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We ask you to help us continue to help people live with dignity, security and hope by donating to the Annual Friends' Drive. Your tax deductible contribution will directly improve the lives of older adults in the Akron area. Use the envelope enclosed in this issue of AJN and return your gift by mail. Or make a secure donation on-line at www.jewishakron.org/JFS. Or call JFS at 330-837-3388 Monday –Thursday from 9-5.

Lockshin to be honored June 16

Yet another Balch Street romance! Like so many others both before and after them, David Lockshin and Rita May met as teenagers at the Akron Jewish Center on Balch Street. Both from Beth El families (although the two of them barely knew each other there), they dated through high school at Buchtel and throughout the years that Dave spent at Ohio State. Once David graduated, they got married (July 3, 1949, at the Mayflower Hotel) and started their married life in Akron.



DAVID LOCKSHIN

David worked at Uniwear, the family business his dad had started with partners in Youngstown; David became president of Uniwear and four other companies by

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FREE & open to the community!

Sunday, May 15 | 12–3 pm

ISRAEL festival

Celebrate the Colors of Israel for Yom Ha'atzmaut!



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ALBERT L. & JANET A.
SCHULTZ CAMPUS
 FOR JEWISH LIFE

Wednesday | June 1, 2016 | 7 pm



ANNUAL MEETING

at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life, 750 White Pond Drive, Akron

No charge & no solicitation. R.S.V.P. to 330-869-2424 or email to susan_misanko@jewishakron.org.

Make a difference for at-risk teens in Kiryat Ekron

Campaign to raise funds for Aharai ends May 15

Akron's sister city in Israel, Kiryat Ekron, is home to many disadvantaged immigrants who do not have the resources others take for granted. The Aharai program can offer underprivileged teens a positive direction in life. Aharai (which means "follow me") is designed to prepare at-risk youth for meaningful service in the IDF (Israeli Army).

There are so many students who want to join the program in Kiryat Ekron, but there is not enough money for staffing to accommodate all of them. The Akron Jewish community aims to sponsor counselors, or Madrichim, for two programs for two years.

We are in the final weeks to raise \$12,000. This fundraising effort is being headed by Moise Zarouk. "Helping kids and Israel are two of my passions," Zarouk says emphatically. "When I see at-risk youth, especially in Israel, I want to step up and help any way I can." He adds, "By supporting this program, the Jewish community can have a direct impact on the future of Israel and its citizens."

If you would like to donate to the campaign, you can do so by donating on-line at www.razoo.com/aharai or send your check to: Aharai Campaign, c/o Jewish Community Board of Akron 750 White Pond Drive, Akron, Ohio 44320. The campaign will and run through the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration on May 15. The results of the campaign will be announced then. If you have any questions about Aharai or want to learn more call Julie Katz at 330-835-0005.



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2016 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

An updated list of donors to the 2016 Annual Campaign will be printed in the June/July issue of AJN.

To be included on the list, make a donation—if you haven't already— by May 15. Donate securely at jewishakron.org or by calling 330-835-0005.

Lockshin Tribute

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the end of his career. Their two children Rick and Susie (Kattan) came along, and life was busy. But always David Lockshin felt a responsibility—"a responsibility I needed to pay and do for the Jewish community."

As David himself put it succinctly, "I had to do three things" as a Jew in Akron: "belong to a synagogue; give to Federation [now the JCBA]; and belong to the Center [now the Shaw JCC]." And that's what he has always done, whether here in Akron or as a snowbird in Florida.

But David Lockshin did even more than "belong" and "give." He also led, both as president of Federation and as president of the Akron Jewish Center (at a particularly dynamic period, when Center Towers was being built).

And one more thing this perennial jokester has never been reluctant to do: ask other people for money! As a person who never says no himself, he has always felt particularly qualified to ask others to step up as well—to the Akron Jewish community's great benefit.

So it is as a role model for belonging, giving, leading, asking, and always answering yes, that the JCBA is recognizing David Lockshin. The entire Akron Jewish community is invited to a reception in Dave's honor on June 16, 2016, at 5:30 pm at the Shaw JCC on the Schultz Campus. Furthermore, in a testament to his own generosity, the honoree is insisting on underwriting the entire cost of the event himself! So there is no cost, but RSVPs are required to ensure that adequate preparations are made.

Just hearing David Lockshin's name makes people smile. Maybe it's his corny jokes, or the warm friendship he offers so freely. Or maybe it's his pure menschlichkeit, the Yiddish word that describes a person of honor and integrity. Or maybe the best description of David Lockshin's essence comes from his wife Rita: "Some people just have that feeling in their hearts!"

A Tribute to David Lockshin

THURSDAY, JUNE 16 AT 5:30 PM

Wine and hors d'oeuvres reception • No charge

SCHULTZ CAMPUS FOR JEWISH LIFE
750 White Pond Drive, Akron, Ohio 44320

RSVPs required by June 9 to (330) 869-2424 or at www.jewishakron.org/lockshin.

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Community Event Calendar

Select events from the Community Calendar at jewishakron.org. For a full calendar listing, visit our website.

MAY 2

The Rabbis Speak

7:00PM - 8:30PM
Temple Israel, 91 Springside Dr.

Join Rabbis Feinberg and Sasonkin for a discussion on the topic "Reflections of the Holocaust: Why Bad Things Happen to Good People." A dessert reception will follow. **Free and open to the public.**

MAY 3

City of Akron Holocaust Commemoration

11:00AM - 1:00PM
Akron Public Library,
60 High Street, Akron

28th Annual Holocaust Arts & Writing Contest Awards Ceremony and 30th City of Akron Holocaust Commemoration. **Free and open to the public.**

MAY 4

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

7:00PM - 8:30PM
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

View and discuss the film *The Loss of Innocents: Murder of Bullenhusser Damm*, produced by Dr. Herbert Hochhauser. **Free and open to the public.**

MAY 10

LLL Lunch & Workshop

11:30AM - 1:00PM
At the home of Michal Levine

LLL Lunch and Learn Workshop for women. Featuring Dr. Lauren Winarski.

MAY 15

Israel Festival 2016

12:00PM - 3:00PM
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Come celebrate Israel's Independence Day. **Free and open to the public.**

MAY 19

Lippman student Showcase

6:00PM - 8:00PM
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Please join us as The Lippman students share music and art. **Free and open to the public.**

MAY 22

Mitzvah Day

9:00AM - 5:00PM

Community-wide Mitzvah Day. Contact Temple Israel for more information.

MAY 26

Revere Road Lag B'Omer Picnic

5:00PM - 8:00PM
Anshe Sfarad

Celebrate Lag B'Omer with a family-friendly picnic of international foods.

MAY 29

5K at the J

8:00AM - 10:00AM
Shaw JCC of Akron

Enjoy a flat, fast course that loops around the vicinity of the J. The race is family-, stroller-, and walker-friendly and includes post-event snack and a tee shirt.

MAY 31

Shlichim Program - Heroic Stories from the IDF

7:00PM - 8:30PM
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

"Soon we will become a song" Shay will share a special project that created to honor those who fell while protecting Israel. This is a memorial project commemorating fallen soldiers with music composed to their own poems, which they had written before their lives were taken. We will honor them by sharing their stories as we listen to their songs. Coffee and desserts will be served. **Free and open to the public.**



Outdoor Pool
Opens Saturday, May 28!

Light a candle of remembrance

Along with reciting a special prayer, Mourner's Kaddish on the anniversary of the death of a loved one, it is also a mitzvah to light a special memorial candle. Judaism counts a day as beginning at sundown and ending the following sundown, so the special memorial candle is designed to burn for precisely one day.

Jews call the anniversary of a loved one's death the *Yahrzeit*, literally meaning the time of year. For many Jews it is a sacred responsibility to mark the Yahrzeit, lighting a candle and reciting the Mourner's Kaddish.

For many Jews who died during the Holocaust, their families were wiped out and today there is no one but us to say Kaddish or light a candle for them.

On Thursday, May 5, the Shaw JCC invites members of our community—Jewish and non-Jewish alike—to participate in the mitzvah of a lighting a candle. Candles will be placed on a table in the lobby for you to light. Please come and help us remember and memorialize the 6 million Jews of Europe.

JFS earns Interfaith Award



Akron Area Interfaith Council (AAIC) presented its Interfaith Award to Jewish Family Service at its Spring Dinner on April 12. JFS Executive Director Gizelle Jones (pictured at left) received the award, which the organization received for exemplifying an interfaith spirit.

SAVE THE DATE



JUNE 14, 2016

**Temple Israel
Annual Meeting &
Congregational Dinner**

**Honoring Rabbi Bob and Myra Feinberg
for their seven years of dedication
to Temple Israel**



Sign up for Mitzvah Day

Mitzvah Day, a day of caring in the Akron community, will be held May 22. With fourteen projects and fifteen congregations participating, the projects will fill up early. Sign up at www.mitzvahdayakron.com. Last year 200 people participated!

The day will begin at 9:30 am at the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank and will end at 5 pm at Temple Israel with a dinner for all participants. Projects include outdoor cleanup at the Battered Women's Shelter, Knitzvah (knitting and crocheting for children and adults in need), a housewarming project for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, to name a few. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for one or more projects.

Mitzvah Day in Akron was created by Temple Israel in 2002 and is a day-long effort committed to helping different agencies in and out of the Akron community by collaborating with other faith-based organizations in the Akron Community. In keeping with Judaism's teachings of tikkun olam, to repair the world, Mitzvah Day strives to inspire its participants to pursue social justice through social activism.

Mitzvah Day is an opportunity to meet people from other faiths and engage in informal conversation. When you help others (particularly on Mitzvah Day) it makes you feel good about yourself. Please call the Temple Israel office at 330-665-2000 for more details.

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 Greta Foster, Endowment Director, at 330-835-0004 or greta_foster@jewishakron.org.

Sherbondy Hill Cemetery's historic, mysterious roots

In Akron's Jewish history, it is unclear just how and why Sherbondy Hill Cemetery was founded, when there was already a Jewish section at Glendale Cemetery and South Street Cemetery existed. We know it was started by The Orthodox Jewish Cemetery Association, which was incorporated on October 26, 1907. On White Street in Akron, the Orthodox Jewish Cemetery was dedicated three weeks later. Just who the founders were and how they came to find and fund this plot of land seems to have been lost with time. The official name is the Orthodox Jewish Cemetery, but it is commonly known as Sherbondy Hill. While no members of the Sherbondy family are buried at the cemetery, members of the family did own and live in that section of Akron before the turn of the century.

Sherbondy Hill became tied to Congregation Ohaiv Shalom of Barberton, which purchased a significant number of lots when it was established in 1915. That begs another question: How did Jews, or enough Jews to start a synagogue, end up in Barberton?

At the turn of the century, the city of Barberton needed merchants to serve people who had moved there to work in the Diamond Match factory. Many Jewish families moved from Pittsburgh to set up grocery and retail stores. Thus Congregation Ohaiv Shalom was founded in 1915. Over the years the congregation had over nine rabbis, most staying less than three years, but the Gabbi, Adolph Recht, was a constant for many decades. Many of the congregants were, in some way, related to one another.

Many of the founders of the congregation are buried at Sherbondy Hill Cemetery, as well as many of their descendants. In fact, about 1,000 people are currently buried at there. Today, burials still occur but normally number less than ten annually. Plots are still available.

While Sherbondy Hill Cemetery is still active and the building that housed Ohaiv Shalom still stands on Wooster Road West in Barberton, The Orthodox Jewish Cemetery Association and Congregation Ohaiv Shalom have been gone for decades. Yet, the efforts of those who founded and participated in these two organizations still impacts our community today.

In 1961, the Jewish population had moved to Akron and elsewhere and a congregation was no longer viable in Barberton. The building was sold and the proceeds were sent to Israel. The Torahs were gifted to Anshe Sfarad/Revere Road Synagogue. Eventually Sherbondy Hill Cemetery was deeded to the Jewish Federation of Akron (now the Jewish Community Board of Akron). Some money was transferred for cemetery upkeep, but in today's dollars it is not enough to do more than mow the grounds. Last year's crowdfunding campaign to benefit the restoration of Sherbondy Hill went a long way to restoring it to a place of respect, though the funds are not enough for long-term upkeep.

If you have any additional information about the founding of Sherbondy Hill Cemetery, please contact Julie Katz at Julie_Katz@jewishakron.org. If you would like to contribute to the cemetery fund please send a check to JCBA Cemetery Fund c/o JCBA 750 White Pond Drive Akron OH 44320

Many thanks to Sandy Recht Schoemann of Dayton, Ohio for her help with information about Congregation Ohaiv Shalom.

REDEDICATION OF SHERBONDY HILL



On April 3, the Akron Jewish community rededicated Sherbondy Hill Cemetery, after it underwent extensive restoration—resulting from a successful crowdfunding campaign in the summer of 2015. Headstones were re-erected and foliage cleared.



CEMETERY INFORMATION

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

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

Burial Lots Available

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

Kent students travel to Poland, explore history of Holocaust

The second annual Kent State spring break trip to Poland was a major success! Led by Director of Jewish Studies Chaya Kessler and accompanied by Joanna Huss, a Polish-born professor of Modern and Classical languages, twelve Kent State students took the trip to broaden their understanding and knowledge of the perception and remembrance of the Holocaust. Only one of the participants was Jewish; the others came from various backgrounds and ethnicities. The trip highlighted Warsaw and Krakow, as well as a smaller town, a shtetel named Chmielnik. Madeline, who joined our group from Italy, described it saying: “the town broke my heart...there was a feeling of something missing... as if the life had been sucked out of it...all the Jews were gone..”

The group spent a week in Poland, exploring the present-day narratives and counter narratives in this fascinating place. The country is beautiful; walking through the rebuilt city of Warsaw tracing the main landmarks and learning about the long history of Jewish presence there impacted all of the participants. One of the highlights was a visit to the new POLIN museum that just won the Museum-of-the-Year award. It tells the story of 1,000 years of Polish Jewish history and is located on the site of the World War II Jewish Ghetto and the main pre-WWII Jewish quarter.

While in Krakow, the students celebrated the Jewish holiday of Purim with the members of the

Jewish Community Center. The students also met with a Righteous Gentile who shared the story of her family’s heroic help during the Second World War saving Jewish lives. The trip also included a tour of Oskar Schindler’s Factory and a day spent at Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp.

Natalia Roman, a student who participated on this trip, said, “Yesterday was many things...We visited Auschwitz-Birkenau and looked history in the face. The pictures, the readings, the movies all became real... I am still processing this experience, but all I know right now is that this is staying with me forever”

Emily Cala, a sophomore at Kent State and a proud Jewish woman whose grandparents had survived Auschwitz, was the first in her family to actually visit this site. In the Book of Names, she found the names of her ancestors, some of whom she had never known existed.

The trip was a powerful experience for all those who participated. The Jewish Studies Program and the College of Arts and Sciences at Kent State University would like to thank all of the program’s supporters!

ABOVE RIGHT: Emily Cala at the Chmielnik Jewish cemetery.

RIGHT: Group in front of the Copernicus Science Center in Warsaw.



Lag B'Omer Celebration

INTERNATIONAL PICNIC DINNER

Thursday, May 26 at 5 pm

AT ANSHE SFARD SYNAGOGUE

- Bow & Arrows
 - Bonfire
 - Sports
 - Activities with the Shlichim
 - Cotton Candy
 - Inflatables
 - Entertainment
- Mexican – Kogan Family
 - Tunisian – Moshe Zarouk
 - Persian – Yedidsion Family
 - Israel – Arden Family
 - American – Meir Ohayon & Shul Guys
 - Russian – Scherbakov Family

Admission is \$20 for Adults (by May 1 and \$25 after); \$10 for children (by May 1 and \$15 after); children 5 & under are free. Your payment is your reservation! RSVP online www.akronshul.com or mail your check payable to Anshe Sfarad, 646 N. Revere Road, 44333. For more information, call 330-867-7292.

SAVE THE DATE

Mega Challah Bake will be Nov. 10

All women and girls are invited to bake challah together as a community on Thursday, Nov. 10 from 5:30–8:30 pm. Akron's Jewish women's groups are hosting a Mega Challah bake open to the community. The mitzvah of challah is a unique opportunity to ask for blessings and pray together for people in need.

- Each participant will make two challahs for herself and one to give away with love
- Use assorted recipes and creative challah braiding workshop
- Learn the Kabbalistic significance of the mitzvah
- Enjoy a light dinner.
- Questions? Call Kaila Sasonkin at 330-606-9876.

Lippman to host Cultural Immersion Camp for American, Chinese students this August

This summer, The Lippman School will provide a unique opportunity for up to 23 Chinese and 23 American students to explore academic themes related to American history, culture, arts, and the environment at its new Cultural Immersion Camp.

Classes and recreational activities will take place in August on the Lippman School campus, as well as in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The Lippman School Cultural Immersion Camp will be an exciting, hands-on learning experience, with instruction from teachers from The Lippman School and from Chief Dull Knife College, on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in Montana.

Each morning campers will enjoy interactive classes in two themes: American History and Northern Cheyenne/Plains Indians Culture. Afternoons and evenings will include a variety of recreational opportunities, including swimming, hiking and biking in the National Park, attending a baseball game, and visiting local historical sites. They'll also enjoy bonfires, cookouts, and more.

Lippman's Head of School, Sam Chestnut, says students who have the opportunity to live, learn, and interact with peers from other countries and cultures, will be well prepared for a future in today's globally interconnected world. For Chinese students, Chestnut says, the Cultural Immersion Camp will be a "great opportunity to learn and practice English in a fun, relaxing, and thoroughly unique way."

American students, he says, will have the opportunity to learn about the culture, customs, and people from a country playing an increasingly important role in American business, political, and economic affairs. Both American and Chinese students will gain valuable new insights into American history and culture, have a great time, and make new friends.

Session I: August 8-12, 2016

Session II: August 15-19, 2016

Day Camp: \$450 (American students) Includes all classes, weekday camp activities, lunch, and snacks.

Overnight Camp: \$1,100 (International students from China)

Includes all classes, weekday and weekend camp activities, overnight lodging at Cuyahoga Valley National Park, all meals, and snacks.



SAVE
THE
DATE



Kids Mega Challah Bake

for boys & girls, ages 3-13

Sunday, September 11
from 2-4 pm at the Shaw JCC

SHABBAT IN THE ROUND



A young family Shabbat dinner experience
at Anshe Sfard. Open to all. 6 - 7:30 pm

May 6 and June 3

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Sundays	8:30 am
Friday Evenings	6:15 pm
Saturday Mornings	9:15 am

SPECIAL NOTE: Evening services, other than Friday evenings, will be held only by request and special arrangement. Please call the office one week in advance to make arrangements.

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SATURDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 am

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AT TEMPLE ISRAEL AKRON

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016

6:15 PM

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 and on designated times on holidays.

Friday, May 6	8:11 pm
Friday, May 13	8:18 pm
Friday, May 20	8:25 pm
Friday, May 27	8:31 pm

Temple goes from Broadway to Bimah at musical event

Wonderful performances and melodies mesmerized the audience at Temple Israel on April 10. Broadway to Bimah, a concert featuring Cantor Kathy Fromson (Temple Israel), Cantor Rick Lawrence (Temple Emanu El) and the Hooshir A Cappella (Indiana University) performed a medley of show tunes and sacred music. They were accompanied by Laura Silverman (piano), Rob Schehl (percussion), Mark Nathanson (percussion), Matt DeRubertis (bass guitar), Leslie Varnick (director) and Christopher Pepe of Clear Gold Audio and Lighting (lighting and sound). The committee, chaired by Elaine Neumann, sold over 300 concert tickets and 100 patron dinners.

The evening began with a delicious, three-course patron dinner catered by Efrat Ohayon, with entertainment by Hooshir A Cappella. Patrons then joined the concert-goers in the sanctuary for the entertainment. The music included songs from a variety of musicals such as Sound of Music, Sweeney Todd, Light in the Piazza, Little Shop of Horrors, Carousel, Annie Get Your Gun, Phantom, and Hairspray, as well as Yiddish and Hebrew songs, Sh'le Licht, Rt'zei, Amen Shem Nora, Al Ha Nisim, Od Yavo Shalom and Hine Ma Tov. Following the concert, ticket holders were invited to partake in a dessert reception where they could schmooze with the entertainers and friends.

This event was the result of the effort and hard work put forth by the gala committee: Audrey Baker, Carol Friedman, Cantor Kathy Fromson, Laura Lee Garfinkel, Shelley Kaye, Marsha Krieger, Jim Levin, Candy Mirman, Missy Moses, Karen Nackes, Elaine Neumann, Larry Roth, Randie Ostroff Sass, Teri Segal, Janet Silverman, Zippy Silverman, Susan Walton, Natalie Winer, and Ron Winer.



FAR ABOVE: Cantor Kathy Fromson and Cantor Rick Lawrence

ABOVE: Shlichim Mayana Branigan and Shay Goldenberg with Michelle and Eliot Mostow

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Havdalah

Concert *featuring the*

MACCABEATS



Using nothing more than the human voice, a musical presentation, and a little Jewish humor, this A Cappella group connects with fans of all ages. The Maccabeats perform an eclectic array of Jewish, American, and Israeli songs. Save the date for a performance at the Shaw JCC.

Sponsored by The Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation



Ain't She Sweet
A MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH WITH THE BOSS

Temple Israel's 26th annual Mother's Day Brunch,
the biggest fundraiser of the year

Sunday, May 8, 2016

10:00 am

Temple Israel Social Hall

Your \$150/couple ticket includes:
brunch catered by Efrat Ohayon, \$2,500 in raffle drawings,
auction items, and entertainment by Michael Sonata,
Frank Sinatra tribute artist

Call Temple Israel at (330) 665-2000
to purchase your ticket.





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Shaw JCC
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FREE & open to
the community!

Sunday, May 15 | 12-3 pm

ISRAEL

festival

at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life
750 White Pond Drive in Akron

Yom HaZikaron commemoration, 12-12:30
with Cantor Kathy & a performance
by Lippman School students

Israel Independence Day, 12:30-3

Israeli music, bouncy house,
photo booth, wine tasting, face painting,
complimentary snacks, Israel souvenirs,
paint-your-own-tote bag, crafts,
plus an Israeli meal available
by Efrat Ohayon for \$5.

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Mayana & Shay, Israeli emissaries



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ABOVE: A full house for the shlichim's Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony



ABOVE RIGHT: Shay and Mayana entertain students in the early childhood program at the Shaw JCC.



BELOW RIGHT: The shlichim visit Highland High School in Medina.



RIGHT: Viewing photos at the IsraLens exhibit



Jewish Family Service held a seminar about hoarding disorder and featured Matt Paxton, extreme cleaning expert and host of the A&E show "Hoarders." He is pictured here with JFS Executive Director Gizelle Jones and J.J. Mesko-Kimmich, JFS's directors of volunteers.

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Israel—a country built by immigration

Israel is a multicultural country that has been built by immigration from 1948 until today. As we prepare to celebrate Israel's 68 years of independence, let's talk about Israel's Jewish demography. Israel is a country of immigrants (we can compare it to New York), and that's exactly what makes it so special—it has everyone! So, how did it all start?

May 1948: The Beginning

There were 650,000 Jewish people (80% 'Ashkenazim' & 20% 'Sephardim') in the state of Israel. One third of these people had a high school education – considered to be a high number at the time. The majority of people were secular and spoke Hebrew. Most worked in the construction business, industry, clerical work and agriculture.

1948-1951: The mass Aliya

After Israel was established, the gates of the holy land were opened to Jewish people from all over the world. By 1951, the population in Israel doubled, and by the first decade as a new country there were more than 900,000 "olim" in Israel. Think about how it was to deal with all these new "immigrants" and the rapid growth of population

1948-1960: Big change in ethnic groups

In the 1960s, 58% of people in Israel were from Europe and America, while the other 42% were from Asia and Africa. Among the new "olim," there were more children and seniors, compared to the earlier "alot," which consisted mainly of young adults. Also, the 'Sephardim' experienced a higher birth rate, which explains why the number of children arriving from Sephardic families (Morocco, Tunisia, Yemen, Iraq and Iran) was almost double.

"Maabarot" solution

At first, Israel received "olim" in special "olim" housing. When these homes were all occupied, the government started to settle the "olim" in different cities, like Jaffa, Ramla, Lod, Beit-Shemesh, Acre and Beer Sheva. At some point, there was no place left to house the new "olim," many of whom came without property or money. Israel was a new country, still recovering from a war and had no money to invest in building foundations. "Maabarot"—comprised of

tents and shacks— were offered as a temporary way to solve the lack of housing. Some people stayed in the "Maabarot" for almost 10 years. My mother's family came from Turkey and stayed near Ashdod in a "Maabara" for almost two years before moving to their hometown in Petach Tikvah.

Aliya waves of the late 20th century

The Soviet Union Aliya wave began in the 1970s. Between the years 1990-2009, Israel gained one million people from the former Soviet Union.

The Aliya from Ethiopia began in the mid 1980s with Operation Moses (1984-1985) and Operation Solomon (1991). By the end of 2012, there were 92,000 "Olim" from Ethiopia in Israel.

From 1949 until 2010, three million Jewish "Olim" came to Israel. (60% from European countries, 16% from Africa, 14% from Asia and 8% from America and Australia). In 2011, one-fourth of the population were children of immigrants.

In 2014, Israel received 24,800 Jews, 6,000 of them from France. This was the first time the country had such a large amount of "Olim" from France. It's a significant change, and I believe it was because of what is happening in Europe with the increase in the Muslim population and a rise in anti-Semitism.

Natan Sharansky, Jewish Agency Chairman, said: "the increase in the number of immigrants from around the world in the last year, which our enemies tried to harm our security around the world and have tried to undermine the legitimacy of Israel, proves that Israel is a place that ensures the personal safety of its citizens and the future of the nation Jewish."

Always remember – Israel may be small but it is so mighty, colorful and beautiful!

Celebrate colors of Israel on May 15

We invite you to come and celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut 2016 with us and celebrate the colors of Israel! On Sunday, May 15, the event starts at 12 pm with a short memorial ceremony for Yom Ha-Zikaron (The Day of Remembrance for the Fallen Soldiers of Israel and Victims of Terrorism). Afterward, we'll celebrate Israel Independence Day with great Israeli food and fun activities for all the family!



Jewish refugees at a Ma'abarot camp in 1950

BY THE NUMBERS Immigration to Israel

1948-1951:	687,624 people (including operation Ezra and Nehemiah Magic Operation)
1952-1954:	54,676 people
1955-1957:	166,492 people (especially from Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Poland & Hungary)
1958-1960:	75,970 people especially from Romania & Algiers
1961-1964:	228,793 people
1965-1968:	82,240 people
1969-1974:	280,000 people (50% from the former Soviet Union. 30% from Western Europe, 20% from Asia & Africa)
1975-1989:	Less than 20,000 per year About 280,000 people in total.
1990:	About 200,000 people
1991-1992:	330,000 from the former Soviet Union & 25,000 from Ethiopia
1993-1999:	490,000 from former Soviet Union
2000-2009:	285,390 people 160,000 from the former Soviet Union

Forum 360 gets new home, continues to share quality stories in our community

Forum 360 has moved into its new studio home at Hudson Cable TV in Hudson. When you watch the shows taped in its new studio, you will see our familiar backdrops and logos that were packed up and came with them!

Throughout the years Forum 360 has changed names, hosts, has been a radio show, a TV show, a radio show again, and a TV show again. Forum 360 has interviewed two-legged guests and four-legged guests, explored topics ranging from alternative sentencing to a gold-medal Olympic gymnast, to dogs' helping wounded warriors.

In upcoming weeks Forum 360 will cover an array of relevant topics. Look for a show on the President and the Supreme Court. Have you followed the different interpretations of who and how the vacancy on the Supreme Court should be filled? Join us as we talk with two constitutional experts, Martin Belsky, former dean of University of Akron's Law School, and John Hill, Esq. of Buckingham, Doolittle and Burroughs law firm.

Gun control will be a topic as will the Akron Art Museum. Perhaps you have heard of the IDF, the Israeli Defense Forces. The IDF has a program for young people from outside of Israel to join their "army." The program is called Lone Soldier and Akron has two young men that are in Israel defending the country in different ways. Forum 360 will talk with their moms, Randie Ostroff Sass and Miri Kogan.

These guests, these groups, these causes are all important to the fabric of Northeast Ohio. Forum 360 is a longer than a normal talk format, which allows people to tell their story on radio and TV. It's possible thanks to PBS and the Shaw JCC.

Each show will air on the PBS/Fusion channel 45/49 on Monday at 8 pm and Saturday at 5 pm. It airs on radio on WONE FM 97.5 Sunday at 6 am and on WAKR AM 1590 Sunday at 5 pm and Monday at 12:30 am.



A look at Forum 360's new digs



Temple starts hosting Family Promise families

Starting May 15, Temple Israel will begin hosting Family Promise families for one week every three months. Family Promise is the only homeless shelter program in Summit County that accepts families and keeps them together throughout their homelessness. The program does not look at family makeup and ask if there is a mom and dad or a single parent with children.

Temple has been a support congregation since 2008, helping other host congregations while homeless families in the Family Promise network work to get back on their feet by getting jobs and securing housing for their families.

Being a host congregation with Family Promise means that for a week at a time, the families stay at the congregation from dinner until early in the morning when they are then transported to the family day center in downtown Akron and children are taken to school. Parents either go to work or work on a plan to find housing and jobs. Fourteen other congregations serve as support congregations to help the host congregations in preparing dinner, helping children work on homework, staying overnight at the host congregation or driving the Family Promise van to transport guests of Family Promise to the day center during business hours.

The bedrock strength of Family Promise are the volunteers and host congregations that open their buildings to our guests who stay overnight and offer a warm and safe place for the children and their families.

Volunteers, Temple needs YOU! It will need people to help prepare meals for four nights and up to 16 people, drive the families to the Family Promise Family Center downtown, warm meals up, serve and eat with our families, stay overnight and help to move beds from one congregation to another. The Temple building will house the families from Sunday evening to Sunday morning. A support congregation will assist from Thursday through Sunday, but many volunteers are still needed. Consider a few hours of your time or help with the following:

- **Box Truck:** If anyone has a box truck that can be used to help move the beds on a Sunday several times a year, please let Temple know.
- **Sheets:** At least two dozen sets of twin sheets. (No pillows or pillowcases needed)
- **Blankets:** Three dozen twin size blankets.
- **Towels/Washcloths:** Several dozen hand towels and washcloths. (No bath towels needed)
- **Financial Donations:** The Maidenburg Fund at Temple provides the financial support for buying food to make meals for the Family Promise project. The fund also supports other Social Action Committee activities throughout the year including the Summit County Developmental Disabilities dinners as well as some Mitzvah Day activities. Please consider a donation to help the Social Action Committee in these Tikkun Olam projects. If you want to donate to the project, we'll go out and buy the items needed.

Please volunteer to help by contacting Bruce Zake at bruce@brucezake.com or Jim Levin at jmlevin@ameritech.net to find out more about what Temple is doing for Family Promise. Contact Art Krakauer at artk661@sbcglobal.net to help with the Social Action Family Promise Committee as well as other Social Action Committee initiatives.

Watch a video on the home page of the Family Promise website produced by the University of Akron students for a great explanation of what family promise does. www.familypromisesc.org.

PERSONAL FREEDOM TODAY

Women gather for Pre-Passover Celebration

On Sunday, April 10, women gathered for a pre-Passover celebration: “Personal Freedom Today,” a musical and inspiring evening. Music, songs, stories, a humorous skit, and a guest speaker were included in the evening. Stacey Shulan, Ronit Torem, and Vera Ida led prayers. Newcomer Abby Simpson provided music, accompanying the singer Nurit Kohl. Women enjoyed the humorous skit “My Bat Mitzvah Project,” written and directed by Ellen Freedman, with actresses Sarah Sterns, Marina Gordon, and Bracha Fraser. Mazal Cohen shared the relevance and meaning of eating matzah during Passover, a Food of Faith and Freedom, like a vitamin for faith. Kaila Sasonkin shared stories and anecdotes from the Revolutionary Lubavitcher Rebbe.

The cherry on the sundae was a fascinating presentation “Personal Freedom” by Dr. Moshe Torem, MD. Participant learned new coping skills through vivid, real life examples. The women were very interested and engaged in the discussion.

All participants received handmade Shmura Matzah. The event concluded with a sweet dessert buffet around the table. This gathering was in honor of the birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Thanks to all participants, volunteers, and helpers that made this gathering possible.

“ I love LLL experiences—the attention to every detail in the program, the great food and the beautiful company. Being the critical thinker that I am, I am not always quick to embrace new ideas. Yet with LLL there is always a takeaway that sticks with me and enriches my life in some important ways. “Personal Freedom Today” with Dr. Moshe Torem delivered the “goods.” He helped us see how thought patterns that we may have taken for granted can constrain us and limit our ability to make the best out of life. Great take on the holiday meaning of freedom. Thank you, Mazal, for putting this pre-Passover program together for our community! ”

- NURIT KOHL



Program grants for Jewish women

Deadline is June 6



Jewish Women's
Endowment

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

Approximately \$6350 is available this year. Interested applicants seeking grant support are invited to submit an application by the deadline of **Monday, June 6, 2016 at 5 pm.**

For an application or more information, contact Greta Foster, Endowment Director, at 330-835-0004 or greta_foster@jewishakron.org.

Cantor has kids singing along on Shabbat

Walk into the lobby of the Shaw JCC on a Friday afternoon around 3:45 or so, and you may be greeted by a chorus of preschoolers. That's because they are singing along with Cantor Kathy Fromson, who

visits the Thom and Lisa Mandel Early Childhood Education Center at the Shaw JCC each Friday.

"The children have instantly fallen in love with Kathy and are very excited to see her," says

Kim Garra, director of the Thom and Lisa Mandel Early Childhood Education Center at the Shaw JCC.

"They know her as Cantor Kathy and they participate in all of the songs," adds

Michael Neumann, executive director of the Shaw JCC.

"She not only sings songs that the children are already familiar with but also has taught them several new songs," says Garra. "As we have celebrated holidays the past few weeks, Kathy has helped reinforce the stories the children are learning in their classrooms through song."

"It provides sense of community on Shabbat within our own ECE family (children and teachers), as well as engaging families as they come into the building to pick up their children," explains Garra.

"It allows our families to hear the Jewish music that their children sing



Cantor Kathy Fromson leads an interactive sing-along with preschoolers at the Shaw JCC.

during the week and have a front row seat to all that we do to instill Jewish values and traditions in our program."

"This wonderful music program contributes to the mission of both ECE and the Shaw JCC and to the growth of our children," says Neumann.



Children at the Thom and Lisa Mandel Early Childhood Education Center at the Shaw JCC sing along with Cantor Kathy on Friday afternoons, when she visits them.

Purim at ECE



Shaw JCC launches 5K at the J

On Sunday, May 29, the Shaw JCC will host its inaugural 5K for the J race.

Sunday, May 29

8:00-10:00 AM

Register at www.shawjcc.org/5k

T-shirt are guaranteed to participants registered before May 19.

Price change after May 21.

Packet Pickup - Thursday, May 26, 2:00-8:00pm, Shaw JCC Lobby

Race Day Pickup - beginning at 7 am at Shaw JCC Camp Pavilion

The event will consist of a 5K, a one mile, and a children's fun run. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit fitness programs for youth and adults at the J. On behalf of the community, sincere thanks to event sponsors – GOJO industries, the Leader Publications, and Rubber City Radio Group.

The J expects broad participation from runners and families, given the reputation of the Shaw JCC as a community leader in wellness and family programming. Runners will enjoy a flat, fast course that loops around the vicinity of the JCC. The race is family-, stroller-, and walker-friendly and includes a post-event snack and a tee shirt.

Dawn Nabors, 5K at the J event chair, expressed: "It is a pleasure to witness the growing commitment to health and

wellness in our community. The foods we choose to put in our bodies, the way we exercise and the way we enjoy our families translate into a happier, healthier community. I encourage everyone to join us for this fun community event—running, walking or wheeling. The Shaw JCC is a diverse fitness community with beautiful rustic grounds. All proceeds from this event will be donated to support fitness programs for youth and adults."

Sponsorship opportunities available. Please contact Laura Roberts at 330-835-0052.

#1 Table-Tennis player in Ohio selects JCC for Academy

Samson Dubina, #1 Table-Tennis player in Ohio for 15 consecutive years and Founder of the Table Tennis Academy, selects the Shaw JCC of Akron as his prime location, making the Table Tennis Academy at the Shaw JCC the largest table tennis club in Ohio.

After a successful beta launch in April, the Shaw JCC of Akron and Samson Dubina have agreed to offer the Table Tennis Academy classes and league practice for children, youth, and adults.

“The Shaw JCC’s reputation for excellence in sports and family programming, as well as its engaged membership base and robust facility, has made it a natural partner for the Table Tennis Academy,” says Coach Dubina. “I look forward to continue promoting and developing table tennis as a leading sport in Ohio from our new base, here at the Shaw JCC of Akron.”

“Samson Dubina brings true passion for the sport and for coaching, coupled with superb professionalism and very impressive track record,” says Michael Neumann, Executive Director of the Shaw JCC. “It is with great pleasure that we’ll be offering the Table Tennis Academy classes to the our members and the community as a whole.”

“Table tennis is rapidly growing here in Ohio,” adds Neumann. “With twelve table tennis clubs in northeast Ohio, I am proud that the largest table tennis club in Ohio is right here at the Shaw JCC, with 16 tables and 98 players”

Summer Theater Opportunities

ANNIE, GET YOUR GUN AT OHIO LIGHT OPERA

Thursday, June 23 • 2:00 pm matinee • leave JCC at 10:45 am

We are traveling to Wooster to see musical *Annie, Get Your Gun*. Written 1946, Irving Berlin wrote the lyrics and music to a humorous, homespun tale of a battle of the sexes—of American folk hero Annie Oakley. Naïve has they come, but a whiz with a rifle, Annie wins a job with Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show and falls hard for its handsome shooting star, Frank Butler.

Ticket and bus cost - \$59.50 (member) \$69.50 (guest)
Reservation deadline - Friday, May 13

Depart Shaw JCC parking lot at 10:45 am for lunch prior to show at TJ’s.
(Lunch prior to show is not included in the price)

FREE TICKETS AT PORTHOUSE THEATER

Once again this summer Porthouse Theater is offering community groups 20 tickets to each show. All shows will be on Thursday evenings starting at 8:00 pm. Shows are June 16—Sister Act; July 7—Ring of Fire; and July 28—Footloose.

The Shaw JCC will not be offering bus service. To reserve your ticket please call either Henry Zuchengo at 330-867-7850 or Myra Feinberg at 330-835-0056. Limit 2 tickets per person. Tickets will be held on a first come first serve basis.

Adult Programs at the JCC

Bridge

MONDAYS ONGOING 11:00 AM–2:00 PM

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

Retired Men’s Group

TUESDAYS 2ND & 4TH TUES. 9:30–11:30 AM

Join the Men’s Group for open discussion on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. No RSVP needed.

Mah Jongg

THURSDAYS ONGOING 1:00–4:00 PM

Join us for Mah Jongg. All players welcomed! No instruction is provided. Open to all. No RSVP needed.

Lunch Bunch

TUESDAY 2ND TUESDAYS 11:30 AM

MAY 10 Cracker Barrel in Montrose

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

Be’Tay Avon Café

TUESDAY 3RD TUESDAYS 11:30 AM

MAY 17 Surprise program

Join the fun, fellowship and conversation at the once-a-month Old-Style Jewish Deli. RSVP to Myra.

Movie at the J

WEDNESDAY 3RD TUESDAYS 12:30 PM

MAY 18 *The Intern*

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

Restaurant Review

THURSDAY 4TH THURSDAYS 5:30 PM

MAY 26 Fa-Rays in Barberton

It’s dinner time! Enjoy food and conversation with us. RSVP to Myra.

B'nai Mitzvah

Yehudit Chana Cohen



With deep gratitude to G-d, Yehudit Chana (aka Yudi) Cohen will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah with family and friends on Sunday, June 26, at Revere Road Synagogue. Yudi's Bat Mitzvah project is to help a local mother with her twin daughters every Shabbat afternoon. Yudi is in fifth grade at Hebrew Academy in Cleveland.

Yudi loves nature and animals, including visits to the zoo. Her favorite hobbies include making videos, playing Minecraft, painting and coloring. She loves spending time with her friends. Yudi is fluent in Hebrew and always looks forward to the mitzvah of lighting Shabbat and holiday candles. She has traveled to Israel many times, where she enjoys the beach, touring Jerusalem, and meeting and visiting with her mom's family. One of the highlights in Israel is spending time with her nine aunts and uncles, Savtah, and over forty cousins.



Sonya Pidhorodeckyj

Sonya Pidhorodeckyj will become a Bat Mitzvah Saturday evening, May 14, at Temple Israel. Sonya is the daughter of Dr. Nykolai and Melissa Pidhorodeckyj and sister of Andrew. She is the granddaughter of Diane Singer and the late Stanley Berger and the late Nykolai and Wasylina Pidhorodeckyj. Sonya is in the 7th grade at Revere Middle School where she is involved in cheerleading and Rachel's Challenge. She is a competitive fencer and enjoys gymnastics and watching basketball and football. For her mitzvah project, Sonya is volunteering at Buddy Up Tennis.



Brooke Smith

Brooke Talia Smith will become a Bat Mitzvah on Sunday, May 29, at Revere Road Synagogue. Brooke is the daughter of AJ and Stacy Smith and sister of Derek, David, and Lauren. She is the granddaughter of Leonard Saltzer of Cleveland. Brooke is in the 6th grade at Revere Middle School. She enjoys golf, dance, and pottery. For her mitzvah project, Brooke is lighting Shabbat candles and volunteering her time at shul to help further Jewish education.



Audrey York

Audrey Elayna York will become a Bat Mitzvah on May 14 at Beth El. She is the daughter of John and Stephanie York. She is the granddaughter of Judy & Joe Erlichman of Cleveland, Carla & Ken Zimmerman of Cortland, and Bob York of Brookfield, and the great-granddaughter of Esther Greene of Cleveland. Audrey is a student at the Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts. In her spare time, she enjoys art and playing catcher for her softball team. For her tzedakah project, Audrey has been involved in many smaller projects. One of which was documenting with photos the re-dedication of Sherbondy Hill Cemetery in April.



Jonah Zurn

Jonah Zurn will become a Bar Mitzvah Saturday morning, May 28, at Temple Israel. Jonah is the son of Peter and Julie Zurn and brother of Maggie Zurn. He is the grandson of Irving and Wally Kaplan, Mary Zurn, and the late Donald Zurn and Margaret Chandler. Jonah is in 7th grade at The Lippman School where he is involved in many activities. For his mitzvah project, Jonah was inspired by his love of reading and Temple Israel's commitment to become a host congregation for Family Promise. He has chartered a Little Free Library on the grounds of Temple Israel that will be accessible to the community and to Family Promise

families when they stay at Temple Israel. Little Free Libraries offer free books housed in small containers to members of the local community. Jonah has collected hundreds of books for use in his Little Free Library.

MIGDAL WEDDING

Corey Migdal married Jessica Berg on March 24 in Caesarea, Israel. Corey is the son of Keith and Ellen Migdal of Akron and Jessica is the daughter of Neil and JoAnn Berg of Chicago. The couple resides in Israel.

IN MEMORIAM: GUS GOLDSTEIN

Gustave Leon Goldstein died peacefully on March 31 in his home in Coral Springs, Fla. surrounded by his loving family. He was 99.

Gus was born in Rochester, Pa. on March 30, 1917. Raised by a community of family, he moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio and attended Cuyahoga Falls High School where he competed on the wrestling team. He joined the military and served as a Navy Corpsman attached to the Marine divisions in Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal.

After his service, he was employed by Superior Brand Meats until his retirement at the age of 70. Gus was an active member of Beth El Congregation throughout his years in Akron. He loved his garden and could still be seen riding his bike well into his 90s. He will always be remembered for his generosity, welcoming demeanor and an ultra-firm handshake.

Gus was a devoted husband to his wife, Sophie (of blessed memory) and is survived by four loving children, Debbie Hibshman (Randy) of Coral Springs, Fla., Mark Goldstein (Jodi — of blessed memory) of Akron, Ohio, Steve Goldstein (Laura Heisler) of Madison, Wis. and Barry Goldstein of Longmont, Colo. He will be remembered as a loving grandparent by his nine grandchildren, Laura O'Neill (Matt) and Danny Hibshman (Florida), Sarah, Andrew and Carrie Goldstein (Ohio), River Heisler and Seth Goldstein (Wisconsin) and Sam and Scott Goldstein (Colorado). He also leaves two great-grandchildren, Tucker and Teagan O'Neill (Florida).

Gus Goldstein was buried at Rose Hill Burial Park on April 3. Donations can be made in his memory to Beth El or the Jewish National Fund.

Irving Sands, z'l

The Sands family invites friends to join them in a celebration of Irving's life on May 14, 3-6 p.m. at the home of David & Kathy Sands, 234 Brookrun Drive, Copley, Ohio 44321. 330-697-7838.

Schneider Brant is a Woman of the Year

Akron native Deborah Schneider Brant was named one of the Cincinnati Enquirer's Women of the Year.

Brant was on the National Young Leadership Board of the Jewish Federations of North America and is a Wexner Heritage Fellow. She was president of the Mayerson JCC for three years and also serves on the executive committee of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati. Brant volunteers her fundraising skills for other organizations, such as on the board and executive committee of Most Valuable Kids of Greater Cincinnati (MVP). The organization rewards underprivileged children with otherwise unused, donated tickets for area cultural and sporting events.

While she now resides in Cincinnati with her husband Joel and their daughters Samantha and Nora, Brant was born and raised in Akron.

She was very involved at Beth El with Kadima and USY. She was a member of the Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet and spent several summers studying ballet while in a high school. Brant graduated from Brandeis University.

She is the daughter of Alice and Ed Schneider of Akron and the granddaughter of the late Rose and Nathan Pinsky.

Merklin named one of '10 for Tomorrow'



Laura Merklin, pictured in Akron Life magazine.

Laura Merklin was featured in Akron Life magazine's "10 for Tomorrow" article, highlighting ten young professionals in the area.

With a Masters in social work, Merklin works for Caring for Kids, Inc., as a Wendy's Wonderful Kids recruiter. She helps those about to age out of foster care find forever families. She was a member of Torchbearers class of 2016; the Akron organization is a bridge between established leadership of the community and leaders of the future.

Merklin returned to Akron, after working in Pennsylvania for four years but missing her family. She is the daughter of Sharon and Marc Merklin.

Auburn Seminary honors Mamie Kanfer Stewart

The Auburn Seminary, a national, multi-faith leadership development center, recognized Mamie Kanfer Stewart with a "Lives of Commitment" award at its 20th Anniversary Awards Benefit Breakfast in New York City on April 20.

Each year, The Auburn Seminary celebrates and supports bold women leaders who make it their life's work to bridge divides, pursue justice, and heal the world.

Stewart was honored for her dedication and strategic contributions to organizations such as Bend the Arc: A Jewish Partnership for Justice, Luria Academy of Brooklyn, and Interfaith Family.

Stewart, who is the Founder and CEO of Meeteor, an early stage venture developing software that enables teams to have more effective meetings, previously served as Director of WOWV, where she consulted with non-profit organizations on staffing and strategic planning. In addition, she is a Director of two family foundations for the Kanfer family—the Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation, and the Lippman Kanfer Foundation for Living Torah.

Stewart is the daughter of Akron area philanthropists, GOJO CEO Joe Kanfer, and his wife Pam. She currently resides in Brooklyn, NY, with her husband, Justin, and two young daughters.



MAMIE KANFER STEWART

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