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RESERVE NOW FOR OUR TEMPLE BOOK CLUB!



Our first "official" Temple Book Club on Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. focuses on the thriller [Saving Sophie](#) by Chicago author [Ronald Balson](#), best known for his earlier novel *Once We Were Brothers*.

Saving Sophie follows 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.

Pick up the book and reserve your seat for our program, including a 45-minute discussion with

the author via teleconference. Those attending will have the opportunity to give input on reading material for the group going forward. Resources will be available from the [Jewish Book Council](#), the sponsor of the "Live Chat" with the author, to help plan for the group. We plan to continue with three author chats next year.

There is no cost to attend, though we encourage members to purchase the book wherever possible (that is part of our agreement for the video-conference program). We do have one copy of *Saving Sophie* in our library at the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. To facilitate discussion, space is limited. Please make a reservation today to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245. By making a reservation, you will be agreeing to read the book and come prepared to join the conversation.

JOIN US FOR EARLY SHABBAT AND GRADUATION SERVICE

Please join us on Friday, May 19 for an early Shabbat Service at 7 p.m. when we also celebrate the graduation from Religious School of Ethan Zweig, son of Beth & Dan Zweig. In addition to helping lead the service, Ethan will share a D'var Torah and reflections on his Jewish education. We also will offer a blessing during the service for children who will be attending a Jewish camp this summer.

Ethan, 18, has attended the Temple's Religious School since he was 3 years old and has served as a madrich (aide) for nearly four years. He's finishing his second term as president of FORTY, our high school youth group, and spent his spring semester in 10th grade attending the NFTY-EIE High School in Israel. Mazel tov to Ethan and his family!



TEMPLE AT THE TINCAPS: RSVP NOW See page 9 for details.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

MAY

Gardening Day*

Date to be determined
Help with planting around the Spouseep Outdoor Chapel
RSVP to Ronnie Greenberg at rkg128@gmail.com

Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly & Volunteer Luncheon*

Wednesday, May 3
11 a.m. at the Temple
We'll assemble the last Thoughtful Thursdays bag of the school year, followed by a volunteer recognition luncheon.

Talmud Class*

Tuesdays, May 2, 16, 23, 30
7 p.m. at the Temple
[Online attendance](#) is also available.

Temple Book Club*

Tuesday, May 9
7 p.m. at the Temple
Inaugural Temple Book Club when we discuss [Saving Sophie](#) and talk via tele-conference with Author Ronald Balson.

Religious School Graduation and Blessing for Campers

Friday, May 19
7 p.m. at the Temple
We celebrate Shabbat and the graduation of Ethan Zweig from Religious School and offer a blessing for those attending Jewish summer camp.

Last Day of Religious School & Maccabiah Games

Sunday, May 21
9:45 a.m. to noon at the Temple



Some worship services are now available online through [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 calendar](#) for dates and times at www.templecav.org.

JUNE

Shavuot Service

Friday, June 2
7:30 p.m. at the Temple

Genealogy and the Holocaust

Tuesday, June 6
7 p.m. at the Temple
Irv Adler shares the story of tracing his Viennese roots after the Holocaust in search of information about his grandmother and family.

Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 11
7 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus

Annual Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, June 14
7 p.m. at the Temple

ROMEOs Pasta Dinner Fundraiser*

Thursday, June 22
6:30 p.m. at the Temple

JULY

Temple Night at the TinCaps*

Saturday, July 22
7:05 p.m. at Parkview Field

ONGOING EVENTS

Mah Jongg Open Play*

[Sign up to play](#)
Check dates and times for play in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center by following the link at www.templecav.org

EARLIER SUMMER SERVICE TIME BEGINS JUNE 9

We'll celebrate Shabbat on Friday evenings during the summer at the earlier time of 6:15 p.m. beginning Friday, June 9 through September 1 (Labor Day Weekend). Please join us for weekly worship, followed by Kiddush. Sharing the joy of Shabbat is a wonderful way to start your summer weekends!

MAY SERVICES

Friday, May 5

Shabbat Katan at 6 p.m.
Leader: Samara Sheray
Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.
Ushers: Eileen & Neal Baitcher

Friday, May 12

Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.
Music: Steve Walley
Usher: Leonid Itkin

Friday, May 19

Early Shabbat Service at 7 p.m.
Religious School Graduation of Ethan Zweig
Ushers: Marcia & Denny Reynolds & Joe Congress
Oneg Shabbat: Beth & Dan Zweig

Friday, May 26

Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.
Ushers: Kristin & Scott Goldberg

Kiddush follows Shabbat serv

CELEBRATE SHAVUOT WITH US

Plan to join us on Friday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. when Rabbi Lenny leads our celebration of Shavuot, the Jewish festival marking the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. An Oneg Shabbat follows.



Shavuot, the Hebrew word for "weeks," occurs seven weeks after Passover. In ancient times, Shavuot marked the conclusion of the spring barley harvest and beginning of the summer wheat harvest.

TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

The Temple office is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Temple will be closed on Wednesday, May 31 in observance of Shavuot.

RABBI LENNY SARKO

THE IMPORTANCE OF HONOR AND RESPECT



Have you ever wondered about this mysterious time in the Jewish calendar called the sefirah, in which we count the omer? It is the time of the year between Passover and Shavuot. There is a custom during this time to mourn as a people. Why do we mourn as a people? Traditionally, there are no weddings or haircuts until Lag Ba'omer (the thirty-third day of the omer). The word omer, meaning "sheaf," is a dry measure-

ment of grain which was originally brought as an offering to God in anticipation of the new barley harvest.

The omer commandment seems fairly innocuous. Why then is this traditionally a period of mourning? In fact, the case could be made that this time was not only an agriculturally exciting one for our ancestors, but also a spiritually uplifting one as we moved from our liberation from Egypt to the foot of Mt. Sinai, counting down (or up) to receive the Torah.

One story in our history radically changed the nature of the counting of the omer from a joyous anticipation of a prosperous harvest and the yearly re-enactment of revelation at Mt. Sinai to a time in which we mourn. In the Talmud we are taught that during the period of counting the omer, 12,000 pairs of students of Rabbi Akiva perished on one day. The initial reason the Gemara gives is that they did not have kavod (honor or respect) for one another.

It is not difficult to imagine the way in which a disagreement over interpretation or halakhic practice could become heated, particularly about an issue which hits home personally. Within our own Reform Movement today there are many such "hot button" issues about which people are deeply passionate and continue to fundamentally disagree. The old adage about two Jews in a room ending up with three opinions is never more fitting than for our movement today. The lively discussions and representations of a wide variety of ideas are, I believe, the main reasons for Reform Judaism's continued vitality and dynamism.

There is, however, one very serious danger which threatens this pluralism, and that is a loss of respect for those with whom you disagree. The loss of dignified discourse destroys the ability for differing perspectives to coexist and hinders the free exchange of ideas – a characteristic that seems to pervade our secular politics today. The Talmud could have easily attributed the tragedy of Rabbi Akiva's students to a plague, whether natural or at the hands of the Romans. Instead our sages chose to ascribe it to a loss of kavod as a powerful reminder of what can happen to us when we forget how to conduct discourse grounded in honor and respect.

Ironically it is one of Rabbi Akiva's later students, Rabbi Eleazar Ben Shamua, who helps define for us the importance of kavod. He teaches in Pirkei Avot, "The dignity (kevod) of your student should be as precious to you as your own; the dignity (kevod) of your colleague should be as precious to you as your reverence for your teacher; your reverence for your teacher should be as great as your reverence for God" (Pirkei Avot 4:15). Taking this lesson to heart in the context of the sefirah, may we dedicate ourselves to discourse with honor with each other, thereby giving honor to the Torah and to God. Amen.

TRAVEL TO ISRAEL WITH RABBI LENNY

Plan now to travel to Israel on March 11-19, 2018 with Rabbi Lenny and members of our Temple family! Please join us on this very special

journey as we explore the best of Israel. We'll visit religious and historical sites, experience the culture, geography and natural beauty of the country,



and get to know Israelis in the Western Galilee through our Fort Wayne Jewish community's association with the [Partnership2gether](#) program of the Jewish Agency. [Find the itinerary](#) and trip details with [pricing information](#) at www.templecav.org.

Rabbi Lenny also will conduct a wedding renewal for interested couples on the top of Masada. In addition, if you'd like to celebrate an adult bar/bat mitzvah near the Kotel (Western Wall) in Jerusalem, please let Rabbi Lenny know soon and he'll begin working on a required course of study with you over the next several months.

Please contact Rabbi Lenny at 260-466-9099 or rabbil@templecav.org for more information. Space is limited to 35, so please make your reservation soon.



ROMEOS' PASTA FUNDRAISER RETURNS ON JUNE 22



The talented chefs from the ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) and their Juliets are back for a second year hosting a homemade pasta dinner and desserts on

Thursday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. to benefit Congregation Achduth Vesholom.

The fundraiser includes good food and drink, music, dance, and lots of schmoozing, along with a menu including appetizers (new this year), homemade spaghetti and meatballs, breadsticks, salad, desserts and beverages (wine, lemonade, coffee, tea). Cost is \$18 per adult, \$12 for children under 12, and \$165 for a table of 10. Please RSVP to the Temple at (260) 744-4245 and send check made payable to "CAV- The Temple" no later than Tuesday, June 13.

INSPIRED BY "FAMILY?" WE HAVE LOTS TO OFFER IN RESOURCE CENTER

For those inspired by David Laskin's presentation at our Grand Opening on April 30, we have [a number of related titles](#) in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library, along with Laskin's wonderful book [The Family: A Journey Into The Heart Of The Twentieth Century](#).

[Paper Love: Searching for the Girl My Grandfather Left Behind](#) by Sarah Wildman is another well-written quest for a family story based on letters discovered by the author. This one is more of a mystery than Laskin's book, as the reader is kept wondering what happened to the girl throughout the book. Like Family and several other titles, the focus is on victims of the Holocaust, but Wildman's book stands out by revealing the picture through the eyes of the survivors in this country. It is well worth a read. Other adult family histories in our collection include Daniel Mendelsohn's [The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million](#) and Alan Weisman's [An Echo in My Blood: The Search for My Family's Past](#).



Just researching your name can prove fascinating, and we have several titles to help with that as well. A personal favorite is Ben Zion Kaganoff's *Dictionary of Jewish Names and Their History*. Although there is a dictionary included, a significant part of the book includes stories of the origins of Jewish names which are quite interesting. *Jewish Personal Names* by Shmuel Gorr and *Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire* by Alexander Beider are also useful.

There are many family titles in our children's collection as well. For the budding genealogist, we have the official Ellis Island handbook, [Do People Grow on Family Trees?](#) by Ira Wolfman. [Grandma Esther Remembers](#) by Ann Morris may be inspiring to both younger and older generations, especially those considering writing down their stories. Among our many picture books are two favorites by [Patricia Polacco](#) – *The Keeping Quilt* and *The Blessing Cup* – both beautiful family histories in their own way, traced through heirlooms passed down through generations.

If you are inspired to dig into your own family's history, we have some of the classics in our collection to help you with that. [From Generation to Generation](#) by Arthur Kurzweil has long been considered the book for Jewish genealogy and family history. Miriam Weiner is another well-known author and researcher. We have her Encyclopedia of Jewish Genealogy as well as Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova and Jewish Roots in Poland. And if the potential of DNA testing interests you, you might want to check out [Legacy: A Genetic History of the Jewish People](#) by Harry Ostrer.

Finally, remember that there are resources within our congregation that might be of help. If you haven't yet heard Irv Adler's family history presentation, plan to attend on Tuesday, June 6 at 7 p.m. And our Librarian Betsy Gephart has written numerous family history books for her daughters and would be happy to help you get started in that area. If you're at all curious about your family history, stop in and check us out!

MƏHJ IN MƏY: SIGN UP TO PLƏY

Please join us for open play mah jongg in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center (MRRC). Go to our [sign-up page](#) for Sunday morning, afternoon, and evening options. We've got three mah jongg sets for players to use. We ask for a \$2 donation each day you play to help support MRRC programs like these. If you decide to play for money, we suggest donating your winnings in the Temple's tzedakah (charity) box. Come and make some new friends; all levels of players are welcome! If you'd like to join our e-mail list for mah jongg updates, please let us know at office@templecav.org.



BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER

One of the best ways we can sustain a Reform Jewish presence in Northeast Indiana is through a planned gift to Congregation Achduth Vesholom. Through our [L'dor Vador Legacy Society](#), we recognize individuals each year at the Annual Meeting in June who have made provisions in their estate to help sustain the Temple. To be included this year, please inform the Temple in writing that you have made arrangements for a lasting gift. [A letter of intent form](#) is available at www.templecav.org.

GENEALOGY AND YIZKOR RESOURCES AT ACPL

Although our own library has a number of books to get you started with family history, the Allen County Public Library is the place to go if you're serious with your genealogy work!

Not only do they have one of the best collections in the country, they also have an excellent collection of [Yizkor \(memorial\) books](#), and are adding more. [Find a partial list of their Jewish resources](#).

GRAND CELEBRATION OF RESOURCE CENTER!

The Grand Opening of our new Madge Rothschild Resource Center on Sunday, April 30 marks a big milestone for the Rifkin Campus at 5200! We're looking forward to sharing stories and photos from the big celebration in the June/July Temple Bulletin and many thank yous to those who continue to give so much time and talent to the project. In the meantime, please learn about family history resources on this page and also go to page 10 for President Joe Cohen's column about the resource center.



YOUTH NEWS

MACCABIAH GAMES COMPLETE A GREAT YEAR!

We've got just a few sessions left of Religious School to wrap up a super year of Jewish learning, along with graduation, teacher appreciation, and the Maccabiah Games.

During our last session on Sunday, May 21, we'll thank our teachers, students, and parents for supporting our school. In addition, we'll also have a special thank you to Religious School Committee Chair and Principal Ellen Tom, who will be leaving those positions to serve our congregation in new ways. (She's nominated for Temple President!) Please mark your calendar:

- Sunday, May 7 – Religious School classes will meet during regular hours.
- May 9-10 and May 16-17 – Final Sessions of Hebrew School.
- Sunday, May 14 – No class. Happy Mother's Day!
- Friday, May 19 – Early Shabbat service at 7 p.m. and the graduation from Religious School of Ethan Zweig.
- Sunday, May 21 – Last day of school will begin at 9:45 a.m. with teacher appreciation and the Maccabiah Games



Leah Hadashi shares her ketubah (marriage contract) with her students.



Photo by David Flapan

Rabbi Lenny Sarko awards the prize to Naomi Flapan for finding the Afikomen at this year's Congregational Seder.



To Grace Gephart, daughter of Betsy & Geoff Gephart, on receiving the "5th Grade Scholar Challenge Award" from Canterbury School, a scholarship toward her next three years. She was one of eight winners among both Canterbury and non-Canterbury students.

REGISTER FOR SUMMER FUN AT CAMP JOE LEVINE

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne is currently enrolling children ages 4-13 for an exciting summer at [Camp Joe Levine](#), its Jewish day camp at Fox Island Nature Preserve. Session dates are July 3-7, July 10-14, and July 17-41. The camp offers a great way for children to learn about Judaism through creative games, arts, and music. The Judaica and Hebrew program is developed and facilitated by counselors from Israel. Contact the Jewish Federation at (260) 456-0400 for more information.

JOIN US FOR SHABBAT KATAN FAMILY SERVICE



Families with young children are invited to our monthly Shabbat Katan service on Friday, May 5 at 6 p.m. Samara Sheray will lead the service. with Rabbi Lenny when we introduce children to the joys of Judaism, including prayers and music. Adults are welcome, too!

GRADUATES WANTED

If you have a child graduating from high school or college this year, please let us know so that we may offer congratulations, list the school attended, and include future plans in our Bulletin. Please send college graduation information by Wednesday, May 10 to be included in our June/July Bulletin. Contact us at office@Temple-CAV.org or 744-4245.

CAMPERS INVITED FOR SPECIAL BLESSING



Students who will be attending a Jewish camp this summer are invited to our Shabbat service on Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m. for a special blessing with our Temple family before they head off on their adventures. We feel fortunate to have young people spending time at Goldman Union Camp Institute, Camp Joe Levine, and other

Jewish settings to reinforce their learning at the Temple. Thank you to everyone who supports our campership efforts to assist those who need financial help and to encourage first-time attendance.

PLAN TO ATTEND TEMPLE'S ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 14

Please join us on Wednesday, June 14 at 7 p.m. when we vote on candidates for Temple leadership and the budget for the next fiscal year. President Joe Cohen, the board of directors, and Rabbi Lenny will update the congregation on the past year's activities, including the Rifkin Campus at 5200 project.

In addition, the annual meeting of our membership will include the presentation of the William Brosler Award to a member whose long-term involvement at the Temple and commitment to the congregation have gone above and beyond. We also will recognize:

- Sally Trotter, who is retiring July 1 as Temple Administrator after nearly 11 years of service.
- Ellen Tom, who is ending her tenure on July 1 as Religious School Principal, a position she has filled the past two years as a volunteer.

- Outgoing Temple Board Members: President Joe Cohen, who has served two years as president; Irv Adler, who is completing three years as Treasurer; Ronnie Greenberg, who served 3+ years as Secretary; Beth Zweig, who has served four years as Vice President Programs; and Yoko Rudolph and Mike Rush for four years of service.

- Members of the L'dor Vador Legacy Society for indicating they've made a planned gift to the congregation.

Absentee ballots, agendas, and the proposed budget will be available beginning Wednesday, May 31 in the Temple office. To be eligible to vote, members must be current in their financial obligations to the congregation.

VOTE ON TEMPLE LEADERSHIP AT ANNUAL MEETING

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers and trustees for the 2017-2018 fiscal year beginning July 1:

OFFICERS

Two-year term through June 2019:

President: Ellen Tom

One-year term through June 2018:

VP Programs: Betsy Gephart

VP Finance: Steve Zacher

Treasurer: Scott Goldberg

Secretary: Kathy Sider

Serving one-year term through June 2018:

Immediate Past President: Joe Cohen

Two-year term through June 2019:

TRUSTEES

Jessica Ash

Jamie Berger

Denny Reynolds

John Stein

Wendi Wallet

Beth Zweig

One-year term through June 2018:

TRUSTEE

Yavin Bamnolkar

Not up for Re-Election; Currently serving two-year term through June 2018:

TRUSTEES

Talia Bugel

Steve Carr

Elissa Cohen

Leah Hadashi

Rich Manalis

GUIDELINES FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are available for the Temple's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 14 for use by members in good standing who are unable to attend. To request an absentee ballot and agenda for review, contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245, by email office@Temple-CAV.org or during business hours Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Wednesday, May 31.

The Temple budget also will be available for review in the Temple office two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Signed absentee ballots may be submitted to the office in person, by U.S. Mail, by fax, or by email of a pdf copy of the ballot. Find out more details at www.templecav.org. Members who are not in [good standing](#) will be notified no later than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Contact Treasurer Irv Adler with questions.

WANT TO JOIN OUR TEMPLE TEAM?



Congregation Achduth Vesholom is looking for two new part-time staff members to join our team, beginning July 1. Are you a dependable self-starter with great organizational and people

skills? If so, we're looking for you to help keep our congregation running smoothly as [Temple Administrator](#). Do you love Jewish learning and children, as well as have budget and administrative experience? If so, we're eager to talk to you about the position of [Religious School Principal](#). Please contact Sally Trotter for more information or an application at (260) 744-4245 or cavadmin@templecav.org.

Don't forget to return your dues pledge for 2017-2018 as soon as possible! Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Temple.

HAVE A GREEN THUMB? HELP NEEDED ON GARDENING DAY IN OUTDOOR CHAPEL

We're planning a gardening day in May as part of refurbishing the outdoor Sposeep Chapel and are looking for congregants to assist. If you love to work with plants amid the sunshine, then we could use your help!

In addition, donations of shade-tolerant plants are needed and welcome. If you can help with the gardening and/or have plants to dig up and divide, please contact Ronnie Greenberg, our resident master gardener, at rkg128@gmail.com. A date for planting the garden will be set as we see what the spring weather is like. We'll also let you know in the Temple's weekly email and on our Facebook page.



The new look for the Sposeep Chapel in conjunction with new landscaping around the Madge Rothschild Resource Center came through a generous contribution from Steve & Elissa Cohen and Mike & Patrice Sposeep, who established the beautiful space in memory of their parents, Doris & Sam Sposeep.

Dedicated in October 1997, the chapel provides a peaceful place to reflect and an alternate location for congregants to gather and pray amid nature's glory. The renovation will include power washing the cement floor of the chapel, installation of park benches, and planting a new shade garden under the sycamore trees surrounding the chapel.

A HONEY OF AN OPPORTUNITY IS COMING!

What's the latest buzz? We've got a sweet deal coming for the Jewish New Year!

We'll be taking orders this summer for 6-ounce bottles of delicious locally-harvested honey that will be available to send to family and friends with your wishes for a "L'shana Tovah." The orders will be ready in early September for pick up or to send in time for Erev Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday, September 20. For your convenience, we'll ship the bottles for you at an additional charge.



Proceeds from this new Temple fundraiser will benefit congregational programming. Thank you to Leah Hadashi and Bonnie Pomerantz for chairing!

MAKING SENSE OF BDS MOVEMENT

[Dr. Michael Gizzi](#) will be speaking on "Making Sense of the BDS Movement and the Campaign to Delegitimize Israel" on Monday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at [The History Center](#). Sponsored by the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#), the event is free and open to the public. Dr. Gizzi is a political science professor at Illinois State University who also blogs for The Times of Israel on peacemaking and BDS issues.

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 (260)744-4245 to volunteer.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS TEAM TO COMPLETE 7TH YEAR IN MAY

Our final bag assembly this school year is Wednesday, May 3 at 11 a.m., followed by the annual Thoughtful Thursdays volunteer luncheon in the Goldstine Chapel. Thank you to everyone who supported us during our seventh year helping the 72 students who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple.

This project would not be possible without the support of volunteers from Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Congregation B'nai Jacob, and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#). Contact Jamie Berger at jberger02@comcast.net to learn more about getting involved in Thoughtful Thursdays for the coming year.



WHAT DIFFERENTIATES REFORM, CONSERVATIVE AND ORTHODOX JUDAISM

The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) Rosh Chodesh Women's Club is excited to invite our community's spiritual leaders, Rabbi Kornspan and Rabbi Lenny, to our meeting on Monday, May 1 to discuss the differences between the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements within Judaism. The program will be held at 6 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. We thank our rabbis in advance for their willingness to come and engage with us!



DONATIONS

Campership Fund

In honor of the wedding of Arrie Sherr to Kevin Wolfson and In memory of Scott Sherr: *Beth & Mitch Sherr*

General Operations

In memory of Hannah Zacher: *Alexander A. Azar*
In memory of Stan Fishman: *Carol Levy-Fishman*
In memory of Sarah Salon-Kaye: *Thomas K. Shine*
In memory of Marv Gottlieb and Hannah Zacher: *Leonard & Cookie Mastbaum*
Donation received from: *James Thomas Jr.*

Temple Gardens

In memory of Lena Nahmias Cohen: *Steven & Elissa Cohen*
In memory of Joseph A. Stumpf: *Norm & Ronnie Greenberg*

Holocaust Memorial

In memory of Curtis M. Stein: *Betty Stein*

Library Fund

In memory of Jay Safran: *Beth & Dan Zweig*

Project Assist - Thoughtful Thursdays

In memory of Mayora Rosenberg: *Beth & Dan Zweig*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Harry H. King: *Ronald B. King*

S. Wyle Weiman Youth Activity

In memory of Wyle Weiman: *Leonard M. Goldstein, David & Lisa Post*

NOVEMBER 9 SET FOR 16TH ANNUAL CORNED BEEF FUNDRAISER!

Plan now to join us for the Temple's 16th annual Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser on Thursday, November 9! Thank you to Larry Adelman, Jaki Schreier, and Steve Zacher for chairing this very important event.

We also thank our Steering Committee members who will be assisting the chairs: Carol Adelman, Fran Adler, Irv Adler, Scott Goldberg, Karen Sarko, and Beth Zweig.

Mark your calendar now to help and plan to be part of the fun. We need energetic volunteers to make the day a success. Please make sure to schedule the day off from work to help with the Temple's biggest fundraiser. Questions? Contact any of our chairs.



GENEROUS GIFT RECEIVED FOR HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

A \$5,000 gift from an anonymous donor will help the Temple's Holocaust Education Committee continue to offer a symposium for pre-service teachers on teaching about the Holocaust.

Chaired by Rena Black, the committee last year offered a six-day symposium to help prepare tomorrow's teachers to educate their students about the Holocaust and Holocaust-related events at IPFW through a joint effort with [IPFW's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#).

"The response from the participants in our first symposium was so positive," Rena said. "They encouraged us to keep the process going, so we are in the early stages of planning our Symposium 2018. The very generous contribution to our funds from our donor, who chooses to remain unnamed, will go a long way toward making that a reality."

IRV ADLER'S SEARCH FOR FAMILY AFTER THE HOLOCAUST



[Irv Adler](#), a long-time congregant and our current Treasurer, will share his intriguing story of tracing his Viennese roots after the Holocaust in search of information about his grandmother and family on Tuesday, June 6 at 7 p.m. at the Temple.

Through this genealogical journey, Irv learned about his grandmother Clara Bader Nichtern, who was killed by the Nazis in June 1942 at the Maly Trostinets death camp outside Minsk. He also discovered new relatives as part of his continuing research. Thank you to the Adult Education Committee for hosting.

YAHREZEITS

May 5

Morris Becker
 Rabbi Frederic A. Doppelt
 Sara Kaliski
 Dora Leiberman
 Evy Lipp
 Nathan Nemeroff
 Sol Rothberg
 Lucille Schuler
 Scott Sherr
 Harry N. Speyer
 Abraham Stein
 Samuel Wolf

May 12

Lena Nahmias Cohen
 Marian Smith D'arcy
 Chad Goldberg
 Fannie Lipp
 Mayora Rosenberg
 Rose Soraich
 Curtis M. Stein
 Joseph A. Stumpf
 Jerry Sweedler

May 19

Julie Brooks
 Betty Castle
 Dr. B. M. Edlavitch
 Stan Fishman
 Helen Fishman
 Julia Frankenstein
 Solly K. Frankenstein
 Paul Gordon
 Steven R. Jaeger
 Abraham Kamile
 Robert Katz
 Ruth Levine
 Julie Liberman
 Gerda Schmitz
 Helen M. Schubert
 Philip Sisman
 Jack Speyer
 Lorenz Edward Stillpass
 Ruth Wertheimer

May 26

Vida Assael
 George Ivan Fredrick
 Marvin Katz
 Henry Kepes
 Harry H. King
 Sylvia Levine
 Rae Lipp
 Rivah H. Meyers
 Orion Reynolds
 Reuben Sachs
 Sarah Salon/Kaye
 Sally Zelinger

CONDOLENCES TO:

- Bonnie & Alex Crubaugh and family on the death of her father, David W. Williams, on April 4, 2017 in DeKalb, Illinois.
- The family of former Temple member Arthur Shafer, who died on April 18, 2017 in Naples, Florida. We think of his wife June, son and daughter-in-law Cary & Linda Shafer, grandchildren Lindsey Pearson and Adam Hakey, and great-grandchildren.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

We had a great night celebrating Passover with all of our Temple family and hope that you did too. A huge THANK YOU to all who participated!



Photos by Jay Esparza and Michael Rigdon

CATCH THE TINCAPS WITH ACHDUTH VESHOLOM

Join members of our Temple family on Saturday, July 22 for a trip to Parkview Field to watch the Fort Wayne TinCaps play the Kane County Cougars, followed by a fireworks show.



The game starts at 7:05 p.m. Tickets for seats in the All-Star section behind home plate are \$10 per person. Please call the Temple office at 744-4245 by Friday, July 1 to reserve your seats and send your check (made payable to "CAV- The Temple"). We will not order extra tickets, so please make your reservations by the deadline. No refunds will be issued for cancellations.

We'll let you know when your reserved tickets will be available for pick up at Achduth Vesholom so that everyone can meet that evening at the ballpark. Thanks to Mike Barasch for organizing this great social evening.

HELP WELLSRING FOOD BANK THROUGH MILES FOR MEALS WALK

Join our Temple team led by Nola & Matthew Katinsky to help support the food bank at [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#) by participating in the [Miles for Meals Walk](#) on Saturday, May 20 at Foster Park (Pavilion 1). Go to the registration page and select fundraiser for Congregation Achduth Vesholom when you register. Check-in begins at 8:15 a.m. and the walk starts at 9 a.m. Find out more. The Temple is one of [Wellspring's 16 supporting congregations](#).





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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

JOE COHEN

As I write, we're preparing for the Grand Opening of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center on Sunday, April 30. This beautiful new addition is the centerpiece of our Rifkin Campus at 5200 project that formally began in 2012 when our membership adopted a plan to re-envision Congregation Achduth Vesholom as a Jewish community center.



Since we broke ground for the Resource Center in October 2015, Rifkin Campus Co-Chairs Sally Trotter and John Stein have worked tirelessly to bring the project to fruition. From fundraising duties to coordinating contractors, designers, and volunteers, Sally and John have persevered throughout the many months of the project, balancing the challenges involved in building with the rewards of the impressive new space.

Designed by Architect Richard Wismer, the 3,150-square-foot Resource Center will help our congregation welcome more members of the Fort Wayne community through its doors for educational, cultural, and other programs. Betsy Gephart has put considerable thought and talent into all aspects of the new Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library, which boasts many new titles donated through Betty's 100 Books and all sorts of touches that make it a very comfortable place to browse, borrow, or read.

The entry to the resource center featuring the Jacob L. Goldman Memorial Museum is still a work in progress. It's continuing to take shape with a focus on the Jewish experience in Northeast Indiana over the past two centuries. I'm looking forward to seeing the large timeline covering that period of history developed by Wendy Soltz, John Stein and Beth Zweig.

The museum displays will provide a chance to learn about Jewish holidays and traditions, highlight our Holocaust Torah remnant, and share aspects of our culture and customs. In the hallway leading to the Resource Center, a special donor wall shows appreciation to those who contributed to the Rifkin Campus Campaign, while a new replica of an olive tree will provide an opportunity to recognize donations to the Resource Center moving forward. We also look forward to developing the proposed sculpture garden in the 1,100-square-foot inner courtyard.

We are grateful for the generosity of the Rifkin Family Foundation and the Madge Rothschild Foundation as lead donors for our project. We are continuing to work with our Campus Partners – the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association, IPFW's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, and Brightpoint Head Start. This truly will be a place for the entire community to enjoy for years to come.

Although the completion of the Resource Center has taken longer than expected and some finishing touches are still to come, the space already is being enjoyed for activities from photo exhibits to mah jongg. We also await a new Rifkin Campus sign in front of the building to replace the one by Sculptor Cary Shafer that was damaged by extreme winds.

With the completion of the Resource Center and the amenities in the Rifkin Campus at 5200, the Temple is creating new ways for the Jewish and non-Jewish community to come together and also opening new opportunities for revenue through our facility.

When our Congregation works together for a common goal, it is amazing what we can accomplish! We'll be celebrating this great achievement for a long time to come.

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