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# We Deliver a Jewish Future

## A focus on: *Social Work* You are not alone



By Mary Bilyeu, Community Relations Programming Specialist

Anything can happen at any time in an individual's life, with no warning and little-to-no ability to accommodate an emergency disruption.

On the other hand, many situations are predictable and inevitable, and it's possible to plan accordingly to mitigate complications.

But no matter which end of the spectrum of these possible scenarios any Jewish Toledo community member might find themselves in, they can rest assured that Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services (JSFSS) is ready to step in and be a support.

With two full-time social workers – Stacy Willis and Liz Witter – on staff, JSFSS can help individuals navigate their way through from a situation that seems insurmountable to one they may find is remarkably manageable and within their control.

Medicare and Medicaid snafus. Needing to rent a wheelchair after

a car accident. Trying to coordinate hospice care for an out-of-town parent. Requiring computer access for telehealth appointments. Seeking kosher for Passover food during a hospital stay. Lining up in-home medical and daily care assistance after a hospital discharge. Wanting to support children whose siblings have special needs. Advocacy during medical appointments. Downsizing from a family home to assisted living. Referrals for mental health services.

These may be just a few of the more common situations that JSFSS routinely helps Jewish Toledo members with, but this list is certainly not exhaustive.

But whatever challenges there may be, Stacy and Liz are ready to offer guidance, make connections and referrals, provide intensive long-term support, or even just answer a quick question.

"Little things can become insurmountable over time," or overwhelming in a crisis, said JSFSS Vice President Ben Malczewski. Thankfully, Liz and Stacy work



Liz Witter



Stacy Willis

to prevent those proverbial mole hills from becoming mountains, meeting people where they are and supporting them through to a place of stability.

As Ben notes, Jewish Toledo can rely upon our social workers' expertise to help them make the best possible decisions for themselves and for their families.

Loved ones may need significant support or "just someone to have a conversation with," Stacy added, and to have a sounding board.

Either way, with JSFSS "you have someone to go to. It's not hopeless," Ben said. "And you are not alone."

### Navigating changes

"We are unique in the way that we are able to stay alongside the family as they navigate their loved one's changes," Stacy said, working in as many different capacities as the circumstances require while situations evolve.

But the goal is not for Liz or Stacy to take over a case; rather, social work is about fostering autonomy and empowering clients.

Reaching out to JSFSS "may start as an informational phone call with an adult child whose parent recently fell and was admitted to the hospital for surgery," Stacy cited as an example. "Maybe the following week, the parent is not able to return home and needs a facility to get stronger for a week or two – having Liz and I to call and discuss with will sometimes give an extraordinary peace of mind to those who are navigating this process for the first time."

Because often individuals and families are seemingly thrust head-first into a quagmire with little to no background or experience.

"Of course, the hospital will hand you a sheet of facilities" to

choose from, Stacy continued. But she and Liz "can share with you our experiences with many of the local facilities – that may help in making the right decision for your family."

But then, how would one work through the next step in this theoretical case study? What if things don't resolve cleanly and neatly, with an independent person able to provide self-care again?

"So, now the parent is strong enough to move back home," Stacy offered, "but they live alone and that's just not going to work. Next step, maybe we chat about getting some help in the home during the day with showering, getting laundry done and cooking lunch, possibly a trip to the grocery store."

JSFSS partners with local home care companies "that we trust and who have agreed to handle billing in a way that works with our clients," Stacy mentioned. "We can walk you through this and remove all the stress, likely getting an aide into the home within days of the first phone call."

Financial assistance may even be an option to help with these sudden, unexpected expenses – that's one other stressful detail that Liz and Stacy can provide guidance about in the midst of upheaval.

Liz noted poignantly how difficult it can be "when you're working with elderly people whose lives are diminishing," whether suddenly or slowly, and whether they're able to be active participants in planning and preparing. The prospects, possibilities, and problems can add up and become overwhelming to the individual and also to their loved ones – either immediately, if a crisis arises suddenly, or over time as

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**Tuesday,  
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# Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo

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**Are you a member of the Toledo Jewish community and live in Northwest Ohio or Southeast Michigan?**

If you answered **YES** to all of these questions, the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation could help **YOU** build your future!

For further information on college scholarships that are available, please contact Ben Malczewski, VP, Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS), at 419-724-0408 or [ben@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:ben@jewishtoledo.org) today!

**Application deadline is May 15, 2025.**

## Jewish Toledo celebrates International Women's Day



Nearly 100 guests gathered last month for a women's-only event celebrating International Women's Day. *When Women Ran Fifth Avenue: Glamour and Power at the Dawn of American Fashion* author Julie Satow gave a fascinating presentation about the history of American fashion and the department store's connection to Jewish history, from the Jewish immigrants who worked in New York's Garment District to influential designers and creators like Hattie Carnegie and Lena Himmelstein (the creator of Lane Bryant).

Festivities included a large charcuterie board by Social Rind Co. and raffle donations by local companies Beauty Bar, California Yoga, Hip to

the Groove Boutique, Inside the Five Brewing Co., Beautiful Blooms by Jen, Reve Salon & Spa, Fiddle Stix Boutique and Gallery, Finch & Fern Book Co., and Erin Ann's Homemade Ice Cream & Juices. The event concluded with a group reading of *We Rise* by Amanda Gorman, American poet and activist.

This event was sponsored by the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation's Long Term Community Needs fund and held in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and the Sisterhood book clubs at Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, and Temple Shomer Emunim.



# Jewish Community Relations Council

## Jewish and Baha'i communities celebrate Ayyám-i-Há locally

"I'm so glad I get to spend Ayyám-i-Há with you!", sang several adorable young children at a sold out Federation program to celebrate that very special holiday on the Baha'i calendar. More than three dozen people of many faiths had gathered at the Sekach Building on February 27 for this beautiful evening of learning and unity.

Ayyám-i-Há is a set of intercalary days on the Baha'i calendar, added to help synchronize with the solar calendar, and precedes a 19-day fast period.

Opening prayer songs were offered by Baha'is of Sylvania members. John Krochmalny, also from

the Baha'i community, then gave an overview of his faith's history; he discussed its founding in Persia (now Iran) in 1863 by Bahá'u'lláh, and explained how persecution had later led the group to become established in Israel, which offered them a safe haven.

A slideshow tour of the gorgeous Baha'i Gardens in Haifa, the faith's holiest site, allowed the many attendees who had visited there to share memories and talk about how transformative and inspirational the experience had been for them.

As guests left, Baha'i member Susan Modarai encouraged them to take some of the fragrant roses that

had been placed around the room for decoration. As her husband Behrooz said with a warm smile, while hand-

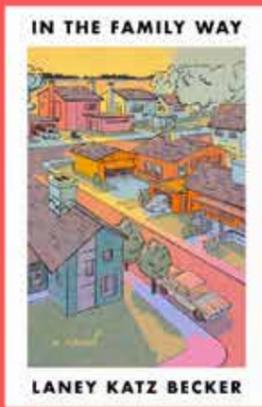
ing them out, when you give roses to friends, "you're giving your love away."



*In the Family Way*



### A CONVERSATION WITH AUTHOR & TOLEDO NATIVE LANEY KATZ BECKER



Join us for a conversation with Toledo native Laney Katz Becker as she discusses her new book, *In the Family Way*.

Set in the 1960s before Roe, a poignant and powerful novel in the vein of *Lessons in Chemistry* and *Big Little Lies*, about the friendship between a group of suburban housewives who help one another navigate through their personal challenges, marriages, and their pregnancies—both wanted and unwanted.

Moving and atmospheric, full of history and heart, *In the Family Way* is a timely novel that captures the experiences of women on the cusp of liberation as they struggle with their own complex feelings about being wives, mothers, and women with their own dreams and ambitions.

Laney Katz Becker is an award-winning author, writer, and a former literary agent. Her books include the debut novel, *Dear Stranger*, *Dearest Friend*, and the nonfiction anthology, *Three Times Chai*, a collection of rabbis' favorite stories. She is a graduate of Northwestern University, raised her two children in Westchester County, New York, and currently lives on the east coast of Florida with her husband and their Havanese.

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We gratefully acknowledge the following Tributes and Memorials to JFGT and TJCF funds. Tributes and Memorials can be made by contacting Barb at 419-724-0357, [barb@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:barb@jewishtoledo.org), or Anna at 419-724-0386, [anna@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:anna@jewishtoledo.org).

### Alix Greenblatt Memorial Fund for Jewish Leadership

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Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Ravin

*In Memory of Larry Markwood*  
*In Memory of Harriet Goldberg*  
Mr. and Mrs. Mark D. Greenblatt

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Mr. and Mrs. Jon Levine

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*In Memory of Milford and Patsy Meyers*  
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*In Memory of Charley Bauer*  
Ms. Janice Spirn

*In Memory of Patsy Meyers*  
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*In Celebration of Patti Tuschman Special Birthday*  
Ms. Rachel Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Miller

*Speedy Recovery of Bobby Kripke*  
*In Celebration of Patti Tuschman's Special Birthday*  
*In Memory of Charlotte Bauer*  
*In Memory of Harriet Goldberg*  
Mr. and Mrs. Joel S. Beren

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*Wishing a Speedy Recovery and Good Health to Paul Goldner*  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Rothschild

### Ross Treuhaft Special Needs Spirituality Fund

*In Memory of Harriet Goldberg*  
Mrs. Barbara R. Treuhaft  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Treuhaft

*In Memory of Larry Markwood*  
*In Memory of Charley Bauer*  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Treuhaft

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*In Honor of Paul Causman Retirement*

Mrs. Barb Hager  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Kasle  
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## JFGT Spring/ Summer 2025 Holiday Office Closures:

Date	Day of Week	Holiday	Office Hours
April 14, 2025	Monday	Passover	Closed
May 26, 2025	Monday	Memorial Day	Closed
June 2, 2025	Monday	SHAVUOT	Closed
June 3, 2025	Tuesday	SHAVUOT	Closed
June 19, 2025	Thursday	Juneteenth	Closed
July 4, 2025	Friday	Independence Day	Closed
September 1, 2025	Monday	Labor Day	Closed
September 22, 2025	Monday	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Close at 1:00 pm
September 23, 2025	Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah	Closed
September 24, 2025	Wednesday	Rosh Hashanah	Closed

### Time Change

- Office closes at 4:30 pm Fridays starting March 14, 2025.
- Office closes at 3:30 pm Fridays starting November 7, 2025.

## JFGT financial assistance and cancellation policies for programs

### Financial assistance for programs

#### Discreet financial assistance available for Jewish Toledo activities

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# Jewish Community Relations Council

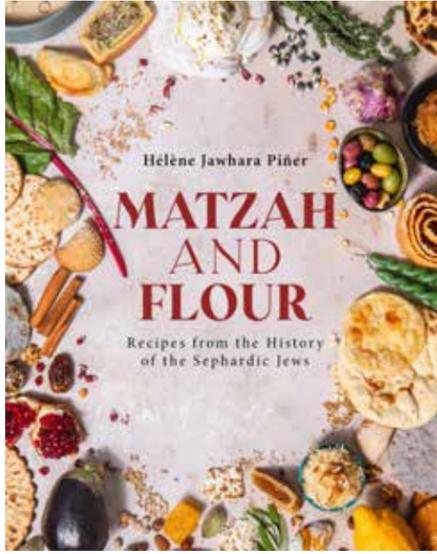
## *Matzah and Flour: The staff of life for Sephardic Jews*

By Mary Bilyeu, Community Relations Programming Specialist.

“At the core of Sephardic cuisines lies the transformative potential of flour,” writes Hélène Jawhara Piñer in *Matzah and Flour: Recipes from the History of the Sephardic Jews*, her third book delving into the foods of those with roots in Medieval Spain.

From such a humble ingredient, the author explains, has developed a rich and varied culinary heritage that has been informed and transformed by transience – both voluntary and, more often, non. Flour has formed the base of recipes both simple (one’s daily bread, for example, made in its most elemental form with only wheat and water) and complex: a stunning array of delicious dishes ranging from savory pies whose flaky crusts are filled with fragrant herbed meats to a sweet Moroccan couscous cooked with milk, honey, and spices.

*Matzah and Flour* offers a breathtaking menu of recipes beyond simply flatbreads, though there are nearly a dozen of those to choose from: Ancient Judean Bread made with sourdough starter, Rambam’s “Poor Man’s Bread” consisting of flour and juice, Sweet Passover Matzah with honey and anise, Savory Passover Matzah flecked with poppy and flax seeds, and “Dirty” Bread colored with charcoal among them. Additionally, sweet lamb stew with chestnuts, fish tacos, distinctive



date haroset balls (so very different from the Ashkenazi chopped apple variety), roast chicken with preserved lemon, halvah, frittatas, empanadas, tuna with vermicelli, and so many other gorgeous dishes tempt readers.

These recipes showcase Jewish foods that those unfamiliar with Sephardic cuisine would not necessarily think of as representative. But each tells a story of faith, home, family, banishment, adaptation, and so much more with every bite.

And the connector of dots between all of these, of course, is flour.

A revered authority on Sephardic cuisine, Ms. Jawhara Piñer holds a doctorate in Medieval History and the History of Food from the University of Tours and has studied and lectured extensively around the world. Her work benefits, sadly,

from the persecution of Jews, as she has been able to rely upon records from the Spanish Inquisition for her research – recipes and testimonies used to convict individuals of the “crime” of practicing Judaism when conversion, exile, or death were the only viable legal options.

While Shabbat, she writes, “featured prominently in inquisition(sic) trials, making it easier for informants to identify crypto-Jews” because of the specialty foods served each week, Passover, in particular, with its complete overhaul of dietary habits, was “the most frequently cited Jewish holiday in denunciations of Jewish practices.”

Simply put: trusted house staff regularly turned state’s evidence

against their employers, enumerating the Jews’ culinary violations of Christian practice.

For example, along with the recipe for Isabel Gomes’ Five Flatbreads of Salvation, Ms. Jawhara Piñer notes that this woman was “accused in 1574 by the Inquisition Court of Coimbra of making and eating five unleavened breads.” In 1569, Cecilia Cardos of Porto was charged after she’d eaten “a dish made of matzah;” her sentence was to wear a penitential robe and to refrain from appearing in public.

And the trial of Cristóbal and Angelina de León took place in June 1505, in Almazan, Spain. During

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conditions progress and deteriorate.

“We deal with people in complicated situations,” Liz pointed out. “We try. We just try.”

In many cases, Stacy said, guidance is offered, or there are “goals we’re working towards” rather than being able to achieve finality or an ideal resolution.

“The truth is,” Ben said, “we’re trying to make the best” of situations that are usually fluid rather than static – ones where circumstances can be varied and unpredictable, and a desired outcome may not be feasible even if steps can be taken to mitigate issues.

But “that’s the nature of our work,” Liz continued, which can be exhilarating when there are successes, but also frustrating, sometimes leaving our social workers with a sense of not having done enough despite often undertaking heroic measures.

“That’s indicative of [Liz and Stacy’s] high standard,” though, said Ben, “that [they’re] not satisfied” no matter how valiant their efforts have been.

### A day in the life

While Liz says that their days can often seem “boring,” filled with phone calls and paperwork, the reality is that no day is really like any other.

She pointed out that a “typical” day could include the “phone ringing continually, dashing around to home visits, sending emails, doing a bit of research on resources that may be of help to an individual, arranging medical transportation, [making] plans for myself or a volunteer to accompany a client to a medical appointment ....” The list goes on and is endlessly variable.

One significant frustration

that Stacy noted, which can be a tremendous impediment to her and Liz’s efforts to help clients, is “transportation in northwest Ohio. [It] creates such a barrier for so many people, no matter their age, and I wish there were more things we could do to help.”

Partnering with Orange Transport, by way of Arista Homecare, allows JSFSS “to offer medical transport for our clients’ doctor appointments,” Stacy offered, “which has really made a dent in the barrier. However, we need something similar for daily tasks! Giving up driving is giving up a huge part of your quality of life – it shouldn’t have to be that way.”

On a really positive note, though, Liz shared that “one of my favorite parts of this job is seeing people where they are living” – visiting them at home – “as it often speaks a lot to who they are. I learn more continually from the people I work with, particularly the elders I serve. I am privileged to hear their stories and experiences which speak to their struggles and resilience.”

### The work continues

A social worker’s job is never fully done – there’s continuity of care, follow-up, and support to be provided for however long clients need it, in addition to even just some quick check-ins to make sure situations are remaining stable.

As the ones who serve Jewish Toledo in such diverse and varied capacities, Stacy and Liz remain a comforting constant in our community members’ lives, ready whenever – and however – they’re needed.

That’s because, truly and genuinely, “they care,” Ben emphasized. They “are here to help, and no matter the challenge, we are here for you!”

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Community Yom HaAtzma'ut Celebration

Thursday, May 1  
7:00 PM at Congregation B'nai Israel

RSVP to Mary Bilyeu at  
419-724-0405 or mary@jewishtoledo.org or by visiting  
<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events>

# Jewish Community Relations Council

## Mishloach Manot

Purim was extra festive for Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS) clients, thanks to collaboration with the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC). The two departments joined forces to put together mishloach manot that were distributed to homebound social work clients; goodies were also given to each of the households that had appointments scheduled at Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's (JFGT) Family Food Pantry the week of the holiday. Recipients enjoyed hamantaschen ordered from Congregation Etz Chayim, Hershey's Kisses, pretzels, and cocoa – a little sweet, a little



savory, and lots of deliciousness! A Neighbor to Neighbor heart sticker was included in each bag as well, paying forward the organization's "Love Your Neighbor" motto.

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the proceedings, a household servant named Maria testified that Angelina had made "flat cakes" during the Easter season, which was subsequently denounced as indicative of the family actually being Jewish – celebrating Passover – rather than Catholic.

Other holidays, too, offer a peek into the lives of the Sephardim, who found themselves flung across the globe to places such as Greece, Mexico, Brazil, and India, but always bringing their culinary heritage with them. Ms. Jawhara Piñer traces the history of every dish she shares in extraordinary detail, from a Mexican Shabbat Fried Fish served during

the colonial times of the 16th-19th centuries to Hojuelas for Purim (Rolled and Fried Pastry for Esther) which are known to all Sephardim, the author writes, and which "[take] us on a long journey from Spain, to Italy, to Argentina."

*Matzah and Flour*, clearly, is the most delicious encyclopedia, bringing religion, history, politics, anthropology, drama, foodways, and so much more to vibrant life through the lens of seemingly simple ingredients.

Ms. Jawhara Piñer's book, as she writes, "is a tribute ... where each recipe serves as a culinary link between generations, preserving the flavors that have accompanied Sephardic families through time."



# Yom HaShoah

## Holocaust Remembrance Day

**Community Observance**  
**Thursday, April 24, 2025**  
**26 Nisan 5785**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Congregation B'nai Israel, 6525 Sylvania Ave.**



Commemorate Yom HaShoah with the Toledo Jewish community. Ann Rosenberg, a second generation child of survivors, will speak about her parents at the event.

Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events> or with Mary Bilyeu at 419-724-0405 or [mary@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:mary@jewishtoledo.org).

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

Saturday, April 12, 2025	Erev Passover/Shabbat	Closed
Sunday, April 13, 2025	Passover I	Closed
Monday, April 14, 2025	Passover II	Closed
Saturday, April 19, 2025	Passover VII	Closed
Sunday, April 20, 2025	Passover VIII	Closed
Sunday, June 1, 2025	Erev Shavuot	Close at 4 pm
Monday, June 2, 2025	Shavuot I	Closed
Tuesday, June 3, 2025	Shavuot II	Closed
Monday, September 22, 2025	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Close at 4 pm
Tuesday, September 23, 2025	Rosh Hashanah I	Closed
Wednesday, September 24, 2025	Rosh Hashanah II	Closed
Wednesday, October 1, 2025	Erev Yom Kippur	Close at 4 pm
Thursday, October 2, 2025	Yom Kippur	Closed
Monday, October 6, 2025	Erev Sukkot	Close at 4 pm
Tuesday, October 7, 2025	Sukkot I	Closed
Wednesday, October 8, 2025	Sukkot II	Closed
Monday, October 13, 2025	Erev Shemini Atzeret	Close at 4 pm
Tuesday, October 14, 2025	Shemini Atzeret	Closed
Wednesday, October 15, 2025	Simchat Torah	Closed

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# News

## JFGT Represented at Executive Seminar: Navigating Israel and the Rise of Antisemitism

### *Partnership between JCC Association and Brandeis University*

JCC Association of North America, in partnership with Brandeis University and Boundless Israel, hosted the second intensive executive seminar for Jewish Community Centers and Jewish Community Camps (JCC) leaders on combating antisemitism, “Navigating Israel and the Rise of Antisemitism.” From March 3–6, 2025, 51 leaders from 25 JCCs across North America - including Stephen Rothschild, Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) CEO, and Amichai Stout, Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) Director - gathered at Brandeis University for this impactful seminar that equipped them with tools to address antisemitism and growing polarization around Israel in their communities. The seminar was designed to empower JCC leaders to respond proactively to antisemitism, strengthen understanding and connection to Israel, and implement programming that effectively combats Jew-hatred in their local communities in the wake of the October 7 terrorist attacks in Israel.

The partnership among JCC Association, Brandeis University, and Boundless Israel was formed last summer in response to the sharp rise in antisemitism, with a recognition that JCCs have an unparalleled and broad reach within Jewish communities across North America. Brandeis University, founded to counter antisemitism and bigotry in higher education, holds a distinct responsibility to the Jewish community, while Boundless Israel brings a proven track record of collaborating with community leaders to revitalize Israel education and spearhead bold collective actions against Jew-hatred.

**“Amichai and I are grateful**



**to Boundless Israel, Brandeis University, and JCC Association of North America for sponsoring our participation in this important three-day seminar,” Rothschild said. “To work with colleagues from JCCs around the country and to learn from leading academics and practitioners who are addressing the rise of Jew hatred from the left and the right was impactful. We learned that more than ever, we need to double down on inspiring Jewish joy, pride, and education. As Deborah Lipstadt, former U.S. Antisemitism envoy has noted, ‘our love needs to be stronger than the hate that threatens us.’”**

“We are incredibly proud to partner once again with Brandeis University and Boundless on this expanding initiative. This collaboration highlights the continued importance of the unique role our more than 170 JCCs play in their communities, serving over 1.5 million people weekly, one-third of whom do not identify as Jewish and serve as loyal allies to the Jewish community,” said Jennifer Mamlet, acting president and CEO of JCC Association. “JCC leaders are uniquely positioned to create innovative programs that combat

all forms of Jew-hatred, prevent antisemitism, and strengthen connections to Israel. The lasting effect of this work continues to empower communities and foster solidarity, making this partnership more critical than ever.”

This first-of-its-kind partnership between a continental Jewish communal organization and a leading research university founded by the American Jewish community, focused on broad topics: understanding the intersection of antisemitism and anti-Zionism; connecting current events in Israel to the global rise in antisemitism; exploring strategies to effectively engage JCCs around Israel; supporting JCC executives in meeting the leadership needs of this moment; building big-tent communities during a polarized time; and creating a cohort of leaders among executives to further discuss and collaborate on these issues.

Coordinated by Rachel Fish, Ph.D., special advisor to the Brandeis University President’s Initiative on Antisemitism and co-founder of Boundless, the seminar was designed to help JCC executives understand the intersection between antisemitism and anti-Zionism and how to engage their communities around Israel: “The seminar provides not only foundational knowledge but also practical strategies for JCC leaders to engage their communities around the complex intersection of antisemitism and anti-Zionism,” says Fish. “Clearly defining and addressing the challenges of Jew-hatred and anti-Zionism require a systemic approach, and it begins with leadership. By equipping JCC executives with the tools to navigate these issues, we are empowering them to lead with confidence,



ensuring the work of countering Jew-hatred and strengthening connections to Israel continues to grow unabated.”

In addition to JFGT, JCCs represented at the March 2025 “Navigating Israel and the Rise of Antisemitism” seminar included The Rose and Max Rady JCC in Winnipeg, Manitoba; Miles Nadal JCC in Toronto Ontario; Levite JCC in Birmingham, Ala.; Peninsula JCC in Foster City, Calif.; Silverlake Independent JCC in Los Angeles, Calif.; Merage JCC of Orange County in Calif.; Mandell JCC of Greater Hartford in Conn.; Edlavitch DCJCC in D.C.; Siegel JCC in Wilmington, Del.; David Posnack JCC in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee in Fla.; Arthur M. Glick JCC Indianapolis in Ind.; JCC of Greater Baltimore in Md.; Jewish Community Alliance in Portland, Maine; Kaplen JCC on the Palisades in Tenaflly, N.J.; JCCs of the Capital Region in Albany and Schenectady, N.Y.; Louis S. Wolk JCC of Greater Rochester in N.Y.; JCC Rockland in N.Y.; Shames JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown, N.Y.; JCC of Greater Dayton in Ohio; Evelyn Rubenstein JCC in Houston, Texas; and Harry and Rose Samson Family JCC in Milwaukee, Wis.

The seminar included practical learning experiences, real-life case studies, and 12 world-class scholars and practitioners from institutions including Brandeis, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Constructive Dialogue Institute, Frieze Family Foundation, Hebrew College, JCC Association, Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, National Black Empowerment Council, Scholars for Peace in the Middle East, Tufts University, and Wilson Center.

The group of 50 JCC executives who gathered for the inaugural seminar in July 2024 have continued their collaboration and education and have formed working groups dedicated to addressing antisemitism in their communities, focused on engaging specific audiences including JCC staff members, teenagers, and interfaith groups. These JCC leaders are committed to translating the knowledge and strategies gained from the seminar into tangible, community-driven initiatives.



**Stephen Rothschild (L), JFGT CEO, and William Daroff, CEO Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations**



**Stephen Rothschild (L), JFGT CEO, and Rachel Fish, Boundless Israel co-founder**



# Youth and Family Programs

## CELEBRATING PURIM WITH FRIENDS AT PJ & GAN PLAYDATES



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**Sun., May 4**  
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[www.facebook.com/groups/JFGTfamily](http://www.facebook.com/groups/JFGTfamily)



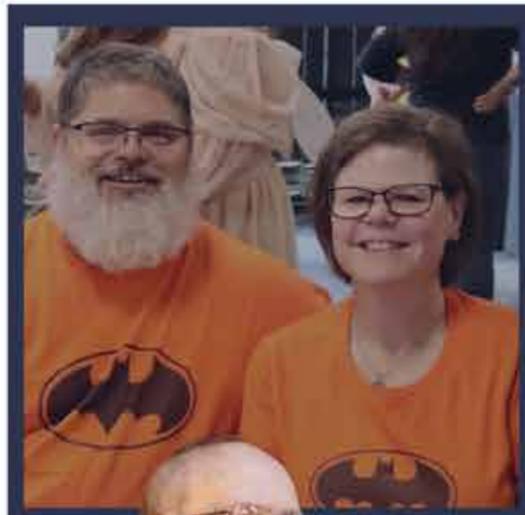
Register: Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org).  
 Questions? Marnie at [marnie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:marnie@jewishtoledo.org) or 419-724-0365.

## Gan Yeladim children and staff celebrate the joy of Purim together



# Youth and Family Programs

# PURIM 2025



*This event was held in partnership with Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, and Temple Shomer Emunim.*

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Register:  
<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/gan2025-2026>

# Teen Programs

## Cleveland Shinshinim visit Toledo, spend time with BBYO



In March, two Shinshinim (service year Israeli emissaries) currently living and serving in Cleveland, visited Toledo for a weekend. Michelle (from Haifa) and Emri (from Cleveland's twin city, Beit Shean), are high school graduates serving the Cleveland Jewish community prior to their mandatory Israeli army service. They spent much of their time in Toledo with local BBYO teens, playing Israel-themed games and engaging in lighthearted team building exercises. Michelle and another member of Cleveland's Shinshinim team intend to visit Toledo again in early April.

*The ShinShinim program is the "year of service program" that offers Israeli high school graduates an opportunity to delay mandatory service in the Israel Defense Forces and serve Diaspora communities for up to 10 months. The program allows communities to meet young Israeli ambassadors who perform meaningful service prior to entering the army. A growing program, the number of ShinShinim in Jewish communities more than quadrupled over the last decade.*



Last month, five Sylvania high school students turned a day off from school into a mitzvah day of volunteering at Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services. In addition to shopping at Meijer for the Family Food Pantry, organizing goodie bags for community members in need, and more, they worked together to wrap the 18+ trees in front of the Sekach Building with orange ribbon in honor of the Bibas family (joining the previously tied yellow ribbons used to show solidarity with hostages held by Hamas and to call for their release). The next day in Israel, Shiri, Ariel, and Kfir Bibas were laid to rest following the return of their murdered bodies from Gaza. Orange has become the symbol of their light.



#OrangeForBibas



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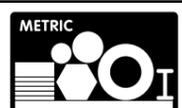
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**Passover Floral Arrangements**

**Thursday, April 10**  
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Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.



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Annual Campaign donors - \$15 per person  
Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$30 per person  
Includes lunch and floral arrangement instructions and supplies

Don't *Passover* this opportunity to enjoy a delightful afternoon creating a beautiful centerpiece with Beautiful Blooms by Jen. Learn all the tips and techniques needed – no prior knowledge required.



Limited Space. RSVP by Friday, April 4 to [form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors](mailto:form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors) or Sherry Majewski at [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org) or 419-724-0351.



TOLEDO OPERA'S OPERA ON WHEELS  
**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

**Traveling Opera** 

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**Tuesday, May 20**  
12 - 1:30 p.m.  
Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave.

Annual Campaign Donors: \$15 per person  
Non-donors to the Annual Campaign: \$25 per person  
*Includes lunch and performance*



Why travel to the opera when the opera can come to you? Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of world-class entertainment as the Amazing Toledo Traveling Opera presents a breathtaking performance of *Beauty and the Beast*. Enjoy a delicious lunch surrounded by friends, then sit back and be transported by the magic of live opera, performed up close in an intimate setting.



RSVP by Monday, May 12 to [form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors](mailto:form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors) or Sherry Majewski at [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org) or 419-724-0351.

# Active Life for 60+

## EXPLORE COLUMBUS!

**Thursday, June 12**

Board bus 7-7:30 a.m., JCC/YMCA parking lot  
Return 5:30-6 p.m.

Annual Campaign donors - \$25  
Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$40  
Includes museum admission, lunch, and transportation

Join us for a delightful day immersing ourselves in art, history, and hidden gems! Our adventure begins at the renowned **Wexner Center for the Arts**, where we'll explore thought-provoking exhibitions and inspiring contemporary works. Afterward, we'll enjoy a delicious **lunch at the museum café**, offering a relaxing break with great company. Weather permitting, we'll take a **scenic stroll through the breathtaking Columbus Park of Roses**, a true hidden oasis in the city. If the weather isn't in our favor, we'll swap the walk for a charming visit to the **Clintonville Bookstore and nearby antique shops**, perfect for book lovers and treasure hunters alike!



**Note: This trip includes walking and steps on and off the bus.**



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RSVP by Friday, May 30 at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org).



## Knitz'maut

**Thursday, May 1**

12 – 2 p.m.

Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.

Annual Campaign donors - \$10  
Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$20  
Includes lunch and supplies



Join us to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, at Knitz'Maut!

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of hands-on creativity taught by instructors from the 577 Foundation, plus have lunch and learn about Israel's journey to independence. Whether you're an experienced crafter or trying needle felting for the first time, this event is perfect for all skill levels. Let's stitch together memories as we mark this special occasion. We can't wait to celebrate with you.



RSVP by Tuesday, April 22 at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org).



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Healthy Living



## Get Fit Classes

**Monday**

**Prime Movers Early, 9-10am -or- Prime Movers 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**

**Prime Movers Early, 9-10am -or- Prime Movers Later, 10:30-11:30am**

(see description above)

**Ballet 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-11am**

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  
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## Come Sail Away with Me, Detroit Princess Riverboat Cruise

**Thursday, July 17**

Board bus 9:15-9:45 a.m., JCC/YMCA parking lot  
Return 4-4:30 p.m.

Annual Campaign donors - \$20  
Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$40  
Includes Detroit Princess boat cruise, lunch, and transportation



Set sail with us for a spectacular Detroit River cruise, where breathtaking skyline views meet the legendary sounds of Motown! Take in iconic sights of Detroit and Windsor, all while enjoying the smooth, soulful tunes of The Prolifics, a top-tier Motown tribute group.

A delicious buffet meal will be served during our cruise. While kosher options are not available, we are pleased to offer a variety of vegetarian selections to accommodate dietary needs.

**Note: This trip includes walking and steps on and off the bus.**



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# Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services



## Create & Relate 2025 – Session Three

Thursday, May 8  
12:15 – 2 p.m.  
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.  
\$5 OR bring a donation of personal care item(s) for the JSFSS Family Food Pantry

Includes yoga, light refreshments, and sound bath

12:15 – 1 p.m. – Sound Bath with Kim Post  
1:15 – 2 p.m. – Adaptive Yoga

Join us for an afternoon of relaxation and mindfulness.

RSVP by Friday, May 2 to [form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors](https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors) or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org).



*Save the Date*  
Create & Relate 2025 – Session Four  
July 10, 2025

## Jewish Toledo seniors enjoy Foodology, friends, and fun



The last couple of months were packed with fun events for Jewish Toledo seniors. In February, they had a deliciously exciting morning at Foodology, making a range of vegetarian Chinese recipes. Later in the month they spent a beautiful morning at Hoen Garden Center celebrating a belated Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish New Year for trees. Together, the group created their own miniature tree gardens to take home while enjoying refreshing beverages from Queen Bee & Honey Coffee and some sweet treats. In early March, a full group today headed up to Michigan for lunch and a viewing of Eric Pfeffinger's *Fourteen Funerals* at the Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea, Michigan.

Stay up to date on all upcoming Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo senior programming by visiting [www.jewishtoledo.org/jlc](http://www.jewishtoledo.org/jlc). Space is limited for most events, so sign up today!

# Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services

## TECH TIPS

Fraud remains such a persistent problem in contemporary culture that you can Google the topic and find many new stories published by the media, big and small, on any given day.

Whether in-person, via print, or online, scams have increasingly become more complex and nuanced.

Fear not, however... Journalists, public organizations, and consumer watchdogs remain dedicated to the task of keeping the public aware to the ever-changing, shifting, (and shifty) landscape.



(Tech Time with Tim)

**Device Advice programs are held on Wednesdays 11 a.m.-noon at the Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Avenue**

### Upcoming Tech Programs

- Wednesday, April 9: Device Advice** – Exploring privacy and security web browser settings
- Wednesday, April 23: Device Advice** – Exploring privacy and security for home Internet networks

RSVP with Sherry Majewski, 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org)

For alerts and news coverage, as well as for advice about prevention and recourse, I'd recommend the following organizations' websites. There, you can find thorough, updated information to help you navigate the latest scam headed for your mailbox or, more likely, inbox. Until next month – Tim

- AARP
- Toledo Better Business Bureau
- Ohio Attorney General: Consumer Protection
- The Federal Trade Commission
- The FBI

### Tim Hagen

Project Manager and Technology Coordinator Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services  
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Thank you!

**Find out more about Jewish Toledo at  
[www.jewishtoledo.org](http://www.jewishtoledo.org)**

## JSFSS Family Pantry Wish List

While the Food Pantry appreciates food donations, there is a greater need for personal care and paper products. The Food Pantry depends on financial gifts or donations for personal care items. If you'd like to donate items to the Food Pantry, please consider choosing items from its wish list:

- paper towels
- facial tissues
- diapers
- feminine hygiene products
- disposable razors
- shampoo
- soap (bar soap, dish soap,
- liquid hand soap, and laundry soap)
- toilet paper (preferably individual, pre-wrapped rolls)
- Other personal hygiene items of your choice

Contact Hannah Loeser  
(419) 724- 0401

## HOW TO CONTACT JSFSS

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.

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# Temple Shomer Emunim .....

**Shabbat Service with Rabbi Delson and Cantor Roher**  
Baby Naming for Eleanor Hubbell-Staebel  
Friday, April 4 at 6pm

**Shabbat of Song and Study**  
Saturday, April 5 at 10:30am  
Join Rabbi Delson and Cantor Roher for a musical Shabbat morning service with an extended Torah discussion. All are welcome.

**Shabbat Service with Rabbi Delson and Dr. Andrew Pelletier**  
Friday, April 11 at 6pm

**First Night Passover Seder**  
Saturday, April 12 at 5pm

**Shabbat with Rabbi Delson and Cayden Greenblatt**  
Friday, April 18 at 6pm  
This Shabbat service will feature the 5th grade students leading the prayers and reflecting on their meaning.

**Shabbat and Passover Festival Morning Service**  
Saturday, April 19 at 10:30am  
Celebrate Shabbat and the end of the weeklong festival of Passover. During this service, we will have Yizkor, a special moment to remember our loved ones who have passed.

**Shabbat with Rabbi Delson and Cantor Roher**  
Scholar-In-Residence Cantor Barbara Ostfeld and Kol Zimrah  
Friday, April 25 at 6pm  
Join us for the kick-off to our very special Scholar-In-Residence weekend celebrating the 50th anniversary of women in the cantorate with our special guest, Cantor Barbara Ostfeld, the first ordained woman cantor. She will speak on "Sh'mini, Impurity and Obscenity."

**Shabbat Brunch and Learn with Cantor Ostfeld**  
Saturday, April 26 at 10:30am

## Concert in Celebration of 50 Years of Women in the Cantorate

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH at 4PM - CANTORS' CONCERT

Celebrate 50 years of women in the cantorate at Kolot Dorot (Voices of the Generations) featuring: Cantors Laurie Akers, Amanda Winter Edmondson, Andrea Markowicz, Barbara Ostfeld, Jen Roher, Judy Seplowin, and Rabbi Raina Sirotky. Grazing Dinner and Spirits immediately following the concert. \$25 for adults and \$12 for ages 11-17

### Parallel Children's Program and Dinner will be offered for those ages 10 and under

Hosted at the Sekach Building from 3:30-7:30pm. No charge for this program but RSVP required no later than April 22nd.

**RSVP a must.** Call the Temple office at 419-885-3341 or email Lynn Nusbaum at [lnusbaum@templese.com](mailto:lnusbaum@templese.com)



**KOLOT DOROT** דורות  
VOICES OF THE GENERATIONS  
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF WOMEN IN THE CANTORATE



### BGSU Concert

Sunday April 6 at 3pm  
Join us for our fourth concert featuring the talented students of the BGSU College of Musical Arts. This concert will feature student small ensembles in the Chamber Music program. Enjoy a varied program of instrumentalists and groups playing a wide variety of music—there will be something for everyone!

# Congregation B'nai Israel .....



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All CBI programs and religious services are open to the members of all local congregations with RSVP unless otherwise indicated.

If you are not a CBI member and would like to attend, please contact the office at 419.517.8400.

### CBI PESACH SERVICES SCHEDULE 5785

**Thursday, April 10: Siyyum Bechorim (Fast of the First Born)**

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

**Friday, April 11**

- Kabbalat Shabbat Service - Zoom 5:45 PM

**Saturday, April 12: Erev Pesach (1st Seder after dark)**

- Shabbat Morning Service - In-Person/Live Stream 9:30 AM
- NO EVENING SERVICE**

**Sunday, April 13: First Day Pesach (2nd Seder after dark)**

- Morning Service of Reaffirmation - In Person/Live Stream 9:30 AM
- NO EVENING SERVICE**

**Monday, April 14: Second Day Pesach**

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

**Tuesday-Friday, April 15-18: Chol Hamoed Pesach**

**Tuesday, April 15**

- Evening Service - Zoom 5:45 PM

**Wednesday, April 16**

- Evening Service - Zoom 5:45 PM

**Thursday, April 17**

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

**Friday, April 18**

- Kabbalat Shabbat Service - Zoom 5:45 PM

**Saturday, April 19: Seventh Day Pesach**

**Shir HaShirim/Song of Songs**

- Shabbat/Holiday Morning Service - In Person/Live Stream 9:30 AM
- Evening Service - Zoom 5:45 PM

**Sunday, April 20: Eighth Day Pesach/Yizkor**

- Morning Service - In Person/Livestream 9:30 AM
- Yizkor 10:45 AM

**Passover ends at 9:05 PM**

### CBI Pesach Office Hours

Monday, April 14th Closed Erev Pesach

*\*This year, all days of Pesach Yom Tov fall on the weekend with the exception of Monday, April 14th.*

### WCBI BOOK CLUB:

**The Bridge Ladies: A Memoir**  
by Betsy Lerner

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 10:30 AM at CBI

A fifty-year-old Bridge game provides an unexpected way to cross the generational divide between a daughter and her mother.

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RSVP to Ellen Federman at [efederman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:efederman@sbcglobal.net) by Sunday, April 20th.

### HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMUNITY OBSERVANCE:

#### Yom HaShoah

Thursday, April 24, 2025 7:00 PM at CBI

Ann Rosenberg shares her experience as a second generation survivor.

Register online: <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events> or with Mary Bilyeu [mary@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:mary@jewishtoledo.org).

### 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

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cherry Street Mission Building, 1501 Monroe St.  
RSVP Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) to by April 4th.

### CBI Tour of the Toledo Museum of Art

Tour guided by Stacey Kripke

Thursday, April 24, 2025, 2:00 PM

Toledo Museum of Art, 2445 Monroe St, Toledo

This tour at the Toledo Museum of Art will focus on the special exhibit of paintings by the eminent Dutch flower still life painter Rachel Ruysch (1664–1750).

The Toledo Museum of Art also houses the Museum Cafe. If you are interested in having lunch before the tour arrive at noon and indicate so when you RSVP. Attendees are responsible for their own lunch expenses.

Tour cost is FREE for museum members, \$10 for non-members and parking is FREE!

The tour group is limited to 15 CBI members. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. RSVP by email to [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) on or before April 21st.

### Parashat Hashavuah:

Torah Portion of the Week Discussion

Fridays in April at 11 AM at CBI

### SAVE THE DATE:

**WCBI Rosh Chodesh Sivan**

Thursday, May 29, 2025, 11:00 AM at CBI

# Congregation Etz Chayim .....

## SHABBAT SERVICES WITH RABBI JASON MARK

Come and enjoy a spiritual Shabbat weekend with Rabbi Jason Mark.

A delicious pre-Shabbat dinner will be served on Friday, April 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Bob and Cheryl Berkowitz. Following dinner Rabbi Mark will lead an interesting D'var Torah and discussion.

Everyone is welcome to Shabbat services and enjoy a kiddush lunch on Saturday, April 5th. Services begin at 9:00 a.m.

## MAHJ/POKER

One of our favorite Sunday activities, Poker & Mahj is planned for Sunday, April 6th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00. The group of men and women enjoy the time together playing and socializing. Everyone is welcome!!

## PRE-PASSOVER CLASS WITH AVIVA PANUSH

Our friend Aviva Panush will be coming to Toledo for a wonderful learning session on Wednesday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. This will take place in the synagogue library. Aviva will be sharing and exploring many haggadot, dating from different centuries, published by different denominations, printed in different languages, showing different artwork and highlighting different messages. Haggadot tell the same story from different perspectives, portraying different aspects, focusing on different

facets and geared to different audiences. Participants are welcome to bring their own haggadot.

Please register with Nancy Jacobson or Elsa Leveton.

## MOVIE DAY

The movie "September 5" will be shown on Sunday, April 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the synagogue library. The movie is a historical drama that focuses on the 1972 Munich Olympic hostage crisis from the perspective of the ABC Sports crew. The film highlights their transition from covering the Olympics to reporting on the hostage situation involving Israeli athletes and showcases the intense and emotional and intense experience of live broadcasting during a global tragedy.

Andrea and Jeff Lublin's nephew, John Magaro, is an actor in the movie and has starred in several movies, one being "The Big Short."

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# Local

## Berlin's "New Synagogue" subject of 2025 UToledo Markowicz Lecture, Apr. 22

The University of Toledo College of Arts and Letters will present the Philip Markowicz Annual Lecture in Judaism and Jewish Biblical Studies, supported by the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo, Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m., in UToledo's Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

The topic of the lecture is "Berlin's 'New Synagogue': An Historical Appreciation, 1850-Present." This year's lecture will be presented by Dr. Barry Jackisch, a UToledo associate professor of history and the Philip Markowicz Endowed Professor in Judaism and Jewish Biblical Studies.

Dr. Jackisch's presentation will focus on Berlin's famous "New Synagogue" (German: Neue Synagoge) and its development in the broader context of the city's rich Jewish history. Originally built in the mid-19th century as a prominent house of worship for the city's growing Jewish community, the building witnessed many historical milestones. The synagogue survived Nazi attacks on Berlin's Jews and their property during the Holocaust but was severely damaged by Allied bombing in WWII.

The New Synagogue ended up in Communist East Berlin from 1949-



**Dr. Barry Jackisch**

1989 and still survived with minimal renovation. Today it houses both a small-scale religious space and the well-known Centrum Judaicum, a museum and center open to the public which preserves Jewish memory and tradition in Berlin.

Admission to the lecture is free. Visitor parking is free in Area 12 only. Please do not use the clearly marked metered or reserved spaces.

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Biblical Studies provides support for a UToledo professor in this role, as well as for community education and interreligious dialogue.

**Philip Markowicz**

Philip Markowicz was born in 1924 in Przerab, Poland. The son of a rabbi, Philip was known as a Talmud prodigy, but his yeshiva education was interrupted by the Nazi invasion of Poland. He survived the ghetto of Lodz, several concentration camps, including Auschwitz, and a death march. His entire family, except for his brother, was murdered by the Nazis.

After being liberated by the Allies, he met and married his wife, Ruth, and emigrated to Toledo, where, with no connections or resources, he trained himself in electronics and created a thriving business.

Philip continued his passion for Torah study and wrote extensively in his retirement. He published a well-received autobiography, "My Three Lives," and, shortly before his passing in 2017, he completed the manuscript for "Losing God in Translation," both of which were published by the University of Toledo Press.



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# Local

## Simcha

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The Sylvania Youth Theatre Program began in February 2005 with four classes and 120 kids in attendance, leading to a summer production camp, more classes, and, eventually, yearly productions.

Five of her students are successfully pursuing theater careers, including her daughter, Jennifer, who was part of her program for years.



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# SAFETY

# TIPS

Dave Tullis, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Security Director, helps us stay protected with valuable safety tips.

## Stranger Danger

**“Stranger danger” is a warning to be cautious around people you don’t know. It’s important to teach children how to stay safe from unfamiliar adults.**

### What to teach children

- Don’t wander away from trusted adults
- Don’t share personal information with strangers
- Don’t accept rides from strangers
- Don’t open the door to strangers
- Don’t accept gifts from strangers
- If a stranger makes you feel uncomfortable, say no and walk away
- If a stranger makes you feel scared, run away and tell a trusted adult

### How to talk to children

#### Start teaching at a young age

- Use a positive, open, and reassuring manner
- Use words like “tricky person” instead of “stranger”
- Teach your child their name, address, and phone number
- Teach your child who to call in an emergency
- Teach your child how to use the phone to call 911

### Other safety tips

- Know where your children are at all times
- Know when your children are supposed to return home

### The Common Tricks

There are many tricks that abductors use and too many times, these tricks are successful.

In these scenarios, even children who know better often ignore their safety rules. Would-be abductors count on this. They know that while many children are taught to avoid strangers, they may not be taught to recognize abduction tactics.

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) has noted the use of more than 100 of these tactics. Below are some examples. Review them with your children and practice a response. The more children practice, the better prepared they will be in a real situation.

### THE OFFER TRICK

A child is offered something desirable — like candy, money, toys, or a ride.

#### BEAT IT

Children should not accept gifts without your permission. Use teachable moments, like when a friend or relative offers a gift, to practice this concept with your child.

### THE ANIMAL TRICK

A cute or interesting animal is used to get the child to follow or enter a vehicle or home.

#### BEAT IT

Teach your children to never enter anyone’s vehicle or home without your permission.

### THE EMERGENCY TRICK

Someone fakes an emergency and offers to take the child to another location.

#### BEAT IT

Instruct your child to never go anywhere with anyone without asking the permission of the adult in charge. Have your child practice saying, “I can’t go with you until I check with my mom/dad/teacher” in a firm voice and walking away.

### THE HELP TRICK

The child is asked to help with something such as directions, looking for a lost pet, or carrying something.

#### BEAT IT

Adults should ask other adults for help, not children. Have your child practice saying “I can’t help you” in a firm voice. Teach children to stand at least one to two arms’ lengths away while interacting with unknown adults.

### THE FRIEND TRICK

A person tells the child he or she has been sent by the child’s parent. Sometimes the person actually does know the parent.

#### BEAT IT

Talk to your child’s school about obtaining permission from you before releasing your child to anyone, especially an estranged spouse or significant other. Tell your child never go with any adult unless you give them permission.

### THE “BAD” CHILD TRICK

Someone accuses the child of doing something wrong and says the child must go with him or her.

#### BEAT IT

Teach your child to always check with you or the adult in charge before going anywhere with anyone. Instruct children to immediately tell you if someone approaches them or tries to take them away.

### THE OPEN-THE-DOOR TRICK

Someone tries to get the child to answer the door when the parents aren’t home.

#### BEAT IT

Remind your children they shouldn’t open the door for anyone when you aren’t home. Let them know legitimate service people will return.

### Teach Children to Take Action

NCMEC’s review revealed one extremely important fact: 83% of children who escaped their would-be abductors did something proactive. They walked/ran away, yelled, kicked, or pulled away. This means the best thing a child can do if someone tries to abduct them is take action instead of being passive or polite.

Use this information to set up a safety plan for your kids – and don’t forget to include teens in these conversations! You can:

- Point out places they can go for help when walking places like school and the park.
- Remind them to travel and stay with a group.
- Warn them about accepting rides or changing plans without your permission.
- Teach them the tricks that would-be abductors use, such as offering money or asking for help.
- Encourage them to tell a trusted adult whenever anything or anyone makes them uncomfortable.
- When it comes to keeping your child safe, YOU are your child’s best resource!

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