



Linda Cohen

In 1973, Linda was the first woman to serve as president of Temple Israel. At that time, this was a groundbreaking achievement that opened new possibilities for women in Lafayette. She also was a leader in the Temple Israel Sisterhood, serving as their treasurer. She was also a national board member of Women of Reform Judaism.

Over the years, she has contributed her leadership qualities to many groups, including the Lafayette Junior Women's Club, the Wabash Valley Hospital Auxiliary, the Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, the League of Women Voters, and the boards of the Hanna Community Center, Family Services, and the YWCA.

Linda recognized as time passed that the Jewish community in Greater Lafayette and Indiana was changing, and she believed strongly that its history must be preserved. As a result, she has been a longtime supporter of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) and later

served on its board, also understanding that for an organization to be effective they have to be fiscally sound. This understanding led Linda to become the first Lifetime Member of the IJHS, helping to ensure it will be able to carry out its mission “to collect, preserve, publish, and share the history of the Jewish experience in Indiana.”

Linda is one of those rare people who are destined to leave a lasting legacy in their community. For this she has been chosen a Hoosier Jewish Legend.