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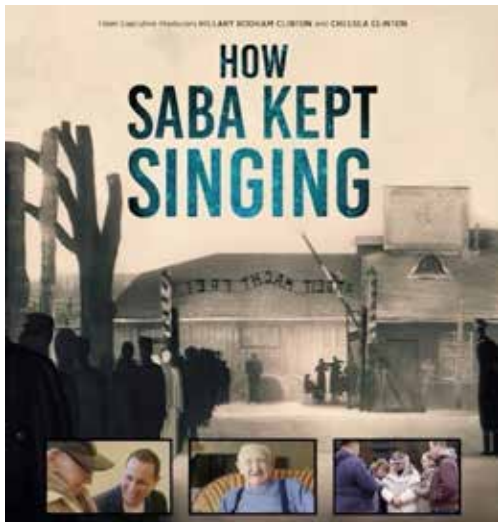
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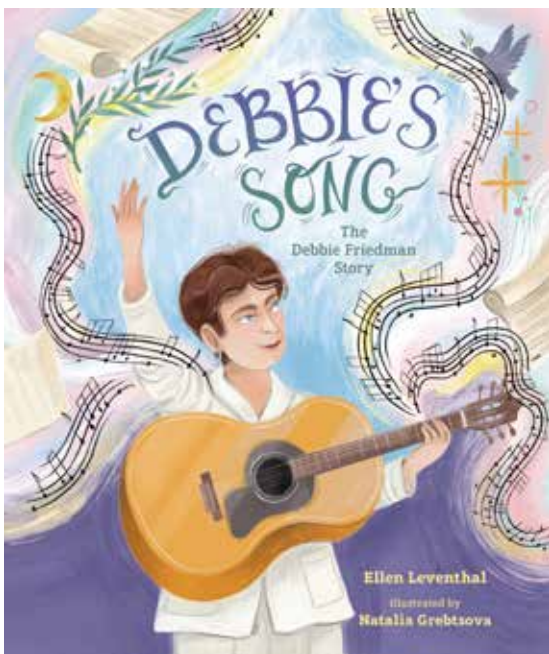
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Congregation Etz Chayim

Includes kosher desserts



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NUOhio Jewish Book Festival Special Event

A CELEBRATION OF DEBBIE FRIEDMAN'S LEGACY

Debbie's Song: The Debbie Friedman Story Book
by Ellen Leventhal

Sunday, April 14 at 11 a.m.

- Community Concert -
- Book Reading & Signing - Lunch -
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FOLLOW YOUR OWN PATH, DISCOVER YOUR OWN JOURNEY

YOU

The
Extraordinary
UnOrdinary

SIMONE KNEGO

Finding Your Inner Peace

with Simone Knego

Tuesday, May 7
Kyoto Ka, 6801 Central Ave.

6 – 7 p.m. - \$36/person

Women's Philanthropy cocktail reception*

Lions, Pomegranates, and Pearls

(women who give \$180 or more to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Annual Campaign)

Includes appetizers, desserts, book signing, and beverages.

7:15 – 8:15 p.m. - \$18/person

Presentation with Simone - for all Jewish Toledo women

Includes desserts, book signing, and beverages.

Please note: This event is intended for all women who support the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Annual Campaign. A meaningful gift to the campaign is required to attend.

Do you wake up every day feeling like you're going through the motions, that the hundreds of choices you make have almost no impact on the people around you?

Many motivational books will tell you that, to better the world, you must first better yourself. But you really only need to change the way you see yourself and the world around you will change. What you do everyday matters and inspires others. By sharing your story, you can motivate and encourage those around you—and in doing so, change the world.

Everyone has a story, and in *The Extraordinary UnOrdinary You*, Simone Knego takes you inside her unique journey and the extraordinary moments which have shaped her life and defined her mission. Sharing the lessons she's learned from life's ups, downs, and laugh-out-loud moments, you'll be inspired to discover your own journey, and to go out into the world and be the good. The world is waiting for the Extraordinary UnOrdinary You, and you already have everything you need to get started, simply by being you.

If you already have a book, please bring it with you.



RSVP by Friday, April 19 to
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or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351
or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



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Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Community Observance

Sunday, May 5, 2024

27 Nisan 5784

10 a.m.

Temple Shomer Emunim

Teen students from the Toledo Jewish community will share stories from conversations with second generation children of survivors, Allen Markowicz and Ann Rosenberg.

Special music by the Jewish Community Choir.

Followed by candle lighting and prayers of remembrance for all the lives lost during the Shoah.

Join us as we come together as a Jewish community to pay tribute and remember.

Sponsored by:



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Jack & Kathryn Gallon Community Scholarship & Education Opportunity Fund

Pre-Passover Shopping Spree in Detroit

Thursday, April 4

8:45 a.m., meet at JCC/YMCA main entrance

9 a.m., bus departs; 3 p.m., bus returns

FREE – includes bus ride and lunch

Participants pay for their own groceries



Join us as we get ready for Passover with a fun day of shopping in the Detroit suburbs. We'll drive up together and start our adventure at Zeman's Bakery to purchase some treats to enjoy before the holiday; then we'll go to The Grove Kosher Market to gather up everything we need to go chametz-free for eight days, from pantry staples to specialty items. After we've shopped 'til we drop, we'll head to Ess In Company, Chef Cari's restaurant for lunch, then home with all our bounty.

Participants are responsible for bringing their own coolers and ice packs.

RSVP required by Friday, March 29 to

<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms>

or to Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Questions? Contact Mary Bilyeu at mary@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0405.

Jewish Community Relations Council

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SAVE THE DATE

Community Yom Hazikaron Commemoration

Thursday, May 9

Lourdes Lifelong Learning Passover Seder



A model Passover seder specifically for our non-Jewish neighbors and open to all. The program demonstrates how a traditional Passover seder is held and how it serves to remember the Israelites' exodus from slavery in Egypt.

**Sunday, April 7
4 – 6 p.m.
Franciscan Center,
Lourdes University,
6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania
Free**

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), in partnership with Lourdes University's Lifelong Learning Program, is hosting a model Passover seder specifically geared toward our non-Jewish neighbors and open to all. This event, which will take place two weeks before the start of Passover, is meant to show how a seder is traditionally held, debunking myths and stereotypes while helping to teach others about the important Jewish holiday that serves to remember the Israelites' exodus from slavery in Egypt. Participants will each have their own seder plate with ritual items, and the event will include light bites.

RSVP by Friday, April 5 to:
form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/lourdes-passover-seder
Questions? Contact Mary Bilyeu at 419-724-0405 or mary@jewishtoledo.org.



This program is supported in part by the Dr. Howard & Mrs. Ann Rosenberg Philanthropic Fund and the Sydney Mostov Memorial Fund of the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation

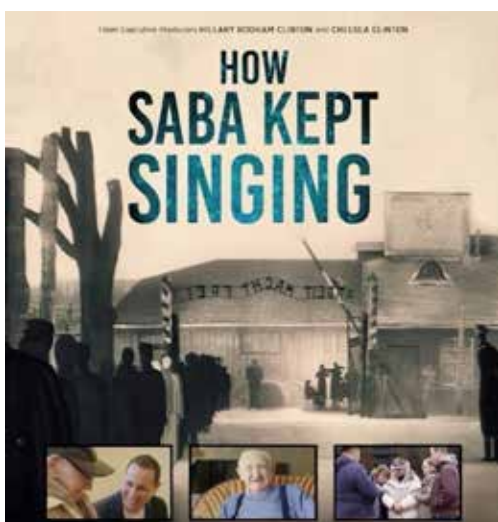
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Wednesday, April 10, 6:30-8:30 pm - FREE

Congregation Etz Chayim

Includes kosher desserts

RSVP link: <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events>



The award-winning documentary film, **How Saba Kept Singing**, shares the story of Cantor, Holocaust Survivor, and Military Veteran, David "Saba" Wisnia z"l, who spends his later years traveling with his grandson and musical accompanist, Avi Wisnia, sharing the story of how he survived the Holocaust through music which the duo perform together. For years, Cantor Wisnia's story centered around the belief that he survived Auschwitz mainly by using his beautiful singing voice to entertain his Nazi captors. These performances in the death camp gave him status as a "privileged prisoner." However, when David takes his family back to Poland for one last performance, Avi starts asking questions and they discover that someone else had a hand in Saba's survival. A powerful and uplifting story about music, faith, family and resilience, proving love can grow and take hold in even the darkest of places.

Avi Wisnia is an award-winning singer/songwriter, finding inspiration in 1950's west-coast jazz, acoustic American folk, Brazilian bossa nova, and contemporary piano pop. "My grandfather was a singer and a Holocaust survivor," Wisnia explains, "and while he wasn't one to really talk about his emotions, he always spoke through his music, using it to help tell his story. Performing with him helped me find my purpose again. He taught me that we can carry a lot of pain and grief with us and still see the joy and the beauty in life; that it's okay if we are unable to move on from loss, because we can always find ways to move forward with it."

Special Toledo connection: David Wisnia's son, and Avi Wisnia's father, Cantor Eric Wisnia z"l, was Assistant Rabbi at Temple Shomer Emunim from 1974 to 1977. While Avi is in Toledo, he will speak at local schools about his grandfather's story. Contact Daniel Pearlman with questions: daniel@jewishtoledo.org.



Local



THIS PASSOVER, ELIJAH'S WON'T BE THE ONLY EMPTY SEAT AT THE TABLE.

As we celebrate the seder, we remember those who should still be with us. Some of those seats belong to Magen David Adom medics, who gave their lives trying to save others. Your donation provides the equipment MDA needs so that next year only Elijah's seat may be empty.

Join the effort at afmda.org or call 866.632.2763.



Community: Matzah & Mitzvot on your own

Sunday, April 28
Shop on your own time
2 - 4 p.m. - Drop off donated items to
6505 Sylvania Ave.

After the Glass City Marathon and in lieu of Sunday School, do a mitzvah! What is a mitzvah? A good deed. Help us fill the shelves of the JSFSS Family Food Pantry. Once registered, you will receive a list of items and directions for shopping on your own.

After shopping on your own, join with other Jewish families to stock the JSFSS Family Food Pantry and enjoy some kosher for Passover snacks and Passover activities for the whole family!

This event is open community members of all ages and religious affiliations.

RSVP by Monday, April 22 to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/PJandFamily2024 or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.




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1717 ADAMS ST., TOLEDO
FREE

All are welcome!
(RSVP REQUIRED)



QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARY BILYEU AT 419-724-0405 OR MARY@JEWISHTOLEDO.ORG

Rainbow Equality Seder | Sunday, April 21 | 4 - 6 p.m. | Free Handmade Toledo, 1717 Adams St

Join Equality Toledo and Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) for an event celebrating our collective liberation. The Passover seder retells the story of the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. This Rainbow Equality Seder will follow the customs and order of a traditional Passover seder and will focus on chronicling our collective liberation as LGBTQ+ people, as Jews, as LGBTQ+ Jews, and others. We come together to commemorate our emancipation from oppression, to celebrate the freedoms that have been achieved, and to explore freedoms not yet gained, remembering that none of us are free until all of us are free.

This event is free and open to all, regardless of faith, sexual orientation, and gender identity.



RSVP by Monday, April 15 to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/equality-seder-2024
Questions? Contact Mary Bilyeu at 419-724-0405 or mary@jewishtoledo.org

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We understand that each person's financial situation is different, and cost can be a barrier for participation in various activities. We don't want program fees to be an obstacle for you or your family to attend our events or participate in our programs. Assistance is available and confidential. For more information, please contact Ben at 419-724-0408 or ben@jewishtoledo.org.

Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo's Cancellation Policy

The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) cancellation policy is established to ensure a fair and transparent process for participants who need to cancel their registration for JFGT events. Our primary goal is to accommodate all participants while managing the logistical aspects of each event efficiently. This policy will generally apply to JFGT events unless otherwise stated in connection with the registration for the event.

Policy:

Participants who wish to cancel their registration for any events must do so by 48 hours prior to the event. Cancellations made after this date may result in forfeiture of the registration fee.

To cancel your registration for any event, please send an email to sherry@jewishtoledo.org with the subject line "Cancellation: [Your Name]". Include your full name, registration information, and a brief reason for the cancellation in the email.

Make sure to send the cancellation request before

the 48-hour deadline. Cancellations made on or before the 48-hour deadline are eligible for a full refund of the registration fee.

Cancellations made after the 48-hour deadline may not be eligible for a refund. However, Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo may consider exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

If you are unable to attend any Federation sponsored event after the cancellation deadline has passed, you may nominate a substitute participant at no additional cost. Please notify Sherry Majewski (sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351) of the substitution at least 24 hours before the event.

Participants who do not attend events without providing prior notice will not be eligible for any refunds or substitutions.

If any event is canceled by the Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo due to circumstances beyond our control, such as a natural disaster, pandemic, or other unforeseen events, we will make every effort to reschedule. If rescheduling is not possible, participants will receive a full refund of the registration fee. The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo is not responsible for any additional costs incurred by participants, such as travel or accommodation expenses.

The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo reserves the right to amend this cancellation policy at any time. Participants will be notified of any changes via email or through our official website.

By registering for any events sponsored by the Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo, participants acknowledge that they have read and understood this cancellation policy and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

Text CAMPAIGN to 44321
Text CAMPAIGN to 44321 to make a donation to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Annual Campaign

JFGT Spring/ Summer 2024 Holiday Office Closures:

Date	Day of Week	Holiday	Office Hours
April 22, 2024	Monday	Erev Passover, 1 st Seder	Close at 1:00 pm
April 23, 2024	Tuesday	Passover	Closed
April 24, 2024	Wednesday	Passover	Closed
April 29, 2024	Monday	Concluding Days of Passover	Closed
April 30, 2024	Tuesday	Concluding Days of Passover	Closed
May 27, 2024	Monday	Memorial Day	Closed
June 11, 2024	Tuesday	Erev SHAVUOT	Close at 1:00 pm
June 12, 2024	Wednesday	SHAVUOT	Closed
June 13, 2024	Thursday	SHAVUOT	Closed
July 4, 2024	Thursday	Independence Day	Closed
September 2, 2024	Monday	Labor Day	Closed
October 2, 2024	Wednesday	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Close at 1:00 pm

- Time Change
- Office closes at 4:30 pm Fridays starting March 15, 2024.
 - Office closes at 3:30 pm Fridays starting November 9, 2024.

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Think of a DAF as your charitable checking account:

- Use it as your online Tzedakah box
- Support other charities through a Jewish lens with help from our Foundation

WHY OPEN A DAF?

There are many benefits to opening a DAF, such as:

- Allocating assets for charity on your timeline
- Growing your charitable impact, tax-free
- Consolidating your record keeping
- Receiving potential tax deductions
- Avoiding capital gains

WHY JEWISH FEDERATION AND FOUNDATION OF GREATER TOLEDO?

JFGT manages DAFs for many families. Opening a DAF with JFGT is special because we offer:

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- A convenient \$100 minimum
- Low management fees
- An easy way to monitor and manage your DAF online through our Donor Portal
- Trusted relationships with our team
- The opportunity to support your favorite 501(c)(3) charities, both secular and non-secular

Since its inception, the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo has helped individuals and families create legacies that represent the values by which they have governed their lives. Let's talk. Contact Stephen Rothschild, CEO, 419-724-0372 or Stephen@jewishtoledo.org.

Disclaimer: Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo does not provide tax advice. Please consult with your professional advisor before taking any action.



Community Dinner with Chef Uri

Thursday, May 16

6:30 p.m.

At Congregation Etz Chayim, 3853 Woodley Rd.

FREE dinner, RSVP required



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Renowned Israeli chef Uri Arnon - owner of Arnolds, a restaurant in Moshav Netiv HaShayara, and Roots restaurants - will be visiting Toledo and preparing a delicious Kosher dinner. Roots, in Acre, is a partnership between Jewish, Christian, and Muslim individuals who opened a Kosher Middle Eastern restaurant with a modern twist. A real coexistence on the plate.

Chef Uri was born and raised in Tel Aviv to a father who converted to Judaism and immigrated from Switzerland and a mother who immigrated from Egypt. Chef Uri has always been involved in multicultural culinary initiatives and is a founder of The Tourism Association in the Western Galilee; he recently opened a consulting, branding, and marketing company, Umami, to help culinary, tourism, and lifestyle businesses mainly in the Western Galilee and Northern Israel.

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Toledo Jewish Community Foundation Tributes and Memorials

received between December 20, 2023 - March 19, 2024

Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (TJCF) gratefully acknowledges the following Tributes and Memorials to TJCF funds. Tributes and Memorials can be made by contacting Barb at 419-724-0357, barb@jewishtoledo.org, or Anna at 419-724-0386, anna@jewishtoledo.org.

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In Memory of Alix Greenblatt
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In Honor of Special Anniversary Gordon & Marla Levine

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Beren

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Mrs. Barbara Hager

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Mitra Family

JFS General Contribution

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Dr. and Mrs. David Perlmutter

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Mr. Eric Kripke

In Memory of Donald Solomon

Ms. Kathi Lyke
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Rothschild

In Memory of David Shall
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Rothschild
Mrs. Diana Shall

Ross Treuhaft Special Needs Spirituality Fund

In Memory of Larry Kripke
In Memory of Donald Solomon
In Memory of Paula & Brook McCaffrey
In Honor of Gordon Levine Special Birthday
In Memory of Sondra Gallis
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Treuhaft

In Memory of Leeta Nistel

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Mr. Michael Mostov and Mrs. Diane Alvin

In Memory of Phil Gaines

Mr. Michael Mostov

UT Hillel House Foundation Fund

In Honor of Luann Garber's Special Birthday
Anonymous



Yoga for Israel

Wednesday, May 8

7 - 8 p.m.

B'nai Israel, 6525 Sylvania Ave.

FREE event, donations requested

Let's turn our sadness into action. Join us for an hour of yoga, meditation, and healing while raising money for the Jewish Federations of Greater Toledo's Israel's Relief Fund.

Since October 7, our community has been heartbroken by the violence and tragic events in Israel. This all-levels flow class led by Lori Gold Ellinger, Yoga instructor at Toledo Yoga, is an opportunity to come together for a moment of shared strength and to take an hour to breathe. There will be plenty of options to modify or challenge yourself depending on your level of practice.

Bring your own mat (BYOM!) The full proceeds of this class will go to support victims of terror, medical support, trauma recovery, crisis management, direct lifesaving relief efforts, and accurate media reporting via our trusted partners.

This event is open for all women and held in partnership with Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, Temple Shomer Emunim, and Chabad House of Greater Toledo.

RSVP by Tuesday, May 7 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms> or Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.

News

All the Jewish MLB players to watch in 2024

By Jacob Gurvis

(JTA) — The 2023 MLB season represented a watershed moment for Jewish players and fans, as a record 18 Jewish players appeared in at least one big league game.

That record, topping the previous high of 17 in 2022, is likely to be broken yet again this year.

The new season began in earnest March 28, following a two-game series in Seoul between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the San Diego Padres.

There are plenty of Jewish storylines to keep an eye on: The two best Jewish players in the game — Atlanta Braves pitcher Max Fried and Houston Astros third baseman Alex Bregman — are both entering the final year of their contracts. Zack Gelof, the 2023 rookie phenom, looks to continue his ascension in his first full season, while MLB veterans Joc Pederson, Kevin Pillar, Richard Bleier and Rowdy Tellez all suit up for new teams.

Jewish guide to the 2024 MLB season.

The big leaguers

Max Fried, Atlanta Braves, starting pitcher: When Fried, 30, stays healthy, he's one of the best pitchers in baseball. The 2022 National League Cy Young runner-up has a career ERA of 3.03 and has racked up his 62 wins at a historic pace, with a career winning percentage above .700. But Fried, who won three consecutive Gold Glove awards for his defense from 2020-2022, started only 14 games last season while battling a number of injuries. Now, in the final year of his contract, the stakes are high for Fried — a Los Angeles native who grew up idolizing fellow Jewish lefty ace Sandy Koufax.

Alex Bregman, Houston Astros, third baseman: Pegged as a potential future Hall of Famer by some Jewish baseball experts, Bregman, 29, has solidified himself as one of the premier third basemen in baseball, averaging 28 home runs and 99 RBI over his eight-year career. The two-time All-Star and two-time World Series champion has become one of the best postseason hitters of all time (his 19 home runs are tied for fifth all-time), and like Fried, he is entering the final year of his contract. Bregman has been an active member of the Houston Jewish community and has shown support for Israel since Oct. 7, drawing a Star of David on his hat.

Joc Pederson, Arizona Diamondbacks, outfielder: After two seasons in San Francisco, the 31-year-old two-time All-Star and two-time World Series champ joins the Arizona Diamondbacks, the defending National League champions and the fifth team of Pederson's career. Pederson, who played a key role for Team Israel in the 2023 World Baseball Classic — both as a player and a recruiter — hit 15 home runs in 121 games last season. He's no longer the elite slugger he was when he crushed 36 homers in 2019, but Pederson remains a solid big-league hitter and veteran clubhouse presence.



Clockwise from top left: Zack Gelof, Alex Bregman, Joc Pederson, Rowdy Tellez, Max Fried, Garrett Stubbs and Dean Kremer. (Getty Images; Design by Mollie Suss)

Dean Kremer, Baltimore Orioles, starting pitcher: Kremer made 32 starts for the Orioles in 2023, the heaviest workload of his career, posting a 13-5 record with a 4.12 ERA. A California native with Israeli parents, Kremer told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency during last year's WBC that Israel is "like another home." Kremer, who won Israel's lone game in the tournament, against Nicaragua, was the first Israeli ever drafted into the MLB. Kremer also became the first Israeli to start a postseason game last year — just days after Oct. 7 — but the outing did not go well: The righty surrendered six runs in less than two innings as the Texas Rangers swept the Orioles on the way to winning it all.

Zack Gelof, Oakland Athletics, second baseman: Since making his MLB debut last July — which made him the 17th Jewish player of the 2023 season — Gelof, 24, has already cemented himself as one of the league's best second basemen. In just 69 games last season, the rookie hit .267 with 14 homers, 72 hits and 14 stolen bases — earning the Team Israel player a spot in MLB Network's list of the 10 best second basemen entering 2024.

Harrison Bader, New York Mets, outfielder: After parts of two seasons with the New York Yankees — and a brief stint in Cincinnati — the New York native joined the Mets ahead of 2024. Bader, 29, has battled injuries the past couple seasons, which kept him from playing for Team Israel. The 2021 Gold Glove winner spent the first five-and-a-half seasons of his career with the St. Louis Cardinals. Bader's father, who is Jewish, told the Forward last year that his son is considering formally converting to Judaism.

Rowdy Tellez, Pittsburgh Pirates, first baseman: The 29-year-old slugger is joining the Pirates after two-and-a-half seasons with the Milwaukee Brewers. Tellez, who has Jewish as well as Mexican heritage, had considered playing for Israel in the WBC last year but chose to play for Mexico. Tellez will look to regain the thump he had in 2022, when he hit 35 home runs.

Garrett Stubbs, Philadelphia Phillies, catcher: As the Phillies' backup catcher, Stubbs, 30, does not play much — he appeared in 46 games in 2022 and 41 last year. But Stubbs still makes his presence known: he has gained a reputation

as a beloved clubhouse presence and the life of the party, especially during Philadelphia's postseason celebrations. Stubbs also played for Team Israel in the 2023 WBC, and has already committed to playing for the team again in 2026.

Jake Bird, Colorado Rockies, relief pitcher: Bird, 28, was among the most reliable relievers in the majors last year, appearing in 70 games for the Rockies, tied for seventh-most in the MLB. Bird, who had planned to pitch for Team Israel in 2023 but dropped out due to injury, posted a 4.33 ERA with 77 strikeouts.

Richard Bleier, Washington Nationals, relief pitcher: Bleier, 36, who also played for Team Israel last year, will pitch for his fifth team in his ninth MLB season, joining the Nationals after spending most of last season with the Boston Red Sox. Bleier, who didn't break into the big leagues until he was 29, has a 3.27 career ERA and has enjoyed stretches of dominance: from 2016 through 2018, his ERA stayed under 2.00.

Kevin Pillar, Chicago White Sox, outfielder: The 35-year-old is one of the more experienced players on this list: Pillar has played 1,114 MLB games across 11 seasons with seven different teams. Pillar played in 81 games for the Braves last year, and signed a minor league deal with the White Sox in February. He is expected to make the team's Opening Day roster as a bench/platoon player. Pillar has embraced his role as a Jewish ballplayer, including by speaking to up-and-coming Jewish athletes.

Zack Weiss, Minnesota Twins, relief pitcher: After playing for Team Israel last year, Weiss, 31, appeared in only 12 games in 2023, six each with the Los Angeles Angels and the Red Sox. Weiss joined the Twins ahead of this season but is expected to begin the year on the injured list.

Scott Effross, New York Yankees, relief pitcher: Effross's career had gotten off to a stellar start: in his first full season in 2022, Effross, 30, posted a 2.54 ERA with the Chicago Cubs and Yankees. Then, the injury bug bit. Effross, who wears a Star of David necklace on the mound and had planned to play for Team Israel, missed the entire 2023 season after undergoing Tommy John surgery. Effross will now be out until the summer after a back surgery

derailed his rehab.

The minor leaguers who could see MLB action

There are a number of Jewish players who are set to begin the 2024 season in the minor leagues. Some have played in the MLB before, while others are still eagerly awaiting their first taste of the majors.

Matt Mervis, Chicago Cubs, first baseman: Mervis made his much-anticipated debut last year, but lasted only 27 games before being sent back down the minors. The Team Israel player has prodigious power — Mervis crushed 36 homers in the minors in 2022 and 22 last year. But with the Cubs re-signing star first baseman and outfielder Cody Bellinger, Mervis' path may be even trickier in 2024.

Spencer Horwitz, Toronto Blue Jays, first baseman: Mervis' Team Israel teammate also debuted in 2023 but appeared in only 15 games. Horwitz can hit — in 107 Triple-A games last season, he posted a .337 batting average with 132 hits and 30 doubles.

Jared Shuster, Chicago White Sox, starting pitcher: Shuster entered 2023 as a highly-touted prospect — and even made the Opening Day roster — but he struggled in his first 11 MLB starts with the Braves and was traded to the White Sox during the offseason. He begins 2024 in Triple A.

Kenny Rosenberg, Los Angeles Angels, pitcher: Rosenberg has appeared in 10 games for the Angels over the past two seasons, making four starts. He will start the season in Triple A.

Dalton Guthrie, Boston Red Sox, utility: Guthrie has appeared in 37 MLB games with the Phillies, but spent most of 2023 in the minors. He joined the Red Sox for Spring Training but will start the year in Triple A.

Evan Kravetz, Cincinnati Reds, relief pitcher: The Team Israel pitcher has yet to make his MLB debut, but 2024 could be his year. Kravetz struck out 67 batters in 36 games across Double A and Triple A last season.

Colton Gordon, Houston Astros, starting pitcher: Team Israel pitcher Colton Gordon made 24 starts across Double A and Triple A in 2023, posting a 4.14 ERA with 151 strikeouts in 128.1 innings. The 25-year-old begins 2024 in the minors, but his future seems bright.

Chase Strumpf, Chicago Cubs, infielder: Strumpf was considered a top prospect ahead of the 2019 MLB Draft, when the Cubs selected him 64th overall. In 2023, the 26-year-old hit 21 home runs with 66 RBI in 104 games. He begins the year in Triple A alongside Mervis.

C.J. Stubbs, Houston Astros, catcher: Garrett's younger brother C.J. is a catching prospect in the Astros organization. Stubbs spent most of 2023 in Double A, where he struggled at the plate — posting a .196 batting average with 132 strikeouts in 95 games. Stubbs played for Team Israel last year, replacing Garrett after an injury. (They

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News

Email from Israel

January, 2024

The following is an email from the daughter of a woman who was raised in Toledo and now lives in Israel. The writer is a family physician and her children are Ben, Nicole, and Juliet.

To set the scene I want to describe what's been going on here with a few personal examples.

I am seeing patients at my family medicine practice who have been evacuated from the south of the country who lost 20 or so friends on October 7th in the kibbutzim and moshavim. They are living in hotels and have no idea if it will ever be safe enough to return and rebuild their homes. I am also seeing young people who survived Nova (the music festival) and have severe PTSD having witnessed things no one should ever have to experience. And one of my patients was killed age 24 in the army a month ago.

Ben's friend, Naama, is 19 years old and was raped and taken into Gaza (I'm sure you've seen the video) and is still a hostage 103 days later. She was doing the same job in the army that Juliet did, watching the screens and cameras on the border when her base was invaded by terrorists who raped and murdered most of the girls. Her mother is a family doctor in Ra'anana who helped me when I was working in Ra'anana. They have no idea if she is alive or dead or pregnant or sick.

Ami (Nicole's boyfriend) lost ten friends in his army unit on October 7th and went straight back into the army having just finished his six-year service in an elite unit. Nicole's friend Shirel was shot and left for dead at the Nova festival and is still in hospital recovering from a shattered leg. Her other friend survived hiding in a vegetable patch. Oz is in the army reserve duty in Gaza in a tank unit helping to escort the wounded and protect the soldiers and was initially serving up North, sleeping at night in an open field on the border.

Ben is working extremely hard day and night in the army also. And as Mum mentioned our friends' son is in ICU with head and spinal injuries following a car ramming attack in our hometown Ra'anana on his way back from school. His mother is a family doctor also. Ben is best friends with their daughter.

And as I'm writing this, Ben, who is in Jerusalem this evening for a weekend off the army, has sent me a photo of a crime scene he has just walked past at the bus station where a terrorist who stabbed and killed a tourist in Tel Aviv today just arrived in Jerusalem and was killed after pulling out a knife.

Juliet has had to run in the middle of the night down to the one shelter in the basement of her apartment building during rocket attacks and help the young mothers there with their babies. They have 90 seconds to wake them up and get them to the shelter.

I was given a trauma backpack at work this week to have with me in my car containing military grade tourniquets, head flashlight, cannulas for chest drains, pressure bandages, flare sticks "just in case".

I could go on because the list is endless and the stories are endless.

This country is in great pain and it will take a long time to heal. Friends have been to funerals of their kids' close friends.

Wishing for happier peaceful time.

Please let your friends and colleagues know what it really is like here at the moment.

Sending love and hope we can be reunited in happier times.

Happy Tears

By Lauren Sachs

Lauren holds a bachelor's degree in English and Psychology, and a Master's Degree in Social Work, from the University of Michigan. After completing advanced clinical training at Yale University, Lauren worked as a therapist and consultant in a variety of settings. During her time in Jewish Toledo, Lauren has received the Harry Levison Young Leadership Award and the Shining Light Award, and is currently a board member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. Lauren is also the author of a forthcoming book about her late husband, his joyful approach to life and work as an oncologist, and how examining his life helped her better cope with her grief. To learn more about Lauren's journey and her work on living well after loss, visit www.literally-lauren.com.



Because the beginning of April celebrates the art of practical jokes and pranks, I cannot help but think of my late husband around this time of year. Brad was endlessly entertaining himself and others with funny stories and just plain silly behavior. While he was constantly trying to make our daughters laugh, one of my favorite stories about his humor was one that I heard indirectly from his sister. This story also perfectly illustrates how my late husband found humor in the most unusual places. While Brad and his two siblings stood by in the hospital waiting area during their mother's orthopedic procedure, Brad felt compelled to joke around and behave in such an absurd manner that it caught the attention of one of the hospital's nurses. Apparently she was so confused by his unusual behavior that she asked this highly educated, specialist physician if he had ever actually been in a hospital before. Though Brad's chosen profession as a Hematologist/Oncologist was one that focused on serious matters of life and death, he managed to find humor in most situations and subsequently helped ease the heavy burden his patients carried.

When Brad died suddenly in August 2020, I can honestly say that finding levity in life was not an easy task. Still, even in the earliest months following his death, I could not help but smile to myself when considering how he might have seen the absurdity of certain events, such as medical recruiters calling our home to make him posthumous job offers. Even before I could fully embrace the idea of finding humor in the midst of my pain, I found myself trying to help my daughters through the use of comedy and laughter. I knew that Brad would have tried to help us cope by incorporating humor so I soon found myself doing the same. In the hopes of making my girls smile, I would remind them of ludicrous things their father said or imitate the farcical dance moves he regularly did to imitate our daughters. Eventually, my girls started to follow suit, cracking jokes and sharing their favorite amusing Dad memories. While tears are still shed in my home when we find ourselves missing him, I imagine many people would be surprised to learn how much my daughters and I laugh during our reminiscences.

Knowing how much my family has embraced humor on our path to healing, I highly recommend finding a way to lighten the burden of loss with laughter whenever possible. Recollecting happy memories of your loved one, sharing the inside jokes that connected you to your person, or simply looking through old photos of times spent together may help. No matter the avenue, giving yourself permission to laugh after loss can be a critical part of coping with grief. Sometimes I have found that embracing dark humor has been particularly helpful: like joking with my daughters about how crazy it is that their dad still seems to get more mail than the rest of us. Perhaps the best part of the joke is knowing that Brad would have approved, and been laughing right along with us. In this way, we honor his memory and continue to feel his presence through both our laughter and our tears.

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News

JFGT meets with political candidates including Ohio House, Ohio Senate, and Lucas County candidates



Dave Blyth (D), candidate for Ohio House District 44



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Modi, a comedian popular with Orthodox crowds, has a new special. He wants non-Jews to watch, too.

By Jackie Hajdenberg

(JTA) — In his new comedy special full of jokes about an Orthodox Jewish ambulance corps, DNA test results and an elevator that is configured to accord with traditional Jewish Shabbat observance, comedian Modi Rosenfeld says he hopes plenty of non-Jews will tune in.

“I think one of the best ways to end antisemitism is not educating people on what’s happening. It’s more just — laugh with us,” he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Much of the crowd at the hour-long special, filmed at New York’s Gramercy Theatre last April, appears to be Jewish. But throughout the special Modi, as he’s known professionally, continuously picks on one non-Jew in the audience — and presents himself as a guide to explain the Jewish unknown.

“For people who are Jewish, it’s just a moment to be like, ‘Yes, yes, thank God, someone’s got it. Yes, this is what we go through and we’re laughing at it,’” Rosenfeld said of



the special. “For people who aren’t Jewish, it’s literally a portal into the Jewish world through laughter and pride.”

Rosenfeld’s husband, Leo Veiga, directed the special, which is now available on 800 Pound Gorilla, a comedy distribution and production platform that has carried specials for names like David Cross, Claudia Oshry, Sasheer Zamata and Tim Heidecker.

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Local




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TECH TIPS

Balance can be a hard state of being to find, let alone maintain, during life. When technology is involved, balance and its cousin, moderation, can become even more fleeting.

For many of us, being present while traveling, when attending an event, or during a simple stroll down the sidewalk can be difficult enough... but say you're inspired or required to take photos? Or record a video? Sometimes doing so may preserve a cherished memory but, unfortunately, may also lead to missed opportunities to simply live in the moment.




Upcoming Tech Programs
 All programs are held on Wednesdays
 11 a.m.-noon at the Sekach Bldg
 6505 Sylvania Avenue:


All Tech Programs are FREE:

1. **April 10: Device Advice – Exploring cloud storage**
2. **April 17: Device Advice – Exploring eBooks**

RSVP with Sherry Majewski at: 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org







If you find you struggle with this conundrum, you're in good company! Much has been written about this juggling act; please see a few basic and quick tips below to help you find balance through technology moderation.

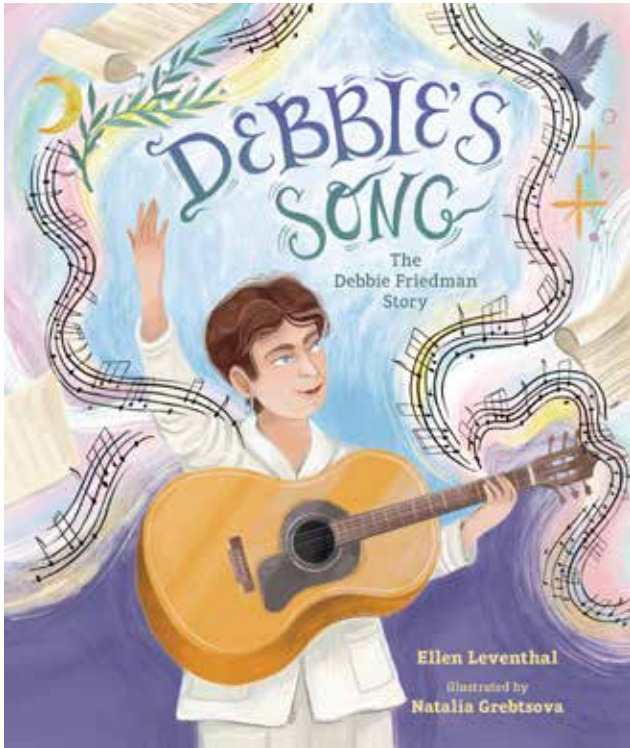
1. Enjoy the moment first, then take the photo/video. Or vice versa. Separation is key.
2. Before the event, set a time limit for how long you'll take photos/record.
3. Limit your gear.
4. Review and edit your captures afterwards.

Until next month - Tim

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Local



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by Ellen Leventhal

Sunday, April 14 at 11 a.m.

Community Concert - 11 a.m. | Lunch - 11:30 a.m.

Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave.

\$10 per household – includes concert and lunch

\$18 per household – includes book, concert, and lunch

– Community Concert –

– Book Reading & Signing –

– Lunch –



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Writer of *Debbie's Song: The Debbie Friedman Story*, Ellen Leventhal is an author and educator in Houston, TX. Aside from picture books, Ellen's work has appeared in poetry and short story anthologies as well as local newspapers. Ellen's best days are when she can share her love of literacy, kindness, and inclusion with young readers.

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Any questions? Contact Marnie Younker at marnie@jewishtoledo.org

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

NJG Pre Passover Beer Brewing Event at Patron Saints

Sunday, April 14

Time TBA

Patron Saints, 4730 W Bancroft St. #8

\$10 per person, includes beer making, tasting, and snacks

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PJ Library



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Sunday, May 5

15-minute session time slots begin at 1 p.m.

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\$54 per family, includes 15-minute session, three digital images, and snacks

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Sign up for a timeslot to have your family's photos taken. Each family will receive three digital prints with their registration and will have the option of purchasing additional photos.

RSVP and select your time slot by Friday, April 26 at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/PJandFamily2024> or by contacting Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.




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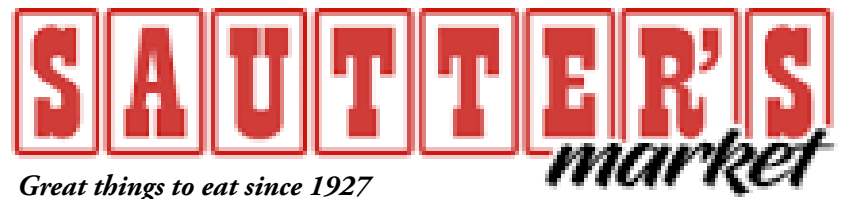
Mimouna is an ancient Moroccan Jewish celebration of the end of Passover, complete with traditional and symbolic foods and a lovely multifaith component. Learn about this beautiful way to end the holiday with Mary Bilyeu, Community Relations Programming Specialist, and community member Ido Rottem, who will share experiences from his Israeli-Moroccan background. Project Manager and Tech Coordinator Tim Hagen will then offer a brief visual tour of Morocco.

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RSVP required by Monday, June 10

to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors>

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or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

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Active Life for 60 and Better

Flower Arrangements for Passover

with Beautiful Blooms by Jen



Thursday, April 18 at 12 p.m.

Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.

\$10 per person - includes lunch and floral arrangement to take home

Join us for an afternoon of floral fun, lunch, and kibbitzing with friends! Jen, from Beautiful Blooms by Jen, will guide you through creating your own beautiful flower arrangement for your Passover table.



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Create & Relate – Session Three

Senior Scam Guard Prevention!

Thursday, May 9

12 – 2:30 p.m.

Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.

FREE

Pam Rybka from the Better Business Bureau will introduce the organization's newest presentation, "Senior Scam Guard," teaching older adults how to be preventative and aware of scams.

NAMI Creative Expressions will be on hand to help attendees "Grow with the Flow." Experience how tearing things apart can transform into a unified artistic creation.

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Thursday, May 30
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Sekach Building,
6505 Sylvania Ave.
\$10 per person
limited space available

Join Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo staff members Sherry Majewski, Hannah Loeser, and Mary Bilyeu and celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. AAPI Heritage Month has very special significance for these three ladies - Hannah's mom immigrated from China, Sherry adopted all eight of her daughters from China, and Mary's daughter-in-law was born and raised in the Philippines.

This fun and festive program will include a brief history of Jewish experiences in Asia, information about loved ones and their Asian heritages, and – of course! – a delicious Pan-Asian lunch and treats. Hannah's mom, Demi, will also teach us how to make vegetarian dumplings to cook at home.



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Golden Grooves & Grub with Lauren

Thursday, June 6
12 – 1:30 p.m.
Sekach Building
6505 Sylvania Ave.

\$5 per person - includes vegetarian lunch



Enjoy the song stylings of talented community member, Lauren Sachs, as she takes us on a journey of some Broadway tunes.



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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
Sekach Building
6505 Sylvania Ave.
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News

Next Jewish Generation Masks & Flasks

For Next Jewish Generation, last month's "Masks & Flasks" program was the perfect way to celebrate an early Purim. Thanks to Greer from The Green Crow Plants for helping us create our unique terrariums.



Adam Grant solo exhibit celebrates 100th anniversary of Toledo artist's work

Jewish Toledo seniors ventured downtown for lunch and a viewing of the Adam Grant Centennial solo exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the world-class, Toledo artist's work from the Grant family private collection at 20 North Gallery.

Born in Waraw, Poland in 1924, Adam (Grochowski) Grant (z"l) was a survivor of the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Mauthausen, where he used his art to defy his captors - and live. After the liberation, Adam emigrated to the United States in 1950, securing a job with the Palmer Paint Company in Detroit, Michigan, that had begun to produce the now-legendary Paint By Number kits (invented by Toledoan Dan Robbins). There, Adam met fellow designer and future wife, Margaret "Peggy" Brennan. The couple married shortly before the business was sold to the Toledo-owned Craft Master company. Americanizing his name, the new Mr. and Mrs. Grant moved to Toledo, Ohio, where Peggy managed his fine art career and Adam painted until his death in 1992. Read more here: <https://20northgallery.com/adam-grant/>



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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

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.

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Cemeteries are closed every Saturday for Shabbat

Jewish Holiday Closing Schedule for 2024

Monday, April 22, 2024	Erev Passover	Close at 4 pm
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	Passover I	Closed
Wednesday, April 24, 2024	Passover II	Closed
Monday, April 29, 2024	Passover VII	Closed
Tuesday, April 30, 2024	Passover VIII	Closed
Tuesday, June 11, 2024	Erev Shavuot	Close at 4 pm
Wednesday, June 12, 2024	Shavuot I	Closed
Thursday, June 13, 2024	Shavuot II	Closed
Wednesday, October 2, 2024	Erev Rosh Hashana	Close at 4 pm
Thursday, October 3, 2024	Rosh Hashana I	Closed
Friday, October 4, 2024	Rosh Hashana II	Closed
Friday, October 11, 2024	Erev Yom Kippur	Close at 4 pm
Saturday, October 12, 2024	Yom Kippur	Closed
Wednesday, October 16, 2024	Erev Sukkot	Close at 4 pm
Wednesday, October 17, 2024	Sukkot I	Closed
Thursday, October 18, 2024	Sukkot II	Closed
Wednesday, October 23, 2024	Erev Shmini Atzeret	Close at 4 pm
Thursday, October 24, 2024	Shmini Atzeret	Closed
Friday, October 25, 2024	Simchat Torah	Closed

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Fridays 6:30 am – 4:00 pm
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Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association
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Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo

JFGT Seeks Nominations for Annual Awards

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo is seeking nominations for community recognition awards to be presented at our annual meeting. Any member of the community is able to nominate an individual for the Harry Levison Young Leadership Award, the Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award, the Nancy Newbury Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award, the Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence, or the Shining Light Award.

National Young Leadership/ Harry Levison Young Leadership Award

Created in 1962 to recognize young adults of outstanding promise and leadership ability who exhibit an active interest in Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Jewish Federation Fund Campaign, this award rewards exceptional service from young adults. The award is open to those between the ages of 25 and 45 who reside in the greater Toledo area.

The recipient(s) is honored at Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Annual Meeting and receives a cash award to be used for participation, either at the General Assembly of Jewish Federations of North America or National Young Leadership Conference. The award can also be applied to participation on an Israel mission, particularly the National Young Leadership Mission.

Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award

Established in 1998 to recognize Robert Wick, a great friend and supporter to the Jewish community, the award is restricted to businesses, corporations and companies that provide exemplary support to the Jewish community.

Nancy Newbury Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award

Each year, in its role as the social services and safety net for Toledo's Jewish community, Jewish Family Service recognizes a volunteer who embodies the spirit and compassion of the JFS mission.

Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence

Established to recognize an outstanding Jewish communal employee or volunteer for their leadership in promoting Jewish values and improving Jewish life, the award acknowledges valuable contributions of the recipient and the deep appreciation of the Board of Directors and staff of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

Shining Light Award

Created in 2019 to recognize outstanding community volunteers who find meaning and reward in giving of their time and energy for the greater good of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. Nominees for this award are volunteers who go above and beyond the norm of volunteerism. They are tireless in their dedication to the mission of the organization, sit on numerous committees, enrich our community and strive to make Jewish Toledo a vibrant place to call home. Nominees for this award should be 18 -180 years old and meet the criteria description.

Please use the form below pertaining to the award(s) for which you wish to submit a nomination(s) or request a form from Anna at anna@jewishtoledo.org.



Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo *Nomination for Community Award*

Award Nomination (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Young Leadership/Harry Levison Young Leadership Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Shining Light Award - Jewish Programs Volunteer |
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Please fill out all applicable areas on a separate sheet of paper:

1. Leadership activity in Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and/or affiliated agencies (current/past)
2. Leadership in the Annual Campaign (current/past)
3. Leadership activity in affiliated agencies and/or synagogues (current/past)
4. Other leadership activities
5. Why are you nominating this person/corporation?

Nominations should be sent by May 1, 2024 to: Stephen Rothschild, CEO, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, 6465 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, Ohio 43560

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Local

Toledo Jewish history project celebrates seven years

By Lynn B. Jacobs

Can it really be seven (our lucky Jewish number, “*shin*”) years since we welcomed a hardcover copy of *A History of the Toledo Jewish Community, 1895-2006* by inviting its author, David Noel (z”l), to Toledo for an inspiring talk and book launch? Mr. Noel’s legacy survives.

And thanks to you, our enthusiastic and generous contributors of over 300 documents and photographs showcasing nearly every ethnic group of our growing, vibrant Toledo Jewish community who have settled in our community almost since its beginning, the Toledo Library system has permanently preserved precious and irreplaceable memories.

These memories continue to be transferred, at no expense to our Federation, through the generous agreement made with its former director, Clyde Scoles (z”l), in 2016. You can access them both online and in person through the Local History and Genealogy Department of the Main Library at <https://ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll33>.

When you have time, enjoy perusing through this digital collection of our Toledo Jewish history, and you may be surprisingly delighted to discover familiar, and now unknown, families dating back to our founders, who they were, and how selflessly they formed groups to help to assimilate fellow immigrants, none of whose native tongue was English. For example, the collection includes photo essays relating to the Jewish Education League (“JEL”) and the many social work functions it served prior to morphing into the dominant athletic programs of the JCC.

Without the help of more than 100 volunteers and contributors spanning multiple generations and all three current congregational denominations - Congregation Etz Chaim, Congregation B’nai Israel, and Temple Shomer Emunim - our expansive, precious history of our own ancestors’ Jewish life from their earliest arrival as

immigrants, up to the present day (and hopefully well into the future), would not exist.

Furthering our project beneficially, but certainly according to a desired plan, was the arrival in 2020 of the devastating Coronavirus. Many innovative community members needing to feel productive during this isolating time of “sheltering in place” started spring (Passover) cleaning early. They literally emptied attics and basements of long-ignored dusty boxes of inherited family memorabilia, too valuable to donate to a landfill but with nowhere else to go.

Because of a 2016 agreement with the Toledo Library System, our Jewish History Project, under the auspices of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT), has been collecting historical Jewish memorabilia from every possible corner of our Toledo area community. The fireproof safes in the archives of the Main Library were ready and waiting to preserve our records. Even better, the library offered to cover the entire cost of preservation. Concurrently, the digital department and its director physically digitized every archived contribution.

In fact, we recently learned that our 300 accepted submissions (and counting) far exceed similar submissions by any other religious or ethnic group also being permanently preserved by the Toledo Library System.

Anyone with access to a computer can now globally access mid-western Jewish life in Toledo, Ohio and environs, from the arrival of its first Jewish settlers following the Civil War until well into the 21st century and into the future.

This project is ongoing, and we continue to solicit your memorabilia, so please contact me at 419-351-5719 (phone/text) or lbjacobs82@gmail.com. Our Jewish immortality requires *L’dor V’ador* (the transferring of knowledge and traditions from generation to generation).

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also shared a brotherly moment during Spring Training this month).

The long-shots, and an update on a trailblazing prospect

A few final names to keep an eye on: Ryan Sherriff, the onetime Team Israel pitcher who announced his retirement in September but has said he’d be open to pitching in 2024; Team Israel pitchers Jake Fishman, Bubby Rossman and Robert Stock, each of whom has MLB experience and played in independent or foreign leagues in 2023; and Rob Kaminsky, who also pitched for Israel in 2023 before spending the season in the Se-

attle Mariners system. He is currently a free agent.

Five Jewish players were selected during last summer’s MLB Draft: Jake Gelof (Zack’s younger brother), Zach Levenson, RJ Schreck, Ben Simon and Will King.

Last but not least, 2021 MLB draftee Jacob Steinmetz, who is hoping to become the first Orthodox player in MLB history, was promoted to Single A last season. The 19-year-old — who enjoyed a breakout performance for Team Israel last year — is likely a few years away from MLB action.

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The title of the special, “Know Your Audience,” is a reference to a principle Rosenfeld, a mainstay comedian in Orthodox circles who frequently performs at charity benefits for Jewish causes, has followed in his own career: Last January, he publicly revealed in an article in *Variety* that he is gay, but added that he tends not to discuss being gay when performing for Orthodox crowds.

“Even though some religious organization has brought me in and people are coming to see me, I understand I’m under the umbrella of a certain demographic that I need to respect and know the audience,” Rosenfeld told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at the time. “If you put me in front of an audience, I give them what they need. And they don’t need gay material — they need the material for this audience.”

“But when I’m on the road doing my material, I can do whatever I want,” he added. “They came to see me.”

The special explores Veiga and Rosenfeld’s significant age difference, COVID-19, antisemitism and the logic of Shabbat elevators, which automatically stop on every floor so that those who observe the day’s practices — including a prohibition on using electricity — don’t need to press buttons.

The special was filmed nearly a year ago, before Hamas’ Oct. 7 attack on Israel and the ensuing war in Gaza transformed the Jewish world. Asked about whether the material still feels relevant without discussing the war, Modi gave an answer reminiscent of the special’s title: He said that now, when he’s on tour, he will often ask people to sing Israel’s national anthem at the end of his show.

But he added that not every performance ends with a focus on Israel: “Obviously at the Comedy Cellar, I’m not asking them to stand up and sing ‘Hatikvah,’” he said, referring to one of New York’s top comedy clubs.

He said that generally, although he’s a standup comedian, the war is “in the back of your head” during his shows.

“Even though we just completely left the war for an hour and 20 minutes, we have to remember what’s happening and that there’s hostages and that Israel is going through it,” he said.

But at the same time, for his audience members, he said, the shows are often an escape from reality.

“People come up to me afterwards, they literally say to me, ‘I just haven’t laughed in so long,’” he said.

Temple Shomer Emunim



Celebrate the First Night of Passover with your Temple Family

Monday, April 22, 2024
First Night Seder will be led
By Rabbi Lisa Delson & Cantor Jen Roher

Seder in the Social Hall at 5:30 PM

We will share in the story of Passover and dine on delicious Passover Cuisine including Traditional Seder Plate Food as well as:

Matzah Ball Soup, Salad, Brisket, Chicken, Salmon, Apple Kugel, Roasted Vegetables and Passover Desserts and more.

The Seder will be FAMILY FRIENDLY. We encourage our members of all ages to attend!

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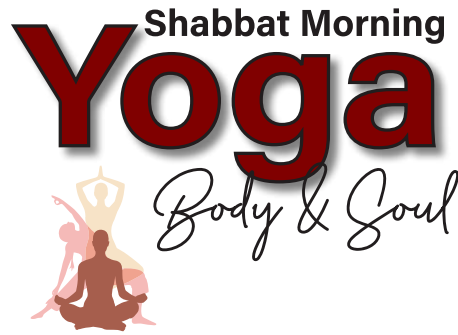
Adults-\$25 per person

Children 10 and under \$13 per person

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New Members who have joined since July of 2023 are our guests. We must have 60 Adult reservations for the Seder to take place!

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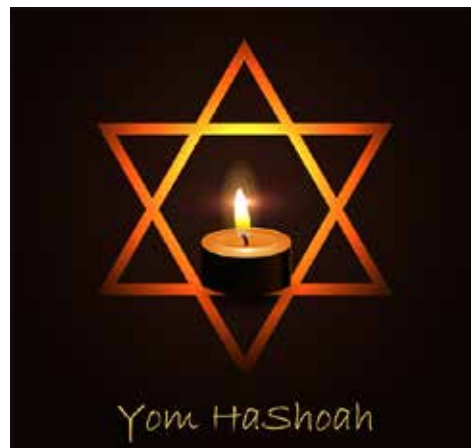


Shabbat Morning Yoga: Body & Soul

Join Amy Nistel and Cantor Jen Roher

Saturday, March 23 at 10:30am
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Jewish Community Choir for Yom HaShoah

Members of the entire Jewish community are invited to join a Jewish Community Choir to prepare a special choral work to be performed at our Yom HaShoah commemoration on Sunday, May 5 at 10:00am.

Rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings, April 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 7:30-8:15 at the Temple. If you have friends who may enjoy joining please have them sign up by emailing Cantor Roher at jroher@templese.com.



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CBI PESACH SERVICES SCHEDULE 5784

Monday, April 22: Erev Pesach (First Seder after dark)
Siyyum Bechorim (Fast of the First Born)

- Morning Service - In-Person/Zoom 8:00 AM
- CBI Office Closes at 12:00 PM

NO EVENING SERVICE

Tuesday, April 23: First Day Pesach (Second Seder after dark)

- CBI Office Closed
- Morning Service of Reaffirmation - In Person/Live Stream 9:30 AM

NO EVENING SERVICE

Wednesday, April 24: Second Day Pesach

- CBI Office Closed
- Morning Service - In Person/Live Stream 9:30 AM
- Evening service - Zoom 5:45 PM

Thursday-Sunday, April 25-28: Chol Hamoed Pesach

Thursday, April 25

- Morning Service - In Person/Zoom 8:00 AM
- Evening Service - Zoom 5:45 PM

Friday, April 26

- Kabbalat Shabbat Service - Zoom 5:45 PM

Saturday, April 27: Shir HaShirim/Song of Songs

- Shabbat Morning Service - In Person/Livestream 9:30 AM

Sunday, April 28

- Evening Service - Zoom 5:45 PM

Monday, April 29: Seventh Day Pesach

- CBI Office Closed
- Morning Service - In Person/Live Stream 9:30 AM
- Evening Service - Zoom 5:45 PM

Tuesday, April 30: Eighth Day Pesach/Yizkor

- CBI Office Closed
- Morning Service - In Person/Livestream 9:30 AM
- Yizkor 10:45 AM
- Evening service - Zoom 5:45 PM

Passover ends at 9:18 PM

CBI Adult Ed: Virtual Tour of Auschwitz in Recognition of Yom HaShoah on May 6, 2024

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 1:00 PM at CBI

Light refreshments served before the program

This virtual tour of Auschwitz will be broadcast to a screen via Zoom at CBI. It is designed for people who have not visited Auschwitz before. Those who have before are still encouraged to attend. A question and answer session will follow the tour.

To RSVP, please email kbrody@cbitoledo.org or call the office at 419.517.8400 by Monday, April 8, 2024.

Parashat Hashavuah: Torah Portion of the Week Discussion

Fri., April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024, 11 AM at CBI

CBI Pesach Office Hours

Monday, April 22nd	12:00 PM	Erev Pesach
Tuesday, April 23rd	Closed	Pesach Day 1
Wed., April 24th	Closed	Pesach Day 2
Monday, April 29th	Closed	Pesach Day 7
Tuesday, April 30th	Closed	Pesach Day 8

WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

- Monday Morning Minyan: 8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom
- Thursday Morning Minyan: 8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom
- Monday - Thursday Evening Minyan: 5:45 PM - Zoom
- 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
(When Religious School is in session)

Connecting Kids to Meals Volunteer Event

Thu., April 11, 2024 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cherry Street Mission Building, 1501 Monroe St.

RSVP Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org to by Mar. 8, 2024.

Join us for Canasta!

Tuesday, April 2, 9, & 16, 12:15-2:45 PM at CBI

If you are interested in learning or playing, please contact Rhoda Miller at rmiller@cbitoledo.org.

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS:

CBI Scholar in Residence Weekend: with Rabbi Elliot Gertel

• **Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Delicious Shabbat Dinner, & lecture with Rabbi Gertel**
Friday Evening, May 17, 2023 5:45 PM at CBI

• **Shabbat Morning Services with Rabbi Gertel**
Sat., May 18, 2023 9:30 AM In-Person & Livestream

• **Mincha & Shabbat Third Meal with Rabbi Gertel**
Sat., May 18, 2023 5:45 PM at CBI

Cost is \$18 per person for the Kabbalat Shabbat dinner. The Third Meal is FREE for CBI members and \$5 for guests.

RSVP to the CBI office at 419.517.8400 or email Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org by Friday, May 10, 2024.

Congregation Etz Chayim

SISTERHOOD NEWS

On Wednesday, April 3rd the Sisterhood is sponsoring a paper flower making class. Everyone will have a chance to make some beautiful paper flowers that can be used on your Passover table. The class will be held at Etz Chayim starting at 10:30 a.m. and will be taught by Mary Willets. Mary is known for her beautiful paper creations. Cost for the class is \$18.00 per person. Please R.S.V.P. to Andrea Lublin or Cheryl Berkowitz if you would like to attend.

KABBALAT SHABBAT PROGRAM & SHABBAT SERVICES SCHEDULED

Congregation Etz Chayim is delighted to welcome back Rabbi Jason Mark on April 5th and 6th. A Kabbalat Shabbat service and BBQ dinner will be held on Friday, April 5th at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Steve & Sandy Marcus. Reservations are required. Shabbat services will be led by Rabbi Mark on Saturday, April 6th with a delicious kiddush lunch following.

KNITZVAH GROUP MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Knitzvah ladies will take place on Wednesday, April 10th from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the synagogue. Come and knit or crochet afghans for "Baskets of Care", a program that supports breast cancer patients.

POKER & MAH JONG

Everyone is invited to our Sunday Poker & Mahj game on Sunday, April 14th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Beginners are welcome. Snacks will be served.

PASSOVER ZOOM LEARNING SESSION SCHEDULED

Everyone is invited to a zoom Passover learning session with Rabbi Jason Mark on Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. Please register with Nancy or Elsa to receive the link.



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B'nai Mitzvah



We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah



Estella Rose Kairis will become a Bat Mitzvah Saturday morning, April 13 at Temple Shomer Emunim. Estella is the daughter and stepdaughter of Mindy Kairis and Brian Berk and the sister of Max, Adam, and Abigail. She is the granddaughter of Su and Geoffrey Nigoff of West Bloomfield, MI, Mike Kairis of Troy, MI and Janine Kairis, of blessed memory. Estella attends Ottawa Hills

Junior High. For her mitzvah project, Estella is collecting donations and raising awareness of Compassionate Village's "Safe Haven" Temporary Foster Program that provides families who are experiencing personal crisis, domestic violence, sudden change in housing, military deployment, or homelessness the opportunity to enroll their pets into its temporary foster program until they are able to bring them back home where they belong. She enjoys field hockey, singing, hanging out with friends, and spending time with all animals.



BBYO Leadership Training and Elections



Mazel tov to the 2024 Spring/Summer BBYO Board!

- N'Siah (President) – Callie Hess
- S'gan (Vice President, Programming) – Jacob Payne
- Mit-Mom (Vice President, Membership) – Ilana Miller
- Sh'lichim (Vice President, Jewish Enrichment) – Ellery Freed, Abi Goldstein, Reagan Miller
- Mazkir (Secretary) – Cayden Greenblatt
- Gizbor (Treasurer) – Max Rhodes



Teens' stained glass workshop with Shinshinim

**Saturday, April 6
6 – 9 p.m.**

Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.

\$20 per teen, includes dinner and stained glass workshop

This event is open to all teens in 7th – 12th grades

Come meet and welcome our visiting Shinshinim, Maya and Noa, who are spending this year in Cleveland. Have fun learning the basics of stained glass, including glass cutting, grinding, soldering, and patina. Teens will choose between a Hamsa and a Jewish star to create.

RSVP by Thursday, April 4 to

<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/PJandFamily2024> or to Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



BBYO updates

By Callie Hess

Attending the BBYO MIT/AIT convention is an excellent opportunity to immerse oneself in both BBYO and ONR traditions. On Friday, we celebrated Shabbat with camp-themed services, followed by separate gatherings where BBG and AZA members engaged in conversations and shared stories. Saturday featured services, mock elections to observe the process, a lively program with Westside Gravy music, tug-of-war, and a concert; the night concluded with inductions, marking the beginning of a meaningful journey into sisterhood or brotherhood within BBYO. Sunday concluded with spirit circles and goodbyes.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Regional Convention on May 17-19. A friendly reminder: Toledo BBYO will be at Funagin's Family Fun Center in Sylvania on April 14 from 1-3 p.m. We're excited to see the entire Toledo BBYO community there.



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SAFETY

TIPS

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

Vacation Safety Tips

Now that the weather is changing and school is either on break for spring or summer, it is vacation season for a lot of families. We know that every journey comes with its own set of worries, and the old adage prevention is better than cure rings especially true if you are out to explore. Ensuring some practical safety tips before and while you are on the road might just save you from glitches in your travel plans.

10 SAFETY TIPS FOR ALL TRAVELERS



1. Do your research before you travel. First rule of safe travel — do not be ignorant about where you are going. Try to learn about the country, the political situation, the cultural norms, the safest spots for travelers, safe accommodations to stay in and the areas or regions that are best avoided. Head off on your trip with your eyes wide open to avoid surprises.

2. Blend in with your surroundings. Once you have done your research, you can start your visit to a new destination as if you were one of the locals. This is not only sound exploration advice, but a good safety tip as well. You will make yourself more vulnerable to con artists if you stick out like a sore thumb with your massive backpack, two cameras and confused look on your face. and you will draw much less attention if you try to blend in. You also do not want to disrespect or offend with improper dress or manners. If you are visiting places of worship, make sure to dress modestly in order to prevent upsetting the locals.

3. Do not flash your wealth. Whether this is with cash or expensive gear, showing wealth will only make you more appealing to scammers and pickpockets. Carry a dummy wallet with a little cash in it so that you can give this in case you are mugged.

4. Stay safe on transport. Avoid air travel mishaps by frequently checking whether your flight has been rescheduled or cancelled. When using bus services,

make sure to go with trusted companies that have many reviews online. Moreover, try booking your tickets in advance whenever possible, so you do not end up stranded at remote bus stops with no transport in sight. If you are hiring local taxis, agree upon the fare in advance in case the vehicle does not have a meter. Also, carry a map with you to avoid getting lost.

5. Keep your belongings safe. Avoid carrying too many luggage pieces and invest in a small sturdy lock for your luggage. Try to choose one that does not stand out, so it does not appear as if you have something valuable inside. If you have a hand-carry with you, never leave it unattended. Buy wallets that have RFID protection to avoid identity theft.

6. Get travel insurance. Regardless of whether you are a natural worrier or not, do not hesitate to take out travel insurance. Not only will insurance cover

any unexpected injuries and trips to the hospital, but it can also protect you from theft or loss of personal belongings.

7. Have emergency info at hand. This should entail contact numbers for the local emergency services (police, fire department and ambulance) and for your country's embassy (if there is one in the place you are visiting).

8. Manage your money. If you plan to use your debit and credit cards, make sure to notify your bank in advance that you will be abroad, or you may find your card blocked for suspicious

activity. Research beforehand where are the best spots to exchange your money into local currency as ATMs might be scarce in certain places. When out and about, always carry a small amount of cash with you.

9. Keep track of your health. Make sure to have a supply of any over-the-counter essentials like motion sickness pills, probiotics, pain killers and bug repellants. Consult your doctor and get the proper vaccines before traveling. Ensure that any prescription pills are filled for some days extra than the intended length of your travel.

10. Know how to communicate. Learn the basic emergency phrases like "I need help," "Where is the nearest hospital/police station/embassy?" etc. in the local language.

There is nothing more enjoyable than exploring new places with your loved ones. However, traveling with your family members, especially if they are children, requires you to consider other kinds of eventualities. Here are a couple of tips for keeping your family travels safe and sound.

- Before you go, make sure you and your children have all the necessary vaccines required for the destination you are traveling to.
- If your children are old enough, get them to learn important emergency contacts and information in case something happens to you, or you cannot find each other.
- Ensure your children are protected with adequate gear (hats, sunscreen, repellents, etc.) when participating in outdoor activities. Bring a stock of gear from home.
- Make sure the food your kids consume during your holidays is cooked, fresh and healthy to avoid stomach bugs. Bring snacks from home as children might be fussy eaters in a new place.
- If you are traveling with small children, pack diapers and other essentials like wet wipes that can last until you arrive at your destination. Research about your destination beforehand to check whether diapers are easily available.
- Have your kids wear contact bracelets with your phone number and other valuable information in case you lose sight of them.
- Bring a small stash of your usual child medicines (such as paracetamol and motion sickness remedies) from home. Do not assume you will find all that you need abroad. Also, always carry a first-aid kit.

Final Tip – ENJOY, RELAX, AND HAVE FUN



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