Dear friends,

We hope this message finds you safe and healthy. The safety, health, and security of our community is our number one priority as we face the COVID-19 pandemic together.

This is an unprecedented moment in the history of our community and our nation. We know that our nation, Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo, and Jewish Toledo will be judged by how well we worked together to help one another through this challenging time.

In the past two weeks, we have made difficult decisions about postponing events, programs, and trips. But despite the disappointments, we have taken proactive and important steps to continue to meet the needs of our community.

Here are just some examples:

At Hillel, after students at both Bowling Green State University and University of Toledo were told to leave their dorms on short notice and then lost access to counseling and food services, Hillel immediately took action to ensure that students were cared for and had access to licensed professionals at Jewish Family Service to help them with the transition of services. Hillel has already offered multiple virtual meeting programs and has created a three-night per week virtual dance party that has had dozens of student participants, many of whom are joined by parents and siblings. Hillel is working hard to stay in weekly contact with approximately 170 students. And although the very well-attended Shabbat dinners are on hold, plans are in the works to deliver Shabbat Boxes to students this coming Friday. College students can visit UT Hillel and BG Hillel on Facebook to participate in online programming.

At the Jewish Living Center, even though our seniors cannot meet for exercise classes, JLC...

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Welcome to the Jungle soiree

Next Jewish Generation’s Welcome to the Jungle Soiree was a roaring success! More than 70 young adults, senior leadership members, and Federation staff came together at the Toledo Zoo & Aquarium’s ProMedici Museum of Natural History. They dined, danced, and dished about the Toledo Jewish community and why the next generation is key to leading the way to a bright Jewish future. In all, the group raised $5,000 for Federation’s Annual Campaign. Thank you to the Jack & Kathryn Gallon Educational Opportunity Fund for sponsoring the 2020 Soiree and to all of the raffle donors. For more information on Next Jewish Generation, contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or Hallie@jewishtoledo.org.

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has made video versions of the exercise courses available online so seniors would have the chance to continue moving and grooving. More than 50 people visited and saw the exercise post. At the time of this writing, there are 146 community members in the group. More content is planned to be posted, including virtual tours of Israel and music programming. Please join the private JLC Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/JewishLivingCenter.

At the Gan Yeladim Preschool, teachers held two online play-and-learn sessions a day with parents and preschoolers throughout the week.

At Jewish Family Service, the Board met virtually and immediately recommended the divestment of up to $15,000 from its budget for a special financial need fund with resources of potentially up to $2,500 per applicant/family available to people in financial crisis. At the same time, plans are underway to formalize a Hebrew Loan Society offering no-interest loans to those in our community, individuals, and businesses with urgent financial strains.

The professional staff at JFS continues to monitor and coordinate services to its clients who are most at risk during this crisis. The JFS Family Pantry is operating, with reduced hours and special rules, to meet food insufficiency needs in our community. We expect the need for these services will increase over the next several months. JFS can also be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/JewishFamilyServiceToledo.

Our PJ Library chapter has made online resources available and is working hard to find new ways to help young parents with children home from school. We have offered online cooking and reading programs. Our private PJ Library Facebook group can be found at www.facebook.com/groups/JFGTfamily.

Jewish Community Relations Council is monitoring legislative efforts to improve the safety net for small business and nonprofits and is also monitoring and responding to new forms of online hate in this charged environment. JCRC is also in regular contact with our friends of other faiths in the Toledo area as well as with our Israeli friends in the Western Galilee Partnership Region. It is important work and it will go on. Your Federation leadership is evaluating ongoing services and planning for the future. Federation Board of Directors met over ZOOM on March 24. The board was briefed on the status of our operations, programming, and our path forward.

The Annual Meeting of the community will be delayed to a different date. We are looking for new and fresh faces as part of the Federation leadership, but know that now is not the time to make that ask and develop nominating slates. We all need time to process the current realities and to focus on first things first, the health and welfare of the community.

Federation is keeping the community informed on social media and has an online form that allows people to request help and offer to volunteer. Our Federation and Foundation staff have made dozens of outreach calls to members of the community and the Executive Director has contacted all the congre- gational leadership and offered support. We expect to continue with our outreach efforts. We are here. We are stronger together. If you know someone in need, let us know and we will help. For up-to-date information between Federation emails and the Friday Facts, please follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/JewishToledo.

We are particularly proud of our Federation staff and lay leadership who have reacted quickly and deliberately to respond to the unprecedented changes. They are adjusting to effectively working remotely, and the community should be proud of their efforts.

These next several months will be unlike any we have ever experienced, but we will better for it. By coming together, we can look back on this chapter in our history and be proud of how we responded. Rabbi Nachman of Breslov made a very poignant observation when he wrote, “The world is a very narrow bridge. The main thing is not to be afraid.” Every day we are on this narrow bridge. We are living our lives. We are interacting with the world around us and we are responding to things over which we have control and things we don’t. We try. We fail. We try again. In doing so, we should be fearless because G-d is with us on the bridge. We are facing real and significant challenges, but as Victor Frankl observed after years of torture in Auschwitz, “you cannot control what happens to you, but you can always control how you respond to what happens to you.” All of us still have control over how we respond to this crisis. We can cow- er or we can collectively act together and help one another. We can. We will. To paraphrase the Ohio Director of Health, Dr. Amy Acton, do not be afraid, be determined. We are determined.

We wish everyone continued good health, safety, and security.

Rich Rusgo, Federation President
Stephen Rothschild, Executive Director
Jewish Family Service

**Moving Forward with Loss:**
*A grief support group for those who’ve lost a spouse*

Third Tuesday of each month
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Jewish Family Service Sekach Building
Dinner locations to be determined

One of the most important factors in healing from grief is the support of other people. Having support from your family, friends, or a community of others who have also experienced grief allows you to feel that someone else “gets it.” Being able to share your story or your feelings may be vital to healing. There is a safe place to share and listen to others, where your faith and values are very similar. You can always attend our support group and just listen. You won’t be asked to speak unless you’re comfortable, and you might feel better just being surrounded by a community (your community) with some understanding of the depth of your grief.

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**Wanted**

Creative people, theatrical talent, actors, and improv performers for a resiliency project with JFS.
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**Caring for Your Aging Parents: a panel discussion and Q&A**
Tuesday, May 12

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Congregation Etz Chayim celebrates 45th anniversary

By Emily Gordon

Congregation Etz Chayim celebrated a milestone 45 years this winter with a party on December 7.

A catered dinner and music from Klezmer Fusion Band set the tone of the anniversary celebration, where many congregants shared memories and danced together. Enlarged photographs taken throughout the congregation’s history decorated the social hall, prompting many to take a leisurely walk through the room—and through time, said Rabbi Evan Rubin.

“It’s quite something. In my field, I deal with everything from the good, to the bad, to the ugly. Having a night to talk about all the good things is always welcome,” said Rabbi Evan Rubin.

“For many years, the thing that has made Congregation Etz Chayim so special is that it’s very much a family. It truly felt like a family reunion to celebrate this congregation.”

About 80 current and former members of the congregation enjoyed the high-spirited night, which began with Havdalah led by Klezmer Fusion Band leader Neil Alexander. The music incorporated into the service, upon advice from Rabbi Rubin, was a “beautiful, perfect beginning” to the evening, said program director Nancy Jacobson.

Marcy Steingroot, a former member of the congregation who has since moved to Baltimore, was the “toastmistress” for the evening. Steingroot infused her remarks with comedy and warm recollections, her own and those from now-retired Rabbi Edward Garsek, whose open letter she shared with the audience.

Mel and Margie Siegel, Robert Wengrow, synagogue administrator Elsa Leveton, and president Steven Marcus were among those who added to the moving commentary celebrating 45 years shows the orthodox branch of Toledo Jews continues to stand strong.”

Judge Charles Wittenberg contributed to the evening with a brief history of the congregation, from its origins to its “outstanding” clergy spanning more than four decades.

Congregation Etz Chayim has called its Woodley Road building home since it was formally dedicated in 1974, but its story began almost a decade prior.

Wittenberg explained that there were three Orthodox synagogues in Toledo in 1967, which originated in the late 19th century to the turn of the 20th century: Congregation B’nai Jacob, Congregation Sharei Zedeck, and Meadowbrook Court Synagogue (previously known as Congregation Anshai Sfard).

In the fall of 1967, Congregation B’nai Jacob and Congregation Sharei Zedeck merged, counting a total of 600 families as congregants. In 1970, Meadowbrook Court Synagogue joined them, and the melded congregations decided on the name Congregation Etz Chayim in 1973 for their newly formed synagogue and its soon-to-be home under construction at that time.

The name Etz Chayim, tree of life, evoked the idea that a single tree grows from multiple roots, Wittenberg explained.

“Can you imagine how difficult, how contentious, how complicated it must have been to get a bunch of Jews from three different synagogues to agree on a name, on a location, on a design, on a rabbi, and everything else in forming this new Orthodox congregation?” Wittenberg asked the crowd.

“It was because of the foresight and conviction and hard work of men and women from all three synagogues that money was raised, a building was constructed, and so many people got together to create a new congregation. Etz Chayim instantly became and continues to be a central part of our lives and of Jewish Toledo.”

Participants were glad to celebrate these key community leaders with such a fun and heartfelt event, Jacobson added.

She and her family have been members for 30 years.

“It is important to me to have programs that will bring our members together, and to celebrate these years and the years to come,” Jacobson said.

Jacobson “does an excellent job” offering family friendly events, said former president Bobby Berkowitz, who has also been a longtime member with his family.

“It’s really neat,” Berkowitz said of the congregation’s 45 years of operation. “We have beautiful memories, and memories are what we live with.”
Active Life for 60 and Better

Anniversary Luncheon
Thursday, June 18
12 p.m.
Congregation B’nai Israel (6525 Sylvania Ave.)
$5 per person
Registration and payment to the JLC requested by Friday, June 5

Join us for food and friendship as we celebrate our “Sweet 16.” The Boogie Woogie Kid Matthew Ball will perform classic favorites like Ain’t Misbehavin’ and It Had to Be You. Be sure to wear your dancing shoes!

Healthy Living
Our approach to aging includes promoting a healthy lifestyle. By offering a series of wellness programs, the JLC helps those in our community achieve their health goals.

Get Fit…It’s Never Too Early
9 – 10 a.m. AND 11 a.m. - noon
Your favorite class kicks off your day with a comprehensive workout featuring cardio, strength, and flexibility. Balls, bands, chairs, and light weights are used in the great music. All supplies are provided. No class on:

Ballet Ball Fusion
1 – 2 p.m.
This is a great combination class that brings together basic ballet, Tai Chi, and drumming to give you a complete and fulfilling workout unlike any other with music to guide you. It focuses on your core for balance and strength and offers a full range of motion to help you work on your stretching and breathing. No class on:

Drumming
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
A full-body workout for any fitness level that anyone can do. Drumsticks are pounded on exercise balls and clinked overhead and side-to-side to up-beat music that will have you moving in step and around the circle. This class keeps you active and gives your core a great workout. All supplies are provided. No class on:

Get Fit…It’s Never Too Early
(see Monday for description)
9 – 10 a.m. AND 11 a.m. - noon
No class on April 8, 10, 15.

Drawing and Painting Class
2 - 4 p.m.
Board room in Sekach Building
All supplies are provided
No skill levels welcome
See art through a new vision: your own. In this class, you can work in pencil, watercolor, pastel, acrylics, or oil to create artwork from your favorite photograph or something you have seen in a magazine. Anjelika helps you create your own masterpiece in a fun and casual environment. No class on April 8 and 15.

Zumba Fridays
9 AND 11 a.m.
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.
Heat up your winter with this exercise craze! Featuring various dances from flamenco to samba, Eileen will get those hips shaking and feet moving. Dance routines are customized for our 60 & Better participants by our very own licensed Zumba instructor. No class on April 8, 10, 15.

To use any of the above services, just fill out a simple and quick Client Registration Form. To learn more about the Jewish Living Center, call 419-531-2119 #1 or visit JewishToledo.org. The Jewish Living Center is supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Jewish Seniors Services Supporting Organization.
Men's Duplicate Bridge  
Every Tuesday Evening  
7 – 9 p.m.  
Sekach Building – 6505 Sylvania Ave.

The Jewish Living Center of Greater Toledo is thrilled to welcome the Men's Duplicate Bridge Game to its array of program offerings. This game is open to all who want to play. All that is required is that you fill out an emergency form and pay the yearly activity fee.

Light refreshments will be provided, and all necessary game needs provided.

Should you like to play but aren’t sure of your skills and would like to learn, please let us know and we can arrange for lessons prior to the game. To arrange a lesson or for more information, please call 419-531-2119.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:  
Rene Rusgo, Director  
419-531-2119 #1 or rene@jewishtoledo.org

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For more information, please contact the Jewish Living Center at 419-531-2119 or email stephanie@JewishToledo.org.
Next Jewish Generation

NJG Trivia Nights
It's your favorite night out and you know the drill...free trivia, appetizers on us, and drinks on you! Trivia starts at 7 p.m., make sure to arrive by 6:45 p.m. (reservation will be under Hallie Freed). RSVP the day prior to Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362.

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NJG Ladies Book Club - Button Man
Wednesday, May 13
7 p.m.
Location TBD

$15 per person before Friday, May 25, $20
Calling all ladies! Join us for our next book club, Button Man and start in time to give away a copy of the book at the event. RSVP to Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362.

Bath Bomb Bash
Saturday, May 2
6:30 p.m.
Buff City Soap Co. (7103 Orchard Centre Dr., Holland)
$15 per person before Friday, May 25, $20
Includes snacks, drinks, and creating 8-10 bath bombs
RSVP to Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362

Join NJG in creating fun and relaxing bath bombs. You choose their scents, colors, and other attributes. Make the fizzy bath bombs as gifts to share with friends and loved ones or keep them all as a treat for yourself.

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

Next Jewish Generation Breaking Bread Project

Have you been meaning to get together with friends but haven't found the time? Well, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Toledo Jewish Community Foundation are offering $100 for you to host your own Shabbat dinner!

We want to empower you to host a Shabbat dinner for your friends in your own space, be it an apartment, house, park, or Toledo pub.

Our goal is to help you create a warm, intimate Shabbat experience on your own terms. Want to order pizza? Perfect. Feel like having a potluck? Fabulous. You choose how formal or informal this experience will be for your guests.

Visit www.tinyurl.com/breakingbreadtoledo to fill out an application.

If needed, you will be reimbursed up to a maximum of $100 per Shabbat dinner (not including alcohol). To be reimbursed, hosts must complete a brief survey following the event and email up to three photos taken during the event to be shared on our Facebook page.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org.

RSVP to any or all events to Hallie@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362.

Young Jewish Toledo is a staple of Jewish life in the Toledo area, existing to draw wonderful, dynamic, young Jewish people together for the greater benefit of the community. From Hebrew Happy Hours to date nights to volunteer opportunities, Young Jewish Toledo provides a range of opportunities for young Jewish professionals 21-40. These future leaders of Jewish Toledo are continuously strengthening personal connections while participating in – and perpetuating – Jewish life in Toledo.

To find out more about how you or someone you know can get involved with Young Jewish Toledo, contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org.

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PJ Library

PJ Library® is completely FREE for participating families in the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo region.

PJ Library® seeks to engage Jewish families with young children. Each participating child in our community from age six months through eight will receive a high-quality Jewish children's book or CD every month.

PJ Library® is supported in part by The Inspiration Fund and Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

RSVP to any or all events to Hallie@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362. Please notify us of any dietary issues at least one week prior to the event.

PJ and Gan Yeladim’s Purim to Passover Playdates
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location provided upon RSVP

To learn more about PJ Library® and to ensure your child receives this wonderful gift, please contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org

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PJ Playdates

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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, all gatherings at Congregation B’nai Israel have been suspended indefinitely.

Therefore, until further notice, the daily morning and evening minyan along with Shabbat services have been cancelled.

We will be trying to keep the synagogue office open on weekdays but for reduced hours. Voice mail messages will be retrieved and answered.

Members should watch their email for future announcements regarding changes and additional cancellations. We will be periodically emailing video messages from Hazzan Lichterman and posting these to the B’nai Israel website: cbitoledo.org

Additionally, members will be sent links to live stream virtual religious services as they are scheduled.

Questions should be directed to the synagogue office at 419-517-8400.
Congregation Etz Chayim will be closed to congregants and visitors until further notice. There will be no morning or evening services. This includes Shabbat services. All programs have been postponed and will be rescheduled at a future date.

Calls to the synagogue may be left on the answering machine. Messages will be monitored and calls will be returned as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Rabbi Rubin is delivering a daily drosha, “Thoughts for the Day” at 1:00 p.m. Sunday through Friday on Facebook Live. Please tune in for some daily inspiration during these difficult times!

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Celebrate Yom Ha’Atzmaut this year

COVID-19 may try to keep us apart, but we won’t let that happen

Our local Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day celebration, had to be cancelled due to COVID-19, but there are new ways that we can all stay connected for this important celebration.

Jewish Federations of North America is working to create an exciting global celebration around Yom HaAtzmaut that can be accessed by thousands of people from around the world. This event will take place on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 AT 2 P.M. ET. (It likely include spin off events afterwards so stay tuned.)

Save the date and watch your Friday Facts for more information as it becomes available.

to Colette Lundberg at 419-724-0361 or colette@jewish-toledo.org.
Obituaries

Alix D. (Blumberg) Greenblatt passed away at age 74 on March 5, 2020. A lifelong Toledoan, Alix was a wonderful mother to Mark and Dana, as well as Mark’s wife Denise, and an adoring Granzz to Cayden and Max, with constant encouragement and near perfect attendance at her children’s and grandchildren’s sporting events and theatrical productions. She served her community as a volunteer with many organizations, among them The Victory Center, Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio Race for the Cure (which she chaired in 2005), and Rotary Club of Sylvania (which elected her as its first female president). Alix was President of Sylvania Schools Board of Education for the groundbreaking of Timberstone Junior High in 1996. In 1999, she joined U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur on Project Interchange, a seminar in the Middle East, where they met separately with Ehud Barak and Yasser Arafat and, as the Congresswoman recalls, Alix left a little early so she could celebrate her and Dick’s anniversary. Alix’s lifelong service to her community was recognized with the Harry Levison Young Leadership Award in 1977, the Sylvania Academic Excellence Foundation Legacy Award in 2016, and countless others in between. Though she spent most of her professional career in the non-profit world as Executive Director of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and later Executive Director of Toledo Jewish Community Center, Alix also co-owned Tiny Doubles photography studio in the 1990s. Her legacy as a photographer can be found in thousands of lucite statues, as well as the photo-journals she and Dick kept as they traveled to all seven continents, including a very special trip to Israel in 2011 with the Toledo Rockets Women’s Basketball team.

Alix loved hosting holiday dinners for her large extended family and Toledo area newcomers who became like family. She enjoyed making “puppy chow” candy clusters for any and all occasions, keeping gluten-free goodies on hand for those with allergies, and attempting but never quite perfecting Jello molds. She was a whiz at solving jigsaw puzzles and an avid game player, be it card games, word games, backgammon, mahjong, tennis or golf. She will be remembered for her compassion, warmth, strength, leadership, humor, unique taste in lawn art, and reading a book in her seat behind the bench at Rocket basketball games while Dick watched the action — except for the time Women’s Head Coach Mark Ehlen ripped it out of her hands and told her to pay attention.

The family thanks Promedica Hospice for their care and comfort in Alix’s final days, as well as the nursing and therapy teams at Kingsport Care Center of Sylvania for their kind attentiveness both recently and during Alix’s physical rehabilitation last year. Alix is pre-deceased by her micro-preemie grandson Jonah, whom she promised to find and spoil in the next life. She is survived by Dick, Dana, Mark, Denise, Cayden and Max; brother and sister-in-law, Al and Mike Blumberg; and generations of cousins descended from Bubby Greenspoon. Funeral services were held at Congregation B’nai Israel on Sunday, March 8, 2020. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Alix D. Greenblatt Memorial Fund, (6465 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, OH 43560 or by calling 419-885-4461 or online at www.jewishtoledo.org), Congregation B’nai Israel, or the charity of your choice.

Wishing you and your family a meaningful Pesach

Cemetery Closings for Jewish Holiday 2020

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

Wednesday, April 8
Erev Passover
Closed at 4 P.M.

Thursday, April 9
1st day of Passover
Closed

Friday, April 10
2nd day of Passover
Closed

Tuesday, April 14
Erev 7th day of Passover
Closed at 4 P.M.

Wednesday, April 15
7th day of Passover
Closed

Thursday, April 16
8th day of Passover
Closed

Regular Cemetery hours:
Sunday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Fridays 6:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
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Maximum obituary word length: 500 words (Toledo Jewish News reserves the right to edit obituaries as necessary)

Email completed obituaries to: paul@jewishtoledo.org
You may include a photo of the deceased if you wish (optional).

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

Toledo Jewish News is published the first of every month except July. Obituaries must be received by the 15th of the month prior to publication. If you have additional questions, please contact paul@jewishtoledo.org.
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• Combating hate and antisemitism
• Mental health and addiction support
• Multifaith and multicultural outreach and education
• Advocacy for issues relevant to our Jewish community and others
• Planning community observances of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) and Yom Hazikaron (Israel’s Memorial Day)
• Improving the relationship between American and Israeli Jews
• Israel Advocacy including partnering with organizations and businesses in promoting common opportunities

You can make a lasting impact on your community by getting involved with Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. We are committed to your participation in project-based volunteer efforts that value your time and make the best use of your talents and interests. We are focused on results and action as we work together to reach common goals.

For more information, please contact Fagie at Fagie@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0315, or Stephen at stephen@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0372.

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