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# SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 12 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE TEMPLE

Information has been mailed to members about proposed changes to our bylaws. Please plan to attend the special meeting or vote by absentee ballot.

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# WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT?

Passover begins on Friday, April 22 when we retell the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt and freedom from bondage. No Shabbat service will be held that evening at the Temple. As a congregation, we'll gather for the Second Seder on Saturday, April 23 at 6 p.m. at the Temple to read the Haggadah and dine on a traditional Pesach meal.



Students enrolled in Religious School may attend at no charge by making a reservation and when accompanied by a parent. Please call the Temple office at 744-4245 with your reservations by Tuesday, April 12 and then follow up by sending your check made payable to "CAV - The Temple." Please indicate chicken, salmon OR vegetarian meal.

The cost for Temple members is \$30 for adults, \$15 for children ages 3-12 who are not enrolled in the Religious School, and free for children under age 3. For non-members, the cost is \$36 for adults, \$18 for children 3-12, and free for children under age 3. No refunds will be issued for cancellations or no-shows. Reservations AFTER the deadline will be taken if space is available at an additional cost of \$5 per person. An accurate count is needed to prepare the appropriate amount of food. Thank you to Second Seder Co-Chairs Bonnie Pomerantz and Sally Trotter. Find out more at www.templecav.org.

# A JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVE AT LEARNING HAVDALAH



"Rush is the Name - Law is the Game." Join us for a Learning Havdalah on Saturday, April 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Temple when Mike Rush shares a judicial perspective on law, culture, ethics, and punishment. A long-time Temple member, he served for 19 years as a Whitley Superior Court judge before being named in 2011 as a Senior Judge by the Indiana Supreme Court. Please RSVP to the Temple office at 744-4245 by Wednesday, April 13.

# DREAMING OF NELSON'S PORT-A-PIT CHICKEN?

Your wish will come true on Saturday, April 30! We are pre-selling food tickets for a mouthwatering meal. Half a chicken sells for \$7 and "Pit-Tatoes" are only \$3.50 per serving – or purchase a combo meal with chicken and "Pit-Tatoes" for \$10 per order. Order in advance



and pick up your meal at the <u>Holiday Inn</u> – IPFW & Coliseum – between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. We'll be there rain or shine. <u>Order forms</u> are available at <u>www.templecav.org</u> or call the Temple office at 744-4245 to place your order. Thank you to Melissa Kessel and Bonnie Pomerantz for chairing this fundraiser to benefit Temple programs.

Need more information? Visit templecav.org or give us a call!

## **APRIL**

# Potluck Dinner\* and Torah Study

Friday, April 1 5:30 p.m. at the Temple Please bring a side dish for eight people to share for dinner. RSVP by the Wednesday, March 30 to the Temple office.

## **Shabbat Katan**

Friday, April 8 6 p.m. at the Temple Passover learning for children in first grade and under.

# Journey Into The World Of Yiddish\*

Sundays, April 10 & 17 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Temple

# Learning Havalah\*

Saturday, April 16 7 p.m. at the Temple Mike Rush on "Rush Is The Name, Law Is The Game." Please RSVP by April 13.

# NFTY-Ohio Valley Spring Kallah\*

April 14-17

At Congregation Micah in Nashville, TN FOrTY will participate in this <u>Ohio Valley regional event</u> for North American Federation of Temple Youth.

# **Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly**

Wednesday, April 20 10 a.m. at the Temple

# Congregational Second Seder\*

Saturday, April 23 6 p.m. at the Temple RSVP and Cost information on Page 1.

## **Nelson's Port-A-Pit Fundraiser**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Holiday Inn
IPFW and Coliseum
Pre-Sale order forms are available on the
Temple website or stop by the day of the sale.

## MAY

## L'dor Vador Shabbat Service

Friday, May 6 7 p.m. at the Temple

Saturday, April 30

# Early Shabbat & Yom Ha'Atzmaut Service

Friday, May 13 6:15 p.m. at the Temple Celebrate Israeli Independence Day and Shabbat

# **Abby Corbett Bat Mitzvah**

Saturday, May 14 10:30 a.m. at the Temple

# **Holocaust Pre-Service Teachers** Symposium

May 15-20 at IPFW

Keynote Address: Dr. Atina Grossmann on "Women and The Holocaust: Between Perpetrators and Victims."
Thursday, May 19
7 p.m. at the Temple

# **SERVICES**

# **APRIL**

Friday, April 1 at 7 p.m. Shabbat Torah Service

Bimah Honors: TBD

Ushers: Marv & Doris Gottlieb Oneg Shabbat: TBD

Friday, April 8 Shabbat Katan at 6 p.m. Shabbat Service at 7 p.m.

Bimah Honors: TBD Ushers: Mike Rush Oneg Shabbat: TBD

# Friday, April 15

Hot Topics Shabbat Service at 7 p.m., followed by gathering at Headwaters Park for "Break The Silence" Rally

Bimah Honors: Irv Adler

Ushers: Alan & Maureen Grinsfelder

Kiddush follows

Friday, April 22 No Shabbat Service First Night of Passover

Friday, April 29 Shabbat Service at 7 p.m.

Bimah Honors: TBD

Ushers: Leonid & Dora Itkin Oneg Shabbat: TBD

**SAVE THE DATE** for our 15th annual Corned Beef Fundraiser on Thursday, November 3. Thanks to Larry Adelman and Jaki Schreier for chairing.



# HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR TO SPEAK AT YOM HASHOAH SERVICE



Robert Melson, author of False Papers:
Deception and Survival in the Holocaust, will speak during the community's annual Yom Hashoah service and program on Monday,

May 2 at 7 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200.

During the program sponsored by the <u>Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne</u>, Melson will share his family's experience surviving the Holocaust by taking on false identities that enabled them to disguise themselves as a Polish family of noble lineage for the duration of the war.

Melson is Professor Emeritus at Purdue University, where he taught political science and was a charter member of the Jewish Studies program. In 2003-2005, he was President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars. A reception will follow the service.

# Rabbi Javier Cattapan

WINE WITH A PURPOSE



K'far Tikva (Hope Village) is a community-oriented settlement which serves as a unique model in Israel and worldwide. It is a community that encourages and enables people with disabilities and special needs to develop and realize their potential. Located in Israel's Lower Galilee region, it is home to 200 adults with developmental

and emotional disabilities, whose ages range from 20 to 74.

Early in March, Kris and I had the opportunity to tour the winery (and taste some of their great wines). We were on our way to visit the <u>Tulip Winery</u>. It was a beautiful day; as we drove into the village, there were people of all ages walking around, training dogs, doing crafts. We headed for the winery, where we were met by a resident who ushered us in. Then another resident welcomed us and we were then greeted by one of the employees of the winery, who also acts as a mentor to the residents.

The winery came to town a few years ago and partnered with the village. Residents of *K'far Tikva* are employed by the winery and take an active part in the harvest, bottling and packing the wine, as well as welcoming guests to the Visitors Center. In addition to their excellent wines, they sell crafts made by the residents. It is a business and it helps realize the community's vision by employing residents of the community in its wine production while encouraging community involvement and promotion of joint activities.

Israel never ceases to amaze me. In the middle of Northern Israel, I discovered (thanks to our friends the Buesdorfs) a most inspiring slice of Israel. Among all the violence and negative news coverage of Israel, I find that places like *K'far Tikvah* are one of the reasons we should all feel proud that the Jewish State is trying, day in and day out, to live up to the teachings of our Torah.



Construction is progressing on the new Madge Rothschild Resource Center. We're busy preparing what will be inside to chronicle the Jewish history of northeast Indiana. Do you have photos, old films, objects and memories that would help showcase the people, stories and traditions of Jewish life here? Please let us know what you have in mind by contacting the Temple office so that one of our history team members can be in touch.

FINAL HOT TOPICS SHABBAT AND "BREAK THE SILENCE" RALLY

Our last Hot Topics Shabbat on Friday, April 15 begins at 7 p.m. at the Temple with our Sabbath service led by Rabbi Cattapan. Following a brief Kiddush, we'll proceed to Headwaters Park to participate at 8 p.m. in the "Breaking The Silence" rally sponsored



by the Northeast Indiana LGBTQ Coalition and Fort Wayne Pride. We'll also walk across the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge and release lanterns over the river to honor LGBTQ victims of bullying and suicide. Five speakers will share their stories about the challenges of being members of the LGBTQ community.



# BLANKET MAKING FOR THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

As part of the Religious School's Family Education program, students and parents participated in a mitzvah on March 13 to benefit the Brightpoint Head Start kids who attend class at

the Temple.

Head Start asked if we could donate blankets for their students to use when they get sick at school. Religious School Committee Chair Ellen Tom and the Religious School staff guided the students in making 23 warm, colorful blankets. We all had a wonderful time and discovered that Rabbi Cattapan has a real knack for tying knots!

A very special thank you to Kristin Goldberg and her mom, Karen White, for the many hours they spent preparing the fabric to make this special project such a success. (See photos on page 5.)

Jamie Berger, Thoughtful Thursdays Chair

# PLAN AHEAD FOR TEMPLE'S WINE TASTING EXPERIENCE

Why travel to Napa Valley when you can be part of the Temple's summertime wine tasting experience at TWO-EE's Winery near Roanoke?



Tickets are now on sale to join us on Thursday, July 14 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at TWO-EE's Winery for a wine tasting experience that includes the tasting and food-matching of seven wines. Tickets are \$60 per person, half of which is a donation to the Temple. Find out more on the Temple website. Thanks to Irv Adler for organizing the event.

#### INTRODUCING OUR MUSIC SPECIALIST

Please welcome the Temple's new Music Specialist Steve Walley, who will be sharing his talents most weeks during our Shabbat service and on other occasions. He is a member of IPFW's music faculty and the worship music staff at St. Joseph UMC on Reed Road. He previously served as chairman of piano studies at the Fort Wayne Bible College, as well as working as a teacher, writer and performer.

A native of Oak Park, Illinois, Steve grew up in a musical family and majored in music composition at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. After finishing his coursework, he spent the early 1970s in the church music field and published works for choir, piano, and orchestra. In the late 1970s, he traveled throughout Europe performing with The Sojourners, a group based near Villach, Austria, and known for performing entire concerts in the languages of the countries they visited.

He later received his master's degree in Intercultural Studies at Wheaton Grad School in Wheaton, Illinois, and then worked as a studio musician and composing/arranging music in various styles. He also worked at Karnes Music Company in Chicago.

# WOMEN AND THE HOLOCAUST FOCUS OF KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Dr. Atina Grossmann, will discuss "Women and The Holocaust: Between Perpetrators and Victims" on Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Temple in a program open to the public.

A Professor of History at Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, Dr. Grossmann is the author of *Jews, Germans, and* 

Allies: Close Encounters in Occupied Germany 1945–1949 and Reforming Sex: The German Movement For Birth Control and Abortion Reform 1920–1950.

Her speech is the keynote address during a symposium on May 15-20 co-sponsored by the Temple's Holocaust Education Committee and IPFW's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. The program brings together pre-service teachers from Indiana and surrounding areas to learn about the Holocaust and related events so they are prepared to educate future students. Prior to Dr. Grossmann's talk, the Symposium attendees will have a brief tour of the Temple and a chance to meet with Rabbi Cattapan and Doris Fogel, past president of our congregation and a Holocaust survivor.

# **MAZEL TOV TO:**

Rabbi Marla Joy Subeck Spanjer on receiving an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree in March from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. Rabbi Spanjer, who was ordained in 1991, served as spiritual leader of Congregation Achduth Vesholom from 2007 to 2010.



The Purim Shpiel brought together the streets of Shushan and South Pacific.



Judge Stan Levine shares tips with a young jurist after the Shpiel.

# HELP US UPDATE OUR COLLECTION

With the new Madge Rothschild Resource Center underway, we are planning serious updates to the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library collection. An Amazon Wishlist has been created, full of books, videos, music and even games for our future collection.



If you would like to donate a specific item to our library, you can order it directly from the list and it will be shipped to the Temple. All items donated may be labeled to acknowledge your donation. The Wishlist is updated frequently, and comments are welcome. If you don't see something on the list that you think should be included, please contact Betsy Gephart at <a href="mailto:library@templecav.org">library@templecav.org</a>.

For our new collection, we plan to offer much more than books. We welcome any donations of new or gently used (no scratches!) DVDs, audio books on CD, or music CDs with a Jewish theme. We also welcome all gently used PJ Library materials – books, CDs or DVDs.

Monetary contributions may be made to "CAV- The Temple" earmarked for the Library Fund or the Himelstein Children's Book Fund.

# HOOSHIR TO PERFORM AT SHALOM PARTY

The <u>Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's</u> Shalom Party on Sunday, April 17 will feature <u>Hooshir</u>, Indiana University's only Jewish A Cappella group. The Jewish community and contributors to the Federation are invited at 4 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. Sponsored by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and the Dr. Louis and Anne Schneider Foundation.

# YOUTH NEWS

## SHABBAT KATAN PREPARES FOR PASSOVER

Our Shabbat Katan program for families with young children will meet on Friday, April 8 at 6 p.m. at the Temple. Led by Leah Hadashi, the group will explore Passover and Judaism through the eyes of a young child. Save the date for our Havdalah celebration on Saturday, May 21 at 6 p.m.

# **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 graduation information by Tuesday, May 10 to be included in our June/July Bulletin. Contact us at <a href="mailto:office@TempleCAV.org">office@TempleCAV.org</a> or 744-4245.

## REGISTER FOR JEWISH SUMMER CAMP

Looking for a Jewish day camp experience for your child? Camp Joe Levine offers three fun-filled weeks at Fox Island for children ages 4 to 13. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, Camp Joe is offered July 4-8, July 11-15, and July 18-22. Register for one, two or three weeks. Sign up by April 1 for early bird discount.

Looking for an overnight camp experience for your child? Goldman Union Camp Institute in Zionsville offers a super summer for children entering grades 3 through 10. A two-week Taste of GUCI program is offered for first-time campers entering grades 3 through 6, with the option of extending for two additional weeks (space permitting).



Great team effort by FOrTY and Junior Youth Group hosting the Purim Carnival.



Lots of characters in the Purim Parade.



Religious School Teacher Kristin Goldberg shows students and a parent how to make blankets during Family Education.



Religious School Committee Chair Ellen Tom and students show their handiwork making a blanket for Brightpoint Head Start.



Religious School Teacher Melissa Kessel makes hamentashen during a Family Education morning.

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Have a nice spring break from Religious School! Please make a note of the remaining Religious School schedule:

Religious School (Sundays): No classes on April 3, April 10, April 24 and May 8. Classes will meet on April 17, May 1, May 15, and May 22 (Maccabiah Games). Hebrew School (Tuesdays): No class on April 5 and April 26. We'll meet on April 12, April 19, May 3, May 10, May 17. Religious School Dinner - Middle School students and families - Friday, April 15 at 6 p.m.

# DONATIONS

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

In memory of William Wismer: Larry & Carol Adelman

## **Campership Fund**

In memory of Goldie DuBow: Vivian Skadron

#### **Endowment**

In memory of Neil Sandler: Alan & Maureen Grinsfelder

# **General Operations**

A donation was received from Carol Sandler In memory of James Gerwin, Helen O'Neill and Neil Sandler: Tom & Rita O'Neill In memory of Fred Glazer, Sophie Glazer and Samuel Zweig: Dan & Beth Zweig In memory of Elizabeth Ruth Johnson: Kay Safirstein In memory of Irina Kutsenok: Leonid & Eda Kyner

In memory of Dr. Bernard Rosenblatt: Stanley & Enid Rosenblatt

In memory of Estelle Salnitsky:

Tom & Rita O'Neill

In memory of Neil Sandler: Beckman Lawson, LLP, Donald & Barbara Bernstein, Susie Ferkel, Leonid & Dora Itkin, Donna Pee- Karen Sandler

bles. Mike & Jo Ellen Rush and Stephen & Norma Weitman

# **Ryan Goldstrom Memorial**

In memory of Dr. Sheldon Kantor: Rob & Lori Goldstrom

In memory of Joel Silber: Iris Goldstrom

#### **Holocaust Memorial**

In memory of Ida Finkelshteyn: Denny & Marcia Reynolds In memory of Irina Kutsenok: Victor Kutsenok

## **Library Fund**

In memory of David Safran and Lois Safran: Rabbi Richard Safran

# **Jacob & Ethel Mansbach Campership**

In memory of Sylvia L. Shafer: Art & June Shafer

# Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural

# **Enrichment Fund**

In memory of Betty Castle, Kathryn Mendelblat Temple Gardens Fund and Jo Rothberg: Cathy Lash In memory of Jo Rothberg and Peter Alan Rothberg: Deborah Rothberg

In memory of Morris Ruderman: Suzi Stone

# **Project Assist - Thoughtful Thursdays**

Speedy recovery of Arlene Leib:

# Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Margaret Silverman: Manny Silverman

# Religious School

In memory of Ernest S. Iczkovitz: Mike & Linda Iczkovitz In memory of Betty Joe Seligman: David Seligman

# Rifkin Campus at 5200

In memory of William Wismer: Jon & Jamie Berger

# Max & Gerda Schmitz Holocaust

**Educational Fund** 

In memory of Eddie Field: Steve Field

# S. Wyle Weiman Youth Activity

In memory of Neil Sander: Steve & Judy Zacher In memory of Rose Schwartz: Len & Rikki Goldstein

In memory of Lois Levine Edwards, Zalman Levine and Edna P. Levine: Stan Levine

# Youth Group

Donations were received from: Jon & Jamie Berger, Steve Carr, Dennis Dan, Dudkin Family, Mike & Ros Eling, Matthew & Nola Katinsky, Tom & Rita O'Neill, Marty & Judy In memory of Monroe Marcus: Jim & Suzi King Rifkin, David Seligman, Steve Shine and Joel & Deb Vilensky



# "ISRAEL'S BEST DIPLOMAT" TO SPEAK APRIL 10

George Deek, who has been called "Israel's best diplomat," will discuss "From Diversity to Uniformity: The Growing Intolerance in the Region, and Why Is Israel Important?" on Sunday, April 10 at 3:30 p.m. at The History Center.

An Arab Christian raised in Jaffa, Deek is an attorney, a veteran of the Israeli diplomatic corps, and currently a Fulbright scholar at Georgetown University. Most recently, he was responsible for the BDS file in the International Law Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem.

The program is sponsored by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, and the Community Relations Council Committee.

# PASSOVER MATCHMAKING SERVICE

Do you need a place to go on the first night of Passover? Or, perhaps, you have an empty chair at your Seder table that could accommodate another Temple member. Please call the Temple office at 744-4245. We will try to match Seder seekers with Passover providers. It is a true mitzvah to welcome others at your Seder table. The first Seder is Friday, April 22.

# MAZON: HELP TO FEED THE HUNGRY

As we prepare to celebrate Passover, Jewish tradition compels us to share the joy of freedom with those who remain enslaved by hunger and poverty. Please consider donating the money you would have spent to feed one extra person at your Seder table to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. Find out more at www.mazon.org and incorporate the Fifth Question into your Seder, this year focusing on military families.

# **YAHRZEITS**

## **APRIL 1**

Jerome Ackerman Mariana Apfelbaum Elizabeth Bransilver

Mose Caplan Semen Drozdov Henriett Erber Arnie Feinberg Marx Frank Sophie Glazer

Bella Gubitz Louis S. Hallenstein Florence M. Hill Dr. Sheldon Kantor Joseph Klarke Helen LaPoff Isaac Lauferty Sigmund Lehman Monroe Marcus **Benjaim Margolies** 

Ron Miller

Nelson K. Neiman Dr. Bernard Rosenblatt

Barbara Sachs Isabel Sider Adam Smulovitz Flora Strouse Leta Taker

Lila Berman Tankel Ruth Zamrin

**APRIL 8** 

Lucy Z. Berk Harry G. Browarsky Loretta Bukowski Mildred Cramer Goldie DuBow Louis Engelhard

Rabbi Jacob M. Eppstein

Herman Freiburger Jan Gassman Minnie Glucklick Ida Goldberg Ira Greenberg Aaron Haslacher Ida Hutner

Sidney M. Hutner Tillie Starr Isay

Elizabeth Ruth Johnson

Sylvia Laderman Rebecca Lande

Ida Latz

Samuel Lauferty Valette Moyer Jane L. Neiman Helen O'Neill Barbara Rosen Bess Rosenblatt Otto D. Rothschild Benjamin Schultz Sylvia L. Shafer Earl Stewart

Marguerite Waltemath

Florence Weis Jane P. Woolner Samuel Zweig

## **APRIL 15**

Moses Amber Sara A. Doppelt Oren Evan Ford Eva Friedman Cecilia Gans Fred Glazer **Dorothy Horn** Leopold Isay Judy Isroff Bella Kessel Klein Harry Levey Isidor Levy Dorothy G. Maier Mike Mattingly Irma M. Meyer Carrie Nathan

Peter Alan Rothberg Bernard Rothschild Max T. Schmitz Lena Silverman Samuel Stein

Emma A. Strass Sharon Subeck Israel Weber Rosa Weil Wyle Weiman

Alan Lawrence Winnerman

# **APRIL 22**

**Charles Baskes** Edward K. Burcham Sonia Cooperman Rebecca Goldberg

Irwin Golden

Samuel A. Heilbroner

Leonel Kahn Charles Kirschner Irina Kutsenok **Betty Lauferty** Ben Levy Werner Manheim Steven Moyer Adelaide Pollak

Virginia Ray Jo Rothberg David L. Safran Margaret Silverman

Louis Stiefel

# **APRIL 29**

Sylvia Baker Ruth Beck Hannah Cohen Joan Erb Muriel Feinstein Meyer Fine David B. Fishman Elaine Harvey Nannette Heilbroner

Clara Heilbroner

Rabbi Samuel Hirschberg

Jean Lee Samuel Levis Frances Levy Jane L. Neiman Esther Nelson Alfred Novitsky Stephen Powers Paul N. Richardson Ida Rigelhaupt

Dr. Charles J. Rothschild Charles J. Rothschild Morris Ruderman Lois Safran Eva R. Salon Hazel Schultz Harry N. Speyer Samuel Herbert Stern

Bertha Strass Lucile Wolf Harry Wolff

# **CONDOLENCES TO:**

- Betty Edlavitch Stein, John Stein, Rena & Don Black, Wendy Stein, and Lisa & Scott Fybush and families on the death of their sister-in-law, aunt, and great aunt, Frances Schwartz Edlow, who died on March 15, 2016 in Bethesda, MD. Frances and her husband, Sam, were members of the Temple for many years before moving out of town.
- Richard & Cindi Wismer and family on the death of his father, William Dale Wismer, on March 11, 2016 in Fort Wayne.

Don't forget to return your dues pledge for 2016-2017! Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Temple.



Thank you to Adult Education chair Jan Sarratore and Caring Committee Chair Matthew Katinsky for organizing the program with the StrokeCareNow Network, including Network Coordinator Brandy Fey (left), Clinical Research Coordinator Jeanne Carroll, and Medical Director Dr. Rakesh Khatri.



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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 Jewish Cemetery Association, Brightpoint Head Start, and the Madge Rothschild Resource Center (Coming in Fall 2016).





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# WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

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

# USHER IN SHABBAT WITH CHALLAH

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

# HELP THE TEMPLE THROUGH KROGER

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.

> The deadline for the May Bulletin is Friday, April 15.

**TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:** The Temple office is open on Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office will be closed on Friday, April 29 for the last day of Passover.

# **Guest Columnist** Temple Member Bruce Warshauer is the Temple's Vice President for Finance.



As part of its ongoing evaluation of Temple operations, our Financial Planning Working Group reviewed the pricing of cemetery plots owned by the congregation in the Y and YY sections at Lindenwood Cemetery.

In so doing, we looked at current market prices of plots at the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery and Lindenwood Cemetery compared to our current price of \$1,100, which includes

the cost of land and perpetual maintenance.

The current price of plots and perpetual maintenance at the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery is \$2,200. Apart from the plots owned by Congregation Achduth Vesholom in the Y and YY sections at Lindenwood, the cheapest plots generally available there are priced at \$2,500 each. Lindenwood sells plots in desirable sections similar to the Y and YY at \$3,300 to \$3,500 each.

Our price of plots has not changed since 1998. As you may know, the Temple sells cemetery plots in Lindenwood to members in good standing as a benefit of belonging to our congregation.

Proceeds from the sale of these plots have accumulated in a cemetery-related account. At its March 10 meeting, the CAV Board of Trustees voted to use approximately \$52,000 from this fund to repay the Temple's Endowment Fund money that was borrowed to purchase the Lindenwood YY section.

This is important because investment income from the Endowment is used to support the Temple's operating budget, including salaries and other expenses. It is the intention of the Board to use a portion of the remaining money in the cemetery-related fund and proceeds from future cemetery plot sales for our congregation's future capital needs to maintain and extend the life of our facilities.

Given the market price of comparable cemetery plots and the beneficial use of plot sales proceeds in ensuring Congregation Achduth Vesholom's viability well into the future, the Board of Trustees voted to increase the price of plots in the Y and YY sections to \$2,200 each, effective July 1, 2016. Members wishing to buy plots at the current below market price of \$1,100 each should contact the Temple office and complete their purchase prior to the start of our new fiscal year. A letter with more specific details has been sent to Temple members.

In addition, we also looked at other ongoing fundraisers for the congregation, including the sale of yahrzeit plaques. It's been a number of years since we adjusted the price for loved ones to purchase a memorial plaque for display near the Sanctuary. We evaluated our costs and the timing of when we may need to purchase a new large display board for additional plaques, as well as compared our selling price with other congregations. As a result, the board voted to increase the cost of vahrzeit plagues from \$300 to \$500, effective July 1, 2016. Proceeds will continue to grow our Endowment for the future.