Jewish Community Relations Council

Congressional candidates address Jewish Toledo with discussion of key issues



Caption for collage: (top left) Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur shakes hands with Howie Beigelman, Executive Director, Ohio Jewish Communities; (top right) J.R. Majewski speaks to attendees; (bottom right) Kevin McQueen asks Congresswoman Kaptur a question; (bottom center) Marcy Kuehnle, Temple Shomer Emunim representative, asks J.R. Majewski a question; (center) Charles and Phyllis Wittenberg and Helen Grubb listen to the candidates speak; and (bottom left) Daniel Pearlman, JCRC Director, right, leads the candidate discussions beside Stephen Rothschild, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo CEO

In late August, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) hosted individual meetings with Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur and with J.R. Majewski, who are both running for Congress.

The newly redistricted 9th Congressional District includes all of Lucas County, a slice of northern Wood County, as well as several counties to our west and east. As such, it includes all of the Jewish institutions in Greater Toledo: the Jewish Federation, Temple Shomer Emunim, Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, Toledo Hillel, Chabad, and all of the Jewish cemeteries. This district will last for one term (two years), at which point a new map will be drawn.

At the meeting, candidates and attendees discussed rising antisemitism, community safety and security gaps, Toledo-Israel partnerships, the Abraham Accords, Jewish Federations' support for Ukraine, and more. Over 20 lay and professional Jewish community leaders attended these private meetings.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Daniel Pearlman, JCRC Director, at daniel@jewishtoledo.org.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8.