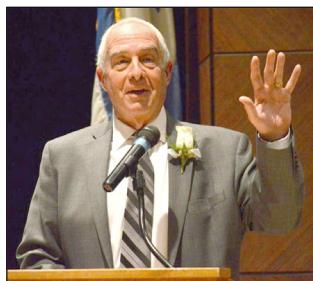


## KOCH RETURNS TO JCBA AS CONSULTANT AFTER POLIKOFF DEPARTS

Becky Raspe | CJA Staff Reporter | [braspe@cjn.org](mailto:braspe@cjn.org)



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David K. Koch, who served as CEO of the Jewish Community Board of Akron for 11 years and retired in December 2018, has returned to the organization as a part-time independent consultant while it searches for a replacement for Todd Polikoff, who stepped down from the role to become the COO of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County in Boca Raton, Florida.

Koch, who lives in Bath Township and attends Beth El Congregation in Akron, started July 7 as part of a six-month commitment to the role. In the past, he served as a volunteer at the organization, worked for 25 years at an Akron-based family business, and as director of endowments and fundraising at the Jewish Federation of San Antonio from 2004 to 2007.

"I'm happy to be able to step in and help them for a little while until they figure out what to do next," he told the Cleveland Jewish News July 12. "I'm here and since I'm retired, I had a little bit of time to do this. When I walked down the halls on my first day, it felt like I was gone on a long weekend. A lot of the same faces, same staff and same hallways. It's interesting and will continue to be interesting."

Thom Mandel, president of the JCBA's board of trustees, told the CJA July 13 Koch is "looking after the position," which made the most sense since he's been in the role before.

"Though he won't be here full time and is just coming on as a consultant, he can at least look at the work from the eyes of a CEO and be able to talk to the trustees intelligently about what is going on," he said. "That's kind of what we need over the next six months and what David is going to be for us for the time being. It also really helps that we know each other well. We've worked together before and we're both confident that we can get it done."

As for the full-time CEO position, Mandel said the board of trustees is "really early in the process," holding strategic meetings to redesign the job description. Part of that is because of the JCBA's small size, unlike the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's large-scale operation, he said.

"We want to make sure that the person who comes in is ready to go," Mandel said. "We want to make sure that whoever comes in can succeed in the role. So, as a result, the person who is going to replace Todd is going to have to wear many hats. We want to make sure we find the right person for it, so we're strategically looking at how we describe the job and where we want to look for the next person."

Confident the search will take at least the six months that Koch committed to, Mandel said he is comfortable with the idea it may take longer.

"One of the things we're making very sure of is that we don't hurry to get someone in place," he said. "If it takes longer to find the right person, I'm willing to wait. I don't want it to be the wrong person. I want it to be a perfect fit. And if

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## BETH EL CONGREGATION HIRES NEW RABBI



Beth El Congregation of Akron announced that it has hired Rabbi Hazzan Jeremy Lipton to serve as its new Rabbi.

A seasoned spiritual leader and educator, Rabbi Lipton joins the Akron Jewish community

most recently from Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he served as Head of School for Talmud Torah, a community-wide, supplemental educational organization affiliated with the two largest Conservative synagogues in the Twin Cities. He brings more than 25 years of pulpit experience as a rabbi, hazzan, and Jewish communal leader in Conservative congregations in Los Angeles, CA and San Antonio, TX and even Toulouse, France.

"We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Lipton and his family to our community," said Sharon Merklin, president of Beth El Congregation. "His extensive experience, passion for Jewish life and learning, and proven track record of outreach and community building made him the obvious choice for this role."

"The warmth of the Beth El community was evident from the moment I visited, and I knew it was the right fit for this moment in my career," said Rabbi Lipton. "My wife Kay and I look forward to growing the community through nurturing relationships, engagement, and the universal language of music, infusing our tefillah experiences

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## KOCH RETURNS TO JCBA AS CONSULTANT AFTER POLIKOFF DEPARTS, continued

it takes me an extra few months to get it right, I'll take that time. I'd rather have an 'A,' rather than settling for a 'B' or 'C.'"

Polikoff began the role on Dec. 3, 2018, after serving as the president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Nevada, a position he held since November 2015. He will begin his role at the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County Sept. 1.

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## BETH EL CONGREGATION HIRES NEW RABBI, continued

with uplifting joy, spirituality, and meaning."

Rabbi Hazzan Lipton received his Rabbinic Ordination from the Academy for Jewish Religion, New York and his Hazzan-Minister Commission from the Cantors Assembly, an organization in which he has remained extremely active, and in which he has held numerous leadership positions on both regional and international levels. He is also a board member of the Jewish Educators Assembly. He holds a Master's Degree in Jewish Studies, and both Bachelor's and Master's of Music Degrees in Music.

His wife, Kay, is a musicologist and their two sons – Jonathan and Adam – live in Los Angeles and Texas.

Rabbi Lipton will assume his pulpit in time for the High Holidays. Information and the holiday schedule will be available shortly at <https://www.bethelakron.com/>.

As an official partner of the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, through the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, **The Shaw JCC of Akron delivers food boxes** to White Pond Villa and Center Towers the first Friday of every month from 10:30AM - 11:30AM.

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*Shabbat Shalom*

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<i>August 13</i>	<i>8:09pm</i>
<i>August 20</i>	<i>7:59pm</i>
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Julie LeFever | Shaw JCC Adult Program Coordinator | 330.835.0027

The location for each of these programs may vary over the next few months as we undergo some construction in the building. Please park and enter from the back of the building until further notice!

### MAH JONGG

Every Thursday from 1:00 - 4:00pm. No reservation is required.

### BRIDGE

Every Monday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. A \$1 donation to cover refreshment costs is appreciated!

### COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

- Pots and Pans Cooking Class resumes...watch for more information!
- September 21st AARP Driver Safety class 1:00-5:00pm



## GOOD GRUBS SUPPER CLUB!

Join the Club  
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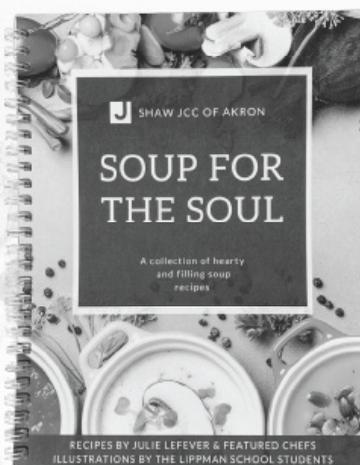
## J SOUP FOR THE SOUL COOKBOOK

**COOKBOOKS - \$20 DONATION**

100% of proceeds go to the Soup for the Soul program

This cookbook was made possible by the hard work and dedication of Julie LeFever, Shaw JCC's Adult Program Coordinator and founder of the Soup for the Soul Program.

This cookbook features 25 of Julie's delicious soup recipes, photos of dedicated volunteers and JCC community members, artwork by The Lippman School students, and more!



Order yours in person at The Shaw JCC Front Desk or call 330-835-0020 to reserve your copy!

## THE RETIRED MEN'S GROUP

The Retired Men's Group will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 9:30 to 11:30am.

Bagels and coffee will be served. An RSVP is required so we can prepare the right amount of food and secure enough space for the group.

Please call Julie LeFever at 330-835-0027 with your reservation by Monday of the meeting week. A \$1 donation to cover refreshment costs is appreciated!



## JEWISH STORIES FROM LATIN AMERICA CLASS FOR SENIORS!



We are planning to have a Fall 2021 Session!! The Jewish Community Board of Akron sponsors Encountering Jewish Culture: through Stories, Poetry & Art Class for senior adults and friends. It focuses on **Jewish Stories from Latin America**. Esther Hexter, popular Jewish educator, will lead lively interactive discussions of Jewish stories from a variety of countries in Latin America [all in English translation].

The book for the year is **Oy, Caramba! An Anthology of Jewish Stories from Latin America**, edited by Ilan Stavans. Students will need to provide their own book. Stories originally written in Spanish, Portuguese, Yiddish and English are all in English translation. We will discover how Jewish Latin American writers think, feel and nurture their dreams.

The Fall Session is planned for six Wednesdays, October 5 through November 9, 2021, from 11:00am-12:45pm, to take place at Schultz Campus for Jewish Life, 750 White Pond Dr., Akron 44320. Registration fee for Fall 2021 Session is \$25.00. No experience is required, just the desire to learn. New learners are always welcome.

Let Esther Hexter know you are interested in joining the class by Thursday, September 23rd at [eshexter@juno.com](mailto:eshexter@juno.com) or 330-836-0777. She will reconfirm if classes will meet as scheduled. The fee will be due at first class. Please see Shaw JCC, [www.shawjcc.org](http://www.shawjcc.org) for update on Covid policies.

The class is courtesy of a grant from: Edward I. Abramson Program Fund, Jewish Community Board of Akron.



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IN THE NEXT ISSUE**

## FORUM 360 ONCE AGAIN GOING TO THE DOGS

By Leslie Ungar

Forum 360 has hosted many animals over the years: Colt the Stow Police dog, a beautiful rooster from Happy Trails, a goat, and a Dogue de Bordeaux. Through zoom we have visited with a champion St. Bernard and Cane Corso, and Willie Nelson the pony who visits at Children's Hospital and his four-legged friends.

This fall we visit with an even more special canine and her owner. Zoey is a 3-legged Golden Retriever with a prosthetic leg. Her "owner" is Cindy Jobe, a now retired teacher who lost her leg at 14. Talk about inspirational!



Many readers know the back story of LeBron James. If you know the back story then you know one of his teammates at St. V was Dru Joyce III. You probably also know the role of St. V coach, Coach Dru Joyce II. Coach Joyce has two sons who are now coaching in NE Ohio. It appears the Joyce family is now a coaching dynasty. All three came to Forum 360, Coach Dru Joyce III, Coach Dru Joyce II, and Cameron Joyce to talk about their journey, the role of Akron and basketball in their lives.

Forum 360 is a jewel in the fabric of NE Ohio. Our goal is always to feature people, places, issues and ideas with a global outlook or a local view. Our listeners and viewers are eager to hear their stories. We welcome ideas for topics and guests.

Upcoming shows to watch for:

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The Rise of Taekwondo

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**PJ LIBRARY HELPS AKRON CONNECT JEWISH FAMILIES AND CELEBRATE JEWISH LIFE**

Grants will strengthen social connections and increase opportunities for Jewish experiences and learning across the United States and Canada.

Akron area families raising Jewish children will now have more opportunities to participate in Jewish life, thanks to a second-year grant recently awarded by PJ Library®, the flagship program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation that provides free books to families raising Jewish children all over the world.

Akron has received a second year of funds to enhance and deepen parental engagement in the community. The first year of grants involved holidays in-a-bag as well as zoom opportunities to celebrate holidays together while being apart.

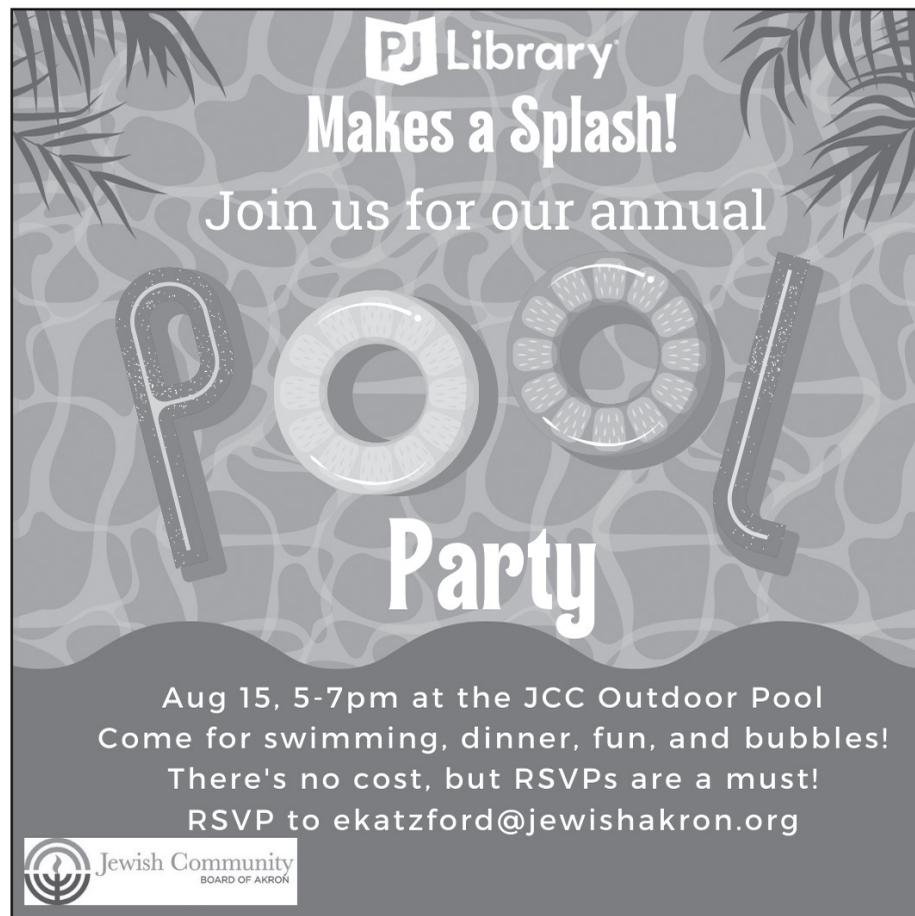
Tracy Newman, director of community engagement for PJ Library, says, “These grants reflect incredible creativity and flexibility in how our implementing partners are approaching our work during this unprecedented time. All funded grants showcase PJ Library’s best practices on engaging families in Jewish life while adapting to the current realities of virtual and social-distancing modalities.”

Akron is excited to receive this grant and thrilled to be part of the global PJ Library community reaching more than 667,000 children and their families across 32 countries. The 13 winning grant proposals were chosen through a competitive process open to organizations implementing PJ Library across the United States and Canada. A survey of 800 participants in previous grant-funded projects showed:

- 85% of families connected socially during the programs
- 64% of families followed up with the social connections afterward
- 76% of families sought out or attended other Jewish programs
- 99% would recommend the programs to friends

“PJ Library’s impact goes well beyond the more than 251,000 books we send out each month across the United States and Canada,” said Debbi Cooper, director of engagement for PJ Library. “We have worked closely with our local partners for over a decade to help advance Jewish family engagement, and we are grateful to be able to add financial support to help ensure the success of great initiatives.”

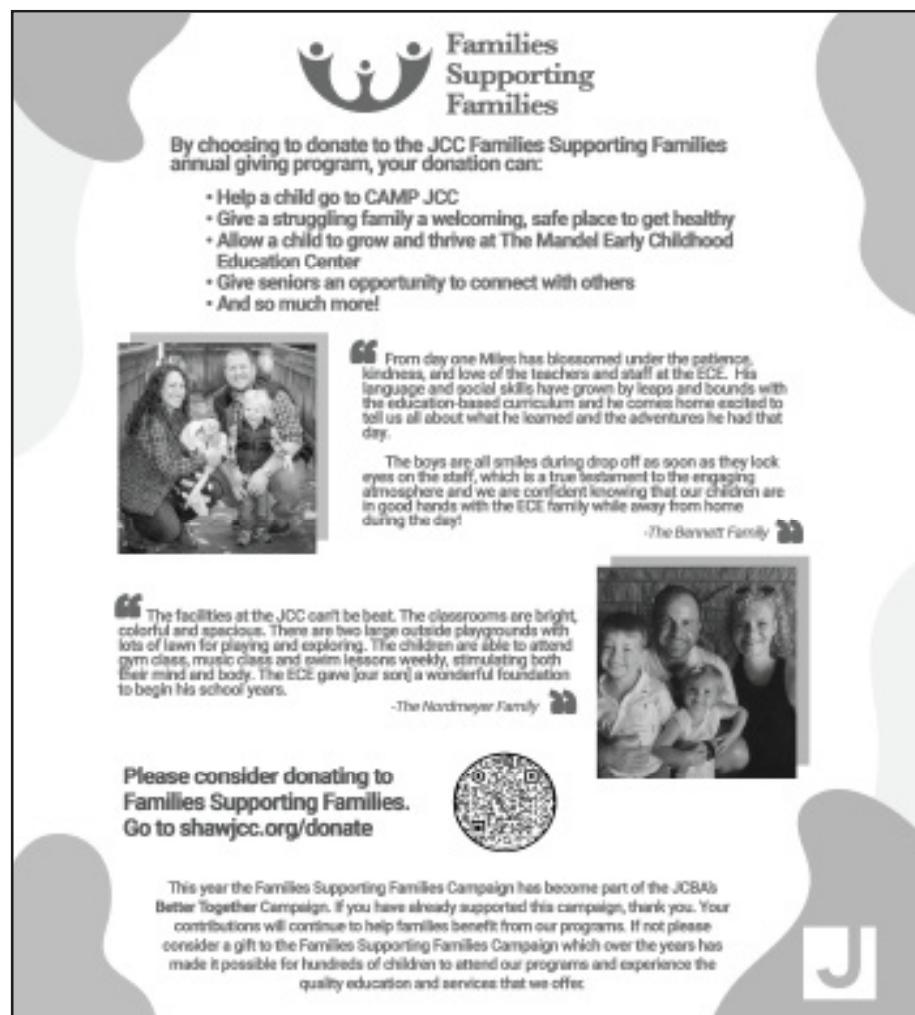
We are grateful to our PJ Library Alliance partners who have joined the Harold Grinspoon Foundation in funding these engagement grants: William Davidson Foundation; The Marcus Foundation, Inc.; The Azreili Foundation; Genesis Philanthropy Group; Jim Joseph Foundation; The Micah Foundation; Sam Berman Charitable Foundation; Carl & Joann Bianco; The Crown Family; Marilyn Einstein & Steven Sim Charitable Fund; Dr. Steven Grinspoon; Klaff Family Foundation; One8 Foundation; Howard & Geraldine Polinger Family Foundation; Stephen and Bebe Saks Family Foundation; Sherrie R. Savett Family Foundation; Mike & Sofia Segal Family Foundation; Susser Family Trust; Walter, Arnee, Sarah, & Aaron Winshall; Zucker Family Foundation and three anonymous partners.



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 -The Bennett Family

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-The Nordmeyer Family

Please consider donating to Families Supporting Families. Go to [shawjcc.org/donate](http://shawjcc.org/donate)

This year the Families Supporting Families Campaign has become part of the JCBAs Better Together Campaign. If you have already supported this campaign, thank you. Your contributions will continue to help families benefit from our programs. If not please consider a gift to the Families Supporting Families Campaign which over the years has made it possible for hundreds of children to attend our programs and experience the quality education and services that we offer.



## RUBBER CITY JEWS RUNDOWN

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL OSHEROW

Rubber City Jews is looking forward to collaborating with Anshe Sfard/Revere Road Synagogue for the Great Jewish Family Festival on August 8th from 4:00-7:00pm. We are also looking for people who would be willing to host Shabbat dinners for groups of 5 to 25 guests. In-home Shabbat dinners have always been an important piece of RCJ programming. We have certainly missed these special gatherings, and we hope to start them up again once we find individuals or families who are comfortable hosting.

As always, please check our Facebook page or email us for updated program information.

If you are new to town, or know any young adults who are new to town and would like to get involved

with RCJ, please let us know. We are always welcoming new friends and program suggestions!

### THE RCJ-TICKET:

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

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.

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## JOIN CANTOR KATHY FOR SONG & FUN

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**WHAT DOES “RETURN TO NORMAL” MEAN FOR JEWISH TEEN CLIMATE ACTIVISTS?**

Jewish teens from around the country founded the The Jewish Youth Climate Movement (JYCM), a program of Hazon, in 2019. It is the first and only national youth-led movement dedicated to combating climate change, within a Jewish framework. Built by 24 teens from 7 states, JYCM has expanded to create 20 chapters across the country, gain over 120 members, and was named in Slingshot’s “10 to Watch” list in 2021.

After a year of organizing virtually, this movement will transform as JYCM holds its first in-person gathering, the Summer Leadership Retreat, at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center, in Falls Village, Connecticut. At the retreat, more than 20 current members of the JYCM National Leadership Board will participate in workshops, brainstorm action plans, and create goals for the movement to take off and thrive.

JYCM currently seeks to expand its presence in the midwest. Any teen (6th grade -12th) can become a member or start a Kvutzah (group). Institutions such as synagogues, day schools, and JCC’s can create Kvutzout as well.

For more information on how to get involved, please visit [www.jewishyouthclimatemovement.org/getinvolved](http://www.jewishyouthclimatemovement.org/getinvolved), or contact Liana Rothman, an Ohio native, and mentor for, and co-founder of JYCM ([liana.rothman@hazon.org](mailto:liana.rothman@hazon.org)).

	<p>750 White Pond Drive Akron, Ohio 44320</p> <p>330.836.0419 <a href="http://thelippmanschool.org">thelippmanschool.org</a></p>
<p><b>The Lippman School offers a Transitional Kindergarten through Eighth Grade independent school education. It presents small classes, carefully selected teachers, and an accelerated, inquiry- based curriculum.</b></p> <p><b>The school enjoys its reputation for diversity, international perspective, and a robust sense of community. Readied for top-tier high schools and beyond, the students demonstrate learning outcomes with character, competency and purpose. Your child will have the opportunity to hone leadership skills, enjoy academic challenges, develop social awareness, think critically, and learn about cultures and traditions from around the world.</b></p>	 <p><b>Transitional Kindergarten to Grade 8</b></p> <p><b>Low Student-Teacher Ratio</b></p>
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**Contact Erin Katz Ford, Community Concierge  
330.835.0005 or [ekatzford@jewishakron.org](mailto:ekatzford@jewishakron.org)**

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



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A first of its kind! Join the Akron Jewish community for an afternoon of fun for all ages, from babies to bobbies! With vaccination rates going up and COVID cases going down, this festival hopes to unite and bring us all together, safely, to enjoy.

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This event is FREE of charge. **RSVP required!**  
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**CONCERT**

The concert will feature the 8th day band, flying in from Los Angeles, CA special for our community!

8th day is a popular Chassidic rock band duo, formed back in 2004, by brothers Shmuli and Bentzi Marcus. They have released 7 studio albums, 1 live album, and perform around the world. Visit [my8thday.com](http://my8thday.com)

They will be singing a mix of classical Jewish songs and their own compositions with inspiring and motivational messages.

**NEW TORAH**

A special feature will be the launch of the "Rabbi Mendy Torah" - a new Torah scroll - written in memory of Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin obm and dedicated to the memory of Lew and Rivie Zimmerman obm.

The Torah is being written by a prominent Sofer (scribe) in Israel. The scribe will be bringing the first column of the Torah to begin writing it in Akron with our community.

All participants will also be given an opportunity to partake in the unique Mitzvah of writing a Torah by purchasing a letter for the symbolic price of \$1. (See [akronshul.com/torah](http://akronshul.com/torah) for more details)

The Torah will be housed at Anshe Sfarad Synagogue and is sponsored by Steven & Wendy Zimmerman.

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3	4 <b>Tuning in Together Social Connection &amp; Your Brain</b> CLE 1:00-1:45pm	5	6 <b>Celebration Club: Cake Decorating</b> 1:00-1:45pm
10 <b>JFS World Tour 1st Stop San Francisco</b> 1:00-1:45pm	11 <b>Music Wellness</b> 2:00-2:45pm	12	13
17	18 <b>Chair Yoga</b> 2:00-2:45pm COL	19 <b>Yiddish Music &amp; Russian Poetry</b> 1:00-1:45pm CLE COL CIN	20
24 <b>Rosh Hashana: Making Honey</b> 1:00-1:45pm	25 <b>Music Wellness</b> 2:00-2:45pm	26	27 <b>MOVIE CLUB</b> 1:00-1:45pm

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#### Mazel Tov to

Jesse Kaiser, from the Stein Family.

Judy & Les Fishman on their 51st wedding anniversary

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Richard Swirsky, from Herb & Ellen Moss

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#### Mazel Tov to

Ellen & Keith Migdal on the birth of their grandson Leo, from Herb & Ellen Moss

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Rhoda Stein and Rosalyn "Mickey" Kaplan, from Donna Tedeschi

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The service of Bill Bloch, Larry Kaye, Jim Levin, and Ron Winer to the Temple Israel Board of Trustees, from Temple Israel

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Brenda Schwartz for her service as President of the Board of the JCBA, from Esther & Larry Hexter.

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Thom Mandel on being installed as the President of the Board of the JCBA, from Esther & Larry Hexter.

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Stacy & Joel Fealk's daughter Mandi's Graduation from Paula & Scott Gross

Stacy & Joel Fealk's daughter Mandi's Graduation from Lauren Recht Weinstein

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## MAZEL TOV

Leo Kai Migdal was born on June 4, 2021 to Korey and Jessica Migdal who recently moved to this area from Chicago and currently reside in Cuyahoga Falls.

Keith and Ellen Migdal of Akron and Neil and Joann Berg of Chicago are the proud grandparents. Great grandparents are Stan and Rhoda Migdal.

# IN MEMORIAM

**Alan Jeffrey Woll**, age 75, passed away from a broken heart following the recent death of his wife, on July 12, 2021. He enjoyed a very full and meaningful life filled with love, family and friends. Alan, born to Harvey and Corinne Woll, lived happily in Akron his entire life. He was a star football player at Buchtel High School before going on to the University of Akron in 1964 where he also played. While at Akron U, he became a dedicated member of Alpha Epsilon Pi. In 1968 he married his high school sweetheart, Janice Rothkin. In 1964, Alan was voted the class optimist and continued to live his life with his trademark positivity. His warm and generous nature helped him see the best in everyone. A strong entrepreneurial spirit, Alan started his own company in his basement in 1986, and grew it to become a successful manufacturing and distributing enterprise, Diamond and Network Polymers. His love for Akron was apparent through his philanthropic work, he was committed to and supported many local charities. His love of Cleveland's sports was something he enjoyed from an early age. A true Browns fan...he will have the best seats for this year's Super Bowl run. Alan's love for travel was constant...whether for business, sailing with friends, or a family ski vacation, he was up for anything! His love of golf started at a very young age. He caddied at both Fairlawn and Firestone Country Clubs. He loved playing golf with his friends as often as he was able, and as we all know it never rains on the golf course!! Alan was known for his sense of style and was always dressed for success. Alan is survived by his three children, Rachel (Scott) Arnopolin, Jerrod (Andrea) Woll and Michael (Gregory) Woll Orenstein. He loved his grandchildren, Raleigh, Corinna, Bodhi and Jovie. He will be remembered by his brother Barry Woll and wife, Izzy, his sister-in-law, Linda Lyons, as well as many close cousins, nieces, great nieces, and nephews. Thank you to all of his caregivers who provided such compassionate care, especially Larry Spear, who was a true friend to the end. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the Woll Family Fund through Akron Community Foundation or The Akron/Canton Regional Food Bank.

**Janice Eileen Woll (Rothkin)**, age 74, passed away on June 30, 2021, after enjoying a meaningful life filled with love, family, and friends. Janice was born in Akron, OH to Ray and Bess Rothkin. She graduated from Buchtel High School in 1964. She married Alan Woll, her high school sweetheart, in 1968. She loved her time at Buchtel and maintained close relationships with friends whom she enjoyed seeing at the many reunions she helped plan. Janice was a lifelong learner earning degrees in education, reading, and art education. She graduated from Miami University where she was President of her sorority Sigma Delta Tau. She earned a master's degree in art education at the University of Akron. Janice enjoyed travel, hiking, biking, playing bridge, and mah-jong with her friends. She loved creating her own art including quilting. She had strong interests in the stock market and enjoyed her women's stock group. She was a frustrated yet persistent golfer. Pursuing her passion for art, she took many classes and loved being a docent at the Akron Art Museum. She always had time to volunteer at the JCC and Beth El Congregation. Janice truly loved to travel and enjoyed spending time in NYC, skiing in Colorado, and sailing in the Caribbean. Janice was a planner. She loved to plan reunions, holiday parties, delicious meals, family photos... any opportunity to be with family and friends. She is survived by her loving husband Alan, their three children, Rachel (Scott) Arnopolin, Jerrod (Andrea) Woll, and Michael (Gregory) Woll Orenstein. She adored her grandchildren, Raleigh, Corinna, Bodhi, and Jovie. She will be remembered by her sister Linda Lyons and many close cousins, nieces, great-nieces, and nephews. Thank you to all of her caregivers who provided such compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the Woll Family Fund through the Akron Community Foundation or the Akron Art Museum.

**David Friedman**, age 87, passed away on July 4, 2021, surrounded by his loving family. He was the devoted husband of 64 years of Judy, loving father of Amy Friedman, Jill (Brad) Helfman, Bruce (Stacy) Friedman, and Ricky, of blessed memory. He was the adoring grandfather of Jared, Lindsey and Justin Helfman, Ryan, Aaron and Andrew Friedman, and cherished brother of the late Gail Schlossberg. David was also a special uncle, great uncle and cousin to many, including the large Oster family. David was born in Medina, OH to Ruth and Phil Friedman. He received a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and a law degree from Western Reserve. David enjoyed a long and distinguished legal career for over 60 years, 30 of which were spent in Barberton. He was considered an honest and respected practitioner. He humbly volunteered and led numerous organizations, never seeking the spotlight. He served as President of Akron Jewish Center, B'nai Brith, Barberton Chamber of Commerce, and Barberton United Way. He also served as Secretary of the Akron Bar Association and served on numerous boards. More recent volunteer activities included serving as a Guardian through Jewish Family Service and delivering for Meals on Wheels. In his spare time, he enjoyed golf, tennis, bridge, and watching sports, but more than anything, spending time with his precious family. In lieu of flowers, friends who wish may contribute to Beth El Congregation, Shaw JCC, or a charity of their choice.

**Ellen DeNelsky**, age 80, passed away peacefully Thursday, June 24, 2021. She was the beloved wife of Dr. Garland (Gary) DeNelsky for nearly 59 years. Ellen was born to Dr. Martin and Pearl Weitz in Queens, New York on August 2, 1940, and moved at a young age to Washington State. Her family later moved to Lake Oswego, Oregon, where she grew up and attended high school. She had an older sister, Mimi Orzech (husband Ze'ev Orzech, both deceased) and an older brother, (Harrison Weitz (deceased); wife Leona Weitz. After high school, Ellen attended Grinnell College where she met her husband 62 years ago, transferred to and later graduated with honors from Purdue University (1962). After her children were grown, she continued her education and obtained her Certified Financial Planning license and practiced as a certified financial planner for over 20 years. Ellen was the mother of Becky (husband, Gary Byron), Steve (wife Merle), and Jeffrey DeNelsky (deceased); grandmother of Logan DeNelsky (wife Lindsey), Ashley Barrett, Nicki (husband Rabbi Simon Stratford), Jacob, Anna, and Julia DeNelsky; and great-grandmother of Max DeNelsky. Ellen was an avid tennis player and captain of several women's teams in the Cleveland Area. She enjoyed theater, music, traveling, hiking, and spending time with her friends and family. She was loved by those who knew her for her gentleness, kindly spirit, and concern for others. Ellen was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2013 and spent the last years of her life with increasingly severe disabilities. Despite these progressive impairments, she rarely complained, keeping the grace and positive attitude that so characterized Ellen her entire life. In lieu of flowers, please send any donations to Temple Israel, 91 Springside Drive, Akron, Ohio 44333.

**Herbert B. Weiss**, 98, passed away June 30, 2021. He was born July 18, 1922 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Joseph and Dora Weiss. Herb proudly served his country in the US Army during WWII, earning two bronze stars. He spent his career in the Insurance profession, after retiring, he worked part time for Goldman & Rosen for many years. He was an active member of Beth El Congregation for many years, where he often led Wednesday services. Preceded in death by son, Jay Alan and wife, Betty and brothers and sisters, he is survived by nieces, Dana (Paul) Karon, Joni Weiss and Terri (Sam) Scaduto and a host of other relatives and friends. Rabbi Stephen Grundfast will conduct graveside service Friday, 1 p.m. at Rose Hill Burial Park. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Beth El Congregation, 750 White Pond Dr. 44320 or Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, 350 Opportunity Parkway, Akron 44307.

**Muriel S. Stine**, 88, passed away June 4, 2021. She was born in Miami, Florida on December 26, 1933 to the late Bernard and Helen Sedon. Muriel was a longtime area resident and was a USPTA Pro Tennis Instructor at Springside Racquet Club over 30 years and also spent time teaching at Peak Performance in Brecksville. She was loved by many friends and her pupils and will be missed. Preceded in death by her grandson, Jason OBM, she is survived by daughter, Lisa (Jerry) Reaven of Akron; son, Dale Weinberg of Arizona; granddaughter, Michelle (Jeffrey) Smith of Pennsylvania; grandsons, Max Reaven of Akron and David Weinberg of Arizona. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Revere Road Synagogue, 646 N. Revere Rd., Akron, OH 44333.

**Richard Swirsky**, born April 3, 1953 in Cleveland, Ohio, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on May 26, 2021. He had battled Acute Myeloid Leukemia for 6 months. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 35 years, Rebecca Jenkins, and his devoted children, Sarah Zena, David James, and his sister, Lauren Swirsky (Chris Burk). Rich was preceded in death by parents, Arthur and Zena Swirsky. Rich earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Ohio University in 1975 and moved to Akron in 1979 to work for Ohio Citizen Action where he championed environmental and labor causes over the course of two decades. In addition to being an advocate, he was also passionate about education and the environment. His creation of Tikken (to amend/heal) Village, in 1996, on the property of the Shaw Jewish Community Center combined these two passions. The nature trail was used by Akron Public Schools and Lippman students for environmental education workshops. Always a life-long learner, Rich returned to school in 2003, at age 50, to earn a Master's in Education from the University of Akron. From counseling at St. Augustine in Barberton, teaching reading at Firestone High School and ESL (English as a Second Language) for Project Learn, and Sunday School at Temple Israel, Rich provided all children and adults with his thoughtful and insightful instruction and compassion. He understood, believed and, most importantly, practiced the mitzvah (good deed) of treating all people with fairness and honesty. His dedication to service was exemplified in his most recent position as Akron's Ward 1 Councilman. It was an outlet for his creative and progressive thinking on policy with special focus on energetic, personal attention to his constituents. He leaves a legacy of service, activism, education, humor, and joy of life. His many friends and family will laugh when recalling Rich because of his ever-present sense of humor that was insightful, offbeat, creative, and sometimes bawdy. Rich had so very many passions, from playing softball to the music of Dylan, jazz and blues, Cleveland sports, politics, and the natural world. His final year of life, he finally got to see a Browns team return to being a top contender. Donations in Rich's name can be made to The Leukemia And Lymphoma Society (lls.org), Project Learn of Summit County (projectlearnsommit.org), and the Rich Swirsky Memorial Garden (<https://gofund.me/702df7c9>).

**Howard N. Gottlieb**, 75, of Beachwood, passed away June 18, 2021. A lifelong resident of Cleveland, Howard was born Oct. 17, 1945. He graduated in January 1964 from Cleveland Heights High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree from John Carroll University. After serving in the U.S. Army, Howard spent 47 years at his own accounting practice. A member of Park Synagogue, Howard loved dancing, spending time at family sporting events, golfing and good cigars. He brought joy into everyone's lives. He was always his authentic self - dancing the night away, giving people sweet treats and always showing up. Howard is survived by his children, Tammy (Matthew) Friedman of Moreland Hills, Nathan (Shilo) Gottlieb of Akron and Julie (Robert) Cohn of Solon; grandchildren, Sydney, Drew and Alex Friedman, Lilly, Max Killian, Sebastian and Callan Gottlieb, and Chase and Reed Cohn; and brother, Richard (Deb Pisowicz) Gottlieb. Donations in memory of Howard can be made to Park Synagogue.

## IN MEMORIAM, CONT.

**Ronald A. Desure**, 88, passed away May 27, 2021. Ronald was born in Akron, Ohio and was a longtime area resident. He graduated from Akron University with a bachelor's degree in engineering. He worked as a Quality Control Engineer for Goodyear in Akron, Alliance Tire Co. in Israel and Cooper Tire in Findlay, Ohio. Ronald also owned a dog grooming business "Barks and Bubbles" in Akron. He enjoyed spending time with his family. Preceded in death by his first wife of 51 years, in loving memory of Marian in 2007 and son, Benjamin in 2014; he is survived by his second wife, Lola; daughter, Shayna (Yakov) Ohayon; son, Bryan (Julie) Desure; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Desure; 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; brother, Dr. Isaac Levari (Ilana) and a host of other relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Revere Road Synagogue.

**Dr. Dennis S. Weiner**, 82, passed away June 19, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. Dennis was a man's man who lived his life to the fullest and on his terms. His life was made up of his many passions, the greatest of which were the practice of medicine, his cherished wife Phyllis, and his family. He was a world-renowned surgeon, and a gifted scholar, teacher, author, veteran, and inductee into the Jewish Basketball Hall of Fame. He was a tremendously spirited and loyal sports fan, supporting Cleveland sports teams throughout his life and possessing an unparalleled love for the Ohio State Buckeyes. Denny taught us all about commitment, faith, patience, acceptance, equality, trust, perseverance, generosity and the importance of kindness and compassion. He showed us how to treat others with respect, and how to be a father, grandfather, and a friend; how to be a husband, brother, uncle, and a son. He proudly wore loud shirts, flamboyant pants, and Cosby sweaters and thought that there was no occasion that was wrong for Ohio State clothing. He taught us how to tell a joke (even a bad one), how to listen, how to savor those special moments, where to find the best restaurants, how to sit back and enjoy life, how to know when we found the person to marry, and for (most of us) how to know when one has had enough to drink and shut up. He showed us how to let music bring tears to our eyes; how one can never eat too much garlic; how to make the perfect steak; how to say the prayers over the candles; how to find and send the raunchiest greeting cards and how to always have one on hand; how to honor your past, and how to catch/hit/throw a football, baseball, basketball, and tennis ball. He showed us how to properly wine and dine friends, how to handle loss, how to handle a broken heart, how to be the best we could be at what we do, how to juggle work and play, how to make hard decisions, and how to surround oneself with good people. A true gastronome, he enjoyed food, wine, art, music, cooking, smoking cigars, grilling, and as a proud Jewish guy, he made THE best BBQ ribs. He also made a mean Caesar salad, excelled at bananas foster, strawberries Rebecca, coffee diablo, and invented the "Denny Sandwich": a bagel with cream cheese and a half a pound of bacon. He constantly showered us all with gifts, but he also gave us our most intangible and important ones. His loss is irreplaceable and will be a benchmark in all our lives. We will always love and miss you: Son, Scott wife Margaret: Grandchildren, Ben (Katie) great grandson Levi William; Brian (Mariah) Great Granddaughter Ruth; Julie and Nick; Son Brad (Sherry) Grandsons Jake and Simon, Granddaughter Olivia; Daughter Tracy Cotopolis (Bill); Daughter Kristin Dean, Granddaughter Carly, Grandsons Brady and Josh; Daughter Romy Landskroner (Mark), Grandson Blake, Alex and Granddaughter Ashley; Daughter Sherri Riley (Pat); Son Tim (Amie) Grandchildren Zane and Marishka; Nephew Matthew (Julie) and great nephews Leopold William and Alexander Dennis; Surviving twin brothers Richard and Roger Weiner. Preceded in death by brothers William and Ronald, Mother Adeline (Kaufman), and Father Milton Weiner. IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, memorials may be made to Akron Children's Hospital, Pediatric Orthopedic Research Fund, 214 W. Bowery Street, Akron, OH 44308.

**R. Donald Edwards** passed away peacefully, after a long and fulfilling life, in the early morning hours of June 15th. Dad was born in Indianapolis on July 29th, 1930 to Clyde and Elsie Edwards and grew up in the Haughville section of the city. Dad attended Washington High School and Butler University and was both a very proud Continental as well as Bulldog all of his life. Don married Virginia Louise King on March 16th, 1952 and they shared many, many happy moments during their 69 years of marriage. Their marriage spawned two children Caron (Mike) Goldenberg and Greg (Doris) Edwards. Don Edwards did not know a stranger. Everyone he met became more than acquaintance and often a close friend. He was a walking, talking Mardi Gras. Dad enjoyed an almost 50-year banking career with Indiana National Bank starting as a teller and retiring as an executive in branch management. He and mom met at the bank and the rest is history. In addition to Washington High School and Butler University basketball Dad was a big fan of the Indianapolis Colts. He would often be seen, and especially heard, enjoying both Butler and the Colts on TV. In addition, Dad could often be found at his beloved Highland Country Club playing a round of golf with close friends, of which he had many. Dad was proud of his Masonic membership and was a very active Mason. Dad's Masonic career was highlighted by his tenure as Potentate of Murat Shrine in 1974 and many years as Murat Treasurer subsequent to that. Mom and Dad enjoyed a very active social life as a result of Murat Shrine and Highland Country Club. In Dad's later years he could be found most mornings, at 7:30 sharp, at the Donut Shop on north Keystone Avenue. He loved his Donut Shop family and enjoyed many a spirited political discussion with his buddies over breakfast. Don was pre-deceased by his parents, Isaac Clyde Edwards, Sr. and Elsie (Marple) Edwards, his brother Clyde Jr. (Mildred), and his awesome son in law Mike Goldenberg. Dad is survived by daughter Caron Goldenberg, son Greg (Doris), granddaughters Sophie and Grace Goldenberg, grandsons Lloyd Edwards (fiancée Taylor Stevens), Wesley (Rachel) Edwards, Henry (Meghan) Edwards, great grandchildren Anthony, Aengus, and Brooklyn Edwards, his beloved dog Molly, and countless other relatives and friends. Dad's family would like to sincerely thank the staff of Hoosier Village Retirement Community, especially nurse Antoinette, for the loving care provided him during his brief rehabilitation stay. In lieu of flowers the family would ask that memorial contributions in Don's name be made to any of the following: The Michael Goldenberg Education Fund @ Temple Israel Akron, 91 Springside Drive, Akron 44333; The Elias J Jacoby Historical Foundation Building Foundation; Murat Building Fund, 510 North New Jersey Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204; Highland Golf & Country Club Foundation, 1050 West 52nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46228.

**Martin Oppenheimer** passed away Sunday, July 11, 2021 at age 77. He was born in New York City, NY and moved to Akron, Ohio in 1962. Martin was a Veteran of the Vietnam War serving as a First Lieutenant in the US Army. He was a lifelong resident of Akron for the past 60 years. He was a member and past President and board member of Beth El Congregation in Akron and also a member of The Park Synagogue in Pepper Pike. Mr. Oppenheimer was a Sr. Marketing Manager at Babcock & Wilcox for 26 years. Also, he served as a mathematics instructor at the University of Akron and Kent State University. In addition, he served proudly as a volunteer counselor at Service Core of Retired Executives (SCORE) and a board member of The American Heart Association. Marty was preceded in death by his parents Doris and Siegfried Oppenheimer. He was a devoted husband of Joyce Oppenheimer of Akron, Ohio for 55 years. Father of daughters Dr. Michelle Oppenheimer Eisenberg, Bonnie Zeichner (Larry), and son Kenneth (Emily). Grandfather of 7 grandchildren Jacob, Gabriel, Jayden, Evelyn, Juliya, Clayton, and Aryana. Mr. Oppenheimer was a brother of Irene Wiener (Stan), Linda Durst (Richard), brother-in-law to Cantor Martin Leubitz (Lisa), Barry Leubitz, the late Phyllis Leubitz Teichman, uncle to Brian (Robyne), the late Jonathan Pfeffer, Alana Teichman Frezel (David) and Kayla, Ari, Benjamin, and Daniel Leubitz. In lieu of other remembrances, the family suggests donations to: the Taussig Cancer Center at Cleveland Clinic, the Vasculitis Foundation, or the Synagogue of your choice.

**Donald L. Kaufman**, 90, died peacefully with family members by his side on Thursday June 10, 2021 in Akron, Ohio. Born in Erie, PA., he moved to Akron at the age 9, where he maintained his primary residence throughout his life. He was the first in his family to graduate from college, graduating with a business degree from The Ohio State University in 1952 and then earned his Juris Doctor there as well in 1955. Following law school, he passed the Ohio Bar and spent two years as a JAG at the Air Force Base in Plattsburgh, NY before joining his older brothers at Alside, Inc. as its Corporate Secretary in Cuyahoga Falls in 1957. He held a number of key positions there before being named President in 1974 and then becoming its CEO in late 1982, after his brothers retired. He spent 46 illustrious years at Alside before his own retirement in 2001. The company's growth and financial success during his tenure was equally matched by his desire to create a warm, friendly corporate culture that featured mutual respect, devotion and trust. Once retired, he was an occasional speaker at graduate level marketing classes at the University of Akron for 10 years and then sponsored the Donald L Kaufman Business Speaker Series for many years. He and Estelle enjoyed their winters in Rancho Mirage, CA after retirement, especially the frequent visits from his children and grandchildren. That followed years of memorable family ski trips both in winter and summer in the Vail Valley. He was a longtime supporter of Temple Israel, Revere Synagogue and raised money for both Akron City and Akron Children's Hospitals with his "Ribs For Kids" annual charity event. He was an avid tennis player, skier and cyclist and a devoted patron of classical music, art and opera. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Brenda, Eileen and the many other caregivers who have provided years of kindness and support to our parents. He is survived by his beloved wife Estelle (Friedman), whom he was married to for 66 years; his children, Craig (Amy) Kaufman, Susan (Greg) McMains, Carrie (Brad) Martin; Poppi to seven grandchildren, Jason (Jess) McMains, Rachel Kaufman, Alex Lefkowitz, Max Lefkowitz, Brian (Nicole) McMains, Abby (Molly) Kaufman, Zach (Allie) McMains; to step grandson, Ben Martin; to four great-grandchildren, Addie and Benjamin McMains, Mitchell McMains, Ella Smemo; and his cherished nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Isadore and Lena Kaufman, and his dear older siblings Adeline, Florence, Jerome, and Manual. Memorials should be made to either the Parkinson's Foundation, the Alzheimer Association or to your favorite charity.

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