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Jewish Community  
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ANNUAL CAMPAIGN



Through the strength of individuals,  
our community can collectively have a  
powerful impact on people's lives.

## Campaign offers lifeline in time of crisis

**DAVID KOCH**

CEO, JEWISH COMMUNITY BOARD OF AKRON

The current wave of “lone wolf” terrorist attacks in Israel brings into sharp focus just how complicated and dangerous a neighborhood our Israeli sisters and brothers live in. A third intifada? Who knows?

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families, and we stand in support.

In the US, “lone wolves” have also attacked US Jewish institutions and other non-Jewish targets, and these are the most difficult kind of attacks to predict and prevent.

As the JCBA enters its 2016 Annual Campaign, I reflect on some of the reasons why we, as Jews in Akron, continue to allocate a portion of every dollar raised to support programs for at-risk Jews wherever in the world they may live.

Beyond security issues, the “overseas” focus of Campaign has evolved over the years as needs have changed. Remember Project Renewal (Kiryat Ekron), Soviet Exodus, Ethiopian Operation Moses and Operation Solomon? Those charitable efforts stand out among the proud and defining moments in the evolution of modern Jewish history. This rich history shows measurable and visible success, and each milestone along the way was driven by your Campaign dollars.

To paraphrase Rabbi Tarfon: It is not our duty to complete the work, but neither are we excused from it. So, times change; overseas as well as local needs change, and not every Campaign is a crisis. But our job still isn't finished.

I hope that you invest generously in the 2016 Annual Campaign and encourage your friends and family to join you. Thank you.

**39%** Advances Jewish education in Akron



Providing Jewish education to 240 kids through the Lisa & Thom Mandel Early Childhood Education Center at the Shaw JCC and The Lippman School

**24%** Connects us to Israel & Jews around the world



Bringing Israeli culture to Akron with the Israeli Shlichim program



Supporting Jews in need around the world

## Your Annual Campaign Dollars at Work

**16%** Invests in community building



Sponsoring community celebrations that bring us together



Informing our community with the free Akron Jewish News

**15%** Supports our Jewish seniors in Akron



Keeping Jewish seniors socially engaged through programs at the Shaw JCC



Providing social services to local Jewish seniors in need

**6%** Engages our young Jewish adults



Linking Jewish young adults to the community and each other



Supporting Jewish experiences for Jewish students at area colleges

Whether it's helping children learn about their Jewish heritage in Akron, or assisting an elderly Jewish couple in the Ukraine with food and emergency housing, our community can collectively have a powerful impact on people's lives. Please support the 2016 annual campaign so that together, our community can make an impact on Jewish lives at home and abroad.

**Pledge securely online at [www.jewishakron.org](http://www.jewishakron.org) or by calling 330-835-0005.**



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# Community Event Calendar

Select events from the Community Calendar at [www.jewishakron.org](http://www.jewishakron.org). For a full calendar listing, visit our website.

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## ECE Messy Night

6:00PM - 7:30PM

Shaw JCC Akron

*Early Childhood Education students and their families are invited to the MESSIEST night of the year!*

**NOV  
7**

## Combined Sunday School Havdalah Program

6:30PM - 8:30PM

Shaw JCC Campsite  
750 White Pond Drive

*All three congregations combine for a havdalah candle-making program for families and Sunday School kids.*

**NOV  
9**

## Community Kristallnacht program

7:00PM - 9:00PM

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

*Program includes the film 50 Children: The Rescue Mission of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus*

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15**

## Spaghetti Dinner

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Anshe Sfarad  
646 N. Revere Rd.

*Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Anshe Sfarad*

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17**

## Be'Tay Avon Cafe

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Shaw JCC of Akron

*Program presented with NA'AMAT: How to prevent identity theft, presented by Arvin Clar.*

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13**

## LLL-Reaching the Soul through Music and Art

11:30AM - 1:30PM

at the home of Eileen Schonfeld

*LLL women's event.  
Call for details 330-867-7292*

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21**

## Synaplex Shabbat

9:00AM - 2:00PM

Beth El Congregation

*What Judaism has to say about feeding the hungry*

**NOV  
22**

## Annual Breakfast Raffle

10:00AM - 12:00PM

Anshe Sfarad  
646 N. Revere Rd.

*You have the chance to win the Grand Prize of \$3000, while supporting the synagogue.*

**NOV  
22**

## Beth El Speaker-Rabbi Reuven Hammer

6:00PM - 10:00PM

Beth El Congregation

*Rabbi, author, and a founder of Israel's Masorti (conservative) movement*

JFS & CHERYL CARTER BETH EL UNIVERSITY

# Veterans Day Event

**SUNDAY, NOV. 8**

This year's Veterans Day program and breakfast will be Nov. 8, on the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life, 750 White Pond Drive. Cheryl Carter Beth El University and Jewish Family Service are co-sponsoring the event, which starts at 8:30 am with a service. There is a \$10 donation per person requested, and, as always, veterans are free!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015 • 6:30 PM



Please join us at the Annual Campus Gala benefiting the Shaw JCC, the Lippman School, and Jewish Family Service.

Tickets after Nov. 1 are \$150. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [jewishakron.org/gala](http://jewishakron.org/gala) or call 330-835-0025.



## Akron Legacy & Endowment Fund

GRETA FOSTER, Endowment Director

# A rose by any other: What's in a name (change)?

Institutional name changes have been in the news lately—and no, I don't mean the renaming of the University of Akron as The University of Akron: Ohio's Polytechnic University. I'm referring instead to re-namings as impacted by “the rarefied world of multi-million dollar [charitable] gift-giving,” according to a *New York Times* article on October 7.

Titled “20 Million Reasons to Rename College, Rejected,” the front page article in the *Times* profiled Paul Smith's College, which was established by a bequest in 1937. Under the terms of that bequest, Paul Smith's College was “ever to be known” by that name.

Today, the small school is struggling. Enter philanthropist Joan Weil, who owns a home near Paul Smith's College's remote Adirondack Park campus. Weil has offered Paul Smith's College a desperately needed “life line” of \$20 million. But to accept, the school would have to “undo the century-old naming restriction” and rename the institution Joan Weil-Paul Smith's College.

The proposed name change has provoked “vitriolic debate” within the college community. “The name means a lot to people who come here,” said a senior who collected hundreds of signatures from students opposed to the change. Alumni opposition to the name change has been even stronger, with scores of posts and public comments charging that the name change “undermined the college's integrity.” (Doesn't this all sound uncannily familiar?) But without the gift, college officials said, Paul Smith's College would be “nearly fatally impede[d]” from remaining viable.

So is an institution bound forever by restrictions that underlie charitable gifts? The college went to court to find out, resulting in one of the very few judicial decisions ever to be issued on this question. And the decision—that the name restriction could *not* be violated—sends a strong message to other institutions that restrictions like perpetual naming agreements will not easily be lifted.

Nor would we at the Jewish Community Board of Akron want it otherwise. If we accept a restricted gift, it is our job to comply with both its letter and its spirit, no matter how large the gift (e.g. the \$10 million we received to “name” the Albert L. and Janet A. Schultz Campus for Jewish Life) or how small. You need to understand that: When you make a gift conditioned on certain restrictions, *we are bound*. And that is not just our legal duty—it is our privilege.

*For more information on how you can make a gift—restricted or otherwise—that can help keep our community viable, contact Greta Foster, Endowment Director, at 330-835-0004/Greta\_Foster@jewishakron.org*

## 2016 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

# From strength to strength

**MIKE SEGAL**  
CAMPAIGN CHAIR

I want to thank the individuals who have already made their 2016 commitments to the Annual Campaign. By the time this article will be read, Super Sunday and the major gifts event will have been held.

Our Campaign helps the Jewish community and organizations locally, nationally, and overseas. While Akron and the Jewish community face challenges, they pale in comparison to the current anti-Semitism in Western Europe, the Jewish plight in the Crimea, and other here-and-now issues. That is why our Annual Campaign funds are allocated to both Akron's Jewish organizations and programming and also to national and international crises.

I implore you to step up to the plate and strengthen our Akron Jewish community—both financially and by volunteering your time and talents to the Jewish institutions that are important to you.

From my family to yours, building our second century together will strengthen the Akron Jewish community.

**Pledge now by making a secure pledge via [jewishakron.org](http://jewishakron.org), by calling 330-869-2424, or mailing a check to JCBA, 750 White Pond Dr., Akron, OH 44320.**



## *Time is running out...*

**to think about year-end tax and gift planning strategies. Maximize the benefits for you and the Jewish community; call Greta Foster at 330-835-0004 to discuss options.**



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## WHY AKRON?

The Akron Jewish community has welcomed many families and individuals through its Community Concierge program. In this ongoing section of AJN, we'll get to know new members of our community and why and how they chose to call the Akron Jewish community home.



The Reyes-Leff family moved here from Mexico City this year. Shauna Leff returned to the Akron Jewish community after living outside Ohio for 20 years.

New York, San Francisco, Mexico...Akron.

In the last two decades, that was Shauna Leff's residential trajectory. Now, she is back home. "I left Akron for college, and 20 years later it's my mom's dream come true!" she says.

"It actually wasn't my decision; it was my husband's," Leff notes. "He wanted to be closer to my family here, and he is in the healthcare industry and felt there was more opportunities for his career."

She's very happy with the decision, though. "Coming home has been so welcoming," Leff says. "I felt like I didn't have roots elsewhere."

She met her husband Jorge Reyes while they were traveling (separately) in Thailand. For nine years, they lived in Mexico, welcoming a daughter (now 6) and son (now 2) there. But they felt a little limited by urban life in Mexico City. "We were contemplating where to move for two years," Leff explains. "We wanted [our kids] to feel free to go outdoors and play—without fear."

A year ago, Akron Jewish Community Concierge Cathy Baer reached out to the Reyes-Leff family. "It's always nice to have family help, but it was nice to have someone outside the family help, too," Leff says. "Cathy was like the homecoming committee. It helped make the decision [to come to Akron] feel right."

"As soon as we got here, we got letters of welcome from all the temples," she says. "Everyone was sending emails and cards. You're not just some number...Everyone is excited you are here to be part of the larger community." Baer has also "been vital in helping Jorge build a local professional network," Leff says.

Their son now attends the Shaw JCC Early Childhood Education program, where the family appreciates the Jewish traditions it offers. Leff likes that so many non-Jewish families also embrace the Jewish values and teachings the program instills.

The Reyes-Leff family is pleased with the quality of life Akron offers—even the weather. "We bought a rake the other day; [the kids] were so excited!" Leff shares.

## Purim Ball to be held March 12

The 61st Purim Ball is scheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2015 (the date is corrected from the date that ran in the October AJN). Our Purim Ball Tea is scheduled for Dec. 3, and is open to any Junior or Senior girl who is interested in participating in Purim Ball. Due to the decrease in the number of eligible senior girls, Auxiliary has decided to sponsor Purim Ball every other year. The first year will be 2016 so any Junior OR Senior Jewish girls are invited to participate. Please contact event co-chairs Jen Alder (330-715-1922) or Lori Bernstein (330-328-1590) for additional information.

## 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.

## AKRON JEWISH COMMUNITY CONCIERGE Cathy Baer is here to help!

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[conciierge@jewishakron.org](mailto:conciierge@jewishakron.org)

## Job Searching?

We're building relationships with Akron employers to help job seekers in our community. Check out our new Job Search page at [jewishakron.org](http://jewishakron.org)

Browse the listings and let us know if there is any way that we can support your search!

# GroundWorks DanceTheater to perform piece inspired by Violins of Hope in Akron

*Shaw JCC Members get \$3 off tickets*

GroundWorks DanceTheater will present its annual fall concert series at Akron-Summit County Library, Nov. 20 and 21, at 8 pm.

The series will feature the world premiere of Shadowbox, choreographed by David Shimotakahara and inspired by Violins of Hope.

It features new, original music by Israeli composer Oded Zehavi, current visiting artist at Cleveland Institute of Music. Commissioned by the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Israel Arts Connection, this piece is part of the Maltz Museum's Violins of Hope exhibit, now on display.

Works also include: World Premiere of Near and Far by guest choreographer Kate Weare; and Unpublished Dialogues, by Tony nominated choreographer Lynn Taylor-Corbett, based on the life of Virginia Woolf.

For tickets, visit [groundworksdance.org](http://groundworksdance.org) or call 216-751-0088. Preferred Seating is \$25, General Seating is \$20, and Children under 18 and Students are \$10 each. There is no service fee when ordering tickets directly through GroundWorks.

There is a \$3 discount for Shaw JCC members. Use the discount code VOH when ordering.



AKRON AREA  
INTERFAITH COUNCIL  
Annual Fall Forum

## Celebrating Diversity

~YOUTH SPEAK~

Thursday, Nov. 5

6:30 – 8 pm

First Congregational Church of Akron  
292 East Market St, Akron

*Bob Dyer, award-winning columnist for the Akron Beacon Journal, speaks with high school students from different faith traditions about diversity in their daily lives. Anyone in the greater Akron community, whether age 14 or 94 is sure to find this panel discussion insightful and uplifting.*

No charge. No reservations required. Light refreshments following. Everyone is welcome.

## Tickets available for Anshe Sfard's Annual Raffle Breakfast

At Anshe Sfard's Annual Raffle Breakfast, you have the chance to win the Grand Prize of \$3000, while supporting the synagogue.

The event is Sunday, November 22, at 10:30 am at Anshe Sfard/Revere Road.

Tickets are a \$150 donation and may be purchased from Art Taub, Robert Taub, Katie Gruber, Dan Sutter, Joel Stile, David Recht, Meir Ohayon, David Kloner or the shul office. (Call 330-867-7292.)

## Learn to 'Protect Yourself from Identity Theft' at Be'Tay Avon Café on Nov. 17

NA'AMAT USA and the Shaw JCC will present a program on Nov. 17, at 11:30 am, featuring Arvin Clar as speaker on "Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft." Clar, an expert on fraud and identity theft, will provide tips on how to protect yourself from this growing problem.

The luncheon, catered by Efrat, will take place at the Shaw JCC's Be'Tay Avon Café. The cost of the luncheon is at your discretion and a donation is requested. Reservations are required.

Barbara Rosenthal and Ellen Moss are co-chairs of the event. Reserve your place by contacting Barbara at [babzz100@gmail.com](mailto:babzz100@gmail.com) or 330-608-8179. or Ellen at [ellenmoss63@gmail.com](mailto:ellenmoss63@gmail.com) or 330-864-5553.

If you wish to attend only the program and not the luncheon, reservations are not necessary. The program will begin at 12:15 pm.



# Explore Power of Prayer at Annual Gathering

MAZAL COHEN & CHANA SHERI GLAUBERMAN

Think of a time in your life when you really needed something bigger than yourself to get through a difficult situation or challenge. At times when we need strength, direction, solace, help, wisdom, or when we simply wish to express gratitude, prayer is often a way to help ourselves connect with a power greater than ourselves.

At LLL's (Learn, Live, L'Chaim) 18th Annual Gathering of Jewish Mysticism in Akron on Tuesday, Dec. 1, we invite you to revisit what prayer is to you. Our gathering, held from 5:30-8:30 pm at Anshe Sfard, is open to all women and girls in the entire community. The experience will be inspiring, challenging, and enriching. We are going to discover and explore how the power of prayer can be a conduit to connect to G-d, an operating system so we do not have to do it all alone.

Our Gathering will have a candle lighting ceremony, live soulful music, a festive dinner catered by Efrat Ohayon, and Akron women's authentic stories of their own prayer. Laurie Zuckerman will provide opening remarks, and Chana Sheri Glauberman and other facilitators will lead us in a workshop exploring our personal prayer experience.

The fee is \$18. Invitations will be mailed. If you would like to receive an invitation, contribute an essay for the booklet, volunteer, or help, please contact Mazal Cohen at: [Mazalc770@gmail.com](mailto:Mazalc770@gmail.com) or any of the Planning Committee: Sheryl Aronson, Mazal Cohen, Chana Sheri Glauberman, Robyn Tobias, Nurit S. Kohl, Mimi Markis, Kaila Sasonkin, Eileen Schonfeld, and Laurie Zuckerman.

Please check our website for more information. <http://www.lll-kabbalah.org/>

Knowledge of Hebrew or background in Kabbalah not required! Thanks to The Jewish Women's Endowment Fund of the JCBA for partial funding. Sponsors are: Women's Chavurah, Anshe Sfard, Chabad of Akron, the Shaw JCC.

## Latkes 2.0 Modern Jewish Cooking

**Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7 pm**

Join Beth El for a delicious, food-filled evening with the author of *Modern Jewish Cooking* and *The Hadassah Everyday Cookbook*, Leah Koenig.

Free and open to the community, the event will be held at the Shaw JCC. Koenig will share some new twists on old favorites. Watch her spice up menu ideas just in time for Hanukkah!



Leah Koenig's work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Saveur*, *Epicurious*, *CHOW*, *BonAppetit.com*, *Modern Farmer*, *More*, *Time Out New York*, *Hemispheres*, and *Tablet*, among other publications.

**with cookbook  
author Leah Koenig**

Both of Koenig's cookbooks will be available for purchase that evening.

This event was funded by the Crowdfunding Campaign held this summer, administered by the Jewish Community Board of Akron.

## Beth El presents Rabbi Hammer, Conservative Movement leader

Rabbi Reuven Hammer will be the special guest at Beth El on Sunday, Nov. 22. At the event, which starts at 6 pm, he will discuss the subject of his newly published book, *Akiva: Life, Legend and Legacy*. His book will be available for sale that evening.

Rabbi Hammer will also speak about the present situation in Israel on behalf of the Conservative (Masorti, as it is termed in Israel) movement.

Rabbi Hammer, who was the rabbi at Beth El in Akron from 1964-68, served as the President of the International Rabbinical Assembly, the worldwide organization of Conservative Rabbis, from 2002-2004. (He is the first resident of Israel to be elected to that position).

After serving as a Chaplain in the Air Force and as a congregational rabbi for fifteen years, Rabbi Hammer and his family made aliyah to Israel in the summer of 1973. For eighteen years he headed the Israel programs of the Jewish Theological Seminary in

Jerusalem serving as Director and Dean and was the founding director of the Institute for Jewish Studies (today the Schechter Institute), the school for the training of Masorti rabbis and educators in Israel.

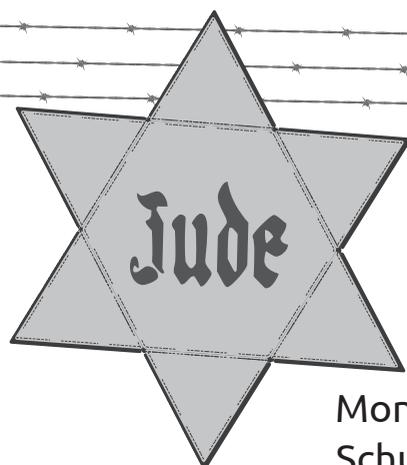
Rabbi Hammer is one of the founders of the Masorti Movement in Israel and has served in many key capacities. He was a member of its Committee on Jewish Law, the Masorti representative on the Neeman Commission of the State of Israel concerning conversion and the President of the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel. For many years he was the Head of the Rabbinical Court for Conversion, and is now the Masorti representative on the board of the Joint Institute for conversion.

A prolific writer, Rabbi Hammer's articles appear often in the Israeli press and elsewhere in both Hebrew and English. His column appears regularly in the *Jerusalem Post*. Two of his books, *Sifre, A Taanaitic Commentary on Deuteronomy* and *Entering the High Holy Days*, were

awarded the National Jewish Book Council prize as the best book of scholarship for the year.

In 2003 he was listed as one of the 50 most important leaders of Jewry by the Forward and was awarded the Simon Greenberg Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Rabbinate by the Zeigler Rabbinical School of the University of Judaism. Rabbi Hammer and his wife, Rahel, a Judaica artist, live in Jerusalem. They have five children, sixteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The program is being sponsored by the "Bill and Trudy Loeb Lectureship." The Loebes, who both passed away in recent years, were longtime members of the congregation. For many years you could see them together at services on Shabbat and the holidays and they attended every program the congregation held. When they passed away they left a generous bequest to Beth El that is being used to bring in speakers such as Rabbi Hammer.



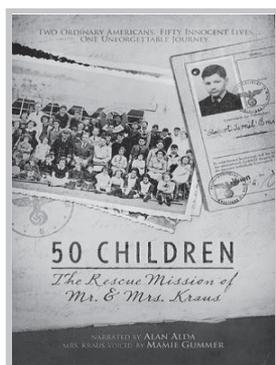
# Kristallnacht

## "Night of Broken Glass"

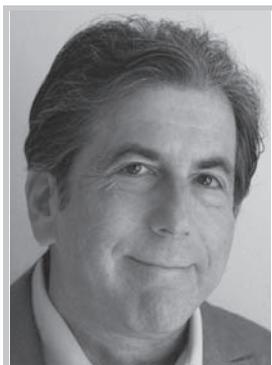
Monday, November 9, 2015, 7:00 pm  
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

**Free and open to the Public!**

RSVP to [myra\\_feinberg@shawjcc.org](mailto:myra_feinberg@shawjcc.org)



Movie Cover



Steven Pressman

### Join us

for the viewing of the movie  
***50 Children: The Rescue Mission of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus.***  
Steven Pressman, the creator of the movie, will be our guest.  
His book will be offered for sale.

**Come and learn about the connection to Akron!**

Funded in part by the Rose & Lawrence Schwartz Holocaust Education Fund with ALEF,  
the Akron Legacy & Endowment Fund, Jewish Community Board of Akron



### Do Not Stand Idly By!

#### SPECIAL TZEDAKAH COLLECTION

This special Tzedakah box, which commemorates Kristallnacht, will be in the Shaw JCC lobby through December, collecting donations for Family Promise of Summit County helps homeless families with children stay together and achieve sustainable independence.

Put money in Tzedakah box in Shaw JCC lobby or make check payable to JCBA, (Family Promise on memo line), 750 White Pond Dr., Akron 44320.



## Akronite's mother one of the *50 Children*; hear her words about Kristallnacht

The evening will begin with a reflection of what happened on the night of November 9-10, 1938 through the words of former Akron resident Inge Braunwasser Steinberger (z"l), then an eight-year old resident of Vienna, Austria. Inge was one of the 50 children who were brought to this country by Mr. and Mrs. Kraus. Her words will be shared through brief introductory presentation by her son Dr. Sidney Steinberger.

On the night of November 9, 1938 and into the next day, forces of the Nazi Third Reich went on a rampage of destruction against Jews and Jewish communities all over Germany and Austria. 7,500 Jewish businesses, 276 synagogues, 14 Jewish community centers, cemeteries and countless Jewish homes were destroyed all over Germany and Austria. At least 91 Jews were killed and hundreds maimed. 30,000 Jewish men were dragged to concentration camps.

Within days after the pogrom, Jews were ordered to pay one billion marks to pay for the destruction, which further burdened them. Kristallnacht was a turning point in history. The pogroms marked an intensification of Nazi anti-Jewish policy that had begun in 1933 that would culminate in the Holocaust—the systematic, attempt to annihilate all European Jews.

# Schultz Campus Teen Leadership Team

*"Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."* -MARGARET MEAD

On Oct. 11, the Schultz Campus Teen Leadership program held its first activity for the year. At the beautiful Camp Manatoc, we had a bonfire to welcome our friends from the Northern Cheyenne nation, who flew in from Montana, and our "not-so-new" shlichim, Mayana Branigan and Shay Goldenberg. The fantastic evening included fun activities for both the Akron and Cheyenne teens. We concluded with a delicious dinner and interesting conversation.

This year Jewish teens in Akron, between the ages of 15-18 are invited to take part on a unique team, which will be meeting once or twice a month. In these meetings we will learn together how to become better leaders, how to improve our communication and teamwork skills and how to bring Jewish values into our everyday life.

Please contact Mayana and Shay if you have teens at these ages or if you are a teen who is interested in joining the team! Email [Shlichim@jewishakron.org](mailto:Shlichim@jewishakron.org), 234-207-0572 (Mayana), or 330-316-5699 (Shay).



ABOVE: Participants at the first Schultz Campus Teen Leadership program event of the year.

RIGHT: Shay Goldenberg, one of the shlichim and team leaders

JOIN US!



ON VIEW NOW

## VIOLINS *of* HOPE

19 instruments that survived the Holocaust speak for those who perished.

Be moved by their stories.

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JAN. 3

#VIOLINSCLC FEATURED EVENT

Sun., Dec. 6, 3pm

**SONGS OF RESISTANCE: THE IMANI TEMPLE MINISTRIES CHOIR**

\$6 general

Seating is limited. Call 216.593.0575 or visit [maltzmuseum.org](http://maltzmuseum.org) to purchase tickets.

Join us for an uplifting acapella concert that includes a special section featuring a Violin of Hope. Admission to the exhibition is included. Presented in partnership with The Imani Temple Ministries and the Anti-Defamation League.



**MALTZ MUSEUM  
OF JEWISH HERITAGE**  
The Museum of Diversity & Tolerance

2929 Richmond Rd, Beachwood | 216.593.0575 | [maltzmuseum.org](http://maltzmuseum.org)

This exhibition is part of **Violins of Hope Cleveland**, a community-wide collaboration of The Cleveland Orchestra, Case Western Reserve University, the Cleveland Institute of Music, Facing History and Ourselves, ideastream, the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. For more info, visit [violinsofhopecle.org](http://violinsofhopecle.org).

Through The Lippman School's ongoing cultural exchange program with the Northern Cheyenne Nation in Montana, tribal members visited Akron in October.

RIGHT: Making traditional Jewish challah and Northern Cheyenne fry bread.

FAR RIGHT AND BELOW: The visit culminated in a community bonfire and drum circle at Firestone Metro Park in Akron. Northern Cheyenne dancers in traditional dress demonstrated ceremonial dance steps, and community members were invited to join in during what they called "inter-tribal" dancing around the fire.



# ACROSS CULTURES



LEFT: Students learned how the Northern Cheyenne lived hundreds of years ago. Adult chaperones cut down trees and then showed students how to remove the bark.

ABOVE RIGHT: Then, students built a tipi on the Schultz Campus grounds.

RIGHT: Sculptor and member of the Onondaga tribe Peter Jones (near one of the huge bronze sculptures he created to mark the Portage Path in Akron) conducted sculpture workshops for students and presented to the community.





Shlichim Shay and Mayana with the "Rubber City Menchies," during their first program in October, held at Szalay's Farm.

## Rubber City Menchies open to all Jewish middle schoolers

All Jewish 6th-8th graders are invited to participate in a collaborative program, through Anshe Sfar, Beth El and Temple Israel. The program encourages meaningful connections and social action. Sessions will take place all over the Akron area.

Rubber City Menchies runs on Sundays (Nov. 8, Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 13 and April 10) from 10 am-12 pm. The cost is \$36 for the series.

For more information or to sign up, please contact [kailasonkin@gmail.com](mailto:kailasonkin@gmail.com), [erinkatz125@gmail.com](mailto:erinkatz125@gmail.com), or [leah.levinstein@templeisraelakron.org](mailto:leah.levinstein@templeisraelakron.org).

## Shabbat in a Round

This program at Anshe Sfar for families with young families experiences Shabbat through food, fun, friends & prayer. Open to all. The evening is 6:00-7:30 pm on the following dates: Nov. 13, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 4, April 1, May 6, and June 3. RSVP to Becca Sacks at [beccasacks@me.com](mailto:beccasacks@me.com).

*Sponsored by the Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation.*

## TEMPLE BETH SHALOM PRESENTS SHABBAT 101

Join the congregation at Temple Beth Shalom for Shabbat 101, a four-part series of Friday evening experiences offering pathways to understanding Shabbat ritual and celebration.

Shabbat 101 programs run on the following Fridays, starting at 6 pm with dinner and the program, followed by a 7:45 pm service and an Oneg Shabbat reception.

- November 20, 2015 -- Theatre of Shabbat: a Service in Four Acts
- December 18, 2015 -- Learning the Ropes of Shabbat Ritual
- January 29, 2016 -- Shabbat Rocks! Creative Prayer and Torah with guest artist Naomi Less

The cost for dinner is \$5 per person or \$18 per family. Space is limited for dinner, and reservations are required at <http://www.tbshudson.org/duesfeesdonations>. Worship services are always free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Stefani Carlson at [education@tbshudson.org](mailto:education@tbshudson.org) or 330-752-3349. Temple Beth Shalom gratefully acknowledges the Retreat Institute (RI) of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland (JECC), for financial and programmatic assistance. The RI of the JECC is supported by the Fund for the Jewish Future of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

Through a collaboration between our three area congregations, we open this creative and fun learning opportunity to all Jewish children and their families. Each child will make their own havdalah candle and spice packet to take home.

## Family Havdalah Candle Factory

Saturday, November 7  
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Shaw JCC Campsite  
750 White Pond Drive 44320

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# FROM THE SHLICHIM

MAYANA & SHAY  
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## Thoughts of home, away from home

*“My heart is in the East and I am at the Edge of the West.” -RABBI JUDAH HALEVI*

It's not easy being away from home. Anyone who has been away from their home can relate to this feeling.

As I am writing this article, Israel is facing rough and painful days. For the last couple of weeks there has been an escalation of civilian terror in Israel, and what is most shocking is that the people who are committing the terror acts are not members of terror organizations, but ordinary people who decided to try and kill Israeli police officers, soldiers or civilians.

Our family and friends are always in our thoughts, and on days like these they are in our thoughts even more. I know that if I was in Israel right now, I would probably be called to the military for reserve service. When we're here at our “Shlichut,” our most important role is to share our feelings, thoughts and concerns with others. It's also our job to encourage all of you to explore and find out about what is going on in Israel, both at good times but also in difficult times.

Mayana and I both hope that the trouble in recent days will pass, and that the people in Israel can maintain their daily routine with no threats of danger or pain.

Israel is such a beautiful country—full of amazing people, exciting places to visit, and a rich history and culture. We know that everyone of you who has visited Israel feels the same.

### Bringing Israel to Akron

We've been here in Akron for two months already and we can't believe how fast time flies! We're getting to know everyone and already started working with several groups of different ages and bringing Israel into the Akron community.

The high holidays were absolutely incredible. For me, as an Israeli who didn't observe very much of the Jewish traditions back in Israel, being a part of the beautiful community here was such a thrill. I enjoyed the services, the conversations with everyone, and the Jewish meals with the amazing Jewish families that we visited. Now, I definitely need to lose some extra “Jewish” pounds!

Mayana and I are excited to invite you to our Shlichim programs this year. We'll be learning together about the challenges that Israel is going through. At our first program in November, we will be talking about Building Bridges.

Especially at times like this, Mayana and I feel that it is so important that you hear about the efforts of building bridges. Both on a domestic and global level. We will learn about building bridges between Israelis and Arab-Israelis, and learn about the Isra-Aid organization that personifies the willingness of Israel to contribute to any crisis in order to save human lives. That's what it means to be Jewish, and that's what Israel is and should be – in our eyes.

See you at our programs!

Nov. 3 at 7 pm

## BUILDING BRIDGES

Program about building relationships between Israelis and Israeli Arabs. Join us at the Schultz Campus; we'll watch the film *Barriers* and discuss the topic. FREE.



## L'CHAIM COOKING CLUB

*Bringing recipes of the Holocaust to Life*

Join us the 4th Monday of the month, 6-8 pm

By cooking and eating the treasured family recipes of Jewish women in the Holocaust, we will remember them and bring their recipes and memories to life. With a monthly cooking club, participants will select recipes from cookbooks such as, *In Memory's Kitchen: A Legacy from the Women of Terezin* and *Recipes Remembered: A Celebration of Survival*, and cook them in a community setting. Each month, we will highlight the stories of different women in the Holocaust. The cost to participate in each cooking club meeting will be \$5 per person.

All are welcome! A collaborative effort between Beth El Sisterhood and Temple Israel Sisterhood.

Visit [lchaimcookingclub.com](http://lchaimcookingclub.com) to learn more, email [leoracohen@gmail.com](mailto:leoracohen@gmail.com), or call 330-671-0610.

# A Tree of Life with Akron Roots

## BONNIE COHEN

FOR THE AKRON JEWISH NEWS

As our 40th anniversary approached, [my husband] Randy and I took out our wedding album to reminisce. I still marvel at how beautiful that day was in my backyard, as we walked down the aisle of beautiful linden trees my mom had planted when I was seven. Rabbi Feffer, of blessed memory, officiated that day, and I still remember his kind and thoughtful words.

So what a surprise it was to receive an email from Rabbi Feffer's daughter Miriam, who is now Endowment Development Director of Washington Hebrew Congregation, the second-largest Reform congregation in the country and the oldest and largest synagogue in our nation's capital.

Miriam wrote "a colleague coincidentally just emailed me a link to Beth El...and to your work! I'm reminded almost every day of how many roads lead to Akron." When Miriam saw the photo of the Beth El "Wall of Blessings" she recognized most of the family names, and immediately offered to contact me about working on a project to honor the donors of the congregation's Tikkun Olam Values (TOV) Fund and the Charles S. Bresler TOV Center, a hub for the community's social justice projects.

After WHC conducted a thorough review of several other artists for the project, I was delighted to be chosen to create the design. I worked with Miriam, Naomi Abelson (Tov Fund Director), and Rabbi

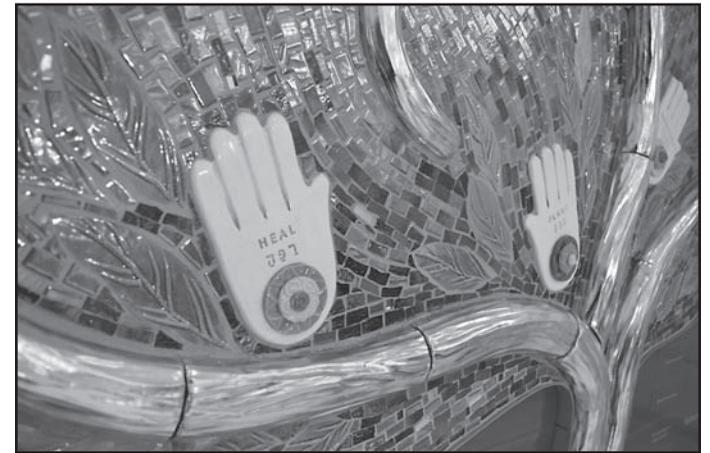
M. Bruce Lustig, (the Senior Rabbi and founder of the Tov Fund). For over 25 years, social action has been a driving passion of Rabbi Lustig's, and the congregation has a distinguished history from the Civil War period, during which congregants wrapped bandages for soldiers, to today's efforts to address poverty, hunger, homelessness, bigotry, and injustice.

Working with Miriam, I came to know her as the super-competent professional (as well as wife and mom to a daughter just starting kindergarten at Jewish Primary Day School) that she is today. But I still remember her as an adorable seven-year old skipping down the aisle at Beth El!

Miriam noted that there are members of Washington Hebrew originally from each of Akron's synagogues, which attests to the outsize impact of our small community, even in a 2,600-family "megashul" and in the greater Jewish community more generally. The boundaries of Jewish Akron are indeed elastic and far-reaching!

To everyone's excitement, the artwork went up during the Days of Awe between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. A celebration took place at the end of Sukkot, where the new luminous mosaic tree of life was revealed. The artwork features tile hamsas impressed with words describing the TOV Fund's activities.

So now the 40-year old trees still standing in my old backyard, and the new mosaic tree with its Akron roots, are sharing a place in my heart!



Detail of the mosaic artist Bonnie Cohen created for Washington Hebrew Congregation in Washington D.C.



Cohen with former Akronite Miriam Feffer, who first approached Cohen about potentially working on the mural that would honor donors.

## 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.

## ATTENTION, SNOWBIRDS!

If you are heading south for the winter, remember to change your address to receive the *Akron Jewish News*. Call Mary or Susan at the JCBA office at 330-869-2424 or email [Susan\\_Misanko@jewishakron.org](mailto:Susan_Misanko@jewishakron.org) to make the change.

We will need your address change at least two weeks before the first of the month for the address change to take effect with that month's issue. If you have missed issues of the AJN, confirm your address with us.

However, it is most likely an issue through the post office. Contact your post station's delivery supervisor to ensure you receive the mail.

The Akron Jewish News is a service to the community. Unfortunately, we cannot mail individual issues out if you have missed an issue. There are always current copies on the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life and past copies in the AJN office. You can also access news online at [www.jewishakron.org](http://www.jewishakron.org).

# Beth El Sisterhood programs - open to all

## KNITZVAH

**Sunday, Nov.15 at 9:30 am**

Knitzvah combines a love of knitting and crocheting with mitzvah of reaching out and helping others. Our members come from varying backgrounds, ages, and experiences. Over the past 5 years, we have provided close to 500 blankets, lapghans, shawls, hats, and scarves to variety of local and national agencies. Coming together to knit and crochet with our group is inspiring. When we gather together to help each other and to help those in need, we are part of a caring community that has shown us that one hand reaching out and making a connection can impact so many people!

We meet on the third Sunday of every month at 9:30 am to share, create, and work together. Our work is funded by generous grants and donations from the Jewish Women's Endowment Fund and Beth El Sisterhood. For more information, please contact Marsha Friedman at mef1035@gmail.com

## TASTE OF TORAH

**Monday, Nov. 16 at 7:00 pm**

Taste of Torah is our Sisterhood Torah Study Group for women, which meets on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Mercaz room at Beth El. For more information please contact Sarah Greenblatt at sgreenbrick@gmail.com



*In every Jewish city in the time of the Tannaim there were two institutions for tzedakah: public fund (kuppah) and soup kitchen (tamchui). Introduction to Mishna Pe'ah 8:7 by Pinchas Kehati*

**On this Synaplex we will explore what Judaism has to say about feed the hungry and how we can act.**

**9:15 AM to 10:45 AM- Creative Shabbat Morning Service**

We will daven a creative service and then break for our special offerings may do so or remain for the completion of the davening.

**10:45 AM to 12:00 Noon-Special Offerings To Choose From**

**A. STS-Serious Torah Study** Join us for a serious look at Jewish texts on hunger.

**B. 'Crown' and Conversation With Rabbi Grundfast** A 'spirited' discussion of contemporary Jewish issues.

**C. Social Action** We will pack baskets that will go to Heart 4 The City, an organization that serves the homeless and disadvantaged in the Goodyear Heights neighborhood of Akron. Prior to Synaplex, Beth El will be collecting donations such as canned foods, non perishable foods, winter hats, scarves, gloves, socks, and underwear (new) to fill the baskets. *This is a Family friendly activity.*

**12:00 Noon-Lunch**

***In keeping with our Synplex theme, please join us for warm lunch. We will be donating extra food to a local shelter/food pantry.***

**PLEASE RSVP by November 14  
to [educator@bethelakron.org](mailto:educator@bethelakron.org)/330.864.2105x118  
Babysitting will be available.**

*Hunger is isolating; it may not and cannot be experienced vicariously. He who never felt hunger can never know its real effects, both tangible and intangible. Hunger defies imagination; it even defies memory. Hunger is felt only in the present. Elie Wiesel*



Our Synaplex lunches are sponsored by a generous gift from Alan and Janice Woll.

Thank you to The Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation for helping make Synaplex a reality.

## Ongoing Adult Programs at the J

### Bridge

Mondays at 11:00 am

### Men's Club

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of every month at 9:30 am

### Lunch Bunch

2nd Tuesday of every month at 11:30 am

**November 10 - Shisler Cheese Shop**

**December 8 -Michael's AM**

### Movie at the J

3rd Wednesday of every month at 12:30 pm

**November 18- *Woman of Gold* with Helen Mirren**

**December 16 - *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel***

### Mah Jongg

Thursdays at 1 pm

### Dinner

4th Thursday of every month at 5:30 pm

**November - no dinner due to Thanksgiving**

**Dec. 17- (note date) - Beau's on The River**

Call Myra at 330-835-0056 for reservations and carpool options.

### Be'Tay Avon Café

3rd Tuesday of every month at 11:30 am

**November 17 - How to prevent identity theft**

- presented by Arvin Clar, former police officer now working for the Attorney General's office

**December 15 - Hanukkah Program**

Reservations Requested- call Myra at 330-835-0056.

## Lunch and Learn on Nov. 10

On the second Tuesday of each month, Rabbi Grundfast's monthly Lunch and Learn class will be held from noon- 1:00 pm. The next class will be held on Nov.10 at the law offices of Goldman-Rosen (11 S. Forge St. Akron). Lunch will be served for \$11. If you would like to order lunch, please contact Karen James at [ksj-66@goldman-rosen.com](mailto:ksj-66@goldman-rosen.com)

## New beginners Hebrew class

Rabbi Grundfast will be offering a beginners Hebrew reading course this year, on Thursday nights, at 7 pm beginning on Nov. 11 for eight sessions. \$25 for members of Beth El. \$36 for non-members.

# Hanukkah Happiness!



The first candle is Sunday, Dec. 6. Bring Hanukkah light and joy with the menorah and candles you choose from The Temple Israel Sisterhood Gift Shop. Jerusalem Stone, glass, metals, and pottery are some of the materials used in our menorot.

Hanukkah shopping will be enjoyable with our selection of toys, dreidels, cookie cutters, hostess gifts, jewelry, and more.

## WOW WEDNESDAYS IN NOVEMBER:

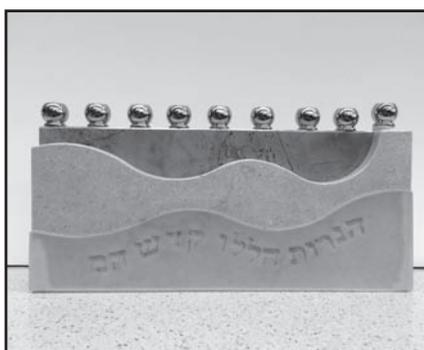
10% off purchases on  
Wednesdays in November

## Gift Shop Hours:

- After most Shabbat Friday evening services
- Wednesdays, 12:30-4:30pm
- By Appointment

Shopping is open to all. We are happy to help you with your selections. Please call the Temple Israel office for information, 330-665-2000.

**Temple Israel Sisterhood Gift Shop,  
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## LOCAL SYNAGOGUE SCHEDULES

### ANSHE SFARD SYNAGOGUE

646 N. Revere Road, Akron • 330-867-7292  
Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin

**SHACHARIS:** Sundays, 8 am; Mondays and Thursdays, 7:30 am; Shabbos, 9 am

**MINCHA/MAARIV:** Sunday-Thursday, 7:30 pm; Friday, Sunset

**ADULT EDUCATION:** At Anshe Sfard led by Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin; open to men and women; Parsha with Rabbi commentary; great discussions. RSVP to Kaila Sasonkin at 330-867-6798.

### BETH EL CONGREGATION

750 White Pond Drive, Akron • 330-864-2105  
Rabbi Stephen Grundfast

Weekdays	7:30 am
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.

### TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

50 Division Street, Hudson, OH 44236 • 330-656-1800  
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**FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES** are held twice a month at 7:45 p.m., normally on the second and fourth Fridays of the month

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**FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT SERVICES:** 7:30 pm

**SATURDAY MORNING SERVICES:** 9 am

**TORAH STUDY:** Saturdays, 9:40 am

## 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.



<b>Friday, Nov. 6</b>	<b>4:58 pm</b>
<b>Friday, Nov. 13</b>	<b>4:51 pm</b>
<b>Friday, Nov. 20</b>	<b>4:46 pm</b>
<b>Friday, Nov. 27</b>	<b>4:42 pm</b>

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# Chestnut, Hexter chosen as CJN Difference Makers

Thirty-six individuals plus a Lifetime Achievement Award winner will be recognized at 6 p.m. Nov. 18 when the Cleveland Jewish News presents its first class of 18 Difference Makers.

Jennifer Chestnut, Vice president of campus partnerships at Hillel International, and Esther Cohen Hexter, Jewish educator and community volunteer, are among the winners. As is native Akronite Jill Friedman Helfman, daughter of Judy and David Friedman. Helfman lives in Solon, practices law in Cleveland, and is a volunteer in the community.

The recipients who were nominated by the community must embody *tikkun olam* – repairing the world – and encourage it among others. Due to the overwhelming number of high-quality nominations, the inaugural class was doubled to 36, or “chai,” which in Hebrew means “life.”

“Choosing only 18 Difference Makers in this inaugural class wouldn’t have done justice to the many who have helped better Northeast Ohio’s Jewish community,” said Kevin S. Adelstein, CJN publisher and CEO. “We were thrilled to receive such an overwhelming response for nominations, and we’re even more thrilled to honor these 36 deserving and talented individuals.”

The inaugural class of Difference Makers also includes: Justin Bachman, Samantha Baskind, Ronald Berkman, Jack Bialosky Jr., Bart Bookatz, Michael Cantor, Nan Cohen, Barry Feldman, Matthew Fieldman, Margaret Frankel, Debbie Friedman, Peter Friemark, Mia Buchwald Gelles, Erika Gold, Anita Gray, Lisa Hacker, Larry Kadis, Ruchi Koval, Rabbi Yossi Marozov, Enid Rosenberg, Debbie Rothschild, Benjamin Sattin, Bradley Schlang, Lane Schlessel,

Ilana Hoffer Skoff, Heidi Solomon, Jerry Isaak-Shapiro, Rabbi Zachary Truboff, and Steve Weinberg.

The Lifetime Achievement Award winner is Harlan Diamond, CEO of Executive Caterers.

The event will be at Executive Caterers of Landerhaven, 6111 Landerhaven Drive in Mayfield Heights.

Tickets for the event are \$72 each and can be purchased at [cjn.org/differencemakers](http://cjn.org/differencemakers).

Case Western Reserve University Weatherhead School of Management in Cleveland is co-presenting sponsor. WKSU 89.7FM is a supporting sponsor of the event.

For sponsorship opportunities and other information, contact events manager Gina Lloyd at 216-342-5196.

## Becky Rubenstein named to new role at Temple Israel

Becky Rubenstein, Temple Israel member and teacher, begins a new role in the congregation as its Middle School and B’nai Mitzvah Coordinator. In her new role, Rubenstein will work closely with families of students in grades 6-8 to help guide them through the process of preparing for their entry into their role as Jewish adults.

“I’m so excited to work with this group to help create an amazing experience for kids and their parents during this transition in their Jewish lives,” shares Rubenstein.

After growing up and attending Temple Israel’s Religious School and being confirmed in tenth grade, she went on to participate in Akron’s “Hebrew High” program, from which she graduated with honors. After graduating from Slippery Rock University with a B.S. in Exercise Science, Psychology and Dance, Rubenstein returned to her hometown and for the past four years immersed herself in the Jewish community. When she is not working as an early childhood teacher at a local school, she is volunteering her time as a BBYO advisor and teacher at Temple Israel’s Religious School.

Rubenstein will work closely with the staff, families, and clergy of Temple Israel to create a more holistic approach to B’nai Mitzvah preparation and education. One that allows for a more seamless transition into what it means to be a Jewish “adult.”

“We want to wrap our arms around our students and their families to help guide them through this exciting moment in their lives,” says Leah Levinstein, Temple Israel’s Director of Education. “We want the B’nai Mitzvah experience to be full of meaning and connection to our larger Jewish family and to help our kids embrace what it means to be a Jewish adult.

“Our hope is that through this integrated process, our students view this exciting and special life cycle experience as a transition into a life filled with purpose and positive Jewish identity. We are so blessed that Becky chose to move back to Akron and I know she is the perfect person to coordinate this effort. Her commitment to her own Jewish life and her amazing rapport with kids and adults will prove so powerful and helpful to our families.”

## BAR MITZVAH: JACK SANDEL

Jack Sandel will become a Bar Mitzvah at Beth El Congregation on Nov. 14. He is the son of Kevin and Lori Sandel. He is the grandson of Gary and Sandi Farley of San Antonio, FL, Karen Sandel, of blessed memory, and Allan Sandel of Akron.

Jack is a student at Copley-Fairlawn Middle School and Beth El Academy. Jack has loved basketball for quite a few years—from watching ball to playing ball, it is his passion. Being a boy from Akron, Jack has always admired the other “boy from Akron.” Jack has decided to donate a percentage of all of his bar mitzvah gifts to the LeBron James Family Foundation, whose mission is to positively affect the lives of children and young adults through education and co-curricular educational initiatives.

The Bimah flowers are sponsored by Gary and Sandi Farley in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jack.



## SURLOFF WRIGHT FAMILY WELCOME BABY GIRL

Abby Surloff Wright, Michael Wright and big sister Isabella welcomed Gracie Leigh into their family on July 2, 2015. She weighed 7 lbs 12 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Mimi Surloff and the late Stewart Surloff; and Lisa and Bob Papesh. Great grandparents are Irene Kellerman, Josephine and Bob Papesh and Linda Dobson.



# LLL presents music workshop with Ronna Kaplan on Nov. 17

This year's LLL theme is Feminism in Judaism, and this provocative and fascinating topic will be enhanced through a series of guest speakers. Each month a well-known maven will share her experience and wisdom on a topic related to this year's theme.

LLL PLANNERS are excited to invite women to a music workshop with guest speaker Ronna Kaplan, MA, Chair of the Music Settlement Center-Cleveland, on Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 11:30-1:30 pm. It will be held at the home of Eileen Schonfeld, 702 N .Revere Rd.

Kaplan will provide a brief overview of women's music gifts from biblical to modern times. She will invite participants to experience sample music therapy

interventions, such as music-assisted relaxation, lyric discussion, songwriting, singing, and interactive instrument playing. The empowering therapeutic benefits and goals will be highlighted and discussed.

Kaplan has been Chair of The Music Settlement Center for Music Therapy since 2004 and a music therapist there since 1988, serving clients ranging from premature infants to adults through the age of 103 with varied disabilities and levels of functioning. She has also taught music therapy classes part-time at Baldwin-Wallace University for 15 years. She earned a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Case Western Reserve University, an MA in special education from Kent State University, and a B. Mus.

in music therapy and music education from Michigan State University. She also possesses certificates in Neurologic Music Therapy, Orff Level I and DIRR/FloortimeTMBasic Course.

Please RSVP to Robyn Tobias by Nov 15, at [robyncheryl@gmail.com](mailto:robyncheryl@gmail.com) Fee is \$10. The LLL workshop will begin with a healthy, homemade lunch followed by the program. For more info, contact Mazal Cohen at 330-864-0806 or [mazalc770@gmail.com](mailto:mazalc770@gmail.com) or the host Eileen Schonfeld 330-867-8898

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**Celebrate** a spiritual and meaningful Shabbat in Jerusalem. Join the streams of visitors and Jerusalemites alike who gather each week at the Western Wall to worship.

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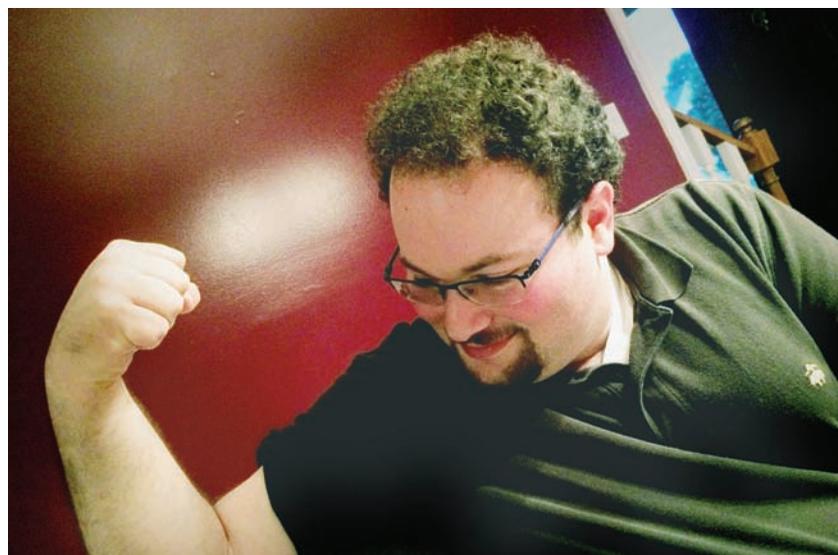
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