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Local Couple, Community Rabbis Earn Campus Gala Honors

Annual Campus Gala, November 9, to honor Segals and Akron-area rabbis

BY ABBY CYMERMAN, AJN CONTRIBUTOR



2019 Gala Honorees .. left to right: Mike and Teri Segal, Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein, Rabbi Josh Brown, Rabbi Michael Ross, Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin, and Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin, Of Blessed Memory

The Schultz Campus for Jewish Life will host its annual Campus Gala: Celebrating Our Community, on Sat., Nov. 9, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Campus Gala honorees Mike and Teri Segal will be recognized. Akron-area rabbis — Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein (Beth El Congregation), Rabbi Josh Brown (Temple Israel), Rabbi Michael Ross (Temple Beth Shalom in Hudson, and the Hillel at Kent State University), and Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin (Anshe Sfard/Revere Road Synagogue) — will receive the Community Spirit Award, and Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin, OBM, will

be honored posthumously with The Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin Award for Righteousness.

The Segals and our rabbis are being recognized for their unwavering commitment to making the Jewish community, our city, and the world a better place to live.

Campus Gala attendees will enjoy a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception, followed by dinner, after-dinner drinks, and dessert. Throughout the evening,

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JCBA Invests in Community Security

BY ANGELA ATWOOD,
CAMPUS MARKETING DIRECTOR

The Jewish Community Board of Akron has long been committed to the safety and security needs at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life which is home of the Shaw JCC of Akron, The Lippman School, Jewish Family Service of Akron, Schultz Towers and Beth El Congregation. In recent years, significant upgrades to security measures have been made to the Campus achieved through grant funding from the state of Ohio, and time and effort have been made to develop security protocols.

Recent synagogue shootings in Pittsburgh and Poway, California, as well as violent attacks against other religious institutions, have demonstrated the importance of working together as the Akron Jewish community — including Temple Israel and Anshe Sfard Revere Road Synagogue — to develop a crisis communications plan, assess risks and address physical vulnerabilities, share knowledge and resources and implement a long-term security strategy we hope that we will never have to use.

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On May 14, the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life welcomed special guests from the Summit County Police Chiefs Association plus Jim Hartnet, Director of Community Wide Security, Jewish Cleveland and John Breen, Special Agent and Joint Terrorism Task Force Coordinator Cleveland Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

“It is essential our community is able to continue to grow and prosper while ensuring that we are safe and aligned in our responses to crisis. Security has been and always will be a priority for the JCBA, but in the face of an increased number of tragic and hateful events, we must redouble our efforts on behalf of our entire Jewish community,” said Todd Polikoff, JCBA CEO.

Since February, the JCBA has convened community leaders to address communication protocols, and this group subsequently engaged The Impact Group, a local public relations agency and recognized industry expert in crisis communications strategy, to develop a training and communications plan that will unite the messaging and crisis response plans of our Jewish communal organizations in the Akron area.

By the end of July, the Impact Group will provide an actionable plan as well as guidance on how

the separate organizations will stay connected and respond promptly and effectively when communication efforts are needed. Additionally, the collaboration will include stakeholder engagement, in-person training in crisis communications response, and community education initiatives.

The JCBA continues to work closely with the Secure Community Network (SCN), a nonprofit entity funded by the Jewish Federations of North America whose purpose is to focus on safety training, security advice and intelligence sharing in the Jewish community. The SCN coordinates with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as well as local law enforcement agencies to protect the Jewish community and is staffed by former members of the U.S. intelligence community.

Their training efforts have been credited with the saving of lives in the Tree of Life synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh. When an attack does occur, SCN is on

the ground to help that particular Jewish community respond and recover.

A state-of-the-art emergency notification and communication system (SCNAlert) has been acquired and will be implemented in the coming months, as Akron Jewish communications groups are established.

“Through JCBA’s partnerships with The Impact Group and SCN, we will work together to initiate security protocols that raise awareness for our shared values and strengthen the safeguards in our community,” said Polikoff. “The JCBA will be further updating everyone in the coming weeks and months.”

Monies raised through JCBA’s Annual Campaign go toward funding the Akron Jewish community’s crisis communications plan and SCN. The JCBA Board of Trustees recently voted to approve a \$25,000 allocation to fund a comprehensive security assessment for the community.



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As a mission-driven organization, the Shaw JCC counts on fundraisers to continue providing top-notch programming and services that are available to all regardless of their ability to pay. Please consider attending and/or sponsoring this event in support of the Shaw JCC.



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

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Upcoming Events

June 1

Got Shabbat

10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Beth El Congregation

June 2

Camp JCC Meet Your Counselor

2:00-4:00 p.m.
Camp JCC Pavilion

June 3-4

Lippman's Menchies Fundraiser

Noon-7:00 p.m.
3737 West Market St., Fairlawn

June 5

Stepping Up and Celebration at The Lippman School

2:00-3:00 p.m.
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Joint Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers

6:30-8:00 p.m.
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

June 6

Lippman School 8th Grade Graduation

10:00-11:00 a.m.
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

June 7

First Friday

5:30 p.m.
Temple Israel

June 9

Consecration

9:15-11:00 a.m.
Beth El Congregation

June 9

Shavuot Celebration

10 a.m.-Noon
Anshe Sfard Revere Road Synagogue

June 14

Lev Tahor

7:00-9:00 p.m.
Beth El Congregation

June 16

Knitzvah

9:30-11:30 a.m.
Beth El Congregation

June 18

Israel 201: The Israeli Palestinian Conflict

7:00 p.m.
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

June 21

Shabbat in the Round

5:30-7:30 p.m.
Anshe Sfard Revere Road Synagogue

June 21-23

Community Celebration Weekend

Temple Israel

June 22

Shabbat Shalom Bereavement Group

12:15-1:15 p.m.
Beth El Congregation

June 23

PJ Pool Party

10:30 a.m.-Noon
Shaw JCC of Akron

June 28

Young Family Shabbat Cookout

5:30-7:30 p.m.
Beth El Congregation

July 5

First Friday

5:30 p.m.
Temple Israel

July 29

Jewish Shakespeare Week Part 1

7:00-9:00 p.m.
Beth El Congregation

For more information about events in our community, visit the calendar at www.JewishAkron.org.



Join us for the 2019 Joint Annual Meeting

The community is invited to attend this year's Jewish Community Board of Akron's Annual Joint Meeting and Installation of Officers. It will be held on Sunday, June 5, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life.

Dessert and coffee will be served. No charge and no solicitation. No RSVP required.



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Yom HaShoah: Akron's Commemoration of the Holocaust and Heroism

Thank you to committee members who organized the commemoration, and a very special thank you to Andrea Rabinovitz for sharing the story of her mother's survival.

Chair: Dr. Sidney Steinberger, Shaw JCC
Staff: Jody Faught, Leora Cohen, Michelle Dickstein, Adam Fox, Sheri Glauberman, Esther Hexter, John Keverkamp, David Minc, Andrea Rabinovitz, Marilyn Regal, April Sharrock, Rachel Armin Williams, and Julie Zorn.



Committee Chair Dr. Sidney Steinberger welcomed guests to the commemoration program on May 2.



Andrea Rabinovitz detailed her mother's Holocaust journey.



Cellist Aaron Fried.



Andrea Rabinovitz' family lit the 1st and 3rd candles in honor of 1st and 3rd generation survivors.



Sam Reiss remembered 2nd generation survivors.



Mike Rzepka lit the 4th candle in honor of all others killed in the Holocaust



Approximately 200 people attended the event to remember and honor.



Summit County Executive Illene Shapiro and Mayor Dan Horrigan lit the 5th candle in honor of righteous Gentiles.



Berta Cymerman remembered the heroes of the Holocaust.



Martin Oppenheimer lit the 7th candle in honor of all genocides around the world.

Akron Jewish Community Gathers in Wake of Attacks on Israel to Mourn and Commemorate

BY JANE KAUFMAN, CLEVELAND JEWISH NEWS STAFF REPORTER

As Israel was under attack by rockets launched from Gaza, people gathered at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life to mourn the loss of Israeli soldiers and civilians and to celebrate the birth of the state of Israel on May 5.

“23,741 soldiers lost their lives for the sake of Israel, 56 of them this year,” said Mor Roffe, Israeli emissary for the Jewish Community Board of Akron and the Canton Jewish Federation. “All of that, in addition to many citizens who lost their lives in terror attacks in Israel and the world due to anti-Semitism and hate. Three of them today, from the non-stop rocket shootings toward Israel.”

After the about 150 people stood to listen to the sound of an Israeli siren, Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin, who leads Anshe Sfard Revere Road Synagogue in Bath Township, spoke.

“The siren that we’re listening to is all too familiar as we’re hearing over the last day or two, the sirens ... keep on going on in Israel, with children running to the shelters,” Sasonkin said. “And I would be remiss not to mention the three Israelis that lost their lives over the last day in the attacks of Israel.”

He chanted *Yizkor* in memory of soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces and those lost to terrorism or murder.

“May the fallen of the wars of Israel be crowns of victory and may their names be inscribed upon the hearts of Israel for all generations,” he translated.

Cantor Kathy Fromson chanted “*El Malei Rachamim*,” the memorial prayer.

Rachel Osherow played piano and sang “*Ani Gara Mul Hamayim*,” which translates to, “I live by the water.”

Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein of Beth El Congregation in Akron read the Prayer for the State of Israel, chanting it in Hebrew and reading the translation: “Bless the Land with peace, and its inhabitants with lasting joy.”

Todd Polikoff, CEO of the Jewish Community Board of Akron, spoke pointedly about the attacks.

“As you’re most likely aware by now, Israel is once again under attack from Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and other groups from Gaza who are indiscriminately launching rockets towards Israeli civilian population centers,” he said. “Since the attacks began on Saturday morning, more than 600 rockets have been fired on Israeli citizens.



Mor Roffe



Rachel Osherow



Todd Polikoff



Attendees celebrated, parents viewed children's artwork, Lippman students sang, and others left prayers at a replica of the Western Wall

“Sadly, a number of Israelis have been killed. Two factory workers in Kiryat Gad who were not able to get to a shelter in time. Moshe Agadi, 58, from Ashkelon, died on his way to hospital after being hit by shrapnel from a rocket. A short time later, a rocket hit a car near kibbutz Yad Mordechai killing one woman. Around the same time, shrapnel from a rocket hit the oncology unit of the Barzilai hospital.”

Polikoff said those who launched the rockets had a single purpose: “To terrorize and to interrupt the daily course of life of Israeli civilians. Israeli civilians, be they right wing, hardliners or peaceniks, all run

into the same bomb shelters. The terrorists do not discriminate on political ideology.”

Polikoff acknowledged the emotional contrast between *Yom Hazikaron* and *Yom Ha'atzmaut*.

“Now I know that this is not a typical way to start a community-wide celebration,” he said. “But I believe it’s important to know that our celebration means as much here as it does to those in Israel. So let’s celebrate. Let’s send a signal to those in Israel that we stand with them. ... *Am yisrael chai*.”

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Shalom, Akron and Canton!

BY MOR ROFFE, ISRAELI EMISSARY FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY BOARD OF AKRON AND THE CANTON JEWISH FEDERATION



Mor the Maccabee

As you probably know, I'll be leaving Akron and Canton and returning to my home in Israel at the end of August, and this will be my last article in the *AJN*. Long ago, I was on a flight of 12 hours (with another 12 hours of layover) to Akron and Canton. It was my first time in the USA. I remember the preparations that I had and all the conversations with my friends about becoming a Shaliach and why I chose this area instead of New York City. Some of my friends even thought that I mean Hawaii when I told them I'm moving to Ohio. Now there isn't one of them who doesn't know about Canton and Akron. I came to a far away country, to a place I never visited before, and in less than a year, it became my home.

This year was amazing! I met wonderful people ... people who made me feel welcome and at home. I came alone, but I was never lonely, and every day (even the really cold ones) added something new and interesting to this chapter of my life.

Being a Shaliach in a smaller region instead of one of the big cities gives you a lot of opportunities to learn and see the sides of Jewish life and America which other Shlichim don't have. I believe that my most valuable experience was to be a part of a Jewish community, to hear each story of every person, to see people and different situations, both in service at a synagogue or randomly in the grocery store. I got to see real life in a different place. Celebrating the same holidays but with a different taste than what I know from home, singing the same lyrics but with a different melody, really opened my mind.

I also got to bring my touch to those experiences, including the Israel 201 programs in the JCC, activities in the Sunday schools, and the many speeches I gave and the many and conversations I had in the synagogues. Of course, I can include the random comments at many community events and the Mor-Israeli touch to each holiday (so many costumes!).



Winter fun with Rubber City Jews



Purim in Anshe Sfard

I got to visit many places to speak about myself and Israel: the juvenile detention center, Mansfield prison, a variety of churches, community groups, schools, universities, and many more! Through them, I got the opportunity to meet the non-Jewish people who live here, heard more about their lives, and shared with them my knowledge and experiences.

Those were precious moments for me. It is more than just the fun of learning or seeing something new, but the good fortune to engage authentically. Some of the people hadn't met an Israeli or a Jewish person before. My goal was to give them a safe zone to ask questions they probably never had the opportunity to ask before meeting me and to provide them with the most reliable answers.

I am happy I got the opportunity to be a Shaliach here in Canton and Akron. I will always remember my time here and what I learned to prepare me for my next steps in life. Thank you very much for having me this year and letting me be part of your life. I hope we will remain in touch and that you will let me know when you are coming to Israel.

After I leave in August, you can contact me through my email: morrofe@gmail.com. Shalom, my friends!

Revisiting Your Will

Extend your impact on the Jewish community beyond your lifetime



There are things we need to do to prolong our days or the quality of those days but hate to do such as regular dentist appointments and colonoscopy (for those of a certain age). There is something else we often put off that doesn't affect our lifespan but does affect our legacy – revisiting our will.

Most people understand the importance of having a will when their children are born. Thirty plus years later, that original document is left untouched even when that child is a parent. When was the last time you updated your will? A will should be reviewed when major life events occur or every two years. When you do

sit down with a lawyer to review your current will, ask yourself what kind of legacy you want to leave? Most people have more resources than when they were new parents, so consider how some of those resources can be used to create a legacy for future generations in a Jewish community that helped you raise your children and maybe even helped raise you.

A gift in your will to the Jewish Community Board of Akron can change people's lives well into the future. Albert & Janet Schultz did just that. Their donation to JCBA created the J-Ticket, which makes Jewish life affordable for young families in Akron and influences future generations.

A gift to JCBA in your will extend your impact on the Jewish community beyond your lifetime and for generations to come.

Questions about planned giving? Call 330-869-2424.

Akron Teachers: Attend Holocaust Workshop for Free

Teachers from the public, private and parochial schools throughout Ohio are invited to attend ***How and Why Did the Holocaust Occur, and What Do We Do About It Today?*** The full-day workshop will take place Monday, June 24, 2019, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Maltz Museum, 2929 Richmond Road, in Beachwood.

A special session will introduce teachers to a variety of Holocaust education programs and web resources so that they can develop lesson plans that encompass the history and pedagogy of the Holocaust and genocide.

The Jewish Community Board of Akron (JCBA) is offering special support for Akron area teachers to participate in this workshop. JCBA will provide the full registration fee of \$30 for the first 25 educators who register from the Akron area. Support will come

from the Rose & Lawrence Schwartz Holocaust Education Fund with ALEF (Akron Legacy and Endowment Fund) at JCBA.

Thanks go to the chairs of the Annual Akron Holocaust Teacher Seminar who recommended JCBA support this outstanding educational opportunity for Akron area teachers: Esther Hexter, Holocaust Educator; Sam Chestnut, Head of School at The Lippman School; and Barb White, Deputy Director, Akron-Summit County Public Library.

If you are a teacher from the Akron area, do not send payment when you register. You will be notified if you are one of the fortunate 25 educator recipients or if you need to bring a check for \$30 the day of the seminar.

For more about the workshop, please contact Marilyn Feldman at marilynfeldman1@yahoo.com.

Teachers attend free!

How and Why Did the Holocaust Occur, and What Do We Do About It Today?

June 24, 2019, 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Maltz Museum

2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood

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www.ochge.org/events

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- To Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Nelson on the birth of their first grandchild, from Herb & Ellen Moss
- To Laurie Rapport on the birth of her first great-grandchild, from Herb & Ellen Moss
- Best Wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Duane Smith for the holiday, from Herb & Ellen Moss

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Thank You!

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Funds at the JCBA: 330-869-2424

Funds at JFS: 330-867-3388

Funds at the Shaw JCC: 330-867-7850



Rubber City Jews Rundown

This month we would like to feature Micah Ackerman, an active RCJ Ticket Holder during his time as an intern in the Akron area. Read the spotlight at right to hear from Micah in his own words about his experience in Akron.

Please join us for this month's fun events:

- **Shabbat Picnic** - Rescheduled for June 29th at the Allardale Park Shelter from 12:30-3:00. Join us for a picnic Shabbat lunch at Allardale Park followed by a short hike.
- **Shavuot Bike Ride** - June 9, biking from 1:00-3:00 with ice cream to follow. Meet us at Century Cycles in Peninsula to ride the towpath trail. Bring your bike or rent (arrive early if renting). Ice Cream at Country Maid after the ride.

Check our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RubberCityJews for more updates and events!

The goal of RCJ is to provide a connected group of twenty and thirty-somethings to promote continuity and togetherness in the Akron Jewish community. There are regular social events, learning opportunities, and holiday celebrations open to all types of personalities, interests and religious backgrounds. Our organization works in partnership with, and in support of, the Jewish Community Board of Akron and the Sands-Rogovy Fund.

RCJ Member Spotlight

Micah Ackerman

I was raised in Pittsburgh, PA, and am currently a mechanical engineering student at The Ohio State University. During this past semester, I was a mechanical engineering intern at The Timken Company, a bearings manufacturer and mechanical power transmission product supplier for companies all over the world and is headquartered in North Canton.

When I arrived in January, I asked people in the community about young professional Jewish groups and places to go for services. Everyone told me about the Rubber City Jews, or RCJ. I went to a number of events, starting with a "happy hour" at Lock 15 Brewery. RCJ allowed me to meet people in the Jewish community, get closer to the people that I met, and see cool and interesting places in Akron. I also regularly attended services at Beth El.

In Pittsburgh, the Jewish community is very divided, with people going to services and programming only with their synagogue and having negative thoughts about people who attend other synagogues. Akron's community is very connected; one weekend, all the synagogues got together and had a community Shabbat dinner and services led by someone from each congregation. This level of connection was very new to me and it was very beautiful to see.

I hope to come back to Akron at some point after graduation. This summer, I will be working in Columbus and will complete three more semesters of college starting in the fall. I hope everyone has a relaxing summer and a good year. Thank you to everyone for welcoming me into the community.



Thank you to "Families Supporting Families" Donors

Because of these Families Supporting Families donors, 167 children, families and seniors afforded the services they enjoyed at the Shaw JCC this year.

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Synagogue Schedules

Anshe Sfard Synagogue

646 N. Revere Road, Akron • 330-867-7292
www.akronshul.com • office@akronshul.com
Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin

- Shacharit:** Sunday, 8 a.m.
Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.
- Shabbat:** 9:00 a.m.
- Mincha & Maariv:** Sunday-Friday 7:30 p.m.
- Torah Studies with Rabbi Sasonkin:**
Tuesday at 8 p.m.; for men and women

Beth El Congregation

750 White Pond Drive, Akron • 330-864-2105
www.bethelakron.com • rabbi@bethelakron.org
Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein •
Cantor Hazzan Matt Austerklein

- Shacharit:** Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.
Friday, 7:30 a.m.
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.
- Shabbat:** 9:15 a.m.
- Additional weekday minyans by request, either 7:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. Please send requests to the rabbi.

Temple Beth Shalom

50 Division Street, Hudson • 330-656-1800
www.tbshudson.org • info@tbshudson.org
Rabbi Michael Ross

- Friday Night Services:**
Held twice a month at 7:45 p.m., normally on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Temple Israel

91 Springside Drive, Akron • 330-665-2000
www.templeisraelakron.org •
info@templeisraelakron.org
Rabbi Josh Brown • Cantor Kathy Fromson

- Friday Night Services:** 6:15 p.m.
- Saturday Morning Services:** 10:30 a.m.
- Torah Study:** Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, June 7 Shabbat Ends	8:38 p.m. 9:47 p.m.
Friday, June 14 Shabbat Ends	8:42 p.m. 9:51 p.m.
Friday, June 21 Shabbat Ends	8:44 p.m. 9:53 p.m.
Friday, June 28 Shabbat Ends	8:45 p.m. 9:54 p.m.
Friday, July 5 Shabbat Ends	8:44 p.m. 9:52 p.m.

Worship Options for Youth

Shavuot at Anshe Sfard: June 9, 10:00 am - Noon

Join us for a special kids program during our Shavuot Celebration at Anshe Sfard! Hear the 10 commandments being read from the Torah while you enjoy a delectable *Kiddush* lunch.

Anshe Sfard Shabbat in the Round: June 21, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Anshe Sfard hosts a Shabbat service geared towards its youngest congregants and their families on the first Saturday of every month. Full of songs, stories, and movement, the service starts at 5:30 pm. Older siblings are always welcome. Free. This is sponsored by The Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation.

PJ Pool Party: June 23, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Make a splash with PJ Library!. Little ones can enjoy a morning swim and story. Come to the Shaw JCC's outdoor pool on Sunday, June 23, at 10:30 am to hear a story and have a chance to swim in the outdoor pool. Not a member of the PJ Library or familiar with it? No problem! This is a great chance to check out what PJ Library has to offer.

Beth El Young Family Shabbat Cookout: June 28, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join Beth El for our annual Young Family Poolside Shabbat! Join us for Shabbat dinner and swimming. Meet at Shaw JCC's outdoor pool at 5:30.

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

JCBA Seeks Experienced, Creative, and Strategic Professional for Chief Development Officer Position

The Greater Akron community is growing, and there is a need to enhance and build upon the rich tradition of philanthropy in the Jewish community. The Jewish Community Board of Akron (JCBA) seeks an experienced fundraiser with a proven track record of developing and successfully implementing a fundraising strategy.

The Chief Development Officer (CDO) has primary responsibility for implementing a clear and compelling vision for growing the Financial Resource Development (FRD) platform for the agencies of the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life. S/he will design and execute a comprehensive and diversified fundraising plan which includes working with special events, major gifts, corporate sponsorships, direct response communications (direct mail, e-philanthropy, telemarketing, etc.) missions, volunteer leadership recruitment, affinity group campaigns and planned giving.

S/he will play a key role in identifying, cultivating, and soliciting major donors. The candidate should have outstanding organizational and communication skills necessary to build strong and trusted relationships with staff, donors, and volunteers. The individual will lead both a professional and lay development committee and will serve as part of the senior management team.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree required with preference given to professionals with advanced education in business, marketing, or related areas.
- A minimum of 7-10 years of experience in financial resource development, including donor development and major gift solicitation.
- Preference will be given to candidates with deep knowledge of Judaism, Jewish culture, and a personal commitment to Jewish values and knowledge of Jewish traditions

For more information and to apply, please contact sgalat@jewishakron.org. A full position description may be found at www.jewishakron.org.

Celebrate the Legacy of Rabbi David Horowitz

Akron Community invited to celebrate June 21-22



"Marty McFly" (Rabbi David Horowitz) and "Doc Brown" (Rabbi Josh Brown) want YOU to go "BACK TO THE FUTURE" June 21 and 22 at Temple Israel.

Temple Israel is excited to present a weekend of events that honors the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Rabbi Emeritus David Horowitz and celebrates the energy of our current and future generations.

Rabbi Horowitz served as leader of our congregation from 1983 to 2001. During his time as our Rabbi, not only was he our spiritual leader, but he expanded our connection to the entire Akron community and our Social consciousness through his work with The Akron Area Interfaith Council and PFLAG.

Rabbi Horowitz served as the national president of PFLAG, the family voice of the LGBTQ community. He was also a past president of PFLAG Akron, Ohio. Rabbi Horowitz has served, among others, as a member of the Jewish Community Board of Akron, of the Community Relations Council (Chair), and the National Committee on HIV/AIDS for the Union for Reform Congregations.

In "retirement," he lectures widely on issues dealing with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender concerns, the challenge of the radical right, and a variety of Judaic subjects to academic institutions, religious institutions, and corporations throughout the United States and abroad. Temple Israel is proud that Rabbi Horowitz is still an

active member of our congregation and community and is looking forward to celebrating this milestone event.

Our Congregation is proud to continue this legacy and ensure our future through our current Rabbi, Joshua Brown. Rabbi Brown joined our congregation on July 1, 2016, and is passionate about social justice, parenting education, and interfaith and interracial dialogue. Rabbi Brown is helping make our dreams a reality as we engage Judaism to better our world and ourselves.

To begin our celebration, we welcome the entire Akron community to a special Shabbat Service and Reception on Friday, June 21, beginning at 6:15 p.m. The celebration continues on Saturday, June 22. The evening will start with cocktails & hors d'oeuvres while enjoying music by guitarist Chuck Fink. The event includes dinner catered by A Taste of Excellence, a "roast and toast" for Rabbi David Horowitz, and then music and dancing by Hats Off Entertainment. Tickets for the Saturday event are \$150 and up per person, with proceeds benefiting Temple Israel.

Everyone is welcome to attend both evening events to honor Rabbi Horowitz. For more information and details, please check our website www.templeisraelakron.org or phone 330-665-2000.

Temple Israel *Sisterhood Gift Shop*

"WOW WEDNESDAYS" ARE BACK!!
During June, July and August, all in-stock items will be **10% off** on Wednesdays.

Come and browse our great selections in June, July and August:

- Wednesday's 12:30pm-4:30pm
- You may ask a Sisterhood member to open during "Wine and Cheese" and before services.
- By Appointment. Please call the Temple Israel office at 330-665-2000.

Temple Israel: 91 Springside Road, Bath

Lippman Students Learn Civil Civics with Constituting America



Lippman students interact with the Constituting America program and each other.

On May 13-14, middle school students from the Lippman School participated in two programs facilitated by Constituting America, an organization aimed at teaching students about the importance of the U.S. Constitution and the power of compromise.

Day one focused on the Constitution generally, and on day two students participated in a new program developed by the organization called Civil Civic Conversation. The facilitators helped students tackle a controversial issue to navigate a civil discourse on the topic to come up with a "compromise bill" that finds common ground between the opposing viewpoints.

Teachers in the classroom, as well as teachers located remotely, moderated the learning and dialogues. Former social studies teacher and past president of the National Council for the Social Studies Terry Cherry facilitated the programs on the ground with the help of Lippman humanities teacher Matt Russ, while Constituting America co-founder Janine Turner moderated from New York through the use of Google Hangouts.

Lippman 7th and 8th graders addressed the issue of gun violence and the 2nd Amendment by grappling with the question: Should more gun control laws

be enacted? Through an examination of opposing viewpoints, students examined perspectives that were not their own to truly understand the position of the other side. In the end, they had some common ground that provided a foundation for developing a piece of legislation.

Students in the 5th and 6th grades followed the same formula to address the question of whether or not students' digital devices should be permitted in the classroom. At the end of their Civil Civic Conversation, they had developed the beginnings of a new school policy on personal technology.

Founded in 2010 by Turner and co-chaired by Turner and Cathy Gillespie, Constituting America is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization whose mission is to utilize the culture and multimedia outreach, such as music, film, television, internet, and social media, to reach, educate and inform America's adults and students about the non-partisan relevancy of the U.S. Constitution and the foundation it sets forth regarding our freedoms and rights. It is a nonprofit organization that provides its programming to schools and community groups free of charge. For more information, check them out online at www.constitutingamerica.org.

Register for the Lippman Cultural Immersion Camp



From August 5-9, Lippman School teachers will create an exciting, hands-on learning experience for campers entering grades fifth through eighth as part of its annual Cultural Immersion Camp. Mornings including STEM-based science and culture sharing classes, where campers will explore Chinese and American cultures with students from the Guangdong Province in China. In the afternoons, campers will enjoy a variety of recreational activities such as swimming, sports and hiking in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

The cost is \$265 for Shaw JCC members and guests. Lippman students receive a discounted rate of \$200. Camp runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Aug. 5-9. All classes, camp activities, field trips, lunches, and snacks are included in the cost. Before and aftercare is available through the Shaw JCC for an additional fee.

Register online at www.shawjcc.org/camp, in person at the Shaw JCC front desk, or call The Lippman School at 330-836-0419.



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June 20, 27

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Snacks
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\$10 per session



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www.akronshul.com/mommy-n-me

Make a Splash with PJ Library...
Hear a story, have a snack,
and swim

Make Splash with PJ Library on Sunday, June 23 at 10:30am

Please RSVP to julie_katz@jewishakron.org
or (330) 869-2424

There is NO cost to come
Children **must** be accompanied by an adult.

The PJ Library distributes Jewish-content books and music on a monthly basis to families with babies through age 11. Created by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, Akron's PJ Library is free and generously funded by the Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation.



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J-Ticket is the Affordable Path to Jewish Life in Akron

The Jewish Community Board of Akron (JCBA) is accepting applications for its 2019-20 J-Ticket which aims to improve engagement by significantly reducing the cost of a respective school year at the Mandel Early Childhood Education Center at the Shaw JCC or The Lippman School. The "bundle of services" also includes Shaw JCC membership, membership at a participating synagogue, and more.



The Stock Family

"I think [the J-Ticket] is such a unique program that you'd never find in a big city," says Molly Stock, whose family moved from Chicago to Akron last July. "It's really a testament to how this community is evolving and sees the need to engage families."

The J-Ticket has allowed Molly and her husband David "to jump right into the community...because we didn't have to choose," she says. They could become members at a synagogue, enroll their son in the Mandel ECE, and join the Shaw JCC. The J-Ticket offers all these options (plus more) for one affordable price.

"It's a one-stop shop," David explains. "It made the transition a lot easier with one thing not to worry about."

So far, they have attended many events on campus, are active at Beth El, and attend and host PJ Library playgroup meet-ups. Molly joined the JCBA marketing committee and will graduate in the spring session of JLI (Jewish Leadership Initiative). The Stocks' son attends the Mandel ECE.

Allen and Alex Belsky, who moved from Tulsa in November, are thankful to be part of the J-Ticket program, which helped them become members of Temple Israel and the Shaw JCC, as well as enroll their son Ari in kindergarten at The Lippman School.

"Being an interracial and interreligious family, we want our kids to have both a strong African-



The Belsky Family

American and Jewish identity," Allen says. "In some Jewish communities, those things would be at odds with each other, but in Akron — especially with the focus on diversity at Lippman and the very diverse student base — Ari's able to be entrenched in his Jewish identity and still be the African-American boy he is. We wanted our children to have a good, well-rounded education, but also a Jewish education. Lippman provides that."

The community concierge program also helps familiarize families like the Stocks and Belskys with Jewish Akron. Community Concierge Cathy Baer "was the gateway," David says. She connected them with others and shared information about the community and how to get involved.

Add the benefits of the J-Ticket to the low-cost of living found in Akron along with the value of JCBA's community concierge and passport programs and the accessibility of major airports and highways, Jewish families are finding Akron an attractive city to relocate.

Pick up an application for the 2019-20 J-Ticket at the Jewish Community Board of Akron, the Shaw JCC, The Lippman School, or online at jewishakron.org/j-ticket. The J-Ticket is open to all Jewish families, regardless of financial need. Families with one child in The Lippman School and one child in the Mandel ECE may purchase one J-Ticket in each program for a total of two J-Tickets. No family may have two J-Tickets in the same program. An application is needed for each child. Submit all applications and questions to Debbie Zelin, 330-835-0074, or dzelin@thelippmanschool.org.

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

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KSU Program Earns Award



The Kent State Jewish community was honored with the 'Most Impactful Program Award' for the Tree of Life Vigil hosted in October 2018. The award was announced at the Kent State Student Leadership & Honors Awards 2019 on April 17.

The award submission was authored by Hillel's student board and recognized Hillel at Kent State, Chabad at Kent State, Alpha Epsilon Pi, and Students Supporting Israel for their collaboration on the event. As stated in the award application, "the Most Impactful Program award will be given to student organizations that implemented a program throughout the school year that made a substantive and positive impact on campus and beyond through its innovation and distinctiveness."

"The Vigil for Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh was our humble attempt of providing a platform for the campus community to come together during a time of such grief and darkness," says Adam Hirsh, Executive Director of Hillel at Kent State, "We are proud of the values and collaborative strength the Jewish community displayed to the Kent State community that day. This award conveys the influence the Jewish community has on campus and we are very proud of our students and professional staff."

The Vigil was hosted just two days after the tragedy at Tree of Life Congregation on Risman Plaza, central to campus, and attended by more than 200 students, community members, and University faculty and staff.

Everyday Heroes Returns

Back by popular demand, The Everyday Heroes Activity Center will open for the second year in the Maltz Museum's special exhibition gallery. Children are invited to use the interactive stations to discover their own everyday superpowers, such as kindness, compassion, listening and helping through hands-on activities. From Painting Kindness Rocks to Building a Better World Lego Station to Zooming around the Good Mood Movement Area, young families can explore values of being an everyday hero. The Everyday Heroes Activity Center will be open during regular Museum hours, June 4 – August 18 (2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood; 216-593-0575; maltzmuseum.org).

David Schafer, Managing Director of the Maltz Museum said, "In each of us, there is a hero. Inside, we are strong enough, brave enough, and courageous enough to make choices that lift others up. Sometimes, we must even lift ourselves up first so that we can help someone else."

In addition, guests can participate in an Everyday Hero Story Tour, which is a self-guided, hands-on tour using a new children's book to explore the Museum's core exhibition, An American Story. Discover heroic qualities of a family moving to a new country on this newly designed tour created to engage younger audiences.

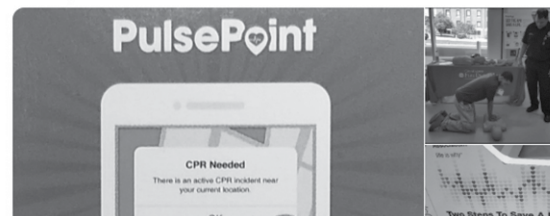
In partnership with Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau on their 150th anniversary, the Museum honors those standing up and speaking out for children who are vulnerable such as those at-risk and with special needs, through shared thematic programming. Audiences of all ages are invited to join in celebrating the power within each of us to help someone when they need us, including recognizing when we need help ourselves.

Check the Museum's website for details on programming and tours as they become available: www.maltzmuseum.org.



Forum 360 Spotlights Community Programs & People

PulsePoint Foundation - having the app can save lives. Check out the #PulsePoint app during this holiday season. You could be the bridge between life and death. #HeyAkron #WhyNotAkron



Left: The PulsePoint Foundation; right: Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro

Our goal at Forum 360 is to create a bridge between the people who have incredible stories to tell and listeners and viewers eager to hear your stories. Look for these shows in June/July:

- ▶ **PulsePoints ...** PulsePoints was started by a fire chief in California who saw a need and a way for technology to fill that need. Imagine a diner at a table in one room of a restaurant goes into cardiac arrest. In the next room is someone who can help, but has no idea of the crises. The goal of PulsePoint is to increase the possibility that a victim in cardiac arrest will receive CPR quickly. The app uses the current location of a user and will alert them if someone in their vicinity is in need of CPR. PulsePoints is a combined effort of the Akron Fire Department and EMS.
- ▶ **Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro ...** In one of her earlier campaigns, Ilene received more votes in Summit County than Sarah Palin did when she ran for mayor of Wasilla, Alaska! We just don't realize how big Summit County is!
- ▶ **Visiting Judges ...** Did you ever think about why some cases are presided over by a visiting judge? Where do they come from? Where do they return to? Tune in to find out.
- ▶ **Healing Hearts ...** This community nonprofit offers counseling with a personal and nurturing touch. Their goal is to "take the walls off counseling," and thus provide services in nontraditional settings.

Future shows will spotlight the new **I Promise School** that has garnered national attention. Another initiative getting attention is the **Civility Initiative** created by the Bliss Institute, an effort to encourage more civility in a politically uncivil world. Firestone Country Club and Akron lost one golf championship, but attracted another. This show will take a deep look at the **Senior Players Championship Tournament** and what the community can expect from the change.

Mark your calendar for these air times:

- ▶ PBS/Fusion channel 45/49 (channel 993 on Spectrum) on Monday at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday at 5:00 pm.
- ▶ WONE FM 97.5 Sunday 6 a.m.
- ▶ WAKR AM 1590 Sunday, 5:00 p.m., Monday 12:30 a.m.

Forum 360 welcomes ideas for topics and guests. Complete the form at www.forum360.org/about-forum-360 to send your suggestions.



Senior Adult Programs at the Shaw JCC

**PROGRAMS WITH ASTERISKS: RSVP'S REQUIRED TO JULIE LEFEVER AT JLEFEVER@SHAWJCC.ORG OR 330-835-0027*

New Program! Active Agers Forum

3rd Thursdays - June 20, July 18

11:00 a.m. to Noon

Looking for a way to discuss a variety of topics with like-minded people? Come join the Active Agers Forum! This is a fantastic way to learn about issues your peers are thinking about while also being able to share your thoughts and ideas! Facilitated by Carol Kushkin and Julie LeFever. No commitment needed! Bring a friend or neighbor!

Bridge

Mondays
Fridays

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Mah Jongg

Thursdays

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Mah Jongg is a tile-based game of skill, strategy, and calculation, and involves a degree of chance! Come find out what the game is all about. No experience necessary and it's so much fun! It's good for your brain to learn something new!

Movie Matinee at CENTER TOWERS

3rd Wednesdays - June 17, July 17

12:30 p.m.

Come one come ALL! Enjoy a movie on the big screen at Center Towers ... plus free popcorn!

June 19: *GIFTED* ... Frank Alder (Chris Evans) is a single man raising a child protégé - his young niece Mary (McKenna Grace). Frank's plans for a normal school life for Mary are foiled when the 7-year-old's abilities come to the attention of Evelyn (Lindsay Duncan), whose plans for her granddaughter threaten to separate them. 1 hr. 41 min.

July 17: MR. CHURCH ... Hired to lend a hand to a single mother diagnosed with cancer, Henry Church (Eddie Murphy) wins the heart of mom Marie Brodie and daughter Charlie through his cooking, establishing a bond that lasts long beyond Marie's death and Charlie's childhood. 1 hr. 44 min.

Retired Men's Group

2nd and 4th Tuesdays - June 6, 27, July 11, 25

9:30-11:30 am

Join the Retired Men's Group for open discussion. No RSVP needed. Coffee and bagels will be served. \$1.00 donation suggested.

Lunch Bunch*

2nd Tuesdays

11:30 am

June 11: Vasili's Greek Cuisine, 1702 Merriman Rd.

July 9: The Eye Opener, 1688 W. Market St.

Monthly Health Talks

3rd Tuesdays - June 18, July 16

10:45 a.m.

Local healthcare professionals will provide information on a variety of subjects. Great information, and a healthy snack will be served.

Monthly Hike

First Thursdays - June 6, July 11

12:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 6: Copley Community Park

Thursday, July 11: Hardesty Park

Join fellow hikers for an easy walk through a local park or trail. Meet there! Bring a sack lunch and water.

Be Tay Avon Café*

4th Fridays

11:30 a.m.

Free, donations accepted/\$5 minimum suggested

Join your friends for a short Shabbat, delicious meal, and select speakers or programs. Reservations are highly encouraged. Free, but donations accepted. This program is funded by a grant from the Edward I. Abramson Fund.

June 24: Picnic under the Pavilion at the pool! We're taking the Be Tay Avon Café outside for a summertime picnic! Enjoy summertime picnic favorites, each other's company, and the return of beautiful weather. You can even take a dip in the pool if you like!

July 26: Local historian Bill Brauning will present a program the great Dean Martin! Hear the music of the Greatest Generation and watch Dean perform the music the world will never forget. The presentation will be accompanied by a Summer Brunch.

Art Fridays*

2nd Fridays - June 14 & July 12

10:30 am

Cost: \$10 Member/\$15 Guest

The second Friday of the month finds us dabbling in all kinds of art mediums, from pottery to painting, paper cutting to planting, we'll learn a new skill, or improve on an old one. No experience is required, but reservations are a must so that we can have the proper amount of supplies for each artist.

June 14: Quilling ... Quilling, or paper filigree, uses strips of paper that are rolled, shaped and glued together to create decorative designs. Sheryl Aronson will teach us the techniques of quilling and help us create beautiful note cards.

July 12: To be announced.

Pots & Pans Cooking Class*

3rd Thursdays - June 20, July 18

Cost: \$10 Member/\$15 Guest

Learn seasonal recipes and techniques in this hands-on, fun class. No experience necessary! Make sure you make a reservation as this class fills up quickly.

June 20: The PERFECT Pasta Salad ... Learn some new tricks for making the perfect pasta salad for your upcoming picnics and gatherings this summer. We'll also sample some delicious summer beverages.

July 18: Delicious Summer Soups from the Farmer's Market ... Fresh from the farm, we'll combine the bounty from local gardens to create healthy and delicious summer soups!

Laughter and Breathing Workshops With Carol

4th Tuesdays - June 25, July 23

11:00 a.m.

Carol Kushkin will lead us through an informational and entertaining class as we learn about the healing power of laughter and the benefits of breathing exercises.

Koffee and Kibbitz with Carol and Julie

4th Thursdays - June 25, July 23

11:00 a.m.

Join us in the lobby after class to relax with friends, enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea, meet your fellow exercisers and find out what's going on in the Senior Adult world! No reservations necessary, just stop by. We're always ready to hear what you like, don't like, and we are open to all of your suggestions!

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Senior Programs

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Special Programs for June

Garage Sale 101*
Tuesday, June 4 11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$4 Member/\$6 Guest

Jody Schweiger from Caring Transitions will return to give us some tips on “letting go” of things in our home we no longer need. Learn what to keep and what to sell, how to price and how to merchandize. Then head home and apply all that you’ve learned to finish up your spring cleaning and prepare for our first annual “Junk in the Trunk” sale at Shaw JCC on Sunday, June 30th. Light salad lunch included.

Picnic Repeat at Shady Hollow*
Thursday, June 13 11:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
After getting “smoked out” at our last picnic at Shady Hollow, we’re going to try this again! Meet at the park (1750 Sand Run Pkwy) and bring a salad or dessert to share. We’ll provide the hot dogs, beverages and table service. Relax, enjoy old friends and make new friends!

Porthouse Theater Presents
Man of La Mancha*
Sunday, June 16 (Father’s Day)
Bus departs Shaw JCC at 12:30 p.m.
Cost: \$10 (members only, one ticket per person)
Porthouse Theater has again graciously sent us tickets to their Summer 2019 productions. We’re going to make a day of it by adding a box lunch to eat at their pavilion and transportation to the venue.

Alzheimer’s “The Longest Day” Fundraiser at the JCC
Friday, June 21 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
All-day sundae bar and raffle at Shaw JCC! Show your love and help end Alzheimer’s as we raise funds and awareness for the Alzheimer Association. Volunteers and raffle items welcome! Contact Julie at jlefever@shawjcc.org or 330-835-0027 if you’d like to help.

Weathervane Theater
Presents *Mama Mia**
Sunday, June 23
Meet at Weathervane at 2:00 p.m.
Show starts at 2:30

Cost: \$20 per person
A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you’ll never forget! Please make reservations by June 19th with Julie or at the front desk.

Junk in the Trunk Sale*
Sunday, June 30 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Rain date: Sunday, July 14
Cost for a space in the lot: \$8 Members/\$10 Guests
Use all those downsizing and purging tips you learned from our workshops and join your friends for a “Junk in the Trunk Sale”! Load up your car, truck or van and haul that garage-sale type stuff on down to The J’s parking lot to sell, or load up your friends and family and come to buy! If you want a selling space, reserve your spot by contacting Julie or stop by the front desk.

Special Programs for July
Porthouse Theater*
Bus departs at 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person
Sunday, July 7: Tintypes - RSVP after June 24
Sunday, July 28: Music Man - RSVP after July 15
Two more chances to enjoy the Porthouse Theater! Limited number of tickets, so only one ticket per member. Box lunch and transportation included.

Small Town Series: Copley*
Friday, July 19 11:00 a.m.
Right in our own backyard! Let’s meet at Shisler’s Cheese House (1275 S Cleveland Massillon Rd, Copley) for lunch on your own and then explore some local small shops in the immediate area. No bus, so we can play all day!

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens
Nooks and Crannies Tour*
Wednesday, July 24 10:00 a.m.
Cost: \$16 Members/\$20 Guests with lunch on your own
Join us on a guided behind-the-scenes tour of the domestic staff living and working quarters of Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens. Tour includes access to the Manor House, Gate Lodge, Corbin Conservatory and Gardens.

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Silver J Ticket Promotes Senior Independence



Seniors who take advantage of Jewish Family Service of Akron’s Silver J Ticket program enjoy cost savings with many services that allow seniors to live safely at home, including home health care, grocery shopping, meal preparation, laundry, light home maintenance, transportation and safety equipment installation.

Home health care services are offered through Lily Home Care. A single three-hour visit costs \$31.50 for a single individual and \$36 for a couple. Services include:

- ▶ Changing bed linens
- ▶ Help with bathing and dressing
- ▶ Exercises and or walking
- ▶ Medications reminders ordered by a doctor
- ▶ Providing a safe environment in areas of the home used by the client
- ▶ Washing laundry (if adequate equipment is available)

In addition, JFS will subsidize the cost (up to \$200) for installation of home safety equipment. This includes installation of grab bars, bed rails, hand grips, enhanced lighting, interior or exterior ramps, door widening or floor coverings to accommodate wheelchair use. Only businesses may provide these services, and a cost estimate must be obtained before work begins.

Finally, free transportation is provided to and from religious services and events at your local synagogue, as well as to the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life.

The Silver J Ticket is available to Jewish seniors, age 62 and older, regardless of income, and is made possible through a generous grant provided by the Albert L. and Janet A. Schultz Foundation for Jewish Life. Find out how you can benefit from this special program today!

For more information or to register for the program, call Buffy at 330-867-3388.

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attendees are invited to support the efforts of Jewish Akron's campus agencies and our community by bidding on auction items or donating to the mission match.

Funds raised at the Campus Gala directly benefit The Shaw JCC of Akron and The Lippman School. Located at the Schultz Campus, these nonprofit organizations offer vital programs and services for all members of the Akron community, from newborns to seniors.

More information available at www.jewishakron.org/campus-gala.

Campus Gala Honorees Mike and Teri Segal



Mike and Teri Segal

In the summer of 1983, Mike Segal had relocated from Connecticut to Akron for his job at General Tire, and his wife, Teri, was planning to join him a month later with their young daughters Rachel and Jessica. Driving on 77, Mike saw the Israeli flag over the treetops and followed the White Pond exit to the JCC.

"The very first guy I ran into was the JCC Executive Director Hy Tabachnick. I told him I was moving here with my family, and he said, 'Let me show you the Early Childhood Education wing,'" Mike says. "I called Teri that night and said, 'I think I found a preschool.'"

Today, Mike works for a national wealth management firm, and Teri is a retired speech pathologist for the Akron Public Schools. She continues to work part-time with preschoolers who have disabilities. Their daughters graduated from Revere High School, and now Rachel lives in the Chicago suburbs while Jessica works for the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta.

"(When we first moved here,) we reached out to Temple Israel, and I spoke to Cantor Gertz," Teri says. "He gave us the information we needed about the synagogue, and then before we hung up, he asked me if I'd like to teach Sunday School. I never did, but I always felt flattered."

Over the years, Mike and Teri have served in leadership roles at the Shaw JCC and Temple Israel. Mike is a Shaw JCC past president, current vice president of the Jewish Community Board of Akron, and an officer and current co-president at Temple Israel. Teri served on the Campus Gala committee, and a variety of committees at Temple Israel, joined ORT, was involved in the preschool parents' committee, chaired the community's Purim Ball celebration, served as Auxiliary co-president, and is a member of the Temple Israel Sisterhood's executive board.

"It's a win-win because you have that socialization, and you also feel like you're doing something good for the community," Teri says. "We came here knowing no one, so our friends became our family."

Together, Mike and Teri chaired Club 750 and participated in a Young Leadership trip to Israel in 1992.

"My vision for the future of Jewish Akron is to lay the foundation for continued Jewish involvement and proactively engage those folks," Mike says.

Teri adds that if people have benefitted from the open arms of Akron's Jewish community, it's their responsibility to get other people involved.

"The community has done so much for our family and us. I'm happy to have done whatever we've been able to do — individually and as a couple — and would like to continue that and pass it on," she says.

Community Spirit Honorees

Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein (Beth El Congregation)

In the two years since Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein arrived at Beth El Congregation, she has been focusing on building a sense of meaning and community.

"Beth El is a community open to change. I am proud of the work I do with the Ritual Committee to be as inclusive as possible within the bounds of Conservative Judaism and halacha, or Jewish Law," she says. "It is also my goal to bring meaning to every aspect of Jewish life — personalizing lifecycle events, focusing our prayers with spirituality, and bringing God and Torah to meetings and moments that may otherwise feel mundane."



Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein

With her husband, Matthew, who serves as Beth El's Hazzan, and their two young children, Austerklein has added more creative and spiritually rich services to the calendar. The couple has also reinstituted Saturday morning Junior Congregation services for children and a Consecration class — something Beth El hasn't had in several years.

Beyond the synagogue's doors, Austerklein has led prayers at meetings of the Akron City Council and Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce, and the congregation has partnered with The Lippman School, Akron Artworks and the Akron RubberDucks. And, Austerklein says, she makes a point to attend events at all of Akron's synagogues.

"I am honored to work with rabbis Brown and Sasonkin to create a sense of greater Jewish community," she says. "(I am) trying to live the notion that we are one Jewish community here in Akron."

Rabbi Josh Brown (Temple Israel)



Rabbi Josh Brown

This summer marks Rabbi Josh Brown's third year on the pulpit at Temple Israel, and he says his role in Akron's Jewish community is to help people connect.

"We live in a society where our primary mode of communication is through a piece of technology. People want to be part of something larger than themselves and filled with meaning and real interactions," he says. "That's what a synagogue provides, and that's what people are finding in Akron — especially in our Jewish community — because we're so tight-knit, and they're welcomed in."

Brown says the biggest challenge facing synagogues today is keeping up with the frantic pace of the world and providing organic, authentic experiences for congregants.

"When everything has to be planned, you sometimes miss what's happening at the moment. It's increasingly hard just to be present, with people, and not

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necessarily having a planned outcome," he says. "Our challenge is to try and be that countercultural force. It helps people to make time in their life for what is truly important."

Brown and his wife, Carrie, have one daughter and two sons.

Rabbi Michael Ross (Temple Beth Shalom in Hudson and the Hillel at Kent State University)



Rabbi Michael Ross

Rabbi Michael Ross jokes that he wears a lot of kippot, or head covers, in the Jewish community just outside the borders of Akron. As the rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom in Hudson and the Senior Jewish Educator for Hillel at Kent State University, he leads a wide age-range of congregants which comes with a unique set of challenges.

"I came to this area last August from a Conservative synagogue in Greensboro, NC, and as the new kid on the block, it's been an interesting acclimation process, but I've been able to balance those two schedules," he says.

He divides his time between activities and programs at Hudson and Kent, and he leads Shabbat services at each location on alternating weeks. In the fall, Ross will teach a class at Kent State called "Walking with Prophets."

"It's a look at the Hebrew Prophets of the Bible and how — in these crazy, anxiety-filled times — we can have hope and vision for the future," he says.

Ross's wife, Rabbi Rachel Brown, is the Educational Director of Temple Beth Shalom and Director of Educational Learning at Congregation Shaarey Tikvah in Cleveland. They live in Beachwood with their son.

Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin (Anshe Sfard/Revere Road Synagogue)

Akron's Jewish community experienced a tremendous loss last fall with the passing of Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin, OBM. His son, Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin, succeeded him as the spiritual leader of Anshe Sfard/Revere Road Synagogue.

Sasonkin's parents moved to Akron in 1989 as Chabad emissaries and worked as a team for over 30 years. After attending rabbinical school out of town, Rabbi Moshe and his wife, Mussie, moved to Kent to run the local Chabad program and raise their two sons. Today, he and his wife run the congregation, education, and programs at Anshe Sfard and Chabad of Akron/Canton, with his mother Kaila, who he says is "the backbone of everything we do."

"I am continuing the legacy of my father, and I feel like I have a responsibility to continue his work," he says. "I share that same passion, and my wife does as well, to show unconditional love for everyone around them, to show that Judaism has excitement and equal opportunity for everyone, no matter what their background is."

Sasonkin says it's natural for a community to re-group after a loss, but thanks to support from Akron's Jewish community "we feel very confident that the synagogue will continue growing."



Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin

"There is so much collaboration and unity within the Akron community," he says. "All the Jewish organizations have such a strong connection with each other, and that's so vital."

The Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin Award for Righteousness Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin, OBM



Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin,
Of Blessed Memory

When Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin passed away last October following an eight-year battle with cancer, Akron's entire Jewish community mourned.

Not only was Rabbi Sasonkin the spiritual leader of Chabad of Akron/Canton since 1989 and Anshe Sfard/Revere Road Synagogue since 1995, but he was also the husband of Kaila, a son and son-in-law, a father of 10, a loving grandfather, and friend to many.

Community member Joe Kanfer described Rabbi Sasonkin as having "unbelievable energy, commitment to the community, and brilliance of human understanding. He had not only knowledge of text but knowledge of people."

At this year's Campus Gala, **The Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin Award for Righteousness** will be presented posthumously to Rabbi Sasonkin, an individual who lived, without exception, a moral and ethical life dedicated to Judaism, the Jewish people and inspiring others to follow in this path.

Learn more about the Campus Gala and our honorees in future issues of the Akron Jewish News.

MITZVAH CREW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Garden Maintenance Team: Love to dig in the dirt, or just want to learn more about the joys of gardening? Combine those wishes with a wonderful volunteer project. Our preschool has three raised garden beds on their playground just begging for attention. Help us as we water and weed. No experience necessary! Grab some gloves and a shovel and meet us on the playground! Wednesdays from 3-4 PM.

"The Longest Day" Volunteers Needed! Help us fight Alzheimer's disease on the longest day of the year, June 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will be serving ice cream sundaes as our project to raise funds for Alzheimer's research, as well as having a raffle of donated goods and services. Let's make this a "FUN"d raiser! Volunteer sundae makers needed and unique raffle items, too! Short shifts or long...whatever works best for you!

Chefs Wanted: Are you a master on the grill? The JCC Summer Camp is looking for volunteers to assist in cooking hot dogs on the grill for the campers each Friday. There's nothing tastier than a hot dog, hot off the grill, smothered in mustard, ketchup and relish on a soft bun! Yum!!!

Contact Julie at 330-835-0027 or jlefever@shawjcc.org if you are interested in any of these opportunities to volunteer at OUR JCC!

About People

Johnson Earns NASA Honor

Leslie Johnson is a 2006 Lippman School graduate and daughter of Steve Johnson and Laurie Zuckerman. She is a structural analyst with the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) business unit with Harris Corporation's Space and Intelligence Systems segment. Johnson joined Harris as an intern in 2013, and over the next four years, her role grew to encompass system-level analysis and testing of the James Webb Space Telescope. She earned the NASA Silver Achievement Medal and the Harris Industry Recognition Award for her work on this successful project.



Nelson Baby Born

Isabella Evelyn Nelson was born April 22nd to Lisa and Eric Nelson of Chicago. Proud grandparents are Cindy and Jerry Nelson of Akron and Robby and Steve Setrin of Ocean, N.J.

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Thank you, Akron!

BY ADAM FOX, YOUTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR

When I moved to Akron from Arizona nearly a year ago, I had no idea what to expect. I only had one connection, but it was a strong one; Scott and Julie Zorn were not only close to me but to the rest of my immediate family. What started out as a part-time job finishing the rest of Summer Camp 2018 eventually turned into a full-time position as Youth Program Coordinator for the Shaw JCC, working everything from KidSpace (our aftercare program) to the youth basketball league, and from serving as BBYO City Director to leading all the birthday parties throughout the year.

In the first week of July, I will be moving to Iowa City to embark on a career as the Engagement Associate for the University of Iowa Hillel. I am both excited for this opportunity and sad that I am leaving. Though I would have only lived in Akron for just under a year, it has been an outstanding one.

I wanted to thank all of you in the community for all your support for the programs on the Schultz Campus. It doesn't take long to realize that there is something for everyone here. You have all shown how

a community comes together, whether in times of tranquility or when tragedy strikes. Truly, you all play a great role in making this a thriving institution.

I would like to ask one big favor from all of you. Spread the word. Tell your family and friends about how amazing it is to be a member of the Shaw JCC. Not only will they meet like-minded members, but they will enjoy the wonderful staff who help make this place special. The rewards of becoming and staying involved are everlasting.

I wish you all the very best. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for the honor of being a part of the Akron community.



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Thanks to funding from the Jewish Federations of North America, help is available for Holocaust Survivors living in Greater Akron who meet certain eligibility requirements.

If you or someone you know lives in Akron or the Summit County, is Jewish, and lived in Europe or the occupied territories of the former Soviet Union between January 1933 and May 1945, you may be eligible for reparations and/or other subsidized in-home support services, such as home health care, home cleaning and social activities.

If you have never arranged for services before, or are in need of help, please call Larisa at Jewish Family Service of Akron at 330-867-3388. Learn how we can help you!



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