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Meetings with Candidates Highlight Many Similarities and Differences

By Daniel Pearlman, Director, JCRC

Last month, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) organized meetings for lay and professional leaders in the Toledo Jewish community with all three candidates running for office in Ohio House District 41 and both candidates for Ohio Senate District 11. This will be the first, and likely the last, primary election under newly redistricted state maps that are expected to last only two years before another round of redistricting occurs.

Visiting the Jewish Federation were House candidates Nancy Larson (D), Josh Williams (R), and Colin Flanagan (D). Visiting Senate candidates included Ohio Representative Paula Hicks-Hudson (D) and Tony Dia (R). Howie Beigelman, Executive Director of Ohio Jewish Communities (OJC) based in Columbus, and Casey Holck, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the YMCA, also attended.

House District 41 covers Sylvania and other areas and includes the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Temple Shomer Emunim, Congregation B’nai Israel, and Chabad House. Each Ohio Senate district comprises three Ohio House districts. Senate District 11 covers House Districts 41–43, so it includes the above Jewish organizations plus Congregation Etz Chayim and Toledo Hillel; the latter two fall in House District 43 along with Ottawa Hills and parts of West Toledo.

“This was a great opportunity to meet and discuss the issues with the candidates running for our state House and Senate districts,” expressed Charles Wittenberg. “It is not often we can discuss the issues directly with the candidates and learn their positions and perspectives. There were certainly stark differences among all of them. It was educational for the candidates, as well, as they learned about the Jewish community and gained an appreciation of the issues that are important to us as Jews.”

In addition to learning why each candidate is running for office and some of their goals if elected, JCRC prepared a policy backgrounder on five topics: rising antisemitism, community safety and security gaps, issues of religious liberty, Toledo-Israel partnerships, and the “divisive topics” bills that have been introduced in the Ohio House that may have implications on how the Holocaust and other essential chapters of history can be taught in schools. On most of these issues, with a few exceptions, candidates agreed with one another and with our communal agenda, regardless of their party affiliation.

For many in attendance, this was a refreshing realization. “We heard from all five candidates for the state House and Senate, and each conveyed their perspectives well; [it was] a truly informative day,” expressed Alan Benjamin. “I was pleased that each was willing to speak to members of the Toledo Jewish community – and I came away knowing who would receive my vote!”

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit representing a diverse community, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo values and is deeply committed to bipartisanship. Even with our community’s diversity, there are many issues which have consensus in the Jewish community.

Election Day is Tuesday, August 2, and polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you are in line by 7:30 p.m., you cannot be turned away. If you do not know your House or Senate district, visit the Ohio Secretary of State website for an interactive map of the districts and searchable by address at www.FindMyDistrict.OhioSOS.gov.

Absentee voting and early in-person voting has begun at 3737 W. Sylvania Avenue, Suite 121. Use Entrance C, located in the back of the building. Hours vary by day; visit www.LucasCountyOhioVotes.gov for more information.

The Jewish Federation’s Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) represents the Greater Toledo Jewish community, Israel, and Jews to the general community; establishes collaborative relationships with other ethnic, racial, civic and religious groups; promotes the interests of Jewish organizations and other agencies through government relations at the federal, state, and local levels and the media; and educates and advocates on important issues, seeking consensus with a commitment to Jewish values.

Please contact JCRC Director Daniel Pearlman for more information by emailing daniel@jewishtoledo.org.
How Russia’s war is undoing 30 years of Jewish community building in Ukraine

VINNYTSIA, Ukraine (JTA) — At this city’s only regularly functioning synagogue, nine men and five women cheer a visitor on as he enters the building. “Terrific! We have a 10th! Let’s begin!” one of the men, David Goldish, exclaimed during this interaction on a recent Shabbat.

The struggle to gather 10 Jewish men to form a prayer quorum known as a minyan is part of life for many small Jewish communities in Europe. But it used to be a distant memory in Vinnytsia, one of multiple Ukrainian cities where decades of community-building had restored Jewish communal life after communism. Dozens of Jews would gather for Shabbat services at each of the three synagogues of this city, which had about 3,000 Jews when war broke out.

Yet Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in February has compelled many thousands of Jews, and especially young Jewish families and singles, to join the millions of non-Jewish Ukrainians who have fled at-risk areas, and the country altogether. By far the greatest threat to those who remain is from Russian attacks, which are unrelated as the Russian army steps up its offensive. But already, local Jewish leaders in cities across Ukraine have begun to assess the toll on their communities’ strength — and are arriving at disquieting conclusions.

“It feels like we’ve gone back in time to 30 years ago because the pillars of the community have pretty much all gone out of Ukraine,” Rabbi Shaul Horowitz, the Chabad-Lubavitch movement’s emissary to Vinnytsia, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. “The wheel rolled out of the synagogue in the fresh air to the alternative of staying inside the dark and poorly ventilated interior, filled with the smells of cooking cabbage, fried fish and cholent, the traditional bean and meat stew that many Jews consume on Shabbat.

The food, which is served with vodka after prayer and is a staple tradition in some synagogues in this part of the world, seemed to account for at least some of the event’s appeal for some elderly participants, who left immediately after consuming large portions of it.

“Most of the people who could leave — have already left,” said Mikhail Kriplyuk, a 35-year-old single man who owns a local exporting business.

“Those who had money, a passport, an SUV to travel to the border, they packed up and left. That’s kind of people who held this community together,” said Kriplyuk, who decided to stay, in keeping with rules prohibiting men under 60 from leaving the country in case they are needed to fight.

The residents of Vinnytsia seemed to feel safe, ignoring the sirens blaring frequently last month.

“Oh, the alarms? Don’t worry about them,” one Vinnytsian, Oksana Poltova, told a concerned reporter at one of Vinnytsia’s riverside cafés during one such incident. “It’s a national alert system so the rockets could be falling anywhere. And sometimes it’s just a false alarm.

But on July 14, a Russian rocket did hit Vinnytsia — the second such incident during the war. It killed 23 people near an iconic statue of a fighter jet at the center of the city located about 47,000 miles southwest of Kyiv.

In Vinnytsia, Horowitz estimated, half of local Jews are gone. His congregation gathers at a small synagogue that is accessible through a back alley that requires members to walk past a ramshackle car repair shop and apartment courtyards filled where chickens roam.

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For the past decade, Horowitz has focused on gathering the region’s Jews into a community. Now he is encouraging and helping anyone from his flock who is able to leave the country to do so.

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“Pensioners, people with disabilities — they are still here. But many of the young families with the possibility to leave have left to different destinations,” he said.

Dukhovny believes some will return. He saw some people who fled in the war’s early days at a recent Kabbalat Shabbat, a Friday night service, which his community had suspended due to Russian attacks and only recently resumed in a sign of return to normalcy that the congregation “celebrates with a lot of joy,” he said.

But many thousands likely won’t be returning — especially among the approximately 12,000 who had left for Israel under its Law of Return for Jews and their relatives in the first half of 2022 alone. (The figure for the whole of 2021 was 3,129.)

Ukrainian Jewry has managed to flourish despite multiple crises, including the 2014 Russian annexation of Crimea and the 2005 Orange Revolution and the political and financial instability it brought.

In addition to dozens of synagogues, mikvahs, Jewish schools and kindergartens that have all been opened in the past 30 years, Ukrainian Jewry boasts institutions so large and conspicuous that they have become symbols of its presumed robustness.

First and foremost among those flashy embassies for Jewish life in Ukraine is the Menorah complex in Dnipro, an eastern city that has been on the receiving end of multiple Russian assaults.

Built by the Chabad movement in the city where its last leader lived as a child, the $100 million Jewish community center includes event halls, a synagogue, spa-like mikvahs, several kosher restaurants and, until recently, local branches of Israeli banks for dual nationals.

It towers over the skyline of the city, which before the war had at least 10,000 Jews, with its 22 stories that comprise a giant menorah. It’s said to be the largest Jewish community center in Europe, all built with monies from Ukrainian-Jewish oligarchs, including Igor Kolomoisky.

Life hasn’t changed much at Menorah and for Dnipro Jews following the war, according to Oleg Rostovtsev, a spokesperson for the Dnipro Jewish Community.

“As some have left but there are still thousands of Jews here,” he told JTA. “But there are members of the community who spoke to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency anonymously, citing possible negative implications for giving out “non-official information,” as the source termed it, said that about half of Dnipro’s Jews have left. ‘Or maybe it just feels like that because the ones who live half in Ukraine continued on page 10
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NOTE: Only obituaries submitted to paul@jewishtoledo.org (at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo offices) will be printed in Toledo Jewish News. Toledo Jewish News is published the first of every month except July. Obituaries should be emailed by the 15th of the month prior to publication. If you have additional questions, please contact paul@jewishtoledo.org.

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Jewish Holiday Closing Schedule for remainder 2022

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The fall months, holidays and cold weather are approaching, but you can curb the onset of seasonal stress. JSF&SS will be partnering with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to provide a “Creative Expression” art project you will be able to take home. This unique and enjoyable program uses art-making to strengthen positive coping skills through self-expression.

Tuesday, September 20
Toledo Botanical Gardens Metropark - Crosby Conference Center
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Open to everyone in the Jewish community of all ages
RSVP to Stacy Willis by September 14 at 419-724-0407 or stacy@jewishtoledo.org

Ahava program
For families of individuals with special needs

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Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo

Getting to know you:
Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo staff
Tonya Harding, Financial Analyst Officer

Tonya Harding: I am grateful and happy to be working in the accounting department at the Federation as the Financial Analyst Officer. My main responsibilities are creating the departmental financial statements and comparing the budget and researching variances. I also reconcile accounts and record the changes each month in the investment accounts for the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation. I work on special projects, such as working with the auditors on the 990 non-profit tax return. The best part of the position is working with the other employees in the office. I have only been at the Federation for four months but already feel at home here.

What is one of your favorite family traditions?
TH: During the first snow each year, I cannot wait to get home, bundle up, take the tubes and sleds, and go to the hills at Ottawa Park. Then we come home, change, and make hot chocolate. I grew up in Florida, so I never had this experience as a child. Now that my son is older, we are making new family traditions; but this one and make hot chocolate. I grew up in Florida, so I never had this experience as a child. Now that my son is older, we are making new family traditions; but this one.

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What are three words your closest family and friends would use to describe you?
TH: Determined, passionate, and resilient. Being resilient is a key to a great life as, in the end, our happiness comes from within.

What are some of your biggest goals or aspirations for your role?
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What is something you saw recently that made you smile?
TH: I collected vinyl records and beach glass. Both are highly addictive and relaxing.

What is something a Toledo Jewish News reader may not know about you?
TH: I volunteered for other non-profits (Bethany House and Big Brothers Big Sisters). I was the first person in my family to go to college. After graduation, I studied for and passed the CPA exam, as it was a personal goal of mine. For the last 12 years, I have been a Controller in a few positions, and I have learned so much from each experience.

What is your most unique part about working for the Federation?
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TH: Another goal of mine is to gain more understanding of the community that I am serving.

What is the best compliment you have ever received?
TH: That I am a loving and caring parent, as that is my most important life goal.

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The 21st Maccabiah Games were held July 12-26 in Israel. The Opening Ceremony was attended by President Joe Biden, Prime Min-ister Yair Lapid, and President Isaac Herzog. Jewish Toledo’s Harriet Theise (20 years old) from Sylvania is a member of the 2022 USA Women’s Open Volleyball team, which won its first match vs. Canada. She was awarded a scholarship to attend the Games from the Dr. Paul Kahn Designated Fund of the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation. Former Jewish Toledo athlete, Evan Kenneth, was named Player of the Game in USA Masters Ice Hockey’s 16-1 win against Europe. Evan is the youngest of three brothers that all played competitive college hockey. Evan and Kenneth played on the same line for two seasons at Colby College in Waterville, ME from 1999-2001 and are excited to be reunited on the ice with the 2022 Maccabi USA Ice Hockey Team. He currently lives in Needham, MA with his wife and three children (11, 10, 7).
Mud Hens Game

Jewish Toledo recently took over the Skydeck at Fifth Third Field to cheer on the Toledo Mud Hens. Even though the final score was 8-2 in favor of the Scranton RailRiders, the group still had a fun afternoon in the sun.

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Israel and half here stopped coming,” the source said.

In Odessa, another major center of Ukrainian Jewry, at least half of the Jews have left, according to several locals. And in Kharkiv, another former hub of Judaism in Ukraine that has come under intense bombardment, hardly any remain at all, according to Moshe Moskowitz, the city’s Chabad rabbi.

In some places west of Kyiv, internal displacement of Jews is counteracting departures from the ranks of local Jewish communities.

Sergey Poliakov is one of the Jewish refugees staying in Vinnytsia. An employee of the Roshen chocolate factory from Kherson, he and his fiancée fled to Vinnytsia when their city came under Russian attack.

They are now staying at Vinnytsia’s only Jewish school – a mansion-sized Soviet-era building in the city’s outskirts whose new, modern-looking milkshake contrasts sharply with the building’s overall crumbling appearance.

The fact that it exists at all is remarkable, Horowitz noted.

“This city under communism had one synagogue that the authorities kept open for propaganda purposes. It was in the market and just to make sure nobody goes in, there was a KGB outpost overlooking the synagogue.

Anyone who went in was documented,” Horowitz said. During the Soviet era, many Jews who demonstrated a desire to worship publicly or belong to a Jewish community were persecuted, often for engaging in Zionist activities, which were banned.

Some courageous local Jews entered anyway, sometimes using a secret entrance while pretending to shop, he said.

The seven families now living at the school compound, including some non-Jewish ones, all came from further east. They pick cherries and pears for kompot — a chilled fruit soup that is a staple summer food — from the many trees that dot the compound, and they planted potatoes in a former playground.

On a recent Saturday evening, a non-Jewish family playfully coaxed Poliakov to taste some chicken they had barbecued for a birthday party of one of the family’s members, a 44-year-old woman named Dora.

“It’s kosher as can be, I assure you!” said Dora, who was on her fourth shot of vodka. “Yes, I’m sure but I’ll stick to the booze,” Poliakov replied, smiling.

Poliakov, 33, said he doesn’t know whether his flat in Kherson, which he recently bought with his life savings, “is even still standing or whether it’s a heap of rubble,” he said. “All my neighbors also left so there’s no one to check. It’s a ghost town. I’m working under the assumption that I have nowhere to return.”

With that in mind, Poliakov, an observant Jew with a high-earning job, may well settle down in Vinnytsia, one of Ukraine’s richest cities with a population of 370,000 and infrastructure matched by few others of its size. Or he may make aliya, the term for immigrating to Israel, he said.

Poliakov is among the people who are considered pillars of their communities who left because of the war. There are many like him, according to Eduard Dolinsky, the director of the Ukrainian Jewish Committee, one of several groups representing Ukrainian Jewry.

It’s too early to talk statistics amid the fog of war, Dolinsky said, but he estimates that war-related emigration is especially high among a category of Jews he considers “pillars of the community — people who go to synagogue every week and care about being Jewish,” he said.

For such Jews, years of community-building around Israel, Hebrew and Judaism may have helped build relationships outside of Ukraine, including in Israel, that facilitated fleeing in the hectic early weeks of the war, when many around the world sought to support Ukrainians.

But many of those who left were not actively engaged in Jewish life in Ukraine, according to Vyacheslav Likhachev, a spokesperson for the Vaad Ukrainian-Jewish group and a historian who has researched social issues relevant to Ukrainian Jewry.

“Most Ukrainian Jews are secular. Their attachment to the community, to the degree that it exists, is cultural or through receiving aid from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, not through Chabad and the rabbis who engage with a small percent of the Jewish minority,” said Likhachev.

So why did so many Ukrainian Jews leave for Israel during the war?

“Because they could and because in Israel, almost all of them have friends or family,” Likhachev said, adding that because hundreds of thousands of people from Ukrainian territory made aliyah in the 1990s, “Most of Ukrainian Jewry is already in Israel.”

How many of them remain is the issue of some disagreement.

Chabad says there were about 250,000 people who are Jewish according to halacha, traditional Jewish law, in Ukraine before the war with Russia. The European Jewish Congress, based on data from local Jewish groups, says up to 360,000. And the Institute for Ukrainian continued on page 21
Jewish Community Relations Council

18 Israeli women are coming to Toledo – and we need your help!

Women Leading a Dialogue is a Partnership2Gether-sponsored dialogue group for Arab and Jewish women from Israel’s Western Galilee. With the help of a professional facilitator, these women, ages 30-55, discuss mutual issues pertaining to their lives. They get to know each other, go on field trips, and celebrate special holidays together, like Ramadan, the New Year, and Passover. While strengthening their bonds, they also enhance their leadership and project building skills.

Toledo is fortunate to have been selected as the first stop on their American tour. The women will be in town November 6-9, 2022.

The Jewish Federation is looking for community members who are willing to host groups of two or more Israeli women at their homes and to provide them with breakfast each morning. At least one woman in the group would be Jewish and at least one woman would be Arab. The women can share a room, but they will need their own beds for sleeping.

If you are interested in hosting two or more Israelis, please contact sherry@jewishtoledo.org or call 419-724-0351.

To respect everyone's customs, we ask that hosts do not provide dairy and meat together, pork, or alcohol.

Habitat for Humanity

This summer, Jewish community members are volunteering with Habitat for Humanity to help build a house for a person in need as part of a city-wide interfaith effort. In June, Jewish Federation CEO Stephen Rothschild led an opening prayer on behalf of the Jewish community to kick off the Faith Build. The Jewish community's involvement in this year's Faith Build is co-sponsored by Temple Shomer Emunim, Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, and the JCRC. For more information, contact danielle@jewishtoledo.org.

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Active Life for 60 and Better

Senior Rock Painting
Local seniors had a blast this June painting and collaging paper designs onto decorative rocks at the Sekach Building. Thanks to our expert art teacher, Colette Lundberg, for digging up another great program!

Senior Flower and Massage Event
Jewish Toledo seniors spent a fun morning creating floral centerpieces with the help of Beautiful Blooms by Jen. Attendees took turns getting hand, foot, and chair massages, which were followed by a delicious lunch.

It’s for Reel! Senior Movie Day
Thursday, September 8
12:30 – 2 p.m.
Sekach Building – 6505 Sylvania Ave
FREE – movie noshes provided
Join us for an afternoon of entertainment as we watch “The Benny Zinger Show” together!

The Benny Zinger Show
Benny Zinger presents slide shows at weddings until, one day, while preparing a show for a couple, he falls in love with the bride. Populated with wonderfully offbeat characters and enlivened by a good-natured sense of humor, this quirky short is an appealing and highly entertaining slice of modern Israeli life.

RSVP by Tuesday, September 6 to sherry@jewishtoledo.org or call 419-724-0351.

Seniors SAVE THE DATE:
Thursday, October 27 — Traveling Toledo Opera
Thursday, December 15 — Hanukkah Luncheon

Seniors – Pick Your Pottery and Paint it!
Thursday, September 22
12:30 – 2 p.m. – nosh provided
Sekach Building – 6505 Sylvania Ave
$10 per person – includes pottery painting, snacks, and more
Get your creative groove on and come paint with friends! Peace, Love and Pottery will be bringing in some beautiful ceramic pieces to choose from.
RSVP by Thursday, September 15 to sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351
Active Life for 60 and Better

Healthy Living

JLC is pleased to announce the virtual return of our popular exercise classes

JLC Exercise Now on Jewish Toledo YouTube Channel!

Missing all your favorite exercise classes because you don't have Facebook? Now you can simply go to YouTube anytime you want and not have to deal with Facebook at all. Love Facebook, all your classes will still be on Facebook! We are now offering two platforms where you can get your exercise classes from, YouTube and Facebook!

You can exercise when you want, YouTube is open to everyone who wants to keep moving and stay healthy!

Here is how you can find the Jewish Toledo YouTube Channel: Just go to the www.jewishtoledo.org website, then click on Get Involved at the top of the page, click on 60 and Better and then look for the button that says Exercise Videos – it will take you directly to YouTube. Once on the page you can bookmark it.

What classes can you expect to find on our Jewish Toledo JLC YouTube Channel:

- **Ballet Fusion**
  This combination class brings together basic ballet and Tai Chi to give you a complete workout. Focusing on your core for balance and strength and full range of motion to increase flexibility and breathing.

- **Foundation Fitness**
  This challenging, calisthenic-style workout is designed to develop your muscular strength and endurance from the ground up. Focus will be on foot and ankle strength and mobility, healthy posture and pelvic floor tone, and core strength and breathing.

- **Get Fit**
  This exercise class offers you great music and great moves that will give you a comprehensive workout that includes cardio, strength, and flexibility. Balls, bands, chairs, and light weights are used in the class.

- **Zumba**
  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.

- **Drumming**
  A full body workout for any fitness level. You will need: drumsticks or wooden spoons and an exercise ball. The upbeat music keeps you moving and gives your core a great workout!

All our exercise classes are taught by Eileen Seegert. Eileen has been an integral part of the health & wellness program at Jewish Living Center for 28 years. Eileen has degrees in Dance Therapy and Kinesiotherapy. She also has a certification in Corrective Exercise and is licensed to teach Zumba. Eileen stays active by participating in local runs and spending time with her grandchildren.

If you have any questions about our classes, please feel free to call us at 419-724-0401 or email ben@jewishtoledo.org.

**Friday Poker**
12:00 - 3:30 p.m. Where: JFS
Snacks available
Nickel/dime bets
Contact: Colette Lundberg 419-724-0361 or Colette@JewishToledo.org

Enjoy the tastes of Lyle's Crepe's and learn all about journaling while letting your inner thoughts soar onto a page through art.

Natural Senior Appreciation Day 2022
Here’s the Scoop
August 21 3 – 5 p.m.
Sekach Building
FREE – ice cream social
Celebrate National Senior Day with ice cream and friends. Nothing is sweeter than ice cream, and it will always bring us together! RSVP by Friday, August 19 by contacting Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351

EAT, DRINK, & EGGS-PLORE THE ART OF JOURNALING

RSVP for all programs by contacting Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.

Contact: Colette Lundberg 419-724-0361 or Colette@JewishToledo.org
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.

Each book and CD comes with resources to help families use the selection in their home. The book and music list has been selected by the foremost children’s book experts and includes a wide array of themes related to Jewish holidays, folktales and Jewish family life.

To learn more about PJ Library and to ensure your child receives this wonderful gift, please contact Marnie at marnie@jewishtoledo.org.

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

PJ and Gan Yeladim Rolling Into Rosh Hashanah Playdates
Friday September 9, Friday September 16, and Friday September 23
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Gan Yeladim Preschool - 6505 Sylvania Ave
FREE - snacks will be provided
Please bring in shampoo, conditioner, liquid hand soap, or body wash for the JSF&SS Family Pantry
Open to our preschool aged friends (0-3) and their parents, grandparents, nannies, siblings, and friends
Join us for a fun morning of playing, crafting, noshing with friends and a special circle time with Morah Raizel! Meet and make friends with other PJ parents and their kids.
RSVP to Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351. Please let us know of any dietary restrictions.

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Programs

Welcome to Jewish Toledo bags
Are you new to Toledo? Contact Marnie Younker at 419-724-0365 or marnie@jewishtoledo.org for your free welcome bag!

SAVE THE DATES!

Rosh Hashanah Roll By
Sunday September 18
Java in the Hut
Sunday, October 9
Jewish Book Festival
November
Hanukkah Hero’s Day
MaccABE a Hanukkah Hero!
Sunday, December 11

Next JGen
Next Jewish Generation

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

Programs especially for post-college to young families.

For more information about Department of Jewish Programs or to register for virtual events, please contact Marnie at marnie@jewishtoledo.org.

Register for all upcoming NJG events at: https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njg2022
Any questions? Contact Marnie Younker at marnie@jewishtoledo.org

Strolling (or rolling) Sunday Brunch
Sunday, August 14
10:30 a.m.
Wildwood Park – meet up at the Metz Visitors Center
$10 per person – includes brunch & beverage

Group walk (or bike) from Wildwood to Patron Saints Brewery for brunch (from the food trucks and the brewery) and back.

NJG Trivia Nights
Tuesday, August 9
7 p.m.
Stubborn Brother, 3115 W. Bancroft St.
Monday, September 12
6:30 p.m.
The VI, 4984 N. Holland Sylvania Rd.

It’s your favorite night out, and you know the drill - free trivia, appetizers on us, and drinks on you! Make sure to arrive by 15 minutes early (reservation will be under “Next Gen”).

RSVP by the day prior to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njg2022 or Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.

NJG Trivia names that tune

NJG’s Team Kosher Bitters noshed and played a “name that tune” trivia game at Inside the Five. It was a group effort to guess songs ranging from MmmBop and Tub Thumping to My Sharona and Na Na Na Na (Hey Hey Hey). We didn’t place in the top three (Alexa, play Bad Day by Daniel Powter), but we had tons of fun regardless.

Next JGen 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 Hour 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 Marnie at marnie@jewishtoledo.org.
In June, we said Shalom to 12 Shining Stars at Gan Yeladim Preschool who will be moving on to kindergarten in the fall. Wearing t-shirts featuring pictures of when they were young, they walked outside to Pomp and Circumstance then gave prepared performances of songs and poetry for a crowd of their very proud families and friends.

Morah Raizel, Rabbi Shemtov, and JFGT CEO Stephen Rothschild spoke to the crowd with assistance from Miss Carol, Miss Rochelle, and Miss Andy. Stephen shared this observation from Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks:

“To defend freedom, you need education. You need families and schools to ensure that your ideals are passed on to the next generation and never lost. The citadels of liberty are houses of study. Its heroes are teachers, its passion is education and the life of the mind. Moses realized that a people achieves immortality not by building temples or mausoleums, but by engraving their values on the hearts of their children, and they on theirs, and so on until the end of time.”

Mazel tov to the graduates and their families.

For more information on enrolling your child/children at Jewish Toledo’s Gan Yeladim Preschool, please contact Raizel Shemtov at 419-724-0402.

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Next Jewish Generation took flight at Yogaja Yoga in West Toledo with an aerial yoga party. Some of us were more experienced than others (and some of us did what we could with our present core strength). It was a great way to hang (literally) with friends.
Youth

Camp Family Havdalah
Saturday, August 6 | 6 p.m.

Calling all Camp EMOJI and Camp Inspiration campers and their families! Join us for Havdalah, dinner, a bonfire, and so much s’more under the stars.

RSVP by Monday, August 1 to Sherry at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351. Please let us know of any dietary restrictions.

BBYO Boys BSN-AZA and Girls B’not Shalom BBG Chapter Advisors Needed

Were you a part of BBYO? Did you go to Jewish summer camp? Are you looking to influence Jewish teens today? Then this opportunity of mentorship might be for you!

Job Responsibilities
Advisors work with teens on the ground level to help them plan high quality programs, get involved with the community, and help their chapters to reach their full potential. Our advisors serve as positive Jewish role models by sharing observations with the teens, exploring problems and potential solutions, and encouraging them to strive for excellence.

With advisor oversight, chapter programming is the responsibility of chapter members, allowing the teens to make some mistakes while helping them to learn and grow. Advisors also work with teens to develop the character and confidence they need to handle the challenges of the high school years. Must be 21 years of age or older.

For more information, please visit bbyo.org/support/volunteer/. Interested in applying or finding out more? Please contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org.

BBYO of Toledo is Back!

BBYO has had an eventful start to 2022. We are small, but mighty and continuing to grow. In February, the teens went to Gathered Glassblowing Studio downtown and made glass pieces. It was a fun evening of learning how to melt and shape glass.

In March, BBYO went to Peace, Love, and Pottery and decorated some fun bowls and mugs while visiting and catching up.

In April, we hung out at Dave & Buster’s for snacks and some gaming.

Our last and most exciting event to wrap up the school year was hanging out at Put-in-Bay for the day, hosted by Cayden Greenblatt and family. We got to see Cayden hard at work for his summer job while touring Perry’s Cave, visiting a butterfly house, eating ice cream, cruising around town on a golf cart, hanging out at the shore, and enjoying a cookout, courtesy of Mark “the grill master” Greenblatt. A fun time was had by all.

We are looking forward to charging things up for the fall with a Toledo BBYO kickoff night at a Mud Hens game. Stay tuned for details.

Any questions? Please email Jodie Goldstein, Toledo BBYO City Director, at jodiebrochelle@gmail.com or contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org.

PJ Playdates
Temple Shomer Emunim

August Worship Schedule
Friday, August 5
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

Friday, August 12
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

Saturday, August 13
Shabbat Service at 10:30AM
Bar Mitzvah of Tyler Kogan

Friday, August 19
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

Saturday, August 20
Shabbat Service at 10:30AM
Bar Mitzvah of Rafi Berns

Friday, August 26
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

Saturday, August 27
Shabbat Morning Yoga @ 10:30AM

Men’s Chavurah
Wednesday, August 24 @ 7PM

High Holiday Worship Schedule

Saturday, September 17
Selichot 7:30PM

Sunday, September 25
Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 7:30PM

Monday, September 26
Family Service 9:00AM
Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 10:00AM
Children’s Programming (K-4) 10:00AM

Sunday, October 2
Woodlawn Cemetery Memorial Service 10:00AM

Tuesday, October 4
Kol Nidre Service 7:30PM

Thursday, October 5
Family Service 9:00AM
Yom Kippur Morning Service 10:00AM-Noon
Children’s Programming 10:00AM
Afternoon Service 2:00PM
Yizkor Service 4:30PM
Concluding Service 5:15PM
Break Fast 6:30PM
Break Fast follows-reservations required

Introduction to Hebrew for Grades K-3
“Hands-on Approach to Hebrew”
Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-6PM, beginning August 24
Cost: $50 per student
Please RSVP to wayne@templese.com by Wednesday, August 17

August Religious School Calendar
Sun. Aug. 21 1st day of Religious School 9:15AM;
Shomer Sha’Bang 11AM-12:30PM
Wed. Aug 24 1st day of Hebrew School 4:20-6PM

Shomer Sha’Bang!!

Sunday, August 21 11AM-12:30PM
Kick-off the Religious School Year with lunch, pony rides, bubbles, games, music & more!
Lunch includes Kosher hot dogs, chips, watermelon & dessert!
RSVP to wayne@templese.com no later than Tuesday, August 16!

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Congregation B’nai Israel

cbitoledo.org

David S. Stone Religious School Opening Day & Welcome Breakfast
Sunday, August 28, 2022
9:30 AM In-Person at CBI

Religious School students and parents are invited to mingle with other RS families at a group breakfast before the kick off of the new school year.
RSVP to Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org by Monday, August 22, 2022.

David S. Stone Religious School Calendar: Aug - Oct, 2022

Sun. 8/28 Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM
Opening Day & Welcome B’fast

Sun. 9/4 NO RS - LABOR DAY WND

Sun. 9/11 Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM

Sun. 9/18 Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM

Sun. 9/26 NO RS - ROSH HASHANAH

Sun. 10/2 Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM
• ToschiCh 10:00- 3CC Pond
• Kever Avot 11:00 - at Beth Shalom Cemetery

Sun. 10/9 Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM

Sun. 10/23 Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM

Sun. 10/30 Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM

Join us for special services to commemorate

Tisha B’Av
Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 9:00 AM
In-Person & Zoom
Shacharit/Morning Service & Chanting of Eichah/The Book of Lamentations

WCBI Celebrates
ROSH CHODESH ELUL
Join us as we prepare for a Sweet New Year with honey-tasting and another wonderful dinner
Wednesday, August 24, 2022
6:00 PM In-Person at CBI
Please RSVP to Judy Weinberg at judyweinberg@bex.net by Wednesday, August 17, 2022. The registration fee is $10.
THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS
Additional details can be found in the August bulletin.

Weekly Services Schedule

Monday & Thursday Morning Minyan 8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom
Monday - Thursday Evening Minyan
& Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 PM - Zoom
Saturday Morning Shabbat 9:30 AM - In Person/Live Stream

SAVE THE DATE:
Cantor’s Anniversary Celebration Weekend
• SHABBAT ONEG DINNER
Friday, September 9, 2022
5:45 PM CBI Social Hall
• SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE & KIDDUSH LUNCHEON
Saturday, September 10, 2022
9:30 AM at CBI
Additional details can be found in the August bulletin. Call the office at 419-517-8400 with questions.

Adult Ed: Prof. E. Fishman
Sunday, September 14, 2022
7:30 PM on Zoom
Professor Fishman with discuss the Ukrainian Jewish community.
Zoom info will be sent via email.

Join us as we Introduce and Dedicate
New Lev Shalem Siddurim
Saturday, September 17, 2022
9:30 AM In-Person & Live Stream
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Congregation Etz Chayim

SHABBAT SERVICES PLANNED

Rabbi Jason Mark will be leading another special Shabbat service on August 13th for our Etz Chayim family members who have birthdays or anniversaries during the month. There will also be a kiddush luncheon following the service.

TAILGATE PARTY & MUD HENS GAME

Join us for our annual tailgate picnic and Mud Hens Game on Sunday, August 14th. Come for a tailgate lunch in the synagogue social hall and then go watch & cheer the Mud Hens play the Omaha Storm Chasers. Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m. and the game is at 4:05 p.m. What a fun afternoon!! The lunch is $5.00 per person and the game is $12.00 per person.

(JReservations can be made for the lunch only, the ballgame only, or both. Contact Nancy Jacobson or Elsa Leveton to R.S.V.P.)

JAZZ IN THE GARDEN

Listening to jazz on a warm summer evening in the park is so relaxing. Meet at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, August 18th at Toledo Botanical Gardens. Bring a blanket or chair, and pack something to eat. The Jason Quick Trio will be performing from 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Parking is at the Bancroft Street entrance. The fee is $10. (Register with Nancy Jacobson if you are interested)

SAVE THE DATE: Aviva Panush will be leading two interactive and meaningful Sunday zoom learning sessions. Mark your calendars for September 11th and October 2nd at 10:30 a.m.

MAJ/Poker PLANNED

Come play poker & mahj with your friends at the synagogue from 10:00 a.m.–noon on Sunday, August 21st. Snacks will be served.

Chabad House

6 Week Hebrew Course

Starting August 9
on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

The classes run weekly in the Chabad House by Rabbi Yossi Shemtov. Course Fee: $69 (includes all course material)

Kindly register by August 2nd.
www.ChabadToledo.com/Hebrew

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES
Call Chabad for time.

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN
SUNDAY CLASS 10:00 am
BY RABBI SHEMTOV

Visit www.ChabadToledo.com for the full schedule of services.
Andrew Garfield, Julia Garner and Adrien Brody make this year’s long list of Jewish Emmy nominees

(JTA) – Jewish TV shows and performers are well represented on the list of 2022 Emmy nominations, with actors including Seth Rogen, Julia Garner, Andrew Garfield and Henry Winkler making the cut.

It was a particularly good year for Jews in comedy, as several of this year’s nominated comedies have Jewish connections.

Amazon Prime’s “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” and HBO’s “Curb Your Enthusiasm” show the wealth of Jewish talent in these comedy hitmaker Michael Schur (“The Office,” “Parks and Recreation”), was also nominated for its second season, along with its Jewish supporting actress, Hannah Einbinder.

Other comedies produced by Jews, including FX’s “What We Do In The Shadows” (executive-produced by Taika Waititi and Jemaine Clement) and Hulu’s “Only Murders In The Building” (executive-produced by Dan Fogelman, among others), also scored nominations. The Belnord building, the real-life Upper West Side apartment that serves as the setting for “Only Murders,” has a long Jewish history.

On the drama side, HBO teen soap “Euphoria,” adapted from an Israeli series and made by executive producer Sam Levinson, scored 16 nominations including best drama. And “Severance,” Apple TV+'s dystopian workplace drama directed by Ben Stiller, picked up 14 nominations including best drama and best director for Stiller.

“Dopesick,” a Hulu limited series about the opioid epidemic, draws from the real-life tale of the Jewish Sackler family played in the overmedication of addictive painkillers. It picked up 14 nominations, including for limited series and acting nominations for Stuhlbarg and Mare Winningham.

Several Jewish performers scored nominations too. Garner was recognized for playing outlandish scammer Anna Delvey on Netflix’s “Inventing Anna,” Garfield for playing a Mormon investigator on FX’s “Under The Banner Of Heaven,” Rogen for playing a sex-tape maker on Hulu’s tabloid biography “Pam & Tommy,” Winkler for playing an acting coach on HBO’s dark hitman comedy “Barry,” Brett Goldstein for playing a soccer team captain on Apple TV+’s sports comedy “Ted Lasso,” and Adrien Brody for playing a Jewish investor on HBO’s “Succession.”

Some non-Jewish actors playing Jewish roles made the cut as well. In addition to Brosnahan and Shalhoub for “Maisy,” Oscar Isaac was nominated for his turn as an ex-Orthodox husband going through a bitter divorce on HBO’s “Scenes From A Marriage” (created by Israeli Hagai Levi).

Apple TV+’s “The Problem With Jon Stewart” and Disney’s “The World According To Jeff Goldbum” are nominated in the nonfiction series category. Mark Cuban was also nominated as reality-TV host for his ABC business competition series “Shark Tank.” Seth Meyers, who is not Jewish but who is mistaken for Jewish often enough that his own (Jewish) in-laws told him he’s “Jewish enough,” was nominated in the talk variety category for his NBC talk show.

The leading show across all categories was “Succession,” with 25 nominations total, followed by “Ted Lasso,” “The White Lotus,” “Only Murders In The Building” and “Hacks.”

Biden during first stop on Israel trip: Ties between Israelis and Americans are ‘bone deep’

U.S. President Joe Biden, with Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid at his left and Israeli President Isaac Herzog on his right at a welcome ceremony at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv, July 13, 2022. (Noam Revkin Fenton/Flash90)

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Joe Biden kicked off his 10th trip to Israel — and first as U.S. president — on Wednesday by declaring that the relationship between the two countries is “bone deep.”

Biden told Israeli President Isaac Herzog “I am home,” according to Herzog’s office, and he attempted to prove it right away. Speaking at Ben Gurion Airport, Biden recounted his extensive personal history with Israel, including a 1973 meeting with then-prime minister Golda Meir that is a favorite — if sometimes embroidered — anecdote.

“Now as president, I’m proud to say that our relationship with the state of Israel is deeper and stronger in my view than it’s ever been,” Biden said. “And with this visit, we’re strengthening our connection even further.”

Prime Minister Yair Lapid and Alternate Prime Minister Naftali Bennett gave Biden a warm welcome on the tarmac, where a Y-shaped red carpet — one path for the president and his closest aides and the other for the rest of his delegation — had been laid. The dignitaries gave each other fist bumps instead of handshakes, in a nod to the ongoing pandemic.

“We, our brother Joseph,” Israeli president Isaac Herzog said, alluding to the fact that Biden shares a name with a Jewish patriarch. “You have been a true friend and a staunch supporter of Israel and the Jewish people.”

The Israel Defense Forces band played three songs: the U.S. and Israeli anthems, followed by “BS’hanah Hab’a,” a popular and apolitical song by late Israeli poet Naomi Shemer that speaks of certainty about a better future.

Biden’s trip, which also includes a foray to Saudi Arabia, is aimed at ensuring a strong future not just for U.S.-Israeli relations but for the entire Middle East, amid shifting dynamics there. The trip comes at a low point in Israel-Palestinian relations and ongoing disagreements about how to handle Iranian aggression in the region. Biden and Israeli leaders are expected to discuss the formation of a joint Arab and Israeli alliance, which would include Saudi Arabia, to counter Iran.

On Thursday, Biden and Lapid plan to sign what they are calling a “Jerusalem Declaration,” that “commits both countries to using all elements of their national power against the Iranian nuclear threat,” a senior Israeli official told reporters earlier this week. It will also contain a commitment to extending U.S. support for Israeli defense spending.

There is daylight between the two countries on the exact tactics that should be deployed to manage that threat, particularly on whether the United States should reenter the Iran nuclear deal under which the country agreed to roll back its nuclear program in exchange for sanctions relief. Israel does not like the deal, while Biden wants to rejoin it. Unlike Lapid and Herzog, Biden did not name Iran in his remarks. Instead, he outlined elements of his Israel itinerary: visits to see Israeli defense technology in action and to Yad Vashem, Israel’s Holocaust memorial, a stroll of tours by foreign heads of state.

In addition to meeting with Lapid and Bennett, Biden is scheduled to spend 15 minutes with Benjamin Netanyahu, the former prime minister who is a candidate again in November’s election. And he will meet with Palestinian officials in an effort to rebuild ties that were ruptured under his predecessor, Donald Trump.

“We’ll discuss my continued support, even though I know it’s not in the near term, [for] a two state solution, which remains in my view the best way to ensure the future of equal measure of freedom, prosperity and democracy for Israelis and Palestinians alike,” Biden said.

“The trip, he said, was meant to lead to “greater peace. Greater stability. Greater connection.”

The delegation and its hosts have a “full agenda,” Biden said in his speech, “because the U.S.-Israel relationship touches every issue that matters to our mutual futures. We are united in shared values. Or shared vision. I look forward to our time together over the next few days. May Israel and the United States continue to grow and prosper, and to the benefit of the entire world. I mean that: ‘The entire world.’”

Ron Kampeas contributed reporting.
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Jewish Policy Research in a 2020 demographics report estimated that there were about 47,000 people who self-identify as Jews that year in Ukraine. Whatever the number, Ukraine’s small congregations are being hit especially hard by the effects of the war, Dolinsky said.

“In a synagogue where you had 50 people coming to synagogue every week, 10 have remained,” Dolinsky said. “It means the smaller communities will disappear.”

In Uzhgorod, a city on the border with Hungary, the war has led to an influx of Jews — people from further east who came to Uzhgorod for safety.

“The synagogue is busier than ever and so are we,” said Sarah Wilhelm, the wife of Rabbi Mendel Wilhelm, the Chabad movement’s emissary to Uzhgorod, where a few hundred Jews live. But the war “has made everyone poorer and sadder,” she said.

Dolinsky is pessimistic that communities will ultimately be shored up by Jews who move there from elsewhere in Ukraine.

“The Jewish people who fled from the east to more western cities will not remain there. They are moving forward. They’re moving to a new life in Europe,” said Dolinsky, 52, who during the war moved from Kyiv to the western city of Lutsk.

He and his wife Oksana now divide their time between those two cities. They are moving forward. They’re moving to a new life in Europe,” said Dolinsky, 52, who during the war moved from Kyiv to the western city of Lutsk. He and his wife Oksana now divide their time between those two cities.

He said the consequences of the war on Ukrainian Jewry will go far beyond demographics.

“The ensuing financial crisis has ruined the local currency, the hryvnia, and much of the local economy. That means that oligarchs like Kolomoisky or Victor Pinchuk will likely have less money to invest in rebuilding Ukrainian Jewry, he said. Meanwhile, while Jews from around the world donated to support Soviet Jewry 30 years ago, collecting the money abroad could be difficult this time around amid what is shaping up to be a new global financial crisis, Dolinsky added.

“It’s much worse than anything we’ve seen,” Dolinsky said. “It’s absolutely a disaster unlike any other in my lifetime at least.”

B’nai Mitzvah
We Honor Our B’nai Mitzvah

Rafi Sidney Berns will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 13, 2022, at Temple Shomer Emunim. Rafi is the son of Allie and Dan Berns, brother of Estie Berns, and the grandson of Kathee and Bob Berns, Susan-Jane Berson, and Fred Berson. Rafi is an 8th grader at West Side Montessori, an avid sports fan, and a drummer. Rafi enjoys spending time with his family and friends, including his dog Bobo, cheering on his favorite athletes, working out, and playing video games.

Rafi is a proud member of the Greater Toledo Jewish Community. He is a graduate of the Gan Yeladim Preschool and a congregant of Temple Shomer Emunim. As a grateful recipient of the EMOJI Camp Scholarship and the Shomer Emunim Brotherhood/Sisterhood Camp Scholarship, Rafi has been able to enjoy many wonderful summers at the Goldman Union Camp Institute, where he lives his best life!

For his mitzvah project, Rafi is collecting gently used shoes for Souls 4 Souls, an organization that provides shoes for those in need. Rafi will also be donating tzedakah to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo for the EMOJI Camp Scholarship Fund and would be thrilled to have others join him in giving back.

Tyler Kogan will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 13, 2022, at Temple Shomer Emunim. Tyler is the son of Kim and Marc Kogan.

Tyler attends Glenwood Middle School in Findlay, Ohio where he will be a seventh grader. He is a distinguished honor roll student and an entering member of the robotics team. He plays the violin and is in REACH which is an advanced reading and language arts program. He also loves math and science and is an avid geography buff.

Tyler loves all things baseball especially the NY Yankees. He plays for Findlay Youth Baseball as a pitcher and center fielder. For his Bar Mitzvah project, he teamed up with Pitch In For Baseball and Softball, a non profit organization that provides both safe equipment and funding to youth who do not have the means to play. Tyler believes the lack of equipment should not prevent someone from playing, which is why he was excited to work with Pitch In For Baseball and Softball. He has raised Tzedakah and collected equipment such as bats, gloves, cleats, baseballs, and more so he can share his love of the game with others.

Recently, Tyler earned the rank of Second Class as a member of Scouts, BSA Troop 304. He enjoys boating at Scout camp and has been fortunate to attend Philmont Scout Reservation and visit the World Jamboree. He has attended GUCCI, Goldman Union Camp Institute for the past three summers, including this one, and is excited to enjoy the remainder of summer and celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with his family and friends.

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Safety Tips

Summer is here and we’re finally able to venture out of the house (responsibly, of course) to relax outdoors. But, as fun as summer can be, the season does carry some health and safety risks.

Everyone is at risk for increased rates for sunburn, dehydration, and insect stings. During the summer months, there’s also a higher incidence of serious accidents like drowning or injuries from fireworks.

Here’s a checklist for staying healthy, safe, and protected all summer long.

To stay safe in the sun:
- Use broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 30.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or each time you get out of the water or sweat heavily.
- Throw away sunscreen you’ve had for over three years.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing along with a hat and sunglasses.
- Limit time in the sun between peak hours, which are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Seek immediate medical assistance for signs of heat-related illness, such as ashen skin, vomiting, and rapid heart rate.
- Drink at least 11-15 cups of fluids (preferably water) per day to help you stay fully hydrated.

To avoid insect bites and ticks:
- Use unscented soap and avoid perfumes or hair spray.
- Keep grass short and remove stagnant water from around your home.
- Cover food so it doesn’t attract bugs.
- Spray EPA-registered insect repellant with DEET on your skin.
  - Avoid bright-colored clothing and, when possible, wear long sleeves and socks.
  - Shower after being outdoors and do a thorough tick check.

To enjoy a day at the beach or pool:
- Always swim with a buddy and stay within your capabilities.
- Limit alcoholic drinks that could impair your judgment or swimming abilities.
- Have a telephone close by and make sure a lifeguard or someone who knows CPR is on hand.
- Supervise young children at all times.
- Bring a small first aid kit with tweezers, waterproof bandages, and pain reliever.
- Pack an insulated cooler with plenty of water and healthy snacks.
- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently to avoid viruses.
- Maintain physical distancing and wear a mask except when in the water (in accordance with CDC guidelines during the coronavirus outbreak).

To safely make the most of vacation:
- Grill in an open area away from wood decks, branches, or other brush.
- Remove grease build-up on your grill before lighting it.
- Designate a three-foot “safe zone” around the grill that kids and pets can’t enter.
- Wear well-fitted clothing when grilling or near an open bonfire.
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