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Sports Dinner Features Cleveland Indians Owner

Paul Dolan Will Speak at June 8 Shaw JCC Fundraiser

Cleveland Indians owner, chairman and CEO Paul Dolan will be the featured speaker at the Shaw JCC's 15th annual Sports Dinner on Thursday, June 8. A ticket presale will be offered for Friends, Families & Members of the Shaw JCC, April 19-25, before tickets go on sale to the community April 26. Admission includes reception, dinner, live auction and raffle. Sponsorships are also available. Monies raised from ticket sales, auction and sponsorships will benefit Shaw JCC's programs and services offered to the community.

The Sports Dinner will take place at a new venue this year. "Thanks to the help of RubberDucks owner Ken Babby, the dinner will be held at Canal Park in Akron. Not only is it a beautiful facility, more guests will be able to enjoy the evening's events," Michael Neumann, Shaw JCC executive director, says. "Ken and his team were also instrumental in securing Dolan for our event. Due to the popularity of the Indians, we're expecting a record turnout."

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CAMPAIGN IMPACT

Enhancing Security for Jewish Communities

The Secure Community Network (SCN) has been quietly operating since 2004. Dedicated to homeland security initiatives on behalf of the American Jewish community, the non-profit is an initiative of JFNA and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

With the increase in Anti-Semitic incidences in the U.S., SCN's relevance has come keenly into view in the last six months. The organization works closely with United States government security and intelligence agencies to protect American Jewish institutions. Its staff is comprised of former intelligence personnel from the U.S. and abroad.

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Cocktails, Comedy to Benefit Volunteer Guardian Program

The Volunteer Guardian Program, a collaboration of Jewish Family Service, will hold its first fundraiser on May 4 at The Tangier's Cabaret. "Charity, Cocktails and Comedy" will start a 5:30 pm and will include a night with comedians Shawn Boyd, Jill Smith, Jasymn Carter, Marlena Mann, Ryan Yex, Angelo and Ned Parks. Jason Sokol, from 1590 WAKR, will emcee the event.

"We wanted a fun night for people to learn more about the Volunteer Guardian Program," J.J. Mesko-Kimmich, director of volunteers at JFS, says. "The program is doing amazing work in Summit County and we are so proud of the volunteers and the work they do on behalf of others."

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To be included on the 2017 Annual Campaign donor honor roll in the May issue of the Akron Jewish News, please make a pledge by April 17. Contact Julie Katz at 330-835-0005 or Julie_katz@jewishakron.org to make a donation or if you wish to be listed as an anonymous gift.



J-Ticket-Mandel Early Childhood Education Center at the Shaw JCC

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Includes all of the following:

- Shaw JCC Mandel Early Childhood Education Center fee for 9 months for 1 child
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- Shaw JCC Day Camp for 2 weeks for 1 camper
- \$250 of Akron Jewish Community Programming Fees
- Annual Dues for one participating Synagogue

J-Ticket-The Lippman School

ANNUAL COST \$3,800 (value in excess of \$12,000)

Includes all of the following:

- The Lippman School tuition for 1 student
- Shaw JCC Family Membership
- Shaw JCC Day Camp for 2 weeks for 1 camper
- \$250 of Akron Jewish Community Programming Fees
- Annual Dues for one participating Synagogue

J-Ticket-Akron (Available for Jewish families ages 40 and under)

ANNUAL COST \$1,000* (value in excess of \$2,000)

Includes all of the following:

- Shaw JCC Family Membership
- Shaw JCC Day Camp for 2 weeks for 1 camper
- \$250 of Akron Jewish Community Programming Fees
- Annual Dues for one participating Synagogue

* If you currently have a membership at a participating synagogue, the cost for the Akron J-Ticket is only \$500. you receive a Shaw JCC family membership and \$250 Akron Jewish programming fees.

Security from page one

During the recent spate of Anti-Semitic incidences, SCN has worked closely with Jewish agencies, the Federal government and local governments to respond in a crisis and assist in the investigations. Throughout the most recent threats, SCN has become a proven, critical partner for Jewish communities and a resource for immediate assistance, information, guidance and expertise.

“Several weeks ago, over 800 individuals from Jewish agencies around the country participated in an SCN conference call which included experts from the FBI and Homeland Security,” David Koch, JCBA CEO, says. “The information shared by the experts helped enhance our emergency protocol here at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life. We are continually evaluating our security procedures and protocols for the Campus to help ensure the safety of everyone who comes through our doors.”

“We share SCN updates with the Akron Police Department,” Koch says. “They help everyone tasked with keeping our Jewish campus safe and secure in a time of unprecedented uncertainty.”

SCN’s security professionals help Jewish communities review their security infrastructure, protocols and preparedness and make recommendations for enhancements. It informs and educates local Jewish communities to both deal with and prevent potential threats. When Anti-Semitic acts do occur, the SCN works with local Jewish communities to respond to the hatred and to prevent future incidents.

A portion of the money raised from your JCBA Annual Campaign contribution goes toward funding the Secure Community Network. SCN is the only national Jewish organization in the U.S. exclusively dedicated to homeland security initiatives on behalf of the American Jewish community.



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Upcoming Events

April 3

Shlichim Program Jewish Music in Response to the Kishineff Pogrom

6:30PM - 8:30PM
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Dr. Randall Goldberg from YSU will show the important role Jewish composers played in spreading news about the plight of Jews in Europe in the aftermath of the Kishineff pogrom. FREE.

April 4

Pre-Passover Event: Road to Personal Freedom

6:30 PM - 8:30PM
Anshe Sfarad

Explore the relevance of Exodus at the 20th Annual Pre-Pesach event for women and girls.

April 9

Blu-ish, Jewish Night of Music

6:00PM - 9:00PM
Blu Jazz, East Market Street in Akron

Join Cantor Kathy Fromson for a concert of classic and contemporary jazz.

April 10

Community Seder at Anshe Sfarad

6:00PM - 9:00PM
Anshe Sfarad

Community Seder.

April 11

Community Second Seder

6:00PM - 9:00PM
Beth El Congregation

Traditional seder service with creative songs, interesting readings and lively discussions followed by a strictly kosher, catered seder meal.

April 11

Seder of Refuge

6:00PM - 8:00PM
Temple Israel

A traditional seder with a twist. Explore this Jewish holiday rooted in the journey towards freedom. Modern refugees who have made Akron their land of promise will share their stories. With the West Hill Ministerial Association.

April 19

“Violins of Hope” Dinner, Movie & Discussion

6:00PM - 8:30PM
Temple Israel

Dinner before “Violins of Hope” movie, followed by a discussion.

April 25

City of Akron Holocaust Commemoration

11:30AM - 1:00PM
Akron Summit County Public Library,
Main Branch

The Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest Awards Presentation is at 11:30 am, and the Commemoration Ceremony starts at 12:00 pm. This event is open to the public.

April 30

Israel Festival 2017

12:00PM - 4:00PM
Shaw JCC of Akron

Commemorate Yom HaZikaron first, then celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, with activities for the whole family.

April 6

Healthy Senior Expo

8:00AM - 12:00PM
Schultz Campus

FREE. Health screenings, exercise classes, cooking demos, giveaways and fun activities for seniors.



April 9

Chocolate Seder

3:30PM - 5:00PM
Shaw JCC Akron

Celebrate and learn about Passover in a sweet way! Open to families with children of all ages.

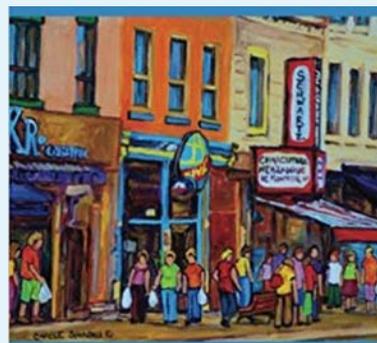


April 19

Jewish Stories Class

11:15AM - 12:45PM
Schultz Campus

Explore The Jewish Street: The City & Modern Jewish Writing, Part II in six sessions of this class.



April 23

Yom Hashoah

7:00PM - 9:00PM
Schultz Campus

Holocaust Commemoration. With guest speaker Helen Marks, who survived the Holocaust as a child.



Sports Dinner *continued from page one*

Under Dolan's ownership, the Cleveland Indians clinched the 2016 American League pennant and advanced the team to Game 7 of the World Series, the culmination of a postseason run that galvanized the fan base.



Cleveland Indians owner Paul Dolan will speak at the Shaw JCC Sports Dinner on June 8.

"Paul Dolan has a powerful story to tell, not only one of the Indians' World Series near win but also one of many philanthropic causes he is involved in throughout the community," Neumann says. "He exemplifies the values of the Shaw JCC and what this dinner aims to support, and is sure to be a draw for sports fans and beyond."

This is the 18th season that the Dolan family has owned the Cleveland Indians, while Dolan begins his fifth campaign as the primary control person of the franchise after being formally approved by Major League

Baseball in 2013. He continues to serve as chairman and CEO of the Indians, roles that he accepted prior to the 2011 season. He began as vice president, General Counsel of the Indians upon joining the organization in 2000 and later served as the club's president in 2004-2010.

Dolan was born and raised in nearby Chardon, Ohio, and is involved with many charitable causes throughout the Northeast Ohio community. He currently serves as a board member for The Great Lakes Science Center, The Cleveland Clinic, The Cleveland Foundation, Greater Cleveland Partnership, Playhouse Square Foundation, United Way of Greater Cleveland, Evergreen Cooperatives and Boys and Girls Clubs of Cleveland.

For more information, visit the event website: www.shawjcc.org/Dolan.

Beth El Appoints Rabbi, Cantor to Start in July

The Officers and Board of Trustees of Beth El are pleased to announce the appointment of Rabbi Elyssa and Cantor Matthew Austerklein, who will assume their duties at the end of July.

Rabbi Elyssa received her rabbinical ordination from The Rabbinical School of Hebrew College, Newton, MA. She has a Masters of Jewish Education from Hebrew College and a Masters of Theological Studies from Boston University School of Theology. Her undergraduate degree is from Brandeis University. Rabbi Elyssa has served congregations in Sarasota, FL, Cumberland, MD, Fort Myers, FL, and was director of Jewish life for the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington in Rockville, MD. She has lectured throughout the United States and in Ireland and Scotland. She is also a jewelry and metal artist and tallit maker.

Hazzan Matthew Austerklein received his Masters of Sacred Music, diploma of Hazzan from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York and a B.A. in music from The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA. He is currently Hazzan at Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, in Bethesda, MD. Hazzan Matt brings experience as an educator, chaplain intern, and special needs teacher/education staff/ Rosh t'filah at Camp Ramah in Canada. He has lectured and performed throughout the United States. He is currently an executive council member of the Cantors Assembly.

At Beth El, the Rabbi and Hazzan will share congregation leadership duties. The selection process has gone on for more than a year. Beth El thanks Marty Belsky and Marvin Shapiro for co-chairing the search committee; Sharon Merklin and her committee that screened candidates; Sarah Greenblatt and Andrea Steinberger arranged and coordinated visits for candidates. Bonnie Cohen served as tour guide. Many others helped in so many ways. Marc Merklin was extraordinary in his role as interviewer.



Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein



Hazzan Matt Austerklein

Free Healthy Senior Expo will be on April 6

The Healthy Senior Expo is Thursday, April 6, 8 am-noon. Held at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life, the event is free and open to the public. The Expo will offer free health screenings, giveaways, line dancing, senior exercise classes, cooking demonstrations, fun activities and ask-a-doctor. Forty vendors are expected.

This event is presented by the Summit County Public Health Office of Minority Health and the Jewish Family Service of Akron and co-sponsored by Cleveland Clinic Akron General and Summa Health System.

"We are very excited to offer this free event for our senior residents of Summit County," says Gizelle Jones, executive director of Jewish Family Service. "We want

to empower our seniors with the information offered at events like this, so they can learn to live healthy and take care of themselves. We're hoping they will take advantage of this fun, information-filled event."

Vendors include Akron General VNS, American Cancer Society, AxessPoint, Battered Women's Shelter, CareSource, Catch Program, Summit County, Da Suga Foundation, Essex of Tallmadge, Hospice of the Western Reserve, Jewish Family Service, Medicare, Ohio Department of Aging Healthy, Office of Consumer Affairs, Shaw JCC, Summit County Public Health, Summa Health Systems, Summa Health Volunteer Services, The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, United Health Care,

VA Medical Center and VA Clinic. (List current as of March 13, 2017.)

The Healthy Senior Expo is funded by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health. Questions regarding the event may be directed to Iriel Hopkins, Program Director of the Office of Minority Health, by calling 330-926-5764 or emailing ihopkins@schd.org.

Participants may ride free on any regular METRO line-service bus, 6 am-3 pm, on Thursday, April 6, for transportation to and from the event. Participants must download and print the event flyer available at www.jfsakron.org and show to the bus operator for the free ride. The free fare does not apply to METRO SCAT, Call-A-Bus or Northcoast Express Services.

Why Akron?

The Akron Jewish community has welcomed many families and individuals through its Community Concierge program. Get to know new members of our community and why and how they chose to call the Akron Jewish community home.

When Becky and Brian Rolnick-Fox decided to move their family out of Boston, they thoughtfully did their homework before choosing to settle in Akron. Wanting to be closer to some of their family, they investigated Midwest and East Coast options.

“It was between New York and Akron,” Becky says. She grew up in New Jersey, and her family is there and in New York. While Brian grew up in University Heights, his siblings and mother “have migrated to Akron in the last 20 years and all live within a couple of miles from one another.” Plus, Becky has extended family in Akron and an uncle in Cleveland. It wasn't an easy choice for them to make, but so far Akron has been a really positive experience for them.

“When we were thinking of moving, [Community Concierge] Cathy Baer set up meetings at every synagogue and every school in the area,” Becky says. “Cathy was critical to our process.”

“When we were exploring Akron...people were so welcoming— both in the Jewish and general community,” Brian says. “There's another level of [friendliness] that happens in Akron.”

Becky concurs: “Friends of all stripes have taken us in and welcomed us. Beyond who we know through family. It's just a warm community.”

“Because it's a not a huge city, it feels accessible,” she adds. “You feel like you can find the niche that's right for you.” Becky also likes the “openness of each institution and that they partner together.”

“What I've been really impressed with is how much the synagogues really collaborate with each other,” Brian notes. “In bigger cities – I've lived in Chicago, LA, and Boston – you just don't find that. And, in Akron it feels like one Jewish community. Other synagogues treat you like a member even if you're not.”

The Jewish community mattered to the Rolnick-Fox family. Growing up and into adulthood, Brian and Becky have been actively involved in Jewish life. They have worked as Jewish non-profit professionals, as well as serving as lay leaders in the Boston Jewish community. Currently, Brian is the product and design manager and a facilitator for The Ariel Group, an international communication and leadership training firm based in Boston. Becky is an independent film producer and consultant, currently in post-production on a documentary.



The Rolnick-Fox family

Since moving here in August, “we have already plugged into the community,” Becky says. Both Brian and Becky are participating in the spring Jewish Leadership Initiative (JLI), in which they are learning more about the community and meeting more people. Their children are already involved on the Schultz Campus, too.

“Our kids went to preschool at a synagogue in Boston and were already on the Jewish education track,” Becky says. They toured potential schools in Akron and The Lippman School, too, which is where they enrolled son Jonah in the transitional kindergarten (TK) program. Their three-year old Gideon is at the Mandel Early Childhood Education Center at the Shaw JCC.

Because it's a small community Lippman is “a diverse Jewish day school,” Brian explains. “It's a great Jewish education, and they are also interacting with kids from different backgrounds. [It promotes a] worldview that embraces people of various backgrounds.”

The low cost of living in Akron also helped steer the Rolnick-Foxes decision to move here. Plus, the family enrolled in the J-Ticket program, which reduces the cost of participating in Akron's Jewish institutions.

“It's so true that you can have an easy, fun and rewarding life here,” Brian says. “We just keep learning more and more what we really love about the community.”

Cocktails, Comedy

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General Admission is \$50 and includes heavy appetizers, two drink tickets, networking opportunities, and a clean comedy show. (\$25 is tax deductible)

Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro's Job and Family Service is Gold Sponsor of the event. Sponsorships are still being accepted and tickets included with Gold or Silver Sponsorships can be donated back to the program so dedicated volunteers can attend!

Raffle tickets will be sold the night of the event. Prizes include a Diamond Journey Pendant necklace donated by Sam's Emporium, a six-month family membership donated by The Shaw JCC, overnight accommodations and breakfast for two donated by The Holiday Inn Akron West, \$100 gift card to Ken Stewarts Lodge donated by The Summit County Probate Court, salon gift basket donated by Gavin Scott Salon, and spa and chocolate fusion gift basket donated by Chocolate Fusion by Lori.

“The Volunteer Guardian Program recruits volunteers to advocate on behalf of a person in a nursing home or group home that lacks support and is unable to make competent decisions,” Gizelle Jones, executive director of Jewish Family Service, says. “Our volunteers are there for those who have no one to advocate for them. Our goal is to gain awareness, recruit more volunteers and raise needed funding.”

Dress is casual and everyone is encouraged to attend. Purchase tickets in advance by calling The Tangier at 330-376-7171, or purchase online at jfsakron.org or thetangier.com.



Passover



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Passover Care Packages Sent to College Students

This Passover, the Jewish Community Board of Akron, Temple Israel Sisterhood, Anshe Sfard's Women's Chavurah, and Beth El Sisterhood together sent out care packages to Jewish college students who are from Akron. The care packages include kosher for Passover goodies and other items.

Shaw JCC Trip to Cleveland for Holiday Shopping for Passover

For those that are interested, the Shaw JCC will take you up to Cleveland to go shopping at Tibor's Kosher Meat Market and/or Boris Kosher Meats, Unger's Kosher Market and Heinen's for your Passover holiday needs! The bus will leave 9:15 a.m. promptly on Wednesday, April 5 and will return around 1:30 p.m. There will be NO CHARGE for the transportation. Please RSVP by March 31 to Rachel at rwilliams@jewishakron.org or call 330-835-0027.

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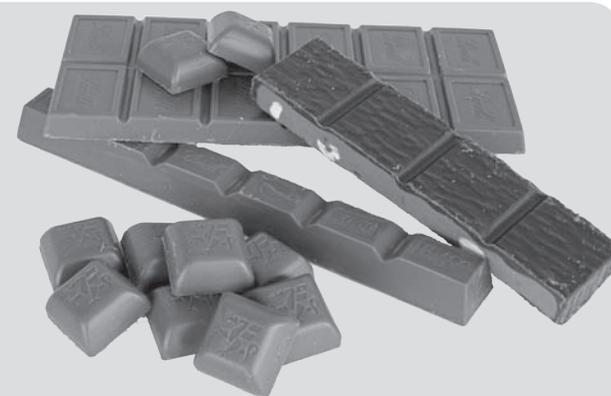
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Meet new friends and families while getting in the Passover mood at our family-friendly Chocolate Seder with chocolate versions of the Passover symbols. How many seders have you been to where you get to make s'mores, dip strawberries in chocolate and drink four cups of chocolate milk? Enjoy this fun, interactive Seder with Shabbat Scott and Julie, sing-alongs, prizes, and of course... lots of CHOCOLATE!



Cost: \$3 per person reserved, \$5 per person at the door (children 2 and under are free)

Call 330-835-0052 or email szorn@shawjcc.org or stop by the desk to register!

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Let's celebrate and learn about Passover in a sweet way... with chocolate!



from our shaliach

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This Passover and Always – Share the good!

In Israel, April is a month that is all about doing good! In Hebrew GOOD DEED is *Ma'ase Tov*, and it literally means to do a good thing. Anytime and everywhere you can, if you have something to give or something to do for another in need – do it! One day you will need someone to help you, and you never know when this time will be.

Since I was a little boy I remember how my family and I volunteered and helped in all kind of organizations and special events: cleaning national parks, supporting a walk for a cause, raising money for people with special needs, making food boxes for the holidays, hosting lone soldiers or students for Shabbat or a holiday, and more.

Even today I love to volunteer and help anywhere I can, and I truly believe that it's important to do it as part of your life – DO GOOD! It's a way of life, and a good one. When you're helping another you appreciate your life even more, you are thankful for everything you have, and you learn more about the world outside and around you.

One of the things Mayana and I love to do is watch TED talks. In one of the presentations we recently watched a woman named Tracey Carisch talked about the travelling she is doing all over the world with her family. She writes a blog called “100 ways to change the world,” and she said something that stuck in my mind—she used the term “See the Water.”

While her family was traveling, they volunteered a lot and saw how other people lived. They figured that some of the people they met along the way did not have the same educational opportunities and lack wealth. Some of them don't know what college is. Some of them have never gone outside of their city or ever eaten a fresh fruit. The family learned that they have to “see the water” of the person, and to understand in what kind of water they are swimming in. Is the water clear? Is it dirty? Are there lots of fish inside it or is it like the Dead Sea?

The person's “water” reflects how he or she was raised, what his/her options in life are, and how he/she deals with it. We can't judge anyone without knowing his/

her life story and what happened behind the scenes. I've never thought that I'd find a term like “see the water” that can describe so beautifully what I've learned in my entire educational work so far. “See the water” is a great way to explain to people to see other people's water and to try and learn and also help if needed, for them to have better water. Each one of us needs water to survive. Clean, clear water will help us, not just to survive, but to live a full life. I think that everyone deserve the chance to have a better water in their life. Don't you?

This Passover, as we sit at the Seder table with our family and friends, let's thank our good fortune, enjoy our water, while drinking four cups of great Kosher wine, and do everything we can, every day, to make this world a better place!

Happy Passover to all of my friends, or should I say, family, in Akron!

Jerusalem Day MAY 22 • 7-8:30 PM



with Dr. Itzhak Brook



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This year marks the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. Dr. Itzhak Brook served as medic in the 6 Day War in Jerusalem and personally witnessed those historic days.

Dr. Brook, professor of pediatrics at Georgetown University, will share his own experiences from the 6 Day War in 1967, in which the Old City of Jerusalem was liberated by the IDF. He is a speaker for the Israeli Embassy in Washington, DC on the Yom Kippur War, and the author of the book *In the Sands of Sinai: A Physician's Account of the Yom Kippur War*.



Shay plays guitar at The Lippman School's Purim celebration

Second Night Community Passover Seder at Beth El

Beth El Congregation presents its seventh annual Second Night Community Passover Seder on Tuesday, April 11. Led by Rabbi Stephen and Judy Grundfast, it starts at 6 pm at Beth El, 750 White Pond Drive.

Enjoy a traditional seder service filled with creative songs, interesting readings and lively discussions followed by a strictly kosher, catered seder meal.

You are welcome to bring your own kosher for Passover wine, if you wish. The seder is being underwritten by a generous grant from Beth El Sisterhood.

Cost before March 27 is \$28 for adults, \$12 for children ages 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. After March 27, the cost is \$36 for adults, \$18 for children ages 6-12, and free for children 5 and under.

Make checks to Beth El Congregation and send to 750 White Pond Drive, Akron 44320.

Temple Israel Hosts a Seder of Refuge April 11

The West Hill Ministerial Association invites you to a Seder of Refuge, a traditional Passover Seder with a twist. On Tuesday, April 11 at 6 pm at Temple Israel, explore this Jewish holiday rooted in the journey towards freedom.

Rabbi Brown of Temple Israel will lead participants in a traditional seder. But rather than telling the story of the Israelites leaving Egypt in search of the Promised Land, modern refugees who have made Akron their land of promise will share their stories.

The evening will benefit the International Institute of Akron (IIA). In the past months the U.S. federal government has put a halt on refugee resettlement. No one knows the direct impact this has had on refugees in our community better than Elaine Woloshyn, director of the IIA. Woloshyn will share how we can help those forced to flee their native lands find a home in Akron.

Dinner is provided as part of the evening. All are welcome. The cost is \$20/person. Please RSVP by April 4.

The West Hill Ministerial Association is a group religious leaders who meet regularly in an effort to bring religious communities together for the betterment of the city of Akron. It include religious leaders from Temple Israel Akron, Akron Christian Reformed Church, New Covenant Community Church, First Congregational Church of Akron, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, and Church of Our Saviour, Episcopal.

Nowadays, it's a shortage of blood that's really a plague.



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Cohens Welcome Students to Second Seder

Reuven, Mazal and Yudi Cohen invite Jewish students from The University of Akron to their family Seder on April 11 at 8:00 p.m. The evening includes songs, salads, charoset, four cups of wine & chzeret, handmade Shmurah matzah, and full dinner.

Free and open to all students. RSVP is a must. Please RSVP to Mazal by April 4 at 330.864.0806 or mazalc770@gmail.com.

Happy Passover!

The Jewish Community Board of Akron's (JCBA) administrative offices will be closed in observance of Passover:

Monday, April 10: office closes at 4 pm

Tuesday, April 11: closed

Wednesday, April 12: closed

Monday April 17: closed

Tuesday, April 18: closed

The Shaw JCC will close at 4 pm on Monday, April 10 (Erev Passover). This includes the Mandel Early Childhood Education Center and the SACC program.

Mimouna: A Delicious Way to Celebrate the End of Passover

The end of Passover is celebrated widely by indulging in gloriously leavened foods like pizza, bread and cookies. But in Morocco, Israel, and most Sephardic communities, there's an actual holiday for that, called Mimouna.

Mimouna was originally celebrated by Moroccan Jews, and like most timeless traditions, there are many theories behind its origin. Mimouna is not only a feast, but a symbolic and spiritual event that marks the beginning of spring—a time full of hope for wealth and abundance in the coming year.

Muslims took part in the celebration too, bringing milk and honey, hametz flours and couscous to their Jewish neighbors. Entire communities would come together, wishing for mutual productivity and prosperity for the coming year. People traveled from house to house, tasting sweets and celebrating with their neighbors.

Today, people of all backgrounds take part in the festivities in Israel, where Mimouna has become so popular that people are usually granted an unpaid day off work to continue celebrating into the next day.

There are even signs of the tradition catching on in New York—this year, Balaboosta's Chef Einat Admony is planning a ticketed Mimouna feast on the Lower East Side.

Each element of the Mimouna feast has important symbolism.

Some classic Mimouna recipes to try are: mufleta, a Moroccan crepe dipped in honey; nougat; couscous-au-lait; almond crisps; chocolate dipped orangettes; and eggplant gam (to spread on mufleta).

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You still have time to make your Passover purchases. The first Passover Seder is Monday night, April 10.

Temple Israel Sisterhood Gift Shop
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B'H Passover: Road to Personal Freedom Exploring the Relevance of Exodus

Robin Freedman, LISW-S
"The Truth Will Set You Free—My Story"

*Masters of Science in Social Administration, Case Western Reserve University,
30 years experience in Child Welfare. Currently a practicing Mental Health Evaluator.*

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Nissan 8 at 6:30 p.m.

*Anshe Sfarad
646 N. Revere Rd.
Akron*

*Soup • Dessert Buffet • Handmade Shmurah Matzah
20th Annual Pre-Pesach Gathering*

*Live interview:
The Impact of Worldwide Female Leadership:
The Revolutionary Vision*

*Live music:
Brianna Finkelstein - Flute
Angel Sobolewski - Violin
Ariana Sobolewski - Cello*

*Art workshop: Sheryl Aronson—
Decorate your Matzah bag for Seder*

This gathering is in honor of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's Birthday. A true spiritual leader who encourages personal and spiritual freedom through learning & community involvement.

For more info contact Mazal Cohen
mazalc770@gmail.com 330-864-0806

RSVP: \$10 by March 29, \$15 after

www.akronshul.com mail checks payable to Women's Chavurah
Rachael Azouz, 1991 Ganyard Rd Akron, OH 44313
Rachaelazouz@gmail.com

Sponsors: Women's Chavurah Anshe Sfarad & the Cohen's

Planners: Joyce Butlien, Stacy Shulan, Sheryl Aronson, Robyn Tobias, Olivia Edelman, Robin Freedman, Mazal Cohen, Shlomit Antopolski & Kaila Sasonkin

Teens Invited to Celebrate Shabbat on April 28 at Kent

On Friday, April 28, Akron teens are invited to have Shabbat dinner at Hillel at Kent State University. Rabbi Lee Moore will lead Shabbat. The evening is a collaboration among Anshe Sfard, Beth El, Temple Israel, and Hillel at Kent State (led by Adam Hirsch). We will leave the Shaw JCC of Akron around 4:30 pm, but teens can also travel on their own and meet at Kent Hillel.

Shabbat dinner will be followed by conversation with the 2017 Israel Festival main speaker, Lior Ofir, who is a former Israeli navy seal (*shayetet*) and a world champion in Brazilian jiu-jitsu.

“Lior is a great guy,” Israeli shaliach Shay Goldenberg says. “He’s been through a lot in his life and he’s an inspirational man. I am very happy that the teens in Akron will have a chance to hear his story and I’m excited about Israel Festival on Sunday April 30, in which Lior will share his life story and will demonstrate a little bit of Krav Maga with all of our community.”

RSVP and for more information, please contact Shay at 330-316-5699 or at Shlichim@jewishakron.org.

Jew Crew Teens Visit NYC

Recently, ten teens from Jewish Akron spent the weekend in New York City, with Rabbi Brown as a part of the “Jew Crew” teen group.

“We visited Central Synagogue, Ellis Island, Katz’s Deli, toured a tenement on the Lower East Side and visited NBC studios,” Rabbi Brown says. “The group became a family on this trip, coming up with nicknames for each other and holding hands when the flight was too bumpy! Most importantly, while our scheduled classes have ceased, the teens have asked to continue the class later this spring.”

Nominations for Akron Jewish Sports Hall of Fame Due on April 7

Know an athlete, an amazing coach, a referee or someone who is an inspiration in the field of athletics? Nominate him/her for the Akron Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. This honor was established in 1971 to recognize Jewish men and women, 25 years of age and older, who live or lived in the Akron area for ten or more years. Inductees will be honored at the Jewish Community Board of Akron Annual Meeting on June 7. Names will be added to the Hall of Fame plaques displayed at the Shaw JCC. Applications are due April 7, 2017 and available at the Shaw JCC and at shawjcc.org/AkronJewishSports.



Teens: Be a Part of Team Ohio

Participate in the JCC Maccabi Games

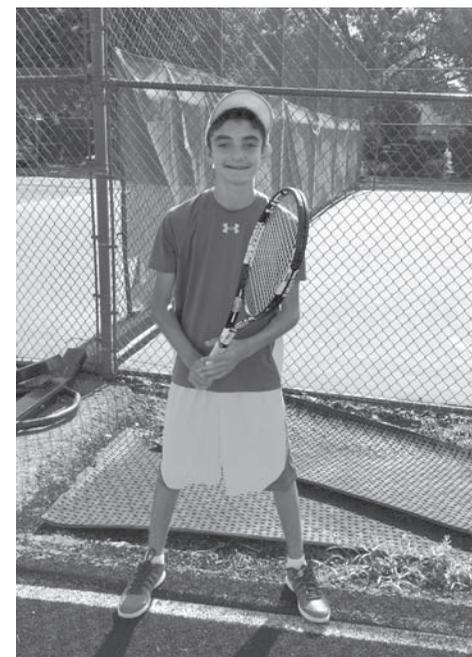
Hundreds of Jewish teens from around the world will gather from Aug. 6–11 for the JCC Maccabi Games. The special experience is an opportunity to connect with other youth and to compete in various sports. In addition to the games, Judaic values and community service projects are an integral part of the games.

The Shaw JCC is looking for teens age 12–16 to join the Team Ohio delegation. All the Jewish communities in Ohio (except Cleveland) are merging to form Team Ohio, which will compete in the Capital Region Games, held in Albany, NY.

Available sports include: basketball, swimming, soccer, tennis, competitive dance, ice hockey, table tennis, golf, and baseball. In addition to sports, there will be large social events, connections to host families, and local service projects.

“All levels and abilities are welcome and encouraged,” Scott Zorn, program director and children/youth/camp director at the Shaw JCC, says. “The focus is the spirit of the games, making Jewish friends from around the world and memories that will last forever. There are also awards for good character and helping others. There will be social outings with both local and the Team Ohio delegation prior to the August games.”

There is still room to add athletes to the delegation! To learn more, contact Scott Zorn at szorn@shawjcc.org or 330-835-0052.



Far Above: Participants in last year’s Maccabi Games

Above: Holden Schmidt from last year’s Maccabi Games

CELEBRATING ISRAEL'S SPIRIT AND TRIUMPH



Sunday, April 30 | 12-3 p.m.

ISRAEL

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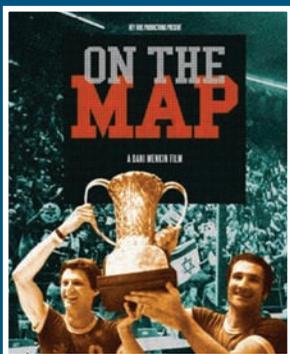
at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Yom HaZikaron, 12-12:30 p.m.
Remembering Israel's Fallen Soldiers

Songs by Cantor Kathy and Rachel Osherow & a performance by Lippman School students

Yom Ha'atzmaut, 12:30-3 p.m.
Israel Independence Day

Israeli music, bouncy house, photo magnet booth, face painting, complimentary snacks, Israel souvenirs, activities for all ages, plus an Israeli meal available for \$5.



FEATURING:

- ▶ **Speaker: Lior Ofir, world jiu-jitsu champ**
- ▶ **Film: On the Map, the story of Maccabi Tel Aviv's first European championship**
- ▶ **Maccabi USA Executive Director Jed Margolis**



FREE & open to all

Mayana & Shay, Israeli emissaries



City of Akron to Hold Holocaust Commemoration on April 25

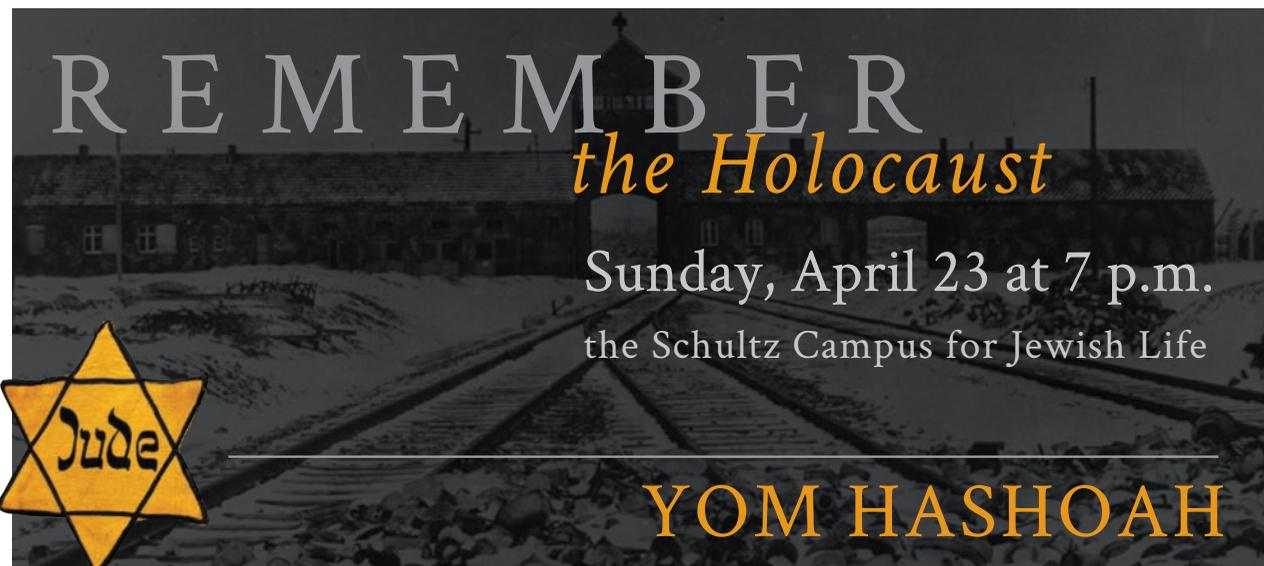
The City of Akron Holocaust Commemoration and Contest awards ceremony will be held Tuesday, April 25, at the Akron Summit County Public Library, Main Branch in the auditorium. The Awards Presentation is at 11:30 am, and the Commemoration Ceremony starts at 12:00 pm. This event is open to the public.

This year Harold Koppel, Holocaust survivor, will speak at the Commemoration Ceremony on this year's theme: When Hatred Becomes Law: The Eroding of Rights in Nazi Germany 1933-1939. He will speak of his time as a Jewish child in Germany witnessing new laws passed and getting bullied for being Jewish.

The City of Akron Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest is meant to encourage awareness of the lessons of the Holocaust for the youth of Summit County. Winning art and writing entries will be displayed at the Akron Summit County Public Library, Main Branch, April 17-May 17.

Artwork will also be on site for viewing at the Shaw JCC starting May 17 through May 22, with an art reception open to the public on Thursday, May 18. Winning entries, including international entries from Germany, Israel, and China can also be viewed on the web site at: www2.akronohio.gov/holocaust.

Donations to the City of Akron Holocaust Memorial Trust Fund support all aspects of the contest and commemoration including, providing money for materials for school libraries and the first place winners' trip to Washington D.C. If you are interested in making contributions to this exciting program, you can make checks payable to City of Akron Holocaust Memorial Trust Fund and mail to Billy Soule, Assistant to the Mayor for Community Relations at 166 S. High Street, Room 102, Akron, Ohio 44308 or call 330-375-2660.



Yom Hashoah at Shaw JCC will Feature Child Survivor

The Shaw JCC and Jewish Community Board of Akron invites the entire community to remembering the Holocaust on Sunday, April 23, at 7 pm, at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life. The Yom Hashoah event will feature testimony by Helen Marks, who survived the Holocaust as a child. Marks, who presently lives in Beachwood, Ohio, was born in Antwerp, Belgium in 1941.

Only ten to fifteen thousand Jewish children survived the Holocaust— 1.5 million did not. Helen Marks is one of the children who survived, thanks to kind people who took in and hid a Jewish child whom they had never met.

As one of the youngest survivors of the Holocaust, she feels a great sense of obligation to speak about her history so that people will understand that it really happened. She frequently shares her story at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage and the Face to Face Holocaust Education Program at Shaarey Tikvah Congregation, both in Beachwood, Ohio.

As an adult, Marks attended Oberlin College and became a social studies teacher. In 2013, she was featured in the film *White Rose, Black Rose*, by northeast Ohio resident David Beckman. The film focuses on the before and after of the Holocaust. Marks' daughter, Elisse Gabriel, recently self-published a book about her mother's childhood called *The Emerald Matchbook*, which depicts maternal devotion and recognizes the

“righteous among the nations”— non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews.

The Yom Hashoah commemoration will include a memorial service and candle lighting ceremony. As is the custom in Israel we will begin our commemoration with the sounding of a siren. Shay Goldenberg, Akron's shaliach, will lead the community by asking all in attendance to stand during the one-minute blast of the siren.

The Yom Hashoah Committee is chaired by Dr. Sidney Steinberger; Esther Hexter is co-chair; and Rachel Armin Williams is the Shaw JCC staff liaison.

The commemoration is free and open to the public. The program is suitable for middle school children through adults. For more information please contact Rachel Armin Williams at the Shaw JCC at 330-835-0027.



Helen Marks as a child



Helen Marks today

Register for Part II of Jewish Street Class by April 5

As you prepare for Passover, don't forget to register for The Jewish Street: The City & Modern Jewish Writing 2, an interactive class for senior adult learners.

Esther Hexter, class leader, invites you to join her in exploring the complex relationship Jews have forged with city life, the iconic "Jewish street" (die Yidische gas), over time in many places in the world through stories. Class members in the winter session of this program were very excited about the quality and variety of readings.

The Jewish Street meets six Wednesdays in a row: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, and 24, from 11:15 am-12:45 pm on the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life.

Vibrant readings come from, The Jewish Street: The City and Modern Jewish Writing: An Anthology, edited by Murray Baumgarten & Lee David Jaffe. Students are to acquire their own copies.

The class is the spring offering of Encountering Jewish Culture: through Stories, Poetry & Art: 2017 series. This popular senior learning program is sponsored by the Jewish Community Board of Akron with funding by a grant from the Edward I. Abramson Program Fund, Jewish Community Board of Akron.

Class fee is \$25. Register on line at: www.jewishakron.org/jewish_stories or send / bring check payable to "JCBA", with name, address, e-mail: and phone numbers to: JCBA, c/o Mary Dean, 750 White Pond Dr., Akron 44320.

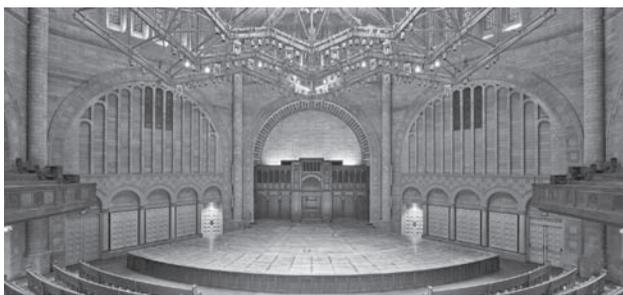
"Everyone is invited to come and bring friends to join our lively interfaith discussion. New students are always welcome. No prior experience is necessary, just the desire to learn," Hexter says. Questions: please contact Esther at 330-836-0777 or eshexter@juno.com.

FREE Tour of the Maltz Performing Arts Center at Tifereth Israel & Lunch in University Circle on April 27

Originally built in 1924, it was hailed as a "one of the masterpieces of the city." Come for a tour of this magnificent building, then we will go to lunch (place TBD) in the University Circle neighborhood before heading back to Akron.

Bus will leave the Shaw JCC @ 9:45 a.m. & will return by 1:30 p.m.

Please **RSVP** to rwilliams@jewishakron.org or erinkatz125@gmail.com or call 330-835-0027.



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Leading Klezmer Musicians Come to Medina Area for Weeklong Residency

Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach (ORMACO) is excited to bring to the area Di Tsvey- The Greenman/Rushefsky Duo for a weeklong residency from April 18-22, to Medina and Stark Counties thanks to partial underwriting from 100 Women Who Care, The Brunswick Rotary and The Ohio Arts Council.

Steven Greenman (violin) and Pete Rushefsky (tsimbl) are two of the world's leading masters of klezmer music. They perform traditional music as well as new compositions rooted in the klezmer tradition. Audiences are transported to a world of the Jewish shtetls (towns) and cities of 19th and early 20th century Europe as they enjoy virtuosic showpieces for the Jewish wedding table (tish), lively dance music, and soulful melodies (nigunim). The playful and delicate interaction of violin and tsimbl mesmerizes the listener.



Klezmer musicians Steven Greenman and Pete Rushefsky

In addition to school programs, public workshops will take place at the Lodi Library (April 18 at 6:30pm), Highland Library (April 19 at 3:00pm), Medina Library (April 19 at 7:00pm), Brunswick Library (April 20 at 7:00pm), and Soprema Senior Center in Wadsworth (April 21, 1:00pm).

A full-length concert will take place at Highland High School on April 22, 2017 at 8pm. Tickets are available in advance for \$10 online at ormaco.org (credit card service charge applies), at all Medina County Buehler's stores from March 20, or by calling 330-722-2541. Tickets are \$12 at the door.

Described by the Washington Post as "particularly impressive" and "extraordinary" by the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Greenman is a multi-talented musical artist, who is equally adept at performing stunning solo violin works with symphony orchestras, soulful East European Jewish folk music (klezmer) and passionate East European Romani (Gypsy) music.

Rushefsky is a leading revivalist of the tsimbl. As a composer, he has worked to promote a performance system for contemporary klezmer known as Concert Form Klezmer that draws inspiration from Eastern classical music and Jewish mysticism. Rushefsky most recently toured with violinist Itzhak Perlman in a program/recording titled Eternal Echoes: Songs and Dances for the Soul.

ORMACO is a non-profit organization that makes music, arts and culture accessible to all, with a focus on underserved, disadvantaged and rural populations.

Learn about 'The Lost Songs of the Holocaust'

Dr. David Baker to Speak at Beth El

RABBI STEPHEN GRUNDFAST
BETH EL CONGREGATION

By now many of you have heard the name Dr. David Baker, who is Margaret Clark Morgan executive director of the Cummings Center for the History of Psychology at the University of Akron. He has been interviewed on NPR a number of times, and he has been highlighted in the local and national press.

At the conclusion of World War II, psychologist Dr. David Broder conducted a series of interviews with Holocaust survivors in nine languages to preserve their oral histories. He was probably the very first to create such a project. He made 200 recordings on wire spools of steel wire. These spools have been archived at the Cummings Center since 1967, and recently they have been able to be digitized and listened to after almost 70 years.

One of those spools contained songs sung by the survivors in Yiddish and German and can now be heard. Dr. Baker told an interviewer, "I think it is one of the most important discoveries from our collections in our 50-year history." The songs were recorded at a refugee camp in Henonville, France. The Nazis made the prisoners sing some of these songs as they ran to their forced labor sites and back each day. "That we could give the world the melody to a song sung by those sentenced to their death through forced labor during one of the most unspeakable horrors of the 20th century is remarkable," Baker adds.

I learned about this discovery in the Akron Beacon Journal, and I immediately contacted Dr. Baker and met him at the Center for a tour of this wonderful facility and to not only see the special spool but also to hear some of the songs. It gave me chills.

On April 8, at Beth El's morning services, he will share with us this most interesting story and tell us about the wonderful work of the Cummings Center for the History of Psychology.

Dr. Baker has more than three decades of experience as a psychologist, researcher, educator and administrator. As a professor of psychology he teaches, supervises, advises, and mentors students at the undergraduate and graduate levels. As a researcher and scholar he has authored, co-authored, or edited more than 70 publications, including four books. Dr. Baker is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and the Association for Psychological Science.



Dr. David Baker, who is Margaret Clark Morgan executive director of the Cummings Center for the History of Psychology at the University of Akron

A Blu-Ish, Jewish Nite of Jazz on April 9

Temple Israel's Cantor Kathy Fromson (and band) will entertain with classic and contemporary jazz, blues and standards at Akron's Blu Jazz club on Sunday, April 9, from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Cantor Kathy will wow with her renditions of favorite jazz standards, like Stormy Weather and Somewhere Over the Rainbow, and much more. Attendees will be treated to not just musical delights, but culinary ones as well, with dinner and dessert catered by Vaccarro's Trattoria.

Tickets are \$50 per person and proceeds benefit Temple Israel's music funds. For tickets, call Temple Israel at 330-665-2000 or visit www.templeisraelakron.org and click the link for a Blu-ish Jewish Nite. Discounts available if you have to pay a babysitter for the night – use code Kidrebate online, good for \$20 off person/max \$40 off per family. Blu Jazz is located at 47 E. Market Street.

A SPECIAL SHLICHIM PROGRAM

Dr. Randall Goldberg:
**Jewish Music in
Response to the The
Kishineff Massacre**

Monday April 3* • 6:30-8:30 p.m.

A look at how composers brought the urgency of European Jews into American living rooms. Randall Goldberg, Assistant Professor of Music History at Youngstown State University, will show the important role Jewish composers played in spreading news about the plight of Jews in Europe in the aftermath of the Kishineff pogrom (1903). His presentation will include *live piano music* and recorded musical examples from Jewish sheet music and 78 rpm records.

* Note: Monday, April 3 is the correct date.



**Free and open to
the community.**

J Senior Adult Programs at the Shaw JCC

Lunch Bunch

2nd Tuesdays 11:30 a.m.

Once a month join us as we eat at different locally owned, Akron-area restaurants. RSVP to Rachel at least one day in advance.*

No Lunch Bunch in April because of Passover

Be'Tay Avon Café

3rd Tuesdays 11:30 a.m.

Join the fun, fellowship and conversation at the once-a-month Old-Style Jewish Deli. Who knows – you might just learn something! Light lunch served. Pay as you are able, but \$5 donation is encouraged. Please RSVP to Rachel.*

April 18 Passover Celebration with Shay

*Please RSVP to Rachel Armin Williams at 330-835-0027 or rwilliams@jewishakron.org.

Movie at the J

3rd Wednesdays 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy a classic or current, first-run movie in the quiet of the Shaw JCC, plus free popcorn! Closed captions provided. Free & Open to community

April 19 A Star is Born

When small-time stage and lounge singer Esther Blodgett is discovered by famous actor Norman Maine, she rises to the top while he drinks himself to the bottom—leaving her with a heartwrenching choice: love or her dreams. Starring Judy Garland and James Mason.

Restaurant Review

4th Thursdays 5:30 p.m.

It's dinner time! Enjoy food and conversation. RSVP to Rachel at least one day in advance*

April 27 Papa Joe's/Iacomini's
1561 Akron Peninsula Rd

SPECIAL PROGRAM:

Attention, Concentration, and Focus

April 19 9:30 am– 11:00 am

Can a fitness program for your brain improve thinking and concentration the way lifting weights can increase muscle strength? YES, it can! There is evidence that attention training can change brain activity so older adults can block out distractions and improve concentration. Join us as we exercise our brain and learn how these techniques help enhance our attention, concentration and focus. This is a FREE event. Please RSVP by April 14 to Rachel Williams!

JLI Launches Second Season



The Jewish Leadership Initiative, a project of the Jewish Community Board of Akron in collaboration with Rubber City Jews, started its spring session on March 5. Twenty-one participants, which is more than were in JLI's pilot class in the fall, attended the opening reception. They met and participated in activities with leadership from all of the Jewish agencies and synagogues in Akron.

Temple Israel Awarded Prestigious Grant



David Lipkin

Temple Israel is Akron's only Jewish organization to have been awarded a grant and selected to participate in OnBoard Fellows Program for leadership development. Along with fourteen other Cleveland area Jewish organizations, Temple Israel will participate in the sixteen-month program to foster the Jewish growth and leadership skills of our newer board members. Board Treasurer, David Lipkin, and Board Secretary, Julie Zurn, have been selected as Temple's Fellows.

Over the next 15 months Lipkin and Zurn will meet monthly with their mentors, the current and future board presidents, and Rabbi Josh Brown. They will attend seven all-day seminars and participate in 30 hours of Jewish learning of their choice.



Julie Zurn

The program also includes a monetary grant to be used to identify and implement an aspect of board development, which is critical to advancing Temple's mission, as well as to implement a Fellows project. At Temple Israel the identification and implementation of both the board development project and the Fellows project will be a collaborative effort between the fellows, the current and future board presidents, and Rabbi Brown. To round out the Temple support team are Joyce Butlien and Robert Pollock, who will mentor the fellows through the rigorous program, which culminates with a Fellows' trip to Israel.

Temple Israel is excited to be part of this program, which began in March 2017 and ends with a graduation celebration on June 3, 2018. More information will follow as the projects progress.

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION



Marty Belsky presided over the Legislative Reception by Ohio Jewish Communities in Columbus on March 14. He is pictured here with Howie Beigelman, executive director of OJC, and state legislator Emilia Sykes.

The Jewish Community Board of Akron's Jewish Community Relations Committee, chaired by Belsky, will hold its legislative reception for local public officials and Jewish community leaders on April 4.

Enjoy Papercuts & Pastries April 23

Join Temple Israel Sisterhood for a fun morning at Temple Israel on Sunday, April 23 at 9:30 am. Sheryl Aronson, paper cut artist and Sisterhood member, will help participants create papercut artwork. Coffee and pastries will be served. The event is free and open to all.

Authors Allison and Wayne Marks will be present for book signings, as their children's book, *The Art Lesson*, *A Shavuot Story* inspired this event.



Apply for Program Grants for Jewish Women by June 8



Jewish Women's Endowment

Programs that directly benefit—or are of great importance to—Jewish women can receive funding through The Jewish Women's Endowment Fund, a restricted fund of the Akron Legacy & Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Board of Akron.

Approximately \$6900 is available this year. Interested applicants seeking grant support are invited to submit an application by the deadline of **Thursday June 8, 2017 at 5 pm.**

For an application or more information, visit jewishakron.org/jwef or contact Julie Katz at 330-835-0005 or julie_katz@jewishakron.org.

Local Synagogue Schedules

ANSHE SFARD SYNAGOGUE

646 N. Revere Road, Akron
330-867-7292
www.akronshul.com
Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin

Shacharit

Sunday, 8 am
Monday & Thursday, 7:30 am
Shabbat, 9 am

Mincha & Maariv

Sunday - Friday, 7:30 pm
Shabbat, 7:30 pm

Torah Studies with Rabbi Sasonkin

Tuesday at 8 pm; for men and women

BETH EL CONGREGATION

750 White Pond Drive, Akron
330-864-2105
www.bethelakron.com
Rabbi Stephen Grundfast

Kabbalat Shabbat

Held at Brookdale Montrose (formally Chambrel) on the first Friday of every month.

Friday Night Services

Will only be held on Friday nights when there is a special program. Please check the calendar for details.

Shabbat Morning Services, 9:15 am

Shacharit Weekdays, 7:30 am

Shacharit Sundays, 8:30 am

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

50 Division Street, Hudson
330-656-1800
info@tbshudson.org
Rabbi Jim Ego

Friday Night Services

Held twice a month at 7:45 pm, normally on the second and fourth Fridays of the month

TEMPLE ISRAEL

91 Springside Drive, Akron
330-665-2000
www.templeisraelakron.org
Rabbi Josh Brown
Cantor Kathy Fromson

Friday Night Services: 6:15 pm

Last Friday of the Month Services: 7:30 pm

Wee Sing Shabbat Sing-a-long

First Friday of the month at 5:30 pm; for families with children ages 0-6

Torah Study: Saturdays at 9:00 am

Saturday Morning Services: 10:15 am



Join us for
McTemple Night

Help raise funds for the
Temple Israel Religious School

McDonald's is teaming up with Temple Israel for "McTemple Night". This special evening will give Temple Israel the chance to raise funds for the Cantor Gedaliah Gertz Education Center while the clergy spends the evening working at McDonald's.

How does it work? While children, parents, and other Temple supporters are having a great time visiting McDonald's, we have invited Rabbi Brown and Cantor Kathy to work behind the counter.

A portion of the total sales will go to Temple Israel.

Thursday, April 27
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
McDonald's
3875 Medina Road
Montrose, Ohio 44313

We look forward to serving you!



SHABBAT

April 28
May 19
June 9

in a Round

A young family Shabbat experience through food, fun, friends, and prayer. at Anshe Sfard. 6-7:30 pm

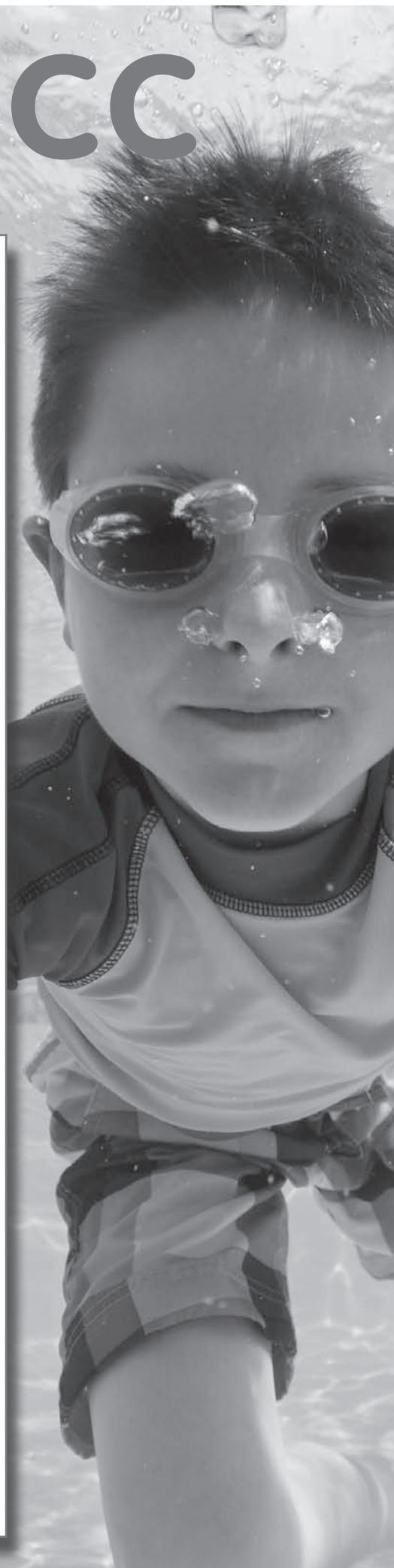
Open to all. RSVP to Kaila Sasonkin at 330-606-9876 or kailasasonkin@gmail.com

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Candle Lighting Times

Friday, April 7	7:40 pm
Monday, April 10- Pesach	7:43 pm
Tuesday, April 11- Pesach	9:14 pm
Friday, April 14	7:47 pm
Sunday, April 16- Pesach	7:50 pm
Monday, April 17- Pesach	9:21 pm
Friday, April 21	7:55 pm
Friday, April 28	8:02 pm



J CAMP JCC

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June 5-9

First Steps and Friendships & Horseback Riding

June 12-15

Stepping Stones and Garden, Baseball, LEGOs & Spanish Immersion

June 19-23

Step into Action Heroes, Soccer, Gymnastics & Strings and Things

June 26-30

Step into Hiking & Trails, Tennis & Gymnastics

July 3-7

Step into Western/USA, Basketball, LEGOs & Cooking Chefs

July 10-14

A Step Above: Acts of Kindness, Kung-Fu, Creative Creations & Cheer and Dance

July 17-21

Slip Sliding Water World, Soccer, Advanced LEGOs, Journaling and Scrapbooking & Camp Wise

July 24-28

Disco Dance Step '70s, Kung-Fu, Creative Creations & Cooking Chefs

July 31-Aug. 4

Fast Steps: Sports and Maccabi, Football, Musical Theater & Ping Pong

Aug. 7-11

Step Back into Time '50s and '60s, Basketball, Musical Theater & Cheer and Dance

Aug. 14-18

Step into the Future, Basketball & Horseback Riding



MOMMY & ME

For children age birth to 3-years old, with mom, dad, or grandparent.

Thursdays • 10:30 am -12 pm

At Anshe Sfard. Register online at www.akronshul.com or call 330-606-9876.

Na'Amat Raises Funds for Day Cares in Israel on April 30

NA'AMAT will hold its Annual Day Care Fundraiser (formerly named Spiritual Adoption) on Sunday, April 30 at 11:30 am at Papa Joe's restaurant, 1561 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Akron. Diana Greenberg from Friends of Magen David Adom will be the guest speaker.

The cost is \$25 for lunch, with a donation. Donation levels are in increments of Chai—\$18 minimum, \$36, \$54, \$72, \$90, and \$91 and above. The reservation deadline is April 15. For more information and reservations, contact Laurel Gress at laurelgress@neo.rr.com or send her the return on your invitation.

AKRON Jewish News Reader Survey

Your participation in AJN's anonymous reader survey will help provide insight into shaping content for the community.

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JCBA Annual Campaign impact articles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shlichim articles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Why Akron? articles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
About People articles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photos from community events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jewish and Israel advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shaw JCC info	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Lippman School info	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jewish Family Service info	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Info from synagogues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. How do you use the Jewish Akron emails (News & Events from Jewish Akron), which are sent twice a month?

- To find out about new upcoming events and information
- As reminders about upcoming events
- These emails aren't helpful to me
- I don't receive these emails
- I don't receive these emails but want to. (Provide email address: _____)

4. What would you also like to see in Jewish Akron emails?

- Annual Campaign impact content
- Photos and links to photo galleries
- Jewish and Israel advocacy
- More content from AJN

5. Do you read AJN online?

- Often
- Occasionally
- Never

6. What is your age range?

- 18-29
- 30-42
- 43-54
- 55-70
- 70+

If you would like to contribute content or ideas for AJN, please share your name, email or phone number for me to reach you.

Take this survey online at jewishakron.org/reader. Or drop off this survey at the Shaw JCC/JCBA, c/o Akron Jewish News or mail to 750 White Pond Drive, Akron, OH 44320.

Akron, the Nation, and Abroad

Forum 360 Covers Variety of Topics

Forum 360 has been busy highlighting diverse topics in NE Ohio.

Shows this spring will continue to highlight what makes our area interesting, relevant—and sometimes controversial!

After the 2016 presidential election, two of our local universities responded in current yet very different ways. The University of Akron created a class “Trump’s Triumph,” taught by Professor Matt Akers.

Kent State University offered a class this spring semester, “Hillary Clinton Case Study: Perspectives on Gender and Power.” This class is created and taught by Dr. Suzanne Holt.

Both professors joined moderator Leslie Ungar to talk about their respective classes, the impact, and the students who chose to take them.

Israel’s version of the Red Cross, Magen David Adom, was the topic of another show. Audience members will learn of the connection to Clevelander Mark Berger and about saving lives in Israel.

Taking care of our green space and taking care of our own financial futures were two other topics you will be hearing about later in spring.

Two people having an impact on our region will be upcoming guests. Evan Delahunty is a newer face to the business landscape of NE Ohio. As founder of Peaceful Fruits he was recently an entrepreneur on the hit TV series Shark Tank. He will join Forum 360 to talk about his experience with the sharks as well as his experience starting a company that “does good”.

A familiar face to healthcare in NE Ohio is Dr. Toby Cosgrove, CEO of the Cleveland Clinic. Look for his take locally and nationally in the upcoming months.

Our goal at Forum 360 is to create a bridge between the people who have incredible stories to tell and listeners and viewers eager to hear their stories. Forum 360 is a jewel

in the fabric of NE Ohio. Our goal is always to feature people, places, issues and ideas with a global outlook or a local view.



Lesley Ungar, Forum 360 host, with professors Dr. Suzanne Holt and Matt Akers

We welcome ideas for topics and guests.

Each show will air:

- PBS/Fusion channel 45/49 on Monday at 8pm and Saturday at 5:00pm.
- WONE FM 97.5 Sunday 6 am WAKR AM 1590 Sunday, 5:00 pm, Monday 12:30 am

23rd Annual

Shaw JCC of Akron Golf Outing

Save the Date!

Monday, September 18, 2017
Silver Lake Country Club

Mother's Day Lag B'Omer Family Picnic

MAY 14

Community Celebration
at Anshe Sfarad at 4:30 pm

Partying for Purim Beth El, Temple Hold Joint Celebrations



ABOVE: At the family Purim party
LEFT: Rabbis Grundfast and Brown with Sheryl Aronson



RIGHT: Authors Wayne (pictured) and Allison Marks read from their Purim children's book
BELOW: Rubber City Jews donned crazy hats for the evening party



The Whole Megillah in 'NYC' Anshe Sfard Evokes Big Apple for Purim



ABOVE: Dr. Art and Eileen Benson; Janis and Doug Weintraub

RIGHT: Julie and Haylie Zorn with Lady Liberty Kaila Sasonkin



LEFT: "Tourists" Mayana Branigan and Shay Goldenberg with Vitaly Azouz
BELOW: Students from Kent State Hillel



Jewish National Fund

In Memory of

- Asher Rabinsky from Dr. & Mrs. Larry Hexter
- Cathy Henretta's mother, Molly Lott, from the Daughters of Israel

JCBA Endowment Fund

In Memory of

- Gloria Reich from Mr. & Mrs. Max Rothal

Jennifer Moss Outstanding Graduate Award Fund

In Memory of

- Helen Miller from Mr. & Mrs. Herb Moss
- Diane Yaspan from Mr. & Mrs. Herb Moss
- Louise Cohen from Mr. & Mrs. Herb Moss
- Maxine Gertz from Mr. & Mrs. Herb Moss

Mazel Tov to

- Richard & Debbie Zelin on birth of granddaughter, Sylvie from Mr. & Mrs. Herb Moss
- Myron & Andrea Rabinovitz on birth of grandson, Benjamin Michael from Mr. & Mrs. Herb Moss
- Bill & Diane Caplan on the birth of granddaughter from Mr. & Mrs. Herb Moss
- Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence Richman on birth of granddaughter, London Sofia from Mr. & Mrs. Herb Moss

Jewish Family Service Tributes

In Memory Of

- Gloria Reich from Linda Resnick Albert; Amy & Irwin Weiss; Judy & Larry Deutch; Edith Aberte; Robert & Charlotte Pollock

In Honor Of

- Mrs. Barbara Felman Fallick's Bat Mitzvah, in memory of Rose Stern from Deborah Stern Levin, Mildred Stern, Harriet Stern Weinglass, Betsy Stern Kelly, Robert Stern, Lynn Levin, David Levin, and Rebecca Levin

Barbara Pollock Scholarship Award Fund

In Memory of

- Jerry Pollock from Mr & Mrs Paul D. Rulnick; Sandy & Bernie Senser

Kerry Migdal Memorial Fund

In Honor of

- Dr. Robert Stone's retirement from Max & Beverly Rothal

In Memory of

- Sam Solitt from Shirley B. Century
- Leonard Ekus from Shirley B. Century
- Rita Bleiman from Stan & Rhoda Migdal
- Maxine Gertz from Stan & Rhoda Migdal

Lila Marks Music Performance & Education Fund

In Memory of

- Gloria Reich from Shelley & Larry Kaye
- Leonard Ekus from Shelley & Larry Kaye

Randy Recht Sports Camp Fund

In Memory of

- Our beloved son Randy from Marjorie & David Recht
- Norman Reiter brother of Bernard Reiter from Marjorie & David Recht

Speedy Recovery for

- Lil Neiman from Marjorie & David Recht

In Honor of

- Scott Gross's Birthday from Marjorie & David Recht
- Blake Gross's Special Birthday from Marjorie & David Recht
- Joe Chapman's 90th Birthday from Marjorie & David Recht

Ray and Rose Munitz Camp Fund

In Memory of

- Leonard Ekus from Ann Ruth & Jim McElligott

Ronald Penner JCC Memorial Fund for Israel-centric BBYO Programming

In Memory of

- Leonard Ekus from Harriet & Jack Neiman

Special Children's Fund

In Memory of

- Leonard Ekus from Arleen & Jordan Rothkopf
- Gloria Reich from Nancy Walfish
- Helen Miller from Nancy Walfish

Stewart Surloff Memorial Fund

In Honor of

- Cathy & Mark Baer for the marriage of daughter Andrea Baer to Adam Goldberg from Dr. John & Patty Saks
- Diane & Bill Caplan and the birth of granddaughter Joey Layla from Dr. John & Patty Saks



Shulan Inducted in Honor Society

Victoria Shulan has been inducted into the National Honor Society at Howe Military Academy. The National Honor Society requires a 3.5 cumulative GPA plus leadership, citizenship and community involvement. Victoria is the daughter of Stacy and John Shulan.

Making a stock donation to JCBA?

Thank you for your generosity! But did you know that your brokerage company doesn't always tell us who you are? So it is important for you to call or email us to let us know if you are transferring stock to the JCBA. That way, we will know who the gift comes from, what stock you are gifting, and how your gift should be applied.

Contact Julie Katz at 330-835-0005 or julie_katz@jewishakron.org.

Visiting our Jewish cemeteries



The Jewish Community Board of Akron is responsible for maintaining four cemeteries: Sherbondy, South Street, Workman's Circle and Farband.

South Street and Sherbondy are always locked. Occasionally, someone forgets to lock up after they leave. Workman's Circle and Farband are open year 'round. You may stop at the Shaw JCC front desk and sign out a gate key. Be sure to return the key to the front desk on your way home from the cemetery. Please phone the JCBA 330-869-2424 if you notice any maintenance issues that should be addressed.

BURIAL LOTS AVAILABLE

The Jewish Community Board of Akron (JCBA) has burial lots available at Sherbondy Hill, Workman's Circle and Farband. The purchase price of each lot is \$950, plus perpetual care at \$500. Contact the JCBA at 330-869-2424 for details.



FLAVORS OF PASSOVER

Prices effective April 6 through April 19, 2017. Items available at participating locations while supplies last.

PRODUCE

DIETITIAN PICK
All Purpose Russet Potatoes
99¢ lb.

DIETITIAN PICK
Golden Delicious or McIntosh Apples
3 lb. bag
2 FOR \$7

DIETITIAN PICK
Organic Red Beets bunch
2.99 ea.

DIETITIAN PICK
Fresh Horseradish Root
2.99 lb.

DIETITIAN PICK
Fresh Curly or Plain Parsley bunch
99¢ ea.

DIETITIAN PICK
Bunch Carrots
1.99 ea.



Empire Kosher Fresh Whole Frying Chicken

3.29 lb.
Save up to 50¢ lb.



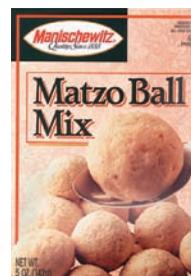
Nature's Reserve Free Range Lamb Shanks
No antibiotics or added hormones, Product or Australia

5.49 lb.
Save up to \$1.00 lb.



Empire Kosher Frozen Hen Turkeys

3.59 lb.



Manischewitz Matzo Ball Soup
4.5 to 5 oz., selected varieties

2 FOR \$5

Save with your



Manischewitz Passover Matzo Meal
16 oz.

2 FOR \$6

Save up to \$3.98 on 2 with your



Manischewitz Matzo Macaroons
10 oz., selected varieties

4.99 ea.

Save up to \$1.00 ea. with your



Yehuda Gefilte Fish
24 oz., selected varieties

5.99 ea.

Save up to \$1.70 ea. with your



Yehuda Matzo
5 lbs., selected varieties

8.99 ea.

Save up to \$3.00 ea. with your



Kedem Concord Grape Juice
64 oz., selected varieties

6.49 ea.

Save up to \$2.70 ea. with your

KOSHER WINE

10% case discount available on all wines.
Plus all state and local taxes. Not all items and retails available in all areas.



Manischewitz Concord Grape or Blackberry
750 mL

4.99 ea.

Save \$1.00 ea.



Bartenura Moscato d'Asti or Pinot Grigio
750 mL

13.99 ea.

Save up to \$6.00 ea.

Please visit our stores for additional selections of fine kosher wines