



Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo
ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22



President's message



Dear Chaverim,

As I look back over the last year, I can't believe that I am in my final year as JFGT President; I remain invigorated and impressed by the strength, resiliency, and depth of our Jewish community. In my role, I have been inspired to lead and serve because of the quality of the programs and services offered and supported by JFGT and TJCF, the dedication of our professional staff, and the involvement of our community volunteers.

I am proud that JFGT is able to advocate, program, and provide financial support for our community in ways that cross denominational and religious lines. JFGT is at the center of our community and always works to consider and advance the interests of Jewish Peoplehood. Those who seek to harm the Jewish people and Israel make no distinction based upon how we look, pray, eat, celebrate, or socialize. Jewish Peoplehood represents a shared collective memory of thousands of years of triumphs and tragedies. We are at our best when we draw strength from each other and from difficult challenges – despite different opinions. And it is important for us to remember that we share unshakeable Jewish values passed from generation to generation.

Thank you to our donors, volunteers, board members, and professional staff. I am certain the year ahead will bring many opportunities, and of course some additional challenges. But, I am confident that we will continue to go from strength to strength, this year, and into the future.

Laurie Gross
President

Chief Executive Officer's message



Dear Chaverim,

We are excited to present this Annual Report of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) and the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (TJCF) to our community. The report highlights just some of the incredible programs and services delivered, supervised, or financially supported by JFGT and TJCF. Thank you for taking a few minutes to learn more about JFGT/TJCF's key role in the vitality of Jewish Toledo.

JFGT/TJCF provides an unmatched variety of programs and services. Supervised by two boards involving the time and talents of over 25 lay leaders representing all communal institutions, JFGT/TJCF are responsible for:

- raising over \$1 million dollars in an Annual Campaign
- stewardship and management of over \$65 million dollars in assets
- distributing hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in grants for scholarships and Jewish and non-Jewish philanthropic causes around the world
- Gan Yeladim Preschool operations and its building
- cemetery operations and maintenance at two Jewish cemeteries including coordination and expenses of indigent burials
- coordinating Jewish communal security including assistance with obtaining state and federal grants
- providing patient advocacy, transportation, and financial subsidies to Jewish seniors so they can live their lives with dignity
- operating a Food Pantry that serves scores of needy Jewish and non-Jewish residents of northwest Ohio
- preserving and honoring our collective memory with annual Kristallnacht, Yom Ha'Shoah, Yom Ha'Zikaron, and Yom Ha'Atzmaut programs
- advocacy and contact with government officials regarding antisemitism, Holocaust education, and other matters of civic interest
- building bridges to the non-Jewish community.

JFGT/TJCF's unique and broad vision allows us to identify the most pressing community issues and then mobilize community, philanthropists, leaders, and resources to address them. We have the desire, capacity, knowledge, and professional skills to invigorate our community with opportunities for growth. By working together and supporting our communal institutions to serve their unique constituencies, we enable a strong community. JFGT/TJCF flourish doing those things that no other institution does for the community; we collaborate to make sure we are the best Jewish community we can be. If you have any questions or want to learn how you can be a part of fulfilling our mission, reach out to me anytime.

Stephen Rothschild
Chief Executive Officer

Toledo Jewish Community Foundation

Think about the future. An endowment is forever.



Camp Inspiration Fund



Jewish Education



Senior Services

Foundation Impact

7 College scholarships were made to Jewish children from northwest Ohio totaling **\$12,500**

8 Donors donated nearly **\$2 million** to the Foundation in support of the Jewish community

9 Long Term Community Needs Fund Grants
totaling **\$137,154** supporting our Community, and JCRC programs, Department of Jewish Programs, Hillel, Congregational Religious Schools and the moving "Heal Us Now" video

34 Camp Scholarships
for **\$65,000** allowing kids to experience an overnight Jewish camp, some for the very first time

64 Donor Advised Funds making a total of 193 grants supporting:
Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo
United Way of Lucas County
Toledo Museum of Art
Friends of the IDF
Congregation B'nai Israel
Temple Shomer Emunim
Congregation Etz Chayim
Chabad of Toledo
University of Toledo & Bowling Green State University Hillel
Many other charitable organizations in Toledo and around the world

legacy

Annual Campaign

The annual campaign raises funds to support the programs, services, and operations of our affiliated agencies, synagogues, Jewish agencies abroad, and the greater Toledo community.

\$1,115,792 was raised from 528 donors in the 2021 campaign through the generosity of annual gifts and a match campaign. 86% of annual campaign funds stays in our community. 14% of the annual campaign funds support Israel & overseas allocations.



Your enduring commitment to Jewish Toledo provides essential financial support for the programs and services our community needs and deserves.

YOUR GIFT HELPS IN SO MANY WAYS

JEWISH LIFE



**Gan
Yeladim
Preschool**



Hillel

University of Toledo
& Bowling Green State University



**Jewish Senior, Family
and Social Services**



Fostering hope through caring,
professional services

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

**Advocacy &
Education**



Community
engagement,
Israel advocacy,
antisemitism
awareness,
Holocaust
education, and
government and
media affairs

Community Security

Ensuring greater safety and
preparedness through training, hard
security, and equipment enhancements



PROGRAMS

Community-wide Events

Festivals, drive-bys, concerts,
community outings



Young Adult Programs

Next Jewish Generation, PJ Library®



Senior Programs



Cultural events,
trips, fitness,
speakers, and
much more for our 60
and better community



**Jewish Federation
& Foundation**
OF GREATER TOLEDO



Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services

fostering hope

“JSFSS Fitness Classes have changed my life! Our daughter recently moved cross-country, and not only was she in awe of how I could help, but she also couldn't get over how great I looked! I would not have been able to help her even just 6 months ago!”

“I don't know what we would do without the JSFSS Food Pantry! They put so much thoughtfulness into our food orders - like no other place! They really care!”



Impact of our work, by the numbers

Food Pantry

295 Food Pantry appointments were provided for families in need
610 total individuals received food, goods, and other pantry services
38 families in our community received Passover baskets

Fitness Classes

136 exercise classes for seniors all skill levels
1,180 times people danced, jumped, drummed, and smiled away calories

Support Services / Care Management

296 home and facility visits
More than **60** individuals and families received assessment, support, care management, and other vital services every month

Scholarships

15 college scholarships, totaling more than **\$37,500**

The AHAVA program distributed more than **\$7,000** to support, enhance, and positively impact the lives of adults and children with special needs and their families.

COVID Relief

JSFSS has delivered more than **\$10,000** for COVID-related relief efforts related to food, including Mitzvah Meals subsidies and other pantry services aimed at assuring nutritional health for those in need.

Making a difference...



What makes JSFSS unique is the level of care, compassion, and thoughtfulness we apply to our services. Our skilled and resourceful team helps restore dignity and remove the stigma often associated with receiving assistance by taking the time to engage and listen. We build relationships.

“Support Services at JSFSS has been so important for me through the years - they come to visit, really listen, and are never at a loss for helping me figure out what to do or get pointed in the right direction. They are my special problem solvers!”

Jewish Community Relations Council

JCRC represents the Greater Toledo Jewish community, Israel, and Jews to the general community; other ethnic, racial, civic, and religious groups; government; and the media by educating and advocating on important issues.



Shine a Light community rally



**Israel
Engagement**



**Father Desbois community lecture
and Diversity Day student program**

Antisemitism

7 panel discussions and lectures at universities, Rotary Club, and various community sites

Shine a Light community rally

125+ people of diverse backgrounds came together to spread awareness of rising antisemitism, including state and local officials; representatives of religious, ethnic, and minority groups; educators; and community members. Several non-Jewish allies spoke, including

**SHINE
A LIGHT**
on Antisemitism

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur; Sheena Barnes, Executive Director of Equality Toledo; and representatives of the Offices of U.S. Senator Rob Portman and U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown.

Interfaith, Multi-Faith, and Coalition Partnerships and Events

- Participation in the MultiFaith Council of Northwest Ohio, the Northwest Ohio Immigrant Rights Network, and Equality Toledo's MultiFaith Pride Committee
- Religious Roundtable Panel Discussion at Terra State Community College
- Presentations at area churches about Jewish holidays and Israel
- Interfaith Prayer Event for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers

Equality Seder with Equality Toledo, impacting over **60** people



Habitat for Humanity Faith Build



advocacy

Israel Engagement

- Lecture with Mirit Sulema from the Akko Educators' Kibbutz
- Lecture with Israeli and Palestinian from Tech2Peace
- Resetting the Table civil discourse workshop
- Partnership2Gether: book clubs, film discussions, music lessons, and more!



Holocaust Commemoration and Educational Events

with the Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center

- Kristallnacht community commemoration, impacting over **100** people
- Father Desbois community lecture and Diversity Day student program, impacting **1,000** people total
- Yom HaShoah community observance, impacting over **100** people

Government Relations and Advocacy

- Meetings with Governor Mike DeWine, the U.S. Congressional delegation from Ohio, and a legislative briefing event in collaboration with Ohio Jewish Communities (OJC).
- Meetings with Congressman Bob Latta, local elected officials, and *Honesty in Education: Reclaiming the Truth* panel discussion with legal, educational, religious and minority groups opposing Ohio House Bills 322, 327, and 616.



Jewish Programs

Programs, events, and opportunities for Jewish youth, adults, seniors, families, and young professionals.

“ I want to thank the Jewish Federation for thinking of us and for sending us Purim bags and all the other gifts at the time of the holidays, and I want you to know that we appreciate it. I want to give my love to everybody there and thank you for keeping in touch with us. - Mr. Sperling ”

“ I just want to thank everyone who was involved in planning and coordinating [a community] event - it was really stellar, with good food, good music, and good friends. - Mary Bilyeu ”



15 Community Events



Nefesh Mountain	200+	attendees
Swing into the Rhythm	100+	attendees
Book Festival - 6 events	200+	participants
Soups for Sukkot	40+	attendees
Summer Shindig 2021	207	attendees
Family Mitzvah Day	66	participants
Delivered 150 packages to seniors in our community		

10 PJ Library® Events

Arts & Crafts, Playdates, Mitzvah projects

150+	participants
146	children enrolled in PJ Library®*
45	campers attended Camp Inspiration®*



*Inspiration Fund



community



Drive-bys

Don't Passover this bag 2022
60 quarts of matzah ball soup

Challah at Home again 2022
70 challah making kits



Hanukkah Hoedown 2021
348 kosher BBQ dinners

Rosh Hashanah Rollby Reboot 2021
68 loaves of kosher round challah



New babies **13**

New households **16**

Next Jewish Generation

NJG programs

8 Trivia Nights, Mud Hens game, axe throwing, soap making, cocktail mixing, cooking class, volunteering, glass fusing & blowing

150+ participants

“ I just wanted to take some time to thank the Toledo Jewish Federation for your extraordinary efforts over the past 14 difficult months. You went the extra mile in every way and brought joyful events, great food, fun projects, and managed to keep our community close in a very lonely time. We look forward to more! ”
Sharon, Michael, Talia, Emma and Abby Tipping

Gan Yeladim

Preschool by numbers



175	days of school
7	completely devoted staff members
20	happy children
1076	books read
783	apples eaten
1,000,000	bubbles blown
8	gallons of paint
355	challahs baked
986	feet of block structures built
3,625	tzedakah coins given
478	worms discovered
31,250	bike path laps
579	STEAM activities
1,354,948	hugs shared
Unlimited	smiles!

**We specialize in
happy children**

Hillel

“Hillel is a place where I can be with people who I know will always be there for me and care about me. It has been the happiest part of my college experience.”
-McKenna Gallagher, Class of 2023



- 94%** of Hillel students say being Jewish will continue to be important to them after graduation.
- 202** **Programs offered**
Helping to inspire more students to create a connection to Jewish life and learning that begins in college and lasts a lifetime.
- 51** **Shabbat dinners held**
Providing a sense of community and belonging.
- 150+** **Cups of coffee with students**
Engaging students and cultivating a Jewish community on campus.
- 5** **New board members**
Supporting the Jewish leaders of tomorrow, today!
- 9** **Tikkun Olam events**
Programming with a goal of serving the community.
- 2** **Trips to Israel**
Increasing connectedness to - and pride in - Israel during a once-in-a-lifetime trip.
- 100+** **Holiday boxes**
Making Jewish holidays meaningful from the comfort of their dorm!
- 14** **New members in Hillel's new Jewish Medical Student Association,**
dedicated to serving Jewish students at UTM.

Jewish values
lasting connections

Hillel
Greater Toledo

Financials - Consolidated Statements

FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2021

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 726,417
Prepaid rent, net current portion	704,000
Net property and equipment	1,299,777
Investments	58,988,190
Intangible asset	850,000
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trusts	3,521,996
Other Assets	1,729,662
Total assets	\$ 67,820,042

Liabilities

Total current liabilities	178,987
Deferred gain on sale of property, net of current portion	1,504,000
Trusts payable	2,639,444
Funds Held for Local Jewish Agencies	6,444,157
Investment Held for Associated Affiliate Organization	15,594,052
Total liabilities	26,360,640

Total net assets 41,459,402

Total liabilities and net assets \$ 67,820,042

Complete Audited Financial Statements for year ending December 31, 2021 are available upon request or on our website at www.jewishtoledo.org



2021 Financial Highlights

The Federation/Foundation is presenting a single year report as our fiscal year changed in 2020 from a July to June fiscal year to a January to December calendar year. We had a 6 month transition from July to December 2020 to move our financials to a calendar year. Future reports will reflect a two year comparison.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Prepaid Expenses/Rent

As part of the consideration for the 2018 sale of the building to the YMCA, the Organization recorded prepaid rent for their office space \$880,000 over the next 20 years. The current portion of \$44,000 is included in other assets with the remaining \$704,000 shown as long-term prepaid rent. The Organization will recognize \$44,000/year of rent expense through 2038.

Intangible Asset

As part of the consideration for the 2018 sale of the building to the YMCA, an intangible of \$1,000,000 in consideration for the naming rights of the building was recorded. The intangible asset is being amortized at \$50,000/year through 2038.

Deferred Gain on Sale

Under accounting guidance for sale leasebacks, the gain resulting from the consideration for the prepaid rent and naming rights of \$1,880,000 was deferred and is being recognized at \$94,000/year over the 20 year life of the lease through 2038.

Trusts Payable

The Federation has been designated as the trustee for split-interest agreements, consisting of three charitable remainder trusts. The terms of these agreements include making either fixed payments or payments based on the return of investments to the beneficiaries and final payouts of the principal to the Federation and other organizations after certain events have occurred. Since the beneficiaries are subject to change, the Federation has also established liabilities for the same amount as the investment asset. Should these events occur without change, the Federation would be entitled to approximately 74% as partial beneficiary of the trusts.

Investments Held for Associate Organization

These investments represent the investments held by Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization. The investments are reflected as an asset and liability on the Federation's consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting guidance. The decrease is due to decrease in fair value from poor market performance.

Other Assets

Included in Other Assets is the cash surrender value on Life Insurance Policies of \$1,499,502. The Federation/Foundation is the owner and beneficiary of 37 donated life insurance policies which has a total face value of approximately \$4,636,000.

Financials - Consolidated Statements

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES Year ended December 31, 2021

Revenue and Gains

Annual campaign pledges and contributions	\$ 1,808,479
Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization	591,707
Program service fees	186,101
Investment income, net	3,918,990
Other, net of transfers	474,521
Total Revenue and Gains	\$ 6,979,798

Expenses

Grants & Allocations	666,421
Program	2,371,135
Administrative	343,531
Development	709,855
Total Expenses	\$ 4,090,942

Change in Net assets	\$ 2,888,856
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Net asset at beginning of the year	38,570,546
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Net assets at end of year (as restated)	\$ 41,459,402
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Contributions

In 2021, the Organization was the recipient of a new charitable remainder trust and two new agency funds. These contributions were recorded as liabilities in accordance with accounting guidance for these types of funds. Additionally, the Organization saw an increase in the annual campaign giving and other contributions in 2021.

Investment Income, Net

Investment income, net of external investment fees reflects an increase in investment. This is primarily attributed to an annual 12.25% (Net of Fees) Rate of Return on our main investment pools with Vanguard.

Expenses

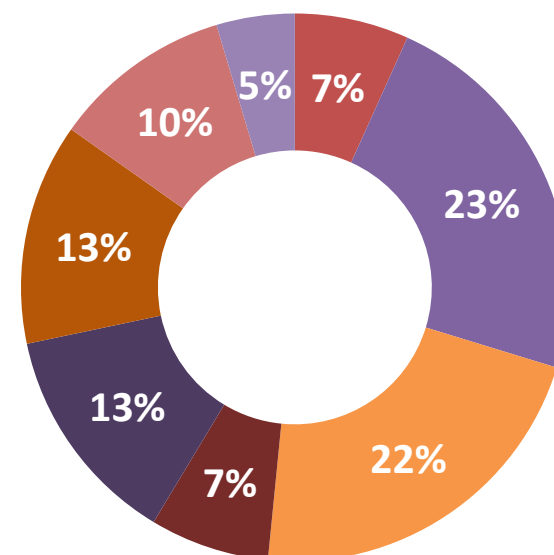
Overall, expenses decreased slightly from the prior full fiscal year ending June, 2020. The Federation was still experiencing the impact of COVID-19 and certain programs were either offered virtual or pushed to 2022.

Change in Net Assets

Change in Net Assets was \$2,888,856 in 2021 compared to \$3,822,893 in June, 2020. There was a significant gift to the Foundation that came in during the fiscal year 2020.

Breakdown of 2021 Assets through December 31

- Supporting Orgs, \$4,571,168
- Jewish Senior Services Supp Org, \$15,594,052
- Designated Agency Funds, \$19,515,341
- Congregation/Chabad Agency Funds, \$4,782,643
- Unrestricted Funds, \$8,864,953
- Special Purpose & Trusts, \$8,881,633
- Donor Advised Funds, \$7,179,253
- Land/Buildings/Prepaid Lease, \$3,135,093



Local & International Partners

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

(JDC) operates in more than 70 countries around the world, rescuing Jews in distress, providing relief for Jews in need, reconstructing and rebuilding Jewish communities and helping Israel address its social challenges by serving as a force for innovation and reform.



Birthright Israel provides the gift of first time, peer group, educational trips to Israel for Jewish young adults ages 18 to 32. The organization was created to diminish the growing division between Israel and Jewish communities around the world; to strengthen the sense of solidarity among world Jewry; and to strengthen participants' personal Jewish identity and connection to the Jewish people.



Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) is a humanitarian organization committed to the highest ideals of freedom and equality. JAFI has been pivotal to Israel's remarkable story of immigration, renewal and growth. Since the establishment of the State of Israel, the Jewish Agency has been the driving force behind the unique bond between Jews worldwide and Israel.



Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA)

represents 157 Jewish Federations and over 300 independent Jewish communities. The Federation movement, collectively among the top 10 charities on the continent, protects and enhances the well-being of Jews worldwide through the values of tikkun olam (repairing the world), tzedakah (philanthropy and social justice) and Torah (Jewish learning).



Partnership2Gether (P2G), a program of the Jewish Agency and JFNA, connects some 550 communities around the world in 47 partnerships. Toledo is part of the Central Area Consortium with 16 other U.S. Jewish communities. Through Partnership2Gether, we are connected with Budapest, Hungary; and Israel's Western Galilee through cultural, educational, social, medical, and economic programs.



World ORT is one of the largest non-governmental Jewish education and training organizations in the world with activities in more than 100 countries past and present with current operations in Israel, the CIS and Baltic States, Latin America, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, North America, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific.



Israel and Overseas Allocations

In 2022, the Jewish Federation's Allocations Committee distributed \$68,967.30 to four organizations using funds from the 2021 Annual Campaign.

JDC Israel received a three-year commitment of \$20,000 a year for their Derech Eretz & Mental Health Trustee program, which provides job training and trauma resilience to Haredim (ultra-Orthodox) Israelis, one of the poorest sectors of Israeli society, to help more people enter the workforce in a way that respects their traditions and escape the cycle of poverty.

World ORT received a three-year commitment of \$20,000 a year for their YOUNiversity program in Mateh Asher, providing educational afterschool enrichment opportunities to students in the 7th–9th grades in our Partnership region.

The Jewish Agency for Israel received a three-year commitment of \$10,000 a year for their Youth Futures program, affording children and their families struggling with poverty, learning difficulties, and behavioral difficulties in Israel's geographic and social periphery the opportunity and tools to grow and succeed.

Dror Israel's Akko Educators' Kibbutz received a three-year commitment of \$10,000 a year for their Chofesh Bitui (Freedom of Expression) program for elderly immigrants, including many from Ukraine and the Former Soviet Union. Dror Israel also received a one-time allocation of \$8,967.30 for a summer camp they are running in Israel for Ukrainian refugee children.



Leadership Awards

National Young Leadership Harry Levison Young Leadership Award *Tamara Green*



Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Tamara moved to Toledo for college at Bowling Green State University (BGSU) and then the Medical College of Ohio for Physical Therapy (PT) school. She has worked as a PT for many years and now enjoys inspiring leaders in the PT space as a District Director at ATI Physical Therapy.

Tamara and her husband of 15 years, Jeff Green joined the Toledo Jewish community immediately after their wedding. Tamara now serves as CEO of the Green household alongside Jeff where they enjoy raising their three children, Gabriel (12), Avi (10), and Maya (7). Tamara completed the Young Leadership Development program of Toledo in 2007 and, currently Secretary

on the JFGT Executive Committee, has now served as a member of the Jewish Federation Board for five years. She enjoys engaging in her local Jewish community, as philanthropy has been a part of her life since college. She hopes to inspire her children about the importance of giving back, as the Toledo Jewish community has become their adopted Jewish family.

Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award - *Sautter's Market*



Founded in downtown Toledo in 1927, Sautter's Market has been a Toledo-area staple for generations. Passed down from generation to generation, the family-owned specialty market refuses to compromise on quality and mixes the old-fashioned comforts of a neighborhood market with the latest trends in grocery. Sautter's is being honored for its support of local food needs, especially with kosher products.

Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence *Daniel Becker*



Danny Becker, youngest of three children, was born in Columbus, Ohio to Sara and Albert Becker (z"l). He attended The Ohio State University and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1976 with a B.A. in Business Administration. Additionally, he holds graduate certificates from the University of Toledo and Eastern Michigan University.

Danny married Cindy Bines in 1978 in Milwaukee, where they met. They moved their young family to Toledo in 1990. In Toledo, they joined Congregation Etz Chayim. Their two sons, David and Ben, both graduates of the Hebrew Academy of Toledo and Sylvania Southview High School, are currently living in

Cleveland. Ben is married to Jennie, and they are the parents of almost three-year-old Abe.

An active member of Congregation Etz Chayim, Danny joined the board as a Trustee in 2000 and later served as Vice President of Finance and President. He also served as President and Vice President of Membership and Programming of Etz Chayim's Men's Club for over 10 years. He is a recipient of Etz Chayim's Harry Levine Service Award and the Morris Lubitsky Memorial Award in 2004. When he's not leading committee meetings, Danny can be found cooking brisket or grilling hot dogs for Etz Chayim events.

During the past eight years, Danny involved himself in all aspects of "chesed shel emet" (true kindness) in the Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association (TJCCA). The Association restored the cemetery chapel, modernized record keeping, and improved the groundskeeping methods. Danny is the current chair of the Association.

Leadership Awards

Shining Light Awards



Adam Goldberg grew up in Toledo and went to the Hebrew Academy. He received his BFA from Bowling Green State University then opened Gathered Glassblowing Studio in Toledo's Warehouse District. After moving with his wife, Andrea, to Evanston, IL for three years, they returned to Toledo where he is a practicing artist. He currently serves on the Jewish Community Relations Council as the Current Events and Civic Engagement Chair.

In February, Adam and Andrea welcomed their son, Aster, into the world. They look forward to continuing to build community here in Toledo.



Mary Bilyeu is deeply grateful for the Toledo area's small-but-mighty and "haymish" Jewish community, which so many generously support in faith and love. She has tried to follow these examples by working on the Jewish Community Program Committee and two food festivals, by promoting and participating in Federation and shul programs, and by helping in any other way that she can. Mary has also loved attending the book and film festivals, concerts, and Friendship Circle dinners; cooking, baking, and dining with friends; and joining in countless other activities.

Mary has been *The Blade's* Food Editor since 2014 and is a notoriously crazy cat lady who lives with her long-time partner, Craig Rochkind, and his daughter, Jennifer. She recently welcomed her son Jeremy from the Philippines (after an extended pandemic-related stay) with his wife, Jelley Mae, and their gorgeous son - Mary's first grandchild - Jacob.



Helen Grubb grew up in Toledo and attended the Hebrew Academy elementary school. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from The University of Toledo with a concentration in printmaking. She has been involved in the activist community of Toledo for years, including work with Toledo-area progressives and the "I Rise" committee. She helped organize Toledo's first women's march and has volunteered with Planned Parenthood and the Agnes Reynolds Jackson Fund. She lives in Sylvania and is a member of Congregation B'nai Israel with her husband, Kristofer Mann.



Deborah Norin-Kuehn holds Doctoral and Master's degrees from the Eastman School of Music, an Artist Diploma from the Curtis Institute, and a Bachelor's degree from Kent State, all in voice performance. Born in Cleveland and raised in Akron, Deborah comes from a musical family. Her maternal great grandfather, Jacob Resnik, was the first cantor on Cleveland's west side, and her paternal zayde, Simon Norinsky, was an active performer in the Yiddish Theater. Other notorious relatives include the late astronaut Judith Resnik and staunch Zionist Vladimir Jabotinsky.

A college voice professor for over three decades, Deborah performs internationally, specializing in contemporary repertoire. She maintains a private voice studio and volunteers, teaching remote lessons to young Israeli singers at the Akko and Matte Ashar Conservatories through the Western Galilee Partnership2Gether program.

Deborah first arrived at the Temple as "fill-in Cantor" over 20 years ago. She and husband Mikel are the proud parents of Stefan, 26, a programmer in Mexico City, and Zoe, 20, a comedy and film student in Chicago.

Leadership Awards

Nancy Newbury Spirit of JFS Award - *Mark Wexler*



Mark Wexler was born and raised in Toledo. He graduated from Ottawa Hills High School in 1970 and attended The University of Toledo where he received a degree in Computer Science. In 1975, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He retired from the Air Force with 22 years of service in 2003 and retired from working for the Social Security Administration in 2018.

In 2005, Mark was selected to be in the JCC Sports Hall of Fame for his accomplishments in the sport of bowling. He was a member of Team USA at the 2005 World Maccabiah Games in Israel and again at the 2011 European Maccabiah Games in Vienna, Austria.

Mark has assisted Aspiring Hands, an organization that gives young adults with high functioning disabilities the opportunity to volunteer their services to other 501(c)(3) organizations. Currently, he drives veterans round trip from the Toledo VA Clinic to the Ann Arbor VA hospital for medical appointments.

Mark is also an active member of the Joseph W. Diehn Post 468 American Legion in Sylvania and a Boy Scout Commissioner for Cub Pack and Scout Troup 87 in Sylvania. He volunteers time to Camp Miakonda where he does renovations, remodeling, grass cutting, meal preparation in the kitchen, and work in the Trading Post. He delivers Mitzvah Meals for Temple Shomer Emunim and responds to any requests from Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo for a Handy Helper.

Ben and Shirley Schall Spirit of Competition Award *Robert Axonovitz*



Robert Axonovitz was born in Toledo, Ohio to Louis and Lena Axonovitz. He and wife Lisa (née Kaufman) have been married for 49 years and have two sons, Scott and Ian. Robert graduated from DeVilbiss High School and The Ohio State University, receiving his medical education at the University of Toledo Medical Center (UTMC - formerly Medical College of Ohio). He has held numerous professional positions, including Toledo Hospital/ProMedica Metro Hospital Chief of Staff, past Active Medical Director of local hospice, and work with the Alzheimer's Association. He has been actively

affiliated with UTMC and ProMedica for many years. Currently in his fourth decade practicing internal medicine, he happily enjoys spending time with his two grandchildren, Cooper and Sloane.

Young Volunteer Awards



Congregation B'nai Israel *Hannah Chernow*

Hannah Ester Chernow is the daughter of David and Rachel Chernow and granddaughter of David and Judy Weinberg of Toledo and Ronald and Susan Chernow of Jupiter, Florida. She is a loving sister to Sophia.

Hannah will be a sophomore at Ottawa Hills High School in the fall. She plays on the varsity tennis team and is involved in the American Sign Language club at school. She enjoys drawing, playing tennis, and spending time with her friends. She periodically serves as Gabbai during the Shabbat morning services.



Temple Shomer Emunim *Alyssa Rosenberg*

Alyssa is the daughter of Joe and Dr. Veronica Rosenberg. Alyssa graduated from Ottawa Hills High School in May. Alyssa was selected for this award because of her dedication to the Temple Religious School as a teaching assistant. Her patient demeanor and encouraging way allowed her to work one on one with special needs students as well. She always made a commitment to lend a hand at the temple whenever her schedule allowed be it camp, programs, or babysitting.



Friendship Circle *Charley Bauer*

Charley Bauer is the daughter of Alyssa and Jeremy Bauer. She just graduated Southview High School and will be studying nursing in Cincinnati. Charley volunteered with Friendship Circle for five years and this year was on its teen leadership board. She is being honored for her incredible impact on all the children and teens in the group.

Community Leadership 2022/23

JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TOLEDO

2022 - 2023

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“The Federation continues to do an amazing job in organizing opportunities to pull our community together, to invigorate us, to nurture our “family” and our yiddishkeit. The nicest part of these events is that you always have a huge warm embrace that seems to permeate the environs - entirely - and so it just feels good. The welcome was warm and continuous! Thanks for your thoughtful care of our community.”
- Margie Siegel





Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo

Who We Are

We are the central address for Jewish philanthropy, community programming, and services for the Jewish community of Northwest Ohio and parts of Southeast Michigan.

We are guided by the core values of Judaism: "Tzedakah" (justice, charity and righteousness); "Tikkun Olam" (restoring the world) and "Gemulit Chassidim" (acts of loving-kindness).

Through the generous support of our donors, we provide programs and services to enhance the health, welfare, education, and cultural awareness of the entire Jewish community and Israel.

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