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ROMEOS' PASTA FUNDRAISER RETURNS ON JUNE 6

The talented chefs from the ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) and their Juliets are back for a third year hosting a homemade pasta dinner and desserts on Wednesday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. to benefit Congregation Achduth Vesholom.



The fundraiser includes delicious food and drink, music, dance, and lots of schmoozing, along with a menu including homemade spaghetti and meatballs, breadsticks, salad, desserts and beverages (wine, lemonade, coffee, tea). Cost is \$20 per adult, \$12 for children 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under, and \$175 for a table of 10. Please RSVP no later than Friday, June 1 to the Temple at (260) 744-4245 and send check made payable to "CAV- The Temple." If you'd like to contribute a dessert, contact Chuck Replane at creplane@gmail.com

Please share our joy as our son

JACOB FISHER

is called to the Torah
to become a Bar Mitzvah
Saturday, the Fourteenth of July
Two Thousand Eighteen
at Ten O'Clock in the Morning

Kiddush Luncheon Following

Leslie & Joseph Cohen



PLAN TO ATTEND TEMPLE'S ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 13

Please join us on Wednesday, June 13 at 7 p.m. at the Temple's 170th Annual Meeting when we vote on candidates for leadership, proposed bylaws changes, and the budget for the next fiscal year. President Ellen Tom will update the congregation on the past year's activities and preview the year ahead. *Please see page 6 for details.*

FOR INDEPTH
NEWS & DETAILS
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UPCOMING events & SERVICES

*RSVP Needed

JUNE EVENTS

ROMEOs Pasta Dinner Fundraiser*

Wednesday, June 6
6:30 p.m. at the Temple
RSVP by Friday, June 1. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$12 for children 6-12, free for 5 and under, or a table of 10 for \$175.

Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society Meeting*

Sunday, June 10
1 p.m. at the Allen County Public Library main branch
[First meeting of the new group.](#) Please RSVP to NEIndianaJGS@gmail.com.

Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne

Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 10
6 p.m. Business meeting at the Rifkin Campus
7 p.m. [Dr. Alan Dowty](#) on "Israelis and Palestinians: Has The Gap Narrowed?"

Temple Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 13
7 p.m. at the Temple
We'll vote on proposed changes to the by-laws, the budget, and Temple leadership.

JULY EVENTS

Temple Night at the TinCaps*

Saturday, July 21
6:05 p.m. at Parkview Field
RSVP by July 2 to the Temple

AUGUST EVENTS

First Day of Religious School*

Sunday, August 26
9:45 a.m. to noon

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Shabbat Service & Sherwin Kepes Bar Mitzvah Renewal

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

ONGOING EVENTS

Mah Jongg Open Play*

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

Lunch With The ROMEOs

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

- **Thursday, June 7**
[Black Canyon Restaurant](#)
1509 W. Dupont Rd
- **Thursday, June 21**
[Asakusa Japanese Restaurant](#)
6224 Lima Road
- **Thursday, July 5**
[Chappell's Coral Grill](#)
6328 W. Jefferson Blvd.
- **Thursday, July 19**
[China Palace](#)
5810 Bluffton Rd.

RSVP to Chuck Replane at creplane@gmail.com

JUNE SERVICES

Conversion Ceremony

Friday, June 1
Shabbat service at 6:15 p.m.
Celebrate with Kristin Goldberg when she is called to the Torah to complete her conversion to Judaism.

Shabbat Services

Friday, June 8, 15, 22, 29
6:15 p.m. at the Temple

JULY SERVICES

Shabbat Services

Friday, July 6, 13, 20, 27
6:15 p.m. at the Temple

Shabbat Morning Service & Jacob Cohen Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, July 14
10 a.m. at the Temple
Music: Orin Reynolds
Kiddush Luncheon follows, hosted by Leslie & Joseph Cohen

Summer services move to 6:15 pm beginning Friday, June 1 through August 31.



WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR FIRST EVENT OF THE NEW YEAR

We hope to continue the Temple's tradition of welcoming members, guests, and those new to the Jewish community to our Erev Rosh Hashanah Reception on Sunday, September 9, following our worship service. However, we need a chair or co-chairs to coordinate with the many members who are willing to bake or help in other ways. Phone a friend and then call us to offer your assistance! This first event of the New Year always has been a wonderful way to make new friends and see old ones. Please help us make it happen! Contact Samara Sheray at (260) 744-4245.

SIGN UP TO PLAY MAHJ THIS SUMMER

Spend a summer afternoon or evening playing mah jongg in our beautiful Madge Rothschild Resource Center! Go to our sign-up page for the latest dates and times. Cost is \$2 to play. 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.



RABBI LENNY SARKO

TO DEFINE A SANCTUARY



Recently Achduth Vesholom allowed a funeral to take place in the sanctuary. I objected to both the family and the leaders of the congregation as to the acceptability of this act. I questioned if this was a proper use of a sanctuary. I was told that it was the tradition of this Temple to allow a funeral service to take place inside the sanctuary.

Mordecai Kaplan's had a famous statement, "The past has a vote, but not a veto." The one philosophical platform I have tried to instill since my arrival is that all of us should go much further in questioning why we do what we do from a Jewish perspective. Ritual without meaning is empty. To act only out of tradition is not the Jewish way. We need to analyze the context and determine based on Judaic principle how to best act within that context.

In this case, congregants need to ask, what is a Jewish sanctuary? What symbol does it hold for this community? Based on the understanding of the definition of that space, it can be determined what can or should take place in a sanctuary.

The Talmud allows a funeral in a sanctuary but only for the greatest Jewish scholar of that community, and, even then, it was done with reluctance. One can find instances of eulogies, of memorial services, prayer services directed to those in mourning, and even cases when the hearse traveled by the Temple on the way to the cemetery, but in my life I have not seen a coffin within a sanctuary.

There are a number of reasons. First, Judaism is all about life. Our sanctuary should reflect this foundational ideal. Even our kaddish prayer does not mention death. The Temple and its sanctuary is a place of learning, a place of celebration. A coffin is anathema to these ideals.

I have read of congregations that have had a coffin within a sanctuary and the result was the family of the deceased, every time they came to the sanctuary, would only envision the coffin and think about the death of their loved ones. Prayer and other functions that should take place no longer were functional for this family.

I have taken the time to poll other Reform congregations and there are some that do allow coffins in their sanctuary. I could not find other denominations supporting this act. What makes a sanctuary different from all other spaces, both in and out of the Temple, is that it acts as the very symbol of Judaism. Although the person who died may have been important and respected within the community, there are many choices that are better alternatives for a funeral than a sanctuary.

Other reasons to not accept this practice can be brought forward, but the space for this article will not allow me to elaborate. Rabbi Michael Lerner once said, "For the prophets it was nothing less than a catastrophe that the Jewish people were using the language of the tradition but missing its essence." I believe that the Temple should take the time to visit this question formally and determine a policy to be followed as it relates to coffins within the sanctuary.

CELEBRATE WITH OUR NEWEST MEMBER OF JEWISH COMMUNITY

Share in a special day on Friday, June 1 when Kristin Goldberg becomes the newest member of the Jewish community following completion of the conversion process with Rabbi Lenny.

All are invited at noon for a mikvah ceremony at Foster Park (Pavilion 2). Lunch follows at [La Fogata Mexican Restaurant](#), 1812 Bluffton Road (Quimby Village). Please make a reservation by Wednesday, May 30 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245. Attendees will cover the cost of their own meal.

Please also join us at 6:15 p.m. at the Temple for our Shabbat service when Kristin will be called to the Torah for an aliyah. Kristin, who has studied with Rabbi Lenny during the past year, already is an active member of the Temple and teaches in our Religious School. Mazel tov to Kristin, her husband, Scott, and son, Sam.



CATCH THE TINCAPS & THREE RIVERS FESTIVAL FIREWORKS WITH US

Join members of our Temple family on Saturday, July 21 for a trip to Parkview Field to watch the [Fort Wayne TinCaps](#) play the Clinton Lumberjacks, followed by the Three Rivers Festival fireworks show.

The game starts at 6:05 p.m. Tickets for seats in the All-Star section behind home plate are \$10 per person. Please call the Temple office at 744-4245 by Monday, July 2 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 at the ballpark. Thanks to Mike Barasch for organizing this great social evening.

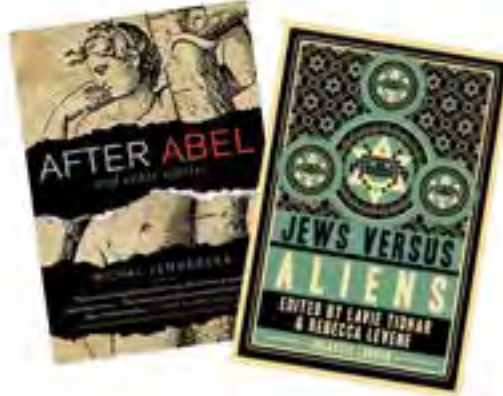
HOW ABOUT A STORY?

As we head into summer, it may be a good time to check out our short story collection. If you're not quite in the mood to take on a full-length novel, choose from a number of anthologies in the [Richard B. Safran Library](#).

A couple of National Jewish Book Award finalists stand out. The first, *Mitzvah Stories: Seeds for Inspiration and Learning*, edited by Goldie Milgram and Ellen Frankel, is a compilation of 60 stories by Jewish rabbis, storytellers and authors from around the world. Jewish Book World calls it an "Exceptional, vibrant anthology."

The second award finalist, *After Abel and Other Stories*, by Michal Lemberger, was one of the Jewish Book Council's "15 fiction books that shaped Jewish literature in 2015." In this collection, Lemberger re-imagines the lives of biblical women in her stories, receiving rave reviews.

Another pair of books to consider are *Jews vs Aliens* and *Jews vs Zombies*, edited by Lavie Tidhar and Rebecca Levene. For these collections, science fiction authors were invited to submit works related to Judaism that included aliens or zombies. No other



thematic suggestions or requirements were given. The result is a pair of diverse collections, perfect for science fiction fans.

Two other recent titles are worth mentioning. *Nine Facts That Can Change Your Life*, by Ronna Wineberg, is a collection of 15 stories centered around lovable characters from across the globe. From the Jewish Book Council's review, "It is an exciting type of writing which coerces the reader into sharing the writer's experience by predicting the future of the characters' lives."

And So Is the Bus: Jerusalem Stories, by Yossel Birstein, is a brief collection of 21 stories taken from the author's encounters with "characters" on a Jerusalem bus. From Kirkus Reviews, they are "Evocative stories—fortified with beguiling asides, full of unforgettable absurdities."

This is just a small sample of our library's short story collection. Check out the rest in our [online catalog](#). Stop by the library any time for your summer reading! Self-checkout is available whenever the building is open.

NEW JEWISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY TO MEET JUNE 10

Whether you are looking to pass along your family history, searching for relatives, interested in Holocaust research, or an accomplished family historian, join us for an organizational meeting of the newly-formed [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) on Sunday, June 10 at 1 p.m. in the Discovery Center of the Genealogy Department at the Allen County Public Library.



Betsy Gephart, Irv Adler, and ACPL Genealogy Department Director Curt Witcher will present a short program to begin the afternoon. Betsy and Irv, both Temple members, will speak briefly about their research and Curt will introduce various resources of the Genealogy Department specifically for Jewish genealogy. A short business meeting will follow to discuss programming and other organizational details. For more information, check out our [Facebook page](#) or website at [NEIndianaJGS.wordpress.com](#). Please RSVP to NEIndianaJGS@gmail.com.

MAZEL TOV TO:

- Chuck Replane on the birth of his granddaughter Martha Elizabeth Replane on April 27, 2018 in Fort Wayne. Proud parents are Taylor & Sheri Replane.



We celebrated Shavuot and Confirmation on May 18, led by Rabbi Lenny and our high school students.

Mazel Tov to:

- **Sam Cohen**, son of Leslie & Joe Cohen
- **Hannah Katinsky**, daughter of Nola & Matthew Katinsky
- **Emily Sullins**, daughter of Carolyn & Chris Sullins
- **Kira Sullins**, daughter of Carolyn & Chris Sullins

YOUTH NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

High School

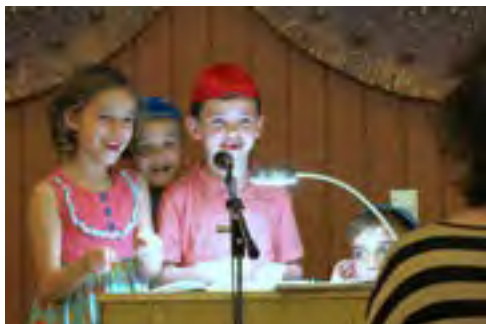
- **Jacob Colegrove**, son of Bruce Colegrove and Catherine Martin, on his graduation from Canterbury High School. He plans to take a gap year.
- **Ian Corbett**, son of Laura & Steve Corbett, on his graduation from Canterbury High School. He plans to attend Xavier University in Cincinnati to study Exercise Science to become a physical therapist.
- **Genevieve Shine**, daughter of Larry Shine, on her graduation from Homestead High School. She plans to attend Manchester University.
- **Emily Sullins**, daughter of Carolyn & Chris Sullins, on her graduation from Carroll High School. She plans to attend Purdue University in West Lafayette.

Post-Secondary

- **Scott Goldstrom**, son of Lori & Rob Goldstrom, on his graduation from the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Writing for Screen and Television.
- **Marc Pomerantz**, son of Bonnie & Lee Pomerantz, on receiving his first Associates of Science degree in Informatics from Ivy Tech Community College in Fort Wayne. He plans to continue his studies at Ivy Tech toward a second Associates of Science degree later this year in Cyber Security with long-range plans for a bachelor's degree in a related field.
- **Jaclyn Sider**, daughter of Kathy & Todd Sider, on her graduation from Tulane University Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering. She will attend Georgia Tech in the fall, pursuing a Master's degree in Biomedical Innovation and Design.
- **Jamie Katz**, son of Janet & Andy Katz, on receiving his Juris Doctorate from The University of California Davis School of Law. He has accepted a position with Legal Services of Northern California in Vallejo, CA.

CELEBRATING L'DOR VADOR & MELISSA KESSEL

During our L'dor Vador Shabbat in May celebrating the tradition of sharing our Jewish knowledge from generation to generation, we recognized Melissa Kessel for 25 years teaching in our Religious School and presented her with a leaf on the Temple's olive tree mural.



Mrs. Kessel's students participate in the service.



Melissa with present and former students after the service. She thanked the Religious School students and parents for the leaf, all who provided goodies for the Oneg Shabbat, and the friendship, kindness, and generosity extended to her during her quarter-century teaching.



Melissa Kessel with past Religious School Director Bonnie Pomerantz and Religious School Director Leah Hadashi and friends.



Rabbi Lenny offer a blessing for children who will be attending a Jewish summer camp.

MACCABIAH GAMES



Religious School ended on May 20 with the Maccabiah Games and a cookout. Thank you to everybody who helped and participated!

Thank you to our teachers, students, and families for another great year. We look forward to seeing you on August 26 when classes begin.

Please join us on Wednesday, June 13 at 7 p.m. at the Temple's 170th Annual Meeting when we vote on candidates for leadership, proposed bylaws changes, and the budget for the next fiscal year. President Ellen Tom will update the congregation on the past year's activities and preview the year ahead.

Proposed bylaws changes, which were mailed to members in April, include restructuring the board to integrate the role of the Treasurer into the Vice President of Finance position and reducing the size of the Board of Directors. Congregational approval is needed to revise the bylaws. If approved at the annual meeting, then the changes would take effect on July 1.

In addition, 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: Immediate Past President Joe Cohen, Steve Carr, Leah Hadashi, and Richard Manalis.
- 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 30 in the Temple office. To be eligible to vote, members must be [current in their financial obligations](#) to the congregation.

PLEASE VOTE FOR OUR LEADERSHIP

The Board Development Committee presents the following slate of officers and trustees for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, beginning July 1. Please note that proposed changes to the bylaws to be voted on at the annual meeting on June 13 include reducing the total size of the board. The slate reflects those changes.

OFFICERS

President: Ellen Tom

Completing two-year term ending June 2019

Seeking a one-year term ending in June 2019

VP Programs: Betsy Gephart

VP Finance: Steve Zacher

Secretary: Kathy Sider

TRUSTEES

Seeking 2-year term ending June 2020:

Talia Bugel

Elissa Cohen

Bobbie Golani

Scott Goldberg

TRUSTEES

Not up for Re-election; currently serving 2-year term ending in June 2019:

Jessica Ash

Jamie Berger

Denny Reynolds

John Stein

Wendi Wallet

Beth Zweig

Thank you to the Board Development Committee for putting together the slate: Elissa Cohen (Chair), Carol Adelman, Jamie Berger, Joe Cohen (past president), and Mike Rush.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

Thank you to the volunteers from Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Congregation B'nai Jacob, and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne for your support and hard work with Thoughtful Thursdays.



We completed our eighth year on May 2 and celebrated with a volunteer luncheon. We appreciate everyone who donated food and household items during the past year to help our 66 Brightpoint Head Start students and families. Thank you also to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its generous support.

During the summer, we are collecting boxes of tissues. Donations may be dropped off at the Temple. Plan to be part of our team when our bag assembly group resumes its work on Wednesday, September 5 at the Temple. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jamie Berger at jberger02@comcast.net or 672-8715.

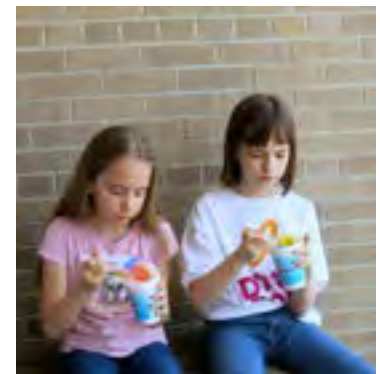
Jamie Berger and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays Co-Chairs



Celebrating the end of the 8th year of Thoughtful Thursdays. See page 10 for additional photos.



We welcomed Chef Marla Cohen to the Temple on April 29 for a fun afternoon cooking with the Seven Species of Israel in the finale to our year-long Adult Education series! Nearly 100 people noshed on date shakes, roasted barley pilaf, salmon croquettes, and fig spread with shortbread, while Chef Marla shared tips and techniques. Thank you to Adult Education Committee members Wendy Soltz (chair), Betsy Gephart, Kathy Sider, Fran Adler, and Beth Zweig for hosting and to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support. We also thank [The Monogram Shoppe](#) for setting up shop for the day to make available [Chef Marla's Super Shit-arein Spices](#).



Mitzvah Day brought together more than 80 congregants on a beautiful Sunday morning to tend to the Temple's section at Lindenwood Cemetery. In a ceremony led by Rabbi Lenny, we buried damaged sacred books and said Kaddish.

We cleaned headstones for loved ones and those we didn't know. We placed stones of remembrance decorated by our Religious School students. And we shared stories about the history of the Temple and some of those buried at Lindenwood.

Afterward, we returned to the Temple for a delicious lunch - including treats from an ice cream truck. Thank you to Ellen Tom, Jamie Berger, Jessica Ash, Talia Bugel, and Samara Sheray for organizing this year's Mitzvah Day and all who participated. We also thank [Areyvut](#) for providing Mitzvah Day t-shirts for our volunteers that remind us of the importance of "Doing Good."

ROSH CHODESH FOCUSES ON ETHICAL WILLS

Please join the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) Rosh Chodesh group on Monday, June 4 at 6:30 pm in Room B of the Allen County Main Public Library where we will be discussing and writing ethical wills.



An ethical will, or legacy letter, is a way to share our values, blessings, life's lessons, hopes and dreams for the future, love, and forgiveness with our family, friends, and community. It is a heartfelt expression of what truly matters most in our life.

Dr. Sarah Sandman and Professor Kate White from the English and Linguistics department at IPFW will be our instructors as we begin creatively writing our own ethical wills. We hope you can join us. This event is free and open to all Federation members.

SAVE NOVEMBER 8 FOR 17TH ANNUAL CORNED BEEF FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendar to join us for the Temple's 17th annual Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy Fundraiser on Thursday, November 8.

Co-Chairs Steve Zacher and Chuck Replane welcome additional committee members to help with our congregation's biggest fundraiser. Please contact Steve Zacher at szacher@zacherco.com to say you'd like to get involved.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: BRUCE COLEGROVE

A FASCINATION WITH THE GIRLS IN THE AUSCHWITZ BAND

Temple member Bruce Colegrove describes the girls' band at Auschwitz-Birkenau as the "most eclectic, the most unique, the most controversial, and, without any question, the most zealously documented gathering of female musical talent the world has ever known."

Their story, he says, also is one of the most inspiring. Bruce recently developed a [new website](#) dedicated to sharing his extensive research on the Women's Orchestra of Auschwitz, which was founded in the concentration camp in April 1943.

He calls them "the Girls in the Auschwitz Band" on his website ([thegirlsintheauschwitz.band](#)), influenced by the title of a memoir translated from Polish to "One of the Girls in the Band." Bruce also notes that the majority of band members were extremely young and the ensemble bore little resemblance to what we would consider an orchestra.

"We have a sacred duty to remember the Holocaust," said Bruce, who teaches Hebrew to students in the Temple's Religious School and has been a b'nei mitzvah tutor for nearly 18 years.

"This story needs to be remembered. There are so many inspiring stories of survival. This also is a way to remember who they were and where they were from. The more I find out, the more I feel this is a memorial to them, their parents, siblings and spouses who did not survive."

He traces the stories of the women from 30 cities in 12 countries who faced barbaric conditions and death at Auschwitz. The musicians were aged 14 to 58. At first, the SS refused to consider including Jews in the band, but later relented to utilize their musical talents.

The band's primary job was to play when prisoners were marched to and from their daily work details at the camp gate. They gave concerts for prisoners and the SS. They played for prisoners in the infirmary and sometimes when transports arrived or during selections.

Bruce, 64, said he's been interested in Holocaust literature for many years. A colleague at Canterbury High School, where he teaches Spanish, suggested he read Primo Levi's *The Drowned and the Saved*, which talks about a moral "gray zone" between good and evil.

From there, he taught a course called Films of the Holocaust that included "Playing for Time." The 1980 made-for-tv movie stars

Vanessa Redgrave as Fania Fenelon, a classical pianist and singer in Paris, who is arrested during the Nazi occupation for her support of the French underground.

She is sent to Auschwitz, where she becomes part of the camp's all-female orchestra led by conductor Alma Rose. Rose, a well-known violinist, came from a distinguished family. Her father, Arnold, was the concertmaster for the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and her uncle was composer Gustav Mahler.

Bruce became fascinated with the story and the controversy provoked by the film. He still teaches the films course each spring at Canterbury, but he no longer shows "Playing for Time" because he says it misrepresents the story.

His language skills extend beyond Spanish. Bruce learned German while serving overseas in the U.S. Army, adding Ancient Greek upon his return. He has studied a half-dozen other languages as well. As part of his research for the website, he translated information from Ladino, German, Spanish, French and Hebrew. He said he wishes he knew Russian and Polish to help with his project.

His motivation for the website includes the desire to write a screenplay someday to correct the inaccuracies of the film. It's also a fascinating story, Bruce said, including the murky circumstances around the death of Alma Rose. He has a theory about what happened to her that he continues to research.

"The story of the girls' band is compelling because something like this could happen again," he said. "We need to be aware. We can't let this go unremembered."



LIGHT OF THE NATIONS SHABBAT



Based in Bloomington, [Light of the Nations](#) takes a contemporary approach to Jewish worship, adding video, art and text to prayer. Founder/Artist Bruce David and Musical Director Orin Reynolds with Marcia & Denny Reynolds and Joe Congress following the service on May 25.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: IRV ADLER

STONES OF REMEMBRANCE FOR LOVED ONES LOST

May 3 was a solemn yet special day for Irv Adler, his cousin Shaul Spielmann, and 11 family members from Israel and the U.S., the Israeli family that Irv discovered researching his grandmother's letters. They all met in Vienna to dedicate two Stones of Remembrance to honor the lives of five family members who were killed in the Holocaust. (Irv had previously dedicated a Stone for his grandmother in 2014 and one for his great uncle and cousin in 2017.)

In the morning, the family gathered at Novaragasse 4, in the second district of Vienna, to dedicate a Stone for Adolf and Emma Loeff, Shaul's aunt and uncle, and their son Kurt – his cousin and closest childhood friend. This was a deportation collection apartment and the Loeffs' last residence before they were deported in October 1942 to Theresienstadt and ultimately to Auschwitz, where they were murdered. Both Irv and Shaul shared stories about the Loeff family with the relatives and friends who joined them there.

In the afternoon the group was part of a larger assemblage of people dedicating Stones of Remembrance for lost family members at four sites in the first district of Vienna. The third stop,



Fleischmarkt 22, was the last place Shaul and his parents, Josefine and Benno Spielmann, lived before they were deported to Theresienstadt in 1942.

Standing in the courtyard of the building, surrounded by his family as well as friends from both the U.S. and Vienna, Shaul spoke movingly about the horrors he and his parents had endured, starting with the night when he was seven years old and Nazi thugs broke into his home, put a gun to his head, and threatened his parents with their son's death unless they gave up their valuables.

After Theresienstadt the family was deported to Auschwitz, where Josefine was murdered in 1943. Benno was deported to Buchenwald and was murdered in 1945. Shaul was moved from camp to camp and survived the Death March before he was finally liberated at Mauthausen. He was 14 in 1945 when he went, all alone, to start a new life in what would become the state of Israel. Shaul said that, with his return to his last home in Vienna, his life had now come full circle.

Dedicating Stones of Remembrance will ensure that the lives of these family members will not be forgotten. May their memory be a blessing.



Doris Fogel



Dr. Rebecca Erbelding



Four Past Presidents



Holocaust Education Committee & Dr. Rebecca Erbelding

We partnered with IPFW's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies to host a day-long seminar on May 16 at the Temple for future teachers to learn how to teach about the Holocaust.

Experts in the field spoke throughout the day, including Holocaust survivor and Temple member Doris Fogel. The evening keynote by Dr Rebecca Erbelding, a historian at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, focused on Americans and the Holocaust.

Thank you to IHGS and the Temple's Holocaust Education Committee for organizing the symposium with support from the IHGS, the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, Congregation Achduth Vesholom's Max & Gerda Schmitz Holocaust Education Fund and the Holocaust Memorial Fund, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, The Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University, and a donation from an Anonymous Donor.

DONATIONS

General Operations

In memory of Mildred Congress and Jacob Weiss: *Joe Congress*
In memory of Mark Smith: *Steve & Judy Zacher*
In memory of Mayora Rosenberg: *Beth & Dan Zweig*
In memory of Leonard Goldstein: *Karen Sandler, Kay Safirstein, Judy & Steven Zacher*
In memory of Julia and Solly Frankenstein: *Al Zacher*
In memory of Ruth Levine: *Ally & Dave Whisler*
In memory of Helen Schubert: *Linda & Phillip Schubert*
In memory of Stan Fishman: *Carol Levy*
In memory of Harry H. King: *Ronald King*
A donation was made by: *Richard Grzych*

Holocaust Education Fund

In memory of Curtis M Stein and Dr. B. M. Edlavitch: *Betty Stein*
In memory of Morris Erman, Clara Nichtern, and Frieda Erman: *Fran & Irv Adler*

Harold & Berenice Smith Religious School Fund

In memory of Mark C. Smith: *Andy & Janet Katz, William & Louise Warshauer, Cheryl Schorey, Jack Rosenberg, Catherine Sallaz, Cheri Buker, Sandra & Robert Lemon*

Adelman Facility Improvement Fund

In memory of Mark Smith and Joel Deitch: *Larry & Carol Adelman*

Dr. John Planer Music Fund

In honor of Orin Reynolds: *Marcia & Dennis Reynolds*

Religious School

In honor of Melissa Kessel and her 25 years teaching in the Religious School: *Maureen Grinsfelder, Marcia & Dennis Reynolds, Jamie & Jo Berger, Rita & Thomas O'Neill, Ronnie & Norm Greenberg*

Richard B. Safran Library

In honor of Rabbi Richard B. Safran: *Sherwin & Micki Kepes*

S. Wyle Weiman Youth Activities Fund

In memory of Leonard Goldstein: *William & Louise Warshauer, Cheri Buker, Charla & Samara Sheray, Larry & Carol Adelman, Rikki Goldstein, Betty Fishman*

Campership Fund

In honor of Stan Levine's 80th Birthday: *Fran & Irv Adler*

Endowment Fund

In memory of Leonard Goldstein: *Beth & Dan Zweig, Jamie & Jon Berger, Fran & Irv Adler*

Temple Gardens

In memory of Joseph Stumpf: *Ronnie & Norman Greenberg*
In memory of Rivah H. Meyers: *Patrice & Michael Sposeep*
In memory of Lena Cohen & Doris Sposeep: *Steve & Elisa Cohen*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Rita Gold: *Jim & Suzi King*



Kay Safirstein created 66 child-size quilts for Brightpoint Headstart students as part of Thoughtful Thursdays. Janet Finkel & Donna Tourkow assemble bags. Suzi King, Micki Kepes, and Janet Finkel count containers of animal crackers for year-end bags.

See page 6 for more information on the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays program.

JUNE & JULY YAHRZEITS

June 1	Sarah Jacobson	June 22	Bertha Gross	Annette Latker
Eva Bosell	Lauren Kaminsky	Irving E. Appel	Olga Haas	Nanette Mayer
Ken Burcham	Aaron M. Krakower	Toba Baum	Nathan Hendelman	Henry Ney
Anna Jones Clark	Julie See Latz	Stanley D. Cohn	Myer Levin	Frace Polz
Gertrude Cline	Anna Marlow	Lisa Deitch	Sol Mastbaum	Elinor Sachs
Nissim Yuda Farhi	Abe Minske	Levi Edlavitch	Louis Papernick	Phyllis Silver
John C. Gosney	Edward Phillips	Rebecca Farhi	Yetta Piccone	Celia Pearl Steiber
Isaac M. Hallenstein	Rabbi Herman Price	Jean King Fishbein	Carol Rosenberg	Isaac Trauerman
Herbert W. Isay	Martha Replane	Morris Gladstone	William Rothenberg	Fannie Wertheimer
Marvin Katz	Anna Schultz	Betty W. Golden	Benjamin Rothschild	
Henry Kepes	Louis Smith	Robert Goldstine	Nathan Rothschild	July 27
Annette P. Kesselman	Nathan Snow	Sara Hirsch	Samuel Schecter	Marvin Berg
Aaron Komito	Tillie Speyer	Kathryn Kann Mendelblat	Siegfried Schmitz	Jeanne F. Bransilver
Jack Levine	Flora S. Weil	Samuel Milstein	Albert Smith	Samuel Bretzfelder
Leopold Loeb	Sidney Weiss	Harold B. Price	David "Max" Spanjer	Dr. Harold Cline
Abraham Pallas	Eugenia Young	Herta Rosanis	Florence Wald	Cynthia Cremer
Donald Persky		Doris Sedgwick		Jack Feldheim
Eleanor B. Platka	June 15	Harold Sheyer	July 13	Abe Field
James Rakes	Amelia Butz	Esther Smith	Mollie Barasch	Adelaide Frank
Anna Mae Rosenblatt	Morris Erman	Doris M. Sposeep	Bernard Dubinsky	Leopold Freiburger
Charles Rosenblum	Louis Fishman	Hyman G. Steiber	Simon Freiburger	Carrie Broda Goodman
Sarah Salon/Kaye	Allen Fleischman	Morris A. Stillpass	Jerry Friedman	David S. Hutner
Eleanore Schwarz	Jack Frank	Emanuel Strass	Klara Goldfarb	Selma Kline
David Silverman	Sarah Goldfarb	Rosa Wertheimer	Philmore I. Harris	David Lauferty
Marion Sweedler	Jack Goodman		Libby Harris	Iretta Lauinger
Helen G. Warshauer	Sylvia Goodman	June 29	Isidore Marx	Rita S. Marks
Meyer Warshauer	Bernard Gross	Samuel C. Blumenthal	Louis Novitsky	Phyllis Pinzow
Sylvia Zimmerman	Robert Hutner	Sarah DuBow	Marshall Pallas	Marlene Primack
Muriel Zweig	Julius Lyman Isay	Louis Erdich	Dr. Eric Ray	James H. Richardson
	Margaret Katz	Helaine Kann Hill	Milton J. Rosenthal, Jr	Amelia Rosenthal
June 8	Dr. James B. Katz	Morris Hyman	Jeannette Sposeep	Gladys Rudin
Issadore (Al) Adelman	Charles A. Lampel	Lawrence A. Levy, Sr.	Rose Smith Wittenberg	Thomas Sarratore
Jonas Arnold	Mildred Llewellyn	Louise Marcus		Albert Schnitt
Al Berk	Dorothy Mullennix	Aaron Rothschild	July 20	Charles W. Schwartz
Mitchell Bronstein	"Bobby" Dessauer Neuwirth	Bernard Silverman	Anna Dively	Maurice Seelberg
Peter Bronstein	Chaje Nichtern	Robert Wollman	Anne Doran	Harry Segal
Gary Cohen	Robert M. Pollak	Rubin Zamrin	Marguerite Elder	Mrs. E.M. Shonfield
Archibald Cohen	Ada Rothberg		Edward Finkel	Adele Snow
Georgia B. Daniel	Lottie Sahlmann	July 6	Dora Fisher	Babette Trauerman
Joel Deitch	Julia W. Trauerman	Elana Ben-Yehoshua	Lillie Hutner Fleck	Sylvia Wolfe
Edward T. Dinken	Billie A. Wenbert	Bart Broederz	Belle R. Frank	
Moses Englehard	Abraham Wolf	Margot Field	Cheryl Gannon	
Rose R. Goldman	Helena Wolf	Dr. Naf H. Gladstone	Arthur Hill	
Fred Hefter	Edward Zamrin	Charlotte L. Goldstine	Morris Horn	



A BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR PLACE TO ENJOY

Next time you're at the Temple, please visit the Sposeep Chapel behind the Temple. Renovations last summer enhanced this outdoor worship space with beautiful plants and park benches. It's a lovely place for quiet reflection, conversation, or Shabbat services.



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The deadline for the August Bulletin is Monday, July 16.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ELLEN TOM



As we approach the end of our fiscal year, we are busy preparing for the Temple's 170th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 13. We will gather to cast votes, share accomplishments, and celebrate our tireless and talented volunteers and leaders.

We are truly fortunate to have such wonderful programming that not only encompasses our own Temple family but promotes community outreach. During the past year, we continued to offer Hot Topics Shabbat, Home Shabbat, Temple Book Club, and the second Holocaust Symposium.

We came out in numbers to participate in the Youth Group's Purim Carnival, Interfaith Service, L'Dor Vador Service, and Mitzvah Day. We gave generously to help programs offered through Thoughtful Thursdays and Wellspring Interfaith Social Services. We celebrated b'nei mitzvahs, Confirmation, and the retirement of Melissa Kessel after 25 years of teaching in our Religious School.

And we continue to watch the transformation of the Madge Rothchild Resource Center with the newly installed history timeline and historical photo mural, with newly-designed, soon-to-come William Brosler Outstanding Volunteerism Award and Holocaust Torah display.

To take a quote from Joe Cohen, the Temple's Immediate Past President: "The Temple is a very special place. It is important to realize that we are benefiting from those members who came before us who provided their time, talent and treasure to make our congregation what it is today. We must recognize our obligation to do the same so that Achduth Vesholom remains a vibrant institution for all of our children and community."

The Annual Meeting is another opportunity where you have a voice and can assist in determining the future path of our Congregation. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we look forward to welcoming you all!

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.



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WANTED FOR OUR TEMPLE OFFICE TEAM

We're looking for a new Administrative Assistant to join our Temple team! Are you a dependable self-starter with great organizational, computer, and people skills? If so, we're looking for you to help keep our office running smoothly to better serve our members. Please contact Executive Director Samara Sheray for more information at (260) 744-4245 or cavadmin@templecav.org.