Congregation Achduth Vesholom

HOLOCAUST & GENEALOGY PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY

A special program on "Genealogy and the Holocaust" will be presented on Sunday, November 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Allen County Public Library Main Branch to learn about resources relevant to the Holocaust, including the recently opened International Tracing Service Archives and what's available locally.

Speakers include Robert M. Ehrenreich, Director of University Programs, and Elizabeth Anthony, International Tracing Service and Partnerships Program Manager, both from the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum; Curt Witcher, Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center Manager and Director of the Federation of Genealogical Societies; and Irv Adler, a Temple member who will share his experience researching what happened to his family during the Holocaust and discovering new relatives in the process.

"What makes this kind of research different from other genealogy research is that it is more than simply compiling a list of family names," said Dr. Steve Carr, director of IPFW's Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. "Rather, it asks us to think about the hard questions and choices family members had to make under the harshest of circumstances."

The program is sponsored by Congregation Achduth Vesholom, the IPFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, and the Campus Outreach Lecture Program of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, supported by Jack and Goldie Wolfe Miller.

Do you have a family story about the Holocaust or a more recent genocide? Tell it at tellmyfamilystory.tumblr.com.

TEMPLE TO HOST INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Please join us for the annual community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 24 at 7 p.m. at the Temple. Sister M. Elise Kriss, President of the University of St. Francis, will deliver the message. The service will include representatives of Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Hindu congregations.

Please support this important community event and the strong bonds we share with people of faith in the Fort Wayne community. Donations collected at the service will support St. Mary's Parish Soup Kitchen. A reception will follow the service.

HANUKKAH HAPPENINGS INCLUDE LATKES AND LIGHTS

Celebrate the Festival of Lights amid the warm glow of dozens of hanukkiyot that mark the Maccabees' triumph over the Greeks and their rededication of the Temple. Join us on the sixth night of Hanukkah for this luminous Temple tradition on Friday, December 11.

The festivities begin at 6:15 p.m. with a congregational dinner sponsored through the generosity of a Temple family. The meal includes Nelson's Port-a-Pit chicken and latkes. There is no charge for the meal, but reservations must be made to 744-4245 no later than Wednesday, December 2. Each family is asked to provide a baked item for the Oneg Shabbat to serve six people. Please bring your family's hanukkiya and candles to light together before we eat. Please also bring boxes of pasta to donate to our December Food Drive to benefit the food bank at Wellspring Interfaith Social Services.

Our Hanukkah Shabbat service follows at 7 p.m. Our Oneg Shabbat will feature sufganiyot, the jelly doughnuts that are typically served in Israel on Hanukkah, as well as baked items contributed by those who attend the dinner.

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Israel built a 9/11 memorial from Ground Zero wreckage

The memorial is a 30-foot, bronze American flag that forms the shape of a flame to commemorate the flames of the Twin Towers. The base of the monument is made of melted steel from the wreckage of the World Trade Center, and includes an engraving in Hebrew and English. Surrounding the monument are plaques with the names of the victims of 9/11.

"This metal remnant was taken from the remains of the Twin Towers, that imploded on September 11th disaster. It was sent over to Israel by the City of New York to be incorporated in this memorial. This metal piece, like the entire monument, is a manifestation of the special relationship between New York and Jerusalem."

Photos and story submitted by Rivka Rose Horowitz, Houston. ►

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL FOR A TRIP OF A LIFETIME

TAGLIT-BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL provides the gift of free trip to Israel for Jewish young adults ages 18 to 26. Since its inception in 1999, Taglit-Birthright Israel has sent over 400,000 Jewish young adults from 66 countries to Israel. The trip aims to strengthen participants' Jewish identity; to build an understanding, friendship and lasting bond with the land and people of Israel; and to reinforce the solidarity of the Jewish people worldwide.

In a country with so much to see, 10 days seem short, yet most participants say that their experience during the trip was "life-changing" and made them feel closer to Israel and their Jewish heritage. In Israel, they explored their Jewish identity together with 70,000 Israelis as part of

the Mifgash encounter with their Israeli peers.

Trips fill up VERY fast! Now is the time **to visit the Taglit-Birthright** website to learn more about the registration process, eligibility, FAQ's and to sign up for updates.

Each session there are over a dozen **Trip Organizers** offering a variety of dates and trips. Some of the **Taglit-Birthright Israel** trip organizers offer a number of niche trips and special needs trips to accommodate the unique interests and talents of participants or those with physical or developmental disabilities this season.

Additionally, KU Hillel announced that in January they will be taking 40 students on a Birthright trip. For more information, contact KU Hillel at (785) 749-5397.

Take time NOW, PRIOR TO THE OPENING DAY OF REGISTRATION, to review all the trips being offered by each

Trip Organizer so you can find a program that fits your needs and meets your expectations. During the registration process in

September, you will be asked for your 'Trip Option' choice.

For additional Taglit-Birthright news and information visit them on Facebook or contact the MKJF office.

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HOT TOPICS & MORE ON SHABBAT

Please join us on Friday nights during November at the Temple for Sabbath worship and special events, including a celebration of Jewish Book Month and new Hot Topics Shabbat exploring current events from a Jewish perspective. **Coming this month:**

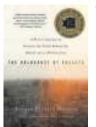
Friday, November 6 – Library Shabbat and Torah Reading begins at 5:30 p.m. with a dinner of corned beef, cole slaw and pickles. Our Friends of the Library will share thoughts on a few new titles in the Temple Library at 6 p.m., followed by our Shabbat service and Torah reading at 7 p.m. (Please RSVP for dinner by November 4 to 744-4245 and bring a side dish for eight to share.)

Friday, November 13 – Our Shabbat service begins at 7 p.m. led by Rabbi Cattapan, followed by a special Oneg Shabbat in honor of Nili, Amir and Tal Ben-Yehoshua as they prepare to return to Israel.

Friday, November 20 – Join us for our first Hot Topics Shabbat service at 7 p.m. Donna Elbrecht, President and CEO of Easter Seals ARC Northeast Indiana, will discuss the 25th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act and what it means to us.

Friday, November 27 – Share Thanksgiving weekend with us during our service at 7 p.m.▶





Desbois documents the daunting task of identifying and examining all the sites where Jews were exterminated by Nazi

mobile units in the Ukraine in WWII. Using innovative methodology, interviews, and ballistic evidence, he has determined the location of many mass gravesites with the goal of providing proper burials for the victims of the forgotten Ukrainian Holocaust. Compiling new archival material and many eye-witness accounts, Desbois has put together the first definitive account of one of history's bloodiest chapters. Published with the support of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB

HANUKKAH AND MORE - The synagogue's Gift Shop is all stocked up for Hanukkah including dreidels; games; toys; paper goods; greeting cards; decorations; serving dishes; chanukiahs and candles. The Shop is also supplied with prayer shawls; kippot; mezuzot; Shabbat candles and candlesticks; challah covers; yahrzeit candles; framed art; cookbooks; Bar and Bat Mitzvah gifts; jewelry; and books. All reasonably priced. Open during office hours Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL - Classes meet on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. and on Shabbat mornings at 9:30 a.m. Havurat No'ar and Confirmation Classes meet on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m.

TORAH CLASSES - Torah class meets on Shabbat at 12:45 p.m. We are currently studying the Book of Leviticus.

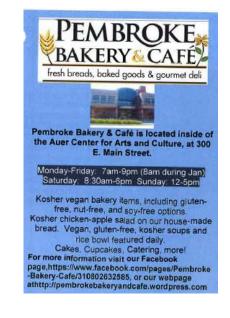
Mishneh Torah class meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. At present we are studying brachot, the blessings we pray. In this class we are learning from Maimonides' classic work on the Written and Oral Torah.

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.▶

Did You Know?...

- •The Middle East has been growing date palms for centuries. The average tree is about 18-20 feet tall and yields about 38 pounds of dates a year.
- •Israeli date trees are now yielding 400 pounds/year and are short enough to be harvested from the ground or a short ladder .
- •Israel, the 100th smallest country, with less than 1/1000th of the world's population, can lay claim to the following: The cell phone was developed in Israel by Israelis working in the Israeli branch of Motorola, which has its largest development center in Israel.
- •Most of the Windows NT and XP operating systems were developed by Microsoft-Israel.
- •The Pentium MMX Chip technology was designed in Israel at Intel.
- •Both the Pentium-4 microprocessor and the Centrino processor were entirely designed, developed and produced in Israel.
- •The Pentium microprocessor in your computer was most likely made in Israel.
- •Voice mail technology was developed in Israel.
- •Both Microsoft and Cisco built their only R&D facilities outside the US in Israel.
- •The technology for the AOL Instant Messenger ICQ was developed in 1996 by four young Israelis.
- •Israel has the fourth largest air force in the world (after the U.S, Russia and China). In addition to a large variety of other aircraft, Israel's air force has an aerial arsenal of over 250 F-16's. This is the largest fleet of F-16 aircraft outside of the U.S.
- Israel's \$100 billion economy is larger than all of its immediate neighbors combined.
- •Israel has the highest percentage in the world of home computers per capita.
- •According to industry officials, Israel designed the airline industry's most impenetrable flight security. US officials now look (finally) to Israel for advice on how to handle airborne security threats.
- •Israel has the highest ratio of university degrees to the population in the world.
- •Israel produces more scientific papers per capita than any other nation by a large margin 109 per 10,000 people -- as well as one of the highest per capita rates of patents filed.
- •In proportion to its population, Israel has the largest number of startup companies in the world. In absolute terms Israel has the largest number of startup companies than any other country in the world, except the U.S.! (3,500 companies mostly in hi-tech).
- •With more than 3,000 high-tech companies and startups, Israel has the highest concentration of hi-tech companies in the world -- apart from the Silicon Valley, U.S.
- •Israel is ranked #2 in the world for venture capital funds right behind the U.S.





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