

# THE TEMPLE BULLETIN

CONGREGATION ACHDUTH VESHOLOM

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## CELEBRATING FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Please join us for our 7th annual "L'dor Vador - From Generation to Generation" Shabbat service on Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m., bringing together students with older members of the Temple for special readings. We'll also offer a special blessing for children planning to attend a Jewish camp over the summer. A festive Oneg Shabbat follows. Participants and Religious School families are invited to dinner at 6 p.m. prior to the service.



With much love, Deborah Ash invites you to share  
the joy as her son

***Manasse Harry Ogendi***

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah  
on Saturday, May 18  
at 10 a.m. at the Temple

Please join us for the service

With love and honor, we invite you to  
join us in celebration as our daughter

***Vivian Shayna***

is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah  
on Saturday, May 25  
at 10:30 a.m. at the Temple

A Kiddush luncheon follows the service

Dave Flapan & Goldy Carbanaru



FOR INDEPTH  
NEWS & DETAILS

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# UPCOMING events & services

\*RSVP Needed

## MAY SHABBAT SERVICES

### L'dor Vador Shabbat Service & Blessing for Campers

Friday, May 3  
7 p.m. Service at the Temple  
Oneg Shabbat: Religious School

### Shabbat Service

Friday, May 10  
7:30 p.m. at the Temple  
Lay Leader: Bruce Colegrove

### Shabbat Service

Friday, May 17  
7:30 p.m. at the Temple  
Oneg Shabbat: In honor of Manasse's Bar Mitzvah

### Shabbat Service & Bar Mitzvah of Manasse Ogendi

Saturday, May 18  
10 a.m. at the Temple  
Bimah Honors: Ellen Tom  
Ushers: Jessica Ash and Nathaniel Gerstman

### Shabbat Service

Friday, May 24  
7:30 p.m. at the Temple  
Oneg Shabbat: Dave Flapan & Goldy Carburaru in honor of Vivian's Bat Mitzvah

### Shabbat Service & Bat Mitzvah of Vivan Flapan

Saturday, May 25  
10:30 a.m. at the Temple  
Bimah Honors: Ellen Tom  
Ushers: The Sagan Family  
Kiddush luncheon follows the service in honor of Vivian's Bat Mitzvah

### Shabbat Service

Friday, May 31  
7:30 p.m. at the Temple  
Ushers: Judy & Steve Zacher  
Oneg Shabbat: Betsy & Geoff Gephart in honor of Grace's Bat Mitzvah

### Shabbat Service & Bat Mitzvah of Grace Gephart

Saturday, June 1  
10:30 a.m. at the Temple  
Bimah Honors: Ellen Tom  
Ushers: The Katinsky Family  
Kiddush luncheon follows the service in honor of Grace's Bat Mitzvah



*Kiddush follows our Shabbat services*

## MAY EVENTS

### Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society

#### Betsy Anthony: International Tracing Service

Sunday, May 5  
2 p.m. at The Genealogy Center, ACPL downtown

### Yom Hashoah

Monday, May 6  
7 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus  
Dr. James Grymes, author of *Violins of Hope*, will speak. The community-wide Holocaust remembrance program is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

### Temple Book Club\*

Tuesday, May 7  
7 p.m. at the Temple

### Pathways to Peace:

**Mark Lavie**  
Tuesday, May 21  
6 p.m. at The History Center  
Sponsored by Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne

## JUNE EVENTS

### Grace Gephart Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, June 1  
10:30 a.m. at the Temple

### Shavuot Service & Oneg Shabbat In Honor of Rabbi Lenny

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

### Temple Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 12  
7 p.m. at the Temple

## JULY EVENTS

### Temple Night at the TinCaps\*

Saturday, July 20  
6:05 p.m. at Parkview Field  
Three Rivers Festival Fireworks follow.  
Tickets are \$12 each. RSVP to Temple office by July 1.

**Summer services move to 6:15 p.m. on Friday evenings from June 14 through August 30.**

## ONGOING EVENTS

### Mah Jongg Open Play\*

Sign up to play

Check dates and times for play in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center by following the link at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org)

### Lunch With The ROMEOs

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

*Thursday, May 9*

*Madge Rothschild Resource Center*

*Thursday, May 23*

*Club Soda*

*235 E. Superior St.*

RSVP to Denny Reynolds at [dennisreynolds@me.com](mailto:dennisreynolds@me.com)

# RABBI LENNY SARKO

## CELEBRATING OUR NEW JEWISH ADULTS



Achduth Vesholom has an unusual occurrence at the end of May/ beginning of June. For three straight weeks, we will have Bar/Bat Mitzvot. Son/Daughter of the Commandments - a time a Jewish child takes on the responsibilities of a Jewish adult. To

have consecutive simchas is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to take a moment to celebrate as a full community with vim and vigor.

This life-cycle event did not blossom until the Middle Ages. We have no biblical reference for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. In biblical times, if you were old enough to join the army, you were considered an adult. Our modern world blurs such lines. During the Vietnam War era, you could be drafted to fight but could not do any number of activities associated with being an adult. In many locations around the world, you might be forced to join the armed services simply because you are a child.

The early Reform tradition did not like Bar/ Bat Mitzvah. They did not think a person at the age of 13 had the knowledge or experience to make the choice to be a Jewish adult. Instead, they instituted the ritual of Confirmation and eliminated Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Although Confirmation still exists today, Jewish Reform communities liked Bar/Bat Mitzvah so much that it was brought back as part and parcel of synagogue life. The first Bat Mitzvah did not take place in a Reform facility. It occurred on March 18, 1922 when Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, founder of Reconstructionism, arranged for his daughter Judith to celebrate becoming a Bat Mitzvah at a public synagogue ceremony in New York City. The first recorded Bat Mitzvah at a Reform congregation occurred in 1931.

The significance today of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah cannot be understated. It is a public announcement that this individual will take his/her place as an adult Jewish member of the community. For these individuals, it becomes a time of self-definition that will follow them the rest of their lives. It will affect everything they do from that moment onward.

The first Bat Mitzvah is a good example. Judith Kaplan married and became Judith Eisenstein. She had a distinguished career as a teacher and historian of Jewish music. She obtained a Ph.D. in Sacred Music from Hebrew Union College, was active in this area with JTS, and composed a significant body of original liturgical music. She created and broadcast a 13-hour radio series on the history of Jewish music and authored a number of books, including the first American Jewish songbook for children. Her Jewish identity flourished.

Judaism will affect our Bar/Bat Mitzvot differently. How each of these individuals use their Judaism will differ. That it will remain a foundation in their lives in indisputable. As a community, we need to support our young people. The congregation has an opportunity during these consecutive weeks to show their support, pride and enthusiasm for our young people.

See page 4 for B'nei Mitzvah milestones at Achduth Vesholom.

## SPECIAL SHAVUOT SERVICE IN HONOR OF RABBI LENNY

Please join us for a special Shavuot service and Oneg Shabbat on Friday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. honoring Rabbi Lenny for serving as our spiritual leader for the past three years. We'll have an opportunity to offer our good wishes and a blessing as a congregation for Rabbi Lenny and Karen.



Rabbi Lenny, who finishes his tenure at Achduth Vesholom on June 30, became our 22nd spiritual leader in July 2016. During that time, Rabbi Lenny taught a well-attended weekly Talmud class, added Torah readings on Shabbat evenings, and developed our TempleConnect video-conferencing system for services and programs. He also organized interfaith programs in the community around the National Geographic film "Jerusalem" and a traveling art exhibit focused on Shabbat.

During the service, Rabbi Lenny will share insights about Shavuot, which marks the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai. In ancient times, Shavuot marked the conclusion of the spring barley harvest and the beginning of the summer wheat harvest.

## CATCH THE TINCAPS WITH US

Join members of our Temple family on Saturday, July 20 at Parkview Field to watch the Fort Wayne TinCaps play the Cedar Rapids Kernels, followed by the Three Rivers Festival fireworks.

The game starts at 6:05 p.m. Tickets for seats in the All-Star section behind home plate are \$12 per person. Please call the Temple office at 744-4245 by Friday, July 1 to reserve your seats and send your check (made payable to "CAV- The Temple"). We will not order extra tickets, so please make your reservations by the deadline. No refunds will be issued for cancellations.

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



Please join our family on this special occasion as our daughter

**Grace Irene**

is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, June 1  
at 10:30 a.m.

Kiddush Luncheon  
to follow

Betsy & Geoff Gephart



## BRUSH UP ON YOUR HEBREW WITH THE TEMPLE LIBRARY'S HELP

My husband and I have recently succumbed to the allure of one of the popular foreign language apps and are now working on our skills in a few different languages. If you're at all interested in learning or brushing up on Hebrew, we have a variety of resources in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#).



For children and/or beginners, we have a number of picture books that teach the alphabet and vocabulary. Sarah Mazor has a series of books teaching colors, animals, and counting, in addition to alphabet books by Michelle Edwards, Mama Doni, Chani Altein, Yaffa Ganz and Yael Rosenberg. Ruth Goldeen's *Alef-Bet Yoga for Kids* is also a fun way to learn your letters.

And there are a few picture dictionaries

in our collection as well. In addition to books for children, we have three Hebrew "Shalom Sesame" videos, and several games, including a Hebrew Scrabble.

If you've mastered your letters and want to try a Torah portion, we have a series of short paperbacks by Alison Greengard that cover most of the major old testament stories in easy-to-read Hebrew and English.

A favorite with my daughters is *Tall Tales Told & Retold in Biblical Hebrew* by Joseph Anderson. It translates well-known folk tales and fairy tales into Biblical Hebrew, providing some good language practice and a bit of humor in the translation! Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree* is also in our collection in its Hebrew edition.

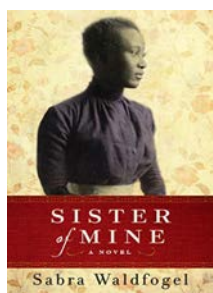


For adults, we have a few Hebrew primers and dictionaries available for those who are learning the language.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Hadashi family, we have some adult Hebrew titles in our collection now as well. If you are fluent, stop by the library to pick up the Hebrew version of several fiction and non-fiction titles. To view our full Hebrew collection, [check out our online catalog](#). Stop by anytime to take advantage of our Hebrew resources.

-Betsy Gephart, Librarian

## CIVIL WAR NOVEL TOPIC FOR BOOK CLUB



*Sister of Mine* by Sabra Waldfoegel is next on the schedule for the Temple Book Club. We'll discuss this historical Civil War novel with the author via LiveChat on Tuesday evening, May 7 at 7 p.m. in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. The book focuses on the daughter of a Jewish plantation owner and her maid, a slave named Rachel. A copy is available in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library. Please RSVP to the Temple office.

## B'NEI MITZVAH MILESTONES AT THE TEMPLE

As we celebrate b'nei mitzvah in the next few weeks, we also recognize related milestones in our history. The first Bar Mitzvah at Achduth Vesholom was celebrated on March 20, 1858 when Albert Nirdlinger was called to the Torah.

More than 100 years later, two new changes were adopted, both in 1962 and under the leadership of Rabbi Frederic Doppelt.

- On May 18, 1962, Ellen Horn became the first Bat Mitzvah
- On June 9, 1962, Stephen Zweig celebrated the congregation's first Bar Mitzvah on a Saturday morning

According to a Temple Bulletin announcement, "An historic turning point will take place in the long career of our congregation" when we institute the first "Bas Mitzvah Service." This new opportunity is in keeping with the fundamental principle of Reform Judaism extending equal religious rights and responsibilities to men and women alike, the Bulletin said.

"By unanimous decision of the Religious School and Social Activities Board, and with the approval of the Temple Board of Trustees, our Rabbi will be glad to offer Bas Mitzvah training to daughters of our members of the Temple who express a desire for this special Service, with the understanding that they continue in our Temple Religious School at least through the Confirmation year."

In a later Bulletin, the Rabbi's Message said Stephen Zweig's Saturday morning Bar Mitzvah would "add one more 'first' to the history of our congregation." Rabbi Doppelt explained that: "The place and purpose of the Bar Mitzvah ceremony is no longer controversial in Reform Judaism in America. It is now accepted throughout our country as a spiritual link to the Jewish education of our children at the age of thirteen, leading to their confirmation at the age of fifteen."

"In practically all Temples, however, this Service is incorporated into the Ritual of the Saturday Morning Liturgy – in keeping with its observance ever since the Bar Mitzvah ceremony was introduced into our religious life."



Ellen Horn and family, 1962.

See Rabbi Lenny's related column on Page 3.

## 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.



# YOUTH NEWS

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL YEAR ENDS WITH SIMCHAS AND MACCABIAH GAMES

We've got a busy end-of-the-year for Religious School, with dinners, simchas, and more. Parents, please mark your calendars for these important dates:



- **Classes meet** on April 28, May 5, and May 19 (Maccabiah Games and Last Day of Religious School).
- **L'dor Vador (From Generation to Generation) Shabbat on Friday, May 3.** Dinner for Religious School families and participants at 6 p.m. and service at 7 p.m. We also will offer a special blessing for children attending a Jewish summer camp.
- **No Hebrew classes** on May 7/8 due to Yom Hazikaron.
- **No classes** on Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day)
- **Saturday morning simchas:** Manasse Ogendi's Bar Mitzvah on May 18 at 10 a.m., Vivian Flapan's Bat Mitzvah on May 25 at 10:30 a.m., and Grace Gephart's Bat Mitzvah on June 1 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, May 19** – Religious School families are invited to join their students on Sunday, May 19 from 9:45 a.m. to noon in the Social Hall to celebrate the last day of Religious School. The fun includes our Maccabiah Games, teacher appreciation, and family lunch. Please RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245.



*Middle school students at Religious School are studying the Holocaust and learning about what Passover looked like during that time. They started by reading Haggadah Ha'Shoah, which tells the story of the Holocaust so we remember every year at Passover.*

## CAMPERS INVITED FOR SPECIAL BLESSING

Students who will be attending a Jewish camp this summer are invited to our Shabbat service on Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. for a special blessing with our Temple family before they head off on their adventures. We feel fortunate to have young people spending time at Goldman Union Camp Institute, Camp Joe Levine, and other Jewish settings to reinforce their learning at the Temple. Thank you to everyone who supports our campership efforts to assist those who need financial help and to encourage first-time attendance.

**camp joe levine**



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*Kindergarten and Pre-K students made Seder plates and afikoman bags at Religious School to get ready for Passover.*

## GRADUATION NEWS 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 8 to be included in our June/July Bulletin. Contact us at [office@TempleCAV.org](mailto:office@TempleCAV.org) or 744-4245.



## SUMMER FUN AT CAMP JOE LEVINE

Registration is open for the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Camp Joe Levine for children ages 4 to 13. The camp is open the weeks of July 8, 15 and 22 at Fox Island County Park. For more information, please contact the Federation office at (260) 465-0400 or [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org).





President Ellen Tom answers questions at a recent Town Hall meeting.

# HISTORIC AGREEMENT WITH B'NAI JACOB AND BYLAWS CHANGE ON AGENDA FOR ANNUAL

Please join us on Wednesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at the Temple's 171st Annual Meeting when we vote on a proposed agreement with Congregation B'nai Jacob about coming together as one congregation with two traditions.

Congregants also will vote on recommended bylaws changes that expand eligibility for election to the Temple's Board of Directors to include non-Jewish members of the congregation. Under the proposal, non-Jewish members would be able to serve on the board in any position except President and chair of the Ritual Committee.

In addition to the proposals, we'll vote on candidates for leadership and the budget for the next fiscal year. President Ellen Tom and the Board of Directors will update the congregation on efforts of the Rabbinic Search Committee and the past year's activities.

Information about the proposed framework with B'nai Jacob was mailed to members and the focus of two town hall meetings in April. If approved by the members of both congregations, the historical change to one congregation would begin over the summer.

The change to our bylaws is recommended by the Temple's leadership in recognition of the increased number of interfaith families, the valuable contributions made by non-Jewish members, and the desire to be more inclusive. Our current bylaws prohibit non-Jewish members from serving on the board. Membership in our congregation is open to any Jewish adult and any spouse or domestic partner of a member "who wishes to associate with and follow the principles of this congregation," according to the bylaws.

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

- **Outgoing Board Members:** Betsy Gephart (Vice President Programs), Jamie Berger, Elissa Cohen, and John Stein
- **Members of the L'dor Vador Legacy Society** for indicating they've made a planned gift to the congregation.

Absentee ballots, agendas, and the proposed budget will be available beginning Wednesday, May 29 in the Temple office. To be eligible to vote, members must be current in their financial obligations to the congregation.

## GUIDELINES FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots will be available for the Temple's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 12 for use by members in good standing who are unable to attend. To request an absentee ballot and agenda for review, contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245, by email [office@TempleCAV.org](mailto:office@TempleCAV.org) or during business hours Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Wednesday, May 29.

The Temple budget also will be available for review in the Temple office two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Signed absentee ballots may be submitted to the office in person, by U.S. Mail, by fax, or by email of a pdf copy of the ballot. Members who are not in good standing will be notified no later than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Contact Treasurer Scott Goldberg with questions.



## PLEASE VOTE FOR OUR LEADERSHIP

The Board Development Committee presents the following slate of officers and trustees for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, beginning July 1.

Please note that if the proposed agreement with Congregation B'nai Jacob is approved by both congregations, then the president of B'nai Jacob will serve a one-year term on the Achduth Vesholom board through June 2020.

### OFFICERS

**President:** Ellen Tom (*completing a 2-year term in June 2019 and nominated for an additional 1-year term ending June 2020*)

*Officers seeking a 1-year term ending in June 2020:*

**VP Programs:** Kathy Sider

**VP Finance:** Scott Goldberg

**Secretary:** Bobbie Golani

### TRUSTEES (seeking 2-year term ending in June 2021):

Larry Adelman

Jessica Ash

Denny Reynolds

Wendi Wallet

### TRUSTEES (seeking 1-year term ending in June 2020):

Steve Zacher

Beth Zweig

### TRUSTEE (Not up for Re-election; currently serving 2-year term ending in June 2020):

Talia Bugel

Thank you to the Board Development Committee for putting together the slate: Bobbie Golani (Chair), Eileen Baitcher, Kathy Sider, Maureen Grinsfelder (past president), and John Stein (past president).

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS TO WRAP UP 9TH YEAR IN MAY

The Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers will assemble the final bags of the school year on Wednesday, May 1 at 11 a.m., followed by a volunteer luncheon and meeting in the Goldstine Chapel.

Thoughtful Thursdays will finish its 9th year in May providing bags of food and household items for 70 Brightpoint Head Start children who attend class at the Temple. Upcoming bags include laundry detergent and toilet paper.



Thank you to our volunteers from Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Congregation B'nai Jacob, and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

Jamie Berger and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs



FINDING FAMILY AFTER THE HOLOCAUST



The Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is pleased to host Dr. Elizabeth Anthony for two presentations on Sunday, May 5 and Monday, May 6. She is the International Tracing Service and Partnerships Program Manager at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The ITS collections became available in Germany and at digital copy-holding institutions around the world in November 2007. This service is a valuable resource for researchers interested in studying issues focused on victims of Nazi persecution. These presentations will give attendees an introduction to the ITS collections and their function, and are generously supported by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the PFW Institute for Holocaust & Genocide Studies, the University of St. Francis, and the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center.

**On Sunday, May 5**, Dr. Anthony will speak about the use of the ITS to find victims of the Nazis. This Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society program will be held at 2 p.m. at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center and is open to the public.

**On Monday, May 6**, she will present a similar program at 3 p.m. at the University of St. Francis Downtown Business Center, 826 Ewing St. Irv Adler, president of the NEIJGS and a Temple member, will be part of this presentation as well. He will explain how he used the ITS database to find the last surviving member of his Viennese family.



STUDENT ART EXHIBIT FOCUSES ON MUSIC PROVIDING HOPE OR PERSECUTION

The amazing students from Jeff Roberts' social studies class at Wayne New Tech Academy will exhibit their art designs that bring to life the idea of "music providing hope or persecution" at USF Robert Goldstine Performing Arts Center. The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne is sponsoring a reception on Monday, May 13 at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Thank you to Wayne New Tech and the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.

YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM FEATURES VIOLINS OF HOPE AUTHOR ON MAY 6

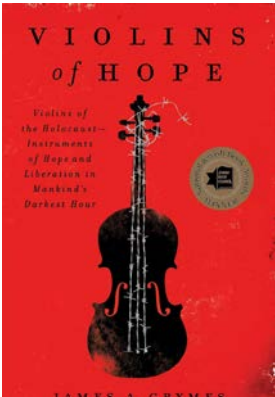


Musicologist James A. Grymes, author of Violins of Hope: Instruments of Hope and Liberation in Mankind's Darkest Hour, will speak on Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m. as part of the annual community-wide Yom Hashoah commemoration at the Rifkin Campus.

A Professor of Musicology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Grymes won a National Jewish Book Award for Violins of Hope. The book tells the stories of violins played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust and of the Israeli violinmaker dedicated to bringing the instruments back to life.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the program is free and open to the public. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support.

On November 9-24, the Federation and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic will host Violins of Hope, a community-wide collaboration of music, visual art, theater, public conversation, interfaith dialogue, reading, and educational presentations designed to commemorate the **DEFIANCE, RESILIENCE, AND LEGACY** of those who were affected or silenced by Nazi Germany.



JOURNALIST ASKS "WHY ARE WE STILL AFRAID"



Journalist Mark Lavie, a Fort Wayne native and author of Why Are We Still Afraid?, will speak on Tuesday, May 21 at 6 p.m. at The History Center as part of the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's CRC Pathways to Peace speaker series.



## Joseph & Elsa Adler Memorial

In memory of Elsa & Joseph Adler: *Fran & Irv Adler*

## Dr. John Planer Music Fund

A donation has been made by: *Jan & Steve Sarratore*

A donation has been made by: *Betsy & Geoff Gephart*

In memory of James Rakes and Orion Reynolds:

*Marcia & Denny Reynolds*

## General Operations

In memory of Elizabeth Ruth Johnson: *Kay Safirstein*

In memory of Dorothy Whisler: *Ally & David Whisler*

In honor of Evelyn Ruth Whisler: *Ally & David Whisler*

A donation has been received from: *Richard Grzych,*

*Scott Fergusson*

In memory of David B. Fishman: *Carol Levy*

In memory of Helen Fine: *Patricia Lehman*

## Himmelstein Children's Library

A donation has been made by: *Lynn & Phil Himmelstein*

## Max & Gerda Schmitz Holocaust Education Fund

In memory of Margaret Silverman: *Manny Silverman*

In memory of Irina Kutsenok: *Victor Kutsenok*

In memory of Rena Edlavitch: *Betty Stein*

## Holocaust Memorial Fund

In memory of Clara Nichtern, Morris Erman, and Frieda

Erman: *Fran & Irv Adler*

## Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural Fund

In memory of Peter Alan Rothberg, Jo Rothberg, Morris

Ruderman, Kate Mendelblat, and Betty Castle: *Suzi Stone*

In memory of Kathryn Kann Mendelblat, Jo Rothberg, and

Betty Castle: *Cathy Lash*

In memory of Peter Alan Rothberg and Jo Rothberg:

*Stephen Rothberg, Deborah Rothberg*

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

## Religious School Fund

In memory of Helen Fine: *Maureen & Alan Grinsfelder*

## Temple Garden Fund

In memory of Helen Fine: *Ronnie & Norm Greenberg*

## Thoughtful Thursdays

In memory of Mark C. Smith and Helen Fine:

*Cindi & Richard Wismer*

A donation has been received from: *Dora Itkin*

## S. Wyle Weiman Youth Activities

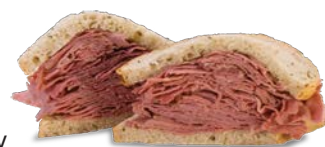
In memory of Helen Fine, Leonard Goldstein, and Wyle

Weiman: *Rikki Goldstein*

**Explore all of our Tribute Funds.**

## SAVE THE DATE FOR 18TH ANNUAL CORNED BEEF SALE

Our Corned Beef Committee is getting ready for the Temple's largest fundraiser of the year – our 18th annual Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy sale on Thursday, November 7. Thank you to Larry Adelman and Samara Sheray for serving as this year's co-chairs!



The deli day team also includes: Carol Adelman, Fran Adler, Irv Adler, Scott Goldberg, Lee Pomerantz, Chuck Replane, Denny Reynolds, Nancy Salon, Ellen Tom, Judy Zacher, Steve Zacher, Beth Zweig, Jamie Fritz, and Marie McFadden.

We welcome and need new volunteers to help plan the sale! Contact us at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) to offer your assistance. Please also schedule the day off to help with Corned Beef Prep Night (Wednesday, November 6) and sale day.

## MAZEL TOV TO:



- **Alex Kutsenok & Emily Swire** on their upcoming marriage on June 16, 2019 in Fort Wayne. Alex is the son of Temple Member Victor Kutsenok and the late Irena Kutsenok. Emily is the daughter of Myrna Borsuk Swire. The couple lives in Miami, Florida.
- **Marilyn Salon** on receiving the 2019 Jane Avery Friend of the Food Bank Award from Community Harvest Food Bank in honor of her support of hunger relief.
- **Ally & Dave Whisler** on the birth of their granddaughter, Evelyn (Evie) Ruth Whisler, who was born on December 19, 2018 in Philadelphia. Proud parents are Jackie & Steve Whisler.

## ADD A LEAF TO THE OLIVE TREE

Purchasing a leaf on the olive tree mural in the hallway leading to the Madge Rothschild Resource Center is a wonderful way to recognize an important person or significant occasion. 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.



## HELP TEMPLE WITH amazon

Did you know that you can help the Temple when you purchase items through AmazonSmile? To find "Achduth Vesholom Congregation," go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0135020](https://www.amazon.com/ch/35-0135020). All eligible shopping will benefit the Temple. Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price.





# MAY YAHRTZEITS

## May 3

Sigmund Apfelbaum  
Ruth Beck  
Morris Becker  
Emanuel Blum  
Harold I. Chon  
Louis S. Dessauer  
Muriel Feinstein  
Clara Heilbroner  
Minnie Kaplan  
Naomi Frank Korkes  
Louis Latker  
Jean Lee  
Samuel Levis  
Frances Levy  
Jane L. Neiman  
Alfred Novitsky  
Stephen Powers  
Paul N. Richardson  
Sol Rothberg  
Dr. Charles J. Rothschild  
Lois Safran  
Dr. Hans Sahlmann  
Dr. Harry Salon  
Hazel Schultz  
Harry N. Speyer  
Abraham Stein  
Bertha Strass  
Samuel Wolf

## May 10

Lena Nahmias Cohen  
Marian Smith D'arcy  
Rabbi Frederic A. Doppelt  
Pearl Fichman  
Joseph Freiburger  
Chad Goldberg  
Myron S. Goldman  
C. C. Hollingsworth  
Sara Kaliski  
Sarah Krakower  
Sarah Kraus  
Dora Leiberman  
Evy Lipp  
Hyman Mazur  
Nathan Nemeroff  
Meyer Roseman  
Mayora Rosenberg  
Lucille Schuler  
Samuel Schultz  
Scott Sherr  
Curtis M. Stein  
Jerry Sweedler  
Pauline Turansky  
Emily Weinstein  
Bernard A. Woolner

## May 17

Sarah Beck  
Betty Castle  
S. Stephen Cohen  
Dr. B. M. Edlavitch  
Stan Fishman  
Helen Fishman  
Julia Frankenstein  
Solly K. Frankenstein  
Paul Gordon  
Sherman Gordon  
Leo Horn  
Abraham Kamile  
Robert Katz  
Louis Komito  
Anna Landy  
Theresa Levy  
Fannie Lipp  
Edwin Maier  
Felix Maier  
Geraldine Mansbach  
Lena Salon  
Morris Salon  
Gerda Schmitz  
Philip Sisman  
Rose Soraich  
Elizabeth Stein  
Lorenz Edward Stillpass  
Isaac D. Straus  
Joseph A. Stumpf  
Stanley Tankel  
Ralph Tourkow  
Ruth Wertheimer  
Pauline Young



## May 24

Vida Assael  
Miriam Brenn  
Julie Brooks  
Eugene M. Frank  
George Ivan Fredrick  
Mae Freiburger  
Yetta Freiburger  
Sam Goldstine  
Steven R. Jaeger  
Harry H. King  
Harry E. Landy  
Sylvia Levine  
Ruth Levine  
Sarah Levy  
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Rivah H. Meyers  
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Lillian J. Pilgrim  
Rabbi Edward Rubin  
Reuben Sachs  
Helen M. Schubert  
Jack Speyer  
Herman Stern  
Ruth Turansky  
Bernard "Bud" Turansky  
Sally Zelinger

## May 31

Eva Bosell  
Ken Burcham  
Anna Jones Clark  
Gertrude Cline  
Nissim Yuda Farhi  
John C. Gosney  
Herbert W. Isay  
Marvin Katz  
Henry Kepes  
Annette P. Kesselman  
Aaron Komito  
Jack Levine  
Rae Lipp  
Leopold Loeb  
Abraham Pallas  
Donald Persky  
James Rakes  
Orion Reynolds  
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Marion Sweedler  
Helen G. Warshauer  
Sylvia Zimmerman  
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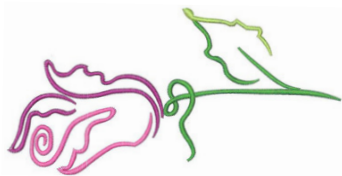


## CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE AT LINDENWOOD

Temple members in good standing are eligible to purchase plots in the congregation's Y and YY section at Lindenwood Cemetery. Please contact the Temple office for information. Each plot is \$2,200.

## WE CARE

Please let the Temple office or Rabbi Lenny know if a family member is in the hospital or if other situations arise when the congregation may be of assistance or comfort. We aren't always aware of situations unless family or friends notify us.



## CONDOLENCES TO:

- Kristin & Scott Goldberg and family on the death of her mother, Karen S. White, on April 2, 2019 in Muncie.
- The family of long-time member Helen Fine, who died on April 1, 2019 in Fort Wayne. We think of her children, Caron & Alan Goldstein, Cindi Etzler, and Neil & Alegria Fine and their families.



## 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. Legacy society members will be recognized at the Temple's Annual Meeting on June 12.

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



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**The deadline for the June Bulletin is  
Wednesday, May 15.**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER ELLEN TOM



Next month we are getting ready to embrace one of the biggest initiatives in the history of not only our Temple, but of Fort Wayne's Jewish community. This has been a time filled with a lot of emotion, compromise, passion, and commitment.

Members of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and Congregation B'nai Jacob have been working together on a B'yachad (Together) Committee, along with joint subcommittees and the Boards of Trustees, to develop a proposal that would bring us together as one congregation with two traditions. Temple members will vote on the plan at our annual meeting on Wednesday, June 12.

Two Town Hall meetings in April gave our members an opportunity to ask questions. The nearly 40 people who attended the first gathering on April 12 also experienced a beautiful Shabbat service led by Bruce Colegrove.

Little did I know that Bruce's D'var Torah would become the perfect segue for the discussion that would follow. With his permission, I'm sharing part of his message of encouragement and support in our efforts to bring our Jewish community together:

"We began our services tonight with a famous verse from Psalm 133:

hinei = behold  
ma tov = how good  
u mah na'im = and how pleasant  
shevet achim = the dwelling of siblings  
gad yachad = IN ONENESS

"Does anyone here come from a family in which there was some sibling rivalry? Does the Torah include any prominent examples of sibling rivalry? Cain and Abel? Jacob and Esau? Joseph and just about all of his brothers? Well, of course! Such is nature. Siblings can't help but compete. That's how they learn and grow.

"At this point, I must thank the Gephart family for contributing so beautifully to tonight's service. As some of you may know,

Naomi and Grace are two of my finest Hebrew students, and they do at times engage in just a bit of sibling rivalry. Indeed, they have rather noticeable differences, but what they have in common is much more powerful – and much more important. But I guarantee you that these two young ladies treasure one another.

"My central point tonight is that each one of these young ladies chants her prayers with skill and poise, but I believe that their prayer rises to a much higher level of beauty when they chant together. So, as we prepare for this evening's Town Hall, I suggest that we consider the example of the shma and v'ahavta we heard from Naomi & Grace.

"As we move forward with this endeavor, let us remember that we are continuing one of our greatest Jewish traditions. We are here because we deeply value our Jewish community, and as we do so, we guard and nourish the spirit of UNITY (Achduth) that this congregation has symbolized for more than a century and a half.

"Every year in this nation too many temples and synagogues are vanishing, while too many others find themselves forced to sacrifice their identity and merge with brethren congregations. Thus, we now have brothers and sisters in the Fort Wayne area who are looking for a new home.

"As we embrace this transition, I pray that we will all see this as an opportunity that is forged in hope – and very deliberately designed to grow and build. There is no doubt that this will not be a perfect experience. But nothing of any significant value comes without some measure of trial and error. And some heartache.

"I suggest that we strive to see the future of this proud Jewish community in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as something that will be as wise and vibrant and valuable – as each and every one of us all come together – to make it be.

"We should do this. We can do this. Let's make it work."

Thank you, Bruce, for those meaningful words. I look forward to seeing everyone on June 12.