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RIFKIN CAMPUS AT 5200 NEWS



In appreciation of the Rifkin Family Foundation for its generous support, the Temple's Board of Directors has renamed our project the Rifkin Campus at 5200. The Foundation is the lead donor, having provided a \$625,000 matching grant last summer to help launch the project and assist the Temple in raising more than \$1 million to date toward the Campus.

Other developments over the summer include:

- A decision by The Madge Rothschild Foundation to extend for six months a \$250,000 matching grant for the Campus. Any donations made through December will be tripled through the generosity of The Madge Rothschild Foundation and the Rifkin Family Foundation. [Pledge forms](#) are available at www.templecav.org.
- The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne has settled into its new offices in the space formerly housing the Temple's library and museum. At its annual meeting in early June, the Federation held a mezuzah hanging ceremony, welcoming its members to tour the new space.
- Progress continues on the first phase of the project. New bathrooms in the Religious School wing will be complete by the end of the summer and existing bathrooms will be remodeled after the High Holy Days.
- A new sign for the Rifkin Campus at 5200 is being developed for display on Old Mill Road. It also would list Congregation Achduth Vesholom and our Campus partners, including the Federation, the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association, and Temple Head Start.

BROSLER AWARD WINNER LIVES PASSION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

Over the past quarter-century, Jamie Berger's involvement at the Temple has included everything from board service to leadership development to a Rabbinic Search Committee. She's warmly welcomed new members and created a soup pantry for congregants in need.

In considering how we'd respond to an emergency medical situation in the building, she tapped the professionals in our midst to cover the cost of a defibrillator and organized a CPR class for the staff.

Despite all those important contributions over the years, Jamie's passion is truly *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. The Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays program, now beginning a fifth year, is an example of Jamie's commitment to social action. Her daughter, Jordan, says her mom "has a true passion for finding out what people truly need and fulfilling those needs. She sees something wrong and can't walk away from it." (*more on page 7*)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Reservations Required*

Need more information? Visit our [website \(templecav.org\)](http://templecav.org) or give us a call!

AUGUST

Taste of Morocco Havdalah*

Saturday, August 2
7 p.m. at the Temple

Dinner Out Friday*

Friday, August 8
Follows our 7 p.m.
Shabbat service
The Rib Room Restaurant
RSVP by Tuesday, August 5

Junior Youth Group Pool Party*

Sunday, August 10
3 to 5 p.m. at the home
of Mike & April Barasch
RSVP by Monday, August 4

Interfaith Build

Begins Monday, August 11
At Fuller's Landing
Register at
fortwaynehabitat.org/volunteer

Corned Beef Bulk Mailing Prep

Thursday, August 28
9 a.m. at the Temple

NFTY-Ohio Valley Leaderships*

Friday to Sunday, August 29-31
At Goldman Union Camp Institute

SEPTEMBER

PJ Shabbat

Friday, September 5
6:15 p.m. at the Temple

Cabaret Night*

Saturday, September 6
8 p.m. at the Temple
RSVP by September 2

First Day of Religious School

Sunday, September 7
9:45 a.m. (age 3 – 8th grade)
12:30 p.m. (High School)

FoRTY Car Wash

Sunday, September 7
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
at the Temple

Hebrew School Begins

Tuesday, September 9
5:30 p.m. at the Temple

Change the Torah Covers

Friday, September 19
7 p.m. at the Temple

Yahrzeit Plaques Dedicated

Friday, September 26
7 p.m. at the Temple

The Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945 Traveling Exhibit from U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

September 14-November 5
at Artlink, 300 E. Main St.

The United States Holocaust
Memorial Museum exhibitions
program is supported in part
by the Lester Robbins and
Sheila Johnson Robbins
Traveling and Special Exhibitions
Fund established in 1990.

Sponsored locally by
Congregation Achduth Vesholom,
the Jewish Federation of Fort
Wayne, Artlink, IPFW's Institute for
Holocaust and Genocide
Studies, and the Dr. Harry W.
Salon Foundation.

Opening Reception – Monday, September 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Artlink Sponsored by Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne

Find out more:
<http://ipfw.edu/iHgs> or
<http://artlinkfw.com>

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 24
8 p.m. at the Temple

Erev Yom Kippur

Friday, October 3
8 p.m. at the Temple

[Full schedule on website](#) for
holiday morning worship and other
events.

SERVICES

AUGUST

Shabbat Worship begins at 7 p.m.

- Friday, August 1
- Friday, August 8, service followed by Dinner Out Friday* (RSVP by Tuesday, August 5)
- Friday, August 15
- Friday, August 22
- Friday, August 29

SUPPORT THE TEMPLE WITH HIGH HOLY DAYS DONATION

Remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion during the High Holy Days with a gift to the Floral Fund (to help purchase beautiful bimah flowers for holidays and other occasions) or to the Temple's General Operations. Donors who make a gift of \$54 or more by Wednesday, September 17 will be listed along with their honoree or occasion in a special program distributed at services during the High Holy Days. (Checks should be made out to "CAV-The Temple" and indicate if your donation is for the Floral Fund or General Operations.)

SHABBAT "DINNER OUT" ON THE TOWN

Join us for the last of our summertime "Dinner Out Fridays" following our Shabbat service on August 8. Meet at the Temple for our 7 p.m. service and brief Kiddush. We'll then continue to The Rib Room Restaurant (family side), 1235 East State Blvd. Please RSVP by Tuesday, August 5.

CABARET NIGHT AT THE TEMPLE

Join us for a lovely evening of desserts, wine and entertainment at our Cabaret Night on Saturday, September 6 at 8 p.m. at the Temple. The program includes:

- A group from the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, including Temple members Betsy Gephart and David Rezits
- Rabbi Cattapan & Kris Gray
- Maestro Robert Nance
- Francie Zucco Jazz group
- Light comedy from "Temple Jews Telling Jokes"

Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 2 to (260) 744-4245. Free to attendees with a goodwill offering. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its support. Thanks to the Cabaret Committee: Jan Sarratore, Jane Martin, and Carol Adelman.

A TASTE OF MOROCCO

Explore Jewish Morocco with us on Saturday, August 2 at 7 p.m. at the Temple with dinner, a program and Havdalah. Rabbi Cattapan will share experiences from his recent week-long study trip exploring the rich Jewish heritage of the northwest African nation. The reservation deadline has passed. Contact the Temple office to see if space remains for the Moroccan meal catered by Pembroke Bakery. Cost is \$5 per person.

Rabbi Javier Cattapan

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE: LET'S BRING IT BACK!



As we were welcoming two new Jews into the Jewish people during a conversion ceremony, a few miles down the street in Downtown Indianapolis, another chapter in the struggle for marriage equality was unfolding.

Soon after a federal court judge struck down the discriminatory marriage law of our state on June 25, couples were lined up to get married. By the time I came back to Fort Wayne later that day, our members Harriet Miller and Monica Wehrle were already among the first to tie the knot – aided by Senior Judge Michael Rush, a Temple member, who officiated at the solemnization of their union of more than 37 years.

They were married on Wednesday afternoon and by Thursday afternoon I had been contacted by two other couples who wanted their marriages solemnized. Neither couple was affiliated with the Jewish community (although one of the women was Jewish) nor were the ceremonies “Jewish” in any traditional way. But these recognitions were Jewish in the sense that they were opportunities to show our support for same-sex couples.

Many clergy who performed same-sex ceremonies during the short window had concerns that we were not treating these couples equally. We did not require pre-marital counseling or a follow-up discussion, as we usually do. At the end, most local clergy who, like myself, were able (and eager) to perform same-sex weddings did it because we felt the importance and urgency of the situation. By Shabbat, it was all over, and we were back to living in a state that treats some loving relationships as having less value than others. Yet things are moving quickly nationally and we may have a positive resolution to this inequality.

If same-sex marriage equality is the civil rights issue of our time, it is imperative to act quickly, to take a stand in favor of equality, to “stand on the side of love,” as our Unitarian Universalist friends put it.

Solemnizing same-sex marriages was for me an issue of social justice for couples who, in many cases, have been living as a family for decades. During the time it was legal, albeit brief, it was an honor and a joy for me to be a part of it. The ceremonies also were a way to represent our Jewish values and the willingness of our congregation to welcome all families.

The future looks bright, but equality will not just come on its own. We must continue to work toward it by being vigilant against prejudice and by taking every opportunity to express our support for the issue, not only as a civil rights issue, but also as an issue that we as Jews see as an integral part of our value system and of what we envision as a just and equitable society. Let's bring it back!

Share your thoughts at <http://operarabbi.blogspot.com/>. *Rabbi Javier E. Cattapan*

HOW DO YOU LIKE OUR NEW LOOK?

This month marks the debut of our redesigned Bulletin and Temple logo – and begins our transition to electronic delivery. For the next few months, we'll be snail-mailing and e-mailing our newsletter before we switch entirely to email delivery.

Guided by a congregational survey, our new Bulletin has fewer pages and shorter articles focused on content areas preferred by our readers. At the same time, additional information on events, features and photos is available at www.templecav.org. We'll soon unveil our new website, which will be more user-friendly for our members using various electronic devices.

If you or other members of your family didn't receive this newsletter directly via email inbox, please let us know at office@templecav.org so we can add your email to our list.

Thank you to our Communications Committee for its efforts on the project: Beth Zweig (chair), Fran Adler, Rena Black, Matthew Katinsky, Lee Pomerantz, Kathy Sider, Betty Stein, John Stein, and Cindi Wismer. We welcome your feedback about our new Bulletin to blzweig@msn.com.

YAHARZEITS

AUGUST 1, 2014

Marcus Block
Jeanne F. Bransilver
Cynthia Cremer
Virginia Calisch Fairman
Bill Fox
Adelaide Frank
Lillian Goldenberg
Carrie Broda Goodman
Mollie Greensfelder
Sol Hutner
Clifford Jones
Terri Katz
Selma Kline
Cathy Krainess
Eugene Kraus, Sr.
Blanche Leopold
Yetta Michelson
Beatrice S. Motel
Robert O'Neill
Joseph S. Rothschild
Phyllis Saratore
Judy Schwartz
Harry Segal
Mrs. E.M. Shonfield
Jeffrey Silver
Adele Snow
Ruth Strauss
Babette Trauerman
Adeline F. Wetzstein

AUGUST 8, 2014

Alfred Milton Bronstein
Mary Bronstein
Louis Hansen “Joe” Carter
Bertha Doran
Frieda Erman
Sam Fried
Iris Sands Gilbert
Jack Golden
Brokha Koyfman
Samuel Laderman
Frances Lare
Claude K. Lee
Chester M. Leopold
Joseph Levine
Hyman Liberman
Tanya Luark
Myron M. Marks
Lillian Meyers
Frederick Nirdlinger
Isaac Roseman
Dorothy Rothberg
Ruth L. Rothschild
Corrine Ruben
Benedict Schulman
Sylvia Sommer

AUGUST 15, 2014

Solomon Ackerman
Estelle Block
Mollie Bronstein
Gary William Cohn
Clara Riddner Field
Albert Fishbein
Meyer Goldfarb
Joe Goldstine
Phyllis Himelstein
Alexander Honig
Amelia (Mollie) Hutner
Esther King
Sara Konkel
Morris Krainess
Samuel Kraus
Maxine Landy
Susan Schiller Leibow

Frances Lowens
Anna Pallas
Nelson W. Pollak
Esther Schmitz
Arthur A. Simon
Berenice Smith
Harold Wolf
Alex Young

AUGUST 22, 2014

Abe Ackerman
Robert B. Black
Rose Boches
Earl Brenn
David Cohen
Jeffrey Colegrove
Peggy Perrine Fredrick
Conover
June Deitch
Harry Felstein
Leonid Finkelshteyn
Molly Fox
Lena Frank
Abner Grover
Max Kaposky
David Kempler
William “Bill” Lesser
Hubert Loeser
Harry Lorber
Owen Miller
Isaac Oppenheim
Jay Philip Oppenheim
Louise L. Pollak
Howard M. Ronsheim
Paul Edward Rothenberg
Frank Salon
Florence Schecter
Minnie Frank Schloss
Ben Soloff
Russell Solomon
Rebecca Strass
Edith Subeck
Blanche Sulkin
Abraham Weil
Harriet Weitzman
Mentor Wetstein
Kalman Wolf

AUGUST 29, 2014

Abe Beck
Herbert Berger
Blanche Leiter Block
Anna Bluestein
Dora Buxbaum
Henry A. Fleck
Dorothy B. Gold
Henry Grinsfelder
Susan Hakey
Morton F. Haslacher
Fira Kutsenok
Osvey Leybman
Howard Maier
Jean Lewy Marx
Norah Lee McKee
Abner Rosenberg
Dorothy R. Salon
Nelson W. Williams
Henriette Wolf
Phillip Zacharia

SEARCHING HOLOCAUST RECORDS FOR GRANDMOTHER'S STORY



Irv Adler, the Temple's Treasurer, traveled to Vienna recently to place a Stone of Remembrance in front of the home where his grandmother Clara Bader Nichtern lived before she was killed by the Nazis. Through extensive research that he continues today, Irv learned that his grandmother was murdered in June 1942 outside of Minsk. We're sharing some of the story he told during the commemoration. Find out more at www.templecav.org.

Born in 1943, Irv said he'd never heard the word Holocaust until the 1980s. As he got older, the realization sunk in that he had European parents and they were from Vienna. Yet he didn't understand the significance. Sometime later, he learned that his

maternal grandmother never got out of Europe and was killed by the Nazis.

"I had no idea when she died or where she died; and whenever I had a conversation with my mother about this, the conversation was very short, as my mother would become very emotionally distraught and couldn't talk about anything," he said.

Irv's mother, Elsa Nichtern, left Vienna for England in September 1938 with her aunt. Two years later, they came to America. He said his mother fully expected to get her mother, Clara Bader Nichtern, out of Vienna, too. That never happened. "My mother carried that burden with her during her entire life," he said.

His parents moved to Florida in 1974. His father passed away in 1996. When his mother later moved, Irv discovered a leather-bound suitcase "that could have been used as a prop on the set of Casablanca. It contained photo albums and various papers relating to my parents and other family members— and a small, tightly wound pack of letters, tied with a pink ribbon, in an old and somewhat yellowish plastic pouch with a zipper on top."

Before his mother became too ill, Irv sat down with her to get more details about the family. She died in 2003. Several years later, Irv and his wife, Fran, took a vacation to Prague, Budapest and Vienna, where they stopped to see the Holocaust Memorial at Judenplatz. A conversation at a nearby museum shop led them to an archivist, who searched through records for them. She discovered that his grandmother had been killed at the Maly Trostinets extermination camp. Since then, Irv has continued on a search for information about his family that has taken him to Europe and Israel. The treasured letters that his mother had saved provided many important details.

"Some were damaged, but most were in good shape. Some were on conventional writing paper. Some were on very thin tissue paper. Some were about the size of a standard piece of typing paper. Some were about twice that size. Most had multiple authors. Most were completely covered with writing. There were about 100 letters written from 1938 to 1941," he said.

He wasn't quite sure what he had, but Irv said he knew the letters were a diary of his grandmother's life under Nazi occupation. After a year of searching for the appropriate translator, he found a graduate student who became very involved with the project and asked if she could use the translated letters for her master's degree research project.

Irv returned to Vienna in June 2012 with Fran and the translator. On this trip, they learned about the Stones of Remembrance project where plaques identify the last known residences of Viennese Holocaust victims and mark a trail through what was the most concentrated Jewish neighborhood in all of Vienna. After he found out more information, Irv said he knew he had to preserve his grandmother's memory by dedicating a stone.

Now retired from CRU, a British Consultancy, Irv is focused on continuing his research to preserve the story of his family and is doing research on the Holocaust in Vienna to put his grandmother's letters into historical perspective.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR 13TH ANNUAL CORNED BEEF FUNDRAISER

It's time to start thinking Corned Beef! Planning is underway for our 13th annual fundraiser on Thursday, October 30. We need your help this month to prepare a mailing— and also at sale time.

Volunteers are needed on Thursday, August 28 at 9 a.m. when we prepare a large bulk mailing. Please contact the office to say you can help. Kris Gray, Melissa Kessel and Bonnie Pomerantz are co-chairing this fun and financially important lunchtime event. Plan to order lunches for your friends and co-workers. Please take a few hours off work to volunteer, especially on the day of the sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thank you for your time and support!

HELP WITH INTERFAITH BUILD



Volunteers from the Jewish community are needed August 11-15 and August 18-22 to work with other people of faith in Fort Wayne to construct Habitat for Humanity's first Interfaith Build

house. Located in Fuller's Landing, the house will be the new home of Aye Wah, along with her husband, Thoo Lay, and their children, ages 5, 4, and 1. The family moved four years ago to Fort Wayne from Thailand and attend the Karen-speaking Fairfield Baptist Church. Register for a [time slot](http://www.fortwaynehabitat.org/) at <http://www.fortwaynehabitat.org/>. Find out more about the family on our website.

SWEETS, TREATS, AND MORE! ITEMS NEEDED FOR ROSH HASHANAH!

Please volunteer to help and to bake for the Rosh Hashanah reception to make this wonderful event extra special. All baked goods are needed at the Temple no later than Tuesday, September 23. Items may be put in the freezer, but please mark them for the reception including your name. Please be generous with your time and goodies. Thank you to Cindi Wismer for chairing the reception.

MAINTAINING A BEAUTIFUL TRADITION

We value the opportunity after our Shabbat service to share conversation and an atmosphere of friendship as we unwind from a busy week. We rely on our members to take a turn providing refreshments or sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat so that we can maintain this beautiful tradition. Please contact us at 744-4245 to offer your help on a Friday night. Dates are available beginning October 10. Don't have time to bake or go to the store? Contact us about sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat. If you would like to coordinate hosts, please call the office.

YOUTH NEWS

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP BEGINS YEAR WITH SPLASH

Our Junior Youth Group will kick off the new school year with a pool party on Sunday, August 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the home of Mike & April Barasch. Junior Youth Group is open to all Jewish kids in grades 6 to 8 in the Fort Wayne area.

Join us for swimming, refreshments and a brief meeting to plan activities for the coming year. If your student would like to attend, please let us know by Monday, August 4 so that we can provide directions and additional details. RSVP to Advisors Nili Ben-Yehoshua at niliben123@gmail.com or Nola & Matthew Katinsky at mkatinsky@gmail.com. In case of rain, we will meet at an alternate location. In addition to a swimsuit and towel, please bring boxes of tissue to donate to the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays program.

LEARNING ABOUT DISABILITY PRACTICES IN ISRAEL

Jordan Berger, a student at Cornell University, interned this summer in Jerusalem doing research on disability and employment practices at the Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Justice. The daughter of Jon & Jamie Berger, Jordan learned about practices of sheltered employment globally and in Israel. Find out more on her blog <http://ediisrael.blogspot.co.il/>.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

[Registration packets](#) for Congregation Achduth Vesholom's Religious School for students age 3 through high school are now available at www.TempleCAV.org. Classes begin on Sunday, September 7.

YOUTH GROUP BOARD ELECTED

FORTY, the Temple's high school youth group, is looking forward to the year ahead. The group ended the school year in June with elections. Congratulations to the new board! Thank you to Advisor Lee Pomerantz.

President: Hollie Rudolph

Programming Vice President: Marc Pomerantz

Social Action Vice President: Seth Pomerantz

Religious/Cultural Vice President: Becka Roberts

Membership Vice President: Ethan Zweig

Financial/Communications Vice President: Ryan Tom

Sophomore Representative: Jacob Gottlieb

Youth group is open to all Jewish high school students in the Fort Wayne area. Annual dues for the 2014-2015 year are \$40. Your youth group membership enables you to attend local events, as well as regional and national NFTY programs.

Upcoming events include NFTY-Ohio Valley Leaderships on August 29-31 and our annual Car Wash on Sunday, September 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



2014

Rabbi Cattapan with Confirmation students and with Temple Campers at GUCI.

CHILD CARE

Babysitting will be available for children age 3 and under on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings, as well as Yom Kippur afternoon beginning at 4 p.m. RSVPs are required by Thursday, September 18. Visit our website for more details.

CONNECT YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT

Send the Temple office your college student's email and address so we can stay in touch.

DONATIONS

JACK & GERTRUDE ADELMAN FACILITY IMPROVEMENT

In memory of Joel Deitch, Issadore (Al) Adelman and Lisa Deitch:
Larry & Carol Adelman

In memory of Morris Hyman:
Mike & Nancy Dicker

JOSEPH & ELSA ADLER MEMORIAL

In memory of Beatrice Motel: *Karen Sandler*

ADULT EDUCATION

In memory of Albert Schnitt:
Mike & Nancy Dicker

BIBLICAL GARDEN

In memory of Doris Sposeep: *Steve & Elissa Cohen and Mike & Patrice Sposeep*

CAMPERSHIP

In memory of Margot Field: *Steve Field*
In memory of Sarah Jacobson:
Marv & Doris Gottlieb

GENERAL OPERATIONS

A donation was received from Dan Dangelo
For the speedy recovery of Mo Safirstein:
Alan & Susan Cooperman

In appreciation of all the gestures of caring and kindness in wishing Moses a speedy recovery:
Mo & Kay Safirstein

In memory of Robert O'Neill: *Tom & Rita O'Neill*
In memory of Dorothy Rothberg:
Samuel Rothberg and Betty J. Butterfield
In memory of Ruth Strauss: *Marilyn Salon*

RYAN GOLDSTROM MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Stanley D. Cohn:
Jerome & Bonnie Baer

DR. JOHN PLANER MUSIC

In memory of James Rakes: *"The Babes of the Book" Book Club*

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

In memory of Leonid Finkelshteyn:
Leonid & Dora Itkin

In memory of Fira Kutsenok: *Victor Kutsenok*
In memory of Jay Philip Oppenheim:
Lesley Newman

In memory of Jay Philip Oppenheim and James M. Furner: *Sylvia Furner*

LIBRARY Fund

In memory of Phyllis Sarratore:
Steve & Jan Sarratore

PROJECT ASSIST - THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

For the speedy recovery of Nola & Hannah Katinsky, Lisa Stein Fybush and Mo Safirstein:
Rich & Cindi Wismer
In honor of Jamie Berger:
Alan & Tammie Brown

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of Rabbi Cattapan's Saturday Classes: *Irv & Fran Adler*
In memory of David S. Hutner:
Robert & Sharon Hutner
In memory of Steve M. Weiss: *Janet Weinraub, Susie Ferkel and Leonard & Rose Weinraub*

HAROLD M. SMITH FUND

In honor of our Confirmands and the 2014 Graduates: *Rich & Cindi Wismer*

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

A donation was received from Michael & Ellen Tom

MAX & GERDA SCHMITZ HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

In memory of Brokha Koyfman:
Victor Kutsenok



STOP THE SIRENS

The Reform Movement has joined with the

Jewish Federations of North America and Conservative Movement to support Israel through "Stop The Sirens," a campaign to raise and distribute funds to provide emergency aid and alleviate pain and suffering of our Israeli brothers and sisters. Please make a donation. Find out more at www.urj.org or www.jewishfederations.org

AUGUST LIBRARY HOURS - We're open by appointment during the summer if you'd like to borrow books.

DESCENDANT OF FOUNDING MEMBER VISITS TEMPLE



A visit to Fort Wayne in June by Charlie and Susie Rothschild became a fascinating genealogy tour as they gathered information about family, including Charlie's great-great-grandfather Sigmund Redelsheimer, one of the founders in 1848 of Achduth Vesholom.

In planning their visit, they corresponded about family history with Beth Zweig, whom they'd gotten acquainted with last year in Washington through the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.

Beth and her husband, Dan, met the Rothschilds at Lindenwood Cemetery, where at least 29 family members are buried. Later in the day, Beth took them to the Temple, where they saw family yahrzeit plaques and photos of relatives who served as president, including Charlie's grandfather Charles J. Rothschild from 1932-1935. A city tour included other places besides the Temple supported by The Madge Rothschild Foundation, which was established by Charlie's late cousin.

Charlie continues the family's legacy of Jewish community involvement, serving on the boards of the Union for Reform Judaism and the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Upon returning home to California, Charlie later shared on his Facebook page: "I am very happy to report that today, in 2014, Achduth Vesholom is a wonderful, strong, vibrant congregation with a beautiful facility. What a great community."

PURCHASE A NEW HOLIDAY PRAYER BOOK

After more than 40 years, the Central Conference of American Rabbis will be releasing a new High Holy Days prayer book for 2015. Help us purchase a set for our congregation! Please send your check for \$36 per book (payable to "CAV-The Temple") for the Prayer Book Fund and indicate a loved one or event to be recognized in a bookplate included in each new *machzor*. Order forms are available at www.templecav.org.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Marcia, Denny & Orin Reynolds and family on the death of her brother-in-law James Rakes on May 28, 2014 in Tampa, Florida.

NEWS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING



At Achduth Vesholom's 166th Annual Meeting in June, the congregation approved a budget of \$446,279 for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Members of the L'dor Vador Legacy Society were recognized for their support of the congregation by indicating they've made a planned gift.

President Hod Hefer showed the membership a photo slide show highlighting the previous year. He noted that we can't do this many great programs and projects without the involvement of our members.

Rabbi Cattapan discussed the ongoing effort to integrate our Religious School programming into the life of the congregation, including the second Seder and annual L'dor Vador Shabbat service bringing students and older adults together. He said some changes are pending in our worship services, including a new High Holidays prayer book for 2015 and efforts to hire a music specialist to provide consistent, accessible music for services.

In addition, Rabbi Cattapan said he "is convinced the future of Jewish life in Northeast Indiana hangs on the success" of the Campus at 5200 project. He said it will help create a new paradigm for our congregation and encouraged everyone's participation.

John Stein and Sally Trotter, co-chairs of the Campus at 5200, updated the congregation on the project. (See Page 1.)

Leadership Elected

New officers and trustees were elected. President Hod Hefer is beginning the second year of a two-year term. Officers elected to one-year terms are: Beth Zweig (VP Program), Joe Cohen (VP Finance), Irv Adler (Treasurer), Ronnie Greenberg (Secretary).

Board members elected to two-year terms are Nili Ben-Yehoshua, Leah Hadashi, Matthew Katinsky, Richard Manalis, Jan Sarratore, and Bruce Warshauer. Steve Trotter was elected for a one-year term. Board members whose terms continue through June 2015 and were not up for re-election are Betsy Gephart, Len Goldstein, Yoko Rudolph, Mike Rush, and Ellen Tom.

Temple members also thanked outgoing board members: Jaki Schreier (Immediate Past President), Chuck Replane (Treasurer), Fran Adler, Michelle Lawrence, Ellen Weber (Secretary), and Richard Wismer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Lee Pomerantz, new co-owner of Our Daily Brew (www.ourdailybrew.com), on the article in [The Journal-Gazette](#) on June 25 interviewing him about the increasing popularity of tea.
- Josh Rifkin on the article in [The News-Sentinel](#) on July 2 about his new business Synergistic Body (<http://synergisticbody.com/>), a holistic approach to health and fitness. Josh, son of Judy & Marty Rifkin, also is a tennis teaching pro at Wildwood Racquet Club.

MAZEL TOV TO:

Harriet Miller & Monica Wehrle on their marriage on June 25, 2014 in Fort Wayne. Partners for 37 years, they were among the first same-sex couples to get married in Allen County in the hours after the state's ban on same-sex unions was overturned by a federal judge. Their ceremony was performed by Senior Judge Michael Rush, a fellow Temple member.



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BROSLER AWARD WINNER LIVES PASSION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

Jamie received the William Brosler Award for Outstanding Volunteerism in June during the Temple's Annual Meeting. Jamie's efforts with Thoughtful Thursdays already have been recognized nationally when the program received an Irving J. Fain Social Action Award last year in Washington for the Jewish community's work helping Temple Head Start families.

She and Jordan were at the Temple one day sorting boxes of macaroni and cheese to donate to Wellspring Interfaith Social Services when two Head Start moms came to ask if the food was for anyone. Jamie told them the Temple was collecting for a food bank, but they should take a box if they needed one. They all took a box.

A few minutes later, one of the moms came back crying. She said she'd taken a roll of toilet paper previously from the collection box because she'd had to make a choice between feeding her pre-schooler or buying toilet paper. That got Jamie and Jordan brainstorming and Thoughtful Thursdays was born.

Jamie and her husband, Jon, a radiologist, moved to Fort Wayne in 1988. They have two children, Josh and Jordan. Jamie is a registered nurse,

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS' APPLE PROJECT RETURNS



Many of our 85 Head Start children who attend class at the Temple rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. For a fourth year as a special High Holidays program, we will provide each of our needy families with a bag of apples. A tree is on display at both our Congregation Achduth Vesholom and Congregation B'nai Jacob that will be decorated with paper apples featuring the name of each person who donates \$10 or more for the apple project by Friday, October 10. (Checks maybe made out to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project.).

As we begin our fifth year of Thoughtful Thursdays in cooperation with the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and Congregation B'nai Jacob, please see the Social Action page at www.TempleCAV.org for bag assembly dates and what is needed. Questions? Contact Chair Jamie Berger.

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JEWISH HISTORY IN LIGONIER

The Ligonier Historical Society invites the community on Sunday, August 31 to a celebration of the 125th anniversary of Congregation Ahavath Sholom and dedication of an Indiana Historical Marker on the property. An Open House will be held from 1 to 5 p.m., including the ceremony at 3 p.m. The congregation closed at the end of World War II. Find out more at <http://ligoniertemple.blogspot.com/>.

WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

The Temple board welcomes your comments and suggestions. We will do our best to address your questions and concerns. President Hod Hefer can be reached at 616-617-0367 or Presidentcav@gmail.com.

USHER IN SHABBAT WITH CHALLAH

Receive a delicious braided challah by volunteering to usher at services. All Shabbat ushers receive a gift certificate for a tasty loaf donated by Waynedale Bakery, 2610 Lower Huntington Road. Call to volunteer.

The deadline for our September newsletter is Friday, August 15.

TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Hod Hefer

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



It is very hard to ignore what is happening in Israel.

Operation "Protective Edge" was launched on July 8, 2014, just a few short days after Heather, the kids, and I finished our two-week trip to Israel. While there, we visited with family and friends. We also followed the news about the kidnapping and murders of the three Israeli teenagers in mid June.

border of Lebanon to the desert of Egypt, and from the Great Sea unto the approach of the Aravah, on the land, in the air, and on the sea.

May God cause the enemies who rise up against us to be struck down before them. May the Holy One, Blessed is He, preserve and rescue our fighters from every trouble and distress and from every plague and illness, and may He send blessing and success in their every endeavor.

May He lead our enemies under their sway and may He grant them salvation and crown them with victory. And may there be fulfilled for them the verse: For it is the Lord your God, Who goes with you to battle your enemies for you to save you.

Now let us respond: Amen.

Hod Hefer

I always find it fascinating that during hard times the country of Israel becomes united. Our congregation is named "Achduth Vesholom," which means Unity and Peace. I am asking for all of us to unite and pray for peace for the people of Israel, especially for the soldiers of the IDF, through reciting the following prayer:

He who blessed our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - may He bless the fighters of the Israel Defense Forces, who stand guard over our land and the cities of our God from the

Learn more about the [Israel Defense Forces](http://www.idfblog.com/) at <http://www.idfblog.com/>