltzer's Lost History" on H2 and "Brad Meltzer's Decoded" on The History Channel.

Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the Dr. Louis and Anne B. Schneider Foundation for their support.

# Rabbi Lenny Sarko

## BETWEEN STRUGGLE AND TRIUMPH



There is a rabbinic teaching that each of us is to carry two pieces of paper in our pockets. From our left pocket we can pull out the piece that reads: "From dust and ashes I have come." From our right pocket we can pull out the piece that reads: "For my sake the world was created."

There are moments when we need our feet pulled down to the ground and there are moments when

we need to be lifted up from low places. This powerful little tradition acknowledges that we each have our ups and downs, and we must struggle to ground ourselves in the middle — balancing our achievements with our failures, our doubts with our certainty.

I believe the story of Moses is also supposed to have this leveling effect. Moses is a great leader who delivers the children of Israel from slavery, leads the people through the Sea of Reeds to safety, speaks face-to-face with God, and records and composes the law code for the Jewish people. That is the Moses who is leader par excellence.

Yet, when we look closely at Moses at the beginning of the book of Exodus, we see the other side of Moses. He narrowly escapes death as a condemned baby boy, is raised by an Egyptian princess, is separated from his Israelite family, then flees his home in the palace after committing murder. Moses is a wanderer with no grounding in home or family. He is the "other" amongst his family in the palace, his family in Midyan, and his birth family of Israel. His identity is unstable and he has no sense of who he is or of what he is capable.

We watch Moses struggle and question. He struggles against himself, his people, and his God. What we witness in the scene of the burning bush is Moses' move from wanderer to a man with a mission. God calls out to Moses from the bush and Moses eventually embraces the role. But, first, Moses rejects God's charge.

Moses, tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, drove the flock into the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire out of a bush. He gazed, and there was a bush all aflame, yet the bush was not consumed. Moses said, "I must turn aside to look at this marvelous sight; why doesn't the bush burn up?" When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to look, God called to him out of the bush: "Moses! Moses!" He answered: "Here I am."

God's revelation was given gradually in a way that Moses could take it in. First he was given a visual experience, then auditory, and then tangible. God's revelation demanded Moses' participation. Moses had to take the first step toward God, and only then did God call out to him.

We are each pulled between life's struggles and triumphs. As Moses wandered, we wander sometimes, seeking our way. As Moses rose to the heights of Sinai, we accomplish great things when we follow our mission bestowed upon us. Yet we must take that first step. Leadership can be hard, it can be scary, it can be daunting. Yet we must take that first step. If we take that first step, God will walk beside us, and that understanding is perhaps one of the greatest lessons we can learn as Jews. Amen.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR RESOURCE CENTER OPENING CELEBRATION

The flooring is done, the furniture has arrived, the books are on the shelves, Mah Jongg players are psyched, and the courtyard is taking shape as progress continues on finishing touches for the new [Madge Rothschild Resource Center](#).

We've added [Betty's 100 Books](#)

to our collection in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library and are continuing to prepare content for our video screens. A new timeline of 200 years of Jewish history in Northeast Indiana is in the works for the Jacob L. Goldman Museum.

And planning is underway for our grand opening on Sunday afternoon, April 30 when we celebrate our beautiful facility and welcome Author [David Laskin](#), who will speak about his roots in "One Family, Three Journeys: How one family embodied the sweep of 20th century Jewish history."

We look forward to welcoming you for this exciting event! More information will be coming. If you'd like to be part of the group planning festivities, please contact the Temple office or chair Kathy Sider. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of the program.

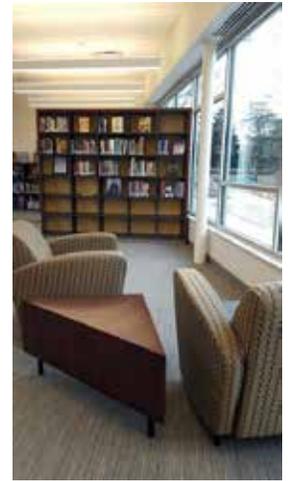
## HOT/COLD PACKS TO BENEFIT THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

One of our big projects this year is to assemble first-aid kits to go home with our 72 Brightpoint Head Start children. Included in these kits is a child-size, apple-shaped hot/cold pack that says "Thoughtful Thursdays."

As a fundraiser for our program, we are selling the hot/cold packs for \$3 each, or two for \$5. The apple-shaped packs make good teacher gifts, baby gifts, or thinking-of-you gifts. If interested in purchasing, please email Jamie Berger at [jberger02@comcast.net](mailto:jberger02@comcast.net). Please make payment (Checks made payable to "CAV- The Temple") and pick up in the Temple office.

Volunteers always are welcome. Our next bag assembly date is Wednesday, February 1 at 10 a.m.

*Jamie Berger, Thoughtful Thursdays Chair*



## CHECK OUT OUR BOOKS!



[Betty Stein](#) celebrated her 100th birthday on December 10 with a community open house. More than 100 books were donated to the Temple Library in her honor and presented during an Oneg Shabbat.

### WORDS OF APPRECIATION FROM BETTY:

“How in the world can I ever tell you how tremendously overwhelmed and grateful I am for this project and its successful completion? I don’t think I can, but let me try. From the time I was asked by Betsy Gephart to approve the 100 Books for Betty’s birthday undertaking to today when over 109 outstanding books have been added to our Temple’s library, I have been thrilled that my longevity could have such a blessed effect on my Temple. You know what an advocate for reading I am. You have turned that into a positive act, supplying our readers a wide variety of reading and education and enjoyment and information and beauty.

“Betsy has supplied me with a list of your names and the books you have added to our collection, and I thank her for dreaming this up and carrying it through in such a sensational fashion. She has kept me informed every inch of the dedicated way she has carried this project out. And you have responded so magnificently! I am thrilled, absolutely thrilled! Talk about touching lives: do you honestly know how many lives you have affected, how much enrichment you have added?”

“I am finding it very difficult to tell you how appreciative I am of your responding to the plea to add 100 plus books to our ever-growing list of readers. Believe me when I say, “Thank you from the bottom of my heart!”

*Betty Stein*

### ROSH CHODESH GROUP EXPLORES INDIA’S ANCIENT JEWISH COMMUNITY

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) invites Jewish women in the community to join its Rosh Chodesh Jewish Women’s Club on Wednesday, February 1 at 6 p.m. at Congregation B’nai Jacob to hear Temple Member Yavin Bamnolkar talk about India and their ancient Jewish community. Please RSVP to the Federation at (260) 456-0400.

You’ve heard all about [Betty’s 100 Books](#) and other new additions to our library collection in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. You may even have heard that we now have some DVDs and CDs available. But how can you check them out?

Although we are still working on developing regular hours, there are several ways to access our materials.



First, we are always open during Religious School on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. until noon. Members are welcome to come in, browse and check out materials at that time. We also will be open on a number of weekday afternoons, including some of Hebrew class hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Watch [Face-book](#) for these hours.

Second, we’re working to be available during a number of events held in the Resource Center in upcoming months. Volunteers are needed in order to cover as many events as possible. Computer “comfort” is required. Contact Betsy Gephart at [library@templecav.org](mailto:library@templecav.org) if you’re

interested in helping out. Third, though we’d obviously prefer to be there to help you in person, self-checkout is always an option when you’re in the building. Instructions are posted on the library desk.

Finally, with your account number, you can place a hold or even check out a book from your own computer, phone or tablet. [Browse our catalog](#) from home, pick out a book, and place a hold on it or check it out, and we’ll leave it in the office for you to pick up at your convenience. We may even be able to deliver it to you if you are unable to come in! Our lending period is for two weeks, with online renewal available. All Temple members have account numbers. If you have not received a library card and would like this information, contact Betsy for your number.

As we prepare for our Grand Opening, we will be adding more materials to our collection. Please check us out – online or in person.

### THANKS TO OUR LATEST DONORS OF BETTY’S 100 BOOKS!

Eileen & Neal Baitcher  
Janet L. Black  
Talia Bugel  
Elissa & Steve Cohen  
Nancy Dicker  
Carol & Dan Fybush  
Marty Kabisch  
Matthew Katinsky  
Jennifer Kasmier  
Norman & Carol Kempler  
Edith Kenna  
Gina Kostoff

Beth Regedanz  
The Rizzo Family  
Lee & Suin Roberts  
Yoko Rudolph  
Cheryl Schorey  
Schreier Family  
Wendy Soltz  
Tanner Family  
Rita Turflinger  
Irene & Bob Walters  
Dave & Ally Whisler  
Lindsay Whisler

# YOUTH NEWS



Mazel tov to our Consecration students and the Ash, Goldberg and Wallet families. Thank you to kindergarten teacher Melissa Kessel and Rabbi Lenny for preparing the students to mark the start of their formal Jewish learning.

## PRE-K TO KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP BEGINS

Congregation Achduth Vesholom is currently taking names of children enrolling in our PreK-Kindergarten Program on Sunday mornings for the 2017-2018 school year.

If you have a child who will be three years old on or before August 1, 2017, please call the Temple office at (260)744-4245 no later than March 1, 2017.



## PURIM CARNIVAL GETS A NEW LOOK AND NEW TIME

Dress in costume and join FORTY, our high school youth group, on Sunday, March 12 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Temple for an exciting Purim extravaganza that provides a new twist on our traditional Purim Carnival.

Whether you dress as Queen Esther or Mordechai, Darth Vader or Elsa, join us during the second hour of Religious School for many favorite games, moon bounce, hamentashen, prizes, and lots of fun for the whole family. New this year: No game tickets! Come and enjoy unlimited opportunities to play at no charge. Light snacks provided. FORTY is looking forward to hosting this hour of Purim fun for the Jewish kids in the community. Adults and children not enrolled in Religious School also are welcome to share in the festivities.

## UPCOMING NFTY EVENTS FOR TEENS

NFTY is a Movement that builds strong, welcoming, inspired communities through teen-powered engagement. Registration is open for these upcoming NFTY events:

- [NFTY678 Ohio Valley Junior Youth Group Kallah](#) on March 3-5 at Goldman Union Camp Institute in Zionsville for middle school students.
- [NFTY Ohio Valley Spring Kallah](#) on April 20-23 at Rockdale Temple in Cincinnati for high school students.

Questions about these or local youth group programs? Contact Ethan Zweig or Advisor Libby Dicker at [fortyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:fortyouthgroup@gmail.com)

## CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR TEMPLE KIDS

The impact of Jewish summer camp lasts a lifetime, with opportunities for making friends, learning, and, most importantly, having fun in a setting where it's cool to be Jewish! Temple camperships are a great way to help send your child this summer!



[Goldman Union Camp Institute](#), our regional URJ summer camp in Zionsville, is registering campers for Summer 2017. [Find out more about GUCL](#), including two- and four-week sessions.

For information about [camperships](#) for children of Temple members, contact the Temple office or Campership Committee Chair Dan Zweig.

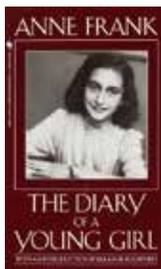
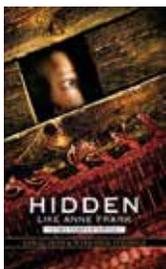
Other assistance for first-time campers through the [Foundation for Jewish Camp](#) can be found at [www.onehappycamper.org](http://www.onehappycamper.org). Contact the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) for information about camperships, as well as their summer day camp at Camp Joe Levine.



Religious School students added the first tickets to our Reading Bingo Raffle Jar in the Resource Center! Readers of all ages can enter our May Raffle by reading a "row" of Jewish books. Three gift card prizes will be awarded. Find out more on [our library webpage](#).

## REMEMBERING ANNE THROUGH THEATER AND BOOKS

[“Remembering Anne.”](#) written by local playwright Gregory Stieber, will be performed on February 3 to 5 at the Auer Center Black Box Theatre. The play is presented by Fort Wayne Youtheatre in partnership with the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#). This original premiere goes beyond the famous diary. We meet the classmates and peers of Anne Frank, look through the eyes of children from both sides of this important time in history. Musicians from the Philharmonic Youth Symphony are featured.



We also have [books on Anne Frank](#) in the Temple's Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library. Along with numerous copies of the famous diary, we have [other titles for all ages](#) on the topic, which can help prepare anyone planning to attend the production.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Naomi Gephart, daughter of Geoff & Betsy Gephart, on her role as one of Anne Frank's peers in the Fort Wayne Youtheatre production of "Remembering Anne" on February 3-5.

## BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER NEXT YEAR'S LEADERSHIP

We welcome your involvement in Temple leadership! Our Board Development Committee is looking for engaged, active, and energetic congregants with fresh ideas to serve on the Temple's Board of Directors for the fiscal year 2017-2018.

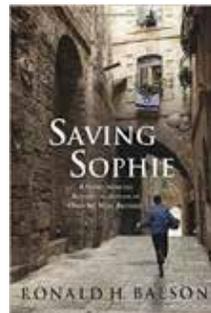
If you are asked to serve, please give the honor serious consideration. However, you do not have to wait to be asked. If you have an interest in serving on the board or have questions, please contact a committee member. The Board Development Committee is chaired by Kathy Sider and includes Jamie Berger, Mike Rush, John Stein and Beth Zweig.



Members of the Temple's Fort YAD (Young Adult Division) for 20s and 30s celebrated Hanukkah and shared an evening of bowling.

## TEMPLE BOOK CLUB COMING IN MAY!

Join our inaugural Temple Book Club meeting on the evening of Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. We will read *Saving Sophie* by Ronald Balson, the author of *Once We Were Brothers*. In our new Madge Rothschild Resource Center, Mr. Balson will join us via video-conferencing for our discussion.



The novel is a thriller, following Chicago accountant Jack Sommers, as he tries to rescue his daughter, Sophie, from her maternal grandfather, who is a suspected Palestinian terrorist. Jack also happens to be a suspect in a huge embezzlement case, and is on the run.

Our hope with this program is to start a book club for Temple members that will meet on a fairly regular basis. Following discussion of *Saving Sophie*, those attending will have the opportunity to plan meeting times and reading material for the group going forward. We will have resources available from the Jewish Book Council, the sponsor of the 45-minute "Live Chat" with the author, to help plan for the group.

There will be no cost for the program, though we encourage members to purchase the book wherever possible, as that is part of our agreement for the video-conference program. We do have one copy of *Saving Sophie* now in our library at the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. Further details and reservation information will be provided closer to the event.



We shared the glow of Hanukkah candles, flavors of sufganiyot, and glasses of bubbly for the New Year in late December.

## STAFFING CHANGES AT THE TEMPLE ANNOUNCED



Changes are coming to the Temple staff over the next six months as we look to fill three positions vital to the congregation. President Joe Cohen announced with regret these staffing updates:

- Sally Trotter will retire as Administrator, effective July 1.
- Bonnie Pomerantz has resigned as Administrative Assistant, effective February 10, to take a new job.

- Ellen Tom will retire as Religious School Administrator, effective July 1, which coincides with completion of her term as Religious School Committee chair.

We greatly appreciate their talents and dedication over the years. Efforts are underway to find candidates for the positions so that we can continue to serve our membership smoothly and efficiently. Please contact Sally Trotter for more information or an application at (260) 744-4245 or [cavadmin@templecav.org](mailto:cavadmin@templecav.org).

### SALLY TROTTER TO RETIRE IN JULY

After nearly 11 years effectively managing day-to-day operations of our congregation, as well as several years co-chairing the Rifkin Campus at 5200 project, Sally Trotter is retiring as Temple Administrator, effective July 1.

During her tenure as the Temple's second administrator, Sally combined her extensive business knowledge and volunteer leadership experience to benefit the congregation. Her strong organizational and analytical skills, warmth, dedication, and long involvement at Temple contributed to her effectiveness in the position.



Since becoming part-time administrator in July 2006, Sally has helped address building, financial and personnel challenges, supported fundraisers and organized Seders, assisted b'nei mitzvah families and overseen management of High Holy Days responsibilities. She's worked with staff, leadership, volunteers and congregants, as well as tenants in our building.

Since 2012, she has worked closely with John Stein to raise funds and develop the Campus at 5200 project. As administrator, she has been involved in all aspects of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center project.

The administrator position was created in December 2001 to provide extra support to the volunteer leadership and congregation. For many years, the position was funded by the late Lorry Goldenberg, with Janet Katz fulfilling the duties from March 2002 to November 2005. Funding for the position now comes from congregational budget.

Sally previously served on the Temple board and chaired the Fundraising and Facility committees. She also was co-chair of the Temple's first "Corned Beef on Rye-Sure to Satisfy" Fundraiser.

### BEST WISHES TO BONNIE POMERANTZ

We offer our best wishes to Bonnie Pomerantz, who is leaving her position as the Temple's Administrative Assistant, effective February 10, to take a similar position at the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

Even though she's just moving down the hall to the Federation office at the Rifkin Campus at 5200 and continues as an active Temple member, we'll miss Bonnie greatly as a staff member. She's worked in the Temple office for nearly five years, answering phone calls, assisting congregants, supporting staff and leadership, offering a kind word, preparing the Bulletin and mailings, and helping keep the Temple running smoothly.

Bonnie also previously served as the Temple's Director of Religious Education and taught in our school for six years. In her many volunteer positions, she's co-chaired the corned beef sale, the Nelson's Fundraiser, and the Temple's Second Seder. She currently is co-chairing the honey sale for the High Holy Days.

### ELLEN TOM TO LEAVE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL POST

A long-time teacher in our Religious School, Ellen Tom was a natural three years ago to become the Temple board member who chairs the Religious School Committee.

After assuming that role, Ellen agreed to help with the transition from having two paid religious education and Hebrew administrators to having one paid position. She eventually took on the administrative role herself as a volunteer the past two years coordinating Religious School activities. When the school year ends, Ellen will end her time as Administrator and committee chair.

In her 10 years teaching and in leadership positions, Ellen has worked closely with the rabbi, teachers, parents, and students to ensure a smooth-running program. Her organizational skills and creativity have added much to the school, with numerous special projects, Shabbat dinners, Maccabiah Games, and L'dor Vador services.

Her many involvements at Temple have included serving on the Rabbinic Search Committee and the Financial Planning Working Group, as well as coordinating our Oneg Shabbats. We greatly appreciate having her steady and friendly presence on Sunday mornings and all the time she's put into supporting our school.

# DONATIONS

## **Jack & Gertrude Adelman Facility Improvement Fund**

In memory of Ruth Aichele: *Fritz & Sally Aichele*

## **Joseph & Elsa Adler Memorial Fund**

In memory of Elsa Adler: *Irv & Fran Adler*

## **Campership Fund**

In memory of Beryl Rush: *Jon & Jamie Berger*

## **Endowment**

In memory of Sam Cristil: *Marvin Cristil*

In memory of Beryl Rush: *Dan & Beth Zweig*

## **General Operations**

In memory of Ruth Aichele and Marv Gottlieb: *Andy & Janet Katz*

In memory of Jane Costanza: *Joseph Costanza*

In memory of Henry Friedman: *Norma Friedman*

In memory of Dr. Jerome Gerber: *Ron & Gail Cousino*

In memory of Lorry Goldenberg: *Sherman & Karen Goldenberg*

In memory of Marv Gottlieb: *AAF, Steve & Karen Allen, Diana Amstutz, Bill & Linda Beacer, John & Mary Brandt, J. Nelson & Mary Coats, George & Mary Cooper,*

*Sheldon & Diana Ericson, Gigi Gilbert, Leonid & Dora Itkin, Jeff & Betsy Kachmar,*

*Matthew & Nola Katinsky, Richard & Sue Keirns, F.L. Dennis Logan, Raymond & Mary Ohlman, Tom & Rita O'Neill, John & Joan Ruble, Cheryl Schorey, Manny Silverman & Jane Martin, Bill & Louise Warshauer and Dan & Beth Zweig*

In memory of Marv Gottlieb & Beryl Rush: *Irv & Fran Adler and Steve & Sally Trotter*

In memory of Clair Johnson & Fraida Safirstein: *Kay Safirstein*

In memory of Ruth Kepes: *Sherwin & Micki Kepes*

In memory of Al Kwatnez: *Susie Ferkel & Janet Weinraub*

In memory of Martha Replane: *Steve & Judy Zacher*

In memory of Allan Rush and Harry Rush: *Mike & Jo Ellen Rush*

In memory of Beryl Rush: *Steve & Elissa Cohen, Alan & Susan Cooperman,*

*Leonid & Dora Itkin, Andy & Janet Katz, Tom & Rita O'Neill and Cheryl Schorey*

In memory of LeRoy Shine: *Thomas Shine*

In memory of Tillie Bosell Snow: *Norman & Joanne Snow*

## **Gold/Turansky Campership**

In memory of Sidney & Dorothy Gold and Bernard & Ruth Turansky: *Joe & Rita Gold*

## **Ryan Goldstrom Memorial**

In memory of Marv Gottlieb: *Rob & Lori Goldstrom*

## **Dr. John Planer Music Fund**

In memory of Marv Gottlieb: *Norm & Ronnie Greenberg and Denny & Marcia Reynolds*

In memory of Beryl Rush: *Ron & Gail Cousino*

## **Holocaust Memorial**

In honor of Betty Stein: *Irv & Fran Adler, Jon & Jamie Berger, Mike & Jo Ellen Rush, Steve & Jan Sarratore, Bill & Louise Warshauer and Francis & Rena Zirille*

In memory of Ida Finkelshteyn: *Leonid & Dora Itkin*

In memory of Philip Oppenheim: *Lesley Newman*

## **Library Fund**

In honor of Betty Stein: *Ben & Sharon Eisbart and Leona Rosenberg*

In honor of Betty Stein and in memory of Marv Gottlieb: *Howard & Caryl Sandler*

In honor of Betty Stein and in memory of Reba Safran, Ray Vogel and Jennette Vogel: *Rabbi Richard Safran*

In memory of Marv Gottlieb and Beryl Rush: *Betty Stein*

## **Jacob & Ethel Mansbach Campership**

In memory of Susan Hakey & Ann Shafer: *Art & June Shafer*

## **Project Assist - Thoughtful Thursdays**

Donations were received from: *Leonard & Cookie Mastbaum and Carol O'Shaughnessy*

In memory of Marv Gottlieb: *Doris Fogel*

In memory of Marv Gottlieb and Beryl Rush: *Richard & Cindi Wismer*

In memory of Manuel K. King: *Jim & Suzi King*

## **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

In memory of Rosalie Becker: *Franck Hagendorf*

In memory of Beatrice Feldheim: *Bob & Jenine Burkhardt*

In memory of Marv Gottlieb: *Steve & Jan Sarratore*

In memory of Sidney L. Schechter: *Kari Jo Bentz*

## **Rifkin Campus at 5200**

In memory of Helen Coffman, Deborah Neiman, Ethel Trotter, Jerome Trotter and Lou Williams: *Steve & Sally Trotter*

In memory of Marv Gottlieb: *Jon & Jamie Berger*

## **ROMEOS**

In memory of Beryl Rush: *Norm & Ronnie Greenberg*

## **Max & Gerda Schmitz Holocaust Educational Fund**

In memory of Marquard Bach, Bessie Schmitz, Esther Schmitz, Irmgard A. Stein & Karoline Stein: *Joel & Jan Greenberg*

## **S. Wyle Weiman Youth Activity**

In memory of Mollie Kutcher: *Len & Rikki Goldstein*

## **Temple Gardens Fund**

Donations were received from: *Steve & Elissa Cohen and Mike & Patrice Sposeep*

In memory of Marv Gottlieb: *Steve & Elissa Cohen and Alan & Barbara Gilbert*

In memory of Samuel Greenberg and Geraldine Greenberg Reich: *Norm & Ronnie Greenberg*

In memory of Minnette Ruchman: *Bill & Louise Warshauer*

In memory of Beryl Rush: *Mike & Patrice Sposeep*

## **Youth Group**

In memory of Marv Gottlieb: *Alan & Maureen Grinsfelder*

# YAHRTZEITS

## FEBRUARY 3

Judith Baitcher  
Sidney Baitcher  
Nancy Barasch  
Jane Costanza  
Beatrice Cristil  
Henry Friedman  
Fred R. Golden  
Michael H. Green  
Isadore Hersh  
Marvin Kravitz  
Joan Leva Marx  
Ben Oppenheim  
Mae Rifkin  
Stephen Russ  
Jennette M. Vogel  
Jacob Yentis

## FEBRUARY 10

Stephen Bosell  
Dr. Maurice A. Chodosh  
Esther Congress  
Leah Margaret Ford  
Shirley Ruth Jason Ford  
Louis Jason  
Roy Lawrence Kalver  
Joseph Kutcher  
Peter Lauinger  
John Vaun Malay  
Rebecca Milstein  
Neil Sandler  
Ann Shafer  
Diane Spanjer



## FEBRUARY 17

Norman Bosell  
Carrie (Latz )Frank  
Lawrence D. Gordon  
Ernest S. Iczkovitz  
Sam Jacobson  
Clair Johnson  
G Irving Latz  
Dr. Herman Rudensky  
Harriet Rudensky  
Harry Rush  
Hyman Abraham Sachs  
Robert B. Schuller  
Abraham Silver  
Mildred Weber

## FEBRUARY 24

Sam Cristil  
Dr. Conrad Goode  
Lillie Gosney  
Lillian Altman Gubitz  
Michael Guerrasio  
Leon Himmelstein  
Ruth Horn  
Helen Hassan Kaufman  
G. Irving "Bud" Latz II  
Fraida Safirstein  
Irwin Samuel Sagan  
Tillie Bosell Snow  
Rabbi Leo Stillpass  
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## CONDOLENCES TO:

- Mike & Jo Ellen Rush and family on the death of his mother, Beryl Rush, on December 27, 2016 in Columbia City.
- Doris Gottlieb on the death of her husband, Marv Gottlieb, on November 26, 2016 in Fort Wayne. We also offer condolences to Ken Gottlieb, Ross Gottlieb, and Lauren Senoff and their families on the loss of their father and grandfather.

## WHAT'S THE BUZZ FOR THE NEW YEAR? HONEY!



It's never too early to start thinking about a sweet new year! Who wouldn't love to dip apples in locally harvested, pure and natural honey or use it in making delicious honey sponge cakes? The Temple will be selling 6 oz. bottles of delicious honey over the summer as we get ready for

5778. (Erev Rosh Hashanah begins on September 20.) Bottles will be available from early to mid-September for pick up at the Temple. Wouldn't it be nice to send a bottle or two to family and friends? For an additional fee, shipping will be available. Watch the Bulletin in the coming months for more exciting news about this very sweet fundraiser to benefit the Temple.

*Sweetly yours, Leah Hadashi and Bonnie Pomerantz*



## PLANT A TREE FOR TU B'SHVAT

[Tu B'shvat](#) (the "New Year of the Trees") is Jewish Arbor Day and falls this year on Friday, February 10. In celebration, please consider [planting a tree in Israel](#) through the [Jewish National Fund](#). Over the past 113 years, the

JNF has evolved into a global environmental leader by planting more than 250 million trees, building over 240 reservoirs and dams, developing over 250,000 acres of land, creating more than 2,000 parks, providing the infrastructure for over 1,000 communities, and connecting thousands of children and young adults to Israel and their heritage.



Thoughtful Thursdays volunteer Kay Safirstein made 72 small blankets for the Brightpoint Head Start students who attend class at the Temple. The children were very excited to have the special gifts to cherish! She spent a year making the colorful, soft presents. Thank you, Kay!



Kay shows Thoughtful Thursdays Committee Chair Jamie Berger one of the blankets.

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## Guest Columnist



**If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?**

These are the words of Hillel that I would like you to consider as we begin the process of developing a budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and as we look ahead for the

next few years. The key part of this process is our dues pledge campaign, which will start in a few weeks.

Members will be getting a letter and a dues pledge sheet from the Temple with contribution guidelines. We ask you to make a dues pledge to your congregation and return it to us by mid-March. We rely on your generosity and on your sense of responsibility to provide sufficient dues to support the operating expenses of our Temple.

Because of demographics and other factors, our membership base has been shrinking, while the needs of our congregation continue. And with shrinking membership comes a loss in revenue from dues, which puts significant strains on our budget.

With the Rifkin Campus at 5200 and the new Madge Rothschild Resource Center as a focal point for the Fort Wayne Reform

## WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

The Temple board welcomes your comments and suggestions. We will do our best to address your questions and concerns. Please contact the Temple office at 744-4245 ([office@TempleCAV.org](mailto:office@TempleCAV.org)) for information. President Joe Cohen can be reached at 260-423-8861 or [hjc@barrettlaw.com](mailto:hjc@barrettlaw.com).

## USHER IN SHABBAT WITH CHALLAH

Get involved at the Temple by volunteering to usher at Shabbat evening services and receive a delicious challah! All Shabbat ushers receive a gift certificate for a tasty loaf donated by [Waynedale Bakery](#), 2610 Lower Huntington Road. Please call to volunteer.

## REGISTER YOUR KROGER CARD FOR 2017 TO HELP THE TEMPLE

Please support the Temple by re-registering your Kroger Plus card for 2017 to indicate you'd like Achduth Vesholom to benefit from your purchases. Cards must be registered annually for the Temple to receive credit when you buy. [Find out more about Kroger Community Rewards](#) on our website.

**The deadline for the March Bulletin is Wednesday, February 15.**

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Jewish Community, and likely other Jews as well, we hope our membership will increase. However, we have to deal with the reality of our demographics.

As we plan for our upcoming fiscal year, we need sufficient revenues from dues and we ask you, our congregational family, to support your Temple through your continued dues commitment. For the past 168 years, our Temple has been an example of Judaism for the Greater Fort Wayne Community.

Congregation Achduth Vesholom provides a moral compass to the Jewish community, a house of counsel, a sanctuary for those of our community in need, a center of education and a safe haven for those who require assistance.

We realize that there are congregants who may have financial issues and we respect that. Fortunately, we have congregants who accept the responsibility of stepping up for those who are less able, and the Temple is grateful for their generosity.

So when you receive your dues pledge letter in the mail, please respond and if at all possible, raise your dues commitment. Please support your congregation and its good works. Thank you!

*Irv Adler*  
Treasurer