



AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT MADGE ROTHSCHILD RESOURCE CENTER OPENING ON APRIL 30

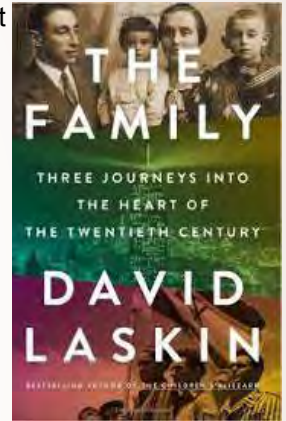
Author David Laskin is the keynote speaker at the grand opening of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center on Sunday, April 30 at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. He'll discuss "One Family, Three Journeys: How One Family Embodied the Sweep of 20th Century Jewish

History."

Laskin's fascinating book explores his own family history, which begins a century and a half ago with a Torah scribe and his wife raising six children at the western fringe of the Russian Empire. The upheavals of the last century split the family into three branches: one immigrated to America and founded two businesses, including the

Maidenform Bra Company; one went to Palestine as pioneer farmers and participated in the violent birth of the State of Israel; the third branch remained behind in Europe and suffered the onslaught of the Nazi occupation.

The celebration begins at 2 p.m. with an open house in the Resource Center, a reception, and tours of Congregation Achduth Vesholom at 2:15 p.m., 2:45 p.m., and 3:15 p.m. The author will speak at 4 p.m., followed by a book signing and reception.



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WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT? JOIN US FOR CONGREGATIONAL SEDER ON NEW NIGHT

Passover begins on Monday, April 10 when we retell the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt and freedom from bondage. Though we customarily celebrate the holiday as a congregation on the second night, this year we invite you for our Seder on Saturday, April 15 at 6 p.m. when Rabbi Lenny will lead us through the Haggadah and we'll dine on a traditional Pesach meal.

Please call the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 with your reservations by Friday, March 31 and then follow up by sending your check made payable to "CAV - The Temple." Students enrolled in Religious School may attend at no charge by making a reservation and when accompanied by a parent.

The cost for Temple members is \$25 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 \$30 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

APRIL

Religious School Spring Break

No classes April 2-16.

Hebrew resumes April 18 and Sunday classes resume on April 23.

Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly

Wednesday, April 12
10 a.m. at the Temple

Congregational Seder*

Saturday, April 15

6 p.m. at the Temple

The Temple Seder moves this year to the sixth night of Passover. Please make a reservation by March 31.

Talmud Class

Tuesdays, April 18 & 25

7 p.m. at the Temple

Also available online through

[TempleConnect](#).

Yom Hashoah

Monday, April 24

7 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200

Speaker: Stephen Feinberg from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

Grand Opening Madge Rothschild Resource Center

Sunday, April 30

2 p.m. Open House, Reception & Tours

4 p.m. Author David Laskin speaks on "One Family, Three Journeys: How One Family Embodied the Sweep of 20th Century Jewish History."

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

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Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly & Volunteer Luncheon

Wednesday, May 3

11 a.m. at the Temple

We'll assemble the last Thoughtful Thursdays bag of the school year, followed by lunch.

Shabbat Katan Family Service

Friday, May 5

6 p.m. at the Temple

Talmud Class

Tuesdays, May 2, 16, 23, 30

7 p.m. at the Temple

[Online attendance](#) also available.

Temple Book Club*

Tuesday, May 9

7 p.m. at the Temple

Inaugural Book Club when we discuss Saving Sophie and talk via teleconference with Author Ronald Balson.

Religious School Graduation Shabbat

Friday, May 19

7 p.m. at the Temple

We celebrate the graduation of Ethan Zweig from Religious School.

Last Day of Religious School & Maccabiah Games

Sunday, May 21

9:45 a.m. to noon at the Temple

APRIL SERVICES

Friday, April 7

Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Lay Leader: Bruce Colegrove

Friday, April 14

Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 21

Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 28

Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Music: Norm and Ronnie Greenberg

TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

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

We are closed for Passover on Tuesday, April 11 and closing at noon on Friday, April 14.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR DUES PLEDGE

Your membership dues help support Congregation Achduth Vesholom and allow us to offer spiritual, educational, and social opportunities. Please return your dues pledge form to the Temple as soon as possible to assist us in planning the budget for 2017-2018 fiscal year. Questions? Contact Treasurer Irv Adler.



CAN'T GET TO THE TEMPLE ON FRIDAY EVENINGS?

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



USHER IN SHABBAT WITH CHALLAH

Get involved at the Temple by volunteering to usher at Shabbat evening services and receive a delicious challah! All Shabbat ushers receive a gift certificate for a tasty loaf donated by [Waynedale Bakery](#), 2610 Lower Huntington Road. Please call (260)744-4245 to volunteer.

RABBI LENNY SARKO

FREEDOM AND RELATIONSHIPS



“The tablets were God’s work, and the writing was God’s writing, incised upon the tablets” (Exodus 32:17). Do not read, “incised,” (charut), rather [read] “freedom” (cheirut) — for no person is truly free except the one who labors in Torah. — Mishnah Pirkei Avot 6:2

Freedom in biblical and rabbinic Judaism is a highly complex idea. Consider the mishnah cited.

At first glance one might think the law, the Ten Commandments carved on the two tablets, would be limiting, charut – incised, constraining human freedom. Counter intuitively, the sages argue that true freedom only comes from an engagement with Torah, cheirut - freedom! How might “laboring in Torah” and living a life according to the demands of the Torah induce freedom?

I am reminded of the midrash where God offers the Torah to the nations of the world before offering the Torah to the Israelites. Each of these nations rejects the “gift” of the Torah because it is too constraining. While the rabbis speak of Torah as an experience of freedom, they at other times also speak of “the yoke of heaven” or “the yoke of the mitzvot” when referring to living a life observing the Torah’s commandments. A beast walking under the burden of its yoke is not the imagery Rousseau or Hobbes might employ to describe their notions of a life lived in freedom!

Put simply: What are these often conflicting notions telling us about biblical and rabbinic conceptions of freedom and its relationship to a life of Torah? How are we to experience z’man cheirutanu, the season of our freedom?

Modern western or American notions of freedom challenge some of these biblical and rabbinic definitions of freedom. Isaiah Berlin, in one of his more influential essays, “Two Concepts of Liberty,” made an interesting distinction between two types of freedom — negative and positive. He defined “negative freedom” as the freedom from constraints and coercion. “Positive freedom” constituted the freedom to realize one’s destiny and best interests. The rabbis of the Medieval period were the first to articulate that this counting is not exclusively about the offering of the new grain that was brought while the Temple still stood. We count from Passover to Shavu’ot because these two holidays are conceptually tied to one another. Passover is the holiday of our liberation and freedom. Shavu’ot, according to the rabbis, is the holiday of the receiving of the Torah — the holiday where we enter our covenantal relationship with God.

Freedom (Passover) without Shavu’ot (Torah) is incomplete; and Shavu’ot (Torah) would be impossible without Passover — the holiday that gave us the freedom to enter into this relationship with God. A life of Torah is not a life of freedom. Freedom is not an absolute value for the rabbis, or for the Bible. Freedom is utilitarian. The freedom of Pesah gives us the opportunity to enter into relationship with God. In most cases we choose to enter into relationships. We believe that a life lived in relationship, deeply connected and responsible to someone, is more meaningful than a life lived where we may possess the unconstrained freedom to act. Amen.

SCHOLAR TO SPEAK AT YOM HASHOAH SERVICE

Stephen Feinberg, an educator and scholar from the [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#), will speak on “Remember, Lest We Forget and From This We Learned Nothing” during the community’s annual Yom Hashoah service and program on Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. The program is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. A reception will follow the service. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support of the program.



TRAVEL TO ISRAEL IN MARCH WITH RABBI LENNY

Plan now to travel to Israel on March 11-19, 2018 with Rabbi Lenny and members of our Temple family! Please join us on this very special journey as we explore the best of Israel. We’ll visit religious and historical sites, experience the culture, geography and natural beauty of the country, and get to know Israelis in the Western Galilee through our Fort Wayne Jewish community’s association with the



[Partnership2gether](#) program of the Jewish Agency. Find the [itinerary](#) and trip details with [pricing information](#) at www.templecav.org.

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

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

LEARN TALMUD WITH RABBI LENNY

Our weekly Talmud Class with Rabbi Lenny will meet this month on two Tuesdays, April 18 and April 25, at 7 p.m. at the Temple when we explore how the concepts in the Talmud apply in our personal lives. All are welcome to attend at the Temple or online through [TempleConnect](#). Please make a note that we will not meet on Tuesday, May 9 so that students may participate that evening in the Temple Book Club.



IN THE LIBRARY...PASSOVER TITLES FOR YOUR HOLIDAY READING

Look no further than your very own Madge Rothschild Resource Center for some Passover ideas! Whether you are interested in a different haggadah or maybe want to find a new recipe, we have the resources for you. In addition to our large collection of children's books, we have DVDs and music CDs for the holiday as well.

Recently, we added two new Passover titles as part of Betty's 100 Books. The first, "The New Passover Menu" by Paula Shoyer, is a beautiful new cookbook for the holiday. The book is organized around menus for Seder as well as the weekdays that follow. Recipes range from a breakfast frittata to a flourless chocolate cake, and include a BBQ dinner menu, an Italian vegetarian menu, and an easy chicken menu. This is not your grandmother's Passover cookbook, as evidenced by the gluten-free waffles and the crunchy quinoa with sweet potatoes and cranberries. If you'd like to add some new, healthy recipes to your Passover rotation, check it out!



Our second "Betty's Books" donation is "The Baseball Haggadah: A Festival of Freedom and Springtime in 15 Innings," by Rabbi Sharon G. Forman. If you're looking to liven up your seder, particularly in a family of baseball fans, this would be a great deal of fun. Organized around two teams – the Israelites and the Taskmasters – the service includes a blessing over a sports drink alongside the Kiddush! All of the essentials are included, but with a baseball twist. The quote from Deuteronomy given at the beginning of the books says it all: "Then the Eternal took us out of Mitzrayim with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, and with signs and wonders."

Check out our [full collection of Passover resources](#) in our online catalog. Watch [Facebook](#) for staffed hours in the library, or contact Betsy Gephart at library@templecav.org if you'd like to reserve a book. Those with account numbers can place holds through the online catalog.

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Thank you to Kathy Sider for chairing the Grand Opening Event and to Rifkin Campus at 5200 Co-Chairs John Stein and Sally Trotter for their dedication to this important project. Kudos to the Resource Center Committee: Chair John Stein, Sally Trotter, Rena Black, Betsy Gephart, Maureen Grinsfelder, Micki Kepes, Kathy Sider, Wendy Soltz and Beth Zweig. We also thank Rabbi Lenny and Museum Consultant Marcia MacRae for their support.



RESERVE NOW FOR TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

Be part of our inaugural Temple Book Club meeting on Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. when we discuss [Saving Sophie](#) by Ronald Balson, the author of *Once We Were Brothers*. Our program will include a discussion with the author via teleconference, as well as some planning for ongoing quarterly meetings of the group. To facilitate discussion, space is limited, so reserve your spot today by contacting the Temple at (260) 744-4245. There is no cost to attend. With your reservation, we ask you to commit to reading the book and coming prepared to join the conversation. We hope this will be the first of many inspiring book discussions in the new Madge Rothschild Resource Center.



WHO WANTS TO PLAY MAHJ?

Please join us for open play mah jongg in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center (MRRRC). Go to our [sign-up page](#) for Sunday morning "Coffee & Mahj" from 10 a.m. to noon, as well as afternoon and evening options. We've got three mah jongg sets for players to use. There is a \$2 donation which helps support MRRRC programs like these and we suggest donating your winnings (if you decide to play for money) in the Temple's tzedakah (charity) box. Come and make some new friends; all levels of players are welcome! If you'd like to join our e-mail list for mah jongg updates, please let us know at office@templecav.org.



Scott Hartman GraphX Direct installs the sign for the new Madge Rothschild Resource Center on March 29.



YOUTH NEWS

THANK YOU, FORTY, FOR HOSTING PURIM CARNIVAL

This year's Purim Carnival in March was a success! Its new format of unlimited play and no tickets was a big hit with kids and parents.

Thank you to members of FOrTY and Junior Youth Group for hosting an excellent program that brought together Jewish families from both the congregations and the community. Thank you to FOrTY President Ethan Zweig and Advisor Libby Dicker for coordinating the events and JYG Advisor Matthew Katinsky for his help. We appreciate the parents who helped, Rabbi Lenny, and the congregants who assisted with donations and more.

Additionally, thanks to Bonnie Pomerantz for making her famous hamantashen, Clint Rositer for helping to set up, The Monogram Shoppe for prizes, and Judy & Marty Rifkin for generously donating the moon bounce, a highlight of the carnival for many kids.



HAVE A GREAT SPRING BREAK!

Religious School classes will not meet on Sunday, April 2 through Sunday, April 16 due to spring break and Passover. Hebrew classes resume April 18-19 and Religious School students return on Sunday, April 23.

Please note these dates for classes and special events:

Religious School (Sundays): April 23, April 30, May 7, May 21 (Last Day & Maccabiah Games). Hebrew School (Tuesdays/Wednesdays): April 18-19, April 25-26, May 2-3, May 9-10, May 16-17 (Last Session). Special Shabbat Event: Early service and Ethan Zweig's graduation from Religious School on May 19 at 7 p.m.

CAMPERSHIPS & CAMP NEWS

REGISTER FOR JEWISH OVERNIGHT CAMP AT GUCI

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



REGISTER FOR SUMMER FUN AT CAMP JOE LEVINE

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

GRADUATES WANTED



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

JOIN US FOR SHABBAT KATAN FAMILY SERVICE

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



CAMPERSHIPS

For additional information about camperships to attend Jewish summer programs, contact Campership Committee Chair Dan Zweig. Application forms are available by contacting the Temple office.

Other assistance for first-time campers through the Foundation for Jewish Camp can be found at [www.onehappycamper.org](#). Contact the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne for information about camperships.

FOUR DIFFERENT CUPS! 20S AND 30S TABLE AT THE TEMPLE SEDER

If you are in your 20s and 30s, please join our Fort YAD (Young Adults Division) at the Temple's community Seder on Saturday, April 15 at 6 p.m. Along with great conversation and a delicious Passover meal, we will be tasting four different local wines at our table, so please make a reservation to the Temple Office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org by Friday, March 31 (cost is \$25 for Temple members and \$30 for non-member) and make a note that you'd like to sit at the Fort YAD table.



MAZON ASKS YOUR HELP TO FEED 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 the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which faces proposals for devastating changes and cuts that would increase the problem of hunger.

REGISTER KROGER CARD TO HELP THE TEMPLE

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

ISRAELI OFFICIAL TO SPEAK AT LUNCHEON

Moran Birman, Consul for Public Diplomacy at the Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest, will speak on Friday, April 21 at noon at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art at the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Opinion Leaders Luncheon. Please RSVP to the Federation office at (260) 456-0400. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

KUGEL TASTING FOR ROSH CHODESH IN APRIL

Rid your home of chametz with a fun-filled kugel tasting and contest! Bakers and tasters of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Women's Rosh Chodesh Club are invited on Monday, April 3 at 6 p.m. at the home of Donna Tourkow. Bring a kugel to share and a recipe. We'll have three categories of tasting: savory, sweet, and "other." Think egg noodle kugel, potato kugel, zoodle kugel, and more! Please RSVP by Friday, March 31 to the Federation office at (260) 456-0400 or to Leah Hadashi at leahhadashi@gmail.com.



PASSOVER MATCHMAKING SERVICE

Do you need a place to go on Monday, April 10 for 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 (260) 744-4245. We will try to match Seder seekers with Passover providers. It is a true mitzvah to welcome others at your Seder table.

HOLOCAUST ESCAPE TUNNEL ON NOVA

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne is a sponsor of the PBS39 production of Nova – Holocaust Escape Tunnel that will air on Wednesday, April 19 at 9 p.m.



A SEUSSICAL PURIM

Fun had by all! How could you not in hats so tall?

JOIN THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS TEAM



The Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers will meet on Wednesday, April 12 at 10 a.m. to assemble bags for our 72 Brightpoint Head Start families. Our final bag assembly this school year is Wednesday, May 3 at 11 am. Afterward we will meet in the Goldstine Chapel for the

Annual Thoughtful Thursdays Volunteer luncheon. This project would not be possible without volunteers from Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Congregation B'nai Jacob, and The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

RENOVATIONS COMING TO SPOSEEP OUTDOOR CHAPEL IN MAY

In conjunction with new landscaping around the Madge Rothschild Resource Center, we are refurbishing our outdoor Sposeep Chapel. The improvements come through a generous contribution from Steve & Elissa Cohen and Mike & Patrice Sposeep, who established the beautiful space in memory of their parents, Doris & Sam Sposeep.

Dedicated in October 1997, the chapel provides a peaceful place to reflect and an alternate location for congregants to gather and pray amid nature's glory.

The renovation will include power washing the cement floor of the chapel, installation of park benches, and planting a new shade garden under the sycamore trees surrounding the chapel.

Donations of shade-tolerant plants are needed

and welcome. If you have plants to dig up and divide, please contact Ronnie Greenberg at rkg128@gmail.com. A date for planting the garden in May will be set as we see what the spring weather is like.



Clint Rossiter power washes the Sposeep Outdoor Chapel.

Doris & Sam Sposeep lived in Wabash, where in 1939 Sam began running the family scrap business, Abe Sposeep & Sons Inc., that his father founded in 1926. The Sposeeps joined Achduth Vesholom in the 1970s after having been members at Congregation B'nai Jacob. Elissa said her parents were supporters of the arts in Wabash County. They left a legacy gift to the Temple to be used in a way that would add beauty. Elissa said that the family worked with Rabbi Sanford Kopnick to develop the idea for the outdoor chapel in keeping with her parents' wishes.

MEET OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



We're pleased to introduce Mindy Esparza as our new administrative assistant in the Temple office, providing support to the rabbi, staff, leadership, and congregants.

A native of Fort Wayne, Mindy joined the congregation last October with her husband, Jay, and their 12-month-old son, Broderick. They are regular attendees at Temple worship and events.

Previously, Mindy was an office administrator, customer care representative and product photographer for Matilda Jane Clothing, LLC.

WANT TO JOIN OUR TEMPLE TEAM?

Congregation Achduth Vesholom is looking for two new part-time staff members to join our team, beginning July 1. Are you a dependable self-starter with great organizational and people skills? If so, we're looking for you to help keep our congregation running smoothly as Temple Administrator. Do you love Jewish learning and children, as well as have budget and administrative experience? If so, we're eager to talk to you about the position of Religious School Principal. Please contact Sally Trotter for more information or an application at (260) 744-4245 or cavadmin@templecav.org.

IHGS EDUCATION OUTREACH COORDINATOR NAMED

Dr. Patricia Rodda is a new face at the Rifkin Campus at 5200 as the Education Outreach Coordinator for the [IPFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#).

In her new part-time position, she will work to connect area K-12 teachers interested in teaching about the Holocaust and genocide with resources.



A Fort Wayne native, she is a recent graduate of the University of California, Irvine, where she received her PhD in Political Science. Dr. Rodda received her a master's degree in International Affairs from Marquette University in 2015 and her bachelor's degree from Hanover College in 2007.

Her research interests include international asylum and refugee law, the protection of human rights in conflict situations, and the implementation of international and regional law into domestic legal systems. She has worked directly with students for over ten years as a tutor, coach, and teacher.

HELP WELLSRING FOOD BANK THROUGH MILES FOR MEALS WALK

Support the food bank at [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](#) by participating in Wellspring's Miles for Meals Walk on Saturday, May 20. The three-mile walk begins at 9 a.m. (check-in starts at 8:15 a.m.) at Foster Park (Pavilion 1). The Temple is one of Wellspring's 16 supporting congregations. [Register online](#) and find out how to raise funds through your involvement.



Campership Fund

In memory of Goldie Dubow: *Vivian Skadron*

Endowment

In memory of Hannah Zacher: *IN10SE Productions, Lawrence Shine, Alan and Maureen Grinsfelder and Beth and Dan Zweig*

In memory of Sonia Cooperman: *Alan Cooperman*

In memory of Samuel Zweig: *Beth and Dan Zweig*

General Operations

In memory of Hannah Zacher: *The Platt Family, Larry & Carol Adelman, Linda & Steve Jacobson, William & Gloria Ashman, Douglas & Aimee Davis, FJA Co. LLC, Harbor Investments III LLC, Leslie Hojnowski, Rebecca Miller, Tom & Nancy Sarosi, Bill & Louise Warshauer, Rogers Family Properties, The Rogers Company, John & Molly O'Brian Adams, Susan & Don Kennicott, Irv & Fran Adler, Galecki Financial Management, Inc., Kevin Green, Amy & Edwin Platt,*

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In memory of G Irving "Bud" Latz: *Community Foundation*

In memory of Irena Kutsenok: *Eda & Leonid Kyner*

In memory of Maggie Silverman: *Manny Silverman*

In memory of Henry Kepes: *Dr. Sherwin & Micki Kepes*

In memory of Helen Schubert: *Philip & Linda Schubert*

In memory of David B. Fishman and Elizabeth Ruth Johnson: *Carol Levy*

Temple Gardens

In memory of Hannah Zacher: *Steven & Elissa Cohen, Patrice & Michael Sposeep, and Norm & Ronnie Greenberg*

In memory of Pauline Price, Zalman Levine, Edna Levine & Lois Levine Edwards: *Stanley Levine*

Ryan Goldstrom Memorial

In memory of Hannah Zacher: *Robert & Lori Goldstrom*

In memory of Maxine Jackson: *Iris Goldstrom*

Dr. John Planer Music Fund

In memory of Orion Reynolds: *Denny & Marcia Reynolds*

Holocaust Memorial

In memory of Irena Kutsenok: *Victor Kutsenok*

Library Fund

In memory of Hannah Zacher: *Rebecca Ristow and Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, Inc. and Betsy Gephart*

In memory of Jay Safran: *Ronald Cousino Jr, Richard & Cindi Wismer, Jay & Mindy Esparza, Rabbi Richard B. Safran, Norm & Ronnie Greenberg*

Donation received from: *Betty Stein*

Jacob & Ethel Mansbach Campership

In memory of Julie Liberman: *Arthur and June Shafer*

In memory of Sylvia Shafer: *Arthur and June Shafer*

Project Assist - Thoughtful Thursdays

Donations were received from: *Doris Gottlieb and Doris Fogel*

In memory of Hannah Zacher: *Richard & Cindi Wismer*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Henri Hagendorf: *Franck Hagendorf*

In memory of Hannah Zacher: *Steve & Jan Saratore*

Rifkin Campus at 5200

Donation received from: *Don & Rena Black*
In memory of Hannah Zacher: *Jon & Jamie Berger*

Ruth Brenn Campership

In memory of Eddie Field: *Steven & Diane Field*

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In memory of Jo Rothberg and Peter Alan Rothberg: *Deborah Rothberg and Stephen Rothberg*

In memory of Morris Ruderman and Peter Rothberg: *Suzi Stone*

In memory of Elizabeth Johnson: *Kay Saferstien*

S. Wyle Weiman Youth Activity

In memory of Rose Schwartz: *Len & Rikki Goldstein*

Youth Group

Donations received from: *Tom & Rita O'Neill and Richard & Cindi Wismer*

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.

The congregation will recognize members of the society at the Annual Meeting in June.

To be included as a new society member, please inform the Temple in writing by May 31, 2017 that you have made provisions to remember the congregation in your estate. A form is available at www.TempleCAV.org.

For further information about the L'dor Vador Legacy Society or making a planned gift now or in the future, contact Treasurer, Irv Adler.



YAHREZEITS

APRIL 7

Loretta Bukowski
Jane L. Neiman
Ida Goldberg
Tillie Starr Isay
Jan Gassman
Bella Gubitz
Sidney M. Hutner
Jane L. Neiman
Barbara Rosen
Elizabeth Ruth Johnson
Sylvia L. Shafer
Isabel Sider
Goldie DuBow
Marguerite Waltemath
Harry G. Browarsky
Florence Weis
Samuel Zweig

APRIL 14

Cecilia Gans
Wyle Weiman
Max T. Schmitz
Leopold Isay
Dorothy Horn
Judy Isroff
Peter Alan Rothberg
Helen O'Neill
Wyle Weiman
Peter Alan Rothberg
Sharon Subeck
Oren Evan Ford
Israel Weber
Fred Glazer

APRIL 21

Sonia Cooperman
Rebecca Goldberg
Werner Manheim
Irina Kutsenok
Moses Amber
Jo Rothberg
David L. Safran

APRIL 28

Meyer Fine
David B. Fishman
Sylvia Baker
Stephen Powers
Paul N. Richardson
Elaine Harvey
Lois Safran
Eva R. Salon
Margaret Silverman
Morris Ruderman

CONDOLENCES TO:

- Rabbi Emeritus Richard Safran and family on the death of his brother, Jay Safran, on February 28, 2017 in Edmon, Oklahoma.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER

We welcome Gene L. Goldberg as the newest member of our Temple family. A Florida resident, Gene came to us by way of Rabbi Lenny's Talmud class, where he regularly participates through TempleConnect. Gene is a retired senior executive of Bradley Pharmaceuticals, Fairfield, N.J. Originally from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, he lived for 50 years in the New York/New Jersey area. Gene moved 14 years ago to Florida, where he's a member of Rabbi Lenny's former congregation. He's an active volunteer, especially as a Guardian ad Litem.



The fierce winds on March 8 damaged the Rifkin Campus at 5200 sign in front of the building. We are working with Sculptor Cary Shafer to restore the sign, which is made from Indiana limestone, cold rolled steel, and bronze panels.

HOT TOPICS SHABBAT



Thank you to Steve Carr, the Temple Social Action Committee and the [IPFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#) for sponsoring Hot Topics Shabbat on President Trump's Executive Order on Refugees and Immigrants on March 24.

Thank you to our panelists: Farah Combs, IPFW Continuing Lecturer in Arabic and Director of the Honors Program, who served as moderator; Dr. James Toole, IPFW Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of Major Scholarships; Dr. Michael Wolf, IPFW Professor and Chair of Political Science; and Georgia Wralstad Ulmschneider, J.D., IPFW Associate Professor of Political Science and Campus Pre-Law Advisor.

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Guest Columnist

STEVE CARR

Two hours. Before a federal judge blocked President Trump's new travel ban on March 15, two hours was all that stood between Dr. Mohamad Katoub and a non-immigrant visa to the U.S. Dr. Katoub, who is Advocacy Manager for the Turkey office of the Syrian American Medical Society was set to meet with the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul. He was trying to receive permission to visit Fort Wayne to address Congregation Achduth Vesholom and give an eyewitness account of the crisis in Syria.



But two hours before this scheduled appointment, President Trump's revised executive order would have gone into effect, barring any Syrian from entering the United States. Suddenly, Dr. Katoub, who heroically treats children suffering from chemical weapons attacks in bombarded underground facilities lacking electricity, and who has previously testified before the United Nations Security and Human Rights Councils, the U.S. Senate Human Rights Caucus, and the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee, would be barred from entering the U.S. simply because of where he was born.

On the recommendation of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and with generous assistance from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the Temple's Social Action Committee still hopes to bring Dr. Katoub to the U.S. Banning him ultimately confuses the illusion of safety with exertion of arbitrary and unchecked power. Responding to injustice and staying true to our cultural and spiritual heritage ultimately will make us safe from irrational and self-destructive choices made from panic and fear.

Learning more about global affairs and exercising our First Amendment rights as Americans will strengthen America. Bans only further isolate Northeast Indiana from the rest of the world, and come with a steep cost: the damage to a free and open society.

As Jews and citizens, we have spiritual and legal obligations to address the plight of Syrian refugees, who like European Jews, must flee persecution and extermination. Sometimes the most lethal aims of mass murder come about not from graffiti or bomb threats, but from inaction, and officious, petty bureaucracies. During World War II, the State Department systematically banned visas for European Jews fleeing persecution. They held that Jewish refugees could involuntarily serve as Nazi spies. As FDR and the Jews noted, senators from Roosevelt's own party blocked legislation that would have raised quotas just for Jewish children. In the 1930s, Democrat Robert Reynolds opposed saving tens of thousands of children. Letting them in would allow "systematically building a Jewish empire in this country."

This April we commemorate both Yom Hashoah and Passover. The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism recalls how "the stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native among you." We are to "love him [or her] as yourself," because Leviticus requires that we remember, "you were strangers in the land of Egypt." The principle – or even just common decency – of welcoming the stranger gets repeated 36 times, more than any other commandment. If our spiritual history is to mean anything in 2017, this year every Seder participant must ask: "Where are our refugees? What can have we truly done to love them, as we love ourselves?"

Steve Carr is Chair of the Temple's Social Action Committee, as well as Director of the [Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#) and Interim Chair of the Department of Communication at IPFW.