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*Together or across distances, may  
you and your loved ones enjoy  
a meaningful Passover*

**This Passover we recall how the Jewish people were delivered from slavery to freedom, from sadness to joy, from darkness to light. May we soon be delivered to the comfort we find being among our friends, family and community. *B'shanah haba'ah b'Yerushalayim.* Next year in Jerusalem!**

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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 cre-

ated 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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# Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo



## 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 ProMedica 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 Feder-

ation'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](http://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 diversion 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](http://www.facebook.com/JewishFamilyServiceToledo).

Our PJ Library chapter has made on-line 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/JFSGTfamily](http://www.facebook.com/groups/JFSGTfamily).

**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 dif-**

**ferent 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 congregational 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](http://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 cower 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*



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## 2020 SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR

DATE

EVENT

DEPARTMENT

**Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo programs are temporarily suspended due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Please check your May issue of the Toledo Jewish News or your weekly Friday Facts e-newsletter for updates.**

Dates are subject to change. Events will be added monthly as information becomes available.

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# 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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## JFS CAN LOWER YOUR COST OF IN-HOME CARE

- Being discharged from the hospital or rehab?
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## DONATE IT!

Donations of equipment support Jewish Family Service of Greater Toledo's Music & Memory™ Program. Donated iPods are customized with personal playlists and loaned to older adults in the Jewish community.

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419-724-0407



## We're here for YOU

JFS is here for your emergency needs!

We have access to food, emergency funding, and volunteers!

Let us know how we can help, or just call us if you want to talk.

419-724-0401



Caring for Your Aging Parents: a panel discussion and Q&A  
Tuesday, May 12

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## Wanted

Creative people, theatrical talent, actors, and improv performers for a resiliency project with JFS. Please contact Shari Bernstein at 419-724-0408.



# Local

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> century to the turn

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.”



and resulting “happy tears,” Jacobson added.

“Thank goodness we’re celebrating 45 years. That in itself reflects the vitality of the synagogue and members belonging to it,” Marcus said. “The connections made between the area synagogues are an indication that, despite the diminishing Jewish population in Toledo, we still have a vibrant Jewish community, and us

of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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





# 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!



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## 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.

### MONDAYS

**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 class. All classes feature great music. *All supplies are provided.*  
**No class on April 8, 10, 15.**

**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 upbeat 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 April 8, 10, 15.**

**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.**

### WEDNESDAYS

**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. *All supplies are provided.*  
**No class on April 8, 10, 15.**

**Drawing and Painting Class**  
**2 - 4 p.m.**  
**Board room in Sekach Building**  
**All supplies are provided**  
**All 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.**

### FRIDAYS

**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.**

and Black - expect to play in this lively get together for all. Nickels and dimes are what you will need to make this an afternoon of fun.  
**No class on April 9, 10, 16.**

**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](http://JewishToledo.org). The Jewish Living Center is supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Jewish Seniors Services Supporting Organization.

# Jewish Living Center

**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 of  
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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.

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## Contact the Jewish Living Center

Please contact the Jewish Living Center if we can be of assistance to you during these extraordinary times. The JLC has exercise videos and other resources available to help make your stay at home more enjoyable and productive.

We will all get through this together!

*For more information, please contact the Jewish Living Center at 419-531-2119 or email [stephanie@JewishToledo.org](mailto:stephanie@JewishToledo.org).*



## Jewish Living Center

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René Rusgo, Director

*Jewish Living Center for 60 and better*

The Jewish Living Center (JLC) is a fresh, holistic approach to how we look at aging and how we view ourselves as we age. We strive to make the JLC the place where you come when you want to learn about something new and exciting. Where you can try out the newest trends in movement and exercise. Where technology is just a touch away. Where adventure takes you places. Where you gather with your old friends and make new ones. Where you can feel comfortable being yourself.

### Be a part of the Jewish Living Center:

Pick the event(s) you want to participate in.  
Register by the registration deadline to join the fun.

Call us at 419-531-2119 # 2 or email [Stephanie@JewishToledo.org](mailto:Stephanie@JewishToledo.org) with your payment information, as payment is due at the time of registration.  
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Personal checks can be mailed to: Jewish Living Center 6505 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, OH 43560

"OY! I registered for an event and now I can't attend." Please call and let us know so we can open that spot for another community member.

### Scent-free space

Jewish Living Center participants are asked not to wear perfume, cologne, or any other strong-smelling fragrances while participating in classes, programs, and trips. Your cooperation in this effort will allow all of our participants to take part in our programming.

**For more information about the Jewish Living Center or its programs**, please call Director René Rusgo at 419-531-2119 # 1 or email [Rene@JewishToledo.org](mailto:Rene@JewishToledo.org).  
The Jewish Living Center (JLC) and all of its programs are open to those who are 60 and better and are supported through a generous grant from the Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization (JSSSO) and through your campaign dollars.



### Connect with us on Facebook!

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# Next Jewish Generation

## NextJGen Next Jewish Generation

Programs especially for post-college to young families.



### 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*

### 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**

### NJG Ladies Book Club - Button Man

**Wednesday, May 13**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Location TBD**  
Calling all ladies! Join us for our next book club meeting. We will discuss "The Button Man" by David Shields. The book starts in time for the Holocaust and follows the story of any-thing that happens to the family. *RSVP to Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org*

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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.



**RSVP to any or all events to [Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org](mailto: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](mailto:hallie@JewishToledo.org).

## Project MENCHIFY: To Knit or to knot? That is the question

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and crafters from beginner level to advanced.... we need your help! Join us in making knitted and crocheted blankets as well as no-sew blankets for local hospices, hospitals, dog shelters, and other organizations. Don't know how to craft these items? Don't worry, we will teach you! Everyone is invited to join us at our monthly To Knit or to Knot - a place to learn, craft, and talk with other likeminded friends.

Not able to make an afternoon with us but still want to donate? We will gladly accept 8-inch (20 centimeter) knitted or crocheted squares and any size no-sew blankets.

### Donations can be dropped off to:

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

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**Tuesday, May 19 at 1 – 3 p.m.**

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## 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? Perfect. Want to have a Shabbat dinner? Perfect. The only thing that will be for



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the event to be shared on our Facebook page.

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RSVP to any or all events to [Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org](mailto:Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org) or 419-724-0362.  
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# Temple Shomer Emunim .....

## TEMPLE SHOMER EMUNIM-WE ARE FAMILY

We are here to help during this difficult time. Members of your Temple staff and Temple family want to be of assistance to members of our Temple Family now that we are ordered to “shelter at home”. However, to “Flatten the Curve” the Temple office will be closed until April 30 or further direction from the Governor’s Office.

### EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE IMPERATIVE DURING THIS TIME

The most effective way for us to keep in touch with members of our congregation is via email. Please send your current email address to Lynn at lnusbaum@templese.com. We will update our records with the address you send us! The "Shomer Schleper" Team still looks forward to lending a hand and encourages (insists!) you contact us to arrange for delivery of your groceries, prescriptions, supplies and Mitzvah Meals. Here is how it works:

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- Call Lynn Nusbaum at 419-290-0599 if you are in urgent need of groceries or medication from March 25-April 30, 2020. We will have someone pick up and deliver your order to your doorstep. **Volunteers and staff are not permitted to enter anyone’s home. We must all practice social distancing. The safety and health of all of us is of utmost importance.** Grocery stores have limited or no supply of many items. We may not be able to purchase every item on your list, but we will do our best! And **do not place additional orders at time of delivery**--orders must be placed with the Temple office.
- We will charge your card after we purchase your order. After calling you will be instructed to email your grocery list to either Lynn Nusbaum at lnusbaum@templese.com or Wendy Payne at wpayne@templese.com we will do our best to have your order delivered within 24 hours.

#### Prescriptions and Over the counter medications

Call in and pay for your prescriptions to your regular pharmacy and we will pick them up and deliver them to your home. If you need over the counter medicine that is only available at a pharmacy, call Lynn Nusbaum with your credit card number and we will keep it securely on file. If we are picking up prescriptions, please provide your full name and date of birth. (Pharmacy requires that information). Prescriptions will be delivered to your

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### MITZVAH MEAL & PASSOVER MITZVAH MEAL SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE OFFERED BY THE TEMPLE (SEE INSIDE THIS BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION)

- We will revisit Mitzvah Meal service the week of April 14<sup>th</sup> and will keep you posted via email and website.
- HELP SUPPORT OUR CONGREGANTS WHO ARE LOCAL RESTAURANT OWNERS BY ORDERING, PICK UP AND DELIVERY SERVICE THROUGH THE TEMPLE MITZVAH MEAL PROGRAM FROM BARRY BAGELS AND RUSGO’S FIREHOUSE SUBS**
- All mitzvah meal and special restaurant menus will be available through Temple email and on our website.
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#### Caring Community Calls

We miss you and would love to talk. A Temple volunteer or staff member will gladly check in and chat at your request. Email Lynn at lnusbaum@templese.com or Wendy at wpayne@templese.com to arrange for a call.

#### Who do I call if I need something when the Temple is not open?

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# Congregation B'nai Israel .....

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](http://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 .....

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”  
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See *Congregation Etz Chayim celebrates 45th anniversary* on page 5

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

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# Obituaries



**Alix D. (Blumberg) Greenblatt** passed away at age 74 on March 5, 2020. A lifelong Toledoan, Alix was born to Rosalind (Greenspoon) and Dave Blumberg on May 7, 1945. While volunteering for Women's American ORT in August of 1970, she attended a singles party hoping to recruit new members; instead, she met fellow University of Toledo graduate Dick Greenblatt. A year later, they were married.

Devoted to her family and community, Alix was a wonderful mother to Mark and Dana, as well as Mark's wife Denise, and an ador-

ing 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-prof-

it 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 Jell-O 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 Kingston 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](http://www.jewishtoledo.org)), Congregation B'nai Israel, or the charity of your choice.

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Friday, April 10	2nd day of Passover	Closed
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**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.

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- Improving the relationship between American and Israeli Jews
- Israel Advocacy including partnering with organizations and businesses in promoting common opportunities

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