

HB1378 PASSED BY THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma authored **HB1378**, which will require Indiana's pension funds (PERF/TRF) to divest from companies who boycott Israel or support BDS. The bill passed the General Indiana Assembly almost unanimously and was signed into law by Governor Mike Pence on May 27, 2016 with Israel's Ambassador to the US, Ron Dermer, by his side. During the signing ceremony, Ambassador Dermer delivered a riveting speech about modern-day anti-Semitism and the significance of statutes like the one Indiana can now boast. The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne was pleased to work with the Jewish American Affairs Committee and the Indy JCRC to support this important piece of legislation.

WELCOME RABBI LENNY



Rabbi Leonard Sarko will join Congregation Achduth Vesholom on July 1 as our new spiritual leader. A native of Detroit, he comes to Fort Wayne from Temple Beth David, a Reform congregation in Spring Hill, Florida, where he's served as spiritual leader since 2011.

Rabbi Lenny, as he prefers to be called, was ordained in July 2009 by the Rabbinical Seminary International in New York City. Following ordination, he served as lead rabbi for the Little Minyan and Congregation Am Brit, both in Columbus, Ohio. He also has provided services for Jewish inmates in correctional institutions. For more than 30 years, Rabbi Lenny has taught Jewish Studies and developed many educational programs for Jewish communities of all ages across the country.

Rabbi Lenny has a Bachelor's Degree in Zoology from Michigan State University, a Master's Degree in Judaic Studies from Siegal College in Cleveland, and a Master's Degree in Education from Ohio State University. During his graduate studies, he specialized in Adult Education and Distance Education.

A pioneer in the use of modern media as a tool for Judaic education, he designed a set of 54 interactive learning CDs for Bar/Bat Mitzvah studies and has utilized video conferencing for teaching Hebrew, Jewish Texts, and a variety of seminars. He also is author of a series of short stories titled *Modern Midrashim*. At his most recent congregation, Shabbat services were available through video-conferencing for those unable to attend in person.

In addition to his rabbinic knowledge, Rabbi Lenny brings a variety of business experience, including having owned and operated an Internet company and worked in the industrial demolition field. He also holds a U.S. patent for the inorganic recycling process and previously served as president of a national hazardous materials management accreditation organization.

Rabbi Lenny says his approach to the rabbinate is as a teacher first, with special emphasis on engaging the congregation and promoting participation during services. He enjoys teaching youth and adults.

The Temple's Board of Directors selected Rabbi Lenny by unanimous vote following the recommendation of the 11-member Rabbinic Search Committee chaired by Stan Levine and Steve Zacher. In recommending Rabbi Lenny, the search committee members indicated they were impressed with his warmth, Jewish knowledge, teaching ability, focus on building relationships with congregants of all ages, and technological expertise.

Rabbi Lenny and his wife, Karen, have three grown children and two grandchildren.

Please join us for Rabbi Lenny's first Shabbat service at the Temple on Friday, July 8 at 6:15 p.m. A wine and cheese reception will follow. All are welcome. ■

Collecting First-Aid Items

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS

During the summer, the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays program is collecting items to put together first-aid kits for our 75 Brightpoint Head Start families who attend class at the Temple. Donations can be left at Congregations Achduth Vesholom and B'nai Jacob. We also are accepting donations of canned tuna and canned chicken.

Plan to be part of our team when our bag assembly group resumes its work on Wednesday, September 7. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jamie Berger at jberger02@comcast.net or 672-8715.

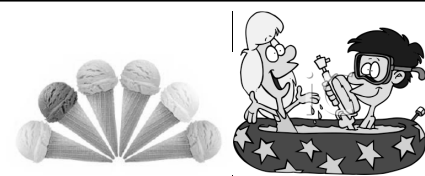


NEEDED: HOME HOSPITALITY



The Jewish Federation is in need of Home Hospitality from members of the community that can host one or more members of the **FRIENDSHIP CARAVAN** when they come to Fort Wayne on July 31, 2016. **Please contact Jaki Schreier at the Federation office for more details. ●**

CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB



ICE CREAM SOCIAL and POOL PARTY FUNDRAISER to benefit Congregation B'nai Jacob

Sunday, July 31, 2016

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

at the home of Josh and Donna Tourkow

7022 Winchester Road

Fort Wayne, IN 46819

Donations will be accepted at the door or may be made by check, payable to Congregation B'nai Jacob, noted "fundraiser", and mailed to:

Congregation B'nai Jacob

7227 Bittersweet Moors Drive

Fort Wayne, IN 46814

RSVP by July 27

Call or email the synagogue office.

Tel: 260-672-8459; Email: office@bnaijacobfw.com

ISRAELI MUSIC AND CHASIDIC STORIES

On Wednesday, July 6 at 7:00 p.m., Rabbi Yishai Kornspan will visit with us from Israel and share Israeli Music and Chasidic Stories. All are welcome!

ETHICS CLASS

Our class is studying Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's book: *A Code of Jewish Ethics*. The next session meets Sunday, August 7, at 10:30 a.m. We will be discussing good and bad manners and the striving to be cheerful! Each class is preceded by Tallit and Tefillin at 9:30 a.m. and a light brunch.

TISHA B'AV

Commemorating the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and the tragedies which have occurred to our people ever since, Tisha B'Av services will be

Saturday evening, August 13, at 9:00pm and Sunday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m.

UNVEILING

Please plan to join the family as they unveil the headstone for Jeanette Lewis on Sunday, August 28, at 1:00 p.m. The unveiling will take place at the Jewish Cemetery, 6224 Old Decatur Road, Fort Wayne.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

This is the time for parents to register their children for the beginning of school in September.

TORAH CLASSES

Torah class meets on Shabbat at 12:45 p.m. We are studying Vayikra, the Book of Leviticus, and finding the deeper meaning in the korbanot, the ancient offerings of the Children of Israel. What is their significance to us?

Mishneh Torah class is on Summer break.

SHABBAT SERVICES

Shabbat morning services are held every Saturday at 9:15 a.m. After our services, congregants and guests have an opportunity to enjoy the Shabbat and the camaraderie at our Kiddush. ■

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Martha Replane who passed away on June 7, 2016

Congregation Achduth Vesholom

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION AT THE TEMPLE

Register your child for a great year of Jewish learning at the Temple's Religious School! Enrollment opens on August 1 for children ages 3 through high school. Classes begin on Sunday, September 18. Please check www.templecav.org for more information. Contact us at (260) 744-4245 to learn more about becoming a member of Achduth Vesholom.

A GREAT "GRAPE NIGHT" AT TEMPLE'S WINE TASTING EXPERIENCE



Why travel to Napa Valley when you can be part of the Temple's summertime wine tasting experience on Thursday, July 14 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at TWO-EE's Winery near Roanoke?

Tickets are on sale to join us for this fundraiser, which includes the tasting and food-matching of seven wines. Tickets are \$60 per person, half of which is a donation to the Temple. Find out more at www.templecav.org. Thanks to Irv Adler for organizing the event.

SHARE SHABBAT AT THE TEMPLE

During the summer, we'll celebrate Shabbat each Friday evening at 6:15 p.m. at Congregation Achduth Vesholom. Our new weekly morning Shabbat service will start on Saturday, July 16 at 10 a.m. Kiddush follows the services. All are welcome to join us.

Rabbi Leonard Sarko, our new spiritual leader, will begin leading services on Friday, July 8, followed by a wine and cheese welcome reception. We'll also say good-bye as a congregation that evening to Jan & Steve Sarratore as they prepare to relocate from Fort Wayne.



HELP US CELEBRATE BETTY

Betty Stein will be celebrating her 100th birthday later this year -- and the Temple Library has a special way for you to help her mark the milestone. As Congregation Achduth Vesholom prepares for the opening of the new Madge Rothschild Resource Center, we have put together a list of "Betty's 100 Books" with her help that we would love to add to the library collection in time for her December 10 birthday. Learn how to donate a book in honor of Betty by visiting www.templecav.org.



REDEDICATION OF JEWISH CEMETERY TENTATIVELY SET FOR AUGUST 28

Details are being finalized for the rededication of the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery following completion of repairs to 60 headstones that were vandalized earlier this year. The tentative date is Sunday, August 28 at the cemetery, 6224 Decatur Road. A reception will follow at the Rifkin Campus at 5200, home of the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association.

Dan Zweig, president of the cemetery association, said more information will be available next month through the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne and Congregation Achduth Vesholom and Congregation B'nai Jacob.

The repairs were paid for through the generosity of the Birkmeier Monument Company, an affiliate of D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Homes, and the McComb Family Foundation, as well as donations from the community. Other contributions are earmarked for improving security and helping to ensure the long-term financial health of the cemetery.

No suspects have been arrested in the vandalism. A \$1,500 reward is offered through Fort Wayne Crime Stoppers for providing information leading to the arrest of the vandal(s).

Donations may be made payable to "Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne," with "Jewish Cemetery" in the memo line to 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807. To donate securities, please contact the cemetery association at fwjewishcemetery@gmail.com or the Federation at (260) 456-0400. ■