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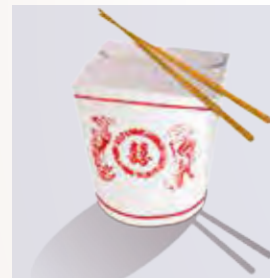
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HANUKKAH CELEBRATION INCLUDES LATKES AND LIGHTS

Celebrate the Festival of Lights amid the warm glow of dozens of hanukkiyot that mark the Maccabees' triumph over the Greeks and their rededication of the Temple. Join us on Friday, December 15 at 7 p.m. for the fourth night of Hanukkah, as Bruce Colegrove leads the service with our student musicians. Please bring your family's hanukkiya and candles to light together.



Following the service, join us for latkes and a festive Oneg Shabbat featuring Hanukkah cookies and sufganiyot, the jelly doughnuts that are typically served in Israel on Hanukkah. Thank you to Matthew & Nola Katinsky and family for hosting the Oneg Shabbat.



SEASONAL SHABBAT FUN: "CHINESE SHABBAT"

'Tis the season for our special Shabbat tradition: Please join us for an early service on Friday, December 22 at 6 p.m. at the Temple, followed by our customary meal of Chinese food together. Make a reservation to join us at [Yen Ching](#) restaurant (6410 W. Jefferson Blvd. in Covington Plaza) by calling the Temple office at 744-4245 no later than Friday, December 15. Thanks to Bruce Colegrove for leading the service.

7 SPECIES: WE'LL EXPLORE & TASTE A VARIETY OF OLIVE OIL

From lighting menorahs to anointing kings and high priests, olive oil has held special significance in Jewish life. An olive branch, a well-known symbol of peace, was brought to Noah after the flood and today is part of the national emblem for the State of Israel.

As our year-long exploration of the [Seven Species](#) of Israel continues, we'll take a closer look at the importance of olives in Judaism following an abbreviated Shabbat service on Friday, January 26 at 7 p.m. and celebrate [the new olive tree](#) on the hallway

wall leading to the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

We also will welcome special guest Lori Berndt, owner of [The Olive Twist](#), who will share her knowledge of olive oil and provide tastes of about a dozen varieties. A festive Oneg Shabbat will follow, featuring – what else! – olives and olive oil cakes made by the Temple's Adult Education Committee.



Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of the Seven Species Series.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

*RSVP Needed

DECEMBER SERVICES

Friday, December 1

6 p.m. Shabbat Katan Children's Service
7:30 p.m. at the Temple

Friday, December 8

7:30 p.m. at the Temple
We'll celebrate December birthdays and anniversaries.

Hanukkah Shabbat Service

Friday, December 15

7 p.m. at the Temple
Lay Leader: Bruce Colegrove
Music: Religious School Musicians
Oneg Shabbat: Matthew & Nola Katinsky & Family
Bring your hannukiya and candles to light during the service. Latkes and an Oneg Shabbat follow.

"Chinese Shabbat" Service

Friday, December 22

6 p.m. at the Temple, followed by dinner at Yen Ching*.
Lay Leader: Bruce Colegrove

Champagne Shabbat Service

Friday, December 29

6 p.m. at the Temple
Lay Leaders: Norm & Ronnie Greenberg

JANUARY SERVICES

Friday, January 5

7:30 p.m. at the Temple

Friday, January 12

7:30 p.m. at the Temple
We'll also celebrate January birthdays and anniversaries.

Kiddush follows Shabbat services.

Brainstorming Retreat

Sunday, January 28
12:30 p.m. at the Temple
Bring your ideas for upcoming Temple programs to this brainstorming meeting to discuss.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

A Reading With Playwright Robert Skloot

Thursday, February 1
8 p.m. at [Studio Theatre](#) in Kettler Hall at IPFW
["If The Whole Body Dies: Raphael Lemkin and the Treaty Against Genocide"](#) – A reading with Playwright Robert Skloot at 8 p.m. at Studio Theatre at IPFW's Kettler Hall. Sponsored by the Temple, [IPFW's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#), and [IPFW's Theatre Department](#).

Temple Book Club*

Tuesday, February 6
7 p.m. at the Temple
Join us when we videoconference with Author Abigail Pogrebin to discuss her book [My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew](#). Please RSVP to the Temple office by Friday, February 2.

Friday, January 19

7:30 p.m. at the Temple

Seven Species Shabbat Service & Olive Oil Tasting

Friday, January 26

7 p.m. at the Temple
Oneg Shabbat: Adult Education Committee
Following an abbreviated service, our Seven Species Series continues with a program on olives, followed by an olive oil tasting. Our special guest is Lori Berndt, owner of [The Olive Twist](#).

ONGOING EVENTS

Mah Jongg Open Play*

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

Lunch With The ROMEOs

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

- **Thursday, December 14**
The Lucky Moose
622 E. Dupont Rd.
- **Thursday, January 4**
Triangle Park Bar & Grill
3010 Trier Rd.
- **Thursday, January 18**
Casa Ristorante
7545 W. Jefferson Blvd.

RSVP to Rich Manalis at richmanalis@me.com

Home Shabbat*

Friday, February 9
Please RSVP to the Temple office by Friday, January 26 to say that you'll be a host or a guest.

Jewish Involvement in Historically Black Colleges

Friday, February 23
7 p.m. at the Temple
Following an abbreviated Shabbat service, we'll watch the documentary ["From Swastika to Jim Crow."](#) Temple member Wendy Soltz also will discuss her doctoral research on Jewish involvement in historically black colleges and universities.

DECEMBER EVENTS

First Candle - Hanukkah

Tuesday evening, December 12
[Find Hanukkah blessings and resources.](#)

Talmud Class*

Tuesdays, December 5 & 12
7 p.m. at the Temple
[Online attendance](#) also available.

Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly

Wednesday, December 6
10 a.m. at the Temple

JANUARY EVENTS

Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly

Wednesday, January 10
10 a.m. at the Temple

Talmud Class*

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30
7 p.m. at the Temple
[Online attendance](#) also is available.

Confronting The Shoah*

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6 & 13
7 p.m. at the Temple
Register by contacting the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne at (260) 456-0400.

RABBI LENNY SARKO

JEWISH CONCEPTS SURVIVE DESPITE FUSION



As we are in the midst of Hanukkah season, this history calls us to question what it is to be Jewish. As Fort Wayne and America as a whole are immersed in the barrage of Christmas, how can we maintain a sense of who and what we are?

In the days of the Maccabees, there was a struggle between Judaism and Hellenism.

The culture of the Greeks spread worldwide. It affected Jews and Judaism. The midrashim tell the story of how Jews fought against that cultural intrusion. The fables of Hanukkah show how the Jews were able to maintain their identity and fight off the attempt to eradicate our religion. But the fables don't tell the whole story.

Although the Maccabees were able to gain political control of Israel for a short time, the culture of the Greeks spread through Israel and the Jewish people. Most Jewish businessmen spoke Greek, the lingua franca – language of the day. Greek was the language of international commerce and if you wanted to do business beyond your own community you needed to speak and read Greek.

Social institutions of the theater, the gymnasium and the bath houses were regularly frequented by Jews throughout the land of Israel. Regardless of the military victories, the culture of the Greeks maintained a firm hold on the Jewish people. As time went on, Hellenistic ways and thoughts continued to make inroads.

So how did Judaism survive? Much like it has so many times across history, the Jews took other cultures and their perspectives, and applied it to Jewish concepts, resulting in a new view of Judaism. It was not a case of either the Greek way or Judaism. The Jewish people molded a fusion where Hellenism became a way to practice the Jewish religion. Maimonides took the philosophy of Aristotle and viewed Jewish concepts through that lens. It did not destroy Judaism but gave it new life and vibrancy.

Jews have done this across the millennia. Our modern age is no different. Reform Judaism was a reaction to the Christian direction of religious services. Churches used a choir, musical instruments, and had a short service. The modern Jewish Reform movement brought in choirs and musical instruments to their service.

Shabbat services that typically lasted four or more hours were reduced to one. Church sermons were given in the native tongue of their congregation; Reform services began to provide d'vars in their local tongue. It did not make the service Christian. Jewish beliefs and prayers still formed the foundation of the service. It gave the Jewish service a new look while at the same time remaining true to the religion.

It is ok to take the best of other cultures and incorporate some of their directions into the practice of Judaism. It is ok to help your Christian neighbors and friends celebrate their Christmas or other holidays. Yet it is also important to remember who you are as a Jew and to have your actions, interactions and beliefs reflect that Judaism. Amen.

TOAST THE NEW YEAR WITH CHAMPAGNE SHABBAT

Celebrate Shabbat with us as we approach the start of 2018! Share Sabbath worship on Friday, December 29 at the earlier time of 6 p.m., led by Norm & Ronnie Greenberg. Kiddush follows the service, as well as a champagne toast. We look forward to seeing you! Happy New Year!



CELEBRATE TOGETHER AT HOME SHABBAT

Kindle new friendships and deepen existing ones at our 15th annual Home Shabbat on Friday, February 9. Services will not be held that evening so we can celebrate the warmth of the Sabbath in each other's homes.



Please call us at (260) 744-4245 by Friday, January 26 to say you'd like to host other Temple members at your Shabbat table or prefer to attend as a guest. As we get closer, we'll match hosts and guests to foster new friendships and community. Congregants of all ages are invited.

The dinner is potluck so everyone shares in meal preparation. Pet allergies and dietary restrictions will be accommodated. Each host family will receive a challah and a Shabbat guidebook. Please send us photos from the evening for our congregational Facebook page.

Yahrzeit names for that Shabbat will be read on Friday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m. Thanks to Leah Hadashi and Beth Zweig for co-chairing.

INTERESTED IN JEWISH GENEALOGY?

Temple members Irv Adler and Betsy Gephart are working together to establish a local chapter of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies to serve Northeast Indiana. Activities would include exchanging ideas, working on projects of interest, and connecting to the broader Jewish genealogical community. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Irv at irv@adlerfw.com.



CELEBRATE JEWISH BOOK MONTH IN NOVEMBER-- CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY!

With almost 400 Hanukkah titles to choose from in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library, it might be hard to pick just one – or just one for each night. Just in time for Hanukkah, we have four new holiday picture books.

· *Sammy Spider's Hanukkah Colors* by Sylvia Rouss is Sammy's latest board book for our very youngest readers. Sammy learns about the holiday and colors at the same time.

· *The Missing Letters: A Dreidel Story* by Rene Londner is a fun look at the Hebrew letters on the wooden toys. Here the letters come to life, with gimel the target of the others' jealousy.

· *Way Too Many Latkes: A Hanukkah in Chelm* by Linda Glaser brings Hanukkah to the infamous citizens of Chelm. The author of

the award-winning, *Hannah's Way* and *On One Foot* returns with a humorous take on cooking for the holiday.



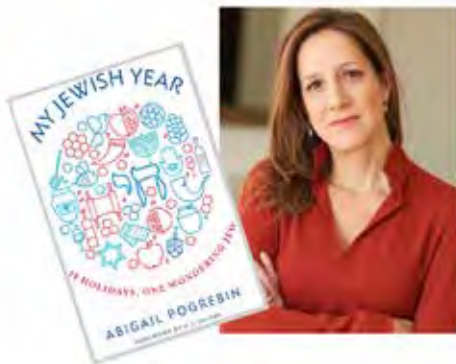
· *Judah Maccabee Goes to the Doctor* by Ann Koffsky is a Hanukkah book that might help with those flu shots! Judah and Hannah have their annual check-ups during Hanukkah, and Judah learns a new way that he can serve as a “shield” for his baby sister.

Along with our four new titles, we have more than 350 books, music CDs and DVDs to help celebrate the holiday!

From *Hanukkah in America: A History* by Dianne Ashton for adults to *Shalom Sesame* videos for the kids, we have lots to offer. Please take advantage of this free resource for Temple families. Check out [our full library catalog](#).

JOIN US FOR TEMPLE BOOK CLUB IN FEBRUARY

We're looking forward to our next Temple Book Club on Tuesday, February 6 at 7 p.m. when Abigail Pogrebin joins us via videoconference to discuss her book, [My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew](#) by Abigail Pogrebin. This is the author's personal story of her exploration and observance of a complete calendar of Jewish holidays. Please RSVP to the Temple office by Friday, February 2.



The Temple Book Club met in November to discuss Steve Roberts' book *From Every End of This Earth*. While the author wasn't able to join us as planned for an e-visit, we did have an interesting discussion about the immigrant experience, including stories from our own families and in the community. Carol Adelman won the drawing for a copy of our next book.

Save the date for Tuesday, May 8 when Lauren Belfer joins us for an e-visit about her book, [And After the Fire](#).

PLAYWRIGHT SHARES STORY OF TREATY AGAINST GENOCIDE ON FEBRUARY 1



Robert Skloot's one-act play [If The Whole Body Dies](#) tells the story of the life and career of Raphael Lemkin, the Polish Jew who was responsible for the drafting and ratification of the United Nations Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

With almost no support or recognition, Lemkin's extraordinary achievement (including the coining of the word genocide) has belatedly been acknowledged as a key step in defining the crime that has characterized world affairs for centuries.

Please join us on Thursday, February 1 at 8 p.m. in the [Studio Theatre](#) in Kettler Hall at IPFW for a reading with the playwright. Skloot's play, both funny and sad, shows Lemkin on the day before his death in 1959 as he reviews his life's work and imagines encounters with a number of historical figures. A “talk-back” between the playwright and the audience will follow the reading.

The program is sponsored by [Congregation Achduth Vesholom](#), [IPFW's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#), and [IPFW's Department of Theatre](#).

YOUTH NEWS

MEET OUR NEW YOUTH GROUP ADVISOR: TAYLOR REPLANE

Taylor Replane is excited to serve as the new advisor for Junior Youth Group for middle school students and FOrTY for high schoolers.

“Youth group has always been dear to my heart,” he said. “I was involved in BBYO (B’nai B’rith Youth Organization) in South Bend during high school on the local and regional level. It brought me close with Jewish friends and traditions when my public school had very few.”



He recently moved back to Fort Wayne from Colorado with his wife, Sheri, to be closer to his father and to seek new opportunities in a different city. He and Sheri are expecting their first child in May. Taylor’s background is in teaching Outdoor Education and Studio art and materials.

Already Taylor has met with JYG students a few times, resulting in a refined mission and enthusiasm for involvement. Guided by the pillars of Community, Impact and

Taylor attended Religious School at Achduth Vesholom until second grade when he moved to South Bend with his parents, Chuck and the late Martha Replane, and his sister, Shauna.

Education, he said, the JYG is planning various projects and recently volunteered during Corned Beef Prep. Upcoming plans center around beautification projects around the Temple. The youth groups are open to all Jewish kids in the Fort Wayne area.

VISITING WITH BARRY DEUTSCH

Religious School students in grades 3 through 7 had an e-visit with graphic novelist Barry Deutsch in November. After reading his “[Hereville](#)” books, they learned how he created the graphics, how he got started in graphic novels, and even saw his collection of pigs! Perhaps the most popular part of the program was the joint creation of Bob, a unique cartoon character. We’re now looking ahead to a similar visit with Steve Sheinkin, author of the “[Rabbi Harvey](#)” books, in April.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HANUKKAH AND WINTER BREAK

Help build a hanukkiya with canned food donations and celebrate Hanukkah with stories, crafts, and treats on Sunday, December 17 at 11 a.m. at the Temple. *Please see pg. 6 for more details on this food drive and how you can help support Thoughtful Thursdays.*

After the holiday festivities, we’ll begin our winter break from Religious School for a few weeks. Enjoy your time off and have a happy start to 2018! Sunday classes will not meet on December 24 through January 14, including the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. Hebrew classes resume on Tuesday/ Wednesday, January 9-10.

BRING THE KIDS FOR SHABBAT KATAN

Our monthly Shabbat Katan program for families with young children will meet on Friday, December 1 at the Temple. Explore the joy of Shabbat through the eyes of your children and discover new meaning, led by Samara Sheray with Rabbi Lenny. Contact us at office@templecav.org with your email address and phone number to be added to our Shabbat Katan group.

LOOK AHEAD TO JEWISH SUMMER CAMP

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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. Take advantage of early-bird discounts through the end of 2017. New this year for first-time campers in the Garin unit (rising 3rd and 4th grade students) are four two-week Taste of GUCI options.

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](#).

SEVEN SPECIES: BĀRLEY

As part of our year-long exploration of the Seven Species of Israel in Northeast Indiana, nearly 25 Temple members spent a fun and fascinating afternoon Sunday learning about barley in Jewish tradition, touring Chapman's Brewery in Angola, and sampling beer. Thank you to the Soltz and Fergusson families for hosting and to the Adult Education Committee for putting together such a fun and informative event. *Please see pg. 1 for information on our next Seven Species segment when we explore olives!*



CANNED GOODS NEEDED FOR DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE- AND GIANT HANUKKIYAH!

Please support our December Food Drive this year by donating canned goods to help the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays families – and assist with a fun project involving our Religious School, [PJ Library](#), the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#), and Congregation B'nai Jacob. Please bring your gift of canned goods to the Temple by Sunday, December 17. That morning, children in the Jewish community will use them to construct a giant hanukkiya before the food is donated to the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays program to benefit Brightpoint Head Start families.

Please RSVP to the Jewish Federation no later than Wednesday, December 13 to (260) 456-0400 or office@fwjf.org. The event is free and open to the Jewish community. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.



THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS TRADITIONS CONTINUE

We're continuing several traditions this year enjoyed by the families in the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays program, including special holiday meals and warm clothing.

Through the generosity of donors, we were able to have a special drawing to provide several families with turkey and trimmings for Thanksgiving. This month on December 6, we're continuing our tradition of providing each of the 66 Thoughtful Thursdays families with a Sam's Club rotisserie chicken, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, stuffing and cake mix.

At the beginning of November, we sent out a plea to the Jewish community for coats, hats, gloves, socks, underwear and sweat pants in sizes 3T to 5T for boys and girls. So far we've received 12 new winter jackets, enough hats and gloves for all 66 children, along with some donations of underwear and socks.

We are still in need of underwear and socks (must be new), and sweatpants, tops, and winter jackets (clothing may be new or gently used) in sizes 3T to 5T for boys and girls. All items will go to the Brightpoint Temple Head Start program.

We've also received some generous donations of toilet paper, a staple of our program. In the coming weeks through February, we'll also be collecting boxes of tissue. Please drop off items at the Temple.

Thank you for your continued support of the Thoughtful Thursdays program, which is sponsored by Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Congregation B'nai Jacob, and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

Jamie Berger and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs



SPONSORS + VOLUNTEERS + CUSTOMERS = CORNED BEEF SALE SUCCESS

Enthusiastic community support, energetic congregant power, an increased social media presence, and new state-of-the-art ovens combined to help the Temple sell nearly 1,300 sandwiches and raise a record-breaking \$22,700 in November at our 16th annual Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser.

Thank you to the 68 sponsors – the highest number to date -- who supported our sale to benefit the congregation. We appreciate the nearly 100 volunteers of all ages, including friends and out-of-towners, who helped with the Temple's largest fundraiser of the year.

Many thanks to Co-Chairs Larry Adelman, Jaki Schreier, and Steve Zacher and Committee Members Carol Adelman, Fran Adler, Irv Adler, Scott Goldberg, and Beth Zweig. We also thank Temple Staff Mindy Esparza, Jamie Fritz, Clint Rossiter, and Samara Sheray for their tremendous dedication and support.

The committee worked throughout the year to evaluate all aspects of the sale, from tasting brownies and rye bread from different vendors to investigating the best way to slice the meat which our supplier no longer will pre-slice. With new ovens in the Temple's remodeled kitchen, several trial runs helped to check out timing and temperature for heating the corned beef.

Our sponsorship efforts included reaching out to connections in the community and congregation. We added a weekly e-blast with corned beef reminders to previous customers and increased our social media presence on Facebook with paid advertising, regular posts, and help from our congregants in sharing news of the sale with friends. Thank you to all who assisted with these efforts!

Our Prep Night continues to be a popular and fun evening, with volunteers weighing corned beef, scooping coleslaw, slicing brownies, bagging pickles, and preparing condiment bags. Teamwork and flexibility also paid off on sale day, with orders steadily filled and deliveries successfully made.



We even averted a crisis the day before the sale when our mustard order failed to arrive. It's a long story of teamwork and a flurry of phone calls, but we finally located 2,500 individual packets of our traditional spicy brown mustard in Indianapolis and a volunteer drove to Indianapolis to get it in time for Prep Night.

We'll keep you posted on plans for next year and continue to look for additional congregational fundraisers and people to get involved.

CORNED BEEF CREW



TALK & DOCUMENTARY ON JEWISH INVOLVEMENT AT HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES



In recognition of Black History Month, Temple Member Wendy Soltz will offer a special program on Jewish involvement at historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), following an abbreviated Shabbat service on Friday, February 23 at 7 p.m.

The first part of the program will feature the documentary film "[From Swastika to Jim Crow](#)," which focuses on Jewish refugee scholars of World War II who taught at HBCUs. This has been for decades the only known story of Jews at HBCUs.

The second half of the program will address Wendy's doctoral research (PhD, OSU 2016), which paints a new picture of this fascinating phenomenon, dating the start of the Jewish involvement decades before World War II with American-born Jews. Wendy also serves as executive director of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society and chairs the Temple's Adult Education Committee. This program is sponsored by the Temple's Social Action Committee and the Adult Education Committee.

SHARE YOUR PROGRAM IDEAS AT OUR BRAINSTORMING RETREAT

Do you have a program you'd like to see on our calendar? Do you know of a speaker or other presenter we really need to invite to Fort Wayne? Come to our Temple Brainstorming Session on Sunday, January 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

The event is hosted by the Programming "Cabinet" of committee chairs – those who contribute events to our Temple calendar. This is every member's opportunity to suggest ideas for programs they'd like to attend for next year and beyond. Whether general or specific, all ideas are welcome for consideration. Please join us! Please contact Program VP Betsy Gephart with questions.

CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Do you have a birthday or anniversary this month or next? Celebrate with our Temple family on Friday, December 8 and Friday, January 12, both at 7:30 p.m. during our service. Please contact the Temple office if you'd like to sponsor a celebration cake during the year in honor of a special person or occasion.

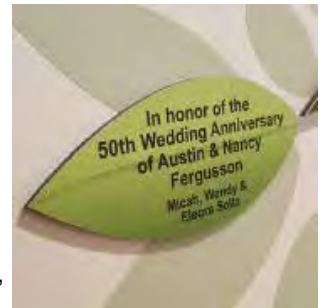
JOIN RABBI LENNY FOR TALMUD STUDY

Rabbi Lenny's Talmud class will meet on December 5 & 12 and January 9, 16, 23, 30 at 7 p.m. at the Temple. We'll discuss how concepts in the Talmud apply in our personal lives. Can't come in person? Attend online through [TempleConnect](#).



PURCHASE A LEAF ON OLIVE TREE

Recognize an important person or significant occasion at the Temple by purchasing a leaf on the new olive tree near the entrance to the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.



Leaves are \$180 each and may be personalized with three or four lines to highlight a lifecycle event, anniversary, or special kindness. Proceeds benefit the resource center.



Clergy and leaders of 13 congregations participated in the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the Temple that brought together more than 150 people. Iric Headley, director of Fort Wayne United, shared thoughts on how the organization is helping African-American men and boys in the community.

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 Tuesday, January 30. In celebration, please consider [planting a tree in Israel](#) through the [Jewish National Fund](#). 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.



HANUKKAH LIGHTS AND BOARD GAMES AT ROSH CHODESH



Join the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) Rosh Chodesh women's group for a night of board games, good times, and laughter in celebration of Hanukkah on Monday, December 5 at 6 p.m. at Congregation B'nai Jacob. Please bring your hanukkiya and candles to light as we enjoy the miracle of the holiday together.

Please RSVP to the Federation at (260) 456-0400 by Friday, December 1. The event is open to all women who are members of the

Federation. If bringing a snack to share, please remember that B'nai Jacob follows kashrut laws so every item must have the appropriate kosher symbol.

CONFRONTING THE SHOAH CLASS BEGINS IN JANUARY

Registration is open for "Confronting the Shoah," a six-session program through the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) that begins on Tuesday, January 9. Taught by scholar Dr. David Lindquist, the class provides comprehensive contextual and historical knowledge about the Nazi Holocaust.

Each two-hour session starts at 7 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. The class also will meet on the following Tuesdays: January 16, 23, and 30, and February 6 and 13.

The program is open to adults and high school juniors and seniors in the Fort Wayne/Northeastern Indiana area. There is no cost for Federation members, teachers, and students. Other participants are asked to pay \$5 to cover the cost of materials. Major funding for the program is provided by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and by gifts to the Federation's Annual Campaign. To register, please contact the Federation at 456-0400 or office@fwjf.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE BABYSITTERS NEEDED

Many of our friends from area churches are asking for our help in providing child care on Christmas Eve during their worship services. Please contact the Temple office at 260-744-4245 to offer your help with this mitzvah. Area churches return the favor by providing babysitting for us during the High Holy Days.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FANTASY OF LIGHTS

Looking for a fun volunteer opportunity on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day? Blue Jacket, the sponsor of [The Fantasy of Lights](#) at Franke Park, is seeking volunteers for shifts from 5:45 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. They need 8-10 volunteers on Sunday, December 24 and 6-8 volunteers on Monday, December 25. The drive-through event, now in its 23rd year, includes more than 100 display scenes and more than 316 displays illuminated with 269,000 LED lights. Proceeds support disadvantaged people within the community seeking careers. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 if you're able to volunteer. Temple members have assisted with this and other events over the years in December.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please help welcome the newest members of our Temple family:

· **Brian & Lilly Rosenblatt and their four-month-old son, Harrison.** Brian & Lilly have been married for three years. They both grew up in Fort Wayne, attended Homestead High School, and graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington. Brian is a metal trader for Metal X. Lilly works in pharmaceutical sales for Eli Lilly. They look forward to becoming active members and being involved in Religious School and worship services. Brian's parents, Enid & Stanley Rosenblatt, are long-time Temple members.

· **Joe Congress** is a retired electrical engineer. He moved to Fort Wayne from Lake Tahoe, Nevada, to be near his daughter and son-in-law, Marcia & Denny Reynolds. Joe said he is honored to join the congregation and enjoys regularly attending events at the temple.

· **Ed & Evelyn Young** live in Fort Wayne and have a grown daughter. A native of Fort Wayne, Ed is retired and spends much of his time working with computers. Evelyn is a Registered Nurse and is working on a special project in her native Nigeria. Ed said he enjoys attending Talmud classes at the Temple.

MAZEL TOV TO:

· Our **Rabbi Emeritus Richard Safran** as he "re-retires" after serving more than 12 years as Community Chaplain in Tucson, Arizona. Rabbi Safran served as spiritual leader at Achduth Vesholom from 1969 to 1995, when he became Rabbi Emeritus.



DONATIONS

General Operations

In memory of Esther E. King: *Jim & Suzi King*
 In memory of Dora Silverman: *Manny Silverman*
 In memory of Celia Zweig: *Dan & Beth Zweig*
 In memory of Sol and Dorothy Rothberg: *Richard Rothberg*
 In memory of Lawrence J. Schubert: *Linda & Philip Schubert*
 In memory of Solomon Speyer and Dr. Bernard Ress:
Bernie & Ruth Ress Green
 In memory of Meyer Ruchman: *Bill & Louise Warshauer*
 In celebration of the New Year: *Rabbi Richard B. Safran*
 A donation was made by: *Richard Grzych*

Holocaust Memorial Fund

In memory of the Finkelshteyn family: *Dora & Leonid Itkin*

Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural Enrichment Fund
 In memory of Dr. Maurice Rothberg: *Stephen Rothberg*

Thoughtful Thursdays

A donation was made by: *Steve & Elissa Cohen*

Weiman Youth Activities

In memory of Mitchell Goldstein: *Len & Rikki Goldstein*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of the birth of Cameron Sarko: *Marcia & Denny Reynolds*
 In appreciation of Rabbi's time and teachings: *Dawn Hammond*

DECEMBER YAHRZEITS

December 1

Marcus Beck
 Rachel Behar
 Larry Belans
 Herman Cohen
 Beatrice Feldheim
 Morris J. Foreman
 Marvin Gottlieb
 Marion K. Grinsfelder
 Albert Herzog
 Eva J. Huebschman
 Edith Gold Hutner
 Oscar Allen Isay
 Gladys Katz
 Ethel Kruger
 Stanley Maier
 Moses Mayer
 Samuel S. Meyers
 Charlotte Novitsky
 Rebecca Ruderman
 James Solomon
 Joseph Stiefel
 Rose Warshauer
 Wilbur Zweig

Dora Horwitz
 Isaac M. Kann
 William (Bill) Latz
 Peter Lauinger
 Hortense Wolf Maier Levy
 Sigmund Maier
 Charlotte Maier
 Helene Goldenberg Maier
 John V. Malay
 William J. Platka, Jr.
 Ruth Rosenthal
 Allan Rush
 Harry Sherr
 Elizabeth H. Smulo
 Marguerite Long Thal
 Herbert Weinraub
 Esther Zissen

December 15

Joseph Barasch
 Bess Bookstaff
 Miriam Yuter Chodosh
 Josephine P. Cressy
 Nathan N. Donner
 Eric Eugene Eling

December 8

Col. Richard G. Banks
 Fanny Brenn
 Pearl Davidson
 Mae Fine
 Dr. Jerome Gerber
 Don Gordon
 Herman Himelstein

Phil Flook
 Rosetta Goodman
 Bertie Haslacher
 Steven Hollander
 Viola Hutner
 Sarah Kalver
 Isidore Kalver
 Judy Kessel

Max Kraus

Jeff Kruger
 Mollie Kutcher
 Rose Lande
 Henry Levine
 Laura H. Levy
 Vitaliy Leybman
 Irma G. Loeser
 Lee Marshall Loeser
 Julius Marx
 Bessie Meyer
 Harold Michelson
 Hattye Griffin Minske
 Myron J. Morris
 Lena Moss
 Samuel Rothberg
 Salomon Z. Safirstein
 Darren Schongold
 Louisa Trauerman
 Dr. Oscar Weinstein
 Bessie Weinstein
 Phoebe Da Costa Wolf
 Charles Young
 Dr. Elmer Zweig

December 22

Elsa Adler
 Bertha Browarsky
 Geraldine Crubaugh
 Marsha Dan
 Dorothy Dicker
 Rose Fisher
 Mary Fogel

David Frosh

Henry Haskell Glazer
 Alex E. Goldberger
 Arnold L. Goldsmith
 Samuel Greenberg
 Lily D. Grover
 Eugene S. Lesser
 Kathryn Manalis
 Donald L. Marx
 Gina A. McClatchey
 Stephen L. Meyers
 Minnette Papier
 Edna K. Platka
 Reba Safran
 Louis Sandler
 David Schibel
 Jeannette Sunshine
 Ethel J. Trotter
 Edwin Turansky
 David Warshauer
 Barney Warshauer
 Joseph David Weinraub
 Victor Weiss
 Kent Wenbert
 Leon Wertheimer
 Retha West
 Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf
 Ida Wolfson
 Ruth G. Zweig
 Mendel Zweig

December 29

Gertrude Stein Adelman
 Gertrude E. Blum
 Minnie Cline
 Victor S. Cohen
 Hanchen Levi Daniel
 Dorothy Talberg Ernest
 Cyvia Feinberg
 Josephine Ferbstein
 Ida Finkelshteyn
 Flora Flapan
 Rosalie Appel Freund
 Sidney Gold
 Fannie Kaplan
 Louis Kaufman
 Herman Komisarow
 Abe Latker
 Kurt Marx
 Louis Meyers
 Dr. Maurice Rosenthal
 David Rothberg
 Beryl Rush
 Dr. Joel W. Salon
 Irene Schibel



JANUARY YAHRZEITS

January 5	Albert Schultz	Joseph Goldenberg	Stephen Cristil	Ruth Aichele
Flora Flapan	Morris Schwartz	Glen Goldstrom	Joseph Doran	Hurleen Blumenthal
Tillie Auerbach	Herman Sheyer	Basy Gurevich	Gertrude Stein Gartner	Alan Blumenthal
Ruth Berkow	Minnie Sheyer	Harry Horwitz	Anna Silverman Hyman	Marian Behar Dodson
Irvin J. Bransilver	LeRoy Shine	Morris King	Berenice Kempler	Nathan Feldman
William Brosler	Helen Isay Smith	Jack Krainess	Manuel K. King	Phil Feldman
Roberta Buker	Robert Sommer	Gertrude Kraker	Mary Kathryn Klarke	Hurley A. Feltman
Hedwig Einstein	Karoline Stein	Jewell Kraus	Leopold Kraus	Milton Ferkel
Anna S. Engelhard	Cecilia Stern	Marc S. Lauer	Janet Latz	Norma M. Flox
Harry Fryefield	Morton Stillpass	Claire Leopold	Isidor Lehman	Sam Fogel
Isidore Goldberg	Richard Tankel	Ruth M. Levy	Jeanette Lewis	Lottie Frosh
Leona Goldstein	Deborah Taub	Eleanor Mazur	Mabel Papier	Dr. Max M. Gitlin
Joseph C. Goodman	Leonard Weinraub	Abraham Morris	Tzvi ben Pinchas	Morris Gubitz
Bess Landy	Roslyn Weinraub	Robert J. Nathan	Geraldine Greenberg Reich	Fannie Hassan
George Latz		Patricia Rothman	Daniel Russ	Chester Horn
Arthur Lenhart	January 12	Minnette D. Ruchman	Caroline Schwartz	Anita S. Kalver
Minnie Levey	Elsie Kraus	Betty W. Sandler	Samuel L. Shafer	Miriam Katz
Martin Levine	Louis Levy	Sidney L. Schechter	Frannie Weinraub	Ruth Kepes
Don Minnich	Milton M. Meyers	Irving A. Snow	Sarah Ann Wills	Byron F. Novitsky
Alice Novitsky	Gertrude Replane	Edna Vilensky		Harry S. Papier
Anna Platt	Ted Replane	Raphael E. Vogel	January 26	Bertha V. Shipsky
Beverly King Ribel	Samuel Salomon	Max Zinn	Celia Mastbaum	Brian Soraich
Norma Rifkin	David Baitcher		Robert Nerenberg	Anne Frank Wagner
Marshall Rosenthal	Bess Belans	January 19	Netty K. Oppenheim	Jack Weiner
Jane Y. Rutin	Grete Benedix	Lorry Goldenberg	Julius Schongold	
Estelle Sachs	Faye Bodenstien	Michelle Lundmark	Herman Strauss	
Rose Schempp	Sam Edlow	Edward Rudin	Jerome Moses Trotter	
Leonard Schreier	Samuel J. Fishman	Jacob Leon Brenn	Bill Aichele	

PLEASE PLAN FOR 2017 YEAR-END

For your 2017 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.



BECOME A LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER

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.

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 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.

REGISTER YOUR KROGER CARD TO HELP TEMPLE

Please support the Temple by registering your Kroger Plus card to indicate you'd like Achduth Vesholom to benefit from your purchases. [Find out more about Kroger Community Rewards](#) on our website.

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

The Temple is located at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. Our Campus partners are the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association, IPFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Brightpoint Head Start, and the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.



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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) for information. President Ellen Tom can be reached at president@templecav.org.

The deadline for the February Bulletin is Monday, January 15.

**GUEST COLUMNIST
IRV ADLER**



For the past few years, the Temple Board has been aware of, and regularly discusses and debates, the significant changes and challenges faced by Congregation Achduth Vesholom - driven to a large extent by congregational demographics.

Like many congregations across the country, our membership has gotten older and our numbers have decreased, largely due to relocations and deaths. Many younger people do not feel the need to affiliate with a congregation, which makes it difficult to sustain our facilities, leadership structure, budget, and Religious School at traditional levels.

In an effort to address these matters, the Temple facility now incorporates the Rifkin Campus at 5200 and the newly opened Madge Rothschild Resource Center. These two initiatives have become a major part of our efforts to improve our physical facility, to expand and improve programs to congregants, to reach out to non-affiliated Jews in Fort Wayne and in neighboring communities, and to expand our interaction with the Fort Wayne community at large.

With is in mind, the Temple's leadership decided that now was a good time to take a look at our organization to assess what we have been doing and to determine if there is a better way to address the challenges. The result was an operations study project.

During the first quarter of 2017, we applied to the Center for Congregations for funding support for a study project aimed at (a) improving our operations and (b) improving our accounting processes. The study project began during the second quarter of 2017 and has been funded 50/50 by the Zweig Fund and by Center for Congregations.

Mike Stone and Erin Whittle of Impact Strategies and Whittle Consulting, respectively, partnered to carry out the operational improvement part of the project. Cindy Wirtner of Andorfer LLC, carried out the accounting process improvement part of the project.

The project work has now been completed. With regard to accounting process improvements, shortly after the project started, the Temple's bookkeeper Bonnie Crubaugh announced her retirement, effective in September.

With regard to operational improvements, Mike and Erin identified several organizational issues that they felt needed to be addressed in order to improve how we function. During the course of their work, Mike and Erin surveyed and met, both individually and collectively, with Temple leadership and Temple staff.

Based on the interviews and follow-up meetings with Temple leadership, Mike and Erin analyzed the Temple's organizational structure and formulated actionable recommendations for organizational improvement, which they presented to the Temple Board at the November Board meeting for review and implementation, as appropriate.

The Temple's leadership will be continuing discussions on the suggestions in the coming months. More detail on organizational change areas will be provided in a future issue of the Temple Bulletin.

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.