Israel at 75 Birthday Bash
Celebrating 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.

*You will have the opportunity to donate to the 2023 annual campaign during the event*

This program is proudly supported by the Israel Engagement Fund: A JCC Association of North America Program Accelerator.

Happy Passover!
Community

**REMEMBRANCE**

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

Memorial Service

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

Nozyk Synagogue, Warsaw, Poland

**Supermarket Schlep**

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 Services (JSFSS)! Families with children of ALL ages are invited to 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.

This event is held in partnership with Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Chabad of Toledo, Congregation B’nai Israel, Congregation Ets Chayim, and Temple Shommer Emunim.
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.

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.
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 Jewish lefty ace Sandy Koufax.

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 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.

Dean Kremer, Baltimore Orioles, starting pitcher: Born in California to Israeli parents, Kremer was the first Israeli drafted into the MLB. He told the Forward that his son is considering formally converting to Judaism.

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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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.
Local

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 Cére, France; Siena, Italy; Helsinki, Finland; Barcelona, Spain; and the Piccolo Spoleto Festival. In addition to television and radio appearances, Dr. Tasar 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 Kabalat 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.

Do you have kosher for Passover shopping needs?
Please contact Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org

JRC 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.

THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR
MONDAY, APRIL 17 | 6:00 P.M.
At the Friendship Circle 2728 King Rd | Toledo, OH 43617
Light dinner will be served.
RSVP by April 10. Couvert: $18.00 (Free for Teens and Young Adult Honorees)
RSVP at www.fctoledo.com/EveningofTribute

Featuring an evening with Pamela Schuller

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
**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; and
- 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.

The Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo does not provide legal advice. Please consult your own professional legal and/or financial adviser.
"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 genocidal human cruelty 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 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 of 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, "whether or not she lived, she left her entire immediate and extended family in the camps: ‘She connected food and sustenance and comfort to the ones who'd thrived beforehand, and also the meals which offered nourishment to those who'd thrived afterward.'" She was "a mashup of all the areas and people I’m passionate about, so I’m very excited for this opportunity!"
Your generosity helps to provide programs and services to everyone in our community.

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

JTA - For most of his life, Chaine Sugihara received little recognition for the dramatic actions he undertook as Japa-

nese 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 re-
mained largely ignorant of his heroism.

When, in 1985, Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center lo-
cated 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, Japa-
nese-American-Israeli cellist Kristina Auerbach will perform this original piece of music — Lera Auerbach’s Sym-
phony No. 6, “Vessels of Light” — ac-
companied 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 Zwartenjik, 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 op-
eration — carried out under the noses of Lithuania’s Nazi occupiers — enabled thousands of Jews to resettle in Shang-
hai, leading to eventual freedom.

“Being half-Japanese myself, I un-
derstand the culture, and I know as a Japanese person that opposing author-
ity goes against every fiber of our being,” said Cooper, the cellist, 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 any-
body until the very end of his life.”

Cooper, who studied at Julliard and comes from a long line of musicians — his father is a violinist and her mother a pianist and former concertmaster of the American Symphony — has a spe-
cial 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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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-ball 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 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 with a shot to be called up as bullpen depth.

Kevin Pillar, Atlanta Braves, outfielder: The MLB veteran signed a minor league deal with the Red Sox 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.

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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.

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- Tues, April 11: VR – National Parks
- Tues, April 18: Tech Tuesday – Mobile Device Accessibility Features
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Create and Relate!

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
Learn why support is essential as we create our own support trees.
Brooke Michel-Yussim, Associate Broker, CRS, ABR, GRI with Danberry Realtors will present

“The Upside to Downsizing”

Come nosh, come mingle, and, most importantly, come be together. This event is open to everyone!

RSVP required by May 30 at https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

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- Community member presentation
- Mitzvah project

March 23

June 1

July 27

September 28

Lunch provided

Create and Relate!

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Stay tuned for more information coming in the Toledo Jewish News. Any questions, please contact Stacy Willis at 419-724-0407.
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Lithuania and emigrate to Curacao 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 Shang- hai. 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 trib- ute 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 players on an Italian-made Guadagnini cello from 1743, will perform Auer- bach’s moving, large-scale symphonic work as a soloist. She’ll also perform in the piece, a 40-minute composition for 130 performers, including Yiddish solo cello, choir and orchestra involving 130 performers, including Yiddish performers, as Righteous Among the Nations, only 40 were diplomats. Sugihara is the only Japanese citizen so honored.

“On the whole, the eligibility pro- cess for diplomat 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 Ho- locaust era have passed away, so people accepting the award are generally de- scendants or even grandchildren of the recipients,” Zisenwein said. “It’s inter- esting that Sugihara received his award for actions prior to the German invasion of Lithuania. Most of the Jews he res- cued were Polish Jews who had fled there in 1939. Many countries claim to have their own ‘Schindlers.’ But here in- deed was an individual who saved thou- sands of Jewish lives.”

The evening’s master of ceremonies will be Zalman Mlotek, who is also ar- tistic director of the National Yiddish Theatre Folksbiene. Tickets and spon- sorships 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 Yid- dish 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 Arem spent the war years.

“My father became a Yiddish activ- istic director of the Yiddish theater for 20 years, carrying on the same legacy that would have been decimated had it not been for the hero- ism 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 perfor- mances 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 mis- sion 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 na- tive content team.
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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**

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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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Why is this EMS organization different than all other EMS organizations?

In the United States, disaster relief, ambulance, and blood services are handled by an array of organizations. In Israel, there’s one organization that does it all — Magen David Adom. As Passover approaches, whatever crises Israelis face — including terror or rocket attacks — MDA will be there to save lives.

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Were you a part of BBYO? Did you go to Jewish summer camp? Are you looking to influence Jewish teens today?

Then this opportunity of mentorship might be for you!

**Job Responsibilities**

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@jewshtoledo.org.

**Stipend now available for BBYO Advisor. Earn up to $750 for being a BBYO advisor for the 2023 calendar year. For more information or to apply, please contact Hallie Freed at hallie@jewshtoledo.org or 419-724-0362.**

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**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.

For more information or to apply, please visit jta.org/apply.

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Scan to apply
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See page 11 for information on upcoming Create and Relate Sessions.

Copper Moon and You!

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

Using abstract chips of colored glass, arrange your own unique pattern on a beautiful tile. Enjoy snacks, socializing, and more during your creative journey!

RSVP by Tuesday, May 9 to https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors or to Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.

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.

RSVP by Thursday, May 4 to https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors or Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.

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.
$10 per person – includes lunch, transportation, and more

Hop on the trolley and take a ride with us on The Sandpiper cruise touring downtown Toledo and the Maumee River and enjoy a delicious lunch along the way.

RSVP by Friday, June 16 to https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors or to Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.
Calling all Seniors 60+: FREE Puzzle Books to Play at Home

Enjoy a workout for the brain; without the sweat!

Stay mentally active this winter with the help of Jewish Toledo. Any adult 60 or better is welcome to request a FREE puzzle book to pick up at the Federation or receive by mail. The books include a variety of puzzles in LARGE PRINT (such as word searches, Sudoku, word scrambles, and more).

One per household, please.
Claim your book today by contacting Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.

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 Loesser
(419) 724-0401

Support Services Coordinator
Liz Winter, 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

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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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 Rogosky

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

Friday, April 14
Shabbat Service at 6pm
Led by Dr. Andrew Pelletier

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

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

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
mkuehnl@templese.com OR 419/885-3341.
Adults $20 Children 10 & Under $10
New members since September 2020 are our guests.

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 mkuehnl@templese.com no
later than Wednesday, April 12.

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.

Pesach 5783 Services Schedule

Wednesday, April 5: Erev Pesach, 1st Seder
Siyum 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/Live Stream
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
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: Jacob Lichterman"
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

Community Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration
Israel at 75 Birthday Bash
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.
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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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.
An Israel Journey of a Lifetime
November 6-14, 2023

Join us on the first Jewish Toledo community-wide mission to Israel in 17 years!
Community and Jewish heritage are the background for an Israel opportunity as you've never experienced before. Experience the rich history, breathtaking scenery and sacred places where ancient civilizations once thrived and where the Jewish future is being written.

The beginning of the Jewish State and the start of your Israel discovery:
From the most upbeat neighborhood of Florentine to the 4,000 year old city of Jaffa, Tel Aviv thrives with world-class arts and culture.

Your Tel Aviv experience includes:
A special Street Art Night tour of some of Tel Aviv's most “hip” neighborhoods; walking tour of the fashionable Neve Tzedek; a visit to Rabin Square to learn about Yitzhak Rabin's life, leadership, and tragic death; a tour of the ANU Museum of the Jewish People at Tel Aviv University.

No other place like it in our world, Jerusalem is a breathtaking focal point for religion, culture and history.

Your Jerusalem experience includes:
The holiest place in Judaism today, the Western Wall – Kotel and a tour of the subterranean spaces under the Western Wall Tunnels; a tour through the halls of the new Supreme Court; a stop at the Knesset; a walking tour of the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City; a tour through the halls of the new Supreme Court; a visit to the Knesset; a special tasting menu from select stands; a special visit to the Knesset; a shopping stop at Machane Yehuda Market (Shuk); and a special tour of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum on the 85th commemoration of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass.

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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Art to science, medicine to geopolitics, Israel's Western Galilee boasts vital national resources, lifesaving medicine, and cultural treasures. Beyond our Partnership region, Israel's northern frontier awaits.

Tour the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya, including the underground hospital; meet with the recipients of life-changing programs fueled by our Federation's Community Campaign dollars; explore the historic alleyways of Akko; celebrate Israel at 75 and our Partnership relationship at 25 with a Partnership2gether Mega Event with local Israelis, including friends who have visited Toledo, such as participants of the Women Leading a Dialogue program; visit the mystical city of Tzfat and stroll the narrow, winding alleys; visit some of the beautiful synagogues and browse through the artists' workshops and galleries; partake in a geopolitical tour at Kunetra Outlook and Mt. Bental to view the Syrian border and learn about the challenges facing Israel with the Syrian Civil War.

Prepare to be awestruck at the old city of Jaffa, the Galilee, Jerusalem and the Old City. You'll visit the holiest site in Judaism, the Western Wall, and tour the Israel Museum and view the Dead Sea Scrolls. You'll get an up-close view of the center of Israeli government – the Knesset. Your trip-of-a-lifetime includes swimming in the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea, exploring Jerusalem's bustling Machane Yehuda Market, ascending Masada by cable car, and so much more! And when it's time for you to rest and recharge, you'll do it at hotels in the heart of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and at a “kibbutz experience” boutique hotel in the Western Galilee.

To learn more, please visit
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Cucumber Salad

Survivor: Miriam Ziegler
Serves 8

“They return 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 egg yolks (save the whites for the egg wash)
1½ 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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Chag Pesach Sameach

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