

## Thom Mandel fondly remembers father, Morton



**It is with sincere apology from the Akron Jewish News that we did not have Mr. Mandel's photo with the remembrance article. Please enjoy this article again this month and we apologize again to the family and friends of Morton L. Mandel.**

Morton L. Mandel surrounded himself with smart people, listened carefully, and had a charisma that allowed him to connect with people of all ages, said those who benefited from his advice.

Mandel, 98, died Oct. 16 at his home in Palm Beach, Fla.

Thom Mandel, Morton L. Mandel's son, remembers watching his father graduate in 2013 from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

"I don't believe he attended any classes," said Thom Mandel, adding that his capstone project was his 2012 book, "The Power of Who," which he co-authored with John Byrne. "I know he had to defend his dissertation in

front of a panel of professors, one of whom assumed, told me that before the session that they assumed some that this would be some guy being honored by the university who had a book that was probably written by a ghostwriter and he wouldn't know the material very well because he didn't write it. And the reality was, yes, John Byrne assisted him in writing it and really was his editor, but my dad wrote every word. He just had a lot of assistance from John. When he got to the dissertation and appeared before the professors, they were all really, really impressed with how knowledgeable he was. They couldn't catch him without an answer to anything."

Mandel said his father marched with the undergraduates.

"And then at the graduation, he marched with the M's," he said. "He was, at the time, 70 years older than everyone else around him. And it was funny because we were up in the front row sitting with the trustees of the university, who many of them weren't on stage. We looked in the back of the room and see one place there are all these students standing up in huddle around somebody. Yeah, that was my dad. Holding court in front of about 100 undergrads that were about to graduate. When he got his diploma, he got a standing ovation from the entire room. I think that could be as happy as I ever saw him."

Thom Mandel said his last conversation with his father was about ten days before he died.

"I did have a chance to sit with him about a week-and-a-half ago," he said. "The doctor said I could sit with him for an hour. I wound up being there for two hours, 2½ hours. He just couldn't stop talking. And we truly talked about everything."

Mandel's last moments were well-orchestrated, his son said.

"Yes, he knew he was close," he said. "He wanted to see us all before he passed away. He wanted to see us all together. And we all got there. And we all sat with him. He passed away quietly while we were sitting with him. It's almost as if he knew how long it would take us to get there, and he knew how long he had. And he had it timed perfectly. The trains always leave on time."

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## In Loving Memory of Barbara A. Mandel

Philanthropist Barbara A. Mandel, 93, has passed away. On Nov. 21, just five weeks after the passing of her beloved husband, Mort, Barbara died at the home they shared in Palm Beach, Fla.

Barbara recently returned from a trip to Israel, where she was able to attend her husband's memorial

service in Jerusalem and a board meeting at Hebrew University. "She was a force of nature," said Thom Mandel, son of Barbara and Mort, in a Nov. 22 interview with the Cleveland Jewish News. "She had this thing going on inside her that no matter what she did, she had to be the best."

Barbara will be greatly missed by all who knew her and those who benefited from her philanthropic endeavors.

# Careful, You May Already Be Engaged



I was very active in the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) while in High School, but that was the extent of my, and my families, involvement in the community. There were many at the time (Southern New Jersey in the late 80's) who considered us to be

unaffiliated - and we weren't the only ones. We were accused of "Hiding" or not willing to pay dues, or not that interested in being Jewish. Nothing could have been further from the truth as we proudly identified as a Jewish family and found our spirituality in collective Jewish responsibility. We were not the only family that fell into the "Unaffiliated" category. In fact, organizations exhausted immense amounts of human and financial capital in an effort to "Find" us and our fellow "Unaffiliated" Jews. As the Jewish community has evolved from the 80's, so has the Jewish lexicon and terminology. There has been a changing of the guard in Jewish semantics. Attend any major Jewish conference or meeting and you will hear specific presentations focused squarely on increasing engagement or reaching the unengaged. Furthermore, "Affiliated" has now been replaced by "Engaged."

Whether it is "Affiliated" or "Engaged" both of these terms have been used to increase participation in the community. While the terms may have changed, there is a lingering problem with both - the definition. We can no longer use these terms as one-word mission statements for an initiative or committee. We have to be explicit about how we define Affiliated or Engaged. When we apply the Socratic Method to define these terms, we may find that either our initiatives don't match the definition or that the population that we thought fit under

that terminology are not as large as we thought or even exist at all. To take this one step further, when the scope of "Engaged" is widened, organizations may find that they are wasting capital to capture community members that they already have in their database.

Take PJ Library as an example. To enroll in PJ, families must actively take the initiative to sign up in order to receive a Jewish book for their children from the community, in their home, every month. It is one of the few times where unknown members of our community raise their hands and say "Heneni - Here I am." Very often, PJ Library registration may be the only connection that these families have to the community. This act of self-identification begs the question regarding the definition of engagement.

**"If we continue to solely define engagement by the payment of dues or membership then we are going to miss a very broad spectrum of our community."**

If a family signs up to receive at least one Jewish storybook in their home for the next eight years of their child's life, are they engaged? Are they participating in the community more or less than someone who pays synagogue dues, but only goes to services three times per year, or someone who joins the JCC, but only uses the gym? I would argue that PJ Library registration easily passes the bar to consider that family engaged. The extent to which they become further engaged is then based on how

the relationship is fostered.

In this example, the definition of engagement is not based on the acquisition of a new relationship, but rather on the transformational stewardship of that relationship. Therefore; we - as a community - need to spend a bit more time defining engaged and on the process of cultivating and transforming newly minted relationships before we apply financial or human capital towards an initiative. This is why JCBA utilizes proceeds from the Annual Campaign to fund and/or administer programs like PJ Library, BBYO, J-Ticket, Senior programming, and other similar initiatives. All of these programs necessitate that the participant takes some action to identify as a member of the Jewish community. That awareness, that self-identification, that act of proactively wanting to be a part of the community, that call of "Heneni" is a more than sufficient definition of "Engaged" in my book.

If you would like more information or would like to support the 2020 JCBA Annual Campaign, please call the JCBA office at 330.869.2424 or go to [jewishakron.org/annual-campaign](http://jewishakron.org/annual-campaign).



Todd Polikoff, JCBA CEO



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# Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE!

DEC 5 – 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

Temple Israel's Sisterhood Program on Reproductive Rights, Temple Israel

DEC 15 – 9:00a.m. - 9:30a.m.

Little Trees of Life, Beth El Congregation

DEC 15 – 11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Give not Get, Temple Israel

Anyone is invited who feels like a "grandparent"...there'll be food, Israeli dancing, and other programs run by the s...

DEC 15 – 12:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Please join us at Barnes & Noble, located at 4015 Medina Rd, Akron, OH 44333

DEC 18 – 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.

Lecture: Leonard Bernstein's Jewish Life & Music, Shaw JCC

Hazzan Matthew Austerklein (Beth El Congregation) will give a multimedia lecture on Leonard Bernstein's Jewish upbringing...

DEC 19 – 6:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

Na'Amat Chanukah party, Barbara Rosenthal

Gift Exchange and short humorous films of Jewish Interest

at Bricco Cafe in Double Tree Hotel

DEC 22 – 10:00a.m. - 10:45a.m.

Wee Sing Sundays, Temple Israel

For families and kiddos ages 0-5.

DEC 22 – 4:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.

Beth El Rockin' Hanukkah Blast, Beth El Congregation

Join us for our annual Hanukkah Festivities! Join us for dinner, candle lighting and an awesome party! More details coming!

DEC 29 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

Chanukah at the Summit Mall, Summit Mall, Akron, OH

Community Menorah lighting at Summit Mall

Sponsored by the Israel  
and Overseas Committee of the JCBA

## BENJI LOVITT



DEC. 12th  
7 p.m.

FREE & OPEN TO  
THE COMMUNITY!



Benji Lovitt

"Nobody understands Israel and  
Israelis better than Benji."

-Lior Argaman, Masa Israel Journey, Director of Gap & Service Programs

**BENJI LOVITT'S** observations on Israeli society, combined with his lifelong involvement in Jewish education, create a hilarious narrative that has brought smiles to faces all over the world. Since making aliyah in 2006, Benji has been called on by Jewish organizations to share his hilarious insights into cultural differences as he translates both the challenges and marvels of life in Israel.

Join us at the Schultz Campus of Jewish Life, dessert will be served. **FREE babysitting is available, must RSVP by Dec. 9** to Erin Katz Ford, [ekatzford@jewishakron.org](mailto:ekatzford@jewishakron.org).



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Save the date  
FOR THE ANNUAL  
CHANUKAH PARTY!

THURS.  
DEC. 19TH  
6 P.M.

Participate in the customary gift exchange with a twist! Gifts may have a \$15 value and must be gift wrapped with no name on it.

Guests are welcome  
and are required  
to bring a gift to  
participate in the  
gift exchange.



**BRICCO IN THE DOUBLE TREE HOTEL**  
Guests order from the menu and pay  
for their own meal.

Kindly RSVP by December 12th to Barbara Rosenthal at [babzz100@gmail.com](mailto:babzz100@gmail.com) or 330.608.8179 or Penny Larris at [mailto:onecrtred@yahoo.com](mailto:mailto:onecrtred@yahoo.com) at 330. 815.6302.

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**Shabbat in the Round at Anshe Sfard**  
Friday, Dec 13, 5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.  
Family Shabbat

**19 Kislev Program at Anshe Sfard**  
Sunday, Dec 15, 5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.  
19 Kislev Women's Chavurah Program at  
Anshe Sfard

## TEMPLE ISRAEL

91 Springside Drive, Akron  
330-665-2000

www.templeisraelakron.org  
Rabbi Josh Brown  
Cantor Kathy Fromson

**Friday Night Services:** 6:15 p.m.

**Give not Get** 11:00a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Wee Sing Shabbat Sing-a-long**  
10:00a.m. - 10:45a.m.;  
for families with children ages 0-6

## BETH EL CONGREGATION

750 White Pond Dr., Akron  
330-864-2105

www.bethelakron.com  
Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein

**Torah Study & Brunch** - Shabbat, Nov 30 10:30a

**Lev Tahor/Pie Potluck** - Friday, Dec 13 7:00p

**Young Family Shabbat** - Friday, Dec 20 5:30p

**Hanukkah Celebration &**

**Dinner** - Sunday, Dec 22 4:30p

## CANDLE-LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, Dec. 6 Shabbat Ends	4:39 p.m. 5:43 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 13 Shabbat Ends	4:40 p.m. 5:44 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 20 Shabbat Ends	4:42 p.m. 5:46 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 27 Shabbat Ends	4:46 p.m. 5:51 p.m.



## NA'AMAT USA Ada Marks-Anna Talisman Chapter Holds 71st Annual Donor Drive

BY BARBARA ROSENTHAL

It was held Oct. 23 at Bravo Italian Restaurant in Summit Mall. Our most sincere thanks to all who helped make our donor drive a success. Your contributions enable us to continue to provide much needed services, such a day care centers, battered women shelters and technical high schools, to the women and children in Israel.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved with this organization or learning more about us, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Barbara Rosenthal at 330-608 8179 or Ellen Moss at 330-338-0141.



Donor Committee: (back row) Penny Laris, Barbara Rosenthal, Ellen Moss, Helene Norin, Laurel Gress (front row) Sue Klausner, Teddi Kay, not pictured Bracha Fraser



# The CAMPUS GALA

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

*Congratulations to our honorees!*

On Nov. 9th, we hosted our annual Gala, this year's theme was "Celebrating Our Community". Funds raised will directly support the Shaw JCC of Akron and The Lippman School located on the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life as well as the Jewish Family Service's Silver J Ticket program. Congratulations to our honorees and a big thank you to our event chairs, staff and everyone that made the Gala a memorable event. PHOTOS BY: SHANE WYNN



# Forum 360: Area Grandmother Hikes the Grand Canyon

95% of all Americans have a bucket list, a list of things to see and do before they die. Bucket list wishes include: Ride horses on the beach, Go bungee jumping. Take a hot air balloon ride. Visit an elephant sanctuary. Attend the Olympics. Be in the Saturday Night Live audience. Ride a mechanical bull.

A recent guest on Forum 360, Vicki Chisholm, checked off one her Bucket List items, hiking the long way to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, and back out. She did this by herself, carrying on her back the essentials for the trip.



Vicki Chisholm, a product of NE Ohio, is a brave, strong, determined grandmother who became one of the 1%. Only 1% of visitors to the Grand Canyon



actually hike. The others 99% just enjoy the views. Forum 360 audiences will hear about the five months of preparation, the value of crackers and peanut butter, how many bottles of water she carried on her back, her cross training regiment, how new technology kept her family informed, and the inspirations for her hike.

Our goal at Forum 360 is to create a bridge between the people who have incredible stories to tell and listeners and viewers eager to hear their stories. Forum 360 is a jewel in the fabric of NE Ohio. Our goal is always to feature people, places, issues and ideas with a global outlook or a local view.

## TOPICS FOR FUTURE SHOWS

- Breaking Cycles
- Western Reserve Land Conservancy
- Rock this Town, the Book
- Stop Smoking and Vaping

WE WELCOME IDEAS FOR TOPICS AND GUESTS.

## EACH SHOW WILL AIR:

PBS/Fusion channel 45/49 on Monday at 8p.m. and Saturday at 5:00p.m..

WONE FM 97.5 Sunday 6 a.m. WAKR AM 1590 Sunday, 5:00 p.m., Monday 12:30 a.m.



## RUBBER CITY JEWS RUNDOWN

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL OSHEROW

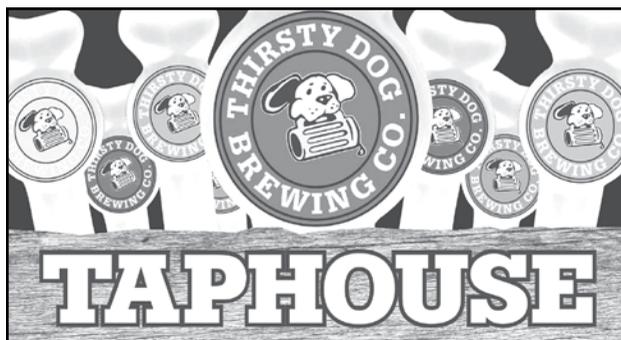
Join other young Jewish professionals in the greater Cleveland area for the second annual Winter Jubilee on December 24th - a collaborative program with Fairmount Young Professionals. Light the menorah with friends, and enjoy seasonal cocktails, kosher-style food, music and dancing at the Fairmount Cocktail Bar in Cleveland Heights. Discounted tickets are available for RCJ, so please email us at [rubbercityjews@gmail.com](mailto:rubbercityjews@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page for more details. Carpooling may be available from the Akron area, so send us a message if you are interested! *Happy Hanukkah to all!*

### STAY IN TOUCH

Contact us at [rubbercityjews@gmail.com](mailto:rubbercityjews@gmail.com) and keep in touch through our Facebook page.

### THE RCJ-TICKET

Gain access to an entire year of RCJ programs and collaborative events, and receive exclusive discounts to many other community events. RCJ-Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$50 per couple, and can be purchased online or with cash or check at any RCJ event. RCJ Tickets are valid for a year from the date of purchase, so get yours online anytime at [www.jewishakron.org/rcj](http://www.jewishakron.org/rcj) or with cash or check at any RCJ event. Our organization works in partnership with and in support of the Jewish Community Board of Akron, the Sands-Rogovy Fund, and the Albert L. and Janet A. Schultz Endowment Fund for Jewish Programming.



RCJ PRE-HANUKKAH HAPPY HOUR!

DEC. 19 RCJ 5:30-7:30 P.M.

RUBBER CITY JEWS  
The Winter Jubilee  
.....  
DECEMBER 24TH  
7 P.M.  
The Fairmount  
Cocktail Bar  
- COCKTAIL ATTIRE -

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 SUNDAY, DEC. 29, 2019 - 5:30 PM  
 At Summit Mall in the Food Court

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**CHINESE DINNER**  
 at Anshe Sfard

4:30 Cocktails Cash Wine Bar  
 5:30 Chinese Dinner Movie: "The Woman's Balcony" | Child Care

**Wednesday - December 25, 2019**

Adults \$25 by December 18 - \$30 after  
 Kids (5-13) \$15 by December 18 - \$18 after

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# HILLEL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

Hillel is having a wonderful semester so far, spreading happiness and positive energy all around campus. Sukkot was a success and Hillel gained a few new Jewish students from meeting them in the Sukkah we built in the center of campus. In addition, Hillel teamed up with Delta Gamma sorority to share some of the Jewish culture. After a well-deserved winter break, Hillel students will be welcomed back to a late Hanukkah celebration. There are a lot of new and exciting things going on at Hillel at The University of Akron and there will be more to come!



For more info about Hillel at University of Akron, contact Sarah Foster, Akron Hillel Coordinator, at [sfoster@kenthillel.org](mailto:sfoster@kenthillel.org)

*Hillel at the University of Akron is a project of Hillel at Kent State, generously supported by the Jewish Community Board of Akron.*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENING

*Strolling Dinner  
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Wine Wall  
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Chance Auction  
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Live Performance  
by Diamond Kites*



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## SAVE THE DATE for the FIFTH ANNUAL WINTER BASH

as The Lippman School and  
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partner again to grow our future together!

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

**7:00 - 10:00pm**

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life  
750 White Pond Drive, Akron, Ohio

Join friends and community members and show your support for these amazing schools! It will be a fun, casual event with great food and fundraising opportunities! Live entertainment will be provided by Diamond Kites, the popular Akron-area band, fronted by our own "Mr. Jeff"!

Childcare for ages 4-12 will be available through the Shaw JCC. Contact Kim Garra at [kgarra@jewishakron.org](mailto:kgarra@jewishakron.org) for more information.

# Celebrate Leonard Bernstein, his Jewish life and music with special events

Beth El Congregation and the Shaw JCC of Akron will host a celebration of Leonard Bernstein in two special events slated for Dec. 18 and Jan. 5.

**Dec. 18, 7 p.m., at Schutz Campus for Jewish Life**

**Jan. 5, 9:30 a.m., at Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage**

Hazzan Matthew Austerklein, Cantor at Beth El Congregation, will present "Leonard Bernstein: His Jewish Life and Music" on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Beth El Mercaz on the Schutz Campus for Jewish Life, 750 White Pond Dr., Akron, OH 44320.

Austerklein will explore Leonard Bernstein's Jewish faith, struggle with God, his Jewish memories, and the Jewish themes that permeate his childhood, public persona and music. The evening is free and open to the public. Advance registration is appreciated at 330-864-2105, ext. 110.

This wonderful opportunity to learn about Bernstein will continue with a group tour of the Leonard Bernstein: The Power of Music exhibit at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, 2929 Richmond Rd., in Beachwood, on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020. A special group fee for admission to Maltz Museum and kosher lunch is \$18; optional bus ride from Shaw JCC to museum and back is \$4. The bus will leave Shaw JCC at 9:30 a.m. and will return by 2 p.m. Registration deadline is Monday, Dec. 30, 2019. To learn more or to register, call Julie LeFever at 330-835-0027.



## An evening with Dr. Sima Goel

Submitted by Erin Katz

On Tuesday, October 29 over 100 people came to the Schultz Campus to hear Dr. Sima Goel present her story: Fleeing the Hijab: A Jewish Woman's Escape from Iran. This program was generously supported by the Miriam G. & Lawrence G. Bateman Memorial Fund for Jewish Education and also brought to you by the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Community Board of Akron (JCBA). Being able to provide educational experiences to the community is a quintessential example of the work of the JCBA.





## Spend Your Winter Break at Winter Camp JCC 2019/20

### AVAILABLE DATES:

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- \* Movies
- \* Arts & Crafts
- \* Camp games & more!

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- \* Morning care is 7-9 a.m. with breakfast provided.
- \* Regular programming is 9 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.
- \* Afternoon care is 3:30-6 p.m.
- \* Please pick-up and drop-off in the Shaw JCC auditorium.

### DAILY REGISTRATION

- \* Cost: \$55 M/ \$70 G per day
- \* Your child must be preregistered in order to attend.
- \* No additional fee for morning/afternoon care.

**For more information, email [camp@shawjcc.org](mailto:camp@shawjcc.org) or call 330-835-0052. Limited space available, so please register in advance!**

## New School Year + New Face = Enriched Jewish Learning

The Lippman School has hired a new Senior Level Specialist, Rabbi Stephanie Wolfe, which was made possible through the generous support of the community to the JCBA Annual Campaign. Jewish education will be enhanced at The Lippmann School and in Jewish Akron as a result. As Head of School Sam Chestnut says, "Rabbi Stephanie, Lippman's Jewish Wisdom Educator, has provided a stronger, new Jewish-Core Values Curriculum, and has helped to integrate Jewish studies and learning for all Lippman students. This has allowed our school to also offer an immersive Hebrew language experience taught



by Sarah Greenblatt. Thanks to community support, this addition to the school has had a significant impact on our delivery of Jewish education."

As part of this new position, Rabbi Stephanie will also serve as a JCC and a community resource for professionals, people of all ages at 750 White Pond, and for all of the congregations.

Rabbi Stephanie brings an extensive background and experience to our community. She was ordained at Hebrew Union College and has a dual Master of Jewish Education and Jewish Studies degrees from Hebrew College. Prior to coming to Akron, she has served as a Judaic Studies Teacher, Religious School Director, Congregational Rabbi, and Education Director.

As Rabbi Stephanie explains, her vision is to guide students of all backgrounds towards value-guided living by teaching them universal values through a Jewish lens. This includes teaching Jewish holidays, history, etc. from a values perspective and engaging students to wrestle with how these values fit into their own religious, cultural, and communal lives.



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**CAMP JCC 2020**  
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**JANUARY 12th**



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Sundays  
@ 10 am

Dec. 22  
Jan. 26  
Feb. 23  
Mar. 29  
Apr. 26

For ages 0-5 years old  
Schmooze, Stories, and Songs  
(Bagels and coffee provided)





# ROCK 'N LATKES

WE'LL HAVE A SPINNING GOOD TIME

BRISKET BY MR. BRISKET \*  
POMEGRANATE ORANGE CHICKEN \*  
SISTERHOOD LATKES W/ APPLESAUCE AND SOURCREAM \*  
MAC 'N CHEESE \*  
CHICKEN NUGGETS FOR KIDS \*  
HOMEMADE DESSERTS \*  
DREIDEL AND OTHER KIDS' ACTIVITIES




**TEMPLE ISRAEL**  
**DEC 20**  
AFTER 6:15 ROCK SHABBAT

**RSVP BY DEC 6 FOR EARLY BIRD PRICING**

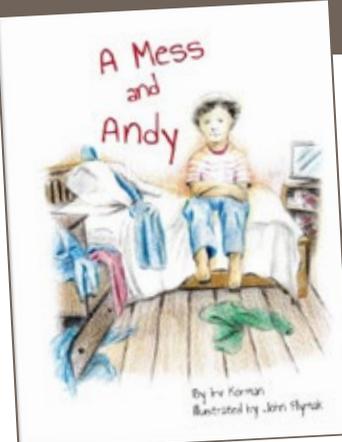
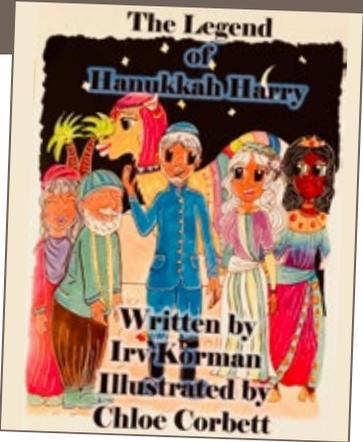
Family Name .....	Phone No. ....		
Email .....	By Dec. 6	After Dec. 6	<b>TOTAL</b>
Adults/Children 13+	\$20	\$30	_____
Children 5-12	\$10	\$15	_____
Children under 4 Free			_____
Family of 4 (2Adults/2 Children under 13)	\$50	\$75	_____

Send Check and Completed Form to TIA Sisterhood c/o Iris Caston, 91 Springside Dr., Akron, OH 44333.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CAROL 330-671-5041

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**Irv Korman**

Temple Israel Gift shop

**SUN., DEC. 15, 9 A.M.-NOON**

Latest children's books are **A Mess and Andy**  
and **The Legend of Hanukkah Harry**

Women's Chavurah presents:  
**Our 22nd Annual Day of Jewish Mysticism**

## Finding My Life's Purpose

An evening of music, stories and songs  
in honor of 19th Kislev, 5780  
"It is the festival in which our soul's illumination  
and vitality were given to each of us."

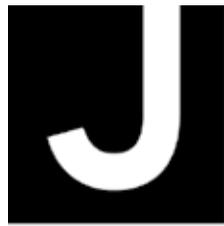
**Sunday, December 15, 2019**  
5:30 pm ✧ Anshe Sfard  
Buffet Dinner

**Local Speakers:**

<b>Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein</b> Spiritual Leader Beth El Congregation	<b>Leslie Ungar</b> How to identify and supercharge your inner brilliance
<b>Singer:</b> Ranit Drozhinsky	<b>Violinist:</b> Pauline Keselman

RSVP to [akronshul.com/19kislev](http://akronshul.com/19kislev)  
or to Magita Willen, 3551 McCrean Ln, Richfield 44286  
\$18 by Monday, December 9, \$25 after

For more info, contact Mazal Cohen [mazalc770@gmail.com](mailto:mazalc770@gmail.com) or text 330-524-1952



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# SENIOR ADULT PROGRAMS

For more information, please contact Julie LeFever at [jlefever@shawjcc.org](mailto:jlefever@shawjcc.org) or 330-835-0027

## ONGOING

### ACTIVE AGERS FORUM

Third Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Are you looking for a way to discuss a variety of topics with like-minded people? Come join the Active Agers Forum! This is a fantastic way to learn about the issues that your peers are thinking about while also being able to share your thoughts and ideas. No commitment necessary! Bring a friend or neighbor!

### BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

### RETIRED MEN'S GROUP

Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Join the Retired Men's Group for open discussion. No RSVP needed. Coffee and bagels will be served. \$1 donation suggested.

### KOFFEE & KIBBITZ WITH JULIE

Fourth Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Dec. 26

Join Julie in the lobby after class to relax with friends, enjoy a fresh cup of coffee or tea, meet your fellow exercisers, and find out what's going on in the senior adult world! No reservations necessary, just stop by. Please bring your suggestions for future programming. We'd love to hear your ideas!

### LUNCH BUNCH

Second Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.

Dec. 10

Pavona's Pizza Joint & Mickey's Irish Pub, 32 Sand Run Rd.



### MONTHLY HEALTH TALKS

Third Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.

Dec. 17

Local healthcare professionals will provide information on a variety of subjects. Great information will be shared and a healthy snack will be served. This month, learn some healthy holiday habits!

### MOVIE MATINEE AT THE JCC!

Third Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Dec. 18 at the JCC

#### The Art of Racing in the Rain

Denny Swift is a Formula One racecar driver who understands the techniques needed on the racetrack can also be used to successfully navigate everyday life.

Besides his career, Denny has three loves of his life – his beautiful wife, their young daughter and his best friend, a dog who wants to be reincarnated into a human. 1 hr. 49 min.



### MAH JONGG

Thursdays, 1-4 p.m.

Mah Jongg is a tile-based game that was developed in China during the Qing dynasty and has spread throughout the world since the early 20th century. Mah jongg is a game of skill, strategy and calculation, but also involves a degree of chance! Come find out what the game is all about. No experience necessary. It is so much fun, and it's good for your brain to learn something new!

### POTS AND PANS COOKING CLASS

Third Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.

Dec. 19: Baby It's Cold Outside!

Learn seasonal recipes and techniques in this hands-on, fun class. No experience necessary! Make sure you make a reservation as this class fills up quickly. Cost: \$10 M/\$15 G

### BE TAY AVON CAFÉ

Fourth Friday, 12 p.m. HANUKKAH CELEBRATION!

Join your friends for a short Shabbat, delicious meal, and select speakers or programs. Reservations are highly encouraged. Cost: Free, but donations are accepted/\$5 minimum suggested.

Dec. 27

Bill Brauning is taking us down memory lane to relax and reminisce. For this month's program, we will rediscover popular holiday specials from the great entertainers of years past. Be prepared to LAUGH!!! Comfort food is on the menu. This program is funded by a grant from the Edward L. Abramson Fund.

### SMALL TOWN SERIES

Woodmere

Monday, Dec. 16, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Trader Joe's

Shop, shop, shop! Get that holiday shopping started at this shopper's paradise! Cost \$8 M/\$15 G



## SPECIAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER!

NEW EVENT...  
**Senior Spa Day**  
Relax  
Refresh  
Renew



Tuesday, Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Prepare your mind and body for the hectic holiday season and colder temperatures. Enjoy a relaxing spa experience right here at the JCC! Treatments include paraffin hand spa baths, hand massages, chair massages, relaxation techniques, make and takes, and much more. A delicious light lunch and decadent dessert selection will be available, as well. You don't want to miss this event!

**Reservations are a must!** Please call Julie at 330-835-0027 to reserve a spot ASAP. Cost \$10 M/\$23 G

### UNITEDHEALTHCARE

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11 a.m.

Michael Poling will be on hand to answer all of your questions on Plan 1. There is no cost to attend.

**AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM**

**Monday, Dec. 9, 12:30-5 p.m.**

Are you looking to fine tune or improve your driving skills? Join us for the Driver Safety Program, presented by the AARP. This classroom-based driving refresher course is geared toward drivers over the age of 50. Through a combination of discussion and short videos, we will cover a variety of topics important to safe driving.

Lunch is provided. Upon completion of the course, you will receive a certificate that may entitle you to an insurance discount. AARP members \$20/Non-AARP members \$25.



**CANDLES FOR A CAUSE**

Proceeds from the sale of special Shabbat and Chanukah candles will help support Sharsheret, a national nonprofit that supports young Jewish women and their families facing breast and ovarian cancer, and The Autism Society of America, which improves the lives of those affected by autism.



**AUTISM SOCIETY**

**SUNSHINE ON SILK**

**Wednesday, Dec. 11, 10:30 a.m.**

Create a 100% silk scarf by water marbling at Sunshine on Silk Studio in Summit Art Space. Meet there (140 E. Market St., Studio 301) or meet at the JCC and carpool down. Create your own personal design and make it into a beautiful 6-footlong scarf. It's fascinating, fun and fabulous! Take your scarf home that day and wear it for a lifetime! Lunch is included. Cost: \$45 M/\$50 G



**EVENING HEALTH SERIES WITH**

**DR. MOSHE S. TOREM AT THE SHAW JCC**

**Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m.**

**Mind-Body-Health**

Dr. Torem is a physician with special training in psychiatry and mind-body integrative medicine. Come and hear from our favorite doctor.



**Are you an older, Jewish adult, or do you have a loved one, who needs homemaking services, transportation to synagogue or light maintenance around the house?**



The Jewish Family Service of Akron is your gateway to the new Silver J-Ticket program offering homemaking, light maintenance and transportation services for Jewish individuals 62 and better who wish to remain safe in their homes. This program is made possible through a grant provided by the Albert L. and Janet A. Schultz Endowment for Jewish Programming and the Jewish Community Board of Akron allowing older adults to have access to these services at a reduced cost making them more affordable.



Call 330-867-3388 or visit [JFSakron.org](http://JFSakron.org).



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**Notice a Housekeeping or Maintenance Issue on Campus?**

Now you can directly notify Schultz Campus staff about any Campus housekeeping or maintenance issues by emailing maintenance staff at [jmaint@shawjcc.org](mailto:jmaint@shawjcc.org).

## RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS

### JENNIFER MOSS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### Mazel Tov to:

- ▶ Sarah Simonton on her Birthday, from Herb & Ellen Moss
- ▶ Michael & Amy Diamant, on their 50th Anniversary, from Herb & Ellen Moss

#### In Memory of:

- ▶ Morton Mandel, from Herb & Ellen Moss

### THE ROSE & LAWRENCE SCHWARTZ HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FUND

#### In Memory of:

- ▶ David Levi, from Eddie & Marla Schwartz
- ▶ Shelley & Steve Smith's brother, from Irene Adler
- ▶ Rose & Lawrence Schwartz, from Eddie & Marla Schwartz

#### Mazel Tov to:

- ▶ Joanna Schwartz Kaiser, on her Birthday, from Jerry & Linda Wearb
- ▶ Stan Regal, on his 90th Birthday, from Irene Adler

#### Wishes for a Speedy Recovery to:

- ▶ Dominic Mazullo, from Eddie & Marla Schwartz
- ▶ Stuart Glauberman, from Irene Adler

### DERROW-KUTNICK MANDEL ECE STAFF CREDENTIALS & DEVELOPMENT FUND

#### In Memory of

- ▶ Mort Mandel from Marv & Judi Shapiro
- ▶ Mort Mandel from Andrew & Jodi Mirman

#### Speedy Recovery for

- ▶ Kathy Giller from Marv & Judi Shapiro

### ENDOWMENT FUND

#### In Honor of

- ▶ Mike & Teri Segal's Campus Gala Honor from Greta & Hal Foster
- ▶ Mr. & Mrs. Sid Zetzer for the Naming of their great grandchild from Gloria Slavin
- ▶ Stan Regal's Special Birthday from Gloria Slavin
- ▶ Stan Regal's Birthday from Reta Kane

### JOSEPH & MARIE LEVIN BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND

#### In Memory of

- ▶ Albert & Alice Backer from Martin & Joyce Levin

### MURRAY GLAUBERMAN YOUNG LEADERSHIP FUND

#### Speedy Recovery for

- ▶ Stuart Glauberman from Mimi Surloff & Family

### RONALD PENNER JCC MEMORIAL FUND FOR ISRAEL-CENTRIC BBYO PROGRAMMING

#### In Honor of

- ▶ Stan Regal's 90th Birthday from Sandy & Jerry Schneier
- ▶ Meir & Efrat Ohayan's son Elad's engagement
- ▶ Lillian Neiman's Special Birthday from all your Friends



Celebrate or honor a loved one or friend with a contribution to one of the many funds we manage, which support various programs and expenses. Tributes are a minimum of \$10.

Funds at the JCBA: 330-869-2424  
 Funds at JFS: 330-867-3388  
 Funds at the Shaw JCC: 330-867-7850

## REMINDER TO SNOW BIRDS

If you plan to spend the winter away from your Akron address, let the JCBA office know so that you can continue to receive the Akron Jewish News and JCBA communications. Contact Sheri Galat at 330-835-0002 or [sgalat@jewishakron.org](mailto:sgalat@jewishakron.org).

# FREE RIDES FOR SENIORS

## to Synagogues and Schultz Campus for Jewish Life



Jewish Family Service provides free transportation to Jewish seniors to any and all Jewish educational, social, information meetings on the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life and to local synagogues. FREE and unlimited usage. Call 330-867-3388.

## SILVER J-TICKET TRANSPORTATION

is available to all seniors to any high holiday service at local synagogues. Call now to reserve your ride, and please have information including the date, time, and name of service you would like to attend.





# THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

## THANKSGIVING DAY SCHEDULE

- Fitness Center Hours: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Modified Group Ex Schedule: 8:15-9:15 a.m. (Pilates in Area Room 2)
- Feast Mode The Pre Burn Circuit: 8:15-9:00 a.m. (Group Studio)
- Thanksgiving Pre-Burn Spin: 8:30-9:30 a.m. (Spinning Room)
- Zumba: 9:30-10:15 a.m. (Group Studio)

## DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

- Fitness Center Hours: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Child Care: 8 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
- GetFit: 8:15-9 a.m. (Studio)
- Spinning-The Burn Off: 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (Spin Studio)
- Zumba: 9:30-10:15 a.m. (Studio)
- All-Levels Yoga: 9:30-10:30 a.m. (Area Room 2)
- Toning Circuit: 10:30-11:15 a.m. (Studio)

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019

- Regular Fitness Hours: 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Regular Saturday programming available
- First ROM (Ride of the Month) with Rock Climbing: 8:30-9:30 a.m. (Spin Room)

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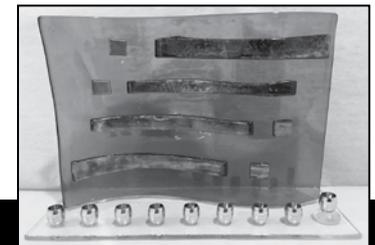
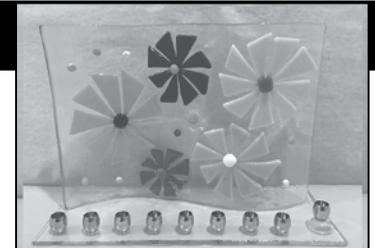
## Temple Israel Sisterhood Gift Shop

**DECEMBER SPECIAL: 10% OFF ALL IN-STOCK CHANUKAH MENORAHS.**

### Gift Shop Hours

- Wednesdays 12:30-4:30 p.m. (Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1)
- After most Friday Shabbat services
- By appointment. Please call the Temple office at 330-665-2000.

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**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** One member of the household must be Jewish by having a Jewish parent or have completed the conversion process by an ordained Rabbi.

Learn more at [www.jewishakron.org/about-us/j-ticket](http://www.jewishakron.org/about-us/j-ticket)

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



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# FAMILY FUN DAY & OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Jan. 12

1-4 p.m. at the Shaw JCC



Join us for **BIG** fun and even **BIGGER SAVINGS!**

Enter for a chance to win a **ONE-YEAR** family membership!

**FREE** & Open to the community.

#### **Take advantage of the savings:**

- 10% off camp registration
- \$100 membership savings
- Buy a massage or personal training package and receive 15% off (quick start excluded)

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- Crafts
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- Face Painting
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