

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF AKRON: THERE WHEN YOU NEED IT



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We all need help at some point in our lives. As we age, there are times it becomes more difficult to handle challenges on our own. For some, loving family members are close by; for others, this may not be the case. Caregivers of any aging family member face additional pressures as they try to balance their own day-to-day responsibilities with those of their loved one. An excellent resource for help during these times is Jewish Family Service of Akron (JFS.)

Working closely with family members, JFS enhances the mental, emotional, and social wellbeing of individuals through counseling, care management, and opportunities for socialization. Services are available to both Jewish and non-Jewish members of the community ages 18 and older. In addition to traditional behavioral health services, JFS has specialized programming for older adults, and can also help find home health services, affordable homemaking, and handyman services to support older adults in the home.

Buffy Ramos, Older Adult Services Director, explains that additional senior programs include services to Summit County Holocaust survivors and the Silver J Ticket, which helps individuals access transportation and in-home supports. Buffy explains that staff spend a great deal of time working with adult children to best meet the needs of their loved one. She shares that JFS also has a volunteer crew who twice a year “deliver happiness by dropping off flowers, bags of food and apples and honey for the High Holidays.”

When the pandemic hit, Ramos recalls, it became all about meeting basic needs, such as having food to eat, ensuring medical attention, and getting stamps to pay bills. Several months later, the calls changed to ‘I am afraid, lonely.’ Akron seniors, like those across the country, were increasingly becoming anxious and depressed, which in turn affected their physical health. As a result, Ramos explains, “...our work focus turned to life enhancement, and increasing social connections.”

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A MONTH OF GIVING

By Tammy Gersman

December has always been a special time for our family. Ever since our children were young, we have used this month as an opportunity to give back to our community. We incorporated this into our holiday celebrations. Giving adds joy to this time of year.

This year I invite you to join our family in a month of giving.

That is what we do in Akron: we give, we help, we support. We also want to raise our children, the next generation, to think of others and help those in need.

Whether your children save pennies for the month, you come together as a family or as an individual, please consider making a gift to support the 2022 JCBA Annual Campaign. Each contribution matters; no gift is too small.

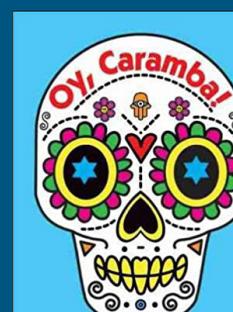
Your support will meet important, often basic needs in peoples’ lives here and beyond, including transportation for seniors, child care, afterschool care and programs, K-8 education, social connections for seniors and for young adults, and health and wellness services, to name just a few. You will also be making a significant impact upon the long-term vitality of our community.

What a meaningful way to celebrate the month and its holidays.



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A priority for JFS is addressing the transportation needs of the seniors it serves. Lack of safe and affordable transportation continues to be one of the most significant obstacles to engagement with others in the community. JFS staff are providing solutions so clients can access synagogues, the doctor, the JCC, and connect with other seniors at campus programs. JFS works with Julie LeFever, Shaw JCC Adults Programming Director, to offer transportation for seniors to meaningful and enjoyable activities at the JCC, as well as creative and robust online programming, such as the one at the Nature Realm. When COVID conditions allow, staff look forward to more field trips once again, to such places as Stan Hywet, the art museum, and to the theater at Cleveland's Playhouse Square.

Since 2018, JFS has operated as a division of JFSA Cleveland. Ramos notes how beneficial this relationship has been to our community. "JFSA Cleveland has been a leader in social services for years, and staff have experience and expertise in many different areas of social service, such as developmental disabilities, mental health, senior services, and domestic violence. They have offered enormous support to those of us in Akron. Because they handle the 'backroom support functions' such as marketing, human resources and finance, they allow our clinical staff here in Akron to flourish and be creative as a team. We have remained our own identity, while Cleveland staff have helped us to grow in Akron, and to serve our constituents in new and more innovative ways."

If you or a family member has questions, or needs additional information or assistance, you may contact JFS of Akron at 330-867-3388 or smalott@jfsa-cleveland.org.

JFS Akron helps individuals and families with solutions to face life's challenges with confidence.



J-TICKET PARTICIPANTS, DOUBLE THE IMPACT

To thank the community and support the continuation of the J-Ticket, David and Molly Stock have created a match program to double the impact of any increase made to this year's Annual Campaign over \$180.

Funds raised in the 2022 Campaign will support local programs including the Mandel Early Childhood Education Center, The Lippman School, Shaw JCC, Jewish Family Services, and area Hillels. The Annual Campaign enables us to provide programs and services that strengthen community life here, and also helps us to respond to the most pressing needs of Jews locally, nationally, and around the globe.

For more information, contact the JCBA office at (330) 835-0005.

Make your gift online at
[https://www.jewishakron.org/
annual-campaign](https://www.jewishakron.org/annual-campaign)



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Monday-Friday, 7:30am

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Sunday-Thursday, 7:30pm
Friday, sunset

SHABBAT SERVICES: 10:00am

VIRTUAL LUNCH & LEARN

Thursdays at noon. Study with Rabbi Moshe about the weekly portion. Lunch must be self-provided :-)

HAVDALAH LIVE!

Saturday, after Shabbat ends. Tune into Facebook for a lively Havdalah service!

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SHABBAT SERVICES

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For details, call the Temple Israel office at 330.665.2000.



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The Temple Israel Sisterhood Gift Shop has menorah candles, dreidels, and chocolate gelt available in Temple's front entrance vestibule during business hours by self-purchase on the honor system (cash or check only).

Shop Menorahs, serving pieces, and other items by appointment. Email [Renee Pinsky](#) or [Marsha Krieger](#) or call the office, 330-665-2000 to make arrangements.

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

December 3	4:40pm
December 10	4:40pm
December 17	4:41pm
December 24	4:45pm
December 31	4:50pm
January 7	4:56pm
January 14	5:03pm
January 21	5:12pm
January 28	5:20pm

SENIOR ADULT PROGRAMS

Julie LeFever | Shaw JCC Adult Program Coordinator | 330.835.0027

BRIDGE -- JCC MAIN LOBBY

Every Monday from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Always looking for new players. All are welcome! A donation of \$1 is suggested for coffee and dessert.

MAH JONGG

Every Thursday from 1:30 - 3:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES

Wednesday, December 15 11:00am - 12:00pm

BROOKDALE HEALTH TALKS ARE BACK!!!

Brookdale will once again be presenting a free and informative series of monthly health talks for us here at the JCC! We are happy to be welcoming them back, and look forward to their wide array of subjects and professional specialists to enlighten us on a variety of health topics.

Wednesday, December 29th Social Wellness

Wednesday, January 19th Brain Fitness

Join us after class at 11:10am for coffee and a healthy snack! No reservation necessary!



Looking for a unique holiday gift AND a way to help others in our JCC community? SOUP FOR THE SOUL cookbooks are a great way to do just that! A beautiful compilation of delicious soup recipes from our amazing soup program. Available at the front desk or call Julie at 330-835-0027 or jlefever@shawjcc.org and order yours to give or keep today! \$20 each. A great opportunity to feed a soul!

THE RETIRED MEN'S GROUP

Join us for a delicious, full breakfast on Wednesday, December 8th at 9:30 AM. Reservations are a must by calling Julie LeFever at 330-835-0027. Come and enjoy the food, engage in great conversation, reunite with old friends, and make some new ones!

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!



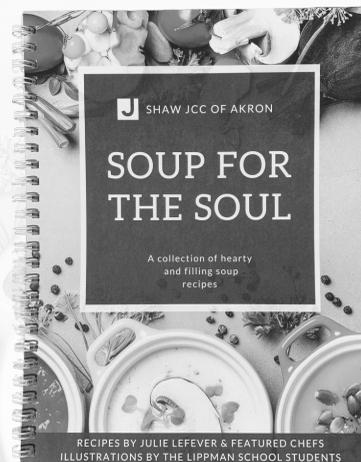
SOUP FOR THE SOUL COOKBOOK

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!



Pick one up at The Shaw JCC Front Desk before they sell out!

SOUP FOR THE SOUL MENU

DECEMBER

- 3 Vegetable with Bow Ties and Dill
- 10 Chicken with Rice
- 17 Cream of Mushroom
- 24 No Soup Delivery/Volunteer Rest
- 31 No Soup Delivery/Volunteer Rest

JANUARY

- 7 Tomato Basil
- 14 Hearty Vegetable Stew
- 21 Lemon Chicken with Orzo
- 28 Potato Leek

STAY SAFE. STAY CONNECTED. ZOOM WITH US.



DECEMBER 2021

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3 CELEBRATION CLUB Glass Blown Gifts 1:00-1:45pm
7	8 TUNING IN TOGETHER (CLE) Dave Kasper Saxophonist 1:00-1:45pm MUSIC WELLNESS 2:00-2:45pm	9	10
14 WORLD TOUR Tel Aviv 11:00am-12:00pm ET (COL) CHAIR YOGA 2:00-2:45pm	15	16 BRAIN HEALTH WELLNESS SERIES Stress & Your Brain 6:30-7:30pm	17
21 MOVIE CLUB "The Ultimate Gift" 1:00-3:30pm	22 TUNING IN TOGETHER (CLE) Stories Of Survival 1:00-1:45pm	23	24
28 HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS NEW YEAR'S EVE TRADITIONS 1:00-1:45pm	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

About Our ZOOM Activities

Tuning in Together Explore with us a variety of arts and culture programming.

Celebration Club Celebrate birthdays and other milestones of our participants.

Holiday Happenings Learn about different holidays and how they are celebrated.

World Tour Virtually visit destinations around the world.

Music Wellness Enjoy live music, song writing, and relaxation through music. *Funded by a grant from the Edward I. Abramson JCBA Program Fund*

Chair Yoga Hosted by JFS Columbus.

Movie Club Watch a popular movie online with us followed by lively discussion and critique.

All our activities are conducted on-line via ZOOM and are FREE to the community. You can participate by video if you have a working email address and a computer or tablet. You can also participate by phone if you do not have a computer. Assistance is available through JFS.

Contact JFS Akron

330-867-3388

for details.

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Jewish Family Service of Akron | 750 White Pond Drive, Akron, Ohio 44320 | 330.867.3388 | jfsakron.org



SAM CHESTNUT, HEAD OF THE LIPPMAN SCHOOL, HONORED BY CLEVELAND JEWISH NEWS AS COMMUNITY DIFFERENCE MAKER



Sam Chestnut, Head of The Lippman School, will be honored at the 2021 Cleveland Jewish News' 18 Difference Makers awards ceremony on December 9th at Landerhaven in Mayfield Heights. Chestnut, along with 17 other Northeast Ohio Jewish community members, are being recognized by their peers, for their invaluable contributions in the name of tikkun olam; repairing the world. Chestnut shares his passion for tikkun olam with his staff as well as the entire student body at The Lippman

School. Under his leadership, The Lippman School has made impressive contributions in the pursuit of social justice. One significant contribution, which involved Lippman's long-standing partnership with the Northern Cheyenne Nation of Montana, captured both local and national attention. This partnership inspired Lippman students and teachers to pursue the creation of a new holiday, North American First People's Day, which would honor the culture and contributions of Native Americans. Chestnut, along with Lippman students and members of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, presented their proposed legislation to both Akron City and Summit County Councils where it was unanimously passed into law. We congratulate Sam Chestnut on this well-deserved honor!



A LIPPMAN KINDERGARTEN REUNION By Jodi Mirman

This is Livia Kades' 2010 Kindergarten class. Copley High School Class of 2022.

A BIG Thank YOU!! Mrs. Livia Kades was a Kindergarten teacher at Lippman Day School for many years. Our kids were so blessed to have her as a teacher and make wonderful memories. We came across this picture and decided to recreate it since most of them will be graduating this year from Copley High School. Hadassah Sternfeld lives in Charleston, SC and we were unable to locate the other kids from that class.

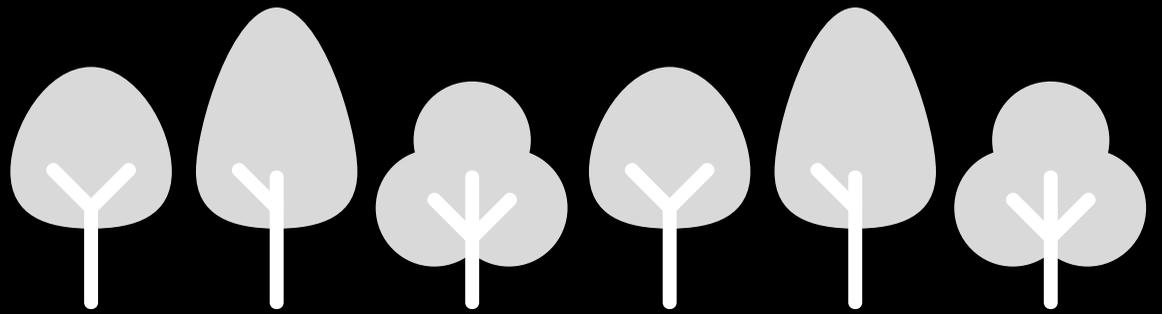
We would be remiss if we didn't also mention Linda Brotsky. She and Livia taught together for years and was instrumental in our kids' education. This particular year, Linda became Head of School. We will forever hold you close in our hearts.

L to R:

Julian Leff, Ilan Meltzer, Zach Heckendorn, Haylie Mirman, Livia Kades, and Jaci Moses.



1-4PM



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SUNDAY JAN 16



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- Exclusive discounts on Camp JCC
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- Find out more about activities and specialty camps coming up next year!
- Prizes, games, and crafts
- Tour the JCC and learn more about membership
- Physical activities in the gym for the kids
- Special appearance by your child's favorite character!
- And more!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION

The Kindergarten Quandary

Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten?

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

5:00pm in The Lippman School's
Woll Family Center for Innovation

The discussion will be led by Dr. David Steinweg, a licensed psychologist and local educational expert who specializes in the emotional, behavioral, and learning needs of today's families.



**ZOOM
Option
Available**



To register for this free event, or for more information about The Lippman School, please contact Debbie Zelin at 330.835.0074 or dzelin@thelippmanschool.org

COMPLIMENTARY BABYSITTING

THE LIPPMAN SCHOOL 750 WHITE POND DRIVE AKRON, OHIO 44320

ISRAELI MUSIC: FROM 1948 TO TODAY



Join Virtual Shaliach Shay Rubinstein on Sunday, December 12 at 1:00pm for Israeli Music: From 1948 to Today. Experience an interactive program that explores Israeli music and its many influences from over the years. The session combines various cultural elements of Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and European influences.

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RUBBER CITY JEWS RUNDOWN

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL OSHEROW

RCJ is seeking your input as we head into the winter months. Would you prefer outdoor programs, virtual programs, or a mix of both? We cannot wait to get back to our favorite events like Shabbat dinners and holiday celebrations, but safety continues to be our priority. Let us know what you think!

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. As always, visit our Facebook page for upcoming program details.

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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ABIGAIL ZIED RECEIVES THE MARION C. AND WILLIAM B. RISMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP IN JEWISH STUDIES



Our students are the first to acknowledge the importance of scholarships to their college experience. Alleviating at least some of the financial burden of our students allows them to bring their best selves to our campus: offering their unique perspectives and experiences and enriching our campus in many ways. That's why we are always excited to share their achievements and applaud their accomplishments. We are pleased to acknowledge Abigail Zied, currently a sophomore, as the second recipient of the Marion C. And William B. Risman Family Scholarship in Jewish Studies.

Abigail is majoring in Psychology and concentrating in Child Psychology with minors in Jewish Studies and Human Development & Family Studies. She is very active on campus with Hillel and the Kent State Marching Golden Flashes Color Guard. She is from Springboro, Ohio where she is actively engaged in her community as well.

The Marion C. and William B. Risman Family Scholarship in Jewish Studies is granted to a student with a minimum GPA of 3.5 and who is pursuing a minor in Jewish Studies. This prestigious scholarship is renewable for up to two additional years and can be applied to any of the costs associated with attending KSU.

Chaya Kessler, senior lecturer and Director of the KSU Jewish Studies program has been instrumental in raising scholarship funds for students from throughout the community. She says, "we are grateful for the support we receive from local donors whose generosity helps our students achieve their goals and change the world." Mazel Tov to Abigail, and congratulations on this honor."

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF AKRON ANNOUNCES THE MARTIN AND LEAH BLIMAN JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF AKRON QUALITY OF LIFE FUND



Jewish Family Service of Akron is pleased to announce the Martin and Leah Bliman Jewish Family Service of Akron Quality of Life Fund for older adults, established by Leah Bliman, in honor of her husband of blessed memory, Martin Bliman. Leah's gift is made in recognition of Martin Bliman's longstanding commitment and love of the Akron Jewish community. Leah, his wife of 68 years, has come to deeply appreciate JFS Akron transportation services and arts and culture programming, which have greatly enhanced

the quality of her life. Leah hopes that the establishment of this fund will ensure that other older adults in the Akron community benefit, for many years to come, from ongoing JFS Akron transportation services and arts and culture programs. Jewish Family Service wishes to thank Leah for her generous gift made in honor of Martin, of blessed memory.

It's not too late to save a life in Israel this year.



Photo by Kobi Gideon / FLASH90

For more than 90 years, American donors have provided vehicles, training, and supplies to Israel's national paramedic and Red Cross service, equipping them to treat the sick and injured under the most difficult circumstances and to save lives.

In fact, this past year Magen David Adom's 30,000 EMTs and paramedics have been on the front lines in the fight against coronavirus while also contending with terrorist and rocket attacks, riots, car accidents, and other threats to Israeli lives.

If you want to make a real difference in Israel, no other organization has a greater impact on its people than Magen David Adom.

Make an end-of-year donation at
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FORUM 360 Tackles Cyber Security

By Leslie Ungar

A ransomware attack threatens to publish or block access to a company's own data until the victim pays a ransom fee to the attacker. In many cases, the ransom demand comes with a deadline. If the victim doesn't pay in time, the data is gone forever or the ransom increases.



Host Stephanie York pictured above with FBI supervisory special agent Michael Brian and Charles Mackey from Fortress SECURITY risk Management

Ardith Keck, seeks to understand the problem of violence experienced by youth and look at steps that can prevent or reduce it.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, radio broadcasts into homes, workplaces and hospitals have provided essential updates on health measures. Radio hosts and programming have also provided solace to scores of people cut off from their loved ones.

Host Mark Welfley looks into "pandemic radio". In its more than 110 years of existence, radio has evolved with the many changes in our world and proven its resilience. Despite an increasingly busy media landscape and the rise of digital communications, it remains the most widely consumed medium at the global level.

The first ransomware attack can be traced back to 1989. Major companies as well as your next door neighbor have been the victim of an unknown attacker extorting funds. An upcoming show with Stephanie York as host, guides us through how to keep our information and access to that information safe.

Youth violence is a significant public health problem that affects thousands of young people each day and in turn, their families, schools, and communities. This FORUM 360 hosted by

Upcoming shows include:

Houston we have a problem, deputy director Johnson Space Center

The Real Estate Market, host AShira Nelson

Baking Miracles, host Leia Love

Ransomware Hits Hard, host Stephanie York

Youth Violence, host Ardith Keck

Pandemic Radio, Mark Welfley

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.

Each show will air:

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

WONE FM 97.5 Sunday 6:00am

WAKR AM 1590 Sunday, 5:00pm, Monday 12:30am



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JEWISH STORIES FROM LATIN AMERICA CLASS FOR SENIORS

Submitted by Esther Hexter



Classes are planned for six Wednesdays, from January 12 - February 16, 2022.

Jewish Stories from Latin America class will feature Jewish writers from all over Latin America and will meet from 11:00am - 12:30pm, coming right into your home via ZOOM on your computer or phone. Esther Hexter will lead discussions with help from Jewish Community Board of Akron running ZOOM format. In person option will depend on conditions in the new year.

The book for the class is *Oy, Carambal! 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.

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, January 6, 2022 at eshexter@juno.com or 330-836-0777. Registration fee for Winter 2022 session is \$25.00. Send payment made out to Jewish Community Board of Akron to her at 86 Melbourne Ave., Akron, Ohio 44313.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF HENRY ZUCHEGNO

By Shannon Piggott | Marketing Director | Shaw JCC of Akron

It is with great sadness that the family of Henry Zuchegno announce his passing in the early morning of November 16, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer. Henry Zuchegno was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, and dear friend to many. Henry was an undeniable shining light at the JCC. His zest for life was infectious to anyone that stepped foot in the building.

Henry worked for the JCC for the past 11 years, as a Membership Associate and Silver Sneakers instructor. Henry embodied the JCC's mission of providing a warm and welcoming community for all.



Henry always had a grin on his face and playful antics up his sleeve, immediately followed by his infectious laugh. He was loved by all, especially his little friends at the ECE (he knew them all by name!) and those who attended his Silver Sneakers classes at the JCC.

Henry enjoyed life, his family members, and his many friends. He was always there to brighten the lives of others.

Henry's long-time JCC friend and Silver Sneakers member, Ann Duke, says that Henry "was a hero, mentor, sage, humanitarian, provider, cheerleader, expeditor, role model - a man who stood above the crowd with his daily actions that embraced integrity, dignity, gentleness, tenacity, idealism, trustworthiness, caring, and fairness. Through his values and presence he enriched the lives of all who knew and interacted with him. Henry's fingerprints will never fade from the many lives he touched."

Henry was truly a one-of-a-kind person and will never be forgotten. The JCC would not be what it is today without him. We keep Henry's family and friends in our thoughts as they celebrate his remarkable life.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to ETC Heid's School of Music.



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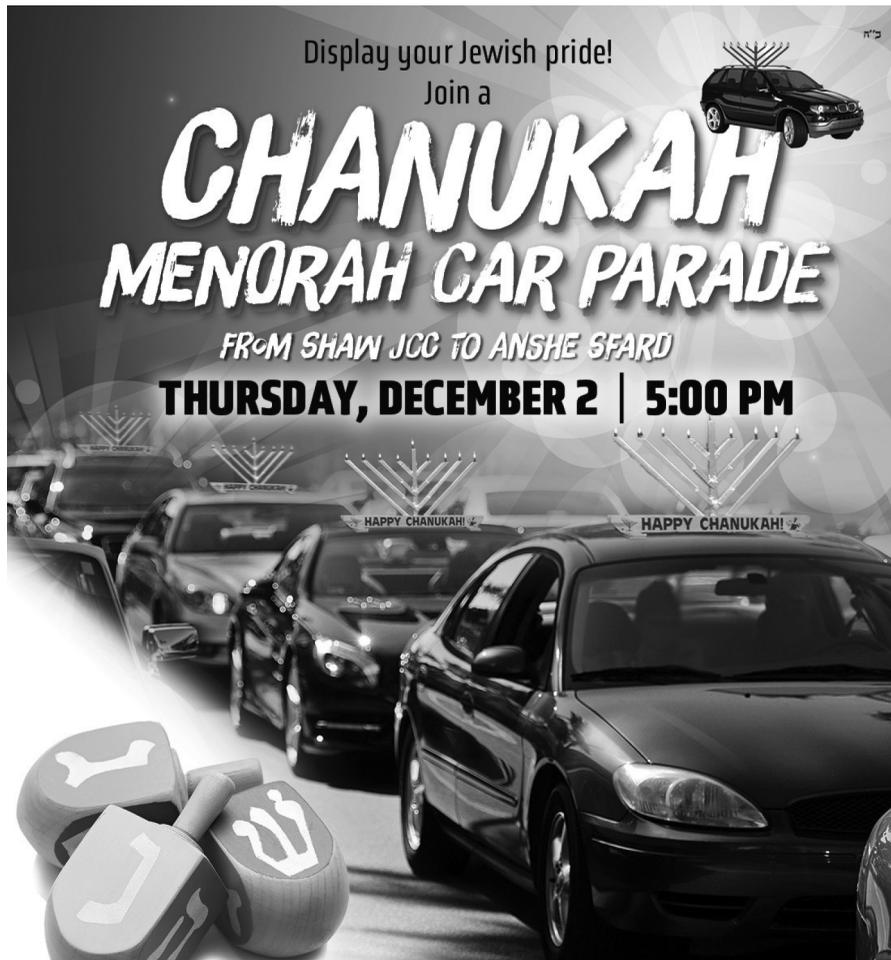
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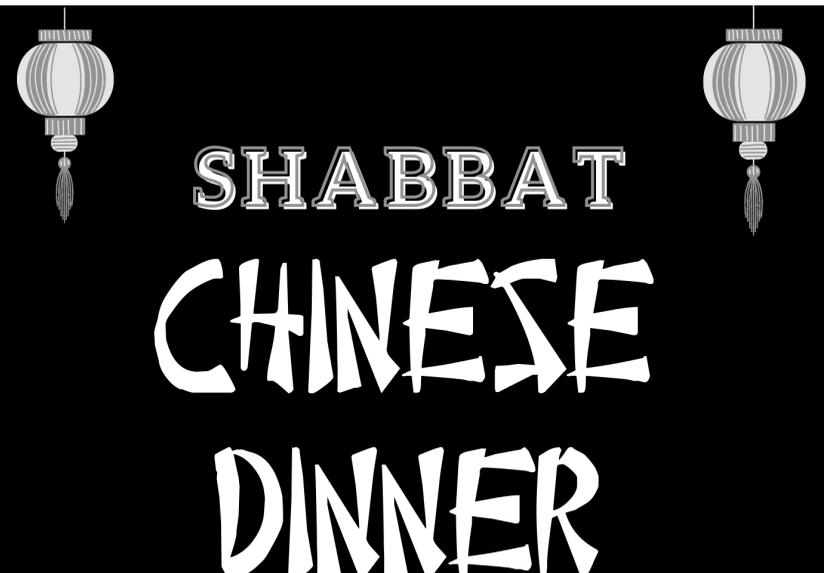



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MAZEL TOV



Kathi and Roger Marks are happy to announce the marriage of their son, Seth, to Marissa Weinschel, daughter of Gale and Alan Weinschel. Seth is the grandson of Leona Pollock and Joseph Chapman.

Their wedding took place on October 10, 2021 at the home of Marissa's parents, in South Dartmouth, Massachusetts.



Mazel Tov to the Sheridan Family. Braeden will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Temple Israel. Braeden is a 7th grader at Woodridge Middle school. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Braeden has chosen to focus his efforts on the South Street Cemetery. He was disturbed by the disrepair and how forgotten the South Street cemetery was. He hosted a clean-up in October and is currently raising funds for upkeep of the cemetery. He realized how strongly he felt that the people buried there not be forgotten and he knew he wanted to help restore the cemetery. Braeden is also a member of the Woodridge cross country team and enjoys snowboarding.



Rick and Lisa Spector of Bath proudly announce the marriage of their son, Jared, to Ilyssa Resnick, daughter of Jeff Resnick, of Moreland Hills on August 28, 2021, in Cleveland, Ohio. Cantor Lori Reisman (Ilyssa's aunt) officiated the ceremony. The groom is the grandson of Martin and Susan Spector of Sarasota, Florida and Al and Sandy Moses of Fairlawn, Ohio. The bride is the granddaughter of Sidney Reisman and Phyllis Reisman, obm and Dr. Albert and Sylvia Resnick, obm.

Jared is an iPhone Program Manager at Apple and Ilyssa is an HR Business Partner at Cepheid. Jared and Ilyssa live with their new puppy, Gingy, in San Francisco, California.

*Mazel
Tov!*



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In Memory of

Sid Dambrot, from Martin and Joyce Levin

IN MEMORIAM

Estelle F. Kaufman, 89, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, after a remarkable 16-year battle with Alzheimer's. She was born in Cleveland, OH to Max and Clara Friedman, both of whom immigrated from Eastern Europe to the U.S. in the 1920s. Estelle's childhood was blessed with wonderful loving parents. She graduated from Cleveland Heights High School and then entered The Ohio State University in the fall of 1950, where she would soon meet the love of her life and beloved husband Donald (1931-2021), who passed away in June of this year. They were married for almost 67 years. After graduating with her husband in 1955 with an education degree, she moved to Plattsburgh, NY before settling in Akron OH for the rest of her life as a loving, devoted, and caring wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend.

Estelle had an illustrious volunteer career over 50 years at Akron Children's Hospital, which included being President of the Woman's Board in 1989. In honor of her years of dedicated service, her husband honored her by establishing the Estelle Kaufman Sick Child Care Center at the hospital in 2002. She would also join her husband Donald, her children, and grandchildren in creating the famous "Ribs for Kids" charity events beginning in 1986.

She was an avid skier, tennis player, mahjong player, and jazzercise enthusiast even in her 80's. After a number of years enjoying their vacation home in the Vail Valley, she would later spend her winter months in retirement with her husband for 17 incredible years in Rancho Mirage, CA. Estelle's warmth and infectious laugh lit up every room and she never said no to chocolate and ice cream.

She is survived by her children, Craig (Amy) Kaufman, Susan (Greg) McMains, Carrie (Brad) Martin; Bamma to her 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 five great-grandchildren, Addie and Benjamin McMains, Mitchell McMains and Lena McMains, Ella Smemo; and her cherished nieces and nephews.

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She was predeceased by her parents and her brother Harold Friedman. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Brenda, Eileen, Lisa, and the many other caregivers from Visiting Angels who provided many years of kindness and support that help extend her life. The family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer Association or to your favorite charity.

Leonard "Lenny" Jay Dienoff, 78 of Neptune Beach, FL passed away Sunday, October 24, 2021. Lenny was born in Akron, Ohio to the late Phillip and Faye Dienoff. He grew up in Akron and moved to Neptune Beach 22 years ago. After high school, Lenny served in the Army National Guard during the Vietnam War. As a businessman, he was owner of El Cid Night Club in Akron, Sloopy's, worked as a regional director for SCI and retired from his insurance company in 2018. Lenny was avid golfer and could "out putt" the best. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Mr. Dienoff is survived by his wife of 22 years, Laura Dienoff, children, Mick (Shawna) Dienoff, Sheri Kohler, Rachel Miller and Charles Miller, sister, Rochelle Stone, six grandchildren, one great grandson, as well as many extended family.

Funeral Services were held in Florida on October 29, 2021. Funeral was officiated by Rabbi Mona Decker. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial be made to: Community Hospice www.communityhospice.com. Family and friends may share their condolences at: www.RHRFH.com.

Gerry Reaven passed on Thursday, November 11, 2021, in Palm Desert, California.

Gerry enjoyed her many musical moments performing for Temple and community events, and she excelled as a golfer.

Gerry's husband, Dr. George Reaven, preceded her in death in 2005. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Lois Reaven, and many nieces and nephews.

Stanley Marks, age 85, passed away peacefully on October 25th surrounded by family. He was predeceased by his wife Roberta (who passed away in April), parents, Benjamin and Mary and brothers William and Burton. Stanley is survived by sons, Steven (Jeannine), Dr. Neal (Pamela); grandchildren, Jordan, Dr. Samantha, Wyatt, Mackenna and Brady; sister-in-law, Rita Marks, nephews Craig (Ellen) and Wayne (Allison) and best friends, Evelyn and Richard Eshelman.

Stan was born and raised in Akron and was a lifelong resident. He graduated from the University of Akron and soon started a real estate and investment career spanning decades while raising a family with his first wife Judith. He was especially proud of buying a large tract of land in Tonopah, AZ prior to Bill Gates and his 25,000-acre tract which was dubbed the "City of the Future".

Stan and Roberta shared a passion for travel and especially enjoyed the trips they shared with their children and grandchildren. He spent winters in Arizona over the last 30 years gathering many new friends and rejuvenating his tennis passion. He was an accomplished violinist and played in the Doctor's Orchestra where he first met Roberta. He could build a violin from scratch and would make repairs for people all over the US.

He was a benefactor to many Akron area organizations such as The Akron Marathon, Stewart's Caring Place, Good Neighbors, Summa Hospital, Temple Israel, Akron Children's Hospital, and many others.

The family would like to thank the exemplary care given by the team at Summa Hospice and Palliative Care.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice.

IN MEMORIAM

Sidney Dambrot, 90 (1931-2021) passed away peacefully in his home in Copley, Ohio on October 26, 2021.

Sid was born in New York City and moved to Akron, Ohio in 1958. Sid received his business degree from Duquesne University in 1954, where he was a starter on their nationally ranked basketball team. In 1954, his team was ranked #1 in the country and subsequently lost in the championship game of the NIT, which at that time, was the National Championship. After a brief stint as a lieutenant in the Army, he went on to work in personnel for over 35 years at Ford Motor Company in Cleveland.

Sid always told people that he was lucky to have had two wonderful wives. His first wife, Faye, passed away in 2000. They were married for 44 wonderful years and Sid and Judi enjoyed the past 20 years together.

Sid was preceded in death by his parents Estelle and Joseph Dambrot and his brother, Irwin Dambrot.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judi, his son Keith Dambrot, daughter-in-law Donna and beloved grandchildren, Alysse and Robby. Other survivors include his sister-in-law, Katrin Dambrot and nephew Jonathan Dambrot (Alana).

In addition, he is survived by Judi's children, Kenny Kodish (Debbie), Kathy Nystrom and Laura Giterman (Eric). Grandchildren Hanna Daniel (James), Eli Nystrom, Kayla Giterman, Orlee, Eitan, Akiva and Eliana Kodish. Great-grandchildren Jupiter and Freya Daniel. Sid's sister-in-law and brother-in-law Joyce and Marty Levin. Donations in his memory can be made to your favorite charity.

Benjamin D. Richman M.D. passed away at home on October 23, 2021, surrounded by his wife, Ellen, and children Steven, Spencer, and Joanne.

Ben was born in New York City on March 12, 1940. He grew up in the Bronx surrounded by cousins and spent summers on his Aunt's farm and then moved to Youngstown when he was in high school.

He met Ellen Fine, the love of his life, at Ohio University. Their sixty years of adventure together began with a wedding in Cleveland on August 20, 1961. In the first decade of marriage they lived in many places including Vermillion (South Dakota), San Antonio, Colorado Springs, Boup Yong Dong (Korea), St. Louis, Baltimore, and Cleveland.

Their moves were largely in pursuit of education or serving in the US Army. First there was a Masters Degree in Physiology and Biochemistry at University of South Dakota ("Let's start our marriage with an adventure"), followed by his Medical Degree at St. Louis University. A two-year surgical and orthopedic internship followed at Johns Hopkins University. Ben was then drafted by the U.S. Army and sent to the 121st Evac Hospital near the DMZ in Korea as an orthopedic surgeon and honorably discharged as a Major. He subsequently settled in the Cleveland area where he completed a full orthopedic residency at St. Lukes Hospital. Ben spent the majority of his career founding and running the Center for Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine at Marymount Hospital. He also served as team doctor to the Cleveland Lumberjacks and the Cleveland Crunch during their National Championship years. He volunteered to give sports physicals at many local high schools. Ben was admired by patients and medical staff alike for his kind, calming demeanor.

Despite running a busy medical practice, Ben always made family and friends his first priority. Ben and Ellen raised their children with constant love and support. An adventurous couple,

Ben and Ellen traveled the world together, but the family and friends with whom they traveled created the truly cherished memories.

Ben will be missed for his gentle warmth, fun-loving spirit, keen observations, and kind, wise words. He was always present to listen and offer support.

Ben was predeceased by his parents, Betty and Lou Ginsberg, and his brother, Joel Ginsberg M.D. He is survived by his wife Ellen, children Steven (Patrice), Spencer (Annie), and Joanne (Ariel), and grandchildren Lucy, Oliver, Jessica, Sonia, Hagan, and Daniel.

Henry Lane Zuchegno, 67, died Tuesday, November 16, 2021, surrounded by his family.

Born in Akron, he was a graduate of the East High class of 1972. Henry had retired from AT&T in 2010 after 32 years of service and then worked for eleven years at the JCC. If not with his family, he was with his ETC family for 25 years. He was known as Dad, Henry, Mr. Z, but by far his favorite name was Grandpa/Papa Z.

Preceded in death by his parents and brother, Garry, he is survived by his loving wife, Cindy Sue; children; Christopher (Liliana) of Green, Patrick (Kristen) of Columbus, Kimmi of FL, Renee (Jared Claar) of Toledo, Katie Jo (Michael Pettygrove) of IN, grandchildren; Vincent, Natalie, Isabella, James, Lane Frankie, Briella, Cora, and Delilah Jo; brother, Teddy of Akron, and sister-in-law, Sandy of FL.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to ETC Heid's School of Music.

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