



Jewish Federation

OF GREATER TOLEDO

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CEO LETTER

Joel Marcovitch
Chief Executive Officer

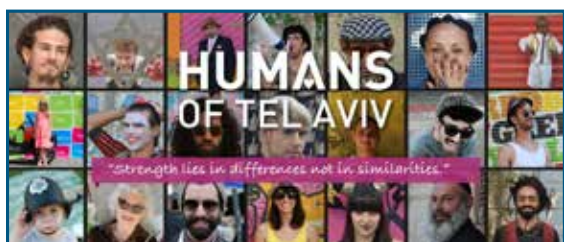
These pages contain just some of the amazing programs and services Federation has provided over this past year. As just two examples, we have seen record program attendance and we had an amazing Israel @ 70 celebration. We are proud of what we have achieved, but the hard work of building a sustainable, vibrant, and safe community continues. We couldn't fill these pages without our donors. On behalf of the staff of Federation and its affiliated agencies, thank you for your support and partnership. We can't wait for what is to come this year.



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13th Anniversary Year!
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An exhibition and auction
of original art by
the artists of Gan Veladim



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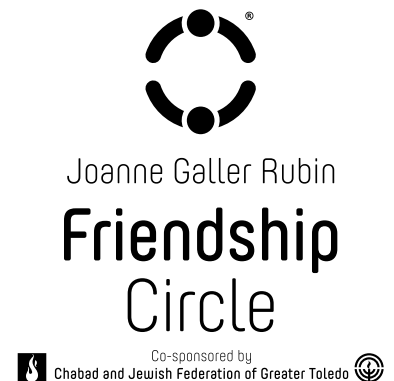
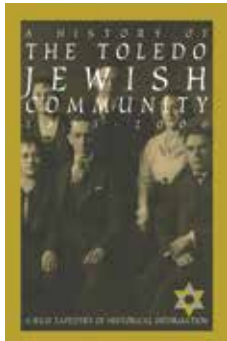
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Eric Dubow
President, JFGT

It's been an honor to serve as President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo for the past year. I've been amazed at the dedication and creativity of our professional staff and volunteers who have designed high-quality educational, social, and cultural programs that help make us a vibrant Jewish community. None of this could be possible without the support of each and every one of our generous donors. May we continue to go from strength to strength!



LOCAL AGENCIES



Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) is guided by the core values of Judaism: "**Tzedakah**" (justice, charity and righteousness); "**Tikkun Olam**" (restoring the world) and "**Gemulit Chassidim**" (acts of loving-kindness). It is our mission to

support and enhance the health, welfare, education, spiritual life, unity and continuity of the Jewish community of Toledo, the surrounding areas and Klal Yisrael, the world community of Israel, with services and programming consistent with Jewish

values.

Our vision is one of unity of the entire Jewish people, inspiring a dynamic partnership with a family of congregations, agencies, organizations and individuals locally and throughout the world.

Campaign

The Campaign Department's mission is to raise funds for Federation and affiliated agencies to continue programs and services such as Federation-funded Gan Yeladim Preschool and Jewish Family Service Food Pantry and to support Jewish agencies abroad. In addition to our ongoing annual fund drive, the Campaign cabinet also sponsors fundraising events like community-wide programming and social events designed to appeal to specific demographics in our community. These programs help connect donors to the needs of the Toledo Jewish community in ways that are both beneficial to the mission of Federation and gratifying to donors.

Highlights of the past year:

- Special opportunities are offered throughout the year as part of the Major Gifts Division. The Valentine

Theatre was the place to be for the community annual Campaign kick-off in September. Our Major Gifts participants had a chance to eat and schmooze with guest celebrities Dana Greenblatt and Oliver Cooper. Following dinner, the community was invited to a lively discussion with our celebrities emceed by our very own Stephen Rothschild.

- During October's Fall Festival of the Arts, our donors enjoyed breakfast and the chance to purchase beautiful art pieces prior to opening to the public.
- At the Northwest Ohio Jewish Book Festival, donors were invited to a dinner and presentation by Steven Pickman (Sarge), comedian and author of *Black Boychik*, in the beautiful GlasSalon at the Toledo Museum of Art.

More opportunities for our Major Gifts participants to get together will be offered throughout the year.

- Lion of Judah Endowment, Lion of Judah, and Pomegranate societies will come together for two events this year, as well as the Pearl society. Our events are committee lead. Through their philanthropic endeavors, these women make significant differences in our Jewish community locally and abroad.

The Campaign department thanks the community for their generous commitment to our mission. For more information concerning your Campaign donation or to get involved with one of our committees, please contact Wendy Goldstein, Campaign Director, at 419-724-0360 or wendy@JewishToledo.org.

Hillel: University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University

Toledo Hillel students have taken part in weekly Shabbat dinners; volunteered at "Give Kids the World" during Spring Break; helped to rebuild houses affected by Hurricane Harvey; delved deeper into Jewish learning; orchestrated a month of Jewish Heritage programs on campus; travelled to Israel on Birthright; and made

lasting friendships.

Hillel is the center for Jewish life at The University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University. It provides a Jewish home-away-from-home, develops leaders and enhances students' commitment to Jewish life now and beyond their college years.

Hillel's mission is to enrich the Jewish

people and the world. Together, Hillel and its members are building the next generation of Jewish leaders.

Thank you to the entire community for all of your wonderful support!

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Lane, Hillel Director, at 419-724-0377 or elizabeth@JewishToledo.org, or visit www.toledohillel.org.



Hillel

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LOCAL AGENCIES

Toledo Jewish Community Foundation



Toledo Jewish Community
Foundation

For 38 years, Toledo Jewish Community Foundation has been the community's central address for long-term endowment resources. Foundation continues its efforts of developing funds to safeguard our heritage for future generations and to help secure our community's infrastructure for future challenges ahead. As a constituent of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Foundation monitors changing community patterns and emerging needs in its grantmaking process. Our goal is to build the capacity to respond to emergencies, establish a permanent lifeline for Israel and Jewish communities throughout the world, and to provide support for programs and projects to benefit the Toledo Jewish community. The need to develop unrestricted resources in our Long Term Community Needs Fund is one of our key priorities. Today, only 5 percent of our funds are unrestricted. We have a growing responsibility to contribute to the long-term development and well-being of our community today and for future generations.

Foundation provides extensive and critical sources of funding for community needs. This is made possible through community members who recognize the importance of both Federation's Annual Campaign and planning through legacy gifts. As our community diversifies and priorities grow and change, we can no longer rely on the Annual Campaign to meet all of our future needs. Our accomplishments are great, but there will always be impending changes. Creating a permanent endowment can ensure the future of our Jewish community.

Our family of fundholders represents a wide variety of interests in our community. More than 100 different organizations receive grants from Philanthropic Funds/Donor Advised Funds, but our donors recognize the critical needs of our Jewish agencies, synagogues, and organizations, with more than 98 percent of distributions supporting Jewish Toledo. Out of \$2.1 million grants and distributions made by Foundation last year, approximately

\$478,000 was distributed from the Philanthropic Funds, with \$157,570 allocated to Federation's Annual Campaign.

The Lion of Judah Endowment Fund gives special recognition to women who endow their Lion of Judah Annual Campaign gifts, and the Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment Fund provides a yearly gift in perpetuity to the Federation's Annual campaign. For the fiscal year end 2017, \$100,510 was contributed to the Annual Campaign from PACE and LOJE Funds.

Grants from our Long Term Community Needs Fund impact so many in our community. The Foundation board, through its grants program, attempts to ensure that its grants are directly related to the core community priorities set forth by the Federation. Last year, Foundation distributed \$109,450 in grants to Federation programs, with an additional \$20,986 allocated to the joint Religious School programs. One of the most impactful programs supported by Foundation was the funding of the Experience a Memorable Overnight Jewish Initiative summer camp program, which provided support to 33 campers. Approximately half of the participants were first time campers.

Foundation continues its

commitment to the educational needs of our community by awarding scholarships to 15 students attending college with total awards of \$46,000. Since the inception of our college scholarship program in 2000-2001, more than 112 students have received 231 scholarship awards at a total of \$474,066.75. We appreciate our dedicated donors who have made the pursuit of higher education attainable through their generous support.

The L'Dor Va'Dor Matching Life Insurance Program, which launched in May 2017, has met with great success. To date, six new policies were established with a face amount of \$1,484,425. The use of life insurance as a planned giving vehicle has always been one of the most cost effective ways to support charitable causes. There are opportunities to gift a paid up policy or to create a new policy gift.

As always, Foundation remains focused on tomorrow. Creating a permanent endowment can ensure the future of our Jewish community. Please consider joining us in building a stronger foundation for our community and making a lasting legacy. When our community comes together, all things are possible.

Department of Jewish Programs

The **Department of Jewish Programs** provides Jewish programs, events, and opportunities for Jewish youth, adults, seniors, families, and young professionals. The Department of Jewish Programs hosted a year of fantastic programming. This year featured a Frozen Winter Wonderland Hanukkah Palooza celebration at Tam-o-Shanter, PJ Library and Gan Yeladim's Tiny Treasures Playdates, Parenting classes and a Grocery Store Scavenger Hunt to benefit Jewish Family Service. Young Jewish Toledo continues to focus on engaging postcollege to pre-family community members as well as young couples, singles, and families. This year,

YJT held its third highly successful James Bond themed Soiree at Registry Bistro, which raised over \$20,000 for the Jewish Federation's annual Campaign. YJT is now taking on monthly meet-ups, quarterly service projects, outings to various sports venues, local attractions, and other avenues for networking. The second Jewish Fall Festival of the Arts showcased 32 local Jewish artists and an action packed 6th Annual Toledo Jewish Film Festival, sponsored by Ruth & Ralph Delman, will feature six outstanding and diverse films.



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LOCAL AGENCIES

Jewish Community Relations Council



The mission of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's **Jewish Community Relations Council** is to reach out and bridge communities. This year, we continued our work by reaching out to the greater Toledo area with special programming. In early February, 800 local high school students participated in the 14th Annual Diversity Program. The Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center and JCRC presented Irene Miller, a retired healthcare executive from Detroit whose story was the subject of the recent PBS documentary *Irene, Child of the Holocaust*. Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz also spoke to the students. The Holocaust Remembrance Day observance included a concert by Silver Duo performing works by silenced Jewish composers of the Holocaust. The

Peace Pole, located near the entrance of the YMCA/JCC, was officially dedicated in December with a unity candle lighting ceremony.

Israel at 70, a series of programs dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel, began with *Humans of Tel Aviv*, a photography exhibit and lecture by the photographer. The film *In Our Hands: the Battle for Jerusalem*, presented in March courtesy of the Christian Broadcasting Network, told community members the story of the Battle For Jerusalem in the Six-Day War. In late April, in collaboration with the Department of Jewish Programs, families had the opportunity to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut with a ceremony at Temple Shomer Emunim featuring the Boy Scouts followed by an outdoor picnic. In

May, the Israel at 70 programming was capped with a visit from Consul General of Israel in New York Dani Dayan. He spoke to more than 250 people at a program that included community leaders Frannie and Dick Anderson, Pastor Luke Shortridge, CedarCreek Church executive director of campus, Hannah Kramer, University of Toledo Hillel student vice-president, and John Glaza, Temple Shomer Emunim congregant. The evening also included a continuous running slide presentation titled *My Story*. *My Story* is a collection of more than 60 photographs lent by members of the community that capture meaningful moments in the lenders' personal relationships with Israel. Israel at 70 is this year's winner of the Jewish Federation Program of the Year award.



LOCAL AGENCIES

Jewish Family Service



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Jewish Living Center of Greater Toledo

Jewish Family Service (JFS) core programs continued to provide individuals and families with a cadre of quality services that enhanced their lives. Our **Care Management** program continued to grow, providing 35 percent more hours of subsidized in-home care (funded by the Jewish Senior Service Supporting Organization) compared to last year. These services enabled individuals to remain at home, provided crucial assistance to caregivers of loved ones with progressive health issues, and postponed or avoided nursing home placement for others. "It was a blessing that I had help to pay for my husband's care at home," said one person. The need for **Case Management** grew as well. Individuals and their families who were facing a crisis found JFS social workers to be an incredible and rare resource, receiving valuable guidance, reliable information, advocacy, and reassurance as they navigated unfamiliar and daunting situations.

The redesigned **Food Pantry** gave individuals the option of "shopping" for their food, affording them choice and dignity. This year, 564 seniors,

adults, and children received food, fresh produce, paper products, and personal hygiene items. Our pantry is one of few in the greater Toledo area that offers case management to individuals who utilize the pantry, providing information about community resources in a supportive, respected, confidential and non-judgmental environment. One individual stated, "I was experiencing domestic violence when I first came to JFS. [Your social worker] provided me with a lot of informative handouts that pointed me in the right direction to getting help and being safe plus a huge list of other resources." The number of seniors served by our pantry who are raising grandchildren without financial benefits continued to increase this past year.

Seniors and their caregivers discovered the tremendous benefits of having a **Patient Advocate** volunteer accompany them to routine medical appointments. All of their concerns were fully addressed and questions were clearly answered by the physician. They received a report written by the volunteer that provided accurate

information about what transpired during their medical visit.

Those who escaped persecution and were resettled by JFS in years past also received advocacy at medical appointments as well as translation there and at appointments pertaining to continuation of vital benefits. Our **Refugee Services** Coordinator provides these services to older individuals with limited English and little to no family availability. This program is a lifeline for members of our Russian Jewish community. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes continue to be offered to them with the goal of becoming more self-sufficient and, in some cases, becoming a US citizen. This past year one individual celebrated this accomplishment.

McKenzie Pittman, our new Volunteer Coordinator, connected community members with opportunities to enrich lives through various programs such as **Music & Memory, Friendly Visitor, Phone Buddy, and Handy Helper**. New ways of linking people together using technology are being explored.

Jewish Living Center of Greater Toledo

What an exciting time to be 60 and better! The Jewish Living Center of Greater Toledo, formerly the JFS Senior Adult Center, had an exciting year. Moving to the Jewish Family Service (Sekach) building, located on Sylvania Avenue, was the first step in making our vision to be more accessible to the community a reality.

Our next major undertaking was revitalizing our identity through our name. The Jewish Living Center reflects a fresh, holistic approach to how we look at aging and how we view ourselves as we age. We strive to make the JLC the place where you come when you want to learn something new and exciting. Where you can try out the newest trend in movement and exercise. Where technology is just a touch away. Where adventure will take you places. Where you gather with your old friends and

make new ones. Where you can feel comfortable being yourself.

Our new location and name have allowed us the opportunity to increase participation in our exercise classes and develop a new, original exercise class, Ballet Ball Fusion. This combination class brings together basic ballet, Tai Chi, and drumming to give you a complete and fulfilling workout unlike anything else, with music to guide you. We have also been able to offer specialty exercise classes like Posture Perfect, Breathe Easy, Happy Feet, and Pelvic Floor.

The Drawing & Painting Class for all levels continues to attract students with various degrees of experience, and the end result is nothing short of beautiful. Our students create with acrylics, chalk, pencils, and watercolors. We have also been able to expand and offer different specialty art

classes with our Watercolor Painting of Underwater World and City Scape Class. The artwork is on display in the Sekach boardroom.

Our series Learning and Expressing Yourself is an opportunity to learn something new. Our Sip & Swipe ® classes, where participants learned how to use an iPad from how to turn it on to going to the app store and setting up email, were a great success. A follow-up class on applications taught participants how to purchase, download, and use apps like Skype, Facebook, and so much more.

Travel is always a favorite activity at the JLC, and we know how to have fun. From the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea, Michigan, Kosher shopping in Detroit, Put-In-Bay, and the Stratford Festival in the fall, we like to get out and about.

We also like to offer time to be together as a community here in Toledo with our luncheons. We celebrate Hanukkah with our annual Latke Luncheon, our Anniversary Luncheon event in June, and various educational presentations throughout the year. These luncheons are not to be missed events.

We continue to partner with the

Area Office on Aging through Title III-B of the Older American Act for transportation and local levy funds for our wellness nurse.

JLC staff are grateful for our participants' continued support of our programs and events and looks forward to continuing to provide quality programs. Many of our events and programs have come from

your suggestions and ideas, and we encourage you to share your ideas with us.

JFS/JLC staff want to acknowledge the Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization for the very generous grant that enabled us to deliver outstanding programs and services to our community members.



Jewish Senior Services of Toledo

The mission of **Jewish Senior Services (JSS)** of Toledo is to serve the cultural, emotional, physical, social and religious needs of older Jewish adults residing in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan in accordance with the precepts of Judaism.

For more information, please contact Nancy Newbury at 419-724-0408 or nancy@jewishtoledo.org.



Pelham Manor

Pelham Manor is a 100-unit affordable senior apartment community for persons age 62 and older with some accessible units available to non-elderly mobility impaired persons. Pelham Manor is subsidized by the Department of Housing and Urban Development allowing rent to be charged according to a person's income. Utilities and basic cable are included in the rent payment. Pelham Manor became a tobacco-free property in 2010.

A Service Coordinator assures that residents are linked to specific supportive



services that assist them in living independently. The dedicated staff strive to keep Pelham Manor one of the most sought after affordable residences in northwest Ohio.

There are currently 34 Jewish residents living at Pelham Manor.

For more information, please contact Eileen Gates at 419-537-1515 or eileen@jewishtoledo.org.



Toledo Board of Jewish Education



Toledo Board of Jewish Education's (TBJE) mission is to provide a variety of educational formats for the Toledo Jewish community. Gan Yeladim Preschool is a joint partnership between Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Chabad House of Greater Toledo and is housed under TBJE.

Gan Yeladim Preschool Mission Statement: To share the beauty of Jewish traditions while fostering Jewish pride, emotional intelligence, critical thinking, and respect for oneself and others.

Our foundation is built on five core standards:

- Jewish values are rich and relevant
 - Provide a positive, meaningful experience of Jewish Values and traditions, woven naturally through all we do.
- Children are capable learners
 - Appreciate and respect the child's natural stages of development by providing a safe, nurturing, stimulating environment that supports children's optimal growth and development.
- Children are individuals - Children

build knowledge and hone their unique inner voice through personal experiences.

- Families and teachers are partners
 - Collaboration between teachers and families helps ensure that we provide the child with a solid foundation for life.
- Teachers require time dedicated to professional development
 - Support and inspire excellence in our staff through responsive professional development and respect for the importance of their role in each child's life.

Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association

A year after Federation achieved its longtime goal of forging a plan to assure the long-term care of the community's two local Jewish cemeteries, **Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association** has managed Beth Shalom Cemetery in Oregon and Eagle Point Cemetery in Rossford. Together, the cemeteries contain more than 6,000 named gravesites. TJCCA is solely responsible for the cemeteries. The funds formerly regulated by congregations Etz Chayim, B'nai Israel and Toledo Hebrew Cemetery Association to take care of cemetery needs were moved to Federation, under which TJCCA was created to manage operations. Toledo Jewish Community Foundation manages the funds. Multi-year funding for the TJCCA is supplied by Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization, Jewish Senior Services, and the Stone Communal Needs Fund. This past year we have been working hard to modernize the database of our cemeteries. Before this process, we were effectively keeping record on notecards. The computer database we purchased will make the process and protection of this information paramount in our oath to keep our cemeteries easier to access. Looking up graves of relatives will be, we hope, as simple as a few clicks of a mouse and a keyboard. We hope to expand the system in the future to include obituaries and possibly pictures of the headstones. About 30 community members are buried in either cemetery annually. The shuls continue to carry out burial traditions and rituals.

TOLEDO JEWISH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS



Benny Schall Spirit of Competition Award William H. Garber, DDS

William H. Garber was born and raised in Newton, Massachusetts, by his parents, Israel E. Garber, M.D. and Esther Ann Manekofsky Garber. He came to Ohio in the 1970s to study biology and chemistry at Case Western Reserve University, where

he went on to graduate school at the School of Dentistry. Dr. Garber's dental residency at St. Vincent Hospital brought him to Toledo in 1978. He opened his private dental practice in 1982. Among his many professional memberships and local involvement positions, Dr. Garber has been president of the Ohio Academy of General Dentistry, Table Clinic Chair of the Opioid Crisis Committee of the Toledo Dental Society former program

chair of the Continuing Education Committee and is currently a program committee member of the Toledo Dental Society. He is also a member of the Ohio Dental Association and the American Dental Association. Dr. Garber is an active member of Congregation B'nai Israel, having served as president, board member, finance chair and treasurer, and 150th Anniversary committee member. At the Jewish Community Center, he has volunteered as finance chair and 6th grade basketball coach. Dr. Garber has held numerous coaching positions for girls basketball at Ottawa Hills High School over the past 17 years including freshman head coach and junior varsity head coach. He is married to Luann Shuer Garber with whom he has two daughters, Amy Sara Garber and Rachel Lisa Garber Miller.



JFS Spirit Award Jerry and Ann Lumbrezer

For the past five years, **Jerry and Ann Lumbrezer** have provided an abundance of homegrown produce to the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry. Their strong desire to help those in need developed into a very meaningful relationship with JFS

and the people we serve.

Ann is a registered nurse and a licensed massage therapist and Jerry works for Richfield Township. They live on three acres in Berkey where they have cultivated a half-acre garden. Most of Jerry's family were farmers. His parents had a produce stand and 10 acres of farmland.

Farming is definitely in Jerry's blood. Now that their children are grown and independent, the quantity of produce in the Lumbrezers' garden far exceeds what they can use for the two of them. However, making a smaller garden is unthinkable for Jerry. Ann and Jerry have a great partnership – he grows the produce and donates a large portion of it, and she cooks, freezes, and cans the remainder.

JFS is grateful that the Lumbrezers share our goal of getting fresh and healthy food to those who need it. It has been our pleasure to get to know these kind, compassionate, and generous people. Ann and Jerry embody the spirit and principles of our agency, including tikkun olam (repairing the world) and gemilut chasadim (acts of loving kindness), in their everyday lives, and are truly deserving of the JFS Spirit Award.



2017-18 Program of the Year Israel at 70

The JFGT **Israel at 70** series of community programs brought each of us individually, and collectively experience of enormous joy and satisfaction.

The committee, very different individuals, each with their own stories and places came together with a common bond: our great love for Israel, the land, and its people. Thank you Joel Marcovitch, for the ultimate pleasure and honor of making Israel at 70 an awesome shared experience.

-Fagie Benstein, honored and grateful Israel at 70 Chair

Israel at 70 Committee:

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Toledo Jewish Community Foundation Endowment Achievement Award Joel S. Beren

Joel Beren is the founder and president of Cherry Picked Auto Parts. Joel returned to Toledo after college in 1979 and went to work in his family's scrap iron and metal business, A. Edelstein & Son, which he and his father Gary sold in 1998.

His first volunteer activity in the Toledo Jewish community was chair of Federation's "Young Catalyst" campaign when he was in high school. After college his first assignment was co-chair (with Joanne Rubin z"l) of the bingo fundraising committee at Congregation B'nai Israel. He went on to become president of the congregation at age 29.

For 31 of the last 35 years Joel has continuously been a committee chair, campaign chair, Executive Committee member, officer, and president of Federation. His only break in volunteer service was from 2003-2007 when he served as Federation Chief Executive Officer. Currently Joel is the chair of the Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association and is immediate past chair of the UT/BGSU Hillel Board of Directors.

He also is a trustee of the YMCA of Toledo Foundation and board member and chair of the strategic planning committee of the Northwest Ohio Homeowners Development Agency (NOHDA), which provides programs and services preparing low to moderate income families for the responsibility of homeownership.

Outside of the Toledo Jewish community, Joel was chairman of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) National Men's Young Leadership Cabinet, a national JFNA campaign officer, and chairman of its King David Society in the Midwest. He also served as a national trustee of Hillel, the Foundation for Campus Jewish Life and was a board member of the YMCA of Greater Toledo.

Joel has been named a recipient of several leadership awards including the Levison Young Leadership Award presented by Federation, the "20 under 40" award by the Toledo Jaycees, is a member of the Sylvania Schools Alumni Hall of Fame, and is the only person named an honorary trustee for life by Federation. His wife Linda is a past president of the Toledo Board of Jewish Education and also a past member of the UJA National Young Leadership Cabinet. Together they have three married children, Sarah and Jon Karelitz, Stephanie and Dr. Jeremy Nathaniel, and Joshua and Samantha Schiff Beren, and two grandchildren, Mia and Danielle.

"Looking back it is hard to believe the amount of change I have seen and/or been intimately involved within Jewish Toledo. While I sometimes long for the community of a generation ago, I have an ever evolving vision of what our community can be and the changes necessary to maintain vibrant Jewish life in Toledo for future generations. It is that vision, propelled by the love and support of family and friends, that keeps me pushing forward."



Toledo Jewish Community Foundation Legacy Award Lynn Balshone Jacobs, JD

A fourth generation member of the Columbus Jewish community, **Lynn Jacobs** is a proud beneficiary of her family's affiliation with Temple Israel, under Rabbi Jerome Folkman, the first and (at the time) only Reform synagogue in Columbus. Temple was the center of her active religious

education and social life, while obtaining an excellent secondary education at the Columbus School for Girls. Little did she know that a high school regional TYG conclave in Toledo would be her introduction to the Jewish community she would call home for a lifetime.

Two weeks following her *cum laude* graduation from Smith College, she married a young Jewish attorney from Toledo, Frank D. Jacobs, thereby creating a lifetime of sometimes daunting split OSU-Michigan loyalties.

During the first decade of married life, they became the busy and proud parents of their three children, David, Bruce, and Joy, and enjoyed every aspect of a vibrant Toledo life, cultural, professional, secular, and Jewish. Those were precious years during which they met other young families who would become lifelong friends and colleagues.

Sylvania Township was their home. All three children

received excellent educations there and were well prepared to attend the colleges of their choice. Their religious school and community Hebrew school education far excelled that available to Jewish children in most other Midwestern, middle size cities. All three celebrated their consecrations, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and were confirmed at The Temple, as Temple Shomer Emunim was familiarly called.

As the children grew older and more self-reliant, Lynn was able to use her "personal time" to fulfill her childhood dream of going to law school. In 1985, 20 years after receiving her college degree and after "only" five years of law school attending day classes to coordinate with the children's school schedules, she graduated with her JD from the University of Toledo College of Law. Frank had made good on his promise to put her through law school on a "Jacobs Family Scholarship".

Until her voluntary retirement in 2008, when the lure of five precious grandsons living several time zones away became too difficult to manage with weekend cross-country visits, Lynn greatly enjoyed the challenge and satisfaction of serving the citizens of our community as an Assistant Lucas County Prosecuting Attorney.

During those years, she held leadership positions as president of the Toledo Women's Bar Association, the president of the UT Law Alumni Association, and as a member of the

small group of Ohio judges and attorneys who comprise the Ohio Board of Professional Conduct of the Ohio Supreme Court, having been appointed by former Justice Alice R. Resnick, and then re-appointed by Justice Judith Lanzinger for a total nine year term, the maximum permitted.

Since her retirement, and married to a still practicing attorney who believes that “when you love what you do, you’ll never work a day in your life,” Lynn realized that most of her quality time would remain in Toledo, where she is grateful for the opportunity to give back to our Toledo Jewish community as a “thank you” tribute to the institutions and leaders through whose dedication and sacrifices made possible the outstanding Jewish life enjoyed by the Jacobs family for over 50 years.

Consequently, Lynn has gladly served on the Board of

the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation for several years. Recently, she formed the Toledo Jewish Historical Society with the purpose of permanently maintaining and preserving, through a unique collaboration with the Toledo Lucas County Public Library system, the historical records, both physical and digital, of the Jewish community of Toledo, her adopted home for the past 54 years and counting.

From our earliest formal Jewish education in consecration class, we Jews have been taught to obey the Ten Commandments. The Toledo Jewish Historical Society ensures a tangible structure for perpetuating this core precept of our faith – to honor our fathers and mothers, from generation to generation, *‘Ldor V’ador*. May it grow from strength to strength, Amen.



Toledo Jewish Community Foundation Legacy Award Marla and Gordon Levine

Marla and Gordon Levine

believe that the essence of Judaism is responsibility. The couple has received numerous awards separately and together for their outstanding philanthropy, leadership, and community service in Jewish Toledo as well as in national and international

communities. Marla and Gordon are celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary this year. They are blessed with children Terry and Larry Robbins, Arleen and Jon Levine, and Marci and Andy Klumb; grandchildren Sarah Robbins and Craig Holland, Amy and Peter Kadens, Adam Robbins, Stephen and Jason Levine, Erin and Travis Zipfel, and Allison Klumb; and great-grandchildren Noa, Asher, and Libby Kadens, and Mila and Lev Holland.

Marla Levine was born in Toledo at St. Vincent Hospital in 1937 and raised by her parents, Honey and Max Romanoff. As a young child growing up in Toledo with her sisters, Thelma and Sharron, and brother Noel, she was imbued with the values and importance of family, *tzedakah*, sharing, and commitment to the Jewish and secular communities. She was married 10 days after graduating from Maumee Valley Country Day School. She was blessed to have strong family role models each who had their own vision of communal building.

Her involvement in local, national, and international organizations gave her the background and training to understand the intricate relationships that are woven into the fabric of Jewish life. In 1967, prior to the Six Day War, she was one of five women who represented Women’s American ORT on a mission to six countries in Europe and the Middle East to view the ORT program and its role in serving the Jewish people. Her involvement in ORT gave her the vision and opportunity to help strengthen the fabric of Jewish life.

Locally, she served Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (formerly the Jewish Welfare Federation) as chair of the JWF Young Women’s Division, chair of the JWF Women’s campaign, chair of Lion of Judah, chair of Major Gifts, two-time chair of the JWF Annual Campaign, and as Board member of Darlington House. She was president of the Board of Jewish Education,

president of Federation when it established the community Hebrew School, and president of the Toledo Chapter of Women’s American ORT. She is a life member of ORT, Hadassah, Council of Jewish Women, Brandeis University Women’s Committee, and a sustaining member of Junior League. On the national and international levels, she has served on the National Executive Committee of Women’s American ORT, chair of Southern Field Expansion opening chapters throughout the south and southeast, chair of the Education Committee, chair of Major Gifts, chair of Capital Funds Committee, and chair of the Constitution Committee. She served on the Speakers Bureau and on the Executive Committee as parliamentarian, vice president and honorary vice president as well as serving on the Board of Directors of ORT America. She travelled to Israel, France, Italy, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Morocco, Tunisia, Argentina, Brazil, and Chile meeting with community leaders and reviewing how the ORT schools were serving the needs of their communities.

Marla has been on the Boards of Directors for more than 45 years and has served on their executive committees and has held multiple chairmanships on the organizations she led, most recently secretary of World Ort, Inc. She was appointed by Cyrus Vance, Secretary of State to the United States National Commission of UNESCO serving for six years and chairing a session of Women at Work in the Developing World.

She received The Harry Levison Young Leadership Award shared with Gordon, The Kipnis-Wilson Award at the Lion of Judah international conference in Washington, D.C., and was named one of the community’s Outstanding Young Women by the Toledo Jaycees. A letter of recognition was sent to her from First Lady Barbara Bush for her volunteer service both nationally and internationally. She also received an award from World ORT recognizing her fundraising of a major capital gift that lead to the establishment of an education center in Karyat Yam, Israel, and received the Council of Jewish Federations Certificate of Distinguished Merit Service Award.

Gordon Levine was born in Toledo to Ann and Abe Levine in 1934 at Flower Hospital. He and his brother Joel were nurtured in the love of community and the Jewish people throughout the world and especially Israel, as their father was

an active leader locally, nationally, and internationally. He exposed them at an early age to the responsibility of being active participants as he had been his entire life.

Gordon's college education was Brandeis University from 1952-1953 and Ohio State University from 1954-1955. He returned to Toledo in 1955 and began working at Wabash Lagrange Steel Company, a steel service center. As the company expanded and his brother, Joel, completed law school, they brought the company from a single facility to a national distribution center with multiple plants throughout the Midwest. He served as president of the company until it was sold in 1988 to O'Neal Steel of Birmingham, Alabama, the largest steel service center distributor in the country. They were active members of Steel Service Center Institute, the international organization of their industry, local Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, United Way, and many organizations relative to their community and industry.

Since the age of 16 and to this day (for 68 years), Gordon has made annual contributions to the JWF and its successor,

Federation. It began when high school fraternities and sororities were approached by the JWF to become active in the community. This was a catalyst that created the feeling of inclusiveness and the education of local, national, and global understanding of Jewish teens. His Jewish volunteer involvement includes co-chair of Young Men's Division JWF Campaign (multiple times), co-chair of Federation's Annual Campaign (multiple times), member of Federation's Board, president of the JCC, vice-president of Temple Shomer Emunim, and chairman of Toledo Jewish Community Foundation. He also chaired many committees of the Federation, Foundation, and the Temple as well as serving as Board member of WGTE Public Broadcasting, First National Bank, and its successor Fifth Third Bank and chaired committees of the bank. He was president of the only Jewish country club in Toledo, Glengarry Country Club. He received The Harry Levison Young Leadership Award shared with Marla, the Community Leadership Service Award, the Council of Jewish Federations Endowment Achievement Award, and the JCC and Foundation Board member for life.



Young Volunteer Award Oscar Barchick

Oscar Barchick is going into his sophomore year at Sylvania Northview High School. He participates in many advanced classes and extracurricular activities such as playing baseball, being part of the bowling program, competing on the quiz bowl team, and being active in chess club and world

language club. This past summer, Barchick enjoyed learning more about Judaism at Camp Wise. Since then, he's spent more

time in the local BBYO boys chapter, serving as Chapter Moreh on its board and focusing on recruiting Jewish teens into the chapter. In his free time, Barchick volunteers in the community. He's volunteered on the University of Toledo campus by helping set up for many of the runs hosted there and has helped Temple's Sisterhood by moving merchandise for the gift shop and rummage sale. Over Memorial Day weekend, Barchick placed flags on the graves of the community's veterans. He likes to make sure the community plays a big role in his life.



Young Volunteer Award Jeremy Davis

Jeremy Davis is the son of Hope and Greg Davis. He attends Sylvania Southview High School, where he will be a senior this fall and is looking forward to fulfilling his role as Senior Class President. Davis works part-time at Barry Bagels, has volunteered for Gliding Stars since junior high school,

and volunteers for Michael Galbraith, who is running for Congress in Ohio's fifth district. He is an active member of BSN in the Toledo chapter of BBYO, is on the calling committee for Interact (a volunteer, student-run organization) at Southview, is president of the school's philosophy club, and plays hockey. Davis resides in Sylvania with his parents and younger brothers, Adam and Andy. He is very grateful for this award and hopes to continue his involvement in the Jewish community.



Young Volunteer Award Madison Smith

Madison Smith was born in Toledo, Ohio, where she has attended the David S. Stone Hebrew Academy and Sylvania Schools. Now a senior at Sylvania Southview High School, Madison is an active member of the Southview Theatre Department,

Interact, Student Senate, and a newly inducted member of the International Thespian Society. Madison is also an active

member in the art program in which her latest painting won an honorable mention in 2D design and is now entered in the 2018 Focus Art Show. She is a member of the National Honors Society, the French Honors Society, and is on the school's high honor roll. Outside of school, Madison is a junior counselor at Camp Gan Israel and is active in BBYO, where she has served as chapter President, Vice President of Programming and Vice President of Recruitment. She currently serves BBYO as Vice President of Communications.

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 26. 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.



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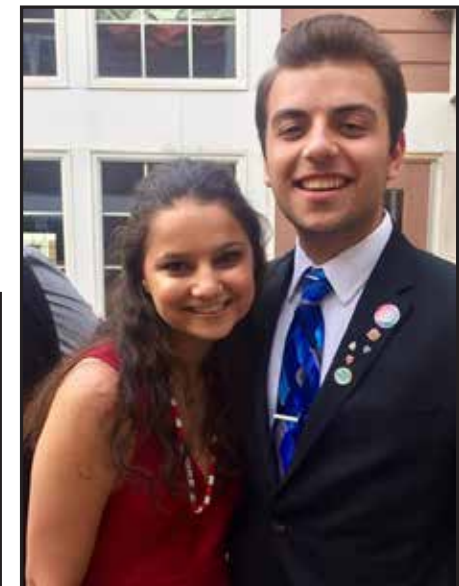
represents 157 Jewish Federations and over 300 independent Jewish communities. The Federation movement, collectively among the top 10 charities on the continent, protects and enhances the well-being of Jews worldwide through the values of tikkun olam (repairing the world), tzedakah (philanthropy and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



Partnership2Gether (P2G), an extraordinary global platform connecting some 550 communities around the world in 47 partnerships, is a program of the Jewish Agency and JFNA.



Our Partnership2Gether is literally about our community coming together and people-to-people relationships. Toledo's own Dr. Dena Eber, American Chair of the P2G Arts & Community Task Force, worked to help create and develop opportunities for our 13 communities. Toledo's Fagie Benstein was American Chair of the fundraising division within the Resource Development Task Force and Toledo Chair of Partnership2Gether.



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.



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