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Come along with us on a journey learning about the Seven Species of Israel... without leaving Northeast Indiana! We'll travel to a vineyard, taste a variety of olive oils, visit a brewery, and more, while learning about Torah and our Jewish connections to olives, grapes, barley, wheat, pomegranates, figs, and dates.

**Learn and Taste**

Join us on Friday, August 11 at 6:15 p.m. when we kick-off the series during our Shabbat service. Rabbi Lenny will offer an overview of the seven species, which are included in that week's Torah portion. Kiddush in the Courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center follows the service and includes a tasting of the seven species prepared by our Adult Education Committee.

**Havdalah in the Vineyards**

Celebrate Havdalah in the Vineyards – just before grape harvest - on Saturday, August 26 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. when we visit [Dulcius Vineyards](#) in Noble County. Founder and owner Austin Fergusson, father of our own Adult Education Chair Wendy Soltz, will share his knowledge during our Seven Species event. We'll learn about the importance of viticulture in the Torah, tour Dulcius Vineyards (founded in 2012), and conclude with a wine tasting.

Cost is \$7 per person. Children are welcome at no charge. Space is limited and we encourage carpooling to the vineyard (2573 W. 500 S. - 57, Columbia City). Please RSVP to the Temple office by Wednesday, August 16. (Please make your check payable to: "CAV: The Temple.") We recommend wearing comfortable shoes and bringing a bag/lawn chair and water bottle. Rain date is Sunday, August 27 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

**WHAT'S NEW AT THE TEMPLE?**

We've got a new president and board of directors, offered best wishes to Sally Trotter on her retirement as Temple administrator and welcomed Samara Shera to the position, and recognized two long-time members with the William Brosler Award for Outstanding Volunteerism. Find out more about the 169th Annual Congregational Meeting on pages 6 and 7.



# UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

## AUGUST

### Talmud Class\*

Tuesdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29  
7 p.m. at the Temple

[Online attendance](#) also available.

### Honey Fundraiser Order Deadline

Friday, August 11

Order 6-ounce bottles of honey for family and friends to raise money for the Temple.

### Seven Species in the Land of Israel & Shabbat Service

Friday, August 11

6:15 p.m. at the Temple

### Conversion & Welcoming Ceremony for Ed Young and Gary Jacobs

Friday, August 25

Noon – Mikvah Ceremony at Foster Park (Pavilion 2), followed by lunch\* at [Don Hall's Restaurant](#), 1502 Bluffton Road  
6:15 p.m. – Shabbat service when Ed and Gary are called to the Torah  
Please RSVP for lunch to the Temple office by Wednesday, August 23.

### Seven Species:

#### Havdalah In The Vineyards\*

Saturday, August 26

5 to 6:30 p.m.

at [Dulcius Vineyards](#)

- Temple members are invited just before grape harvest to learn about one of the seven species of Israel. We will tour Dulcius Vineyards (founded in 2012) in Noble County, learn about the importance of viticulture in the Torah, and have a wine tasting. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 16. Price is \$7 per adult.



Some worship services are now available online through [TempleConnect](#).

This new option enables us to share services, simchas, and selected classes and programs, including our Talmud class, with our members remotely. Check our website calendar for dates and times at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org).

## SEPTEMBER

### Thoughtful Thursdays Bag Assembly

Wednesday, September 6  
10 a.m. at the Temple

### Bill Benson on "First Person"

Thursday, September 7

7 p.m. at the Temple

Learn from Journalist Bill Benson about the ["First Person"](#) program at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

### Green House Tour\*

Sunday, September 10

2 p.m. at the home of Janet & Andy Katz, 3819 Eggeman Road

RSVP to the Temple by Wednesday, September 6

### Selichot Reception and Service

Saturday, September 16

6 p.m. at the Temple

### Religious School Begins

Sunday, September 17

9:45 a.m. to noon

Register your child age 3 through high school for a great year of Jewish learning.

## 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](http://www.templecav.org)

### Lunch With The ROMEOs

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

#### Thursday, August 10

Flanagan's Restaurant and Pub  
6525 Covington Rd.

#### Thursday, August 24

B. Antonio's Pizza  
10011 Lima Rd.

RSVP to Rich Manalis at [richmanalis@me.com](mailto:richmanalis@me.com)

## SERVICES

### AUGUST

#### Friday, August 4

Shabbat Service at 6:15 p.m.

#### Friday, August 11

Seven Species Shabbat Service at 6:15 p.m.

Oneg Shabbat: Adult Education Committee  
We'll celebrate August birthdays and anniversaries.

#### Friday, August 18

Shabbat Service at 6:15 p.m.

#### Friday, August 25

Shabbat Service and Welcoming Ceremony for Ed Young and Gary Jacobs at 6:15 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 1

Shabbat Service at 6:15 p.m.

### Kiddush follows Shabbat services.

## FALL SERVICE TIME BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

We'll celebrate Shabbat on Friday evenings during the summer at 6:15 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. Join us at the later time of 7:30 p.m. beginning Friday, September 8. Please join us for weekly worship, followed by Kiddush. Coming later this fall: A monthly Saturday morning service with Rabbi Lenny.

## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON SHABBAT

Do you have a birthday or anniversary this month? Celebrate with our Temple family on Friday, August 11 at 6:15 p.m.! We'll offer a special blessing each month on the second Friday during our Shabbat service, followed by a cake at the Oneg Shabbat. Please contact the Temple office if you'd like to sponsor a celebration cake during the year in honor of a special person or occasion.

# RABBI LENNY SARKO

## PRAYER FROM THE HEART



We are fast approaching the High Holy Days, my second in this community. This is a time of year of retrospection, prayer, and a look to the future for all Jews. Different communities use different prayer books. Different communities use different prayers, different melodies, and have many different customs.

This reminded me of a midrash: Sefer Hasidim, a medieval pietistic work, tells a story of a Jewish shepherd who, when he went out to the field each day would offer up a heartfelt prayer: “Master of the Universe! It is revealed and known to You that if You had animals and gave them to me to protect, although I take wages from all others, from You I would take nothing because I love You.”

One day, a knowledgeable student of Torah walked passed the shepherd and saw the shepherd engaged in his spontaneous prayer. The student rebuked the shepherd, “Fool, do not pray like that!” The shepherd queried, “How then should I pray?” The student taught the shepherd the words of the Amidah and the Shema.

After the student left, the shepherd forgot all that had been taught and so was even afraid to say his prayer of the heart. One evening, a messenger of God appeared before the stu-

dent and rebuked him for quelling the passionate, spontaneous prayer of one of God’s devoted servants:

“If you do not tell him to say what he was accustomed to before you arrived, know that sorrow will overtake you. For you have robbed me of one who belongs to the world to come.” The student returned to the shepherd and urged him to recite his heartfelt prayer of old. The author of Sefer Hasidim concludes, “for God desires the heart” (Sefer Hasidim, 5-6).

While fixed prayer is important and central to who we are as Jews, it is only meaningful when it is ignited by the passionate prayer of the heart and soul, the kavanah, which serves as the unique signature to each of our prayers.

Each of us does avodah in our own special way. While Judaism provides a framework, it is up to each of us to provide the soul. Maimonides challenges us to serve God through obligatory prayer; Nahmanides encourages us to give heed to the heart and soul in that same avodah. The challenge is to combine both of these approaches as we develop and practice our modern form of Judaism in a heartfelt and genuine way.

As we prepare next month for the start of 5778, I wanted to wish all a very Happy New Year and encourage you to not only participate through our prayer books, but to send prayers of your heart to God this upcoming High Holy Days season.

## CONGREGANTS INVITED FOR GREEN OAK FARM TOUR ON SEPTEMBER 10

In 2010, Temple members Andy & Janet Katz purchased a five-acre lot on Eggeman Road in southwest Fort Wayne. The site was flat and sunny, perfect for a large garden and orchards, and also for solar panels.

With architect Tim Gray of Ball State University and Crane Builders from Indianapolis, they designed and built their home, Green Oak Farm – named for the food they wanted to grow, the oak trees on the property, and the home’s environmentally friendly features.

The Katzes moved into their home in May 2016. Though some work is still ongoing, they look forward to welcoming Achduth Vesholom members to visit [Green Oak Farm](#), 3819 Eggeman Road, on Sunday, September 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. for an open house arranged by the Temple’s Adult Education Committee.

The home was built as part of Andy & Janet’s longstanding commitment to the environment and tikkun olam (repairing the

world). They hope to be ready to apply for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification this fall, aiming for Gold Certification.



Visitors will be able to take a self-guided tour of the home, and Andy & Janet will be happy to answer questions and provide more detailed explanations of the home’s green features. This program is geared for adults and youth age 10 and older. Space is limited, so please RSVP to the Temple office by Wednesday, September 6.

\*There is parking for about 15 cars along the driveway, and parking is not allowed on Eggeman Road. Those who live nearby are encouraged to walk or ride their bikes, as the home is directly on the Aboite Trail. Visitors can also park in the parking lot at the Aboite Township Trustee Community Center at 11321 Aboite Center Road and walk along the Aboite Trail about 0.25 miles to the house.

## PICK UP A DVD FOR MOVIE NIGHT!

Thanks to the generous donation of materials from the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#), we now have more than 100 DVDs available for borrowing in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library.

The Federation collected a large number of classic films through the Jewish Heritage Video Collection, and has now shared them with our library to make them available to the community. We hope you'll take advantage of this wonderful resource. All members of our congregation, Congregation B'nai Jacob, and the Jewish Federation are welcome to borrow materials.

The films in our collection range from comedies such as "Annie Hall" and "Chariots of Fire," to dramas like "Au Revoir Les Enfants" and "Avalon." There are numerous Holocaust titles, including "Schindler's List," "Europa, Europa," and "Warsaw Ghetto Uprising."

In addition to Holocaust documentaries, other non-fiction films

include "Arguing the World" about Irving Howe and three other Jewish New York intellectuals, and "A Tickle in the Heart," about Klezmer music legends, the Epstein brothers. We have biographies of Anne Frank, Marc Chagall, Yitzhak Rabin and Adin Steinsaltz.

If you're looking for family movies, along with some of the classics, we have a large collection of Shalom Sesame videos, as well "An American Tail," "Fliegel's Flight" and "Joseph: King of Dreams."

Although most of our movies have come through the donations of the Jewish Federation, we have begun to acquire a few on our own. We welcome contributions of any gently-used Jewish films on DVD, as well as music CDs and audio books on CD.

Next time you're thinking of a movie night, stop by and check us out! More information and a link to [our full catalog](#) can be found at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org).



### LEARN MORE ABOUT JERUSALEM

Inspired by the film "Jerusalem" to learn more about this important city? We have quite a few titles for all ages in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#), including fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, children's stories, and photographs. [Find out more](#) at [www.templecav.org](http://www.templecav.org).

### SHARING HOLOCAUST HISTORY THROUGH FIRST PERSON SURVIVOR ACCOUNTS



Plan to join us on Thursday, September 7 at 7 p.m. at the Temple when Journalist Bill Benson discusses his work interviewing Holocaust survivors through the "[First Person](#)" program at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Benson is also an expert on aging and a former undersecretary with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

His visit is sponsored by the Temple and IPFW's [Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#).



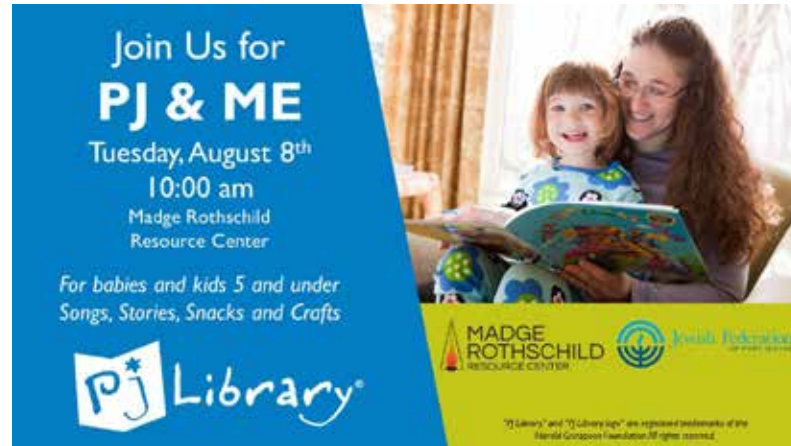
What's cooking? We've got a new look in progress in the Temple kitchen! New appliances, new floor plan, and new inspiration!

# YOUTH NEWS

## JOIN US FOR PJ AND ME ON AUGUST 8

Calling all babies, toddlers and kids five and under! Bring your caregivers – moms, dads, grandparents, or other adults – and join us for our first PJ and Me program on Tuesday morning, August 8.

Beginning at 10 a.m., we'll meet in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center for a Noah's Ark celebration. Our program will feature books, songs, crafts, and treats all centered around this theme. The activities are open to Temple members and non-members alike, so spread the word if you know of a family who would be interested in joining us. Sponsored by the Temple, the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#), and [PJ Library](#).



Join Us for  
**PJ & ME**  
Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am  
Madge Rothschild  
Resource Center

For babies and kids 5 and under  
Songs, Stories, Snacks and Crafts

**PJ Library**

MADGE ROTHSCHILD RESOURCE CENTER Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne

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## YOUTH GROUP BOARD ELECTED

Congratulations to FOrTY's Board Members for 2017-2018: President Becka Roberts and Social Action Vice President Sam Cohen. Libby Dicker is FOrTY's Advisor.

[FOrTY](#) is open to all Jewish high school students in the Fort Wayne area. Your youth group membership enables you to attend local events, as well as [regional and national NFTY](#) programs. Contact us at [fortyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:fortyouthgroup@gmail.com) for more information.

Save the date for the annual FOrTY Car Wash Fundraiser on Sunday, September 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Temple. Proceeds support youth programs.

## HELP US STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR STUDENT

Please let the Temple office know your college student's school address so that we may stay in touch at holiday time. If you provide an email address, we'll be glad to send the monthly Bulletin, too.



Rabbi Lenny Sarko leads the campers in song during Camp Joe Levine's Shabbat service on Friday, July 7.

## ENROLL YOUR CHILD FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

[Registration packets](#) for Congregation Achduth Vesholom's Religious School for students age 3 through high school are now available at [www.TempleCAV.org](http://www.TempleCAV.org). Please note the following scheduling information:

- Classes begin on Sunday, September 17. Children through 8th grade will meet from 9:45 a.m. to noon. High school students will meet from 11 a.m. to noon.
- Hebrew School for students in grades 4-6 will begin on Tuesday, September 26 or Wednesday, September 27. Times will be scheduled between 4 and 6 p.m.

## CHILDREN AND ADULTS INVITED FOR TASHLICH

Do you know what the hardest word to say is? Join us to find out! [PJ Library](#) is partnering with the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#), Congregation Achduth Vesholom, and [Congregation B'nai Jacob](#) for a very special Tashlich program on Rosh Hashanah for children and their families.

Everyone is invited on Thursday, September 21 at 12:30 p.m. at [Foster Park](#) (Pavilion 2) to participate in a short service, hear a story, and symbolically cast away our sins by throwing bread into the river. Questions? Please call the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#) at (260) 456-0400 or email us at [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org). We look forward to seeing you! Thank you to the generosity of the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for making PJ Library Fort Wayne possible!

## CHILDCARE AVAILABLE FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Children are always welcome to attend our High Holy Days services with their families. Babysitting is available on Rosh Hashanah and for Yom Kippur morning and evening services at no charge. Reservations are required to the Temple office no later than Wednesday, September 13 for Rosh Hashanah and Friday, Sept 22 for Yom Kippur.

# NEWS FROM THE TEMPLE'S 169TH ANNUAL MEETING

President Joe Cohen shared highlights of the past year on June 14 with the congregation during a time of new beginnings and transitions, including a new spiritual leader, staffing changes, the opening of the new Madge Rothschild Resource Center, and other innovations.

Since the last congregational meeting, we bid farewell to Rabbi Cattapan and Kris Gray. We welcomed Rabbi Lenny and Karen Sarko to our congregation. We introduced [TempleConnect](#), our video-conferencing option for worship services, classes, and programming. We added a Talmud class and weekly Torah reading.

Adult education programming included a mah jongg workshop and Temple Book Club. Our social action efforts included a Hot Topics Shabbat and statements in favor of welcoming refugees. The new Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library is thriving in its new home in the resource center and has many new titles received through Betty's 100 Books in honor of Betty Stein's 100th birthday last December. Our new museum focusing on 200 years of Jewish history in Northeast Indiana is under development.

Joe noted many changes on the staffing side: Mindy Esparza became our new administrative assistant in February, succeeding Bonnie Pomerantz; Sally Trotter retired on June 30 as Temple Administrator, with Samara Sheray beginning the position in July. He said we are fortunate that Bonnie Crubaugh remains as our bookkeeper and Clint Rossiter continues as Maintenance Chief.

Our Religious School provided a great Jewish education under the direction of Religious School Committee Chair Ellen Tom with Rabbi Lenny. We continue to look for a new principal, but will rely on our Religious School Committee to ensure a smooth and enriching year ahead.

We welcomed IPFW's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies as our newest Campus Partner. A generous donation from the Cohen and Sposeep families led to a renovation of our outdoor Sposeep Chapel. We continue to raise funds through the relatively new Temple Gardens Fund.

Thoughtful Thursdays continued to serve the Brightpoint Head Start group of 72 students and their families, bringing together volunteers from the Temple, B'nai Jacob and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne.

During our 15th annual Corned Beef Fundraiser, we sold 1,100 sandwiches, raised \$15,000 and had 62 sponsors for the sale led by Larry Adelman, Jaki Schreier, and Steve Zacher. He asked all members to plan now to help with our 16th annual event and largest fundraiser on Thursday, November 9.

As Joe completed his second and final year as president, he thanked everyone who helped make these and other activities possible.

## Finances

Treasurer Irv Adler reported that we had three goals for the past year: to manage the budget, to monitor the effectiveness of our restructured portfolio, and to initiate a Temple operations study project. He said we began the year projecting a small deficit, but ended the year with

a surplus. We had unanticipated gains in contributions, a new renter, savings on Temple and Religious School salaries, and other factors. He also discussed the projected decrease in dues collection for the coming fiscal year.

The congregation approved the fiscal year 2017-2018 budget of \$421,296, which includes a projected deficit of \$6,867 that Irv said is manageable due to special reserve funds. He said the two largest risks in the coming year are not reaching our fundraising goal of \$20,000 and a continued drop in dues income. A restructuring of our investment portfolio in the past year and our Endowment Fund are helping to support the budget.

## Operations Study

The Temple has received a \$7,300 grant from the Center for Congregations to study the operational and financial procedures of the congregation, with an additional \$7,300 from the Zweig Fund and \$161 from the Temple operating budget to cover the \$14,761 cost of the project

Irv said the project, which started in May, looks at our organization to assess what we've been doing and determine whether we have a better way to operate as we deal with changes to our congregation and the need to increase revenue. We are working with two consulting firms - Andorfer LLC for the accounting work and the team of Impact Strategies/Whittle Consulting for the operational work. The study should be complete by the third quarter of 2017.

***The new Board of Directors was elected in June. See page 13 for details.***

## THANK YOU, SALLY!



During the annual meeting, Sally Trotter was recognized for her many contributions during 11 years as our part-time Temple Administrator. In appreciation, we presented her with a photo album created by her daughter, Anne Gernady, with help from our members that included photos showing the progress of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center, as well as good wishes from those who value the many hours and years dedicated to the congregation. A reception in honor of Sally followed the meeting. She retired June 30.

## OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS HONORED WITH BROSLER AWARD

The William Brosler Award for Outstanding Volunteerism is intended to honor a lifetime of service to the congregation and celebrate those who have gone above and beyond in giving back to the Temple. We're in the process of designing a new plaque that will be on display in the Resource Center hallway since the previous one was full. Congratulations to our recipients!

### CINDI WISMER



Cindi Wismer is sometimes called "the matzah ball maven" or the "Oneg Queen." If we have any sort of food-related occasion, whether Rosh Hashanah reception or Hanukkah dinners, she's usually involved.

For more than a decade, Cindi served as Oneg Shabbat coordinator. She also chaired the congregational

Passover Seder many times and, even when she hasn't, she's usually whipped up a couple hundred perfectly formed matzah balls for the occasion.

Yet it's not just her culinary and organizational skills that led Cindi to be honored with the William Brosler Award for Outstanding Volunteerism. It's the many years of being involved in numerous ways.

"Growing up in Fort Wayne allowed me to be mentored and learn from some of the very best, many of whom still spend long hours giving of their time for the benefit of the congregation," she said. "I learned from an early age there is no aspect of giving of oneself that isn't needed or appreciated, regardless of how one volunteers their energy...including their opinions, leadership skills, and friendly face visiting and comforting those in need."

For many years, Cindi taught in our Religious School, inspiring Jewish learning and preparing kindergarten kids for Consecration. She has served on the Temple Board and multiple Rabbinic Transition Committees. Cindi is an active member of the Communications Committee and keeps the Temple's Facebook fans up to date.

Several summers ago, she created Muzzle Tov Shabbat to recognize our canine friends and celebrate with a dog-inspired Oneg Shabbat. For many summers, she and her husband, Richard, have donated the challahs we serve during all summer Onegs.

Cindi is very involved with Thoughtful Thursdays and most recently chaired the reception for the grand opening of the beautiful Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

Her daughter, Codi Goodis, said Cindi has passed along many lessons, especially advising that "you do things because it's the right thing to do, not because you want a 'thank you.' This doesn't ring more true than her volunteerism at the Temple."

Codi said her grandmother Berenice Smith shared that lesson with her mother and she hopes to pass it along to her children, too.

Cindi's son, Lev Wismer, said his mother taught him that it was important to help without seeking recognition. "If more people dedicated themselves to a cause with the same level of commitment and passion as my mother, the world would be a much better place," he said.

### SALLY TROTTER



Sally Trotter probably knows more about congregational finances and personalities than anyone around. During 40 years as a member, she's served Achduth Vesholom in numerous ways as a volunteer, a role she continued with enthusiasm even during 11 years as our Temple Administrator.

To name just a few of her efforts: Sally has served as treasurer, corned beef fundraiser chair, building and grounds chair, and Second Seder coordinator. In recent years, she's co-chaired the Rifkin Campus at 5200 project and the building of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center, two of the Temple's most important initiatives.

For her commitment, dedication, and leadership, Sally was honored with the William Brosler Award for Outstanding Volunteerism. We also recognized Sally's service to the Temple as she retired from the part-time administrator position.

"I was truly surprised and humbled (lots of happy tears) when my

name was called," Sally said. "My service to the Temple has been a labor of love and being a Brosler Award recipient is an honor I will treasure always."

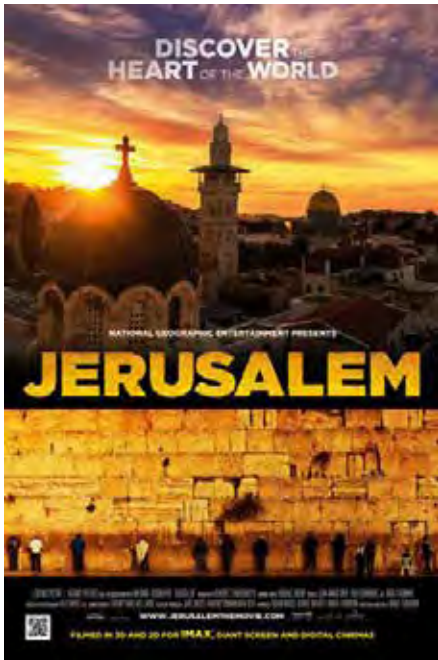
No matter the issue, Sally has handled countless contractors and cranky congregants with patience and panache. She can tell you how many seats are in the Sanctuary, which doors need jiggling to lock, and how many members makes up a quorum. Her sense of humor helps make many a meeting go faster.

Born in California and raised in Indiana, Sally moved to Fort Wayne in 1976 when she married her husband, Steve. Their daughter Anne was in the first class to complete the Temple's High School Religious School program in 1998.

Anne, who surprised her mom by coming with her two children from Chicago for the Brosler presentation, said she recalls making the trip to Temple with her mother for Hebrew School and Religious School, services and mitzvah days, holidays and celebrations.

She said she hopes her mother realizes that so many other people feel at home at the Temple because of her. "Your warmth, humor, grace, generosity, and caring demeanor is what helps people feel connected, welcomed, and loved," Anne said.

## SCREENING OF THE FILM "JERUSALEM" AND DISCUSSION ON JULY 30



Please join us for a special showing for the Jewish community of the film "[Jerusalem](#)" on Sunday, July 30 at 4 p.m. at [Cinema Center](#). Sponsored by the Temple with support from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, the screening of the National Geographic film will be followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Lenny. Tickets are \$10 each and include a book about Jerusalem.

Similar screenings and discussion with other faith groups also are being offered as part of the Temple's community outreach. General audience tickets also are available.

Thank you to Rabbi Lenny for bringing this program to Fort Wayne and to those who assisted, including Fran Adler, Mindy Esparza, Betsy Gephart, Leah Hadashi, and Kathy Sider.

### TEMPLE SUPPORTS INTERFAITH REFUGEE DECLARATION

The Temple's leadership joined other faith communities in Fort Wayne to support an [Interfaith Declaration of Solidarity](#) for [World Refugee Day](#) on Tuesday, June 20. They asked elected officials at all levels "to work together to provide care and protection for refugees forced to flee their homelands and to recognize our responsibility to help them to build new lives." [Find the statement.](#)

## A HONEY OF AN OPPORTUNITY IS COMING!

We've got a sweet deal coming for the Jewish New Year! We're [taking orders](#) through Friday, August 11 for 6-ounce bottles of delicious locally-harvested honey that will be available to send to family and friends with your wishes for a "L'shana Tovah." Find an order form.

The orders will be ready by September 8 for pick up at the Temple or to send in time for Erev Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday, September 20. For your convenience, we'll ship the bottles for you at an additional charge of \$5 per bottle. Proceeds from this new Temple fundraiser will benefit congregational programming. Thank you to Leah Hadashi and Bonnie Pomerantz for chairing!



## THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS APPLE PROJECT RETURNS



Many of the 72 children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. For a seventh year, the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays team would like to provide each of our families with a bag of apples.

A tree will be on display at the Temple 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 6. Help celebrate the High Holy Days by assisting in this special way! (Checks maybe made out to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project.)

In addition, we will be collecting band-aids, boxes of tissue, paper towels, crackers, and pretzels. Plan to join our team on Wednesday, September 6 at 10 a.m. when we assemble the first bag of the school year and begin our 8th year. Thanks to co-chairs Jamie Berger & Bonnie Pomerantz

## SPOSEEP OUTDOOR CHAPEL RENOVATIONS COMPLETE

Next time you're at the Temple, stop by the newly renovated Sposeep Chapel to take a look! Thank you to Ronnie Greenberg and her crew for the great makeover of our outdoor worship space! While the weather didn't cooperate so we could use it on the evening of our Annual Meeting, we hope it will get lots of use for quiet reflection and Shabbat services.

Thanks to John Stein, Deb Vilensky, and Ronnie for donating plants from their gardens, Clint Rossiter and Sally Trotter for ordering, assembling and installing the park benches, and, of course, Steve & Elissa Cohen and Mike & Patrice Sposeep for their generous donation to underwrite the renovation.

## HELP NEEDED FOR CORNED BEEF MAILING

Please help us prepare a large bulk mailing on Thursday, August 31 at 10 a.m. at the Temple as we get ready for our 16th annual Corned Beef Fundraiser. Please contact the Temple office to say you can assist.

Mark your calendar to help at our Deli Day on Thursday, November 9! Volunteers especially are needed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plan now to take a few hours off work.



## THANKS TO ROMEOs AND JULIETS FOR VERY SUCCESSFUL PASTA FUNDRAISER!



Nearly 100 people dined on a delicious spaghetti dinner and desserts on June 23 prepared by our ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) and their Juliets, raising just over \$2,000 for the Temple.

We're grateful to our sponsors: Cheri Buker, Elissa & Steve Cohen, Susan & Alan Cooperman, Mindy & Jay Esparza, Betsy & Geoff Gephart, Rikki & Leonard Goldstein, Janet & Andy Katz, Carol & Norman Kempler, Ronnie & Norm Greenberg, Sylvia & Rich Manalis, Cookie & Leonard Mastbaum, Rita & Tom O'Neill, Enid & Stan Rosenblatt, JoEllen & Mike Rush, Kay Safirstein, Rabbi Lenny & Karen Sarko, Manny Silverman & Jane Martin, Heather & Jason Tanner, Sally & Steve Trotter, and Beth & Dan Zweig.

We also sincerely appreciate the efforts of ROMEO's Dinner Management Mavens, Set-up Specialists, Wine Bar Bunch, Serving Squad, Refill Runners, Kitchen Cooks and Clean-up Crew. Thanks also to all the "Juliets" who so generously contributed their time and baked goods!



### CELEBRATE WITH NEWEST MEMBERS OF JEWISH COMMUNITY

Share in a very special day on Friday, August 25 when Ed Young and Gary Jacobs become the newest members 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 [Don Hall's Restaurant](#), 1502 Bluffton Road. Please make a reservation by Wednesday, August 23 to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245. Attendees will cover the cost of their own meal.

Please join us at 6:15 p.m. at the Temple for our Shabbat service when Ed and Gary will be called to the Torah for aliyot. Mazel tov to Ed and Gary and their families. We look forward to having them become active participants in Temple life.

### URJ BIENNIAL IS LARGEST JEWISH GATHERING IN NORTH AMERICA

Registration is now open for the [Union for Reform Judaism Biennial 2017](#), the largest Jewish gathering in North America, on December 6-10, 2017 in Boston!

Where else can you hear from the winner of the prestigious Man Booker Prize for Literature (Eisendrath Award Honoree David Grossman), the James Beard Award winner for best chef in America (Shabbat luncheon speaker Michael Solomonov), enjoy the best in contemporary Jewish music, and learn from the most outstanding teachers in Jewish life? [Find out more.](#)



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### BAKE CHALLAH WITH ROSH CHODESH GROUP

Have you ever braided a round challah or one with four or six braids? The [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's](#) Rosh Chodesh women's group will learn these fun techniques on Sunday, August 6 at 6 p.m. at the Rifkin Campus at 5200.



The evening includes a short history of challah, as well as tastings. We'll sample chocolate chip challah, potato challah, gluten-free challah, and more. Join us as we make and bake challah to take home. Please RSVP to the Jewish Federation at (260) 456-0400 or [office@fwjf.org](mailto:office@fwjf.org) no later than Wednesday, August 2 so we have enough dough.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: IRV ADLER

### FAMILY JOURNEY FOR ANSWERS CONTINUES IN VIENNA AND MINSK/MALY TROSTENETS

During a well-attended program in June at the Temple, long-time congregant Irv Adler shared his journey through Holocaust records seeking information about his grandmother and family members. He talked about the relatives he lost – and those he's found – through his work.



[His research](#) was inspired by about 100 letters written from 1938 to 1941 by his grandmother Clara Bader Nichtern to his mother, Elsa Nichtern. His grandmother lived in Vienna before she was murdered in June 1942 by the Nazis at the [Maly Trostinets](#) death camp outside of Minsk. Irv provided this update on his recent trip to Vienna and Minsk/Maly Trostenets:

On May 14, I left Fort Wayne with my wife, Fran, and our very close family friend Carol Jackson, who has been deeply involved in our ["Letters"](#) project, to start what became an emotional two-week journey to Vienna and Minsk/Maly Trostenets.

We visited the site where my grandmother Clara Bader Nichtern was deported and later murdered by the Nazis. I dedicated a "Stone of Remembrance" at the last known address of my uncle and cousin, Leon and Markus Bader, before they were deported and murdered.

After spending a few days in Vienna taking in some of the sites and doing additional research on my "Letters" project (e.g., I verified that I had relatives that lived in Sigmund Freud's house after he left Vienna), we traveled to Minsk/Maly Trostenets.

Fran, Carol, and I were part of an organized group (IM-MER Association) of 21 persons. During the afternoon of May 23, the group went to the "History Workshop" in Minsk to hear riveting testimonies from four survivors of the Minsk ghetto. They talked about the atrocities they lived through, the many family members they lost, and how they managed to survive against impossible odds.

The next day on May 24, we went to Maly Trostenets, which is located on the Southeastern edge of Minsk, about 15 km from Minsk-Center. Ten thousand Jews from Vienna were among the 400,000 men, women, and children murdered at Maly Trostenets, including my grandmother, who was killed on June 15, 1942.

Our group, which included a Rabbi and a Cantor, carried out a deeply moving funeral service for 61 Viennese Jews murdered there. A eulogy was read aloud for each of them. Then we went into the killing field and attached yellow plaques to trees to symbolically

represent gravestone markers. A permanent memorial with the names of all the Jews murdered at Maly Trostenets is planned at the site in the near future.



That afternoon we went to the commemorative monuments at [Katyn](#). Katyn was a village of 26 houses and 156 inhabitants, 50 km due west of Minsk-Center. On March 22, 1943, the entire population of the village was massacred by the Nazis and their collaborators. The Katyn monuments memorialize the impact of the Holocaust on Belarus; the 500 villages that were burned to the ground, of which 186 are gone forever; the villages where pogroms occurred, which was every village in Belarus; and finally, the 2.4 million Belarusians that died during the Holocaust, about 1/3 of the population.

Later that week, we returned to Vienna for the "Stone of Remembrance" dedication for my uncle and cousin, who were deported from the apartment where they lived with my grandmother for 3 ½ years. On March 12, 1941, Leon (#229) and Markus (#300) were put on Transport 5 and deported with 997 Jewish men, women

and children to Lagow/Opatow, Poland. The ghettos of Lagow/Opatow were liquidated by the Nazis during October 20-22, 1942. Leon and Markus either died before or during the liquidation, or were sent to and killed at an extermination camp, probably Treblinka. There are no records of what happened to them: not even the date of their death.

Traveling to Vienna and Maly Trostenets provided a way for me to get some closure. It gave me the chance to give my grandmother the funeral service she never had.

As was the case with my grandmother ([see "Temple Bulletin" August 2014](#)), I dedicated a Stone of Remembrance for Leon and Markus Bader. By doing so, they have a grave marker with their names on it so that they don't disappear from our collective memories.

I plan to continue doing research on the "Letters" to put them into historical context and to provide a diary of my grandmother's life under Nazi oppression. I want to describe what a wonderful person she was - and how, even under incredibly difficult conditions, she always maintained a cheerful and positive attitude. She tried not to burden my mother, who was living in England and then in the U.S.A., with the miseries that she dealt with daily.

If my efforts lead to what becomes a diary of the life of the wonderful grandmother I never knew and that I can share with my family and others, then I will have accomplished a most worthwhile and meaningful life goal.



## HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE 5778

Plan to join us during the [High Holy Days](#):

### Selichot

Saturday, September 16 – Reception at 6 p.m. and service at 7 p.m. as we begin the holiday season.

### Cemetery Services

Sunday, September 24 at 1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery and 2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery

### Erev Rosh Hashanah Service & Reception

Wednesday, September 20 at 8 p.m.

### Rosh Hashanah \*

Thursday, September 21

o 10 a.m. Service

o 12:30 p.m. Tashlich Service & PJ Library Program at Foster Park (Pavilion 2) - with Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and Congregation B'nai Jacob

### Kol Nidre Service

Friday, September 29 at 8 p.m.

### Yom Kippur \*

Saturday, September 30

o 10 a.m. Morning Service

o Noon - Yizkor Memorial Service and Dedication of Yahrzeit Plaques added in the past year

o 2 to 3 p.m. - Study Session with Rabbi Lenny Book of Psalms

o 4 p.m. – Afternoon Service focusing on the Book of Jonah

o 5 p.m. - Neilah (Concluding) Service

o 6 p.m. Break-the-Fast – Please make a reservation by Friday, September 22 for the meal hosted by the ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out).

### Sukkot Celebration

Friday, October 6

Sukkot & Shabbat Service at 6 p.m.

Sukkah Decorating & Dinner at 7 p.m.

### Simchat Torah Service

Friday, October 13 at 7 p.m.

*\*Please see page 5 for information on child care during these services. An RSVP is required.*



## SUPPORT 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 13 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.) Thank you!

## START THE HIGH HOLY DAYS WITH SELICHOT

Please join us for Selichot as we transition to the High Holy Days season on Saturday evening, September 16. We'll gather at 6 p.m. for a reception hosted by Rabbi Lenny & Karen Sarko. Our Selichot service follows at 7 p.m. when the Torah covers are changed to white and we begin the period of reflection prior to the beginning of the New Year. [What is Selichot?](#)

## SWEETS, TREATS, & MORE NEEDED

Please volunteer to help and to bake for the Rosh Hashanah Reception, this year on Wednesday, September 20. All baked goods are needed at the Temple no later than Friday, September 15. Items may be put in the freezer, but please mark them for the reception including your name. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Wednesday morning, September 20 and for clean-up following the reception on Wednesday evening. Please contact the Temple office or Chair Samara Sheray to offer your assistance.

## BREAKING THE FAST TOGETHER



Join us as we break the fast together as a congregation on Saturday, September 30 with a delicious meal prepared by the Temple ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) guys. Following the Ne'ilah service on Yom Kippur, everyone is invited for tuna salad, egg salad, noodle kugel, blintzes, bagels, herring in sour cream, and other delicacies.

Reservations are required by Friday, September 22 so that we can prepare enough food and seating. Thanks to the generosity of the ROMEOs, there is no charge. However, cash donations gladly will be accepted to help offset the costs. Volunteers are needed help with set ups and other tasks. Please contact the Temple office to offer your assistance. If you would like to sponsor the sweet wine for our Kiddush, please let us know. Thanks to Rich Manalis and Norm Greenberg for returning as co-chairs!

## REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES

Please let us know by Friday, September 22 if you wish to have a loved one's name included on Saturday, September 30 during the Memorial Service on Yom Kippur. Call us at (260) 744-4245 or email at [office@temple-cav.org](mailto:office@temple-cav.org).

# DONATIONS

## General Operations

In appreciation of Sally Trotter's dedication as Temple Administrator and in memory of Danny Latz: *Beth & Dan Zweig*

In memory of Myer Levin: *Saralee Levin*

In memory of Jerry Friedman: *Norma Friedman*

In memory of our fathers, James B. Katz

and Paul N. Richardson: *Andy & Janet Katz*

In memory of John C. Gosney and David Silverman:

*Manny Silverman*

In memory of Louise Marcus: *Jim & Suzi King*

In memory of Helen G. Warshauer and Meyer Warshauer:

*Bill & Louise Warshauer*

In honor of Sally Trotter's years of dedication to the Temple:

*Tom & Rita O'Neill*

A donation was made by: *Juan Suarez*

A donation was made by: *Leonard & Rikki Goldstein*

## Temple Gardens

In honor of Dr. Steve Cohen's retirement: *Beth & Dan Zweig*

In memory of Doris M. Sposeep to the Sposeep Chapel:

*Mike & Patrice Sposeep and Steve & Elissa Cohen*

In memory of Sylvia Levine: *Stan Levine*

## Campership Fund

In memory of Sidney Motel: *Karen Sandler*

## Endowment Fund

In memory of Doris Ann "Danny" Latz: *Lawrence Shine*

## Library Fund

In memory of Jay Allen Safran: *Zelda Jonas*

## Floral Fund

In memory of Jack Feldheim: *Jenine Burkhardt*

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In memory of Jeff Silver, Phyllis Silver, Charles Rosenblum, Sylvia Zimmerman, and Lauren Kaminsky: *Cookie & David Rosenblum*

In memory of Ryan Goldstrom: *Marian Kantor*

## Dr. John Planer Music Fund

In memory of James Rakes and Cheryl Gannon: *Denny & Marcia Reynolds*

## Project Assist - Thoughtful Thursdays

In memory of Beatrice Motel: *Karen Sandler*

## Campership Fund

In honor of Ethan Zweig's graduation from Religious School:

*Doris Fogel*

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Danny Latz: *Janet Weinraub*

## Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Fund:

In memory of Kathryn Kann Mendelblat: *Steve Rothberg*

In memory of Betty Castle, Sol Rothberg, Helaine Kann Hill, and

Kathryn Kann Mendelblat: *Deborah Rothberg*

## Campus at 5200 Support

In honor of Jared Sagan's Bar Mitzvah for upkeep of the Czech Torah: *Suzan & George Meschel*

In honor of her retirement and with appreciation for Sally Trotter's service at the Temple: *Alan & Susan Cooperman*

## ROMEO Fund

A donation was made by: The ROMEOs



Lots of Temple Presidents - past, present, and future - at the Annual meeting.

## NEW BOARD ELECTED FOR 2017-2018

Officers and trustees were elected at the Annual Meeting for the new fiscal year beginning July 1:

**Officers:** President Ellen Tom was elected to a two-year term, ending in 2019. Elected to one-year terms: VP Programs Betsy Gephart, VP Finance Steve Zacher, Treasurer Scott Goldberg, and Secretary Kathy Sider. Joe Cohen becomes Immediate Past President, serving a one-year term.

**Trustees:** Elected to a two-year term, ending 2019 were Jessica Ash, Jamie Berger, Denny Reynolds, John Stein, Wendi Wallet, Beth Zweig. Elected to a one-year term, ending 2018 was Yavin Bamnolkar.

**Trustees Who Were Not Up for Re-election:** Talia Bugel, Steve Carr, Elissa Cohen, Leah Hadashi, and Richard Manalis. Serving a two-year term ending June 2018.

# YAHREZITS

## August 4

Marcus Block  
Bernard Blumenthal  
Alfred Milton Bronstein  
Mary Bronstein  
Bertha Doran  
Virginia Calisch Fairman  
Sam Fried  
Lillian Goldenberg  
Mollie Greensfelder  
Sol Hutner  
Clifford Jones  
Terri Katz  
Cathy Krainess  
Samuel Laderman  
Blanche Leopold  
Tanya Luark  
Myron M. Marks  
Yetta Michelson  
Beatrice S. Motel  
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Frederic Nirdlinger  
Robert O'Neill  
Isaac Roseman  
Dorothy Rothberg  
Joseph S. Rothschild  
Phyllis Sarratore  
Ruth Strauss  
Adeline F. Wetzstein

## August 11

Mollie Bronstein  
Louis Hansen "Joe" Carter  
Frieda Erman  
Iris Sands Gilbert  
Jack Golden  
Sara Konkell  
Brokha Koyfman  
Samuel Kraus  
Frances Lare  
Claude K. Lee  
Susan Schiller Leibow  
Chester M. Leopold  
Joseph Levine  
Hyman Liberman  
Lillian Meyers  
Harriet Nichols  
Nelson W. Pollak  
Ruth L. Rothschild  
Corrine Ruben  
Esther Schmitz  
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Sylvia Sommer

## August 18

Clara Riddner Field  
Alexander Honig  
Solomon Ackerman  
Abe Ackerman

Robert B. Black  
Estelle Block  
Gary William Cohn  
Peggy Perrine  
Fredrick Conover  
Harry Felstein  
Albert Fishbein  
Molly Fox  
Meyer Goldfarb  
Joe Goldstine  
Abner Grover  
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Berenice Smith  
Russell Solomon  
Rebecca Strass  
Edith Subeck  
Blanche Sulkin  
Abraham Weil

Harold Wolf  
Kalman Wolf  
Alex Young

## August 25

Rose Boches  
Earl Brenn  
David Cohen  
Jeffrey Colegrove  
June Deitch  
Leonid Finkelshteyn  
Lena Frank  
Fira Kutsenok  
Osvey Leybman  
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## JANET KATZ NAMED "LOCAL FOOD HERO"



Congratulations to Janet Katz on being named one of [10 Local Food Heroes in Indiana!](#)

Throughout the past year, she has worked to establish the Northeast Indiana Local Food Network to promote local food culture and entrepreneurship in northeast Indiana.

Working alongside economic development leaders from across the northeastern portion of the state, Katz and her NILFN colleagues are developing a plan for increasing visibility and economic opportunities for the region's local food producers and businesses.

## CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of long-time member Doris "Danny" Latz, who died on May 27, 2017 in Fort Wayne. We think of her children, William, Jan, Andrew, and Kathleen, and her three grandchildren, and her seven great-grandchildren.

## 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 the Temple office to volunteer.

## PURCHASE A LEAF ON THE OLIVE TREE

Recognize an important person or significant occasion at the Temple by purchasing a leaf on the new olive tree near the entrance to the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.



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.

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## WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

The Temple board welcomes your comments and suggestions. We will do our best to address your questions and concerns. Please contact the Temple office at 744-4245 ([office@TempleCAV.org](mailto:office@TempleCAV.org)) for information. President Ellen Tom can be reached at [president@templecav.org](mailto:president@templecav.org).

**The deadline for the September Bulletin is Tuesday, August 15.**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### ELLEN TOM



"Doing Jewish" has always been an important part of my life, having grown up at Congregation B'nai Jacob, where my parents were members and where my brother, Kevin, and I celebrated our B'nei Mitzvot. After moving away from "The Fort" for a brief time to Texas, I returned, married to Mick and with our first child, Lauren, as my husband established his dental career. Our son, Ryan, was born shortly thereafter.

In 2001, our family joined the Temple and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, and enrolled Lauren in Religious School. I also began my "career" as a volunteer, helping in the Religious School (where I eventually taught), as well as getting involved with social and religious programs. At the same time, our children were growing up "doing Jewish." They both participated in the Temple Youth Group and one attended Goldman Union Camp Institute and also worked as camp counselor at Camp Joe Levine.

Upon retiring from teaching, I served the past few years as the Religious School Committee Chair and Principal. As an elected board member, I participated on the Grant Oversight Committee, Financial Planning Committee, Rabbinical Search Committee, as well as others, and now as Temple president.

I've found that one of the most rewarding aspects of being involved at the Temple is the opportunity to build relationships. It's important to me to get to know others, whether kibbutzing over a cup of coffee during an Oneg, working together making corned beef sandwiches, or discussing Judaism with our young people. These conversations create a warm atmosphere at the Temple, bringing people together and helping to develop a sense of commitment and community. I hope we'll have a chance to get better acquainted in the coming months and that you'll also find many reasons to get involved.

My goal as president is to focus on Temple life in a variety of ways. These include engaging our members to encourage an environment where we work together toward a common goal; continuing to foster creative activities that are meaningful, relevant, and stimulating; looking for new ways to bolster our budget so that we can feel more secure in our long-term financial stability; and finding ways as Reform Jews to make the world a little better than we've found it.

Though I'm only a month into my new role, I've already started to discuss ideas with Rabbi Lenny, our board members, staff, and congregants in what I hope will be a productive year. Please share your thoughts with me about Temple life. Thank you for this opportunity to serve as president. I look forward to working with you!

## MAINTAINING A BEAUTIFUL TRADITION

At Achduth Vesholom, 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.

Hosting an Oneg Shabbat is a wonderful way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, special occasion, or try out a new recipe. Please contact our Oneg Shabbat Coordinator Doris Gottlieb or the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 to offer your help on a Friday night. Dates are available beginning in October.