

# AKRON Jewish News

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## 'Grannies' Invest Time at Mandel ECE Center

One day, a pre-K student stopped in the office of Mandel ECE Center Director Kim Garra's office. The child proudly showed the challah she had just made with the volunteer "Granny Group." Then she animatedly detailed the process—rolling the dough, braiding it, adding colorful sprinkles to the top.

"Don't you just love those grannies?" the child exclaimed.

"It was such a testament to why the Granny Group is here with us," says Garra. "They not only bring additional Jewish content to our program, but also offer love, kindness, and respect to our children and their teachers."

The Granny Group leads activities tied to Jewish holidays and themes nine times a year

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## Community Even More Important in Uncertain Times

**MARC MERKLIN**  
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN CHAIR

I recently had a disturbing discussion with my sister who lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There are not many Jews in her area. Recently, my sister said, some Jews who celebrated Hanukkah felt uncomfortable in displaying a menorah in their window. Based on increasing levels of anti-Semitic activity in their community, they felt reluctant to indicate publicly that they were Jewish.

You may have read that a family in the southwest United States recently experienced the vandalism of menorah on their front lawn; it was twisted into

the shape of swastika. In the last few weeks, Jewish community centers from Florida up the east coast to New York received bomb threats. Beyond our own country, Jews in Europe and particularly in France feel the pressure of right-wing nationalist movements and anti-Semitic acts and conduct.

In turbulent times, the best comfort we have is a cohesive, warm and caring Jewish community of our own. The importance of maintaining our community and its Jewish life cannot be exaggerated or in any way minimized. However, absent your support and the support of our contributors in our annual campaign,

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## Lara Downes Performs Piano Concert Feb. 5

**With Guest Poet Rita Dove**

Inspired by the poetry of Akron native Rita Dove and Harlem Renaissance leader Langston Hughes, concert pianist Lara Downes will bring her "American Again: My Promise Project" to Akron for two days in February.

Co-presented by The Lippman School and Tuesday Musical, Downes will explore the themes of American identity and promise by connecting poetry, music and history. In addition to working closely with Lippman students, Downes will perform Sunday, Feb. 5, at 3 p.m., in the Akron-Summit County Public Library Auditorium, 60 S. High St., Akron.



Concert pianist Lara Downes

Poet Rita Dove will make a special appearance at the concert, reading one of her poems that inspired a composition that Downes performs.

Open to the public, the concert will showcase music from

Downes' new album, *America Again*, selected by NPR as one of 10 Classical Albums that Saved 2016. A timely reminder that America is a nation of diverse voices and experiences, *America Again* features music by American composers past and present, male

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## Uncertain Times

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much of what we try to accomplish to enhance Jewish life in Akron would be more difficult— if not virtually impossible.

Whether it is maintaining our Jewish institutions such as the Shaw Jewish Community Center, The Lippman Day School or Jewish Family Service, or supporting Jewish programming at our synagogues, the absence of campaign dollars would jeopardize these organizations and the programs and services they provide.

Further, our Jewish Community Relations Committee continues the ever-important task of building bridges with the broader Akron community, especially the interfaith community.

To date, our annual campaign is on track for a successful year, but being in the home stretch means that we must get across the starting line and hear from our donors who have not yet made a commitment for 2017. If you have not yet made your gift, I would urge you to contact the Jewish Community Board of Akron at 330-835-0005, and we will be happy to take down your pledge and count your support for our community.

If you have already made your pledge, we thank you and we appreciate your support of our efforts to continue to have a cohesive, engaged and robust Jewish community here in Akron.

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## Feb. 5

### Lara Downes Concert

3:00PM - 5:00PM

Akron Summit County Library Auditorium,  
60 S. High Street

Concert pianist Lara Downes performs "America Again: My Promise Project."

## Feb. 8

### Temple Israel Jew Crew Teen Night

6:00PM - 7:00PM

Temple Israel

Led by Rabbi Brown. Includes dinner. All Jewish teens welcome.

## Feb. 12

### Men's Challah Bake

7:00PM - 9:00PM

Anshe Sfarad

An opportunity for men to learn techniques to shape and braid challah bread.

## Feb. 14

### Health Screening Tune-up

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

FREE blood pressure checks, balance checks as well as respiratory health screens. RSVPs Mandatory! RSVP to Rachel Williams.

## Feb. 15 & Feb. 16

### The Lippman School Play: Supercalifragilistic

5:30PM - 7:30PM

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

A version of *Mary Poppins*, performed by Lippman students in grades TK-8.

## Feb. 21

### BeT'ay Avon Café: Tu B'Shevat Seder

11:30 AM

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Shaliach Shay will lead a Tu B'Shevat seder and give a presentation about the holiday. Plus: Old Jewish deli-style lunch.

## Feb. 22

### Meeting for Mothers Interested in Special Trip to Israel

7:00PM - 8:00PM

An information session for a mother's trip to Israel in the Fall of 2017.

## Feb. 26

### Adult Ed: Jewish Matyrs

9:30AM - 11:30AM

Beth El Congregation

Rabbi Spitzer presents "A Faith to Die For"- Jewish Matyrs.

## Feb. 26

### Jewish Heritage Night at the Canton Charge

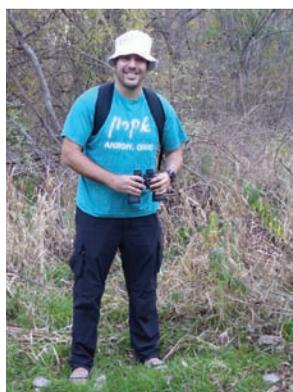
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Canton Memorial Civic Center

Pre-Game Party and discounted tickets. See page 13 for more information.

## February Shaliach Programs *with Shay Goldenberg*

### TRAVEL WITH SHAY

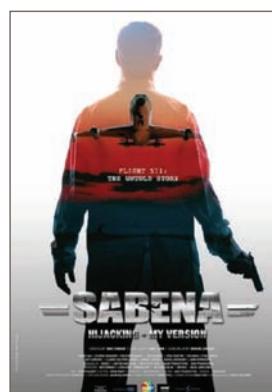


### Central Israel

Visit the holy land. From the spiritual center of Jerusalem to lively Tel Aviv, modern and ancient converge, as this multimedia presentation will show.

**Tuesday, Feb. 7 • 6:30-8 pm**

### ISRAELI MOVIE NIGHT



### Sabena Hijacking

A documentary and moment-by-moment reenactment about the hijacking of a 1972 flight by a Palestinian terrorist organization and heroic rescue by IDF soldiers.

**Tuesday, Feb. 28 • 6:30-8 pm**



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# Ohio Senator's Visit to Israel Strengthens His Commitment to the Jewish State

Last November I had the honor of joining a bi-partisan group of senators and leaders from the Ohio Jewish community for a special delegation visit to Israel. Our focus was on opportunities to grow the already strong economic bonds between Ohio and Israel. Additionally, we met with leaders in the healthcare industry to consider ways to learn from each other. All of us who were involved benefited from this experience, and Ohio is stronger because of exchanges like this.



**OHIO SENATOR  
FRANK LAROSE**  
SPECIAL TO THE AJN

Organized by the Jewish Federations of North America, this mission was officially called the 2016 Ohio Senate Leadership Trade, Policy & Cultural Exchange Mission to Israel. Throughout a busy week in Israel, we traveled to Jerusalem, Haifa, the Golan Heights, Tel Aviv and many other locations. In addition to being a great learning experience and a way to encourage economic development, this was a chance for us to learn first-hand about the unique

challenges and opportunities for our key allies, the Israeli people.

This was my second visit to Israel, and I remain impressed by the inspiring resiliency and creativity of this young and vibrant country. Israel faces numerous challenges, but they must never do so alone. Now more than ever it is crucial for American leaders to appreciate our role as Israel's first and most important ally. In the state of Ohio we have taken bi-partisan action recently to combat the BDS movement and have worked

to assure the safety and security of Ohio's Jewish communities. These and other accomplishments are due in part to the knowledge gained by state policy makers on delegation visits such as ours.

One of the aspects of Israel that I continually find impressive is that this country fulfills its purpose as a safe and secure home for the Jewish people while maintaining a diverse and pluralistic society. Israel is

not perfect, no nation is, but this liberal democracy is a beacon for human rights and respect for the rule of law in a region where this is not always the norm.

Another impressive aspect of Israeli culture is the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit that permeates all sectors of its economy. Much has been written about the so-called "Start-up Nation" and how such a spirit of innovation and risk-taking has developed there. What is clear to me is that Israel's most valuable natural resource is its people. We, the world's largest economy, have much to learn from Israel's example. Their future will be more prosperous than their past because the Israeli people will work hard and continue to out-innovate much of the world.

I have enjoyed the chance to cultivate life-long friendships among the friends I have met in Israel. My visits to Israel have taught me valuable lessons to bring home to Ohio. Perhaps most important, my time in the Jewish homeland has strengthened my resolve that Ohio and the United States of America must never waver in our support for the State of Israel.

## We now offer Financial Protection Assistance for Akron's senior community!

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## Do you need assistance safeguarding your money?

# Granny Group *continued from page one*

at the Mandel ECE Center. The group is comprised of students' grandmothers (and grandpas, great-grandmas, aunts and uncles, too!)

Sheri Glauberman started the group when she had two grandchildren, assembling others, who like her had the time to volunteer. "We wanted to enrich the preschool experience," she says.

They planned out projects involving Jewish food, craft and ritual. To support the group's efforts, they applied for and were awarded an Jewish Women's Endowment Grant through the Jewish Community Board of Akron.

"We address all the holidays and months that don't have a holiday, we take a theme, like tzedekah," Glauberman says. "There's always some kind of educational component to it— through singing, dancing or storytelling. We do activities like making hamatashen or crafting shofars."

"The 'grannies' have provided wonderful Jewish experiences for our children through music and hands-on activities each month," says Garra. "The creations made together with the Granny Group go home with the children along with reading materials for our families to better explain Jewish culture and values."

The group's involvement has generated myriad benefits— for the children and by extension, their families. And for the Granny Group volunteers. "It's really good for the grandmothers," says Faye Regal, a great aunt who volunteers. "Who wouldn't want to be involved with these kids?"

If the Mandel ECE Center needs additional help, beyond scheduled granny group days, "the volunteers are really thrilled to help," explains Glauberman.

The Granny Group has extended the intergenerational and community benefits of their involvement by collaborating with the synagogues, The Lippman School and JFS. Lippman students now assist the Mandel ECE children and the grannies, when the Granny Group is there. It's truly a community effort.

"It's a wonderful thing to do mitzvot with Lippman," says Glauberman. "Those kids are fantastic!"

While the Granny Group has a good number of volunteers, they are always looking for more people to be involved. If you're interested, call the Shaw JCC at 330-867-5861.

"I think it's important to get people involved—in some way, shape or form," notes Regal.



# Mitzvah Crew

## Seeking Volunteers for a Mitzvah Crew

There are strong traditions in our faith that encourage us to perform acts of kindness, caring, compassion and support to those in need. The Shaw JCC is looking to build a volunteer crew that will provide persons to support and assist the services and activities of its members. Many opportunities exist for those who have time to assist the workings of the Center. If you enjoy working with children or adults or in an office setting, we invite you to become a member of the "Mitzvah Crew" by signing up on the below form.

Whether you have many or just a few hours a month, your help is needed and valuable. Plus, volunteering may help you build stronger social connections, and don't be surprised if you find yourself benefiting from a big dose of happiness in the process. Share with us your areas of interest, and we will make the appropriate the appropriate assignments. Co-chairing this endeavor are Marilyn Regal and Marvin Shapiro.

Sign-up today online at [www.shawjcc.org/volunteer](http://www.shawjcc.org/volunteer) or complete the form and return to the Shaw JCC.

## Mitzvah Crew

Complete & return this form to Shaw JCC, Attn: Mitzvah Crew or visit [shawjcc.org/volunteer](http://shawjcc.org/volunteer) to complete the form online. We will match you with volunteer opportunities. Thank you!

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Program areas of interest (check all that apply):

- Adult Programs
- Camp JCC
- Membership
- Mandel Early Childhood Center
- Jewish Programs
- Community Events & Setup
- Teen Programs
- Youth Programs
- Home Visits
- Kitchen
- Office/Administration
- Sports, Fitness, & Aquatics Programs
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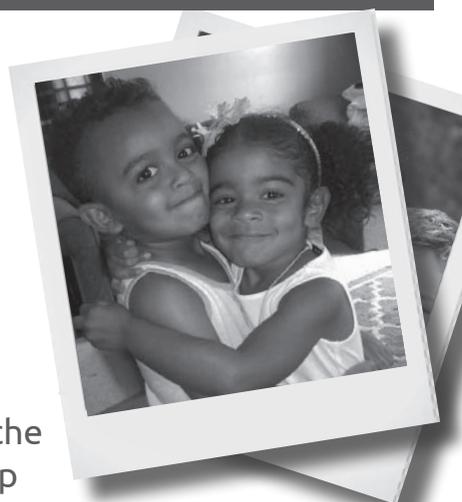
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- Weekdays
  - Weekends
  - Mornings
  - Afternoons
  - Evenings

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The Families Supporting Families scholarship program provides only a small portion of what is really needed to support the families who need our help the most in our community. If you have never considered giving before, even a modest gift has a far-reaching impact:



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**\$250**

Your gift of \$250 enrolls a child in the Mandel Early Childhood Center for six days.

**\$500**

Your gift of \$500 sends a child to Camp JCC for three weeks during the summer.

To make a tax deductible donation



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Set up monthly payments by calling the Shaw JCC office at 330-835-0025.



Stop by Shaw JCC's front desk.

## Join a Special Trip to Israel for Akron Mothers

Mothers influence their families more than anyone else. However, mothers are so busy they don't often take the time to explore what is important to them, especially when it comes to raising a Jewish family.

Jewish Women's Renaissance Project (JWRP) is a chance for mothers raising Jewish children to explore, with other mothers from around the world, just what it means to be a mother and how they can influence their family's life for the better. JWRP takes place in Israel and is a free trip, excluding airfare and some fees.

The Akron Jewish community has secured spots for nine mothers to go to Israel for seven days beginning Oct. 30, 2017. The mothers will experience Israel together and learn how they can make a positive impact in their families. Upon returning home, there is a requirement to study together once a month for twelve months.

Miri Kogan attended JWRP trips twice when she lived in Mexico. She says of her experience, "The values I learned through JWRP are not only Jewish values but human values too." She added, "The friendships I made on that trip and the bonds we developed continue to this day."

If you are a mother of Jewish children who are 18 and under, you are invited to attend an information session on Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 7-8 pm to learn more about the JWRP trip to Israel. Please contact Julie Katz at 330-835-0005 or [Julie\\_Katz@jewishakron.org](mailto:Julie_Katz@jewishakron.org).

## Lara Downes Concert *continued from page one*

present, male and female, white and black and brown, straight and gay, rich and poor: Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, Duke Ellington, Florence Price, Scott Joplin, Angélica Negrón, David Sanford, Dan Visconti, and others.

For Downes, coming to Akron and The Lippman School is a return to some of her roots. Her mother, Ruth Downes, was a Jewish civil rights lawyer from Akron, whose family was close to The Lippman school founder Jerry Lippman and his wife, Goldie. Downes' father was from Harlem. The couple met in San Francisco where Lara and her two sisters were raised until their father died when Lara was nine and the family moved to Europe.

Downes now lives in America and is a Steinway Artist. Recipient of the 2016 Sphinx Medal of Excellence, she also serves as artist-in-residence at the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts at the University of California-Davis, where she mentors young musicians as director of the Mondavi Center National Young Artists Program.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission and free for students in pre-k through college. Patron tickets that include a post-concert reception with the artist are \$40 and \$25 for students. Tickets are on sale in advance at [www.laradownesconcert.com](http://www.laradownesconcert.com) and at the door as long as seats are available. Parking is free in the adjacent deck. For more information, call The Lippman School at 330-836-0419.

*Support for Downes' visit to Akron comes, in part, from Tuesday Musical's Barbara A. Feld Educational Experience Fund of Akron Community Foundation and The Lippman School's Performing Arts Program.*



# from our shaliach

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## Tu Bishvat - New Beginnings

Around Tu Bishvat time in Israel, it's common to ask school children to bring in citrus fruit, dried fruits and...toilet paper (for any recycling art project they'll make out of it). When you think about it, this request sums up well the changes this holiday went through over the years.

Tu Bishvat has undergone many changes throughout the years. It's shifted from a Mishnah holiday that was set in order to calculate the annual agricultural harvest to a "green" holiday, whose main topics are environment and recycling. What's unique is that those layers still exist, and together represent the different aspects of the holiday.

In kindergartens in Israel we always sing, "Tu Bishvat is here, holiday for the trees," and we celebrate the birthday of the trees. However, at first Tu Bishvat was not celebrated as a holiday or as a birthday, but as a date in the calendar in which we calculate the amount of harvest to take off the Maasar, a tenth of the harvest that is given to those in need.

Afterward, this agriculture date became a holiday and people added the custom of eating the fruits of Eretz Israel. In the 16th century, the Kabbalists in Safed started holding a Tu Bishvat Seder, adding the drinking of the four cups of wine (sounds familiar?) to eating the fruit; they also added learning together (Limud).

Why do we eat dried fruits? That's because there weren't any transportation routes to preserve fresh fruit for the Jewish diaspora, and the only way Jewish people all over the world could have eaten fruits from the holy land was by drying them. Today, there are people who think that there is no need to continue the custom of eating dried fruits, as there is a vast of great, fresh, vegetables and fruits from Israel. Still, if you think about it, it's a beautiful tradition that preserve the history and the memory of this holiday.

Planting trees was added to the customs of the holiday hundreds of years later. The first planting ceremony (Neti'ot) took place in 1884, in northern Israel. It was in a beautiful place, which we visited in January on our "community trip" to northern Israel, as part of my Shaliach winter programs – Named: Yesod Ha'Ma'ale. Ever since 1908, the name of Tu Bishvat is also the holiday of planting trees.

In the last few decades, Tu Bishvat has become a "green" holiday – when we celebrate the connection between people and nature. Therefore, together with planting trees and eating fruits, today all over Israel students speak about the importance of recycling and saving the environment, as well

Just recently, maybe in the spirit of Tu Bishvat, the Ministry of Environment in Israel decided to make a law to eliminate the use of plastic bags in

supermarkets. As of 2017, Israel's new Plastic Bag Law took effect. Plastic bags will no longer be given for free in Israeli supermarkets. To encourage members of the public to refrain from spending on plastic bags, the Environment Ministry is subsidizing the provision of multi-use "baskets" – large tote bag.

I invite you to my winter programs at Shaw JCC of Akron. We'll continue to have a monthly "trip" to Israel and a monthly Israeli Movie Night.

This February 7th, on Tuesday, I invite you to Visit the holy land. From the spiritual center of Jerusalem to lively Tel Aviv, modern and ancient converge, as this multi-media presentation will show.

The monthly Israeli Movie Night is Sabena Hijacking – My Story. On Tuesday, February 28th, we'll watch this 90 minutes' Cinematic reenactment docu-drama, about the hijacking of Sabena flight on May 8, 1972 by the Palestinian "Black September" organization and the heroic rescue and release of the passengers by soldiers from IDF special unit Sayeret Matkal.

AND on Wednesday, Feb. 15, I'll join Rachel Williams and Be'Tay Avon Café for a joyous Tu Bishvat Seder with fruits, wine and great music!

Looking forward to seeing you and wishing us all – A Happy Tu Bishvat!

## Shay Shares Hanukkah with the Kids



# 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.

## RACHAEL AZOUZ FOR THE AKRON JEWISH NEWS

Pennsylvanians David and Jenn Chottiner moved to Hudson from Pittsburgh in June 2014. It's no doubt that their move has made an impact on them, but it has affected the local community for the better.

David is the middle school and intermediate school director at Old Trail School in Bath, and Jenn is an early childhood teacher there.

"Making the decision to move was not an easy one," David says. "We agreed that a perfect fit would be necessary in order to leave the community and city that we had called home our entire lives."

David explains that when his headhunter told him about a position at Old Trail, he was immediately interested. "Old Trail's progressive philosophy and 'good name' extended all of the way to Pittsburgh, and I was thrilled to be given the chance to apply," he says. "Soon thereafter, Jenn and I found ourselves driving through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park on our way to a final visit at the school."

He explains that during his interview, Jenn had already toured the school campus and began looking at potential neighborhoods to live in. "She texted me, and I was able to check it during a quick break. 'I love it here,' she wrote, 'don't screw it up!' Suffice to say, Old Trail continues to be the perfect fit that we thought it would be three years ago," David adds.



The Chottiner family

The Chottiners find a lot of similarities between Western Pennsylvania and Northeast Ohio including "the down-to-earth sensibilities, immense civic pride, and a deep sense of community values."

In addition to enjoying their close proximity to Pittsburgh to watch the Pirates, play, David, Jenn and their two sons certainly appreciate the local park systems.

"We were dropped into an outdoor paradise where our children can discover nature by walking, biking, skiing, sledding, driving, discovering or training through it," Jenn says.

In addition, their transition has been topped off by their new Jewish home at Temple Israel.

"After meeting with Rabbi Josh Brown, Cantor Kathy Fromson, Education Director Leah Levinstein (a fellow ex-Pittsburgher!), Jenn and I realized that this temple was another perfect find for our family," David adds. "Much like Old Trail, the size of the temple community has allowed us to make a number of new friends, in only a few months of membership."

Both Old Trail and the Jewish community are lucky to have the Chottiners. Now, if only we can get them to be Indians fans.



The second cohort of the Jewish Leadership Initiative (JLI) began, with an informational meeting for people interested in participating in the program. JLI aims to connect and engage adults up to age 45 in the Akron Jewish community. The spring session starts in March. If you're interested in the program or in applying, contact [jli@jewishakron.org](mailto:jli@jewishakron.org) or 330-835-0005.



(Clockwise from top right):

Lauren Scherr and Sanna Feinstein

David Swirsky and Rachel Osherow

Devorah Pasternak and Eric Chupack

Ilona Feinstein and Leora Cohen

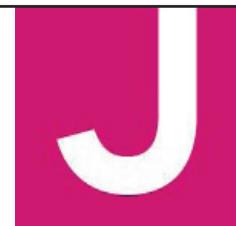
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## Supercalifragilistic!

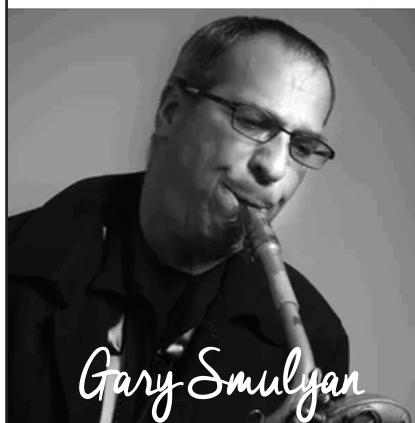
The Lippman School will present Supercalifragilistic! in February. Lippman students in grades TK-8 will perform the school's version of Mary Poppins on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 5:30-7:30 pm. There will also be a performance on Thursday, Feb. 16 5:30-8:00 pm, followed by dinner. For ticket information please call The Lippman School at 330-836-0419



# JAZZ AT THE



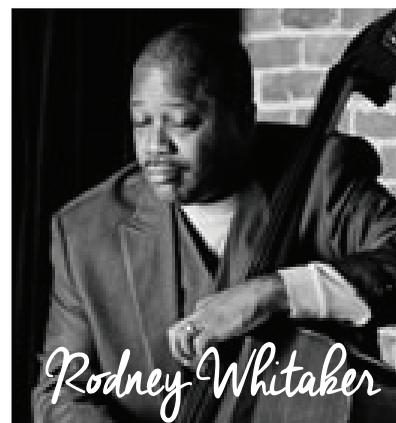
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**Due to a conflict with artist availability, the Shaw JCC's Jazz at the J event was moved from Sunday, March 19, 2017, to Saturday, June 17, 2017. Thank you for your understanding.**

# Purim 2017 FAMILY FRIENDLY



Join us SUNDAY morning for a family-friendly Purim celebration, carnival, and mountains of hamentaschen



**Sunday Morning March 12**  
**Purim Celebration - 9:30AM**  
**at 91 Springside Dr**



**A joint Temple Israel & Beth El celebration**

## Who doesn't love a gift? A gift of food!

It's time to order Purim gift boxes for family and friends!

On Purim day it's a mitzvah to send Mishloach Manot, a gift of at least two kinds of food to friends.

Women's Chavurah Sisterhood is sponsoring the 19th Annual Community Purim Gift Box Project.

If you are interested in receiving an order form or being put on the list to receive a Purim gift box please contact [kailasonkin@gmail.com](mailto:kailasonkin@gmail.com) or go online to [www.akronshul.com](http://www.akronshul.com).

SAVE THE DATE

*Purim  
Around the  
World*

**Sunday, March 12**  
**5:00 pm**  
**at Anshe Sfard**

 Beth El  
Congregation

# Purim 2017 CRAZY HATS!



This year - it's "WEAR YOUR VERY CRAZY HATS"  
Prizes for the most creative, tallest, colorful,  
and most awe-inspiring



A Purim celebration beginning with Havdalah followed by a creative Megillah reading and a catered evening of food delights (not dinner, but wonderful pickups and other items), hamentaschen, and adult beverages. RSVPS are a MUST to **Temple Israel at 330.665.2000** or to **Beth El at 330.864.2105x118**



**Saturday Night, March 11**  
**Purim Party - 7PM**  
**at 750 White Pond Dr**

*It's a mitzvah on Purim to make a donation for Tzedakah. All monetary donations will go towards the Akron Canton Regional FoodBank*

**Find  
Jewish Akron  
Online**

at [www.jewishakron.org](http://www.jewishakron.org)  
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**Sunday, February 26th @ 3:00 PM**  
**Canton Charge v. Maine Red Claws**



**PLACE YOUR ORDERS TODAY BY:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Call Andrew Morrison at 330-489-5659  
**SCAN/EMAIL:** Scan/email order form to [amorrison@cantoncharge.com](mailto:amorrison@cantoncharge.com)  
**QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CHARGE?** Call Andrew Morrison at 330-489-5956

**Pre-Game Party for all attendees with snacks and fun activities.**

Please Note: Tickets must be purchased through this offer and will not be available at the door. Orders are filled with the best seats available at the time of your order. Please submit orders at the same time for all who wish to sit together.

# of Tickets	# of \$14.50 tickets (Discounted from \$19.50 Upper Center, Rows H-R)	# of \$21.50 tickets (Discounted from \$25.50 Lower Center, Rows A-G)	TOTAL
			\$
<b>Game Date:</b>		\$5 Processing Fee	
		<b>Total Enclosed</b>	\$

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CARD \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**All tickets will be left in Will Call at the Canton Memorial Civic Center Box Office.** All sales are final. No exchanges or refunds. Video cameras are prohibited at the Canton Charge Games. Children two years old and older require tickets for admission to the arena.

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## JLI Has Hands-on Lesson on Allocations

Participants in the first Jewish Leadership Initiative (JLI) class recently learned about the complicated and difficult process of grant allocations. They then had the opportunity to deliberate together and allocate dollars toward five different Jewish causes.

As part of the JLI curriculum, Sheri and Stuart Glauberman facilitated a session about Tzedakah and community responsibility. Debbie Shifrin lead the discussion about how JCBA's allocation process works and the steps needed to decide how to fairly allocate limited funds. Then, students allocated \$2,000 in funds donated by Sheri and Stuart Glauberman and the Isroff Young Leadership Fund.

The options open to the allocation were: Scholarships for The Lippman School's Israel trip; supplies for the Granny Group projects at the Mandel Early Childhood Education Center at the Shaw JCC; publicity for Jewish Family Service's new Financial Protection Assistance Program; a counselor for the Aharai project in Kiryat Ekron, Israel, which benefits at-risk Jewish teens; and,

lastly, the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) to aid elderly Jews in the Ukraine.

Funds requested were far above the \$2,000 available, so participants had to engage in serious discussions and make difficult choices. In the end participants described the process as empowering yet humbling. One participant said, "Being able to decide which deserving programs would be well funded and which would be less than partially funded was really tough."

In the end, the group decided to allocate the following:

- The Lippman School for scholarships for the Israel trip: \$500
- The Granny Group at the Mandel ECE Center: \$720
- JFS for the Financial Protection Assistance Project: \$240
- Aharai in Kiryat Ekron: \$310
- Joint Distribution Committee for Jews in the Ukraine: \$230

## Presidents' Day BASKETBALL Shooting Clinic *For Kids Ages 8-13*

**Monday, Feb. 20**  
**10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

This clinic will start off with a video review of the players' shots. Our staff will break it down so the players know what is right and what they need to correct with their shot. We will also cover shooting footwork coming off screens and off the dribble.

Register online at [tnbabasketball.com/tnbaohio](http://tnbabasketball.com/tnbaohio).

Cost: \$28 member  
/\$40 guest



## The Lippman School Cultural Immersion Camp

The Lippman School Cultural Immersion Camp will be an exciting, hands-on learning experience, with instruction from The Lippman School teachers and Native American artists.

Chinese students from the Dali International School, Guangdong will have the opportunity to learn and practice English in a fun and thoroughly unique way.

American students will learn about the culture, customs, and people from a country playing an increasingly important roll in American business, political and economic affairs.



**August 7 - 11, 2017**  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**\$300.00 fee**  
includes all classes,  
weekday camp activities,  
lunch and snacks

For incoming Fall 2017  
**fifth and sixth graders**



**WINTER BASH**  
 The Second Annual Winter Bash in support of The Lippman School  
 and The Mandel Early Childhood Education Center at the Shaw JCC

ABOVE PHOTOS FROM L-R:  
 David and Carey Simmons  
 Stacey Simonton  
 Danny Velasco-Perez and Rachel Stile  
 Judy Grundfast and Rochelle Stone



Diana and Todd Ponsky



Andrew and Melissa Kapp



Nora Glauberman, Lauren Osina, Seth Glauberman, and Mordi Osina



Sheri and Stuart Glauberman, Lynne Weinberger, Debbie Zelin, Mimi Surloff, and Teri Segal



Event committee members Jana Leenheer, Jennifer Shkolnik, Alisa Reinbolt, and Hanna Lemerman

# ROCK SHAAT

AT TEMPLE ISRAEL AKRON

February 3, 2017

6:15 PM

## Local Temple 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 Egolf

#### 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

## Order Kosher Hamantashen

### Wendy Macher's homemade hamantashen for Purim

\$12 a dozen. Pre-paid orders due by Monday, Feb. 27. Mail orders to Arlene Markey, 2044 Meadowgate, Akron, Ohio 44313 or 330-836-7746. Checks should be made out to Women's Chavurah.

You can also order online at [www.akronshul.com](http://www.akronshul.com). Pick up at Anshe Sfard on Sunday, March 5, from 9am- 12 pm (or call for an appointment).

### HAMANTASH ORDER FORM

I would like to order a total of \_\_\_\_\_dozen hamantashen in the following flavors:

- \_\_\_\_\_ **NEW!** Dozen Cherry  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dozen Prune  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dozen Apricot  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dozen Raspberry  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dozen Poppy Seed  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dozen Chocolate  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dozen Assorted

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Proceeds to benefit Women's Chavurah Sisterhood  
Community Programs.



## Candle Lighting Times

It is considered a great mitzvah and responsibility to honor the Sabbath by lighting candles 18 minutes before sunset on Friday evening.

Friday, Feb. 3	5:28 pm
Friday, Feb. 10	5:37 pm
Friday, Feb. 17	5:45 pm
Friday, Feb. 24	5:54 pm

# J Senior Adult Programs

## Bridge

**Monday Ongoing 11 a.m.–2 p.m. \$1 donation suggested**

No matter what level of play, join us for Bridge. No instruction is provided.  
No RSVP needed. Open to all.

## Retired Men's Group

**Tuesday 2nd & 4th Tues. 9:30–11:30 a.m. \$1 donation suggested**

Join the Men's Group for open discussion. No RSVP needed. Open to all.

## Mah Jongg

**Thursday Ongoing 1–4 p.m. No RSVP needed - FREE**

Join us for Mah Jongg. Young and old alike are enjoying the comeback of Mah Jongg.  
Whether you know how to play, or want to learn, there will be an opportunity! Open to all.

## Lunch Bunch

**Tuesday 2nd Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. RSVP at least one day in advance\***

Once a month join us as we eat at different locally owned, Akron-area restaurants.

**Feb. 14 Akron Family Restaurant 250 W Market St**

## Be'Tay Avon Café

**Tuesday 3rd Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. RSVP\* - Pay as you can**

Join the fun, fellowship, conversation and FOOD at the once-a-month Old-Style Jewish Deli.  
Light lunch served. Pay as you feel, but donations are encouraged.

**Feb 21 Tu B'Shevat Seder with Shaliach Shay Goldenberg**

Shay will lead us in a Tu B'Shevat seder and give a presentation about the holiday! RSVPs are strongly encouraged, and should be made no later than Feb. 17.

## Movie at the J

**Wednesday 3rd Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. Free & Open to community**

Enjoy a current, first run movie in the quiet of the Shaw JCC, plus free popcorn! Closed captions provided.

**Feb. 15 Begin Again**

Moving to New York City proves disastrous for a young singer but opportunity comes knocking when she meets a recently axed music producer looking to launch her career -- and save his own.

## Restaurant Review

**Thursday 4th Thursdays 5:30 p.m. RSVP at least one day in advance\***

It's dinner time! Enjoy food and conversation.

**Feb. 23 Rizzi's Ristorante and Pizzeria (2809 Copley Rd., Copley)**

\*Please RSVP to Rachel, Phone:330-835-0027 or email: [rwilliams@jewishakron.org](mailto:rwilliams@jewishakron.org)

**FREE**

# Health Screening Tune-up

**February 14**

**10:30 – 11:30 am**

If you want to keep a car running at its optimal levels, then you have to bring it in for an occasional tune-up. That's true for our bodies, too. Just like a car, regular maintenance keeps us running at our best. Getting regular care is particularly important for seniors, who represent the "classic cars" of our population. With cars and people, early detection can head off potential problems before they get worse. Partnering with Menorah Park – Home Health Services, we want you to come in, get warm, see some friends and get a tune-up, on us! We will provide blood pressure checks, balance checks as well as respiratory health screens. This is a FREE event but RSVPs are mandatory. Please RSVP by Feb. 10 to Rachel Williams!



Shaw JCC  
Akron



Also serving the communities as  
Canton, Portage & Summit  
Home Health Services

CHERYL CARTER BETH EL UNIVERSITY

## Study Jewish Martyrs with Rabbi Spitzer on Feb. 26

Cheryl Carter Beth El University's winter series continues with engaging lecturer Rabbi John Spitzer, D. Min. He presents "A Faith To Die For— About Jewish Martyrs" on Sunday, Feb. 26, at Beth El.

Rabbi Spitzer's presentation will feature interactive text study. All adult learners from the community are welcome. Morning begins at 9 am with a light continental breakfast (following services at 8:30 am).

Rabbi Spitzer is associate professor of Jewish Studies, Walsh University in Canton and was a pulpit rabbi for 35 years at Temple Israel in Canton. Advance reservation requested by Feb. 20.

There is a suggested \$5 donation for the program. For reservation or information, contact Erin Katz Ford: [educator@bethelakron.org](mailto:educator@bethelakron.org) or 330-864-2105, ext. 118. Baby sitting is available by advance reservation.

Join us for a

## MEN'S CHALLAH BAKE

Sunday, Feb 12, 2017 • 7:00 - 9:00 pm • at Anshe Sfard

Learn techniques on how to shape and braid Challah

\$10 PP - take home 2 Challot to bake

Led by: Josh Kogan

RSVP to [Joshua.kogan25@gmail.com](mailto:Joshua.kogan25@gmail.com)

Open to men and boys



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FEBRUARY FEATURE

**10% Off All Jewelry**



### Gift Shop Hours:

- Wednesdays 12:30-4:30pm
- After most Shabbat Friday evening services
- Happily by appointment. Please call the Temple office for information at 330-665-2000.

**Temple Israel Sisterhood Gift Shop**  
**91 Springside Road, Bath, Ohio 44333**

## SHABBAT *in a Round*

Feb 10  
March 3  
April 28  
May 19  
June 9

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](mailto:kailasasonkin@gmail.com)

Sponsored by the Lippman-Kanfer Family Foundation

# From Legends to Leaders, Forum 360 Showcases NE Ohio

The Forum 360 community started off the year with a WOW! A maroon and gold, diamond-encrusted WOW!

Cavaliers legend Campy Russell returned to Forum 360 to review the past Cavs season and preview the current season. This time he came with his NBA Championship ring.

In addition to the excitement of a championship and a million-person parade, the winning Cavs have an economic impact on northeast Ohio. We heard about the human and business impact of what became after over 50 years, a season of dreams-fulfilled.

Forum 360's upcoming shows feature interesting topics with special guests— some first-time guests and some guests returning for encores. Two guests are women that have broken the glass ceiling— new C-level leaders Akron Urban League president and CEO Sadie Winlock and the Home Builders Association of Akron's executive vice president, Lori Howerton.

Host Sally Henning covered the new partnership between Akron General Medical Center and Cleveland Clinic. And Forum 360 chair and host Ardith Keck asked and answered the question, "who is keeping Akron beautiful?"

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.

We welcome ideas for topics and guests.

#### Each show will air:

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



Forum 360's Lesley Ungar with Sadie Winlock and Lori Howerton

## 'To Kill a Mockingbird' RSVPs due by Feb. 6

Na'Amat family and friends invite you to join them for a classic theater production at Weathervane Playhouse this February.

"To Kill a Mockingbird," written by Harper Lee, will be presented at Weathervane. Na'Amat has arranged for a group of 12 seats located in the center section back rows for Sunday, Feb. 26, at 2:30 p.m.

The ticket price is \$11 per seat. (There is no senior pricing for groups.) Please reserve your space quickly, so arrangements for additional seating can be made if needed.

Please RSVP by Feb. 6, to Ellen Moss 330-864-5553 or [ellenmoss63@gmail.com](mailto:ellenmoss63@gmail.com).

## Making Sense of the Jewish Revival in Poland

### LUNCH AND LEARN

with Geneviève Zubrzycki, Ph.D

Mon, February 6

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Wick Poetry Center at Kent State

Lunch will be served. • Free and open to all!



# May 4, 2017

Tangier Restaurant  
& Cabaret, Akron

Proceeds will benefit the  
Volunteer Guardian Program



# The Kabbalistic Meaning & Joys of a Jewish Wedding

## 19th Women's Annual Gathering of Jewish Mysticism

### 19TH OF KISLEV EVENT COMMITTEE FOR THE AKRON JEWISH NEWS

It is so much fun to be invited to a wedding, especially a Jewish wedding with the chuppah, veil, breaking the glass, and more. But we don't always know the what and why of all these traditions and customs. Luckily for us, the 19th of Kislev event on Dec.18, invited all to explore and experience the Kabbalistic meaning of the ceremony and the joys of a Jewish wedding.

We walked into a hall filled with the ambiance of a true wedding. Beautiful music and nigunnim were played by April Sharrock, flute, joined by sisters: Angel, violin, and Ariana Sobolewsk, cello. Stacy Shulan led a prayer for peace and Olivia Edelman led the bride's prayer. Mazal Cohen, founder of all nineteen Annual Gatherings of Jewish Mysticism, shared opening remarks and explained how the wedding itself bestows a divine blessing, holy guidance and commitment between the bride and groom through their third partner – Hashem.

Our chuppah's rabbi was Joyce Butlien. Eileen Schonfeld was our groom, and our breathtakingly beautiful bride was Elia Meltzer. Our wedding "maven" was Jennifer Chestnut. Not only did we watch the video of her wedding but we soon learned the different parts and rituals of the wedding ceremony according to Kabbalah. At the conclusion of the chuppa all of the women burst into dancing. It was a powerful experience! Two women DJs Smadar Chefetz and Eetty Cussner of Zuz of Cleveland created the wedding vibe as the "bride" and "groom" entered the hall for dancing.

Miri Kogan enlightened us with the joyful experience of her Jewish Mexican wedding - an all- nighter — from the evening till breakfast. Kaila Sasonkin shared the joys and preparations for her daughter's Mussie's wedding. An unexpected surprise was when our photographer Maya Scherbakov revealed how her wedding in Russia took place quite secretly and very quietly so as not to alert the neighbors because of the laws in Russia at that time.

Event participants received a souvenir booklet with personal wedding stories. The booklet is available as a wedding resource. Please contact Mazal Cohen [mazalc770@gmail.com](mailto:mazalc770@gmail.com) for it.

A huge thank you to our planning committee: Sheryl Aronson, Mazal Cohen, Sheri Glauberman, Mimi Markis, Kaila Sasonkin, Eileen Schonfeld, and Laurie Zuckerman, Robyn Tobias, Orly Rodriguez, Stacey Shulan, Robin Freedman, Shlomit Antopolsky, and Olivia Edelman. Gratitude to Cheryl Saferstein and Janet Minc for the work editing and designing the booklet. Many thanks for the delicious wedding dinner and desserts catered by Efrat Ohayon.

We appreciate the four sponsoring organizations. The representatives lit the candles for this unique wedding: Rachel Williams – Shaw JCC, Brenda Schwartz - JCBA, Yehudit Chana Cohen and Chana.Sasonkin - Chabad of Akron, Cheryl Saferstein - Women's Chavurah . It was a wonderful celebration of Kabbalah and the mystique of a Jewish wedding!

*Save the Date for next year's 20th Anniversary of Kabbalah & Jewish Mysticism: Sunday, Dec 10, 2017.*



## MOMMY & ME

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

Thursdays • 10:30 am -12 pm

beginning in January at Anshe Sford

Register at [www.akronshul.com](http://www.akronshul.com) or  
call 330-606-9876.

# More Than Wills

Alongside wills and trusts, beneficiary designations are becoming increasingly popular as part of a complete estate plan. By filling out a beneficiary designation form, individuals can bypass probate and designate who will receive a specific asset upon their death. Today, a variety of assets can be transferred through a simple designation form including: bank accounts, stocks, bonds, retirement accounts, life insurance policies, commercial annuities. Designees can be individuals or charities.

While the process seems straightforward, problems can arise and mistakes can be made when individuals execute these forms without a complete understanding of how they operate. Therefore, when completing a designation form, the owner should work with an advisor to ensure the form successfully achieves their goals and to avoid common mistakes.

If you want to support your favorite non-profit in a significant yet uncomplicated way, beneficiary designations are a perfect solution.

Please contact Julie Katz at (330) 835-0005 if you wish to discuss beneficiary designations to the Jewish Community Board of Akron.

*Source: Jewish Federation of Cleveland November 1, 2016*

## 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](mailto:julie_katz@jewishakron.org).**

## Contributions

### Barbara Pollock Scholarship Award Fund

#### In Memory of

- Dick Lilly from Jerry & Leona Pollock

### Shaw JCC Endowment Fund

#### Speedy Recovery for

- Leonard Ekus from MaryAnn & Stan Minster

### Kerry Migdal Memorial Fund

#### In Memory of

- Sam Solitt from Sedell & Bernie Kamenir

### Lila Marks Music Performance & Education Fund

#### In Memory of

- David Schneir from Fay Wish

#### In Honor of

- Lila Marks receiving the Community Spirit Award from Fay Wish
- David Lockshin's Tribute from Fay Wish
- Lila Marks 92nd Birthday from Kathleen Chandler

#### Speedy Recovery for

- Rita Lockshin from Fay Wish
- Lil Neiman from Fay Wish
- Cynthia Wein from Fay Wish

### Murray Glauberman Young Leadership Fund

#### In Honor of

- Stuart & Sheri Glauberman on the birth of their new grandson Elliott from Linda & Michael Osherow

### Randy Recht Sports Camp Fund

#### Speedy Recovery for

- Marjorie Recht from Fay Wish

#### In Honor of

- Marjorie & David Recht's Anniversary from Mr. & Mrs. Joel Fealk & Family; Doreen & Jack Weissberg
- David Recht's Birthday from Mr. & Mrs. Joel Fealk & Family; Doreen & Jack Weissberg

### Ronald Penner JCC Memorial Fund for Israel-centric BBYO Programming

#### In Honor of

- Wendy Penner's Birthday from Barbara, Ed, Max & Jake Penner Beckert
- Max Penner Beckert's Birthday from Barbara, Ed & Jake Beckert
- The engagement of Max Penner Beckert & Lindsay Corcoran from Barbara, Ed & Jake Beckert
- Jake Penner Beckert's Birthday from Barbara, Ed & Max Beckert
- Mark Penner from Barbara, Ed, Max & Jake Penner Beckert
- Rich Penner from Barbara, Ed, Max & Jake Penner Beckert
- Zvi & Raquel Sudet from Barbara, Ed, Max & Jake Penner Beckert

#### Speedy Recovery for

- Jack Neiman from Barbara, Ed, Max & Jake Penner Beckert
- Lillian Neiman from Barbara, Ed, Max & Jake Penner Beckert
- Stan Gerson from Barbara, Ed, Max & Jake Penner Beckert

#### In Loving Memory of

- Ron Penner from Barbara, Ed, Max & Jake Penner Beckert
- Lloyd Spalter from Barbara, Ed, Max & Jake Penner Beckert

### Jewish Family Service

#### In Honor Of

- Dianne Newman for her Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award from Karin Allen

### Jewish National Fund

#### In Memory of

- Wilma Loftus from Susan Alfonso

### Solomon Hirsh Memorial Fund for Nurses Education

#### In Honor of

- Birth of Dr. Richard Hirsh's grandson from Irv Korman

### Jennifer Moss Outstanding Graduate Award Fund

#### In Memory of

- Gerald Gerdy from Herb Moss

#### For Recovery of

- Marvin Cohen from Mr. & Mrs. Herb Moss
- Kathy Ackerman Snyder from Mr. & Mrs. Herb Moss

#### Mazel Tov to

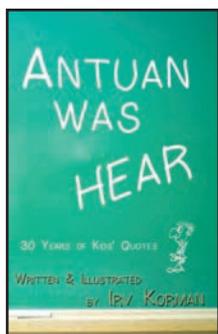
- Ron & Lola DeSure on the birth of great-grandson from Mr. & Mrs. Herb Moss

Thank everyone for honoring my 90th birthday. I appreciate the wishes.

*Joe Chapman*

## Korman Publishes Humor Book

Local author Irv Korman has published a new book. While two of his previous books recounted run-ins with celebrities, Korman culled anecdotes from decades working in elementary school for his new book *Antuan was Hear*.



“From 1967-1997, I was an elementary school speech and language pathologist,” he explains. “When a student said something clever or cute, I would pause for a moment and write in the back of my lesson plan book.”

“When I retired, I took the 30 lesson plan books out, and put each quote on an index card, and organized them into categories and subjects,” Korman explains.

“Along with my cartoon drawings, I submitted the quotes to my publisher as a book, and they went for it.”

Though the quotes date back a few decades, they remain relevant. An example: Answering the question “Who was Abraham Lincoln?,” a student replies, “he invented the penny.”

The story behind the title *Antuan was Hear* is that a student left the message on Korman’s blackboard when he had left the room. He had considered alternate titles like *Teacher, What Do You Want to be When You Grow Up?* and *I Don’t Like This Book, There’s Too Many Words In It*.

The book is for sale at the Temple Israel Gift Shop, The Learned Owl Bookshop, the Kent State University Book store, or through online retailers.

Korman will be a guest speaker at the Be’Tay Avon Café in April.

## AKRONITE MEET-UP IN FLORIDA



The Akron Breakfast Group held its annual meet-up in Delray Beach in late December. Attendees received a brochure put together by Lois Reaven about historic Jewish Akron.

Everyone had a good time, discussing past and future Akron.



# CAMP JCC

June 5 - Aug. 18, 2017

Early bird savings  
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## March 31

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