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Israel at 75 Birthday Bash

Celebrate Israel's 75th birthday with Jewish Toledo at a BIG community-wide party!

Sunday, April 30 | 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Federation Campus, enter main entrance

Primary parking in JCC lot

Cost - \$18 per person, \$36 per household

- Israeli/Mediterranean food
- Israeli cocktails (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- DJ and dance floor
- Kids' activities, face painting, bounce house
- Ice cream truck
- Virtual Reality Tour of Israel
- Photo booth, trivia, a raffle
- **Big birthday surprise at 6:30 p.m.**
- and so much more.



RSVP required by Thursday, April 27 at
<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/israel-75> or
by contacting Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or
sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Please bring a donation of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, or deodorant for the JSFSS Family Pantry.



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REMEMBRANCE



Nozyk Synagogue, Warsaw, Poland



Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day Community Observance

Sunday, April 16, 2023
10:30 a.m.
Congregation B'nai Israel

The Last Cantor of Warsaw:
Jacob Lichterman
Remembrance by Cantor Ivor Lichterman

Video of memorial plaque installation
Bruce and Sheila Post

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Memorial Service

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Yellow candle lighting by Religious School students representing
the yellow star Jews were forced to wear

•
Memorial candle lighting for the 6 million
by descendants of Holocaust survivors



Sunday, April 23
11 a.m. – meet at Meijer (East Entrance – grocery side), 7240 Central Avenue
After shopping – meet at Chabad House, 2728 King Road

Cost – donation of shopped items
Kosher lunch included – please let us know of any dietary restrictions
in advance

On your marks, get set, SHOP... for Jewish Senior, Family & Social
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be a hunger hero and join us for an afternoon of fun, awareness, and
community.

Participants will receive a scavenger hunt list, make their budget, and

shop on their own. Who will race through the aisle, stay within budget,
get the best deal, and find the most items on their list? Prizes will be
awarded!

After shopping, load up your car and head to Chabad House to unload,
sort items, and have lunch together.

Want to shop, but can't do lunch? No problem! Want to shop another
day? No problem! Shop and drop off your items at Chabad House or
shop another day. Just let us know!



RSVP requested by Monday, April 17 to
<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/supermarket>
or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or
sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

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save the dates

Monday, June 26 Monday, July 10 Monday, July 17 Monday, July 24 Monday, July 30

Featuring cinema titles exploring Jewish identity, history, and culture. Stay tuned for our feature films in the May issue of Toledo Jewish News.

Interested in helping to select future films and join the Jewish Film Festival committee? *Contact Hallie Freed at hallie@jewishtoledo.org.*

HANDMADE HANUKKAH

Calling all artists!!!
Are you a Jewish artist in the Toledo area? Do you know a Jewish artist? Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo is hosting Handmade Hanukkah, a community festival of art, food, and music, on **Sunday, November 19, 2023**, and we want you to participate!

Sign up for a booth at: <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/handmadehanukkah>

Any questions? Contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org.

News

All the Jewish MLB players to watch in 2023

By Jacob Gurvis
(JTA) — The 2023 MLB season is almost upon us, and it has the potential to be a historic year for Jews in professional baseball.

Last year, 17 Jewish players appeared in a game — a likely record. This season, the number could be even higher.

The slate of Jewish players in the game this year features stars such as Max Fried and Alex Bregman, on-the-rise big league talent like Harrison Bader and Dean Kremer, and an impressive wave of minor league prospects on the cusp of the majors.

With the World Baseball Classic over and Spring Training winding down, there are plenty of storylines for Jewish fans to keep an eye on, including a number of Jewish teammate pairs — and even a possible trio.

Here is a complete guide to every Jewish player to watch in 2023.

The Big Leaguers

Max Fried, Atlanta Braves, starting pitcher: Fried is arguably the best Jewish player in baseball — and one of the best pitchers, period. Fried was an All-Star for the first time last season, finished second for the National League Cy Young award and has won three Gold Gloves in a row for his defense. The Los Angeles native grew up idolizing fellow Jewish lefty ace Sandy Koufax.

Alex Bregman, Houston Astros, third baseman: Bregman returned to form in 2022, hitting 23 home runs with



From left to right: Rowdy Tellez, Alex Bregman, Harrison Bader, Max Fried, Joc Pederson, Garrett Stubbs. (Getty Images; design by Mollie Suss)

93 runs batted in as the Astros won the World Series. The two-time All-Star has become one of the best postseason hitters of his generation, setting all-time records for most home runs and RBIs among third basemen. Bregman has been an active member of the Houston Jewish community.

Joc Pederson, San Francisco Giants, outfielder: Pederson is entering his second season playing for manager Gabe Kapler's Giants. Last year was his best since 2019, as he notched 23 home runs, a .274 batting average and his second career All-Star selection. Pederson played for Team Israel in the 2023 WBC and even helped recruit fellow Jewish big leaguers to the team.

Harrison Bader, New York Yankees, outfielder: Bader will likely begin his

first full season in New York on the injured list — injuries that kept him from playing for Team Israel, which he had committed to do. In parts of six seasons in the big leagues, spent almost entirely in St. Louis, Bader has become known for his elite defense in the outfield — he won a Gold Glove in 2021 — and last fall became a breakout star for the Yankees in the playoffs. Bader's father, who is Jewish, told the Forward that his son is considering formally converting to Judaism.

Dean Kremer, Baltimore Orioles, starting pitcher: Born in California to Israeli parents, Kremer was the first Israeli drafted into the MLB. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency during the WBC that Israel is "like another home." Kremer was very good for Baltimore in

2022, posting a 3.32 earned-run average (ERA) in 21 starts — highlighted by a complete game shutout against Bregman's Astros in September.

Rowdy Tellez, Milwaukee Brewers, first baseman: Tellez has the most power of any Jewish player, crushing 35 home runs in 2022. In one game in May, Tellez hit two home runs on his way to a historic 8-RBI game for the Brewers. Tellez, who had a Jewish mother and a father with Mexican heritage, considered playing for Israel in the WBC but opted to represent Mexico.

Eli Morgan, Cleveland Guardians, relief pitcher: Last year was Morgan's first season as a reliever, and it seemed to be the right move for the 26-year-old righty. Morgan appeared in 50 games for Cleveland, posting a 3.38 ERA — though his first half (2.83 ERA) was much stronger than his second half (4.26 ERA). Morgan originally planned to play for Israel in the WBC but ultimately did not join the team.

Garrett Stubbs, Philadelphia Phillies, catcher: Stubbs played in 46 games for the Phillies as the backup behind J.T. Realmuto, the best catcher in baseball. Stubbs delivered the game-winning hit in Israel's lone WBC victory, while playing third base for the first time, and has already said he will play for Israel again in 2026. (His younger brother C.J. is a catcher in the Astros system and replaced Garrett on Team Israel following an injury earlier this month.)

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Women's Philanthropy Chocolate Wonderland



JFGT Women's Philanthropy Societies hosted a Chocolate Wonderland Party last month for women who contributed at the \$180 level and above to JFGT's 2022 annual campaign. Guests enjoyed a sweet selection of chocolate delicacies while schmoozing with friends and playing games to win prizes.



Prominent Cantor shares the Sephardic Shabbat Experience

Hazzan Dr. Ramón Tasat, one of the world's most prominent Sephardic Cantors, will be scholar-in-residence at Congregation B'nai Israel (CBI) the weekend of May 12.

Born in Buenos Aires, Ramón learned Ladino, the language of the Sephardic people, at his grandmother's knee; his style reflects the rich history and drama of this extraordinary culture.

Trained in five countries, he received a doctorate in voice performance from the University of Texas at Austin. Cantor Tasat has toured Europe and has participated in international festivals on both sides of the Atlantic. His most notable appearances include the Kennedy Center Concert Hall; the Israeli Embassy; the Jewish Music Festival of Berkeley, California; Limmud UK, Saint Céré, France; Siena, Italy; Helsinki, Finland; Barcelona, Spain; and the Piccolo Spoleto Festival. In addition to television and radio appearances, Dr. Tasat has been the recipient of many awards and grants. He has also made numerous recordings and has published several books on Jewish musical subjects.

Cantor Tasat will lead all Shabbat services in Sephardic musical style as well as talk about the Sephardic musical experience around the world. He will be at CBI on Friday, May 12 at 5:45 p.m. for Kabbalat Shabbat and a Sephardic-style dinner where he will sing Sephardic zemirot and speak. On Shabbat morning, May 13 at 9:30 a.m., he will lead the service in Sephardic style. His drash/sermon will be about Sephardic music. On Shabbat afternoon at Mincha at 5:45 p.m., he will lead followed by Seudah Shlisheet the Third Shabbat Meal and again lead us in Sephardic zemirot and discuss the Sephardic musical experience. All services are in-person and live streamed.

CBI welcomes members of all local congregations. Cost is \$18 per person for the dinner on May 12. Please RSVP to the CBI office by Monday, May 8 at 419-517-8400.

This event is supported by a grant from the JSS Fund of the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation.

JCRC Panel Discussion with IDF Veterans

Sunday, April 23 • 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Congregation B'nai Israel, 6525 Sylvania Avenue
Free – includes kosher Middle Eastern dinner



Commemorate Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, with a discussion featuring local community members who served in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Joining the discussion are three IDF Officers from our Partnership region of the Western Galilee.

RSVP by Friday, April 21 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/idf-panel> or by contacting Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



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RSVP at www.fctoledo.com/EveningofTribute
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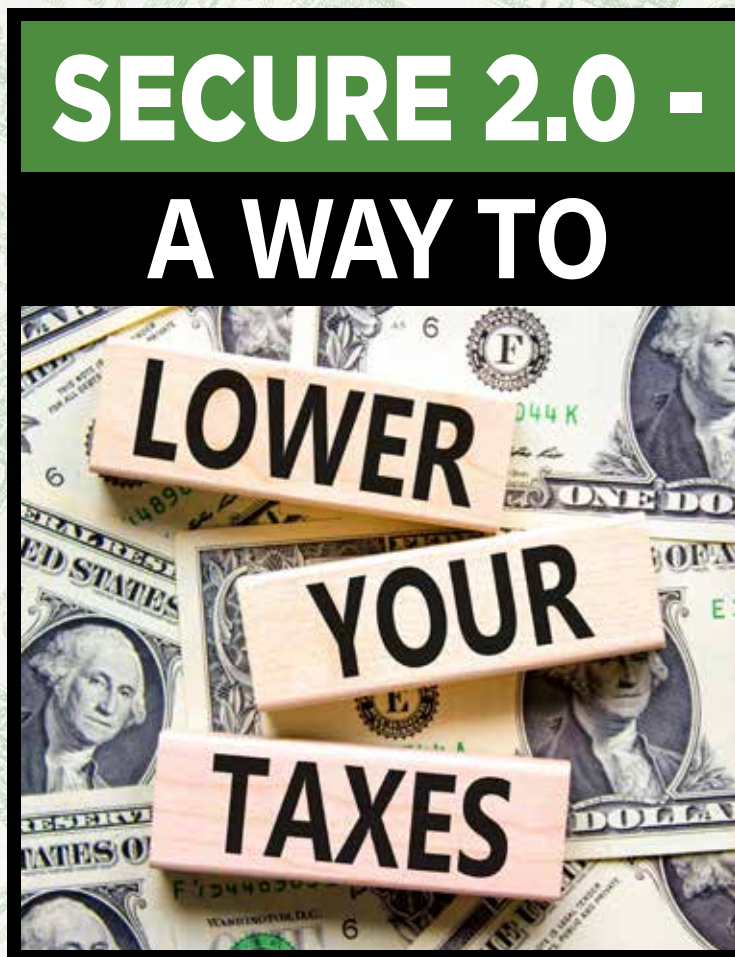


Pamela Schuller is an internationally acclaimed disability and mental health advocate and professional stand-up comedian. Although she is world famous, she is a local legend who grew up in Toledo's very own Jewish community! Pamela doesn't just "tolerate" what makes her different; she embraces it, loves it, and finds the funny in it... all while challenging her audiences to do the same.

Honoring the memory and legacy of Leonard H. Rosenberg

The Friendship Circle is graciously sponsored by Paul Goldner and Sandy Soifer

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President Biden signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, a \$1.7 trillion omnibus federal spending bill for fiscal year 2023, on December 29, 2022. Included in the bill is the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act 2.0. The SECURE Act 2.0 promises to increase tax-efficient retirement savings and charitable donations for individuals. Here are some highlights:

Increased Age for Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)

The age at which you must start withdrawing retirement assets (and paying taxes on those assets) is raised from 72 to 73, as of Jan. 1, 2023, and to age 75, 10 years later, on Jan. 1, 2033. Potentially, this could allow for more tax-free growth and the potential to delay RMDs for when the recipient may be in a lower tax bracket.

Increased Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

Currently, an individual who is 70½ or older can contribute up to \$100,000 directly from an IRA to a qualified charity without recognizing any income on the donated amount, which also can count toward the individual's RMD. **Going forward, that \$100,000 amount will now be indexed for inflation.**

For individuals who are 70½ or older, a new provision—part of the Legacy IRA Act—QCDs must go directly to a charity. **A provision of the new act allows donors to make a one-time QCD of \$50,000 to a split-interest charitable entity, such as a charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity.** A “split interest” entity has both charitable and individual beneficiaries. In other words, you can benefit both family members and charities with a one-time QCD of \$50,000.

By making a QCD, individuals can avoid being taxed on the distribution at higher ordinary income tax rates. In addition, by reducing adjusted gross income with a QCD, an individual may reduce the amount of their income, subject to the 3.8% net investment income tax, and they may also end up in a lower overall tax bracket, which could increase their eligibility for certain tax credits and deductions.

For more information, contact Michael Holub, VP, Financial Resource Development, at 419-517-8829 or michael@jewishtoledo.org or Stephen Rothschild, Interim Director, TJCF, at 419-724-0372 or stephen@jewishtoledo.org, or Arleen R. Levine, Director Emeritus, at arleen@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0355.

Increased Catch-Up Contributions

- For individuals 50 or older, additional contributions to retirement plans are allowed. Secure 2.0 increases the amount of “catch-up” contributions, depending on the type of plan;
- For 401(k) and other employer-sponsored plans, participants 50 or older can make an additional “catch-up” contribution of \$7,500 in 2023, that amount increases with inflation after 2023;
- Participants ages 60 through 63, can make catch-up contributions equal to the greater amount of \$10,000 or 150% of the regular catch-up limit beginning in 2025; additionally, that \$10,000 amount also will be indexed for inflation;
- Starting in 2024, catch-up contributions for participants with compensation of more than \$145,000 (indexed for inflation) from the plan sponsor in the prior year must be made to a Roth account—in other words, contributed on an after-tax basis; and
- For Traditional and Roth IRAs, individuals over 50 can contribute to traditional or Roth IRAs up to \$1,000 currently. That \$1,000 amount will be indexed for inflation on an annual basis in 2024.
- **Would permit a one-time QCD of up to \$50,000 from an IRA to a charitable gift annuity (CGA), charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) or charitable remainder annuity trust (CRAT) that benefits the participant or their spouse. Like an annual QCD, the \$50,000 one-time QCD can also count toward the individual's RMD.**
- **The new \$50,000 one-time QCD provision allows an individual to receive an income benefit for their lifetime with the remainder going to charity after they pass away. Given the \$50,000 limit, it is likely that this new provision will be most effective with CGAs—since charitable remainder trusts typically involve greater cost and administrative burden.**

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News

‘Honey Cake and Latkes’: Recipes to Never Forget

By Mary Bilyeu

“The idea of an Auschwitz-inspired cookbook may appear, on the surface, to be a terrible joke or at least something in very bad taste,” writes Ronald S. Lauder, president of the World Jewish Congress, in his introduction to *Honey Cake and Latkes: Recipes from the Old World by the Auschwitz-Birkenau Survivors*.

Mr. Lauder is fully aware that thoughts of gaunt humans cruelly starved in the labor and extermination camp do not readily mesh with tempting images of a succulent brisket, a rich noodle kugel, or a decadent chocolate torte.

But this collection of stories and dishes that juxtaposes such a contrast, assembled by the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Foundation, is an ideal resource for commemorating Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), which begins at sundown on April 17.

The book features recipes that pay homage to lost loved ones and homelands; recipes that nourished bodies and souls recovering from horrific trauma and loss; recipes that survived, along with those who’ve held them close, to be passed on to future generations as an edible history.

There have been other books representing those who endured the camps, not all of whom lived through the experience. Among them are *In Memory’s Kitchen: A Legacy from the Women of Terezin*, *Recipes Remembered: A Celebration of Survival*, and *Holocaust Survivor Cookbook: Recipes Your Family Will Enjoy ... Stories They Will Never Forget*.

But still, the notion of correlating cooking with the Holocaust can, at first glance, be jarring. As ABMF board member Joe Finkelstein notes about his mother Goldie, though, who lost her entire immediate and extended family in the camps: “She connected food and feeding to life and survival.”

So *Honey Cake and Latkes* includes dishes that were integral to the lives of people who’d thrived beforehand, and also the meals which offered sustenance and comfort to the ones who miraculously made their way in the world afterward.

The book is a testament to the power of these secret ingredients: love, memory, tradition, faith, strength, and resilience.

This hugely important cookbook includes honey cakes, of course – notably one with lovely touches like coffee, brandy, dried cherries, almonds, and spices from Ruth Webber who’s made her home in nearby Detroit since 1956. And there is also a very special recipe: “Latkes in the Wiesel Family Tradition,” which has been shared by none other than Marion Wiesel in honor of her late husband, Elie, whose memory will forever be a blessing.

Here are just a few more examples of the people you’ll meet, the stories

you’ll read, and the cherished culinary memories you’ll find, in this book that is both heart-wrenching and heart-warming, all at once.

Eva Shainblum, who lost all but one member of her six-person immediate family at Auschwitz (and whose sister then died shortly after being liberated), shared Hungarian Layered Potatoes, or Rakott Kumpili. It was “[the] last meal we had on the night before the deportation to Auschwitz,” she remembers. “I will never forget this, as it was our last meal together as a family.”

Cholent – hearty with meat, beans, and potatoes – is what Rosalie Simon, whose family was deported to a Hungarian ghetto during Passover of 1944, thinks of for Shabbat lunches. She writes that when working in a German factory, for dinner “we had two little rotten potatoes, and I thought to myself, ‘I only want one thing in my life: I want to get out of here. I want to get liberated, and I simply want enough potatoes in my life.’”

Rachel Roth once smuggled guns in the Warsaw Ghetto and was later assigned the task of sorting confiscated clothing at Auschwitz. Her recipe for Crusted Sweet Chicken comes with the horrifying memory of a young girl’s hanging, which she and her campmates were forced to watch. Describing in detail one of her family’s beautiful Shabbat dinners – the embroidered challah cover, the fluffy bread, and this delicious entrée – served “[to] divert our attention from the gallows and shorten the endless night,” she remembers.

A simple Chocolate Sandwich – butter and shaved dark chocolate on black bread – was contributed by Eugene Ginter, who was liberated from Auschwitz just days before his sixth birthday. His mother, who’d been saved by Oskar Schindler, wanted to put some weight on him; he had starvation-induced digestive issues and was “so skinny, very emaciated,” he writes. “After the war, we ate to live, not lived to eat.”

And Miriam Ziegler, an only child from Poland, was nine years old when she and her family were transported to Auschwitz. She was fortunate to later reunite with her mother, an aunt, and her grandmother. Her vinegary Cucumber Salad, she said, “has always been our favorite special Shabbat and holidays side dish.” This family heirloom has now been passed down to her daughters and granddaughters, too.

“Five generations have loved and made it!”, she proudly writes.

And that last, simple statement encompasses the true spirit of this book: The contributors to *Honey Cake and Latkes* survived. They lived to marry, to have children and grandchildren, and to share the poignant memories of so very many who were lost.

By telling their stories through these beloved recipes, they are striving to make sure the world never forgets.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU: *Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Staff:* Mary Bilyeu, Community Relations Programming Specialist



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a mishmash of all the areas and people I’m passionate about, so I’m very excited for this opportunity!

TJN: What led you to this type of work?

MB: I was *The Blade’s* Food Editor for 9 years, and my pages reflected the issues that matter to me: diversity, faith traditions, alleviating hunger, community service, education. So, I really feel that my work with Federation is simply a continuation of that, but through a different lens and with more engagement, rather than simply writing and reporting.

TJN: What energizes you at work?

MB: Putting pieces of the puzzle together, as it were – linking my community connections to Federation, watching plans come to fruition, meeting new people who can offer interesting programming. All our experiences – mine, my colleagues’, my friends, etc. – all forming a cohesive whole that enhances our lives and our work.

TJN: Do you have a favorite memory or accomplishment at work (in a previous role) that you’re most proud of?

MB: I have so many wonderful memories of the people I met, and stories I was privileged to tell, while working at *The Blade*. I had so many extraordinary experiences, from meeting world-famous chefs (Ferran Adria blew me a kiss after signing a book at an event, and I chatted about delis with Thomas Keller) to having a 95-year-old woman at a local church share special pinchers with me to make Lebanese cookies. Her late husband had made a set of these tools for her, and she entrusted me with one so she could show me how to make the distinctive design in the treats. I was so touched and honored! I could truly go on and on and on about how kind and generous the Toledo community has been to me, all via the entrée (pun intended!) of food.

TJN: What is something a *Toledo Jewish News* reader may not know about you?

MB: Let’s see... I’m a food writer who’s had no journalistic or culinary training! I started at the University of Michigan (Go Blue!) in the pre-med program before transferring to English (with a heavy emphasis on linguistics). I also attended a Jewish nursery school in New York City, where I grew up – despite later spending 13 years in Catholic schools – because it was around the corner from our apartment and thus very convenient. I still remember loving matzah with grape jelly, which is a very vivid taste memory all these decades later.

TJN: What is something you saw recently that made you smile?

MB: Instagram is my happy place, because my feed is full of Great British Bake-Off contestants’ creations, playful kittens, yawning puppies, fluffy bunnies, and baby goats. You can’t look at decadent desserts and all that cuteness without smiling!

TJN: What is the best compliment you have ever received?

MB: At a previous job, I was told that the place had been very warm and welcoming before I was hired, but that once I was established there, I had taken it even further: I had made the place “haymish.” I am still so humbled by such a kind thought, many years later!

TJN: What are three words your closest family and friends would use to describe you?

MB: Crazy cat lady!

TJN: What is one of your favorite family traditions?

MB: The evening before my son was born, my was-band (ex-husband) and I ate Chinese food for dinner. Every year since – which is more than 30 years, now! – we’ve all had Chinese food on the night before Jeremy’s birthday, no matter where we are in the world. And the tradition has continued, now that he has his own son; he and his wife ate burgers and nachos for dinner before my now-2-year-old grandson was born. So, Jacob’s birthday celebration begins at night, too, with burgers and/or nachos as the meal ahead of his big day.

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Unique Carnegie Hall concert to honor Japanese diplomat Sugihara, who saved 6,000 Jews

JTA - For most of his life, Chiune Sugihara received little recognition for the dramatic actions he undertook as Japanese vice-consul to Lithuania on the eve of World War II: the rescue of some 6,000 Jews from Poland and elsewhere from the Nazi death machine.

For decades, the Jewish world remained largely ignorant of his heroism. When, in 1985, Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center located in Israel, honored the unassuming retired diplomat as a Righteous Among the Nations, Sugihara was too old and sick to travel to Jerusalem to accept the award. He died shortly after.

But his renown has grown in the years since his death, and now Sugihara is being celebrated in a new way with an extraordinary piece of music composed

to commemorate his heroic actions.

On April 19 at Carnegie Hall, Japanese-American-Israeli cellist Kristina Reiko Cooper will perform this original piece of music — Lera Auerbach’s Symphony No. 6, “Vessels of Light” — accompanied by the New York City Opera Orchestra conducted by Constantine Orbelian.

The gala concert, organized by Yad Vashem and the American Society for Yad Vashem, which commissioned the piece, will pay tribute to Sugihara’s legacy.

Along with the honorary Dutch consul in Lithuania, Jan Zwartendijk, Sugihara issued life-saving visas to the Jews trying to escape Europe through a complex, illegal scheme involving fake transit visas via Japan to the Dutch-speaking Caribbean island of Curaçao.

Not a single Jew actually traveled to that faraway island off the coast of Venezuela, home to the oldest surviving synagogue in the Americas. But the operation — carried out under the noses of Lithuania’s Nazi occupiers — enabled thousands of Jews to resettle in Shanghai, leading to eventual freedom.

“Being half-Japanese myself, I understand the culture, and I know as a Japanese person that opposing authority goes against every fiber of our being,” Cooper, the cellist, said this month in an interview near her home in Tel Aviv. Born in New York to a mother of Japanese descent, Cooper later converted to Judaism and moved to Israel. She and her husband, Leonard Rosen, are raising their three children as Orthodox Jews.

“Everybody’s heard of Schindler,

who had a factory. But Sugihara had nothing to gain from this. In fact, he had everything to lose,” said Cooper, a visiting professor of music at Tel Aviv University. “He didn’t want recognition and never spoke to anybody about it. He didn’t even know that he had saved anybody until the very end of his life.”

Cooper, who studied at Julliard and comes from a long line of musicians — her father is a pianist and her mother a violinist and former concertmaster of the American Symphony — has a special personal connection to the Sugihara story.

Her husband’s father, Irving Rosen, was one of the Jews whose lives was saved by Sugihara’s actions. Armed with papers enabling Rosen’s family to leave

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TECH TIPS

Now that April is nearly upon us, I'd like to unveil the scheduled monthly Tech programming you can expect between now and July.

Starting in April, each month will typically feature 2 virtual reality programs (held every other week – described in the column to the right) and 2 new Tech Tuesday programs, sessions designed to introduce and/or review tech-related topics most of us encounter daily.


A Tech Tuesday format will include an instructional component on a select topic, time for Q&A/discussion/troubleshooting, and opportunity to socialize (and most importantly, eat!).

Typically, all Tech Programs (whether Tech Tuesdays or virtual reality) will follow this format:

Tuesdays; 11-Noon; Sekach; lunch provided; RSVP required.

2023 Virtual Reality Programming Reminders

- Virtual reality programming that we will offer in 2023 depends, in large part, on what you would like to experience!
- Each program will typically offer content (tours and videos) based on a particular theme, such as museums, travel, relaxation/mindfulness, or national parks for example. A session's theme will be advertised in the program title. However, if time allows during a program, we can explore other content as the class may wish.
- I encourage you at any time to send VR program suggestions and requests my way, whether via email or phone. My contact information is listed below.



(Tech Time with Tim)

Upcoming Tech Programs:

- Tues, April 4th: Tech Tuesday – Intro to Artificial Intelligence
- Tues, April 11: VR – National Parks
- Tues, April 18: Tech Tuesday – Mobile Device Accessibility Features
- Tues, April 25: VR – On the Move with Car, Bike, and Boat Tours

Please RSVP with Sherry at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org *Please let us know of any dietary restrictions in advance*

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Richard Bleier, Boston Red Sox, relief pitcher: After not making it to the big leagues until he was 29, Bleier has grown into a reliable reliever across seven MLB seasons, with a 3.06 career ERA. Bleier was traded to Chaim Bloom's Red Sox this offseason after two years in Miami — where his most famous (and unfortunate) moment was a three-balk at bat last year. Bleier pitched for Israel in the 2023 WBC.

Jake Bird, Colorado Rockies, relief pitcher: Bird made his MLB debut last summer and would go on to pitch in 38 games for the Rockies out of the bullpen. Bird was originally on Israel's WBC roster but dropped out at the last minute due to injury.

Zack Weiss, Los Angeles Angels, relief pitcher: Weiss debuted in 2018, but it did not go well: he allowed four runs, including two home runs, without recording an out. That meant his earned run average was — and this is real — infinite. Four years later, Weiss made it back to the big leagues with the Angels, appearing in 12 games with a more respectable 3.38 ERA. After a solid stint with Israel in the WBC, Weiss is expected to factor into the Angels bullpen this season, though he could start the season in the minor leagues. Weiss has talked about attending Rosh Hashanah services as a minor leaguer in Montana.

Dalton Guthrie, Philadelphia Phillies, utility player: Guthrie is the most recent Jewish ballplayer to debut, joining the Phillies in September. He played in 14 games for the National League champions, and even appeared in a postseason game. Guthrie is the son of

former MLB pitcher Mark Guthrie, who played for eight teams across a 15-year career.

Scott Effross, New York Yankees, relief pitcher: Effross is likely to miss all of 2023 after undergoing ulnar collateral ligament reconstruction (known as Tommy John surgery). Before his injury, Effross, who wears a Star of David necklace on the mound, was excellent for the Chicago Cubs and Yankees last year, with a 2.54 ERA in 60 games. Effross also would have played for Israel had he not gotten hurt.

(Also worth noting: Chicago White Sox ace Dylan Cease, the 2022 American League Cy Young runner-up, does not identify as Jewish but was on Israel's preliminary roster of eligible players for the 2023 WBC.)



Spencer Horwitz played for Team Israel in the 2023 World Baseball Classic. (Courtesy of Team Israel)

The Prospects

There are a number of Jewish players who are on the brink of breaking into the big leagues — including a few who could even make Opening Day rosters.

Jared Shuster, Atlanta Braves, starting pitcher: Shuster is the top prospect in the Atlanta organization, and in the midst of a stellar Spring Training, with a 1.45 ERA through 18.2 innings. He has a serious shot of securing the final spot in the Braves rotation to begin 2023. He was a first-round draft pick in 2020 and played in the MLB Futures Game last year.

Matt Mervis, Chicago Cubs, first baseman: Mervis played for Israel in the WBC and though he begins the season in the minors, he is almost certain to join the big-league team this season. The Washington, D.C., native belted 36 home runs in the minors last year, hitting .309 with 119 runs batted in while rising through the Cubs' system at an impressive pace.

Zack Gelof, Oakland Athletics, second baseman: Another Israel player, Gelof will begin the season in the minors but is expected to make his debut this year. The 23-year-old is Oakland's No. 3 ranked prospect and was a second-round pick in the 2021 draft. (His younger brother, Jake, currently plays at the University of Virginia and is seen as a possible first round pick this year.)

Spencer Horwitz, Toronto Blue Jays, outfielder: Horwitz played with Gelof and Mervis in the WBC, and will also start 2023 in the minors. But the 25-year-old Maryland native is a candidate to crack into the big leagues at some point this season as depth for the loaded Blue Jays.

Other minor leaguers with MLB experience
Kevin Pillar, Atlanta Braves, out-

fielder: The MLB veteran signed a minor league deal with the Braves this offseason and has a chance at securing a spot on Atlanta's bench entering the year. Pillar has embraced his status as a Jewish ballplayer.

Jake Fishman, Oakland Athletics, relief pitcher: The Team Israel pitcher made his MLB debut with (who else) the Marlins last season, and begins 2023 at the Triple A level with Gelof. He could be called up as bullpen depth.


Bubby Rossman, New York Mets, relief pitcher: Rossman made his debut last year with the Phillies, and it also did not go well. But after a strong stretch with Team Israel, Rossman begins the year in the New York Mets system. Despite his Yiddish-sounding name, Rossman is only 30.

Ryan Sherriff, Boston Red Sox, relief pitcher: Sherriff has four years of big-league experience under his belt with the Cardinals and the Tampa Bay Rays. He signed a minor league deal with the Red Sox this offseason.

Kenny Rosenberg, Los Angeles Angels, relief pitcher: Rosenberg made his debut for the Angels last April and appeared in three games over the course of the season. He begins the year in the minors but has a shot to be called back up as bullpen depth.

Robert Stock, Milwaukee Brewers, starting pitcher: Stock has pitched for four MLB teams across four seasons, plus a year in the Korean professional league last year. Stock pitched for Israel in 2023 and will begin the season in Triple A.

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CREATE & RELATE

Open to everyone!

CREATE AND RELATE: SESSION THREE!

Thursday, June 1 | 12 – 2:30 p.m.
Crosby Center (Toledo Botanical Gardens)
FREE EVENT | LUNCH PROVIDED

NAMI will lead a Creative Expression Art Activity
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<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors>
or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or
sherry@jewishtoledo.org



March 23

June 1

July 27

September 28

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

- Lunch provided
- Creative Expression art activity at every session
- Community member presentation
- Mitzvah project

**SERVICES.
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Beginning in 2023, Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services will be bringing a new series of FREE events to the Toledo area Jewish community. Welcome to JSFSS's new event series: Create and Relate! These events will offer the opportunity in five unique sessions for our seniors to connect with different services by bringing in new and exciting community members and activities. Although we hope to gear some services toward our seniors, we also hope to see people of all ages as we will be touching on topics within our society that are all-inclusive. All are welcome to attend. There will be a Creative Expression Art Activity at all sessions.

Come nosh, come mingle and most importantly, come be together.

Stay tuned for more information coming in the Toledo Jewish News. Any questions, please contact Stacy Willis at 419-724-0407.

News

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Lithuania and emigrate to Curaçao via Japan, Rosen and a brother traveled via the Trans-Siberian Railway from Vilnius to Moscow to Vladivostok, then by sea to Japan — and eventually Shanghai. Most other members of their family were killed by the Nazis.

“I became obsessed with this story and wanted people to know about it, especially given everything that’s going on in the world with the rise of authoritarian governments, mass dislocations, refugees, wars, rising antisemitism and anti-Asian hate,” Cooper said. “I’m not a writer, a filmmaker or an actress. I’m a musician. People had asked me, ‘Why not put together a nice concert in tribute to Sugihara?’ But I wanted to write something that could last forever.”

With the backing of Yad Vashem and the American Society for Yad Vashem, Cooper asked Auerbach to write the piece, a 40-minute composition for solo cello, choir and orchestra involving 130 performers, including Yiddish “whisperers,” allusions to Psalm 121 and an introductory piece by Japanese composer Karen Tanaka titled “Guardian Angel.”

At Carnegie Hall, Cooper, who plays on an Italian-made Guadagnini cello from 1743, will perform Auerbach’s moving, large-scale symphonic work as a soloist. She’ll also perform in Prague on March 27, Los Angeles on May 18, in California’s Napa Valley on July 18 and in Warsaw on October 8.

“Most people do not pay attention to history, because they’re so wedded to current events,” said the Carn-



Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara saved thousands of Jews during the Holocaust. (Courtesy of Yad Vashem)

egie Hall event’s co-chair, Peter Till, a board member of the American Society for Yad Vashem. “But this is even more relevant today because of the rise of extremist hate groups. They’ll forever deny that it exists, or ignore it, or say it couldn’t happen here, but hate continues to repeat itself and people have to face up to it.”

The Sugihara story is especially compelling, Till said, because it’s the first event of its kind that links Holocaust survivors with Asia in general — and Japan in particular.

“This is as much about the music as it is an expression of humanity, of people from diverse cultural backgrounds com-

ing together to save lives,” he said. “For Yad Vashem, this is a very important event because it shows the depth of understanding.”

Of the roughly 28,000 non-Jews who’ve been designated by Yad Vashem as Righteous Among the Nations, only 40 were diplomats. Sugihara is the only Japanese citizen so honored.

“On the whole, the eligibility process for diplomats is slightly different than for ordinary rescuers, because they had immunity,” said Joel Zisenwein, director of Yad Vashem’s Righteous Among the Nations Department. “In most cases, they were not at physical risk. But many of them had defied the guidelines and official policies of their foreign offices. Sugihara is even more interesting because he represented an ally of Nazi Germany.”

Zisenwein said Sugihara provided between 2,100 and 3,500 transit visas, though the exact number is not known.

“Literally, all rescuers from the Holocaust era have passed away, so people accepting the award are generally descendants or even grandchildren of the recipients,” Zisenwein said. “It’s interesting that Sugihara received his award for actions prior to the German invasion of Lithuania. Most of the Jews he rescued were Polish refugees who had fled there in 1939. Many countries claim to have their own ‘Schindlers.’ But here indeed was an individual who saved thousands of Jewish lives.”

The evening’s master of ceremonies will be Zalman Mlotek, who is also artistic director of the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene. Tickets and sponsorships are still available for the event.

“It’s not just the people Sugihara saved. It’s the worlds of those thousands of people,” said Mlotek, whose father, Joseph Mlotek, was a 21-year-old Yiddish poet working at a newspaper in Warsaw when World War II broke out. After fleeing to Lithuania, the family heard about Sugihara and was able to obtain transit visas to Shanghai, where the elder Mlotek and his brother Abram spent the war years.

“My father became a Yiddish activist here in New York and set up a network of 200 Yiddish schools all over the country. He published books with my mother and did concert tours for Yiddish musicians,” said Mlotek, 71. “I look at myself today, as artistic director of the Yiddish theater for 20 years, carrying on this same legacy that would have been decimated had it not been for the heroism of Sugihara.”

Auerbach’s composition had its world premiere last November in the Lithuanian city of Kaunas (known in Yiddish as Kovno), where Sugihara’s story took place. Additional performances are scheduled for cities around the world through 2024.

This story was sponsored by and produced in collaboration with the American Society for Yad Vashem, which promotes Yad Vashem’s mission of Holocaust education, research, documentation and commemoration, engaging a broad community of caring individuals to learn about the Holocaust and keep its memory and lessons alive. This article was produced by JTA’s native content team.

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Toledo

WHEREAS, as Mayor of the City of Toledo, it is my privilege and responsibility to recognize causes and events that warrant our attention; and

WHEREAS, the basis for the continuity of any society is education and in the great city of Toledo the education of our youth is a priority; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve its highest goals, education must not only impart knowledge but also teach the students how to live, forming and strengthening their moral character to make a better life for themselves as individuals and for society as a whole; imparting morals and ethical values that have been the bedrock of society since the dawn of civilization; and

WHEREAS, a global spiritual leader and leading advocate for the advancement of education, the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory, stressed that a moral and ethical education empowers every individual to develop their full potential in making the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, such an education can nurture the unity of diverse peoples through encouraging increased acts of goodness and kindness, imbued with the awareness that even a single positive act of an individual can change the world and usher in an era of global peace when there will “be peace within your walls, serenity within your mansions” (Psalms 122); and

WHEREAS, Education & Sharing Day is observed each year on the Rebbe’s birthday in recognition of his outstanding and lasting contributions toward the improvement of education, morality, and acts of charity around the world; a day to pause and reflect on our responsibility to ensure our youth have the foundation necessary to lead lives rich in purpose and fulfillment through service and good works; and

WHEREAS, April 2, 2023, will mark 121 years since the Rebbe’s birth, capping a year in which thousands of new institutions and initiatives were launched throughout the world in tribute to this celebration. This year has an added significance as a year of “Hukhei,” a biblical event of unity, education, and spiritual growth emphasizing how every person is crucial to perfecting the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wade Kapszkiewicz, Mayor of the City of Toledo, do hereby recognize April 2nd, 2023 as

Education and Sharing Day

in the City of Toledo and do urge all residents to work together to create a better, brighter, and more promising future for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Toledo to be affixed hereto this 14th day of March 2023.

Wade Kapszkiewicz
Wade Kapszkiewicz, Mayor

to the State and by the Authority of

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WHEREAS, education is essential to the progress of our state and to the well-being of our people; and

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To emphasize the vital role of education in society and to encourage its citizens to focus on moral education, the United States annually marks "Education and Sharing Day, USA". This day has been designated by every president since Jimmy Carter in 1978. The date of its observance changes annually to correspond with the birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe-Rebbe Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory—who brought a new emphasis on education to the forefront of public discourse. The day is a time to recognize and reaffirm the importance of education in society.

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For more information about Department of Jewish Programs or to register for virtual events, please contact Marnie at marnie@jewishtoledo.org.

Register for all upcoming NJG events at: <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njg2022>
Any questions? Contact Marnie Younker at marnie@jewishtoledo.org

For all NJG programming information, visit jewishtoledo.org/nextjewishgeneration.

****Check May Toledo Jewish News for upcoming Next JGen happenings****

Next JGen is a staple of Jewish life in the Toledo area, existing to draw wonderful, dynamic, young Jewish people together for the greater benefit of the community. From Hebrew Happy Hours to date nights to volunteer opportunities, Young Jewish Toledo provides a range of opportunities for young Jewish professionals 21-40. These future leaders of Jewish Toledo are continuously strengthening personal connections while participating in – and perpetuating – Jewish life in Toledo. To find out more about how you or someone you know can get involved with Young Jewish Toledo, contact Marnie at marnie@jewishtoledo.org.



The sun has set on our camp-themed Next Jewish Generation Soirée, but we'll always have the memories of spending time with friends, tie-dying t-shirts and pillowcases, eating at the canteen, dancing under the "stars," and more. We hope to see all our camp besties again soon.



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Friday, April 28
Friday, May 5
9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Gan Yeladim Preschool - 6505 Syl-
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FREE - snacks will be provided.
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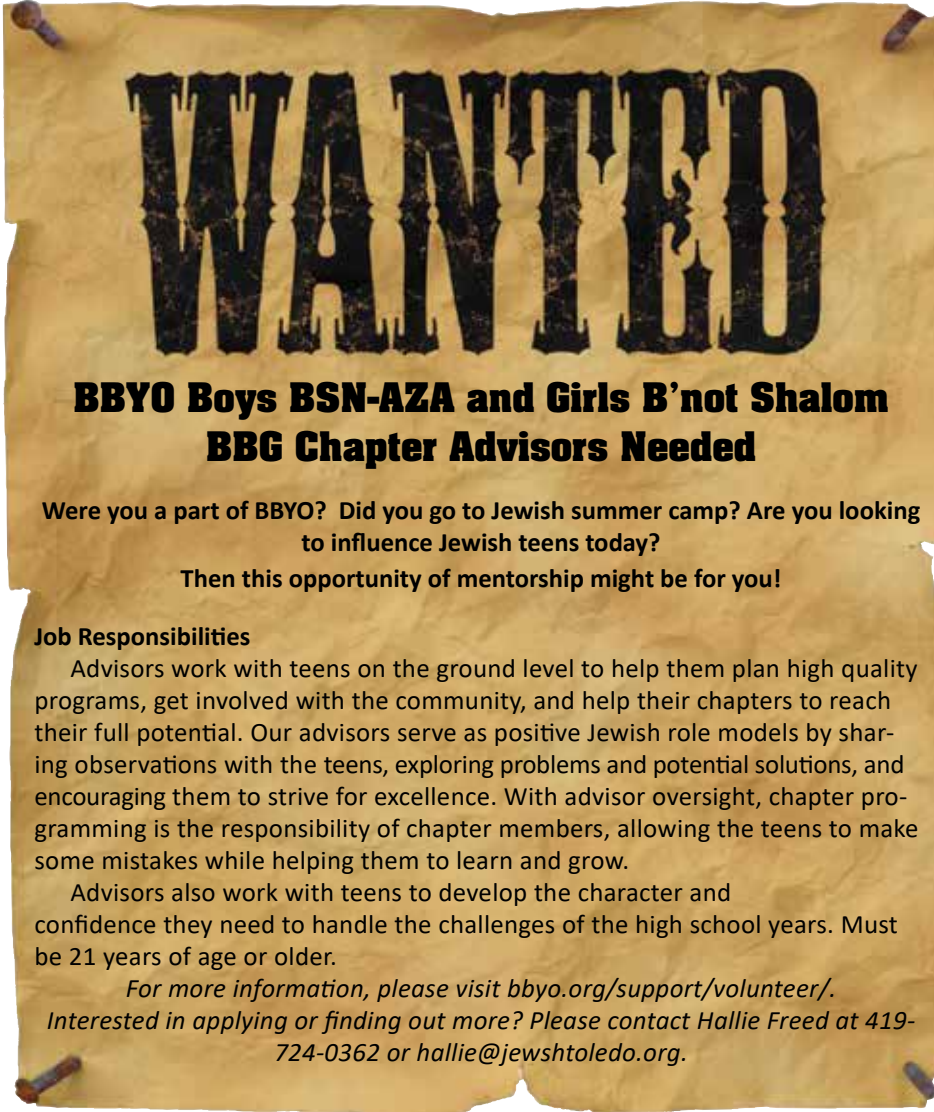
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Advisors work with teens on the ground level to help them plan high quality programs, get involved with the community, and help their chapters to reach their full potential. Our advisors serve as positive Jewish role models by sharing observations with the teens, exploring problems and potential solutions, and encouraging them to strive for excellence. With advisor oversight, chapter programming is the responsibility of chapter members, allowing the teens to make some mistakes while helping them to learn and grow.

Advisors also work with teens to develop the character and confidence they need to handle the challenges of the high school years. Must be 21 years of age or older.

For more information, please visit bbyo.org/support/volunteer/.
Interested in applying or finding out more? Please contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org.



JTA Teen Journalism Fellowship

February-April 2023

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency is pleased to introduce a virtual journalism fellowship for high school-age Jewish teenagers.

We are accepting applications from 15-18 years olds who are interested in reporting the news of their community through a Jewish lens. We are defining “community” loosely here – school, neighborhood, identity, culture, hobbies. We want to hear how these parts of your life intersect with your Judaism and age-group.

You provide the story idea and we’ll provide the training and support required to help you produce a 500-750 article or short multimedia piece (video, photo, audio).

We are specifically looking to build a diverse fellowship cohort. We encourage teens of all backgrounds, identities, genders, cultures and connections to Judaism to apply.

scan to apply



JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

Active Life for 60 and Better

Seniors Board and Brush Painting

April 20, 2023
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Board and Brush,
6725 Central Avenue N, Toledo
\$20 per person – includes activity and snacks



Paint your initial on a board for display.

RSVP by Tuesday, April 11 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/Seniors> or Sherry at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

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Lag BaOmer Potato Party

Tuesday, May 9
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave
\$5 – includes lunch

Celebrate a widely beloved Israeli holiday with friends and enjoy a delicious potato bar.

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Thursday, May 18
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Avenue
\$15 – includes snacks and glass mosaic tile creation

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Set sail for the start of summer!

Wednesday, June 21
Pickup at 11:30 a.m. – JCC/YMCA campus parking lot
Return around 2 p.m.
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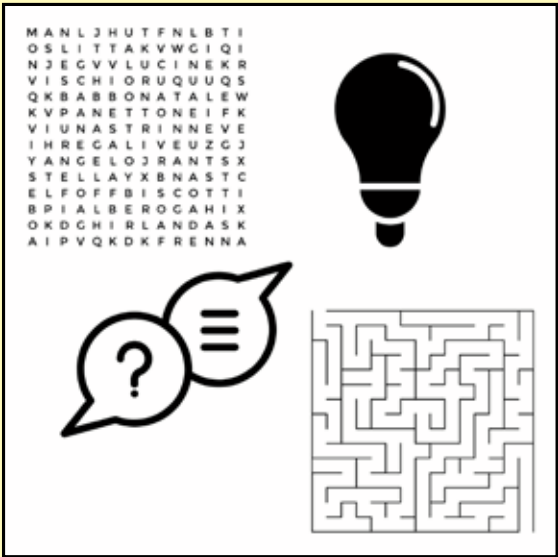


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Perhaps you or a family member are in need of help with senior social services. Maybe you know someone in need of support from a family pantry. Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services offers a range of services to benefit our community. JSFSS has a knowledgeable and caring staff waiting to help you.

Vice President Senior, Family and Social Services Ben Malczewski (419) 724-0408	JSFSS Office Manager and Program Associate Hannah Loeser (419) 724- 0401
Support Services Coordinator Liz Witter, LSW (419) 724-0406	Project Manager and Technology Coordinator Tim Hagen 419-724-0412
Food Pantry and Support Services Coordinator Stacy Willis, LSW, MSW 419-724-0407	

Healthy Living

Get Fit Classes

Monday

Get Fit Early, 9-10am

-or-

Get Fit Later, 10:30-11:30am

Join us for this upbeat and energetic dance/exercise program designed to improve your fitness level safely and effectively. This is a comprehensive workout that includes strength, flexibility, balance, posture-improvement, and more. All moves can be modified to meet specific needs.

Cardio Drumming, 12-1pm

A high-energy workout that also includes some dance moves. This can also be done seated.

Wednesday

Get Fit Early, 9-10am

-or-

Get Fit Later, 10:30-11:30am

(see description above)

Ballet Ball Fusion, 12-1pm

A special blend of ballet warm-up, cardio drumming, and a Tai Chi/yoga cool-down. Ballet shoes are not required.

Friday

Zumba, 9-10am

Foundation Fitness, 10am-11pm

Designed to improve mobility, core strength, and stability from the ground up. Focus will be on foot and ankle strength, mobility, healthy posture, pelvic floor, and breathing. Exercises can be done in chairs and/or standing.

In-person classes at JSFSS
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Obituaries accepted for print in Toledo Jewish News

Toledo Jewish News accepts obituaries for the Toledo Jewish community, immediate family members, and former residents of the Toledo Jewish community.

You may include a photo of the deceased if you wish (optional).

NOTE: Only obituaries submitted to paul@jewishtoledo.org (at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo offices) will be printed in Toledo Jewish News.

Toledo Jewish News is published the first of every month except July. Obituaries should be emailed by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

If you have additional questions, please contact paul@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0318.

There is no charge to submit an obituary, but we encourage donations to Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (www.jewishtoledo.org).

Preferred maximum obit length is 500 words (Toledo Jewish News reserves the right to edit obituaries as necessary).

Email completed obituaries to: paul@jewishtoledo.org

2023 CEMETERY CLOSINGS

BETH SHALOM CEMETERY
420 Otter Creek Rd.
Oregon, Ohio 43616

EAGLE POINT CEMETERY
515 Eagle Point Rd.
Rossford, Ohio 43460

Cemeteries close early every Friday at 4 p.m. for Erev Shabbat
Cemeteries are closed every Saturday for Shabbat

Jewish Holiday Closing Schedule for 2023

Wednesday, April 5, 2023	Erev Passover	Close at 4 P.M.
Thursday, April 6, 2023	Passover I	Closed
Friday, April 7, 2023	Passover II	Closed
Tuesday, April 11, 2023	Erev Passover	Close at 4 P.M.
Wednesday, April 12, 2023	Passover VII	Closed
Thursday, April 13, 2023	Passover VIII	Closed
Thursday, May 25, 2023	Erev Shavuot	Close at 4 P.M.
Friday, May 26, 2023	Shavuot I	Closed
Saturday, May 27, 2023	Shavuot II	Closed
Friday, September 15, 2023	Erev Rosh Hashana	Close @ 4 P.M.
Saturday, September 16, 2023	Rosh Hashana I	Closed
Sunday, September 17, 2023	Rosh Hashana II	Closed
Sunday, September 24, 2023	Erev Yom Kippur	Close @ 4 P.M.
Monday, September 25, 2023	Yom Kippur	Closed
Friday, September 29, 2023	Erev Sukkot	Close at 4 P.M.
Saturday, September 30, 2023	Sukkot I	Closed
Sunday, October 1, 2023	Sukkot II	Closed
Friday, October 6, 2023	Erev Shmini Atzeret	Closed
Saturday, October 7, 2023	Shmini Atzeret Sukkot VIII	Closed
Sunday, October 8, 2023	Simchat Torah	Closed

Regular Cemetery hours:
Sunday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Fridays 6:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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Safety Tips



Dave Tullis, Jewish Federation Community Asset, Safety and Security Manager helps us stay protected with some valuable safety tips.

Use these situational awareness safety tips to increase your personal safety.

The following tips are some simple ways to increase your situational awareness. Try these personal safety drills at work or in public to form good habits and determine your best response to potential threats. Frequent practice is vital, as no two situations are the same, and every environment provides unique conditions that will challenge your adaptability. View each new setting as an opportunity to practice – when these tips become second-nature, you greatly increase your ability to keep yourself safe.

Electronic Distractions: Whether it’s staring down at your phone or listening to music, using electronic devices can seriously impair your ability to be aware of what is going on around you. Only use your devices after you’ve determined you are in an area or situation where it is safe to do so. Look up occasionally to re-scan your surroundings and make note of any changes. If you’re using headphones, consider using only one, or keeping the volume as low as possible in order to still be able to hear what is going on around you.

Peripheral Vision: Attempt to focus on something while also observing what’s happening at the edges of your vision. This widens your monitoring range for detecting anything out of the ordinary.

Scan: Most people automatically scan new situations or environments, but don’t always focus on the most useful information. Practice looking for exits, barriers, suspicious objects and people, and any other unique elements that could be of importance to your personal safety. Additionally, be sure not to get complacent in familiar environments, such as your workplace or a regularly frequented lunch spot. Just because it is safe one day does not mean it will be safe every day.

Exits: Always be aware of your exits and have an exit strategy. Practice devising alternate methods of escape if your primary exit becomes compromised. This does not just apply to buildings, but can be practiced in cars, public transportation, elevators, and even in outdoor environments. This principle can also be applied to travel routes, and being conscious of obstacles, choke points, alternate routes, and so on.

Protect your Back: Utilize walls and other barriers to protect your back and sides and maximize your field of vision, taking care not to back yourself into a corner. Practice this in public places, such as seating in restaurants, waiting rooms, or shopping centers.

Reflective Surfaces: One of your biggest advantages in a dangerous situation is being able to see the danger coming with enough time to react appropriately. When your range of vision is limited, get creative about ways to expand it and give yourself an advantage – practice utilizing store windows, car windshields, or even other people’s sunglasses to detect threats you wouldn’t be able to see otherwise.

Stop and Pretend: If you feel like you are being followed, either on foot or in a vehicle, stop and turn around, pretending as if you went the wrong way. The reaction of the person following you will help you determine if



they are indeed a threat: If they stop or reroute to mirror your actions, then you can confirm that they are following you intentionally.

Become a Hard Target: Those with malicious intent generally single out individuals that seem meek, vulnerable, or unaware of their surroundings. Body language plays an extremely important role in how you are perceived by others. Exuding an aura of confidence, awareness, and capability, regardless of how you actually feel, can help broadcast to any

threats that you are an undesirable target, and increase your personal safety.

Personal Space: If someone is crowding you, seems suspicious, or is displaying threatening body language, scan them for subtle signs of violent intent or a hidden weapon. Increase the distance between yourself and this person – the amount of distance depends on the situation, but five or six feet can allow you some reaction time if they become an active threat.

Visualize: Play out scenarios in your head beforehand. If you spot a situation in your immediate vicinity that could pose a threat, such as a blind corner on a sidewalk, ask yourself, “If there was a threat behind that corner, how would I react? Where could I escape?” Premeditating such responses can help them to become second nature in the event of an actual emergency, making your response more effective.

Intuition: Trust your gut. If you get the sense that something is wrong or doesn’t add up, do not ignore it. *Your instincts exist to protect you* – it is always better to be overcautious than to ignore warning signs that turned out to be legitimate.

Senses: Practice engaging all your senses (sight, sound, smell, touch, and taste) to their fullest extent to increase your personal safety. Regularly exercising your senses can make them keener, which can help you avoid unsafe situations, determine threats faster, and pick up on critical information more quickly during emergencies.

Speak Up: Report all the following situations immediately to your supervisor (while at work) or to the person in charge (when out in public): accidents, injuries, close calls, near misses, safety hazards or concerns, and any suspicious persons, activity, or behavior. Even if there is not currently a dangerous situation or nobody has been injured, if there are elements that could lead to either of these things, the person in charge should be made aware so that they can take the appropriate action.

Personal safety begins with an individual’s awareness to their environment – no one can defend against danger they couldn’t see coming. Taking your safety seriously doesn’t just help you but can benefit others as well. Even practicing one of these skills on a regular basis can exponentially increase your situational awareness. We hope these tips can be of value to you and remember.

“SEE SOMETHING - SAY SOMETHING”!

Temple Shomer Emunim

April Worship Schedule

Wednesday, April 5
Passover Seder at the Temple
 5:30pm

Thursday, April 6
Passover Morning Service at 10:30am
Led by Cantor Roher

Friday, April 7
Shabbat Service at 6pm
Led by Dr. Andrew Pelletier & Janet Rogolsky

Wednesday, April 12
Passover Yizkor Service at 10:30am
Led by Dr. Andrew Pelletier

Friday, April 14
Shabbat Service at 6pm
Led by Cantor Roher

Saturday, April 15
Shabbat Morning Service at 10:30am
Bat Mitzvah of Ellery Freed


Friday, April 21
Shabbat Service at 6pm
Led by Dr. Andrew Pelletier
Special guests IDF veterans
Michael Aaronson, Shirlee Greenwald & Dan Ravitch

Friday, April 28
Shabbat Service at 6pm
Led by Rabbi Gibson & Dr. Andrew Pelletier

Celebrate the First Night of Passover with Your Temple Family & Cantor Roher

Wednesday, April 5 @ 5:30pm

Share in the story of Passover and dine on delicious Passover cuisine, including matzah ball soup, brisket, chicken, salmon, apple kugel, roasted vegetables & Passover desserts.




This is a family-friendly seder. RSVP to mkuehnle@templese.com OR 419/885-3341.

Adults \$20 Children 10 & Under \$10
 New members since September 2020 are our guests.

April Religious/Hebrew School

Sun 2 nd	Religious School 9:15-11:30am
Wed 5 th	NO HEBREW SCHOOL
Sun 9 th	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Wed 12 th	Hebrew School 4:30-6pm
Sun 16 th	Religious School 9:15-11:30am
Wed 19 th	Hebrew School 4:30-6pm
Sun 23 rd	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Supermarket Schlep!
Wed 26 th	Hebrew School 4:30-6pm
Sun 30 th	Religious School 9:15-11:30am




Help us celebrate Dr. Samuel Adler!

at a Pre-Oneg Shabbat Friday, April 14th from 5-6pm in honor of his 95th birthday.

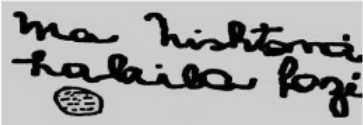
We marvel at the youthful agility of Samuel Adler – born in Mannheim in 1928, but long since regarded as the dean of American music. He would appear to contradict the fact that he turned 95 in March 2023!

Please RSVP to mkuehnle@templese.com no later than Wednesday, April 12.



Temple Tots

“Lotsa Matzah” Passover
Sunday, April 16 @ 9:15am



Temple Office Closures

Thursday, April 6
 Wednesday, April 12

Men’s Chavurah

Wednesday, April 26@ 7pm

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CBI follows the Lucas County Health Department regarding its Covid-19 Masking Policy. When levels are YELLOW, mask-wearing is OPTIONAL. When COVID-19 levels are RED, mask-wearing is MANDATORY for EVERYONE.
 If you are not a CBI member and would like to attend programs or services, please contact the office at 419.517.8400.

CBI PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

David S. Stone Religious School
 Calendar: April 2023

Sun.	4/2	NO RS - PASSOVER
Wed.	4/5	NO RS - PASSOVER
Sun.	4/9	NO RS - PASSOVER
Wed.	4/12	NO RS - PASSOVER
Sun.	4/16	Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM 10:30 AM Yom HaShoah Program
Wed.	4/19	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	4/23	NO CLASSES AT CBI >> 11:00 AM Community Supermarket Schlep at Meijer on Central Avenue
Wed.	4/26	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	4/30	Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM 4:30 PM Yom HaAtzmaut Program

Weekly Services Schedule

- Monday & Thursday Morning Minyan**
8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom
- Monday ~ Thursday Evening Minyan & Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat**
5:45 PM - Zoom
- Saturday Morning Shabbat**
9:30 AM - In Person/Live Stream
- Sunday Morning Minyan**
9:30 AM - In Person/Zoom

Pesach 5783 Services Schedule

- Wednesday, April 5: Erev Pesach, 1st Seder**
 Siyyum Bechorim (Fast of the First Born)
 • Morning Service 8:00 AM - In-Person/Zoom
 CBI Office Closes Early 12:00 PM
NO EVENING SERVICE
- Thursday, April 6: 1st Day Pesach, 2nd Seder**
 Service of Reaffirmation
 • Holiday Morning Service 9:30 AM
 - In Person/Live Stream
NO Evening service
- Friday, April 7: 2nd Day Pesach**
 • Morning Service 9:30 AM - In Person/Live Stream
 • Evening service 5:45 PM - Zoom
- Saturday-Tuesday, April 8-11: Chol Hamoed**
Saturday, April 8: Shir HaShirim/Song of Songs
 • Shabbat & Holiday Morning Service 9:30 AM
 - In Person/Livestream
Sunday, April 9
 • Morning Service 9:30 AM - Zoom
Monday, April 10
 • Morning Service 8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom
 • Evening service 5:45 PM - Zoom
Tuesday, April 11
 • Evening service 5:45 PM - Zoom
- Wednesday, April 12: 7th Day Pesach**
 • Holiday Morning Service 9:30 AM
 - In Person/Live Stream
 • Evening service 5:45 PM - Zoom
- Thursday, April 13: 8th Day Pesach/Yizkor**
 • Holiday Morning Service 9:30 AM
 • Yizkor 10:45 AM - In Person/Livestream

Community Yom HaShoah Program
 "The Last Cantor of Warsaw:
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Remembrance by Cantor Ivor Lichterman
 Video Presentation ~ Sheila & Bruce Post
 Sunday, April 16, 2023 10:30 AM
 In-Person/Live Stream at CBI

Community Yom HaZikaron Program
 JCRC Panel Discussion with
 IDF Veterans

Sunday, April 23, 2023 6:00-7:30 PM
 In-Person at CBI

WCBI BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 25, 2023
 10:30 AM In-Person at CBI

April Selection: *People Like Dead Jews* by Dara Horn

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Please RSVP to Jan Kasle jbkastle@gmail.com or call 419.345.6712 by Sunday, April 23, 2023.

Community Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration
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Sunday, April 30, 2023 4:30-7:30 PM
 Jewish Federation Campus, lawn between CBI and Temple Shomer Emunim
 See the April bulletin for more details.

Congregation Etz Chayim

PRE-PASSOVER PROGRAM SCHEDULED

Everyone is invited to a zoom program on Sunday evening, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Leading the discussion will be our own Marcy Steingroot. The topic for the evening is “Memories of Passover”. Have some of your favorite memories to share. Please register for the zoom link with Elsa Leveton at elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org or Nancy Jacobson at jaco824@bex.net.

MAJ JONG/POKER GAMES PLANNED

Come and join in the fun playing Maj or Poker on Sunday, April 30th from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the synagogue social hall. Come together for two hours of good socializing, fun playing and a good time. Treats will be served!

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES & KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

Join us for Shabbat services on Saturday, April 15th at 9:00 a.m. Rabbi Stephen Belsky will be leading services. There will be a special Kiddush luncheon to honor those members who will be celebrating April Birthdays and Anniversaries.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

This spring Sisterhood is planning another wonderful trip to Hoen’s Nursery on May 9th at 10:00 a.m. A presenter will teach everyone how to plant and make container arrangements. Each person may bring their own container or buy one there. Plants will be available to place into containers. The staff will help everyone to develop each container depending on shade and amount of sunlight that the plants will need.
The annual Mah Jongg Tournament date has been set for July 12, form 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.. The cost will be \$5.00. Mah Jongg enthusiasts, put this date on your calendar for a fun afternoon.

BOOK DISCUSSION AND ART TOUR

Etz Chayim is very fortunate to have our own Naomi Baron and Andrea Delman lead another Book Discussion & Art Tour on Thursday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. on zoom. The book being discussed is titled People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks. Start reading and join the interactive discussion group in May. Everyone from the community is invited.



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B'nai Mitzvah

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Ellery Shayna Freed will be called to the Torah on Saturday, April 15 at Temple Shomer Emunim. Ellery is the daughter of David and Hallie Freed of Toledo, Ohio, and the oldest sister to Madelyn, Ruby, and Myles. She is the beloved granddaughter of Cindy and Allen (z"l) Kaminsky of Southfield, Michigan and Marc and Ellen (z"l) Freed of Sylvania, Ohio.

Ellery is a seventh grader at Timberstone Junior High where she is actively involved in the student council, newspaper, French club, and

Leffler's literary society and plays the clarinet in the school band. Ellery is proudly playing defense as #12 on Sylvania United U12 soccer team. In her free time, Ellery enjoys talking with friends, going to Camp Wise, being sloth-like, baking, and looking at dog videos. For her Mitzvah Project, Ellery has been collecting items and creating enrichment treats for Lucas County Canine Care and Control in Toledo, Ohio.

Ellery is beyond excited to share in the sweetness of her special day with all her friends and family.



Hunter Riley Smith will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Congregation B'nai Israel. Hunter is the son of Kimberly and Robert Smith, brother to Aaron and Caleb Smith, and grandson to Ronald and Gloria Williams of Camden, Michigan, and the late Howard and Betty Smith.

Hunter is a seventh grader at Arbor Hills Junior High School where he is an honor student. He enjoys attending Friendship Circle. In Hunter's free time, he enjoys hanging out with his friends and playing video games. Hunter also loves spending

time with his aunts, uncles, and cousins.

For Hunter's Mitzvah Project he will be collecting pull tabs from aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio.

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When it comes to nature, Israel has it all. The country itself may be small but what it lacks in area it makes up for in diverse, beautiful scenery.

Visit a winery for a tour and wine tasting; ascend up to Masada by cable car and tour the famous ancient fortress built by King Herod; enjoy floating in the therapeutic waters of the mineral rich Dead Sea; buckle in to a Jeep tour in the mountains of the Golan Heights passed abandoned Syrian military bunkers

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Published in September, 2022, ‘Honey Cake and Latkes’ (\$45 suggested retail price) was a finalist in the 72nd Jewish Book Awards. All proceeds go to support the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Foundation.



Cucumber Salad

Survivor: Miriam Ziegler
Serves 8

This recipe “goes back to my grandmother, who passed it on to my mother, who then passed it on to me,” writes Miriam. “I, in return, have shared it with my daughters and granddaughters The recipe has not changed at all over the years. I always say that if it’s not broken, don’t fix it.”

2 large English cucumbers
1 tablespoon salt
½-1 cup cold water
¼ cup distilled white vinegar
3 teaspoons sugar
1-2 teaspoons chopped fresh dill (optional)
Sweet paprika, for garnish

Peel the cucumbers, if you like, then carefully slice them crosswise using a mandoline set with a 3-millimeter blade. (You can use a chef’s knife, but the mandoline is quicker and makes more even slices.)

Put the cucumbers in a large bowl and add the salt. Toss to coat, then set aside for 1 hour to sweat out the moisture. Drain thoroughly in a colander, using your hands to press out as much water as possible. Transfer the cucumbers to a large plastic or glass container with a lid.

In a small bowl, stir the water and vinegar with the sugar until it dissolves. If desired, add fresh dill. Pour the liquid over the cucumbers and toss to coat. Cover and chill in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours. Serve cold, sprinkled with sweet paprika.

Note: The salad keeps well in the refrigerator. It can last a few days.

Jewish Butter Cake (Joodse Boterkoeke)

Survivor: Max Garcia
Serves 16

Max’s mother baked for their large extended family. He started making this cake – his mom’s signature recipe - with her in 1939, at age 10.

“When I was taken to Auschwitz,” writes Max, a survivor of five different concentration camps, “I began to think, How can I remember my mom and our family life? I told myself, Look, the only way you’re going to do it is to make Boterkoeke. So I remembered the recipe and continued to make it all these years after Auschwitz.”

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted and cooled
½ cup sugar
2 eggs yolks (save the whites for the egg wash)
1⅓ cups sifted all-purpose flour
Pinch of salt

Preheat the oven to 325F and butter the bottom and sides of a 9- or 10-inch round cake pan.
Mix the melted butter, sugar, and egg yolks in a large bowl. Add the flour and salt and stir to combine. Pour the batter into the prepared cake pan.

Add 1 tablespoon of water to the egg whites and beat lightly to make an egg wash. Brush over the top of the batter. Drag the tines of a fork through the egg wash to create a decorative pattern. Bake for 40 minutes or until the top is browned, rotating the pan at least twice (preferably three times) during cooking.

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