

# THE TEMPLE

CONGREGATION ACHDUTH VESHOLOM

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*Ally Whisler*



*Marnie Lowden*

We invite you to share a special milestone when

**Marnie Lowden  
and  
Ally Whisler**

are called to the Torah as Bat Mitzvah

Friday, the 10th of August  
Two Thousand Eighteen  
at 6:15 in the evening

*Kiddush follows*

### CLASSMATES RECEIVE BROSLEA VOLUNTEER AWARD

Melissa Kessel and Joe Cohen attended Religious School together when they were kids. Both continued their involvement at Achduth Vesholom as adults, sharing their talents in different areas of Temple life. Melissa's passion for 25 years centered primarily on teaching Religious School, while Joe largely focused on congregational legal, employment, and leadership needs.

Their dedication to the Temple led both to be honored with the William Brosler Award for Outstanding Volunteerism on June 13 at our 170th Annual Meeting. President Ellen Tom announced the recipients of the award, which recognizes members whose involvement in and commitment to the Temple goes above and beyond that of other volunteers. The award is intended to honor a lifetime of service to the congregation – even though we want our volunteers to keep on volunteering.

Their names have been added to the newly redesigned Brosler plaque now hanging near the entrance to the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. Find out more about the recipients on page 8.

Please join the Kepes Family in honoring

#### **Sherwin's 80th Year**

when he is called to the Torah  
for a Renewal Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, the First of September  
Two Thousand Eighteen  
at 10:30 in the morning

*Kiddush luncheon following*



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# UPCOMING events & services

\*RSVP Needed

## AUGUST EVENTS

### Rosh Chodesh Women's Group

Thursday, August 2  
6:15 p.m. at the Fort Wayne  
Museum of Art  
Hosted by the Jewish Federation of  
Fort Wayne

### First Day of Religious School\*

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

### Honey For The Holidays Fundraiser\*

Order Through August 17  
Find out more.

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### Shabbat Service & Sherwin Kepes

**Renewal Bar Mitzvah**  
Saturday, September 1  
10:30 a.m. at the Temple  
Kiddush luncheon follows the service.

### Thoughtful Thursdays

Wednesday, September 5  
10 a.m. at the Temple  
First bag assembly of the school year

### Rosh Hashanah Reception

Sunday, September 9  
Following 8 p.m. service

### "The Seventh Day: Revisiting Shabbat" Art Exhibit

September through November  
At the Temple  
The grand opening for this traveling  
art exhibit is Sunday, September 9,  
following the Erev Rosh Hashanah  
service.

### PJ Library Curiosity Day

Sunday, September 16  
Noon to 2 p.m.  
at Barnes & Noble at Jefferson Pointe  
Sponsored by Jewish Federation of  
Fort Wayne

### Break-the Fast\*

Wednesday, September 19  
Following concluding services. Please  
RSVP by Friday, September 12.



### Sukkah Decorating

### Pizza in the Hut\*

### Fiddler on the Roof Sing-along\*

Sunday, September 23  
Join us at 11 a.m. to decorate the  
sukkah in the courtyard of the Madge  
Rothschild Resource Center. A pizza  
lunch will be served at noon, followed  
at 12:30 p.m. by movie and sing-along  
Please make a reservation to the  
Temple office for lunch and the film by  
Friday, September 21. Cost is \$5 per  
person.

### Hebrew School Begins\*

Tuesday/Wednesday,  
September 25-26  
Students will be scheduled between 4  
and 6 p.m.

## OCTOBER EVENTS

### Sammy Ash Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, October 6  
10:30 a.m. at the Temple

### Interfaith Shabbat Program

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

### Temple Book Club\*

Tuesday, October 30  
7 p.m. at the Temple  
We'll discuss *Enchanted Islands* by  
Allison Amend and e-visit with the  
author about her book.

## AUGUST SERVICES

### Shabbat Service

Friday, August 3  
6:15 p.m. at the Temple

### Shabbat Service & Bat Mitzvah of Marnie Lowden and Ally Whisler

Friday, August 10  
6:15 p.m. at the Temple

### Shabbat Service

Friday, August 17  
6:15 p.m. at the Temple

### Shabbat Service

Friday, August 24  
6:15 p.m. at the Temple

### Shabbat Service

Friday, August 31  
6:15 p.m. at the Temple

Kiddush follows the service.

Beginning Friday, September 7,  
Shabbat services for fall and winter  
move to 7:30 p.m.

## 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 2

Olive Garden  
315 W. Coliseum Blvd.

### Thursday, August 16

Saigon Restaurant  
2006 S. Calhoun St.

### Thursday, August 30

Spice & Herb Thai Cuisine  
8802 Coldwater Rd.

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

# RABBI LENNY SARKO

## SUMMER OFFERS NEW WAYS TO EXPERIENCE JUDAISM



Synagogue life in the summer slows to a crawl. In some respects, this is nice as it gives those who administer and operate Achduth Vesholom a time to breathe a bit easier than the normal multiple tasks we are involved with during the remainder of the year. It also allows time for examination of the past year and to make plans for the following year, not to mention a break prior to the monumental task of the early fall High Holy Days.

Although synagogue life modifies a bit, Judaism, and its involvement in our lives, never slows. It simply takes on different faces, different directions. From a rabbinic perspective, we hope the summer provides our congregants the opportunity to apply Jewish concepts outside of the synagogue. That the mitzvot are tried out in all sorts of locations and that congregants see how Judaism is applied in our day-to-day lives.

One example is with our children. Some of them had the opportunity to attend Jewish camp, such as Camp Joe or GUCI. Young people doing prayers together in a location not the synagogue find this experience bonding with others of their own age. They find new relevance to an activity that seems repetitive and not very relevant when continually only done at the synagogue. Many families do not use prayer in the home and so the application of this aspect of Judaism takes on new

meanings in this different environment. Camp life also gives children an opportunity to make Jewish friends. They find out how much they have in common with each other. Many of the friendships made in these camps last a lifetime and turn out to be very important foundations in their lives.

Adults also get opportunities to apply Judaism in different ways across a summer. You might have a cookout and invite some Jewish friends over. There are times for small excursions that help form bonds between people. No differently than the children, adults find many common bonds with other Jewish people. They make and extend friendships as a result of the opportunities to get together.

Summer is a time for vacations. These might be with family and/or friends. Again, we have opportunities to explore and apply our Jewish roots in locations not the synagogue. Perhaps it is visiting a museum or historical site and recognizing the Jewish role in those places. Perhaps it is just an opportunity to get closer to family and/or friends.

Others take the summer as a time to explore new charitable works with our children. Learning the realities of Tzedakah in a less intense environment. All can be done in recognition of how our Judaism informs our decisions and in what we do.

I hope the summer has been nice for you and I look forward to praying together as we meet across our High Holy Day season.

## HELPERS NEEDED TO PREPARE MAILING FOR CORNED BEEF FUNDRAISER

Volunteers are needed to help prepare a large bulk mailing on Thursday, August 30 at 10 a.m. at the Temple as we get ready for our 17th annual Corned Beef Fundraiser. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org) to say you can assist.

Mark your calendar and clear your schedule to help with our Deli Day and biggest fundraiser on Thursday, November 8. We especially need volunteers during the corned beef sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., as well as Prep Night on Wednesday, November 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. Thanks to Co-Chairs Steve Zacher and Chuck Replane.



## REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR A GREAT YEAR OF JEWISH LEARNING

Registration for students age 3 through high school is underway for Congregation Achduth Vesholom's Religious School. The first day of class is Sunday, August 26. Find enrollment forms. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 for more information about Religious School or joining the congregation.

## YOUTH GROUPS GATHER FOR SCHOOL YEAR KICK-OFF IN AUGUST

High school and middle school youth are invited on Sunday, August 26 at noon to the Temple to make plans for a fun year of friendship and activities.

FOrTY for high school students and Junior Youth Group for middle school kids are open to all Jewish youth in the Fort Wayne area. Membership includes local events, as well as regional and national NFTY programs. Contact Advisor Taylor Replane to RSVP or for more information at [fortyyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:fortyyouthgroup@gmail.com).

Save the date: We'll be serving apples and honey with wishes of "L'shana Tovah" on Monday, September 10, following Rosh Hashanah morning services at the Temple.



## SHABBAT BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

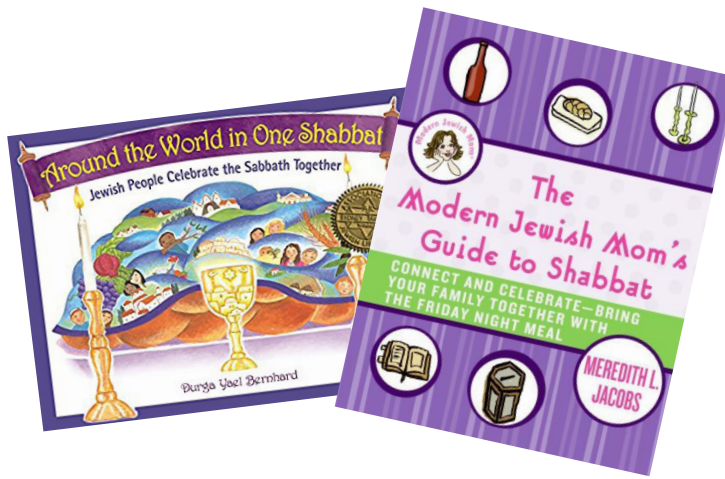
To accompany our upcoming Shabbat exhibit, "The Seventh Day," we have several excellent Shabbat titles in the Rabbi Richard B. Safran library. Perhaps the best-known is Abraham Joshua Heschel's classic, *The Sabbath: Its Meaning for Modern Man*. *The Sabbath World* by Judith Shulevitz, is another interesting title for those interested in the background of the Sabbath.

If you're looking for the more practical, Ruth Perelson's *An Invitation to Shabbat* is a brief volume for Reform Jews. *The Modern Jewish Mom's Guide to Shabbat*, by Meredith Jacobs, is also worth checking out. Yvette Miller's *Angels at the Table: A Practical Guide to Celebrating Shabbat* is from a more orthodox perspective.

We also have Dr. Ron Wolfson's *Shabbat: The Family Guide to Preparing for and Welcoming the Sabbath*, from his "Art of Jewish Living" Series. We also have a number of prayer books in our adult Shabbat collection.

Of course, we have more than adult non-fiction titles. From *Koala Challah* to *The Shabbat Box*, we have dozens of wonderful Shabbat picture books. *Around the World in One Shabbat* by Durga Bernhard, is a good example of our non-fiction titles for older children. And we have a number of CDs of music

for the Sabbath. Come check out our collection!



## TRAVELING ART EXHIBIT COMING IN SEPTEMBER

We are excited to host a traveling art exhibit this fall at the Temple called "The Seventh Day: Revisiting Shabbat" from the Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion Museum.

We will be showing a collection of about 36 works, including photography, textile, collage and painting, all exploring some aspect of Shabbat. Created by a variety of international artists, the artworks and ritual objects represent a diverse, 21st-century, approach to this day of rest.

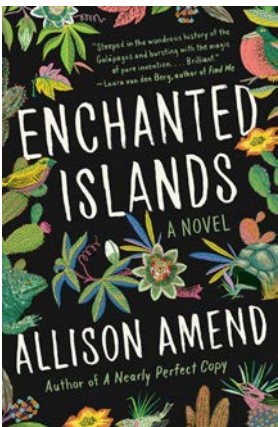
The exhibit will be on display in the Social Hall from September through November, with the grand opening after our Rosh Hashanah evening service on Sunday, September 9. (Join us for a "sneak peek" on Friday evening, September 7 after our Shabbat service.) We'll have weekly hours for the public to visit on Thursday afternoons beginning September 13, and other hours available for groups by appointment.

In addition to the traveling exhibit, we will feature Shabbat items from the Temple's collection in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.

Several special programs are planned at the Temple while the exhibit is here:

- An afternoon movie screening and sing-along "Fiddler on the Roof" on Sunday, September 23
- An interfaith panel focused on how different religions approach the Sabbath on Friday, October 19
- The Temple Book Club will e-visit with Allison Amend about her book, *Enchanted Islands* on Tuesday, October 30
- The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 20

Come check out the exhibit and spread the word. It's a great opportunity to welcome new folks to the campus!



## FIRST TEMPLE BOOK CLUB – ALLISON AMEND'S "ENCHANTED ISLANDS"

Plan to join us for our first Temple Book Club of the new year on Tuesday, October 30 at 7 p.m. in the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. We'll discuss *Enchanted Islands* by Allison Amend and e-visit with the author about her book.

Set during World War II, it is inspired by the memoirs of Frances Conway, and takes a fairly ordinary Jewish woman from Minnesota to the Galapagos Islands. A review in the Chicago Tribune calls the story "a many-faceted jewel. It's a spy thriller, a survivalist memoir, and a portrait of a marriage."

Please join us in reading and discussing this intriguing book!

# HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE 5779 (2018)

Plan to join us during the High Holy Days at the Temple:

## Erev Rosh Hashanah Service & Reception

Sunday, September 9 at 8 p.m. Reception includes grand opening of "The Seventh Day: Revisiting Shabbat" traveling art exhibit.

## Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 10

- o 9:30 a.m. Minyan Katan Children's Service
- o 10 a.m. - Service

## Cemetery Services

Sunday, September 16 at 1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery and 2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery

## Kol Nidre Service

Tuesday, September 18 at 8 p.m.

## Yom Kippur

Wednesday, September 19

- o 9:30 a.m. Minyan Katan Children's Service
- o 10 a.m. Morning Service
- o Noon - Yizkor Memorial Service and Dedication of Yahrzeit Plaques added in the past year
- o 4 p.m. - Afternoon Service
- o 5 p.m. - Neilah (Concluding) Service
- o 6 p.m. Break-the-Fast - Please make a reservation by Friday, September 12 for the meal hosted by the ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out).



## Sukkah Decorating, Pizza in the Hut, Fiddler on the Roof Sing-along

Sunday, September 23

- o 9:45 a.m. Religious School begins
- o 11 a.m. - The congregation is invited to decorate the sukkah in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center
- o 12 p.m. - "Pizza in the Hut" lunch in the courtyard. Please RSVP to the Temple office by September 21 Cost is \$5 per person.
- o 12:30 p.m. - Join us for a sing-a-long screening of Fiddler on the Roof.

## Sukkot Service

Friday, September 28 at 7 p.m.

## Simchat Torah Service

Friday, October 5 at 7 p.m.

## HONEY OF A DEAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We've got a sweet deal coming for the Jewish New Year! We're taking orders through Friday, August 17 for 8-ounce bottles of delicious, locally-harvested honey priced at \$6 each 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 Friday, August 24 for pick up at the Temple or to send in time for Erev Rosh Hashanah on Sunday, September 9. For your convenience, we'll ship the bottles for you at an additional charge of \$6 per bottle. Proceeds from this Temple fundraiser will benefit congregational programming. Thank you to Leah Hadashi and Bonnie Pomerantz for chairing!

## SUPPORT HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

On Rosh Hashanah, please pick up paper shopping bags at the Temple. Fill them with non-perishable food items for local families to return on Yom Kippur. Please consider bringing in at least one bag of food for each member of your family. Thanks to Jamie Berger for chairing.

**HELP THE HUNGRY** with a donation to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. Find out more at [www.mazon.org](http://www.mazon.org). Contribution envelopes are available at the Temple.





# CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLY DAYS WITH US

Please join us at Achduth Vesholom next month to welcome 5779 and celebrate the High Holy Days. In addition to worship opportunities, favorite traditions continue, along with some special events.

A full holiday schedule is available on page 5.



## SUPPORT TEMPLE WITH HOLIDAY 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 Friday,

August 31 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.)

## BREAKING THE FAST TOGETHER

Join us as we break the fast together as a congregation on Wednesday, September 19 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, kugel, bagels, herring in sour cream, and other delicacies.

Reservations are required by Wednesday, September 12 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 Chuck Replane and Denny Reynolds for co-chairing!

## SWEETS, TREATS, AND MORE NEEDED

Please volunteer to help and to bake for the Rosh Hashanah Reception, this year on Sunday, September 9. All baked goods are needed at the Temple no later than Friday, September 7.

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 Sunday morning, September 9 at 10:30 a.m. and for clean-up following the reception that evening. Thank you to Cookie Mastbaum for chairing the reception. Please contact her at (260) 672-9148 or [cooksi@aol.com](mailto:cooksi@aol.com) to say you can help.



## REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES

Please let us know by Wednesday, September 12 if you wish to have a loved one's name included on Wednesday, September 19 during the Memorial Service on Yom Kippur. Call us at (260) 744-4245 or email at [office@templecav.org](mailto:office@templecav.org)

## CEMETERY SERVICES PLANNED

Memorial services will be held Sunday, September 16 at 1 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery and 2:30 p.m. at Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery. Join Rabbi Lenny with Rabbi Kornspan from Congregation B'nai Jacob for the traditional El Maleh Rachmim and Kaddish prayers, along with the appropriate psalms, poetry and prayers. For more information or to arrange transportation, call the Temple office.

## JOIN US FOR SING-ALONG FIDDLER AND SUKKAH FUN

Join us to help decorate the Sukkah on Sunday, September 23 at 11 a.m. in the courtyard of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center. We'll have a pizza lunch at noon before we sing-along with the "Fiddler on the Roof" film. Cost is \$5 per person. Please RSVP to (260) 744-4245 by Friday, September 21.



## NEWS FROM THE 170TH ANNUAL MEETING

President Ellen Tom highlighted the congregation's many activities during the past year. These included the Operations Study spearheaded by Irv Adler, which helped us identify ways to streamline processes to allow the Board to focus more on strategic initiatives and long-range planning.

Ellen mentioned many programs, including Hot Topics Shabbat, Home Shabbat, Temple Book Club, and the second Holocaust Symposium. Rabbi Lenny taught Talmud weekly, conversion classes, and adult b'nei mitzvah.

The congregation supported youth and interfaith programs, ROMEO-hosted events, the Seven Species of Israel adult ed series, Thoughtful Thursdays, and Mitzvah Day, to name a few. We marked Melissa Kessel's 25 years teaching in our Religious School. The Madge Rothschild Resource Center was transformed with the addition of the Northeast Indiana Jewish history timeline and photo mural.

Ellen thanked committee chairs, staff, and all the volunteers who do so much. The 16th Annual Corned Beef Fundraiser chaired by Larry Adelman, Jaki Schreier, and Steve Zacher sold 1,300 sandwiches and raised a record \$23,000.

The focus for next year, Ellen said, will include exploring ways to increase and retain members, exercise fiscal responsibility and seek improved financial investment strategies, and enhance our opportunities to partner with the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and Congregation B'nai Jacob.

### Finances

Treasurer Scott Goldberg said we began the 2017-2018 fiscal year anticipating a small deficit and ended with a large surplus thanks to two generous bequests, an extremely successful Corned Beef Fundraiser, and lower than anticipated expenses.

During the coming year, Scott said, we'll continue to look at fundraising and other financial opportunities beyond dues and the Endowment Fund. He reported that our membership numbers 148 households.

The congregation approved the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget of \$410,105, with anticipated revenues of \$395,897. Steve Zacher, Vice President for Finance, explained that some of that difference comes from the expanded duties of the Executive Director position. Those additional costs will be covered for the next few years from recent bequests, Steve said, leaving an expected \$4,200 deficit for the coming year. He said the amount is manageable due to our special reserve funds.

Steve, who is co-chairing the upcoming 17th annual Corned Beef Fundraiser with Chuck Replane, said we are budgeting \$20,000 in income from the sale.

### Bylaws Changes Approved

The congregation unanimously approved changes to the bylaws restructuring the board to integrate the role of the Treasurer into the Vice President



*President Ellen Tom (left) and some of the Temple's past presidents share a moment before the Annual Meeting.*

Finance position and reducing the size of the Board of Directors. Under the new plan, a minimum of 10 officers and trustees are required, down from a maximum of 17. The Immediate Past President still continues to serve for one year following his/her term. The changes take effect July 1.

### Rabbi's Report

Rabbi Lenny Sarko reflected on the past year and the many duties of our spiritual leader. He emphasized that a rabbi is pulled in many directions. Rabbi Lenny described his schedule, including preparation time for services, adult and Religious School classes, attending meetings, involvement in the community, providing pastoral care, and officiating at life-cycle events, and providing rabbinic coverage when requested in Northern Indiana.

### New Board Elected for 2018-2019

Board Development Chair Elissa Cohen presented the slate of candidates. Officers and trustees were elected at the Annual Meeting for the new fiscal year beginning July 1:

**Officers:** President Ellen Tom is completing a two-year term, ending in June 2019. Elected to one-year terms: VP Programs Betsy Gephart, VP Finance Steve Zacher, and Secretary Kathy Sider.

**Trustees:** Elected to a two-year term ending in June 2020 were Talia Bugel, Elissa Cohen, Bobbie Golani, and Scott Goldberg.

**Trustees Who Were Not Up for Re-election:** Jessica Ash, Jamie Berger, Denny Reynolds, John Stein, Wendi Wallet, and Beth Zweig. They are serving two-year terms that end in June 2019.

### Outgoing Board Members

We thanked outgoing board members - Immediate Past President Joe Cohen and outgoing trustees Steve Carr, Leah Hadashi, and Richard Manalis - for their service to the congregation. In appreciation, a bookplate was added to our High Holy Days prayer books honoring each.

**Annual Meeting news continued on page 11.**

## BROSLER AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

### JOE COHEN



Joe Cohen has been the Temple's legal expert for many years, advising us on a variety of congregational matters, whether construction agreements, employee handbooks, job descriptions, bylaws, or rabbinic contracts.

In addition to helping Achduth Vesholom behind the scenes, Joe has served as chair of Mitzvah Day and member of the Board Development Committee. He led us as president for two years and just completed a year as Immediate Past President.

The Cohen family has a long association with the Temple that now spans five generations. Joe is the fourth generation to belong to Achduth Vesholom. He and Leslie, his wife of 18 years, are active members of the Temple, along with their sons, Sam and Jacob. Joe's parents, Elissa & Steve Cohen, also are members. His brother, Andy, also came for the award presentation from Columbus.

As the Temple's attorney, Joe has drawn on the skills he learned at Indiana University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Law & Public Policy and a juris doctor degree from the IU School Of Law in Indianapolis. We've benefitted from his professional expertise strengthened as a partner at Barrett McNagny, specializing in Labor & Employment Law.

Much of what Joe does on behalf of the congregation is confidential or takes place behind the scenes, where more than a few times as our legal advisor he's been a calming presence for an exasperated Temple leader trying to handle a challenging situation. At other times in his congregational leader role, he is not bashful about sharing his viewpoint and reasoning.

Most days when not at work or responding to calls regarding Temple matters, you can find him and Leslie supporting Sam & Jacob's love of soccer whether driving to practices, attending local games or traveling. He is passionate about the Temple and various philanthropic causes in the community.

In appreciation for his dedication, President Ellen Tom presented Joe with the William Brosler Award for Outstanding Volunteerism. Joe said he feels honored to receive the award and fortunate to belong to a congregation that has been supported by so many volunteers.

"I received the benefit growing up of their time, talent and treasure," he said. "As a result, I wanted to recognize the benefit I received by making sure my kids and their kids have a Temple to call their home as well. The Temple and its membership only prospers with the help of its volunteers."

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### MELISSA KESSEL



Melissa Kessel's Sunday morning routine most weeks for the past 25 years has included sharing her love of Judaism teaching young children in our Religious School. She was recognized for

her dedication in April, sharing hugs and special moments with her littlest students to those out of high school.

That milestone grew out of a family tradition that began with her mother, Carole Stillpass Krainess, and her great-aunt Hannah Stillpass Cohen, who were both Religious School teachers at the Temple. One of her own traditions involved her late father Edward Krainess. For many years, Melissa stopped by her father's house on the way to teaching on Sundays to share a "bagel supreme."

In appreciation for her involvement in our Religious School and in other ways, President Ellen Tom presented Melissa with the William Brosler Award for Outstanding Volunteerism.

Melissa said she learned the importance of helping others from a young age by watching her parents care for her disabled sister at home for 37 years before nursing home care was required.

"My family was not wealthy, but we were a very loving family," she said. "I was my parents' helper in every way I could be... They instilled in me to always 'help' and I think that is why I volunteer. I may not be able to give money to different charities, but I donate my time to as many as I can."

Melissa has been a lifetime member of Achduth Vesholom. She often prefers to serve our congregation behind the scenes and doesn't expect -- or particularly like -- much fanfare.

Her beautiful handwritten notes offering a

"mazel tov" or condolences on behalf of the congregation are heartfelt and special. Over the years, she has taken extra time to compile a list of older members, college students, and recent grads to offer them happy holidays or best wishes.

In addition to chairing the Caring Committee for several years, she's served on the Temple board and the Religious School Committee. She's co-chaired the Corned Beef Fundraiser, a Nelson's Port-A-Pit Fundraiser, and a honey fundraiser for the holidays.

Melissa said she was glad to share this year's award with Joe Cohen, her friend of many years and classmate. "We join a long list of recipients who have done so much for the Temple and community," she said. "It is an honor to be named among them."

Adding to the connections, Joe noted in his remarks at the annual meeting that he also had known Melissa's husband Doug even before she did. They were classmates at Homestead High School.



## LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP CONNECTS INTERNATIONALLY

It's official! The new Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society is now a member of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies! This will help publicize our chapter and its activities around the world and assist our members in networking with other Jewish genealogists.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 4 at 2 p.m. at The ACPL Genealogy Center. We are excited to host Avraham Groll, director of JewishGen, who will talk about the well-known Jewish genealogy website. His appearance is made possible in part by the Indiana Jewish Historical Society. For more information about our programs and membership, check out our Facebook page or contact NEIndianaJGS@gmail.com.



## THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS' APPLE PROJECT RETURNS FOR 8TH YEAR



Help supply a bag of apples for each of the 70 children who attend Brightpoint Head Start at the Temple through the 8th annual Thoughtful Thursdays' Apple Project. Many of the students rarely have the opportunity to eat fresh fruits and vegetables so this Jewish community effort provides a special treat.

This mitzvah is a wonderful way to prepare for the High Holy Days season! 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, September 21. (Checks may be made out to "CAV-The Temple" earmarked for the Thoughtful Thursdays Apple Project.) During August, we also are collecting boxes of tissue. Please drop off donations at the Temple.

Plan to join our team on Wednesday, September 5 at 10 a.m. when we assemble the first bag of the school year. Contact Jamie Berger to learn more at jberger02@comcast.net.

*Jamie Berger and Bonnie Pomerantz,  
Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs*

## MEET OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



I am Marie McFadden, the new Administrative Assistant here at the Temple! I started in June and love it. I am a graduate of Indiana University in Bloomington with a bachelor's degree in Public Health. I have worked many jobs before landing at the Temple and hope to call this home. I'm also very involved in my family's learning

center, McFadden Resource Center, which is a local non-profit that offers school reading programs to students in the Fort Wayne area.

My husband, James, and I will celebrate our sixth anniversary in October. He works as a Youth Advocate at the YMCA's Youth Service Bureau. Together we have two very spoiled dogs, Neiko, 8, and Geri, 1. In our free time, we love hiking with our dogs and spending time at our family's lake house.

I look forward to meeting more Temple members and working with the rabbi, staff, and congregants.



*The Temple's first session GUCI campers and their moms shared lunch at Shapiro's Deli in Indianapolis before drop-off in June at Goldman Union Camp Institute in Zionsville.*

## TAKE BEHIND-THE-SCENES ART MUSEUM TOUR WITH ROSH CHODESH

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne's Rosh Chodesh women's group will meet on Thursday, August 2 at 6:15 p.m. at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art for a behind-the-scenes tour with docent Marlene Cooper. The event is free and open to all women who are Federation members. After the tour, we will grab a bite to eat.



# DONATIONS

## Art & Beautification Fund

In memory of Kathryn Kann Mendelblat: *Suzi Stone*

## Campership Fund

In memory of Beatrice S. Motel: *Karen Sandler*

## Dr. John Planer Music Fund

In memory of Cheryl Gannon: *Marcia & Dennis Reynolds*

## General Operations

A donation was made by: *Betty Fishman*

In memory of Anna Mae Rosenblatt: *Enid & Stanley Rosenblatt*

In memory of Jean King Fishbein: *Ron King*

In memory of Robert Hutner: *Sharon Hutner*

In memory of Tillie Speyer: *Ruth & Bernie Green*

In memory of Leonard Goldstein: *Rita & Thomas O'Neill*

A donation was made by: *Richard Grzych*

A donation was made by: *Eileen & Neal Baitcher*

In appreciation of the Richard Manalis Photograph:

*Jamie & Jeremy Fritz*

In memory of Jack Feldheim: *Jenine & Bob Burkhardt*

In memory of Sidney Motel: *Karen Sandler*

A donation was made by: *Devra & Ramon Garcia*

## Holocaust Education Fund

In memory of Klara Goldfarb: *Victor Kutsenok*

## Holocaust Memorial Fund

In memory of Jay Phillip Oppenheim: *Lesley Newman*

## Jack & Gertrude Adelman Facility Improvement Fund

In memory of Issadore Adelman: *Rita & Thomas O'Neill*

In memory of Morris Hyman: *Ethel Schnitt*

## Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural Enrichment

In memory of Kathryn Kann Mendelblat: *Suzi Stone*

In memory of Kathryn Kann Mendelblat: *Steve Rothberg*

In memory of Betty Castle, Sol Rothberg, & Kathryn Kann

Mendelblat: *Deborah Rothberg*

## Library Fund

In honor of Jan & Steve Sarratore: *Barbara Silverman*

In memory of Samuel Milstein: *Rabbi Richard Safran*

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Rabbi Lenny Sarko: *Melissa Kessel*

In memory of Jerry Friedman: *Norma Friedman*

In memory of Rabbi Frederic Doppelt: *Emily Gray & Lucy Gray Miller*

In memory of Cheryl Gannon: *Joe Congress*

## Religious School Fund

In honor of Kristin Goldberg: *Marcia & Dennis Reynolds*

## Temple Gardens Fund

In memory of Sylvia Levine: *Stan Levine*

In memory of Doris M. Sposeep: *Patrice & Mike Sposeep*

## Thoughtful Thursdays

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

## Youth Group Fund

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

Explore all of our [Tribute Funds](#).

## MƏZEL TOV TO:

Al Zacher on the celebration of his 90th birthday on June 30.

## ADD A LEAF TO THE OLIVE TREE

Purchasing a leaf on the olive tree mural in the hallway leading to the Madge Rothschild Resource Center is a wonderful way to recognize an important person or significant occasion. Leaves are \$180 each and may be personalized with three or four lines to highlight a lifecycle event, anniversary, or special kindness. Proceeds benefit the resource center.

## HELP THE TEMPLE THROUGH AMAZON

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

## TEMPLE NIGHT AT THE TIN CAPS



Our 7th annual Temple Night at the Tincaps on July 21 was short and soggy - the game was suspended due to weather. Many thanks to Mike Barasch for organizing once again and to those who attended.



# AUGUST YAHRZEITS

## August 3

Marcus Block  
Virginia Calisch Fairman  
Sam Fried  
Clifford Jones  
Terri Katz  
Beatrice S. Motel  
Robert O'Neill  
Dorothy Rothberg  
Ruth Strauss

Chester M. Leopold  
Joseph Levine  
Hyman Liberman  
Myron M. Marks  
Harriet Nichols  
Benedict Schulman  
Sylvia Sommer

David Kempler  
Esther King  
Susan Schiller Leibow  
Anna Pallas  
Peggy Perrine Fredrick Conover  
Esther Schmitz  
Berenice Smith

Howard M. Ronsheim  
Paul Edward Rothenberg  
Edith Subeck  
Harriet Weitzman

## August 10

Frieda Erman  
Iris Sands Gilbert  
Brokha Koyfman  
Claude K. Lee

## August 17

Robert B. Black  
Estelle Block  
Gary William Cohn  
Harry Felstein  
Albert Fishbein  
Molly Fox  
Abner Grover

## August 24

Earl Brenn  
Jeffrey Colegrove  
June Deitch  
Leonid Finkelshteyn  
William "Bill" Lesser  
Norah Lee McKee  
Jay Phillip Oppenheim

## August 31

Herbert Berger  
Henry Grinsfelder  
Susan Hakey  
Fira Kutsenok  
Abner Rosenberg  
Nelson W. Williams

## CONDOLENCES TO:

Judy & Steve Zacher and their sons, Adam, Josh and Theo, on the death of Judy's stepmother, Florence Goode, on July 10, 2018 in Michigan.

## WE CARE

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



The ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) were back in the kitchen on June 6 cooking up a delicious third annual pasta fundraiser to benefit the Temple. Thanks to the guys and their Juliets for a great social evening and to all who helped and supported their efforts.



L'Dor Vador Legacy Society 2018

## L'DOR VADOR LEGACY SOCIETY RECOGNIZED

At the Annual Meeting, Beth Zweig, who co-chairs the Planned Giving Committee with Steve Zacher, recognized the late Leonard Goldstein, her previous co-chair, as the biggest champion of the L'dor Vador Legacy Society since it began in 2012.

She said Len stressed the importance of planned giving because "our investment in time and money is part of the promise to the children and their children of the security and stability of our Temple – that it will be there for them as it was for us."

Over the past year, Beth said, the congregation received two generous bequests totaling \$75,000 from the estates of long-time members Dorothy Gitlin and Danny & William Latz. A portion of the gifts is being used to assist with the expanded duties of the Temple Administrator into Executive Director. She thanked the 43 members of the legacy society on behalf of the Temple. Anyone can join at any time by signing a letter of intent for a planned gift to the congregation.



# THE TEMPLE

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## TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

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

The Temple is located at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. Our Campus partners are the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association, the PFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Brightpoint Head Start, and the Madge Rothschild Resource Center.



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## WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### ELLEN TOM



We are just a few weeks away from celebrating the High Holy Days and the start of 5779. This time of year is always a chance to take a fresh look at the many opportunities we have at the Temple.

Our congregational leadership has established goals that include exploring ways to increase and retain membership, continuing to exercise fiscal responsibility, and providing strong leadership and direction.

In the coming weeks, I hope you will join us in celebrating simchas with adults in our congregation who are becoming B'nei Mitzvah for the first time or renewing the experience, as well as share the excitement with our youth as we begin another great year of Religious School.

We will welcome the New Year on Sunday evening, September 9 with Rosh Hashanah services. Our annual Rosh Hashanah Reception follows and will include the grand opening of a new traveling art exhibit called "The Seventh Day: Revisiting Shabbat." Yom Kippur observances begins with the Kol Nidre service on Tuesday, September 18 and end the next evening with our Break-the-Fast hosted by the ROMEOs. Please take a look at the High Holy Days schedule on page 5.

Rabbi Lenny, our staff, and volunteers have been working hard to ensure a meaningful start to the New Year. In addition to fall programming and holiday preparations, we're continuing to work on the museum portion of the Madge Rothschild Resource Center and preparing for our 17th annual Corned Beef Fundraiser on Thursday, November 8.

For many years at this season, our members have generously responded to requests for donations to address needs at the Temple. We're seeking support for our Floral Fund and General Operations. Your contribution can be a noteworthy way to remember your children or grandchildren, to celebrate a special birthday or anniversary, or thank a friend or teacher. We ask for a minimum donation of \$54 by Friday, August 31 to have a name listed in the special service booklet during the holidays. Please indicate whether your gift is for the Floral Fund or General Operations. Please call the Temple office if you have questions. Thank you for your generosity.

I look forward to seeing you soon. My husband, Mick, and our children, Lauren and Ryan, join me in wishing you all the best for the New Year. May we go from strength to strength together. L'shana Tovah!

## 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.



**The deadline for the September Bulletin is Wednesday, August 15**