

JCB OF AKRON CEO POLIKOFF LEAVING FOR FLORIDA FEDERATION

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Jewish Community Board of Akron CEO Todd Polikoff will be departing June 11 to start as the chief operating officer of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County in Boca Raton, Florida.

While Polikoff's years spent in Akron were positive and cherished, he said the opportunity to move to Boca Raton's federation was something he couldn't pass up, he told the Cleveland Jewish News May 14.

"It's a tremendous opportunity," said Polikoff, who put in his notice of departure last week. "I was fortunate to have it presented to me. It's a terrific community that's growing; there's a lot of opportunity to have an impact there. It's got a terrific team of professionals, just like here."

Akron will remain a part of his heart well into the future, as he thanked Akron's Jewish community for allowing him the chance to function as its leader.

Polikoff, who started as JCBA CEO on December 3, 2018, has served in leadership roles in numerous federations and Jewish organizations throughout his career. Prior to coming to Akron, Polikoff was the CEO of the Jewish Federation of Nevada, director of donor stewardship and senior development officer at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland in Beachwood, and director with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in Houston and Las Vegas, as previously reported by the CJN.

He cited working with the Akron board to better define the roles of JCBA and increase collaboration and communication throughout the community as his greatest accomplishments performed as CEO.

"I've very much enjoyed my time in Akron; the leadership professional team is phenomenal," Polikoff said. "I appreciate this community welcoming me and offering me the opportunity to be here and lead the organization. I will carry this experience with me moving forward."



JCBA Board Chair Brenda Schwartz said she and the Jewish community will be saddened by Polikoff's parting next month, as she described his impact on Akron's Jewish population as forward-moving and lasting.

"I think I can speak for the community and leadership that we are going to be very sorry to see Todd go," Schwartz said. "He, in his short tenure with us, has made some very positive and impactful changes to the structure of our organization. Although he's not going to be here with us to continue on with that, we are going to do everything that we can to build upon all of the good work that Todd has started."

Schwartz explained the process to identify Polikoff's successor is at its very early stages. The executive committee is currently discussing plans for the next six months, where an interim

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MANDEL ECE AT THE SHAW JCC OF AKRON CELEBRATED THE "WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD"

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Although we celebrate our Mandel ECE children every day of the year, the "Week of the Young Child" gives us an opportunity to recognize our kids with a fun-filled week celebrating early learning, young children and their teachers, families, and communities.

The Week of the Young Child® is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). According to the NAEYC, the purpose of The Week of the Young Child is to "focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs."

To start off the week, the super star children of the Mandel ECE arrived to a red-carpet welcome complete with paparazzi, lights, music, and their names on the ECE Walk of Fame. Following that, every day of the week had a theme, such as Pet Day, where children brought in their favorite stuffed animals and pictures of their pets. In addition, donations of money, food, toys and treats were collected for One of a Kind Pets. Together we raised \$75 and shared many boxes of donations.

"Every day our goal is to provide our students with the best experience possible. The children in our care are loved, valued, and respected," says Mandel ECE Director Kim Garra.

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JCB OF AKRON CEO POLIKOFF LEAVING FOR FLORIDA FEDERATION, continued

CEO will take over while a soon-to-be established search committee will look for the new JCBA head.

“Right now, we’re focusing on an interim position and looking at the next six months, and then using that time to determine what we are really looking for in our next CEO,” Schwartz said. “That search committee will be looking at strategy for the community going forward and drilling down into questions about what we would feel is most important for the next CEO to bring to the table.”

Schwartz’s term as board president is up next month, and incoming board president Thom Mandel will take over Polikoff’s replacement process starting June 9.

Polikoff will assume his role as COO at the Florida federation on September 1, overseeing management of its operations, security, information technology and facilities departments, according to a letter from Matthew C. Levin, president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

“Todd brings an extensive background in financial resource development, organizational management and community development to our Federation family,” Levin wrote in the letter announcing Polikoff’s appointment.

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MANDEL ECE AT THE SHAW JCC OF AKRON CELEBRATED THE “WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD”, continued

“The Week of the Young Child” allows us to kick it up a notch and highlight our children to our community. Children are to be celebrated and this week reminds us of our commitment to ensure that each child has amazing experiences each and every day at home, at school and in their community to promote their learning for a lifetime.”

Here at The Mandel ECE, we believe that children are capable, competent learners, who can solve problems and express intentions. When a family chooses the Mandel Early Childhood Education Center, it is the beginning of a journey together through a child’s very important first five years of life. The Bennett Family exclaims that their son “has blossomed under the patience, kindness, and love of the teachers and staff at the ECE. His language and social skills have grown by leaps and bounds with the education-based curriculum and he comes home excited to tell us all about what he learned and the adventures he had that day.”

We believe in young children everywhere – they are our future! We were elated to spend all week celebrating their abilities, creativity, and limitless potential. Take today and every day to celebrate children, teachers, families, and everyone that takes part in sculpting the minds of our future.



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.

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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!

WALKING THE JEWISH LABYRINTH

3 session text course (5/23, 5/30, 6/6) on spiritual pathways in the Jewish Tradition and the meditative practice of walking the Labyrinth.

Text class will be from 10-11am on ZOOM. Please register online. If possible, we will also meet in the afternoon at outdoor Labyrinths as Rabbi Elyssa guides us in walking the Labyrinth as a tool for gaining clarity and purpose. Register in advance on the website for this meeting.

SHACHARIT

Wednesdays & Fridays, 7:30 - 8:30am
In-person and on Zoom

Beginning in May, the meetings will also be held in-person, limited attendance and socially distanced, for the FULLY VACCINATED, as well as on ZOOM. See emails for ZOOM-in Information. Please contact the Shul for all Log-in information.

<https://www.bethelakron.com/>

IN-PERSON SERVICES - Fridays at 6:15 pm

SANCTUARY SERVICES - June 4 & 18
(Seating is limited and attendees must preregister online, walk-ins may be turned away based on capacity. Priority given to Temple members)

PARKING LOT SERVICES - June 11 & 25
(attendees should bring their own outdoor seating)

- Masks must be worn at all times for both types of Shabbat Services.
- Families must maintain 6 feet between themselves and other families.
- Anyone who feels ill, has come in contact with someone who had Covid-19 or are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 within two weeks of the Shabbat Service should stay home, even if you have had the vaccine.
- No parking in the field, if the parking spaces are full please park at Barnes and Noble.
- Outdoor services are weather permitting.
- All services will still be livestreamed on Boxcast, Facebook and Youtube.

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

June 4 8:37pm
June 11 8:41pm
June 18 8:44pm
June 25 8:45pm

July 2 8:44pm
July 9 8:42pm
July 16 8:39pm
July 23 8:33pm
July 30 8:27pm

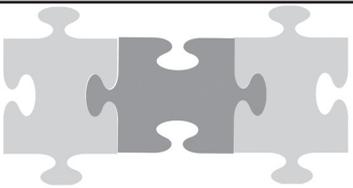


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JIGSAW PUZZLE LENDING LIBRARY

In addition to books, our Senior Adult Lending Library will now include Jigsaw Puzzles! Please make sure your puzzles are in good shape, AND HAVE ALL THE PIECES!

Please drop off puzzles to Julie LeFever and she will place them on the shelves in our already established Lending Library located in the Main Lobby of the JCC. Pick up a puzzle and keep your mind sharp this winter!



SOUP FOR THE SOUL MENU

JUNE

June 7: Potato Leek
June 14: Tomato Basil
June 21: Chicken Noodle
June 28: Broccoli Cheddar

JULY

July 5: Italian Pasta and Bean
July 12: Summer Vegetable Stew
July 19: Lentil Vegetable
July 26: Corn Chowder



SOUP FOR THE SOUL

In an effort to keep the Senior Adult population at the JCC connected and involved in the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be providing homemade soup to those requesting the service. For Senior Adult Members, SilverSneakers Members, and any member in need from JFS and the temples.

PICK-UP & DELIVERY

10:30 A.M.-NOON

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Tuesday at the
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entrance

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One order per week per household. Place order by:
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To order call Julie at 330-835-0027 or jlefever@shawjcc.org



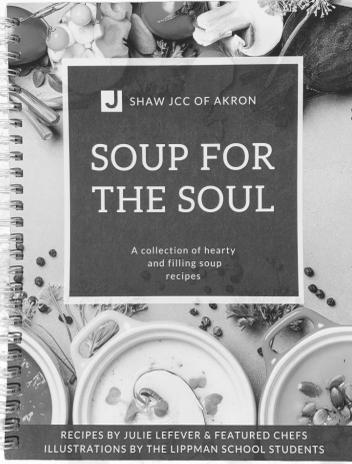
SOUP FOR THE SOUL COOKBOOK

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 CLUB

Retired Men's Club will now meet on the second and fourth WEDNESDAY of each month at 9:30 am. June 8 and 22 and July 13 and 22. We will meet at the front of the JCC building. You are welcome to bring your own chair.

Reservations are a must! Masks are a must! Proof of vaccinations are a must! And, masks must be properly worn!

Coffee and bagels will be provided, but you **MUST** have a reservation to attend.

Please make your reservation by calling Julie at least two working days prior to the meeting at 330-835-0027.

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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3	\$ 28,548	\$ 2,379	\$ 549



For more information or questions, please contact our Adults Programming Coordinator, Julie LeFever, at 330-835-0027.

Introducing an upcoming new program!

GOOD GRUBS SUPPER CLUB!

It has been a while since we were all able to get together, enjoy one another's company, and have a meal. SO, we are starting a new CLUB...The Good Grubs Supper Club! Join the Club out at the pavilion for dinner and friendship!

**July 15 and 29
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5:30pm**

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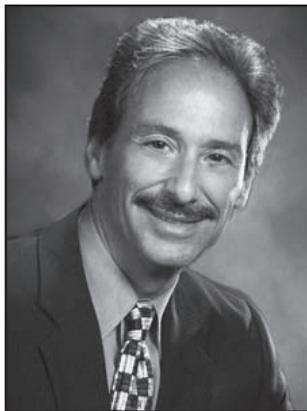
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Jewish Programming at Vitalia Active Adult Community at Montrose



Steve Raichilson

A significant issue for the area's Jewish seniors searching for an ideal move to a senior living residence is finding the right amount of "Jewishness" in a new setting. While many may not desire moving to a senior living location which is mainly Jewish, without diversity and having strict dining limitations because of Kashruth, most Jewish seniors are concerned about the move to a specific senior residence where they may be the sole or one of a small handful of Jewish residents.

Thoughtful planners and administrative staff of the beautiful new Vitalia Active Adult Community at Montrose understand that clients moving into their modern new senior living residence want to feel comfortable if Jewish and have incorporated significant Jewish programming and content into everyday resident life.

Steve Raichilson, who served with distinction as CEO in charge of the large Menorah Park campus in Beachwood for thirty years, is now actively working as part of the Vitalia Montrose's staff to incorporate Jewish spiritual, recreational and dining programming into the fabric of Vitalia's lifestyle.



A major factor of why residents have a high comfort level with being Jewish at Vitalia Montrose is that key staff have significant past career experiences working with Jewish clients and understand a Jewish senior lifestyle.

Activity staff are providing programs for residents from the Siegel College of Jewish Studies and provided a "Music for the High Holidays" virtual event to welcome in the New Year. Staff are also receiving orientation and training concerning Judaism and Jewish Customs and Traditions.

The outstanding dining program at Vitalia Montrose has been enhanced by popular selections of Jewish comfort foods and cultural favorites such as Bagels, Lox and Cream Cheese for breakfast; Cheese Blintzes, and a Deli Platter of Hot Corned Beef on Rye for lunch; and Salmon, Brisket and Farfel for dinner. On Friday evenings, Oven Roasted Chicken, Matza Ball soup and other favorites such as chopped liver and Gelfite Fish are expertly prepared. It should also be stressed that a more mainstream menu of American favorites is always available including shellfish and many other food favorites not available in strictly Jewish/Kosher facilities.

Sensitive, highly trained staff, a growing number of healthy, active Jewish neighbors, programs with Jewish content and culturally familiar dining, all combined with state-of-the-art apartments, social areas and a beautiful indoor pool, make Vitalia Active Adult Community at Montrose an exciting new option for Akron's Jewish seniors desirous of a safe, stimulating and culturally familiar lifestyle.

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JEWISH AKRON CONNECTION

Facebook Interest Groups

The Jewish Akron Community has created Facebook Groups in order to connect, share ideas, discover new interests, plan meet-ups, host virtual events, and more!

If you are interested in joining any of the below groups, you can:

1. Go to facebook.com/jewishakron/groups and join the group you prefer
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Jewish Akron Connection | Living Your Best Life (After 55)!
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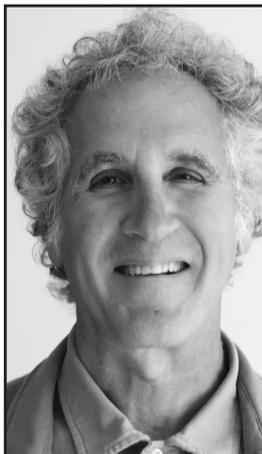
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April	Mar 12	March 19
May	Apr 9	April 16
June/July	May 14	May 21
August	July 9	July 16
September (High Holidays)	Aug 13	Aug 20
October	Sept 10	Sept 17
November	Oct 8	Oct 15
December (Chanukah)	Nov 12	Nov. 19
January '22	Dec. 10	Dec. 17

A community resource since 1929, the Akron Jewish News publishes 11 issues a year, around the first of each month (with a combined June-July issue). We mail and distribute 2,500 copies, which reaches the Greater Akron Jewish community as well as all members of the Shaw JCC.

About 83% of readership lives in West Akron, Fairlawn and Copley. Approximately 5% of readership resides in northern Summit County (Hudson, Stow, etc). About 60% of readership is Jewish. Readers are highly educated, comfortably established and loyal.

World Famous Writer Comes to Forum 360 By Leslie Ungar



Through the miracle of Zoom, world renowned author and film director Dan Cohen (pictured on the left) joined Forum 360. Although he has a movie currently on Amazon, it is his 2015 book, *Single Handed: The Inspiring True Story of Tibor "Teddy" Rubin-Holocaust Survivor*, which is the focus of this interview.

Mr. Cohen brought to life the experiences of this Polish boy who survived Mauthausen and a Chinese Prison Camp during the Korean War. The story is as much about his journey to become the recipient of the Medal of Honor.



Most "locals" know the Metro Parks. We may not know the history of what we now refer to as the Summit Metro Parks, a park system including 14,000 acres and more than 150 miles of trails. Host Pat Simons observed the 100th Anniversary of the Metro Parks in a Forum 360 dedicated to its history.

One hundred years ago, during World War I, Americans increasingly looked to parks and natural areas for temporary diversions. Congress responded by creating the National Park Service in 1916 and the Ohio General Assembly made possible the formation of Metropolitan Park districts the following year.

As a complement to the park system, Stephanie York hosted a show about downtown Akron. The City of Akron will receive \$153 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan. This funding will be used for programs focused on inclusive economic growth, vibrant public spaces and recreation for all, and a substantial investment in residential housing.

Host Ardith Keck went north of the border for a show on Covid 19 and its effects in Canada. Mark Welfley shared the stories of young entrepreneurs and the role of mentors. 26% of young entrepreneurs get their advice from the Internet when they could get advice from real live people!

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 will feature:
The Humane Society of Summit County
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RCJ RUBBER CITY JEWS RUNDOWN

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL OSHEROW



The Rubber City Jews recently enjoyed a Shavuot hike and are planning a Bring-Your-Own Picnic for Sunday, June 13th at 12:30. We are excited for more in-person

events this summer, so please check our Facebook page or email us for times, locations, and updated program information!

If you are new to town, or know any young adults who are new to town or would like to get involved with RCJ, please let us know! We always welcome new faces and program suggestions!

Please check our Facebook page or email us for program dates and information.

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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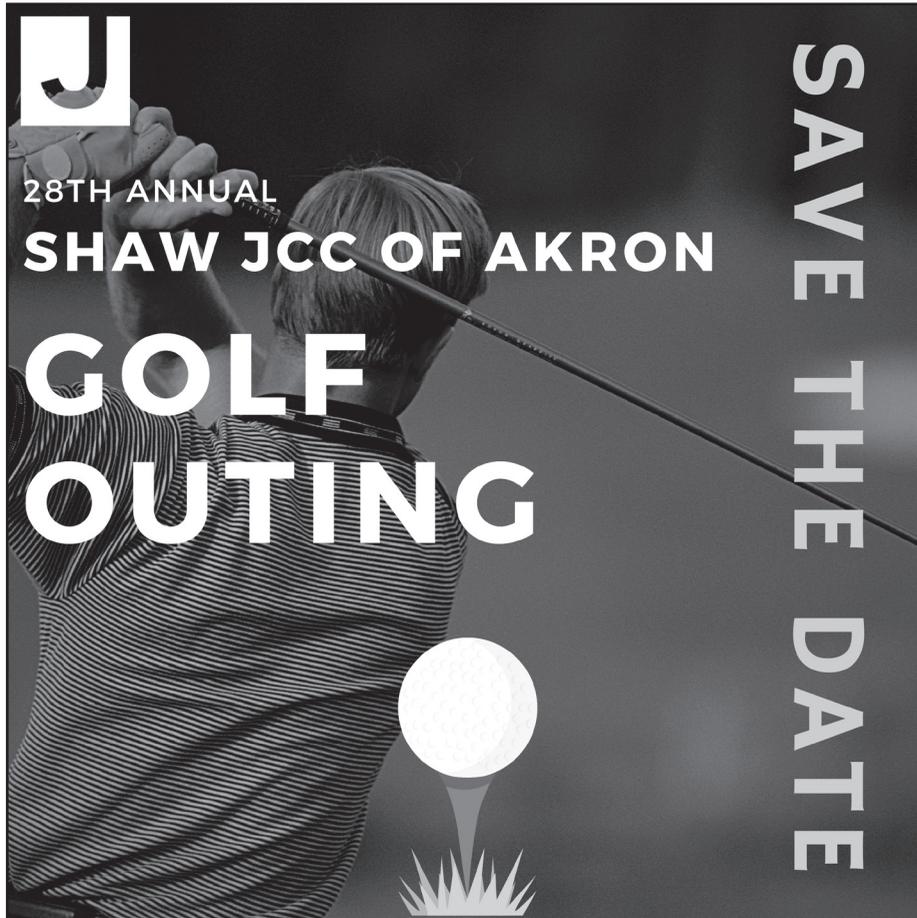
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Erin can provide assistance with job
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- Allow a child to grow and thrive at The Mandel Early Childhood Education Center
- Give seniors an opportunity to connect with others
- And so much more!



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The boys are all smiles during drop off as soon as they lock eyes on the staff, which is a true testament to the engaging atmosphere and we are confident knowing that our children are in good hands with the ECE family while away from home during the day!

-The Bennett Family



“ The facilities at the JCC can't be beat. The classrooms are bright, colorful and spacious. There are two large outside playgrounds with lots of lawn for playing and exploring. The children are able to attend gym class, music class and swim lessons weekly, stimulating both their mind and body. The ECE gave [our son] a wonderful foundation to begin his school years.

-The Nordmeyer Family

Please consider donating to Families Supporting Families.
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This year the Families Supporting Families Campaign has become part of the JCBA's 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.




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MAZEL TOV



Matthew Garfinkle, is a proud graduate of The Lippman School ('17) and GlenOak High School ('21).

He will attend The George Washington University School of Business and received the Presidential Academic Scholarship. He

will major in Finance with concentrations in Business Analytics and Sports Management.

Matthew's parents are Paul and Carolyn Garfinkle and his sister is Alyssa Garfinkle, also a graduate of The Lippman School '20.

MAZEL TOV, CONT.



Jacob Apple, son of Jodi Apple, and brother of Jonah, became a Bar Mitzvah on May 8, 2021. His community service project included volunteering at Anshe Sfard and his mitzvah was putting on Tefillin. Jacob attends Copley.



Jason Leo Chestnut, son of Jennifer and Sam Chestnut, becomes a Bar Mitzvah on Thursday, June 10, 2021, Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 5781. Jason is the grandson of Evie Chestnut and the late Steve Chestnut, Donna and Ruby Fox and Saul

Fox. Jason's proud siblings are Seth and Martha Chestnut. Services will be held at Revere Road Synagogue. This year, Jason completed seventh grade at The Lippman School.

Marcella and Josh Rolnick on the Bar Mitzvah celebration of their son **Heshel Rom Rolnick**. Proud grandparents are Pam and Joe Kanfer and Philip and Margaret Nabors. Proud great-grandmother is Sylvia Lewis.

Sanna and Corey Dirrig upon the birth of their son **Miles Daniel**. Proud sister is Riley and the proud grandmother is Liliya Feinstein.



Brooks Daniel Martin born to Alexandra and Reid Martin of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on April 22, 2021. Grandparents are Mr. Gene and Dr. Ruth Friedman of Akron and Mrs. Pam Martin of Fort Worth, Texas and Mr. Robert Martin of Park City, Utah.

IN MEMORIAM

Nancy Meckler, 86, passed away May 15, 2021. Nancy Meckler loved life, her husband, children, grandchildren, dear parents, sister Betty, brother-in-law Sid, nephew Doug, nieces Debbie (Larry, Rebekah, Jennifer) and Lisa, and many friends. Nancy was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Sonia and Benjamin Silverman and moved to Meadville, Pennsylvania, as a child. After graduating high school, she went to Penn State and met the love of her life, David. While at Penn State, they enjoyed the debate team together. After finishing up her teaching degree, they married in 1956 and enjoyed 56 years of marriage. Nancy taught special education classes, and David, a pediatrician, joined Children's Medical Group. She was blessed with 4 wonderful children, Robbie (Carole), Kathi (Jim), Amy (Danny), Steven (Debbie), and grandchildren Tyler, Nate, Sarah, Ben, Karli, Lily, and Griffin. Family was the center of her life. She spent numerous hours volunteering. She loved being "Grandma Nancy" at Safe Landing, playing checkers and eating bagels with the kids she was helping. Through her career, she went out of her way for the children she taught, always going the extra mile to make sure they were on their way to success. She kept in touch with many of them, even after she retired. She has had close friends from the day she moved to Akron, including those she met through the Daughters of Israel. Too many to name, but her closest group of friends were a constant source of joy and happiness to her. She was always known for bringing those sunny days with her to every party she attended and spreading love and hugs to all she knew. Nancy was truly a one-of-a-kind, special person that the world will miss. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Safe Landing Youth Shelter, c/o Shelter Care, 32 South Avenue, Tallmadge, Ohio 44278.

Harvey David Ekus, 92, passed away peacefully Wednesday April 22nd, 2021 with his son and daughter at his bedside. He was a 3rd generation Akronite and graduated from Buchtel High School in 1946. He then attended Ohio State University. Harvey was a true entrepreneur and business success with Ekus Textiles Inc/Commercial Real Estate in Akron. Harvey was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Predeceased by his loving wife, Ettie Ekus, sister, Shirley Century. Survived by his wife, Delores Ekus; daughter, Judy Subotin; son, Mark Ekus; granddaughter, Alexandra Raysor (Shawn); grandsons, Cole Borrer-Ekus and Adam Subotin; great grandchildren, Eliza and Gemma Raysor. In addition, many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity.

Cathy Kodish, 72, was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Her hard fought battle ended May 18, 2021. Cathy was born to Delmer and Betty Dague in Washington, Pa. She is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Neal; her children, Megan Gray (Jeremy) and Adam (Brittany); grandchildren, Connor and Austin Gray. Cathy was an older sister to her two brothers, Dan Dague (Debbie) and Steve Dague (Darlene). She was an aunt to six nephews and their beautiful families. Cathy was also the best dog mom to her two fur babies, Gibbs and Ziva. Cathy's life centered around her family. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, who affectionately referred to her as "Nana Kaki" and her lunch dates with the ladies and her sister-in-law, Rebecca Wilde. After her impressive 48 year career, retiring from both General Tire and The University of Akron, her favorite thing was to be outside on a sunny day with her dogs. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to One of a Kind Pets (oneofakindpets.com) or the Deyarmin Foundation (dndfunds.org).

IN MEMORIAM, CONT.

James Rabb passed away May 16, 2021, in Palm Beach Gardens Florida. James was pre-deceased by his parents, Edward J Rabb & Beatrice R. Rabb, and sister Helen Paige. Survived by siblings Stephanie Axner and David Rabb, children Lauren and Adam as well as two grandchildren.

Paul Walker, 93, a Navy veteran of WWII, passed away on April 24, 2021. He is missed by his wife of over 71 years Marilyn Walker, children Hal Walker (Judy), Laura Noble (Steve), David Walker (Candace). Grandchildren: Brandon (Kate), Chandra (David), Jeffrey (Mackenzie), Jody (Neil), Kelsey (Ian) & Corey (Mitch). Great Grandchildren: Brooks, Glenna, Hayes & Ford. Donations can be made to The Food Bank of your choice.

Stephen Karl Embly, 79, passed away May 6, 2021, from Parkinson's disease. Stephen was preceded in death by his sister, Norma Greenbaum, brother, Harvey Embly, and son, Mark Embly.

He loved his family and is survived by his wife of 37 years, Nicki, his daughters, Jaime (John) DiMattio, Julie (Matt) Powers, Jackie Newman (Mike Ginter), and daughter-in-law, Gabrielle Embly. He also is survived by his grandchildren: Zachary and Lauren Newman, Elliot and Addison Embly, and Emilia and Ezra DiMattio. He also loved his crazy hound, Bagel.

Stephen enjoyed many different careers as a credit manager at Polsky's and Stern & Mann's department store to sales associate at various car dealerships. His favorite position was owning his own business of Skeco Rental where he supplied various catering and concessionary equipment. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to American Parkinson's Disease Foundation in Stephen's name.

Alan J. Bleyer passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at his home in New York, surrounded by his family. The cause was idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He was 71.

Bleyer was a former resident of Richfield and a senior executive at Akron General Health System for two decades, serving as CEO and President before his retirement in 2009. He directed Akron General's growth and leadership in emergency medicine, cardiology, oncology, women's health, orthopedics and wellness, as well as its neonatal affiliation with Akron Children's Hospital. He was widely recognized for his innovation in the development of wellness centers and satellite emergency departments. Before coming to Akron General, he held senior leadership positions at Sinai Hospital of Detroit and Lutheran General Hospital of Park Ridge, Illinois. He served on the boards of the Akron Regional Hospital Association, Greater Akron Chamber, Akron Tomorrow, United Way of Summit County, and American Red Cross of Summit County. He was an alumnus of Leadership Akron and a former member of Anshe Sfard Synagogue.

Bleyer will be remembered for his unwavering values: integrity, honesty, decency, commitment to Judaism and Israel, and love of family, as well as for his gentleness and warmth. He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, his four children, and six grandchildren. Bleyer was laid to rest at Mt. Hebron Cemetery in New York alongside his parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, all Jewish refugees from Europe who survived the Holocaust. Donations in his memory may be sent to Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools, prizmah.org.

Richard V. Levin died peacefully on May 19, 2021, at his home in Fairlawn. He is survived by sons Gary (Cathleen Bolek), Jay (Carolyn), Randall (Emily) and Douglas (Lauren); grandchildren Julia, Jordan, Joshua, Samuel, Henry and Michael; sister Marjorie Moskowitz, niece Julie Torres Moskowitz and nephew Mark

Moskovitz; special cousins Martin and Joyce Levin; and many more beloved cousins and family friends. He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Michelle, and his parents Harold and Helen Levin.

A lifelong Akronite and respected attorney, Levin was well known as a community leader in several different spheres. He served 23 years on the Copley-Fairlawn Board of Education, including five terms as its president. He was a consistent advocate for raising academic standards and recognition — "I always pushed for the most strenuous academics I could get away with" — and he was proud of the board's decision to build a completely new middle school, which he felt prioritized the long-term needs of students over nostalgia. He also served 24 years on the Central Committee of the Summit County Democratic Party.

From 1980 to 1982, Levin served as president of Beth El Congregation, a tenure that saw marked progress for women in synagogue leadership, both in the boardroom and on the Bimah. He continued into national leadership as vice-president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and president of its Ohio Valley Region. He continued to serve Beth El as a life trustee for decades, playing a key role in clergy negotiations and as unofficial parliamentarian. He sang for many years in the Beth El Choir, eventually joined by his sons. Levin was particularly proud to see his wife Michelle later elected as synagogue president herself, making them the first husband-wife duo to share that honor. He was born on November 8, 1942, to Harold and Helen Levin, both Akron natives. Levin often recalled a "wonderful childhood" with exceptionally kind parents, and he remained very close with his sister throughout his life. He excelled at Buchtel High School and enrolled at Western Reserve University, where he was later joined by Michelle Goldberg, whom he'd dated in high school. They were married in 1964, as he earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics, and he remained at Western Reserve for law school, finishing at the top of his class on the Ohio Bar Exam at age 24.

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IN MEMORIAM, CONT.

Levin had a lifelong fascination with mathematics that intersected many of his pursuits. As a senior at Buchtel, he finished first in the state of Ohio, over 7500 top math students, in the Mathematical Association of America's prestigious national competition. Statistics were a major focus of his lifelong sports fandom, including his chronicling of Jack Nicklaus' career for Golf Magazine. Mathematics formed the basis of his published work as a blackjack theorist. They also played a role in his legal career, establishing the validity of statistical evidence in federal courts for age discrimination in the workplace, which he considered one of his most important achievements.

Levin shared with his wife and sons a great love for music. He was a longtime member of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, as well as the Festival Chorus and Pops Chorale. First selected after auditioning for Robert Shaw, Levin sang under many renowned conductors, including George Szell, Eugene Ormandy and Henry Mancini. As part of a select group that toured with the orchestra, he performed five times at Carnegie Hall and on a Grammy-winning recording of Porgy and Bess. He performed dozens of times at Severance Hall and many more at Blossom Music Center, including the very first concert there in 1968.

Levin was a devoted, lifelong fan of Cleveland sports teams and the Ohio State Buckeyes. He curated an extensive autograph collection, which included nearly every significant athlete of the 20th century, plus U.S. presidents, Supreme Court justices, iconic explorers, scientists and inventors.

Levin often said that his four sons, daughters-in-law and six grandchildren were the most important things in his life. He will be remembered for his truly constant love and encouragement, his keen and often self-deprecating sense of humor, his warmth and sincerity, his dedication to helping others, his mastery of words and numbers, and his love of burgers and chocolate milkshakes. "The price forces you." In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Beth El Congregation or the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

Edward Lasoff, 78, passed away peacefully on April 24th. Born to Morris and Sophie Lasoff, Edward grew up in Akron, Ohio, graduating from Buchtel High School and then going on to earn degrees in Mathematics and Psychology at the University of Akron.

After serving in the US Army, he continued pursuing his lifelong passion of learning and teaching by earning both his Masters and PhD in Educational Research at the University of Miami. While completing his post-graduate studies, he fell in love with a fellow doctoral candidate, Marva Robinson of Kingston, Jamaica – the two were wed in 1974 and had two children together. With newly-minted degrees in-tow, Edward embarked on a 35-year career as a high school mathematics teacher educating thousands of students throughout Miami, though his impact on young people wasn't just limited to in-classroom teaching. He spent time helping students with extra-curricular activities as well, most notably by coaching boys' and girls' soccer teams and leading the chess club. Outside of the public school system, he maintained his enduring commitment to teaching by working as an adjunct professor at a number of universities across South Florida, not to mention as a neighborhood tutor, a piano teacher, and a Sunday School teacher.

Edward also had a lifetime love of music, playing the piano his entire life and dabbling in other instruments as well (especially the trumpet in high school and college). His involvement in music knew no bounds: while he especially enjoyed performing jazz and boogie-woogie, he could also be found participating in choirs, barbershop quartets, a capella groups, and musical theater.

It was in his retirement from teaching that he was able to combine his zeal for learning with his enthusiasm for music. At a time when his peers may have been slowing down to enjoy retirement, Edward returned to school as a student, studying advanced music composi-

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tion and music theory for years at the New World School of the Arts, Miami-Dade College, Florida International University, and the University of Miami, eventually earning a Bachelor of Music degree.

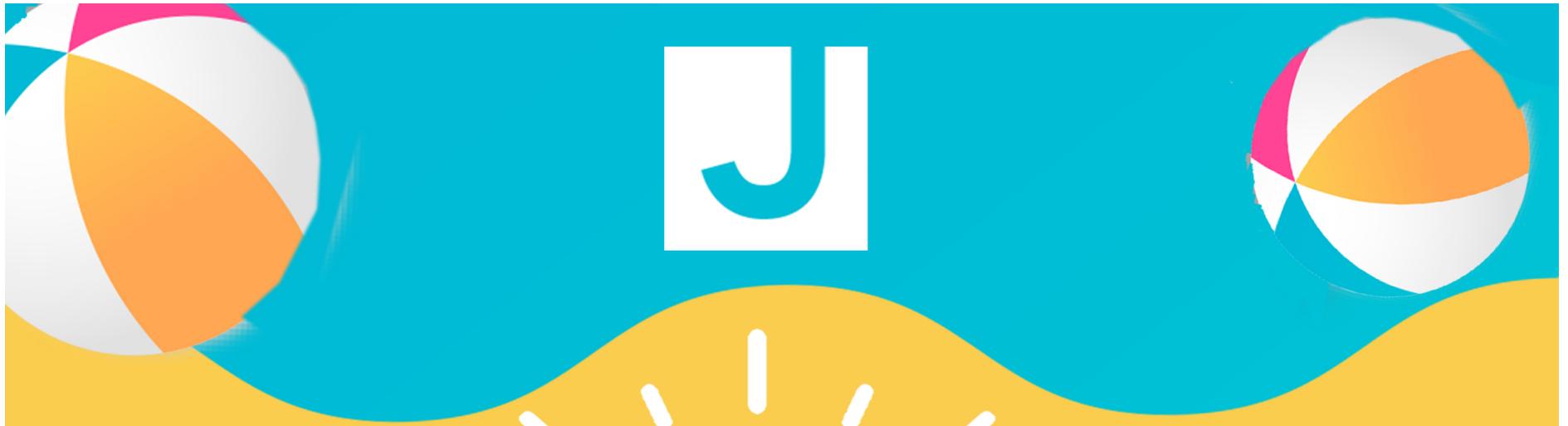
He was the type of man that made people stop and remark about his kindness. His innate optimism and ability to see the best in others were key elements of his personality and helped him to be a caring and thoughtful educator throughout the years. So many lives were touched by his presence and he will be missed dearly.

Edward was predeceased by his wife and parents. He is survived by his two children, David and Shira; his grandchildren, Taylor, Dylan, and Carter; and his sister, Harriet.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Edward Lasoff's memory can be made to The Kretzer Music Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.

Robert Frank Whitmer, age 64, of Akron, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, May 8, 2021. He was born on July 6, 1956 in Akron, son of Margaret Ellen (nee Brightman) and the late Clair E. Whitmer. Rob graduated from Albion College and from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. After practicing law in Michigan, he returned to Akron. He passed the Ohio bar examination and was admitted to practice law here in November of 1993. Rob was devoted to the care of his mother and his Christian faith. He enjoyed running in the metro parks with his beloved dog, Taiga. He will be deeply missed by friends, family and Taiga. Rob was the cherished brother of Claire E. (Boots), Mary, Dorothy and Charles (Chuck).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Robert's name are suggested to Ohio Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 3606 Elida Rd, Lima, OH 45807.



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