

# THE TEMPLE

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### IT'S CORNED BEEF TIME!

Savor delicious delicatessen when our 17th annual Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser returns on Thursday, November 8. Support the Temple by ordering meals, becoming a sponsor, telling



your friends about our mouthwatering sandwiches, and volunteering your time. New this year: [Online ordering](#). Or [download an order form](#). We've also got additional pounds of corned beef for \$15 per pound. Learn more on page 6 about sponsorships, volunteer needs, and the history of our sale.

### CAN WE JOKE ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST?



*The Last Laugh* dares to ask: "Are we allowed to joke about the Holocaust?"

At times both outrageously funny and thought-provoking, the documentary puts the question to comedians Mel Brooks, Sarah Silverman, Gilbert Gottfried, and many others, in addition to public figures and survivors. The answers offer fresh insights into the Holocaust, 9/11, AIDS, racism, and about what is or isn't off-limits in a society that prizes freedom of speech.

Join us to watch the film followed by a discussion with director [Ferne Pearlstein](#) on Saturday, November 3 at 6 p.m. or Sunday, November 4 at 10 a.m. at Cinema Center, 437 E. Berry St. [Find ticket prices](#).

Pearlstein holds a master's degree in Documentary Film from Stanford University. She is a prize-winning cinematographer, editor and writer/director whose work has been featured in the magazine *American Cinematographer*. In 2004, she won the Sundance Cinematography Prize.

The program is sponsored by Congregation Achduth Vesholom, PFW's Institute for [Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#), and [Cinema Center](#) with generous support from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation.

### INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Please join us for Fort Wayne's annual community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 20 at 7 p.m., hosted for a seventh year at the Temple. The service will include representatives of 12 religious organizations, including Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, and Bahai congregations.



The guest speaker is the Rev. Angelo Mante of Simpson United Methodist Church, leader of Families First. The new faith-based group supports families who have been impacted by gun violence and homicide in Fort Wayne and promotes social justice issues. The Allen County-based group is part of [Faith in Indiana](#), which has its roots in Faith in Action.

Please support this important community event and the strong bonds we share with people of faith in the Fort Wayne community. Donations will be collected at the service to benefit the organization. A reception will follow the service.

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# UPCOMING events & services

\*RSVP Needed

## NOVEMBER SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

### Shabbat Service

#### & Friday Night at the Movies

Friday, November 2  
6 p.m. Shabbat Katan  
6:30 p.m. Service at the Temple  
Movie follows.

### Shabbat Service

Friday, November 9  
7:30 p.m. at the Temple

### Shabbat Service

Friday, November 16  
7:30 p.m. at the Temple

### Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 20  
7 p.m. at the Temple  
We will host Fort Wayne's community  
interfaith service, followed by a reception.

### No Shabbat Service

Friday, November 23  
Yahrzeit names for this week will be read  
on November 16.

### Shabbat Service

Friday, November 30  
7:30 p.m. at the Temple

***Kiddush follows Shabbat services***

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### "The Seventh Day: Revisiting Shabbat"

#### Art Exhibit

Through Thanksgiving  
At the Temple  
Traveling art exhibit in the Social Hall.

### "The Last Laugh" Film and Discussion with Director Ferne Pearlstine

Saturday, November 3  
at 6 p.m.  
or Sunday, November 4  
at 10 a.m.  
At Cinema Center  
Sponsored by the Temple, PFW's Institute  
for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, and  
Cinema Center

### Northeast Indiana Jewish

#### Genealogy Society

Sunday, November 4  
2 p.m. at the Allen County Public Library  
Genealogy Center  
Speaker: Avraham Groll, director of  
JewishGen

### Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly

Wednesday, November 7  
10 a.m. at the Temple

### Corned Beef Prep Night\*

Wednesday, November 7  
6 to 9 p.m. at the Temple

### Corned Beef on Rye Fundraiser

Thursday, November 8  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Global Day of Jewish Learning

Sunday, November 11  
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
At the Temple  
Sponsored by Jewish Federation of Fort  
Wayne

## DECEMBER EVENTS

### Hanukkah – First Candle

Sunday evening, December 2

### Hanukkah Service

Friday, December 7  
7:30 p.m. at the Temple

### Shabbat Katan Hanukkah Program

Saturday, December 8  
6 p.m. at the Temple  
Please RSVP for Hanukkah dinner that  
follows.

### Hanukkah Party\*

Saturday, December 8  
6:30 p.m. at the Temple  
Dinner is \$10 per person. Please RSVP by  
Friday, November 30.

### GUCl Director Visit

Sunday, December 14  
11 a.m. at the Temple  
Jeremy Klotz, director at Goldman Union  
Camp Institute, will visit with Religious  
School students and parents.

### Chinese Shabbat\*

Friday, December 21  
6 p.m. at the Temple  
Share an early Shabbat celebration,  
followed by our traditional gathering for  
Chinese food. Please RSVP by December  
14.

### Champagne Shabbat

Friday, December 28  
7:30 p.m. at the Temple  
Celebrate Shabbat and the start of 2019  
with us.

## 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

### Lunch With The ROMEOs

Join the Retired Old Men Eating Out for lunch at  
noon:

- **Thursday, November 1**  
800 Degrees Wood-Fired Pizza  
10020 Lima Rd.
- **Thursday, November 15**  
West Coast Grille  
2310 S. Calhoun St.
- **Thursday, November 29**  
Taj Mahal Restaurant  
6410 W. Jefferson Blvd.

**RSVP to Denny Reynolds at**  
**dennisreynolds@me.com**.



# RABBI LENNY SARKO

## THANKSGIVING CONNECTIONS TO JUDAISM



As our eyes turn toward November, Thanksgiving becomes forefront in our minds. Historically what we call the First Thanksgiving was a pilgrim harvest celebration done in October 1621. We have a description of the account by Edward Winslow, a passenger on the Mayflower, who wrote about it in the document titled Mourt's Relation.

There is a Jewish connection to this celebration. The Pilgrims would have been steeped in Bible. Many

scholars, regardless of religious affiliation, believed that there was a connection between the Jewish festival of Sukkot and Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims were devout Puritans and Calvinists who came from Holland. In Holland, they would not only have known their bible succinctly, but would have been exposed to the Jewish population of that country, who were living there in relative freedom.

The Pilgrims took many motifs from Jewish biblical history, including considering themselves "New Israel" and by moving to this new continent that they were moving to a "Promised Land." They defined their move to America in the same terms

as the Exodus in the bible. The Pilgrims most likely thought of Thanksgiving as a new kind of Sukkot, a new world harvest festival.

Although established as a celebration by President Washington, it was Lincoln who fixed the day in November instead of October and made it an annual national holiday. (No – it was not the National Football League!) In the American Jewish world this led to a debate as to if Jews should celebrate Thanksgiving, as it was created by a Christian group.

Should Thanksgiving be considered a type of religious holiday? The majority of the commentary indicates that it is no problem for Jews to celebrate this holiday as it is considered secular, not religious. Further, there is no problem in the activities (parades) or foods (turkey) that would prevent a Jew from participating. Written opinions can be found from such scholars as Soloveitchik and Feinstein to support that perspective.

The direction the Jewish orthodox take is that halakhah permits one to celebrate secular holidays, so long as you avoid doing so with people who celebrate them through religious worship. In fact, the United States historically has been quite kind to the Jewish people, especially in comparison with other countries around the world. To take a day to honor and celebrate our citizenship and the gratitude we feel towards the United States, is proper and appropriate. Happy Thanksgiving!

## JOIN US FOR FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Share Shabbat and a Jewish-themed film with us on Friday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m., following an abbreviated service led by Rabbi Lenny. Our evening at the cinema for all ages includes a film, popcorn, and drinks.

Movie choices are:

- "School Ties" - This 1992 classic stars Brendan Fraser as a student who gets a football scholarship to a private school in the 1950s, where there is some anti-Semitism. Other famous actors getting their start here include Matt Damon and Chris O'Donnell. Rated PG-13.

- "Molly's Pilgrim" – Based on the beloved children's book of the same name by Barbara Cohen, the film tells the story of Molly, a young Russian immigrant. When Molly's class is given a special holiday assignment, she shows her classmates the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

Friday night at the movies also will be offered in the spring. Thanks to Dave Flapan for coordinating the effort



## ART EXHIBIT GIVES UNIQUE TAKE ON SHABBAT

"The Seventh Day: Revisiting Shabbat" is a traveling art exhibit on display until Thanksgiving in the Temple's Social Hall, featuring 36 works featuring photography, textile, collage, and painting that explore some aspect of the Jewish Sabbath.

On loan from the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion Museum, the collection features 36 pieces created by international artists representing a diverse, 21st-century approach to this day of rest. Members may visit whenever the building is open. The exhibit is open to the public on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. and during other hours for groups by appointment. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.





## KINDLE THE LIGHTS AT HANUKKAH SERVICE

Join us to kindle the lights of Shabbat and Hanukkah on Friday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m., led by Bruce Colegrove. Add to the joy and warmth of the holiday by bringing your hanukkiyah to celebrate the sixth night of the Festival of Lights.

Bruce will offer a brief d'var Torah on "Hanukkah Through the Ages," as we mark the Maccabees' triumph over the Greeks and their rededication of the Temple. Kiddush follows. [What is Hanukkah?](#)

## HANUKKAH PARTY INCLUDES LATKES AND LIGHTS

Spin the dreidel, light the menorah, and get in the holiday spirit on Saturday, December 8 at a fun-filled Hanukkah party for the Jewish community at the Temple.

We'll start with Havdalah at 6:30 p.m., and then the ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will provide a dinner of brisket, salad, and, of course, latkes – fried up to order, practically at your table! Dessert will include holiday favorites of rugelach and a "Dunkin'" version of sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts).

Bring your menorah (candles will be provided) to bring the Festival of Lights to every table. A dreidel table will be set up for play, and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) will provide gift bags for children. We'll even have dancing!

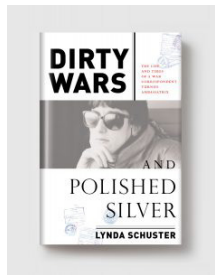
Dinner is \$10/person (checks payable to "CAV-The Temple), and reservations must be made by Friday, November 30 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org). [Shabbat Katan](#) for little ones will meet at 6 p.m. prior to the festivities.



## TEMPLE BOOK CLUB CONTINUES ON FEBRUARY 5

Our next title for the Temple Book Club is *Dirty Wars and Polished Silver* by Lynda Schuster. This memoir of a former foreign Wall Street Journal foreign correspondent and one-time wife of a U.S. Ambassador has received excellent reviews. Kirkus calls it "A riveting international thriller...A page-turner thanks to lucid writing and thrilling storytelling."

Plan to join us on Tuesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. for a discussion and e-visit with the author. The book is available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).



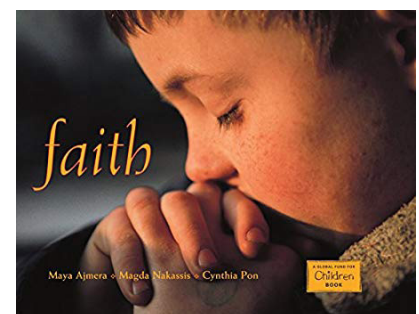
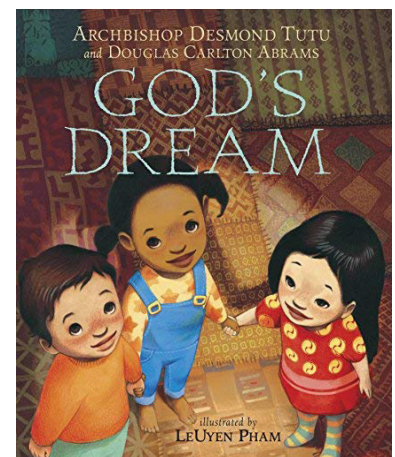
## TIME FOR THANKS AND INTERFAITH IN THE LIBRARY

With Thanksgiving approaching along with the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service, we're featuring multi-faith titles in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library.

Two of my favorite children's titles are beautiful multi-faith books. *Faith* by Maya Ajmera is a gorgeous book of photographs of children of many different faiths. And *God's Dream* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu is a picture book with a wonderful message for young children. From Ezra Jack Keats, author of *The Snowy Day*, we have *God is in the Mountain*, a picture book collection of phrases from multiple religions. Moving from phrases to prayers of other faiths, *In Every Tiny Grain of Sand: A Child's Book of Prayers and Praise* by Reeve Lindbergh, is a wonderful collection for children.

For older readers, we have a number of titles for those interested in learning about other faiths. A personal favorite is Karen Armstrong's, *A History of God: The 4,000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam*. Armstrong's other title, *Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths*, is recommended by the Union of Reform Judaism. Author, Bruce Feiler, also has a couple of excellent books available. His most famous, *Walking the Bible*, is available in adult and children's editions. Another of his books, *Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*, is also in our collection.

Whatever your interest, stop by the Rabbi Richard B. Safran library on Sunday mornings or Thursday afternoons and we'll help you find something in our collection. [Check out our full catalog of titles](#).



# YOUTH NEWS



## LITTLE ONES INVITED FOR SHABBAT KATAN

Share the joy of the Sabbath during our monthly Shabbat Katan program for families with young children on Friday, November 2 at 6 p.m., led by Samara Sheray with Rabbi Lenny. Shabbat Katan is geared toward children in first grade and younger. Children of all ages are welcome. Contact us at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) with your email address and phone number to be added to our Shabbat Katan group.

## LOOKING TO SUMMER & GUCI DIRECTOR VISIT

Registration is underway for a great summer of fun and Jewish friendships at [Goldman Union Camp Institute](#), our regional Union for Reform Judaism camp in Zionsville. Camp Director Jeremy Klotz will visit Achduth Vesholom on Sunday, December 16 at 11 a.m. to share all the latest plans for Summer 2019 with children and parents.



We encourage Temple kids to attend GUCI and Jewish summer camp programs! Please contact the Temple office for campership information. Considering Jewish overnight camp for the first time? Your child may be eligible for a need-blind grant of up to \$1000 this summer through the [Foundation for Jewish Camp](#).

## SHABBAT KATAN CELEBRATES HANUKKAH

Our Shabbat Katan service for young children will move to Saturday evening next month to celebrate the Festival of Lights on December 8 at 6 p.m., led by Samara Sheray with Rabbi Lenny. Shabbat Katan, which usually meets monthly on Friday evenings, is geared toward children in first grade and younger. Children of all ages are welcome.

Our program will conclude in time to attend the congregational Hanukkah dinner and party at 6:30 p.m. (Please RSVP by for the dinner by Friday, November 30 to the Temple office. Cost is \$10 per person (checks payable to "CAV-The Temple.")



Author [Leslea Newman](#) visited with Religious School students on October 7. She signed copies of her book *Ketzel, the Cat Who Composed*, which were provided to the children by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne with support from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation. Newman gave a sneak preview of her upcoming book *Gittel's Journey* and also read from *My Name is Aviva*. The [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#) has 21 books by Newman in its collection.



Students enjoy the story pit on a Sunday morning in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.



# CORNERD BEEF SALE: THE MAKING OF A TRADITION

After 17 years, the Temple's Corned Beef Fundraiser surely is a tradition, bringing the aroma and tastes of deli to Fort Wayne along with the congregational camaraderie. But how did we get here?

The long-ago "Hadassah Businessmen's Lunch" was part of the inspiration. Larry Adelman, then a high school student, remembers moving to Fort Wayne in 1968 and the experience of a huge turnout in the Temple's Social Hall for a noon-time meal that helped the Jewish community raise funds and connect to the greater community through food. Cindi Wismer recalls that her parents let her miss school to help at the sale, which brought what looked to a little girl like a "sea of men in white shirts."

Fast forward a few decades, with Larry serving as Temple president and looking for a fundraising idea. Recalling the Businessmen's Lunch, Larry spearheaded a revival, brainstorming with other members to re-imagine it as a corned beef fundraiser that would bring people to our congregation for a delicious meal and support the Temple.

The big sale that began in October 2002 continues today, returning this year on Thursday, November 8 with Chuck Replane and Steve Zacher serving as co-chairs. Each year in October or November, depending when the High Holy Days fall, we put together a heaping 1/3-pound of corned beef on rye, creamy coleslaw, gigantic pickle, rich brownie and a drink in a boxed meal.

During the first few years of the sale, Jeff Gubitz and Sally Trotter served as co-chairs. In the beginning, we had so many questions, from the most efficient way to "fluff" the meat and wrap the sandwiches to how to uniformly slice the brownies.

We pondered whether the gigantic pickles should be served whole or quartered. The

"uncut" enthusiasts won over the spear supporters, arguing the full-size pickle would be a conversation starter. It still induces giggles for novices -- and we still get a request or two each year asking if we'll slice a pickle for a customer who prefers not to nibble on a whole one.

Sally Trotter recalls that we had no idea how many sandwiches we would sell the first year, figuring "we'd be euphoric if we sold 400 to 450." Since we were in unknown territory, we developed early-bird pricing to give us an idea of how much meat to buy. We ended up selling 1,070 meals our first year. The biggest sale years were 2006 and 2007, when we sold more than 1,600 sandwiches.

In addition, the sale has turned into one of the Temple's biggest social events of the year, bringing more than 100 volunteers of all ages to help on Prep Night and the day of the sale. It's become a not-to-miss event -- and we even have some out-of-towners and friends of members who come to help. No one complains too much any more about wearing hairnets and most have developed a favorite way to help or trained the next person for the task.

We also decided the first year that sponsorships would help us raise money by underwriting the cost of the food. We had 32 sponsors the first year, a number that's since doubled. We reached 68 sponsors last year, our largest to date. The sale consistently is our biggest fundraiser, having raised from a low of \$10,000 to a record \$22,700 a year ago.

The first year brought the realization that we didn't have enough refrigerator space for all the goodies. That led to rental of a refrigerated truck. When some of us realized we had aching backs, our maintenance chief Clint Rossiter came to the rescue, creating a way to raise our work tables so we didn't need to bend over. Rabbi Jonathan Katz, our spiritual leader in the early years, felt entertaining "words of wisdom"

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SPONSOR

Become a sponsor of our 17th annual Corned Beef Fundraiser by donating \$100 or more by Wednesday, October 31 to help underwrite our costs. Names of individuals and businesses will be recognized in every meal and posted the day of the sale at the Temple.



would add a nice touch to the boxed meals, so we've offered those most years to the delight of customers.

Beginning in 2011, we added delivery service on larger orders for a small fee. In recent times, our challenges have included what to do when our supplier stopped provided the meat already sliced and when favorite rye bread brands have been discontinued.

With 17 years of success, we still do ask ourselves if our biggest fundraiser of the year has run its course, given the size of our congregation, large number of volunteers vital to operations, physical work involved, and rising cost of the corned beef. On the other hand, we don't know what other project would raise comparable funds or bring so many members together. And, besides, the food is delicious!

"We hope everyone will turn out for Prep Night on November 7 and the big day on November 8," said Larry, a member of the 2018 committee. "We do appreciate everyone who supports this event -- the customers, the sponsors and the volunteers!"

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DELI DAY!



We need your help to support our biggest fundraiser of the year -- our 17th annual Corned Beef Sale! Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, November 8 for Corned Beef Prep Night from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, November 9 for Deli Day, with shifts beginning at 9 a.m. We also need delivery drivers on the morning of the sale. Contact the Temple office to say you'll help.

Thank you to our Co-Chairs Chuck Replane and Steve Zacher and their committee: Carol & Larry Adelman, Irv & Fran Adler, Scott Goldberg, Lee Pomerantz, Samara Sheray, Judy Zacher, and Beth Zweig.

## SIMCHAT TORAH TAKES TEAM EFFORT



We unrolled a Torah scroll around the Sanctuary on October 5, to celebrate Simchat Torah, Rabbi Lenny completed the annual cycle of Torah reading with Deuteronomy and began anew with Genesis. We were pleased to have extra help from family members in Fort Wayne for Sammy Ash's

## PLEASE PROVIDE PASTA FOR OUR FOOD DRIVE

The need continues to feed the hungry in our community, so we ask for your support for our December Food Drive by donating boxes of pasta and macaroni and cheese. Every time you come to the Temple in November and December, we hope you'll bring these non-perishable items for the food bank at Wellspring Interfaith Social Services.



## ASSIST WITH HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

Recent hurricanes impacted Union for Reform Judaism congregations in Panama City, FL and Wilmington, NC. Please assist with relief efforts if you're able.



## HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE THE SABBATH?

Local clergy joined us for an informative evening in October exploring the Sabbath in different faith traditions. Rabbi Lenny organized the interfaith panel in conjunction with the traveling Shabbat art exhibit at the Temple through Thanksgiving.

(from left) Pastor Debra Meuter from Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Rev. Misty-Dawn Shelly from the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne, Imam Hamzah Sharif from the Islamic Center of Fort Wayne, Feril Sorenson from the Fort Wayne Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Rabbi Lenny Sarko from Congregation Achduth Vesholom.



## JEWISHGEN DIRECTOR TO GIVE TWO TALKS AT ACPL GENEALOGY CENTER

The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is proud to host Avraham Groll, Director of JewishGen, on Sunday, November 4 at 2 p.m. for two talks at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center.



The Director of JewishGen.org, Groll is committed to helping people connect with their Jewish roots and experiencing what it means to be part of the Jewish people. Please join us for the following discussions:

- 2 p.m. – What is JewishGen and how it can help with researching family history, including techniques for using the website.
- 3:30 p.m. – Jewish Migration Patterns and “How Did Jews Get to Europe?” Exploring patterns of Jewish migration, this second talk will focus on the background of the Jewish community prior to our genealogical records, including the creation of the Ashkenazi and Sephardic communities.

Groll holds an MBA from Montclair State University, an MA in Judaic Studies from Touro College, and a BS in Business Administration from Ramapo college. He is a frequent lecturer on a variety of Jewish genealogical and historical topics.

Members of the NEIJGS will have an opportunity to meet with Groll at a special dinner that evening. For information about joining the society, contact Betsy Gephart or Irv Adler at NEIndianaJGS@gmail.com, or check out the Facebook page.



His appearance is made possible with funding from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, along with a grant from the Lande Genealogy Fund, acquired with the help of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society.

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Brian & Leise Rosman and their children, Addy, 6, Jack, 4, and Teddy, 2, are the newest members of the Temple. They recently moved to Huntertown for his job and for proximity to their families in Michigan. Brian is a urologist for Parkview Health and Leise is a small business executive. Addy and Jack attend Peace Montessori School. The two older children attend the Temple's Religious School.

The Rosmans said they moved quite a bit for his training after medical school in Detroit, living in Boston and St. Louis. At their most recent congregation, they enjoyed being involved other young Jewish families. They look forward to connecting similarly in Fort Wayne.

## MAZEL TOV TO:

Karen Sandler and Howard & Caryl Sandler on the marriage of their son, Jeff, to Amy Cohen on October 7, 2018 in Chappaqua, NY.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR ROSH CHODESH

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Rosh Chodesh women's group will meet on Monday, December 3 at 6 p.m. at the Allen County Main Library. Details to come. The group is open to all women who are Federation members.



## MAINTAINING A BEAUTIFUL TRADITION

Hosting an Oneg Shabbat is a wonderful way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, special occasion, or try out a new recipe. Please call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 to offer your help on an upcoming Friday night – or to let us know you are interested in serving as our Oneg Shabbat Coordinator. Thank you!

## THANKSGIVING TURKEYS FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

In October, Thoughtful Thursdays bags focused on fresh fruit for our Brightpoint Head Start children. In November, the Jewish community's social action program will provide each of the 70 families with a 10- to 12-pound turkey for Thanksgiving, cooking instructions, and trimmings.

Through generous donations to Thoughtful Thursdays' 8th annual Apple Project during the High Holy Days, we were able to provide a bag of Honey Crisp apples in mid-October to each family. A special thank you to all who contributed toward this effort! Thanks also to Janet Katz, Janet Finkel, Micki Kepes, Suzi King, Kay Safirstein, and Bonnie Pomerantz for picking up and distributing the apples.

Our “turkey project” grew out of our efforts the past several years during which we gave away eight turkeys through a drawing among the families. This year, a Temple member who wishes to remain anonymous paid for 35 turkeys, hoping to inspire others to support the effort. We are seeking donations of \$18 each from 35 people to help us purchase enough turkeys for all the families. Please make your check payable to “CAV – The Temple,” indicate that your donation is for turkeys, and send to the Temple at 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.



We welcome additional volunteers to our next bag assembly morning on Wednesday, November 7 at 10 a.m. at the Temple.

*Jamie Berger and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs*



# PHOTO CORRECTION CONNECTS TO FOUNDING FAMILY & FASCINATING STORY

An interesting email came in late August to the Temple office that prompted some digging into congregational history and led to a connection going back 170 years to a founding family of Achduth Vesholom. The note said:

“In looking at your very informative website, I happened on the page showing the Temple’s former rabbis. As the grandson of one of them, Adolf Guttmacher, I wanted to let you know that while I believe the dates you show for him leading the congregation (1889-1891) are correct, the photo is not. His is the mustachioed photo listed as being of Rabbi Meyer Lovitch.”



*Rabbi Adolf Guttmacher  
(courtesy of American Jewish Archives)*

It continued: “And, in case it happens to be of historical interest to you, attached is a photo of the lovely gold pocket watch the congregation presented to Adolf after he had been the rabbi for a few months. The inscription reads: ‘Presented to Rev. A. Guttmacher [sic] From the Trustees and Members of his Congregation. FT. Wayne Dec. 1889.’” The email was signed “Best wishes, Alan Guttmacher.”

The email made its way to Beth Zweig, our Communications Committee chair and a long-time member of the Temple’s history team who has looked into other queries over the years. She contacted Alan Guttmacher for more information, soon learning that he not only was the grandson of one of our early spiritual leaders, but also a great-grandson of a founding member of Achduth Vesholom.

Rabbi Guttmacher was born on January 7, 1861 in Jaraczewo, Germany. He studied in Breslau and Berlin before coming to the U.S. in 1884. He settled in Athens, Ohio, where he taught French and German at a college. Later that year, he moved to Cincinnati to simultaneously study at the University of Cincinnati and Hebrew Union College. Rabbi Guttmacher graduated from both in 1889.

He soon moved to Fort Wayne for his first pulpit, becoming Achduth Vesholom’s eighth spiritual leader. Adolf soon met Laura Oppenheimer, whom he married a few years later in June 1892. She was the daughter of Emma & Abraham Oppenheimer.

Abraham Oppenheimer came in 1840 to Fort Wayne as a peddler and four years later opened a general store on Columbia Street with Sigmund Redelsheimer. Oppenheimer later formed a business partnership with Frederic Nirdlinger. All three men were among the founders of Achduth Vesholom in 1848, the state’s first Jewish house of worship.

### The gold watch

Rabbi Guttmacher was well regarded during his two-year tenure in Fort Wayne. A newspaper account highlighted the presentation in 1889 of a “costly gold watch” presented by the “Hebrew citizens”

of Fort Wayne during a holiday celebration described by the paper as “totally brilliant.”

“A feature which heightened the joy of the occasion was the presentation of a costly gold watch suitably engraved to Rev. A Guttmacher, rabbi of the Hebrew congregation,” the article noted. “The gift was bestowed by his flock as an appropriate testimonial of their high esteem for him. Rev. Guttmacher has only been connected with this congregation since September 1. When Mr. M Frank made the presentation speech, the rabbi was so overwhelmed with surprise that it was some minutes before he had words to respond.”



Rabbi Guttmacher left Fort Wayne in August 1891 to take the pulpit at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, where he served for 24 years. Rabbi Guttmacher died on January 17, 1915.

Alan Guttmacher said his grandfather appeared to be much loved and admired in Baltimore, taking a lead role in a number of local progressive social movements and also having a substantial national role in Reform Judaism. While in Baltimore, he received his PhD from Johns Hopkins University, with his thesis published in book form as “Optimism and Pessimism in the Old and New Testaments.”

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*The twin boys in sailor suits are Alan Frank and Manfred Shanfarber Guttmacher. The older, bearded man in the center is Abraham Oppenheimer. In the back row, second from right is Laura Oppenheimer Guttmacher, and to her right is her husband, Rabbi Adolf Guttmacher. The young woman on the left end of the first row is thought to be Dorothy Emma Guttmacher.*

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### More about the Guttmacher descendants

Adolf and Laura (who died in 1955, after a long career as a social worker) had a daughter and twin sons. Dorothy, born in 1894, had a master's degree, which was unusual for the time. She owned and operated a florist shop in Baltimore until her death in 1964. She did not have children.



The twins, born in 1898, were Alan Frank Guttmacher (his middle name was chosen in honor of Marx Frank, the president of Achduth Vesholom when Adolf was rabbi) and Manfred Schanfarber Guttmacher (his middle name honored Rabbi Tobias Schanfarber, who preceded Adolf at Achduth Vesholom).

Alan Frank Guttmacher was an obstetrician-gynecologist, who was a very prominent leader in the family planning and abortion rights movements, as head of OB-GYN at Mt. Sinai in New York and then, until his death in 1974, as the president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. The Guttmacher Institute is named in his honor and is a leading research and policy organization committed to advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights in the U.S. and globally. He had three daughters, Ann, Sally, and Susan.



Manfred Guttmacher was a nationally prominent forensic psychiatrist - including serving as the lead defense witness in the Jack Ruby trial - until his death in 1966. Alan Guttmacher is a son of Manfred. Alan's siblings are Jonathan, Laurence, and the late Richard Guttmacher.

### So what's the story on the mislabeled photos?

It turns out that at some point the identification on the photos of Rabbi Adolf Guttmacher and Rabbi Meyer Lovitch were swapped. We have corrected the labels on our website.

The photos of the early rabbis came from the Temple's 150th anniversary booklet in 1998 and from a display in the Religious School wing. (The photos temporarily are down and awaiting a new home in our building.) Thank you to the Indiana Jewish Historical Society and the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati for their help in identifying the photos.

Rabbi Lovitch served as our spiritual leader in Fort Wayne from 1912-1915. We did learn from the AJA that he is listed as Meyer Lovitt in their catalog and alumni directory. In the CCAR yearbook, he is listed as Meyer Lovitch through 1928 (when he was in Cincinnati) and then Meyer Lovitt beginning in 1929 (when he moved to Jackson, Mississippi).



*Rabbi Meyer Lovitch  
(courtesy of American Jewish Archives)*

*Adolf & Laura Guttmacher*

*(courtesy of Guttmacher family)*



# NOVEMBER YAHRZEITS

## November 2

Rosalie Becker  
Saul Richard Hutner  
Mina Goldberg Isay  
Lloyd Mullennix  
Lawrence J. Schubert  
Dora Silverman  
Solomon Speyer

Helen Perlis Planer  
Dorothy Hassan Schiller  
Bessie Schmitz  
Corinne Wittenberg  
Nathaniel S. Wittenberg

## November 16

Marquard Bach  
Leonard Castle  
Rosalyn Friedman Fink  
Dvoiyra Finkelshteyn  
Hana Finkelshteyn  
Itta Finkelshteyn  
Kisel Finkelshteyn  
Leib Finkelshteyn  
Meyer Finkelshteyn  
Yankel Finkelshteyn  
Sophia Maude Gale  
Saul Goodman  
Thomas Gray

## November 9

Chester Ambler III  
Sally Cramer  
Boris Epstein  
Isolina Behar de Faienstein  
Phillip Flora  
Abe Fox  
Annette Glazer  
Rachel Lipp  
Adolph Meyer  
Loren (Gus) Meyer

Isidor Hassan  
Benjamin Kaplan  
Philip Kass  
Leon Korin  
John T. Lawrence  
Linda Ruchman  
Dr. Nathan L. Salon  
Abraham Sposeep  
Rosalind Wiletzky  
Celia Zweig

## November 30

Marcus Beck  
Larry Belans  
Beatrice Feldheim  
Morris J. Forman  
Marvin Gottlieb  
Eva J. Huebschman  
Edith Gold Hutner  
Oscar Allen Isay

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## 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.



## WE CARE

Please let the Temple office or Rabbi Lenny 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.

## PLEASE PLAN FOR 2018 YEAR-END DONATIONS

For your 2018 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 (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 Joni Sharkey, Registered Client Associate at Wells Fargo Advisors, at (260) 423-4862 for further information. Wells Fargo Advisors is a trade name used by Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC, Member SIPC.

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## REMEMBER A LOVED ONE WITH YAHRZEIT PLAQUE

Would you like to add the name of a loved one to our yahrzeit plaques near the entrance to the Sanctuary? Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 to purchase an individual nameplate in memory of a loved one to be displayed on the wall outside the Sanctuary. Plaques are \$500 each. Lights are illuminated next to individual names on the anniversary of death and on Yom Kippur. Proceeds support the Temple's Endowment.

## BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER WITH A PLANNED GIFT

One of the best ways we can sustain a Reform Jewish presence in northeast Indiana is through a lasting gift to Congregation Achduth Vesholom. More than 40 congregants already have become members of the L'dor Vador Legacy Society since it was established in 2012 to encourage individuals to make arrangements to remember the Temple in their estates. All legacy society members are recognized at the Temple's Annual Meeting in June.

To become a society member, please inform the Temple in writing that you have made provisions to remember the congregation in your estate. For further information about the L'dor Vador Legacy Society or making a planned gift now or in the future, contact Steve Zacher at (260) 422-8474 or Beth Zweig at (260) 744-4245.



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#### TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

The Temple office is open on Tuesday through Friday  
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**We will be closed Thursday, November 22 and  
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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  
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**The deadline for the December/January  
Bulletin is Wednesday, November 15.**

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### ELLEN TOM

The older I get the more I believe life has to be  
a cooperative effort. To be good at life, you need  
to care about the people around you. For years  
I have heard Temple leadership say that we are  
a "welcoming congregation." But what does that  
actually mean? Welcoming environments create  
relational opportunities. If the environment isn't  
relationally warm, safe, inviting, and compelling...  
You won't have the opportunity to build relationships  
with other Temple members.

According to April Baskin, the Union for Reform Judaism's vice president of audacious  
hospitality, and Carly Goldberg, the associate director of audacious hospitality:  
"Leaders at almost every synagogue would say their congregation strives to be a  
welcoming community. The challenge, of course, is how to put that into practice.  
Your congregation's clergy, leadership, values, and policies set the tone for practicing  
audacious hospitality. Member-to-member relationships, however, will ultimately  
determine the welcoming culture of a community.

"Ideally, welcoming guests is a sacred obligation that should be embraced by every  
member of the community. The reality is that, for any number of reasons, it takes  
real effort and intention to reach out to people whom we don't know, are new to our  
community, or appear different than us."

Here are a few practices we can all embrace in order to create a welcoming  
environment:

- Smile, introduce yourself, greet thoughtfully, LISTEN, widen your circle,  
mention names, and say something positive.
- Embrace opportunities to participate in services, programming, discussion and  
feedback sessions, and serving on a committee or in a leadership role.
- Be accepting, tolerant, empathetic, less critical.
- Be open to new ideas and allow for change.

"Empowerment is all the rage," according to an article written by Josh Pezold, a  
Spiritual Leader. A leader's role is to empower those around them. Giving power  
and sometimes authority to others. But sometimes empowering can be more about  
equipping someone to fulfill a task rather than calling them to fulfill a purpose.

Empowering people always demands capturing their hearts. You can't ask someone  
to pay the cost until you helped them to feel the burden. They need to believe that  
what they will be doing has value and how they fit into the big picture of helping our  
Congregation and Jewish community. If they don't feel the burden, we shouldn't  
be surprised that they don't show up. If they don't feel the burden, we need to take  
ownership.

My goal and that of the Board of Trustees is to be the leaders we need and capture  
your hearts with the powerful reality that what you do will change our future.

