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## YOUR HALF-SHEKEL IS BETTER TOGETHER

Todd S. Polikoff | Chief Executive Officer |  
Jewish Community Board of Akron

The great Jewish scholar Rambam explains how a census of the Israelites was taken in the time of the Temple. Each Israelite was required to contribute one half-shekel, and the total indicated how many people had been numbered. This process raises two main questions; why not count by the head, and why only a half-shekel?

The rabbis have said that the method of counting through coins signifies the fact that every single person numbered has his own individual worth (in our lexicon, "Everyone counts"). If this is the case, why did they only donate a half-shekel rather than a whole one to represent one whole self? It was to signify that no individual is complete when standing alone. When you associate with other Jews and go out of your way to learn from others, help others, and do for others, you are an active member of the Jewish people. To remain isolated and away from others, one stands alone and lacks character. (*Rambam, Perek 4, Hichot Teshuva Halacha 1*)

This year, the Jewish Community Board of Akron has launched an inaugural combined annual campaign called *Better Together*. This effort aims to comprehensively support the Schultz Campus Agencies: the Shaw JCC of Akron, The Lippman School, Jewish Family Service of Akron, and the Jewish Community Board of Akron and our work in the local and global community. For generations, the Schultz Campus Agencies have sustained the hearts, health, and spirits of those in Greater Akron and throughout Summit County.

In previous years, the Schultz Campus agencies (The Shaw JCC, The Lippman School, JCBA, and Jewish Family Service)  
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## ECE'S BOOK OF THE WEEK CLUB

Last fall, the Mandel Early Childhood Education Center created a Book of the Week Club for children ages 3-5.

A donation to the Mandel ECE inspired the book club as the donation was to be used exclusively for programs supporting reading and literacy for young children.

Created during the days of COVID with quarantined families in mind; these bags were created to enrich reading experiences at home. Kim Garra, Director of the Mandel ECE shares; "Families are experiencing cabin fever and parents are looking for things to do to challenge and engage their children each day. This program was designed to provide an all-inclusive lesson that can be completed with a parent, grandparent or even older siblings. The objective of the Book of the Week Club is to provide books and materials that instill a love for reading while encouraging one-on-one time with someone special."



Each week a child receives a mini "lesson in a bag" with a new book and craft along with activities and materials that go with the chosen book of the week. Similar to a preschool lesson in the classroom, the included activities

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### YOUR HALF-SHEKEL IS BETTER TOGETHER, continued



Todd S. Polikoff  
CEO JCBA

ran independent fundraising appeals. Now, through *Better Together*, whether you previously contributed to one, two, three, or even all four of our Campus Agencies - you can have the same impact with one contribution. This streamlined, collaborative campaign will enable the Campus and the community to be far more agile and responsive to evolving agency and community needs. The total fundraising goal is \$1.6 million.

For decades, the Schultz Campus agencies have served the needs of the Jewish and general community, both locally and globally. We have done so in adherence with our Jewish traditions of being a light unto nations and collective responsibility. A commitment to *Better Together* will ensure that this continues through the delivery of innovative early childhood and Transitional Kindergarten - 8th grade education, holistic wellness and fitness opportunities, and social service offerings. It will also provide essential older adult services and add life to the years for our community's Holocaust Survivors. These services are also extended to communities in Israel and 70 countries worldwide through our international partner agencies.

*Better Together* ensures that no member of our local or global community is left behind and that everyone, no matter their geography, station in life, or observance level, has a community with which to stand. It is the best and most effective way to continue our community's growth and prosperity. It is the highest impact investment that you can make in our community.

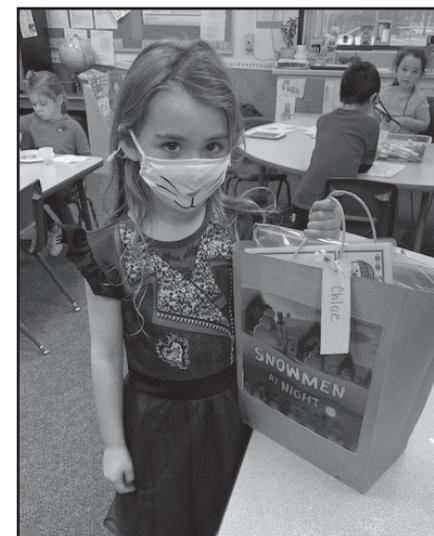
Today, contributing a half-shekel is not a requirement; it is a choice. Conversely, addressing the needs of those in our local and global community is not a choice; it is essential. We hope that you will make the choice to join the *Better Together* campaign by combining your previous individual agency philanthropic contributions into one impactful investment. If you have not previously given, we welcome your participation in this innovative and straightforward platform. To learn more or to contribute, please visit [www.jewishakron.org](http://www.jewishakron.org) or call 330-869-2424.

### ECE'S BOOK OF THE WEEK CLUB, continued

are geared to support areas of concentration for a young child such as language development, cognition, science, math, fine-motor, and social/emotional growth.

Materials are prepared weekly by ECE staff members as well as volunteers from the community and are distributed on Fridays.

For more information about the Book of the Week Club, contact Kim Garra at [kgarra@jewishakron.org](mailto:kgarra@jewishakron.org).



**Hello! We are The Shaw JCC of Akron, and we are an official partner of the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, through the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank.**

We will be delivering food to White Pond Villa the first Friday of every month from 10:30AM - 11:00AM.



For more information or questions, please contact our Adults Programming Coordinator, Julie LeFever, at 330-835-0027.



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## SYNAGOGUE SCHEDULES & SERVICES

### ANSHE SFARD SYNAGOGUE

646 N. Revere Road, Akron  
330.867.7292  
www.akronshul.com/virtual  
Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin

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750 White Pond Drive, Akron  
330.864.2105 / www.bethelakron.com  
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91 Springside Drive, Akron  
330.665.2000 / www.templeisraelakron.org  
Rabbi Josh Brown  
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#### MORNING SERVICES (SHACHARIT)

Sunday, 8:00am  
Monday-Friday, 7:30am

#### EVENING SERVICES (MINCHA & MA'ARIV)

Sunday-Thursday, 7:30pm  
Friday, sunset

#### SHABBAT SERVICES: 10:00am

#### VIRTUAL LUNCH & LEARN

Thursdays at noon. Study with Rabbi Moshe about the weekly portion. Lunch must be self-provided :-)

#### HAVDALAH LIVE!

Saturday, after Shabbat ends. Tune into Facebook for a lively Havdalah service!

#### SHABBAT MORNING PRAYERS

10:00am on Facebook Live

#### SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

8:45am on Facebook Live with Hazzan Matt

#### WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MINYAN

7:30am on ZOOM

#### BETH EL FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

**Paths to G-d Course** - Sundays at 10:00am  
(January 17 - March 14)

**Hebrew School** - Tuesdays at 4:00pm  
Please contact Julie Katz (scrapcats@road-runner.com) for information

**2/6 Babies & Blessings** - Special Shabbat Service recognizing babies born in 2020 at 10:00am

**2/7 Beth El Annual Fundraiser** - tickets include Brunch & cash drawing (email Rob Minster for info - RaffleBrunch@gmail.com)

**2/9 Lunch & Learn** - NOON

**2/12 Lev Tahor (Music from the Heart) Shabbat** - 7pm - a musical evening service

**2/15 Taste of Torah** - 7:00pm (contact Sarah Greenblatt for login)

**2/22 L'Chaim Cooking Club** - 6:00pm (contact Sarah Greenblatt for login)

**2/25 A Shakespearean PURIM for Adults** - 7:30pm

**2/26 Kids & Families -A Dr. Seuss PURIM** - 5:30pm

**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE ON ZOOM, FACEBOOK OR YOUTUBE**

CONTACT THE BETH EL OFFICE FOR LOGIN INFORMATION: Jenifer - BETHELSEVICES750@GMAIL or Robynne - BETHELOFFICE750@GMAIL.COM

#### FRIDAYS

Shabbat at 6:15pm  
(streamed online including YouTube and Facebook)

#### SATURDAY (SHABBAT)

Torah Study at 9:00am (Zoom)



**Temple Israel  
Gift Shop**



### GIFT SHOP CLOSED FOR FEBRUARY 2021

You can still purchase online at:  
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### NEW TO THE AKRON JEWISH COMMUNITY OR LOOKING FOR WAYS TO CONNECT TO JEWISH LIFE?

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Community Concierge  
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[ekatzford@jewishakron.org](mailto:ekatzford@jewishakron.org)

Erin can provide assistance with  
job and house searches, options for  
Jewish community life, and more!



Jewish Community  
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### SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

February 5	5:31pm
February 12	5:39pm
February 19	5:48pm
February 26	5:56pm



# THE LIPPMAN SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

## LIPPMAN TEACHERS UNDERTAKE ANTIRACIST EDUCATION

By Matthew G. Russ | Director of Curriculum & Student Affairs | The Lippman School

In the wake of George Floyd's murder and the subsequent protests that unfolded across the country, The Lippman School made a conscious effort to use these events as teachable moments. In one of its weekly all-school programs last spring, middle school students shared their own insights and experiences about the protests as teachers helped to make their connection to the school's core values. It was one example of applying the school's universal values with a Jewish perspective – taught across all grades and curricula – to topical events unfolding in the local and national community.

“We felt that it was important to take the opportunity to lean into this,” said Head of School Sam Chestnut. “Because it's who we are as an institution. It's our social responsibility to take a stand on matters that are at the core of what we believe and what we strive to teach.”

This was not a stand-alone moment. School administrators and teachers began exploring ways to deepen their own knowledge and understanding of issues such as intolerance, racial injustice and systemic racism. They began to think critically about their own curriculum to develop ways to strengthen it in these areas to better insure they were delivering a program that matched the very values they claimed to teach.

Building on a program that already had a strong foundation in the areas of tolerance, social justice and cross-cultural understanding, Lippman educators began to redefine this area of its program through a more critical, antiracist lens.

Jewish educational consultants Dr. Roberta Goodman and Ed Frim (OBM), who had spent the past two years working with the school on its Jewish Studies and Core Values programming, emphasized the importance of having students critically examine their own cultural identities, those of their classmates, and the other cultures – Northern Cheyenne and Chinese – which are central to TLS experience. Building on recent events in our country, the need for TLS to delve even more deeply into antiracist educational programming was timely.

Goodman, who continues to work closely with the school, pointed Lippman administration to the work of Rabbi Dr. Meir Muller, a University of South Carolina professor of education and Head of School of Cutler Jewish Day School in Columbia, South Carolina.

Much of Rabbi Muller's work focuses on issues of racial equity as well as developing preservice teachers as antiracist advocates.

“I felt like the work of Rabbi Muller aligned with the core philosophy of The Lippman School,” stated Goodman. “He was speaking locally and at the very least I thought teachers and administrators would benefit from hearing what

he had to say about the topic of antiracist education and how it could elevate the educational experience of TLS.”

What began as a one-time professional development moment has grown into something more substantive and enduring. Muller and Goodman, along with the input and guidance of Lippman's Educational Leadership Team, have developed a year-long professional development program that began in the fall.

“The time for this is right,” said Curriculum Director Matt Russ. “Our teachers and staff believe in these principles and already live and teach by them in their classrooms. This professional development is now providing us with the framework to take it to the next level.”

The professional development plan for the current academic year includes six workshops led by Rabbi Muller, three of which have already occurred. Additionally, there will be a parent program forthcoming where Rabbi Muller will lead a workshop for parents on how to speak to children about race and antiracism.

Thus far, teachers have learned how to critically examine classroom materials and teaching resources for inherent racial bias. They are conducting audits of their own materials to ensure the resources they are using are appropriate. Eventually, this will inform how teachers select future resources and implement them in the classroom. The ultimate goal is that next school year teachers will implement their own antiracist lessons into the classroom.

“This has given me the opportunity to think more critically about what I'm doing in the classroom,” said Middle School Humanities teacher Kristin Wilkof. “While I certainly teach with antiracist principles in mind, it's eye-opening to realize how much deliberate bias exists in standard curriculum. Historically, what our students have been taught has come from the perspective and vantage point of white people.”

January and February in the classroom often see curricular focuses on Martin Luther King, Jr. and other prominent black figures in the Civil Rights Movement and beyond. This year teachers are approaching these historical figures and topics with a more heightened awareness of the shortcomings of traditional curriculum.

“It's important that students see themselves represented in classroom materials. Picture books and other literature, classroom posters, videos, all need to include representations that all students can identify with – not just the white ones,” stated 1st/2nd grade teacher Alisa Westover. “Rabbi Muller's workshops have helped us to look at all of this with a more critical eye.”

Dear Soup Lovers,

I know I am a bit late, but Happy 2021 to all of you! 2020 was a year filled with many changes and adjustments, and I am proud and amazed at how you all rolled with the punches! You found new ways to cope, shop, eat, communicate, and connect. We are strong, and as community we can and will get through this!

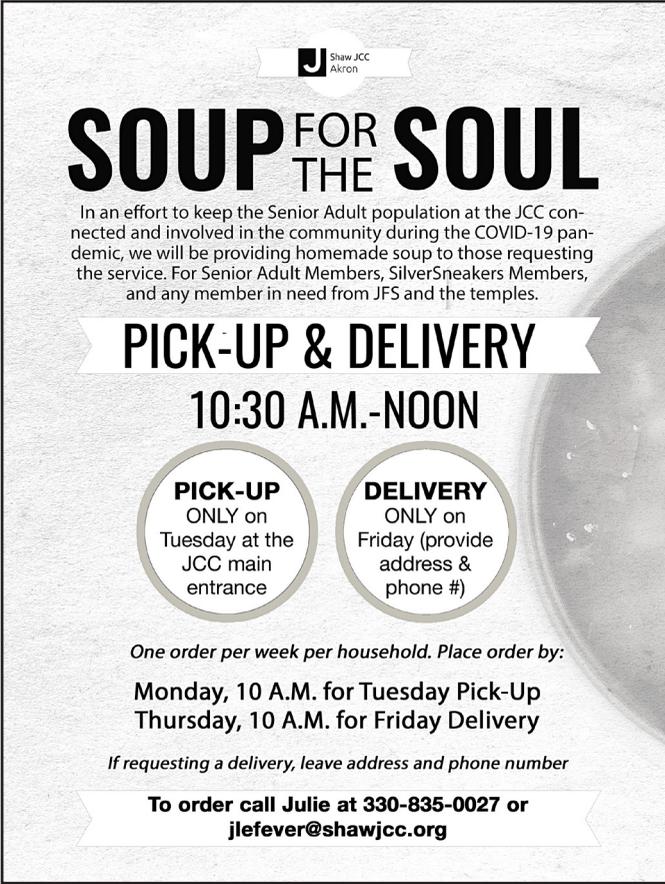
The JCC Soup for the Soul Program has been a mighty way we have found a connection to our JCC community, and nourishment for our bodies and souls during the pandemic. I, my colleagues, and those we service are incredibly appreciative to the many of you who have graciously donated to ensuring the continuation of this program.

To that end, I am excited to inform you of a terrific opportunity to sustain Soup for the Soul. Kathy Moses Salem has agreed to match every contribution to Soup for the Soul, dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000, with the potential for additional matching funds in the future. I hope that you will honor Kathy's incredible generosity by taking advantage of this fantastic opportunity. Please do not hesitate to offer others the chance to help as well.

As I started gathering information and compiling recipes for our 'JCC Soup for the Soul' cookbook, I began thinking about what the soup might mean to those receiving it every week. Whether you pick it up and visit with friends in the parking lot, or it is delivered by friendly volunteers on Friday, whether you share a bowl with a friend or loved one



**COMING SOON!**  
*Our very own  
JCC Soup for  
the Soul  
Cookbook!*



**SOUP FOR THE SOUL**

In an effort to keep the Senior Adult population at the JCC connected and involved in the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be providing homemade soup to those requesting the service. For Senior Adult Members, SilverSneakers Members, and any member in need from JFS and the temples.

**PICK-UP & DELIVERY**  
**10:30 A.M.-NOON**

**PICK-UP** ONLY on Tuesday at the JCC main entrance

**DELIVERY** ONLY on Friday (provide address & phone #)

*One order per week per household. Place order by:*  
**Monday, 10 A.M. for Tuesday Pick-Up**  
**Thursday, 10 A.M. for Friday Delivery**

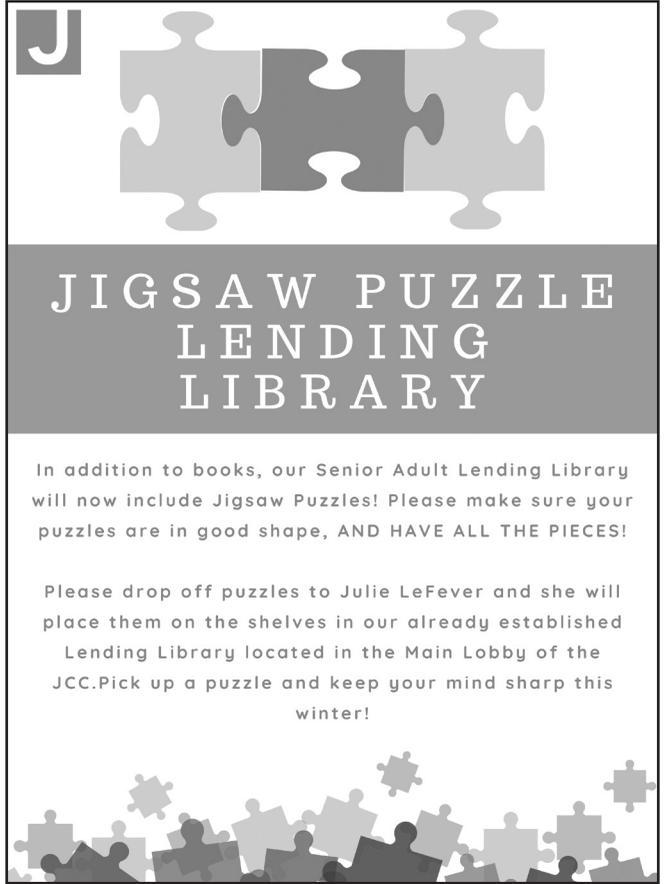
*If requesting a delivery, leave address and phone number*

**To order call Julie at 330-835-0027 or [jlefever@shawjcc.org](mailto:jlefever@shawjcc.org)**

or make a couple of meals out of it. That simple container of ingredients means something different to each of you. If you could share what the soup means to you, I would greatly appreciate it. I would like to share some of your comments in our cookbook!

Thoughts can be left with me when you pick up your soup, given to your delivery volunteer, emailed to me at [jlefever@shawjcc.org](mailto:jlefever@shawjcc.org), or mailed to me at 750 White Pond Dr., Akron, OH 44320.

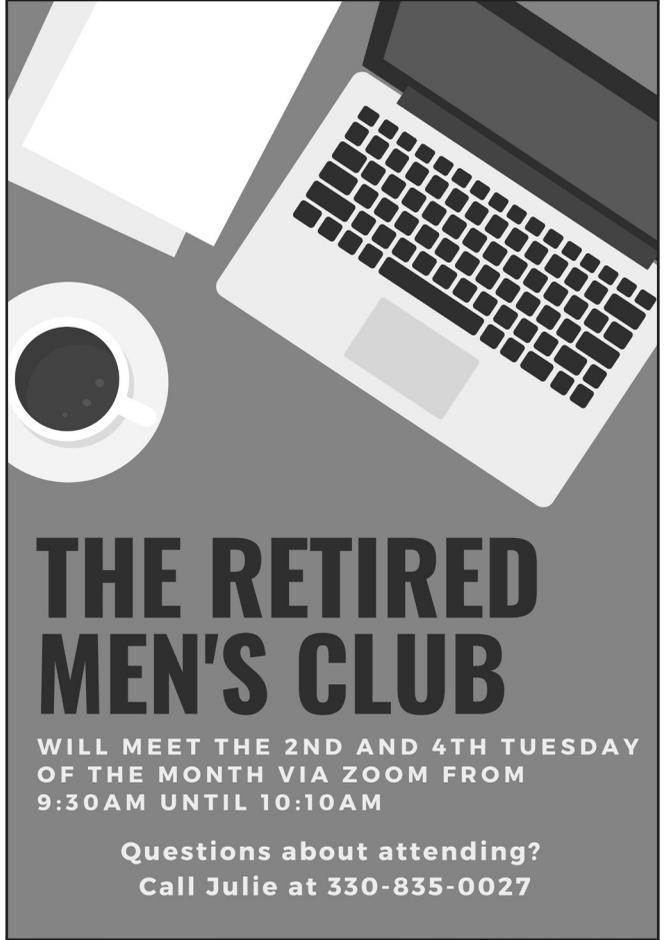
Thank you!  
Julie LeFever  
Senior Adult Coordinator  
Shaw JCC



**JIGSAW PUZZLE LENDING LIBRARY**

In addition to books, our Senior Adult Lending Library will now include Jigsaw Puzzles! Please make sure your puzzles are in good shape, AND HAVE ALL THE PIECES!

Please drop off puzzles to Julie LeFever and she will place them on the shelves in our already established Lending Library located in the Main Lobby of the JCC. Pick up a puzzle and keep your mind sharp this winter!



**THE RETIRED MEN'S CLUB**

WILL MEET THE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH VIA ZOOM FROM 9:30AM UNTIL 10:10AM

Questions about attending?  
Call Julie at 330-835-0027

## FORUM 360 in the New Year

By Leslie Ungar

Everyone loves their dog. Well, maybe. We can say most Americans love dogs. What if we go to say China, are the dogs loved there?

In America we have a rescue group for just about every kind of animal: whales, bunnies, greyhounds, gorillas, horses, donkeys, lions, tigers, farm animals and every breed of dog and the non-purebreds too.

With all of these animals in need of rescue, why a group to rescue dogs from China? Two representatives from China Rescue Dogs, Ryan McDonnell and Sam Scaramon, joined Forum 360 to answer this question and more. In China, dogs have no rights and often end up on a meat truck. China Rescue Dogs believes the ability to nurture and care for dogs is global. ([www.chinarescuedogs.com](http://www.chinarescuedogs.com)).



The cost to bring a dog from China to a forever home in the United States is \$2500 to \$3500. Each dog has a forever home before their paws land in this country. People looking to adopt find their new family member on the group's Facebook page.

Some of the China rescue dogs end up with names indicative of their birth place like Sushi and others get a very American name like Murphy.

Some are bigger dogs like Golden Retrievers and others are lap dogs like poodles or Shih Tzus.

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. Our listeners and viewers are eager to hear their stories.



Upcoming shows will talk about a variety of topics with both a national and local footprint. Turning Around a Community-the Middlebury Story with host Stephanle York. Host Leia' Love introduced a novel story in a show titled Redesigning the Bar in Her Steel Toed Stilettos. The Effect of Health Disparities on Achieving Health Equity is again looked into by host Pat Simons. We welcome ideas for topics and guests.



Each Forum 360 show will air:  
 PBS/Fusion channel 45/49 on Monday at 8:00pm & Saturday at 5:00pm  
 WONE FM 97.5 on Sunday at 6:00am  
 WAKR AM 1590 on Sunday at 5:00pm and Monday at 12:30am



## RUBBER CITY JEWS RUNDOWN

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL OSHEROW

The Rubber City Jews have been enjoying monthly virtual gatherings and are looking forward to celebrating Purim online together at the end of the month. Check the Facebook page or email us for dates and details.

**THE RCJ-TICKET:** Gain unlimited access to an entire year of RCJ programs and collaborative events, and receive exclusive discounts to many other community events. RCJ-Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$50 per couple, and can be purchased online or with cash or check at any RCJ event. For just \$25, attend our regular programs and receive discounts to many community events for a whole year!

**Please note:** RCJ-Ticket memberships are currently on hold until physical gatherings are safe to resume, though we will continue to offer virtual programs through various online platforms.

Our organization works in partnership with and in support of the Jewish Community Board of Akron, the Sands-Rogovy Fund, and the Albert L. and Janet A. Schultz Endowment Fund for Jewish Programming.



**AKRON-SUMMIT HOLOCAUST EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED**

As the Administrator you will be responsible to set up and check in with each committee/sub-committee of the Akron-Summit Council on Holocaust & Genocide Education. This position requires varied hours throughout the year depending on events schedule. Hours vary between 0-60 hours per week, between 400-500 hours yearly. This position will coordinate a Holocaust Commemoration and Awards ceremony in the spring. Also, responsible for coordinating arts and writing project with Summit County Schools for students in grade 6-12. Must work closely with teachers and schools. Any other events, such as seminars or other educational events, will be organized by the Administrator. Responsible for updates to the website, AkronSummitHolocaustEducation.org, and posts. Will write and make sure press releases are sent announcing events. Arrangement of monthly meetings and attendance. Send out monthly reminders and notices. Some graphic design knowledge would be helpful. Position will require working from home a majority of time and would need to have own supplies to do so.

**For more information or to apply for this position, please contact Erin Katz Ford at [ekatzford@jewishakron.org](mailto:ekatzford@jewishakron.org) or 330.835.0005.**



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**The Lippman School offers a Transitional Kindergarten through Eighth Grade independent school education. It presents small classes, carefully selected teachers, and an accelerated, inquiry-based curriculum.**

**The school enjoys its reputation for diversity, international perspective, and a robust sense of community. Readied for top-tier high schools and beyond, the students demonstrate learning outcomes with character, competency and purpose. Your child will have the opportunity to hone leadership skills, enjoy academic challenges, develop social awareness, think critically, and learn about cultures and traditions from around the world.**



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**JANUARY 29, 2021 - 6:15PM**  
**SOCIAL ACTION SABBATH**  
With Rabbi Brown and  
Pastor Daren Brake

**FEBRUARY 11, 2021 - 7:00-8:00PM**  
**RELIGION'S ROLE IN BLACK-JEWISH RELATIONS**  
Led by Rabbi Josh Brown, Rabbi Lauren Werber,  
Pastor Daren Brake and Pastor Herman Matherson  
Facilitated by Kemp Boyd, Executive Director of  
LoveAkron

**JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1, 2021**  
**VIEWING OF THE FILM:**  
**SHARED LEGACIES:**  
THE AFRICAN AMERICAN-JEWISH  
CIVIL RIGHTS ALLIANCE

**FEBRUARY 18, 2021 - 7:00-8:00PM**  
**SHARING OUR STORIES OF RACISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM AND WHERE WE GO FROM HERE**  
With facilitated breakout sessions

**FEBRUARY 4, 2021 - 7:00-8:00PM**  
**DISCUSSION OF THE FILM FEATURING:**  
Film Director, Dr. Shari Rogers  
Moderated by the Akron Urban League and  
AJC Cleveland

Please contact Temple Israel about registration, 330-665-2000



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The J-Ticket is made possible by funds from the Albert L. and Janet A. Schultz Endowment for Jewish Programming and the Jewish Community Board of Akron

### THE MANDEL ECE'S "FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES" UPDATE

The Mandel ECE's "Families Helping Families" initiative that was in last month's issue, has an update. Ms. Michelle Benvie received a donor's receipt and letter of appreciation from The Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank. Donations from ECE families of soup, pasta, canned goods, cereal, peanut butter and jelly and more added up to 1,470 pounds!

The "Families Helping Families" initiative allowed children and their families to help support other families in our community.



**J** Shaw JCC of Akron



## AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Activities include: Martial Arts, Strength Training, Swimming, and Basketball

Program runs M-F 3-5PM

Go to [shawjcc.org/after-school-enrichment-program](http://shawjcc.org/after-school-enrichment-program) to learn more and register

SHAW JCC OF AKRON

# ALL-DAY DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM

*Providing a safe environment for children to attend their school's virtual classes and complete their educational requirements*

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We will support your children by helping them log on to classes, making sure they complete assignments, and providing socially distant activities when they are not participating in classes or school-related projects.

### COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS & HEALTH PROCEDURES:

- Children and staff are required to wear masks
- Twice daily temperature checks for staff and children
- Anyone with a fever of 100.4 or higher will not be admitted inside and/or isolated from the group and will need to be picked up ASAP
- Continual facility and equipment sanitization
- Hand washing upon arrival and after each activity
- Curbside pick up & drop off
- Outside visitors are prohibited

This program will start on your child's first day of school and will run 5 days a week. We will accommodate all surrounding school districts, including, but not limited to, Copley-Fairlawn, Akron Public, and Revere. Please contact Lyndsey Heffern to discuss details specific to your child's school.

(330) 835-0064 | [lheffern@shawjcc.org](mailto:lheffern@shawjcc.org)



**JUNE 7-AUG 13, 2021**

*Mix-and-match specialty camp programs  
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An illustration at the bottom of the page shows two children standing on a grassy hill. On the left, a girl with her hair in buns, wearing a white jacket and a backpack, has her arms raised in a 'V' shape. On the right, a boy wearing a dark jacket, shorts, and a backpack also has his arms raised. They are surrounded by several dark, stylized evergreen trees. The background consists of rolling hills and a sky with a few white clouds.

**Learn more and register at [shawjcc.org/camp-j](http://shawjcc.org/camp-j)**



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**Sundays, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14**  
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We all have stories, memories, and hard-won truths we'd like to share with our families and chosen families. Some of us express ourselves through poetry, art, photography, music, and food. Some of us use words. What if we intentionally collected these efforts and put them somewhere other than fleeting posts on social media?

What if we stopped putting it off and started the process of sharing our story and ourselves?

There is a Jewish tradition, not only of storytelling, but of saving those treasures for future generations called Tzava'ot, or an Ethical Will. It began with Jacob in Genesis. Come learn about these Legacy Letters with Rabbi Brown and Linda Barr. Let Emily Levin guide you through the process of remembering, writing, creating, and curating. We will discover the flexibility and potential of this form during this particularly challenging time in our lives. No creative experience is necessary, just a willingness to try something new. No worries if you are shy about sharing—your work is yours alone, no need to share.

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You must have a working email address and a computer or tablet to participate. Technological assistance is available through JFS.

Contact JFS Akron at **330-867-3388** for details or to add your email address to our weekly reminder notice.



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*Keep this list handy if you or someone you know needs help:*

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- Home health care and home cleaning through our *Silver J Ticket\** program
- Friendly calls to seniors who are isolated and want to someone to talk to
- Food Pantry: non-perishable food items and household items available free of charge with contact-free delivery
- Mental health counseling, case management, and community resources information.

Call **330.867.3388** or visit  
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## IN MEMORIAM

**Sarah Ash** passed away on December 31, 2020. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on August 4, 1925 and lived in Fairlawn, OH for the past 50 years. She was an associate member and past president of Sisterhood for Revere Road Synagogue. She was also a member of Temple Israel. She was a member of Hadassah and Pioneer Women. One of her favorite jobs was babysitting at the Faith Lutheran Church for the Mothers Together group on Monday mornings; she did that for 15 years. She was always ready to help congregations and organizations that needed babysitters. She also worked at The Summit Mall as an opinion taker and loved being around people. She will be missed by her husband Arthur of 62 years, daughter Diane Ash of Copley, OH, son David (Sheri) Ash of Ft Lauderdale, FL, grandchildren Danielle and Gabrielle Lopez of Copley, OH, Joseph Lopez of Denver, CO, Hannah Lopez of Urbana, MD, Raleigh Ash Baucum of Baton Rouge, LA, and Kaycee Ash of Chicago, IL, and great granddaughter Emma McMasters.

Donations can be made in Sarah's memory to The Alzheimer's Association or a charity of your choice. She was laid to rest at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery on January 7, 2021.

**Joanne Beck** was born in the U.S. Naval Hospital in Coco Solo, Panama Canal Zone. Her parents were Eleanor May Beck (nee Hammer) and Joseph Frederick Beck, a career Navy officer.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard Rose, sons Daniel Beck Rose and Benjamin Beck Rose, sister Patricia Beck Morales, and brother Michael Beck.

Joanne was brought up on naval bases in the United States and around the world until her father's retirement. After graduating from Hunter College with an Anthropology degree, she worked at the Board of Global Ministries, Copley-Fairlawn school district, and Discovery Montessori School.

As a loving spouse, caring mother, and successful homemaker, Joanne's family relationships were full and joyful. She was an avid traveler to Europe and the Middle East and enjoyed many summers camping with her family around Ohio and in South Carolina. She especially loved walking up and down beaches in the morning and evening. Family interaction, reading, listening to music, observing current events, and hiking were all a big part of her life. After a nine-year battle with dementia, she ended her days at Menorah Park Nursing home.

**Hope Fromson** (née Greenspan), 81, passed peacefully on Jan. 12, 2021. A loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she was surrounded by her entire immediate family at home in her final days.

Hope was born in Cleveland Heights to Annabelle and Nat Greenspan. She met her husband, Jay, at Shaker Junior High School in the seventh grade, and they spent 68 wonderful years together.

She is the loving mother of Scott Fromson (Kathy) and Lisa Waxman (David). She was pre-deceased by her son, Michael Brett Fromson (z"l). The matriarch of a tight-knit family, Hope is survived by six grandchildren: Matthew Waxman, Allison Waxman Eardley, Spencer Eardley, Brett Fromson, Noah Fromson, and Halle Fromson. She was overjoyed at the birth of her great-granddaughter, Emory Blossom Eardley. She is also survived by her brother, Ronald Greenspan (Deborah).

At a time during which female entrepreneurs were uncommon, Hope started a party-planning business with two of her dearest friends. Later, she operated it on her own, leading many brides down the aisle and young adults to the Torah as b'nai mitzvot. Hope was very detail-oriented and took pride in perfection. Though planning was her business, coordinating gatherings with friends and family was her pleasure. Above all, her greatest happiness was her family.

**Harry Geller** died peacefully at home on January 3, 2021, at the age of 93. He was preceded recently in death by his loving wife of 63 years, Annette Fleck Geller. Harry was also preceded in death by his loving parents, Louis and Ida, and siblings Dora Snider, Sam Geller, Max Geller, Leah Fursetzer, Jerry Geller, Mary Ann Popowsky, and Esther Oleisky.

There are people in this world who quietly devote themselves to making the world a better place. They always seem to be working hard. Harry Geller was just this person.

Harry was born in Fargo, North Dakota on December 5, 1927. He served two years in the Army Air Force. Harry attended North Dakota State University, graduating with honors in 1951 with a mechanical engineering degree. As a new graduate, Harry

began working for General Electric and moved to Louisville in 1953 to work at the new GE Appliance Park. Harry worked for GE for 41 years, retiring in 1992, as a general manager.

Harry met the love of his life, Annette Fleck, when he created a dating service for Jewish singles, and decided to keep her for himself. Family was everything to Harry and Annette. Harry is lovingly remembered by his children, Larry (Julie) Geller, Sally (Daniel) Weinberg, Mark (Tracy) Geller, and David (Betsey) Geller. Grandchildren Heather (Chad) Clink, Natalie Geller, Zachery (Allie) Weinberg, Schuyler Weinberg, Alexander, Isabelle, Kendall, Rose Geller, Sydney Abigail and Hannah Geller. Great-grandchildren Sawyer, Holden and Parker Clink, and Talia and Lillian Annette Weinberg. Brother, Aaron Geller and sister-in-law, Barbara Geller.

Harry served on the Jewish Community Center's Board of Directors for 25 years. He volunteered on multiple committees during this time. He also became a member of the Jewish Community of Louisville board. Harry's home away from home, was his beloved synagogue, Adath Jeshurun. He served on the AJ Board of Directors for 42 years, and its Executive Committee, finally earning the title "Board Member for Life".

Harry and Annette were devoted to each other and their family. They set a wonderful example for all of us to follow. They loved being together. Nothing made them happier than being together with their family. Friday night Shabbat dinners, grandchildren's activities, traveling to nephew's and niece's life cycle events, and the recent joy of great-grandchildren. They even recreated their home to move closer to family and make our new family hub. Harry and Annette would hold hands and smile appreciating the wonderful family they made.

Contributions to Congregation Adath Jeshurun Annette and Harry Geller Chumash Fund, 2401 Woodbourne Avenue, Louisville, KY 40205, would be appreciated.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Marcia Giterman** (nee Forman), 85, of Beachwood, passed away on Jan. 16, 2021. After a brief illness caused by COVID-19, Marcia passed peacefully in the company of her family.

Born June 26, 1935, in Cleveland to Sol and Anna Forman, Marcia graduated from Glenville High School. After attending The Ohio State University, Marcia was first an administrative assistant for Luria Brothers before becoming a loving stay-at-home mother to her children. In 1976 she became the office manager for Pile Dynamics, where she remained employed for 42 years, retiring in 2018.

A former member of the National Honor Society and ORT's Olivewood chapter, Marcia most recently served as the corresponding secretary and treasurer of the Tenants Association at Wiggins Place.

She loved spending time with family, playing mahjong and canasta, knitting, jewelry and craft making, and rooting for the Cleveland Browns, the Cleveland Indians and The Ohio State University Buckeyes football team.

Marcia is remembered by her husband of 62 years, Beni Giterman; children, Michael (Beverly) Giterman of Venice, Fla., Susan (Bill) Rzepka of Beachwood, and Eric (Laura) Giterman of Twinsburg; grandchildren, Tracy (Sam) Zarzour, Melissa (Doug) Etue, David Giterman, Trent Kay Maverick, Jeremy (Polina) Rzepka, Jordan (Samara) Rzepka and Kayla Giterman; great-grandchildren, Samantha, Nick, DJ, Dillon and Graham; sister, Miriam Wise (nee Forman) of Akron; brother-in-law, Ezra (Jean) Giterman; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents, Sol and Anna. Donations in Marcia's memory can be made to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

**Beverly (Bev) Heinick** (nee Helper) passed away December 24, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Jay Heinick.

Bev is survived by her children Charlene (Larry) Grossman, Mary Ann (Gary) Shamis and Rick Heinick (Hope). Devoted Gram of Alyson (Nate) Zeitz, Jenn (Bleeker) Wheeler, Ben (Nicole) Shamis, Melissa (Eli) Steinberger and Ross Heinick. Great Gram of Elliot and Sydney Zeitz, Max and Ruby Shamis and Pilot Wheeler. Sister of the late Alyce (deceased) (Harry) Ardman. Cherished nieces and nephews. Bev took great joy in her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren never missing a birthday or occasion.

Bev was born in Cleveland and resided in Akron, OH for all of her adult life. She recently moved to Cleveland to be near family.

The family would like to thank Cookie Hart and amazing caregivers Penny, Marquita, Sonja and Blessing for their love, devotion and care this past year.

Friends who wish may contribute to Temple Israel Akron, OH or the charity of their choice.

**We would like to thank our friends, family, and the community for the tremendous outpouring of support during the loss of our cherished and adored husband and father Michael Jacobs who passed away Nov 9, 2020. Your countless calls, cards and abundant and generous contributions have comforted us as we try to find our way through our tremendous, profound grief.**

**Thank you all so very much,**

**Linda, Marla, Chad (Cori)  
Jacobs**

**Betty Krakeur**, the youngest of four daughters, was born in Schenectady, New York on November 7, 1921, and passed away on January 20, 2021.

At the age of 20, she was a widow. She went back to school and obtained a master's degree in social work. She worked at United Hospital in Port Chester NY for twenty-three years in their division of in-patient psychiatry. She loved to play bridge, and she became a life master. She served on people to people at Congregation Kol Ami. In her later years she became a widow again, she lost a kidney from cancer, she suffered from macular degeneration in both eyes, and she had a severe loss of hearing. She taught us that it is not as important what happens to us in life as how we play the cards that are dealt to us.

She is survived by her daughter, Connie Von Kurff (Jerry), with grandchildren Josh (Lucy), Michael, and Benjamin, and great-grandchildren Liam and Owen Von Korff, and son, Art Krakauer (Shelley), Grandchildren Margie (Max) Silverstein, Lesley, and Daniel, great-grandchildren Ellie, Maya, and Peri Silverstein. Friends who wish may contribute to a charity of their choice.

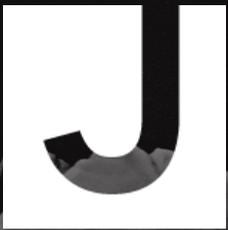
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