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SHINE A
LIGHT ON

Creating a Compassionate
Community

August 27th
1pm - 5:30pm

HATE



August 27th 1pm - 5:30pm
Franciscan Center, Lourdes University, 6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania
FREE to attend; registration required

Shine a Light on Hate: Creating a Compassionate Community is a response to the significant recent increase in violence, harassment, and intimidation against a variety of groups. The event will consider factors that lead to discrimination and intolerance then offer constructive actions that can be taken within one's own area of influence to build a more inclusive and welcoming society.

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Sunday, September 10
Kit Pickup: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



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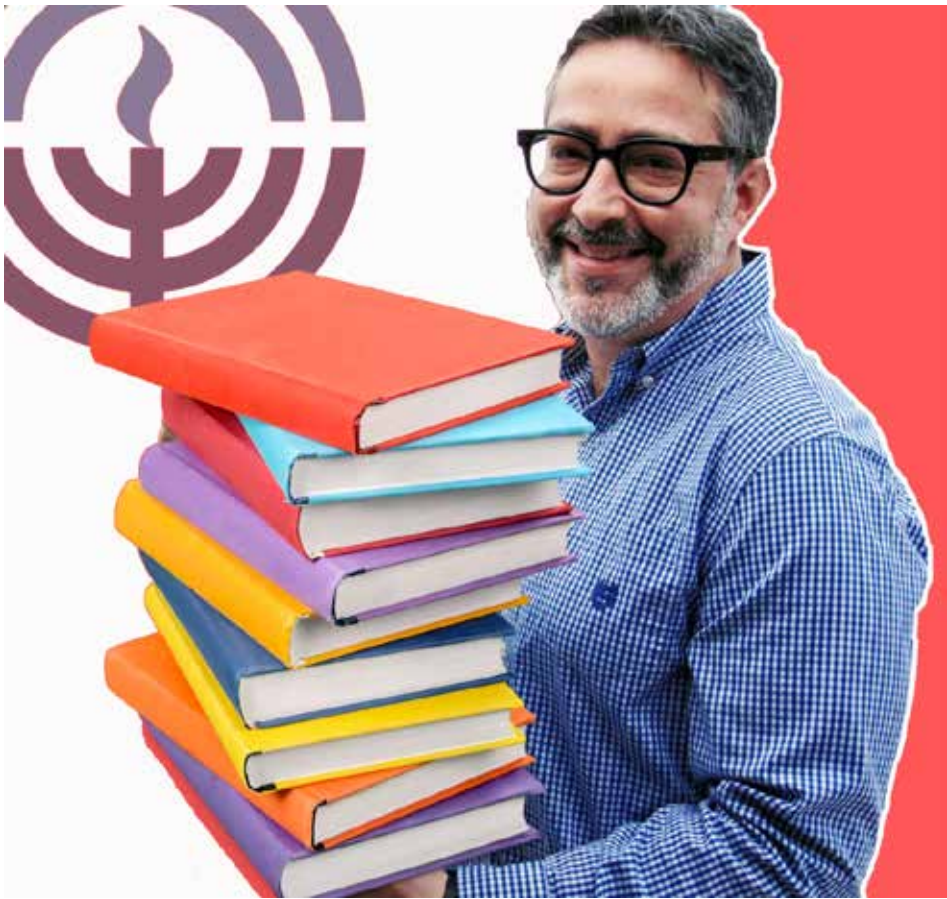
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SAVE THE DATES 19th Annual NW Ohio Book Festival

October 22,
October 26,
November 9,
November 12,
November 16



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JFGT Fall/Winter 2023 Holiday Office Closures:

- **Monday, September 4** - Labor Day
- **Friday, September 15** – Erev of Rosh Hashanah Office Closes at 1 p.m.
- **Monday, September 25** – Yom Kippur
- **Friday, September 29** – Erev of Sukkot – Office Closes at 1 p.m.
- **Sunday, November 5** – Time Change, Office Closes at 3:30 p.m. starting November 10
- **Thursday, November 23** - Thanksgiving
- **Friday, November 24** - Thanksgiving Break
- **Monday, December 25** - Christmas Observance
- **Monday, January 1, 2024** - New Year’s Day Observance

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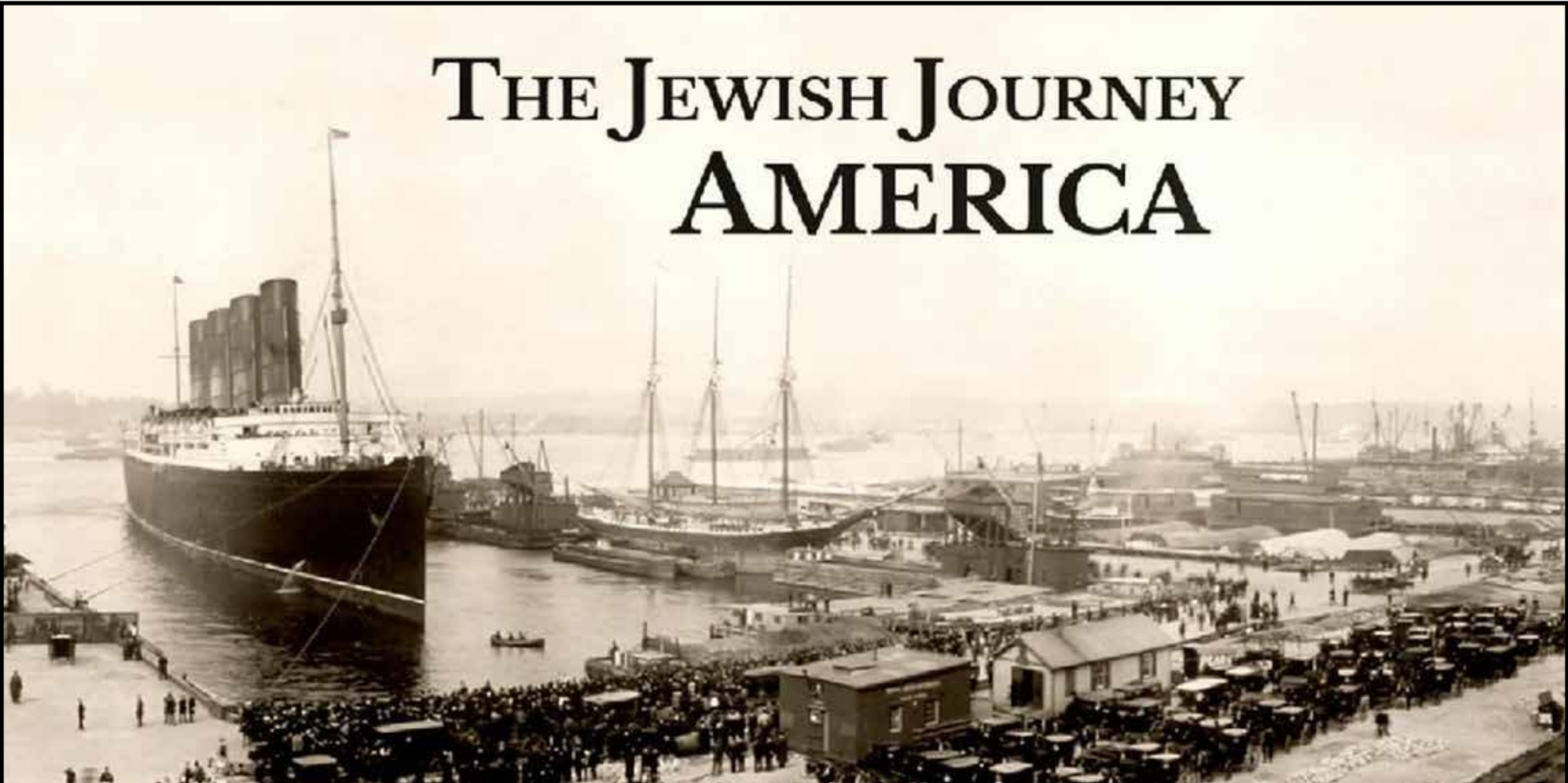
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THE JEWISH JOURNEY AMERICA

The Jewish Journey: America

Tuesday, August 29
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.
Free – vegetarian lunch included

Thursday, August 31
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.
Free – vegetarian dinner included

Cathy Kamenca, Outreach Coordinator for WGTE, will screen the PBS documentary: *The Jewish Journey: America*, which looks at five centuries of Jewish immigration to the United States through top scholars in Jewish history, notable Jewish-American writers, and many immigrants themselves. Afterwards, Technology Coordinator Tim Hagen will lead participants on a virtual tour of some of the ancestral homelands of a good number of our own Toledo Jewish community members. Swag drawings from WGTE, a delicious vegetarian meal, and more await! Sign up today.
Limited spots available for each screening. RSVP by Wednesday, August 23 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/Seniors> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

– SAVE THE DATE – Join us for a Theatre Festival!

Throughout this year and next, visit different beautiful venues, enjoy great meals, and amazing theatrical performances.

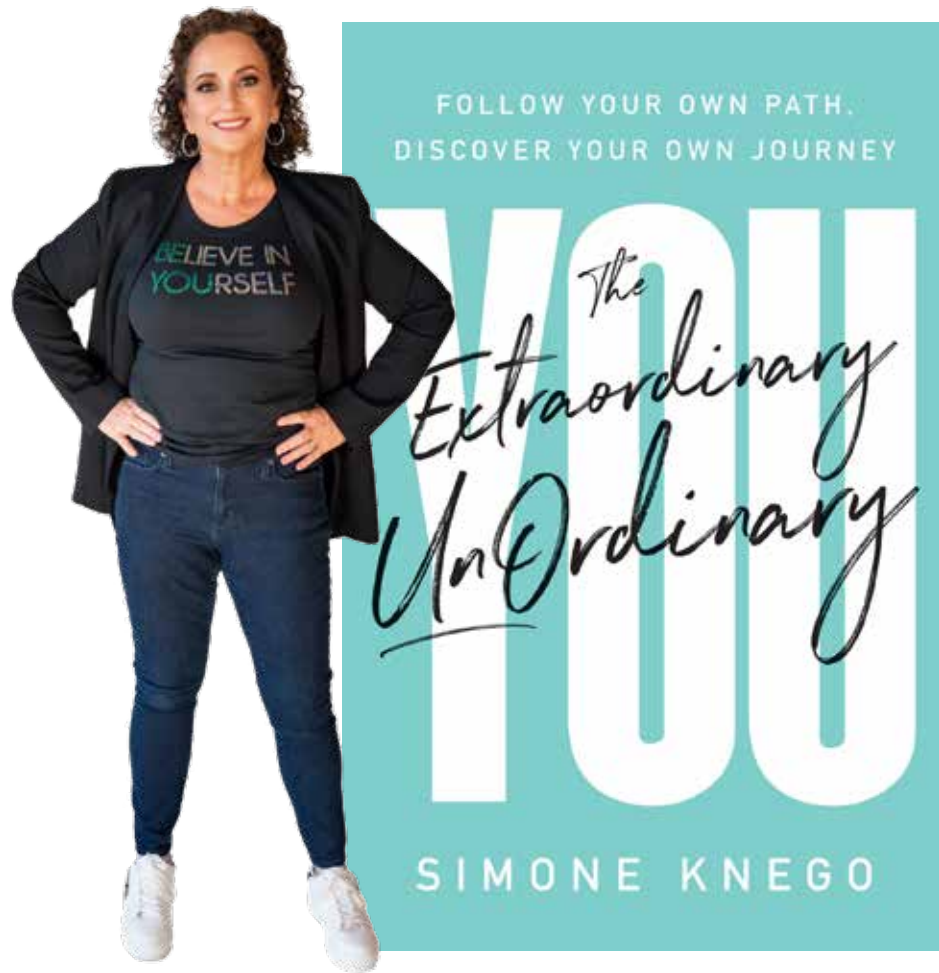
The first live theatre production on October 11, 2023 is a performance of Diva Royale at the Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea, MI.

Diva Royale
October 11, 2023
Depart from the JCC at 11:30 a.m.
Arrive back in Toledo at 6 p.m.
Purple Rose Theatre Chelsea, MI
\$20 includes transportation and ticket with lunch
RSVP by September 19 at form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors or to Sherry at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351

This event is intended for adults 50 and Better who support the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Annual Campaign. A meaningful gift to the campaign is required to attend. Make your contribution today by contacting Wendy Goldstein at 419-724-0362 or wendy@jewishtoledo.org or by visiting: www.jewishtoledo.org/campaigndepartment. Bus ride to and from location with a lunch provided before the event. More information about the 2023/24 Theatre Production Festival to come soon!



Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo



Women's Philanthropy Presents: *The Extraordinary UnOrdinary You* with Simone Knego

Wednesday, August 30

6 – 8 p.m.

Toledo Botanical Gardens, Crosby Conference Center,
5403 Elmer Dr.

\$10 per person – includes vegetarian dinner

Do you wake up every day feeling like you're going through the motions, that the hundreds of choices you make have almost no impact on the people around you? Many motivational books will tell you that to better the world, you must first better yourself. But you really only need to change the way you see yourself and the world around you will change.

What you do everyday matters and inspires others. By sharing your story, you can motivate and encourage those around you—and in doing so, change the world.

Everyone has a story, and in *The Extraordinary UnOrdinary You*, Simone Knego takes you inside her unique journey and the extraordinary moments that have shaped her life and defined her mission. Sharing the lessons she's learned from

life's ups, downs, and laugh-out-loud moments, you'll be inspired to discover your own journey, and to go out into the world and be the good. The world is waiting for the Extraordinary UnOrdinary You, and you already have everything you need to get started, simply by being you.

Open to all women who give \$180 or more to Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's annual campaign.

RSVP by Friday, August 21 to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/womensphilanthropy or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Neo-Nazis picket near JCC/YMCA in Sylvania after first protesting LGBTQ event in downtown Toledo

By Andrew Lapin

(JTA) — A small group of neo-Nazis were feeling restless after targeting an LGBTQ event in downtown Toledo on Saturday night. So they head to a suburb that's home to several Jewish institutions.

The group, which the Cleveland Jewish News identified as an antisemitic organization named Blood Tribe, showed up at a Sylvania, Ohio, complex containing the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo headquarters, two synagogues and a Jewish community center. Waving swastika flags and tiki torches, the group of around a dozen people stood on a sidewalk across the street for around 10 minutes before dispersing.

"The people are horrified and saddened that this occurred so close to home in our own community," Stephen Rothschild, CEO of the federation, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. "We've heard and read about it and some of us had experienced it, but when it happens across the street and is directed at your location, it's upsetting."

The incident mirrored similar recent accounts of neo-Nazi groups picketing or attacking synagogues and Jewish centers in Georgia



A hate group flies a swastika flag outside an LGBTQ event in downtown Toledo, Ohio, before heading to a nearby Jewish community complex, July 15, 2023. (Screenshot via WTOL11)

and Florida. Other synagogues in Michigan and Pennsylvania have been targeted by threats from white supremacists.

However, the group at the center of the Toledo incident did not only target Jews. They had come directly from picketing Toledo Love Fest, an LGBTQ event. Federation officials said it appeared that their decision to head to the Jewish community immediately after was spontaneous.

No Jews were present at the center when the group arrived and the parking lot was empty, the

federation said. Law enforcement had been monitoring the group's activities and was quickly on the scene; when group members tried to stand on the Jewish center's property, police directed them instead to a public sidewalk across the street. "I don't know who they thought would be there, or what. But there wasn't a car in the parking lot," Sylvania Township police chief Paul Long told the Toledo Blade.

An organizer of Toledo Love Fest told the Toledo Blade the protestors had been wearing "black masks with red shirts and black

pants and sunglasses" when they showed up at the LGBTQ event and said they appeared to perform Nazi salutes. They picketed the event twice throughout the day. In May the same group had also protested a drag queen fundraiser benefitting LGBTQ youth in Columbus.

Federation officials and local Jewish leaders alerted the community of around 2,500 Jews to the incident on Sunday. Rothschild said they had also received messages of support from local Muslim, LGBTQ and multifaith groups. Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz also released a statement reading in part, "We are proud to stand beside our LGBTQ+ neighbors, our Jewish neighbors, and our Black, Muslim, Asian, and Disabled neighbors, and we refuse to be silent in the face of white supremacy."

Blood Tribe's decision to lump LGBTQ people and Jews together in its hateful actions felt to Rothschild like "a pretty clear indication that there's an awful lot of hate out there for all sorts of minority groups and it's never just about any one of us," he said. "We all sort of remain at risk and need to stand together against hate."

WHAT YOU DO MATTERS



LESSONS FROM THE HOLOCAUST

Monday, October 16, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave

FREE

What You Do Matters: Lessons from the Holocaust is a highly interactive course developed in concert with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), specifically for law enforcement with focus on ethical and bias free leadership. The course is facilitated by law enforcement professionals and utilizes historical images, videos, artifacts, and displays selected by museum historians for engaging conversation for thought leadership. Community members are welcome to attend.

There will be three 4-hour sessions offered. Each session begins with a 3-hour highly interactive and conversive course geared toward criminal justice personnel including police, prosecutors, judges, communications, corrections, victim advocates, and other administrative roles. The last hour will provide an introduction to Judaism and contemporary antisemitism, a tour of a synagogue, and discussion of the importance of reporting hate crimes.

RSVP the Friday prior to each event to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/what-you-do-matters or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

What You Do Matters is generously supported by a grant from the Ohio Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission.



TODD LARSON is the Director of the What You Do Matters (WYDM) Institute focused on training criminal justice personnel across the United States. Prior to this role, he was the Associate Vice President of Workplace and Public Safety for a large Arizona Hospital System and was responsible for Security, Emergency Management, Central Communications, Access Control, Military Partnership, Simulations Training Center, Trauma Outreach, Injury Prevention, and the Forensic Nursing Program across six hospitals and over 100 other locations.

Prior to working in Healthcare, Todd retired from the Scottsdale (AZ) Police Department after 22 years of service. He spent the majority of his career investigating felony crimes within the Special Investigations Section, Violent Crimes Unit, Federal DEA Phoenix Task Force and served over ten years on the Scottsdale Police Department SWAT Team as an operator, sniper, and team leader. Todd has authored numerous court orders and warrants as well as serving as an instructor for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), The Scottsdale Police Department, and The Arizona Narcotics Officers Association (ANOA) Annual Conferences.

Todd is a graduate of The Advisory Board's High Performing Leadership Fellowship, The Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, and is a Certified Force Science Specialist. Todd has authored several published articles involving police training, tourniquet research, TBI research, and healthcare technology. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Education from Northern Arizona University, a Master's Degree in Leadership with Emphasis on Crisis Management and Disaster Preparedness from Grand Canyon University, and a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Grand Canyon University.



ELIZABETH ORTIZ has a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics, a Master of Arts in Political Science, and a Juris Doctor. After graduating from law school, Ms. Ortiz clerked at the Arizona Court of Appeals. Ms. Ortiz then joined the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, in Phoenix, Arizona, where she prosecuted cases for sixteen years. During that time, Ms. Ortiz served as a Bureau Chief in Juvenile, Pretrial, Charging, and Appeals. In 2009, Ms. Ortiz joined the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council ("APAAC") as the Senior Staff Attorney and was subsequently named Executive Director. In addition to her APAAC duties, Ms. Ortiz is a sworn special prosecutor in several Arizona counties and continues to carry a criminal caseload.

Ms. Ortiz is co-chair of the Arizona Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women, chair of the State Bar of Arizona Public Lawyers Executive Council, and chair of the State Bar of Arizona Criminal Justice Executive Council. She serves as a board member for the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators, the National District Attorney's Association, the Arizona Forensic Science Academy, the Arizona Supreme Court's Commission of Victims in Court, the State Bar of Arizona Board of Legal Specialization, and the State Bar Professionalism Advisory Council. Ms. Ortiz teaches extensively throughout Arizona, the United States, and Mexico on a wide variety of legal topics, and is a facilitator for the Lessons From the Holocaust: What You Do Matters course.

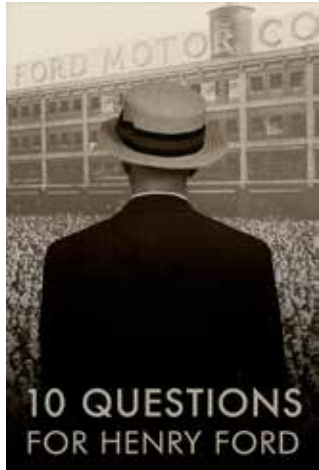


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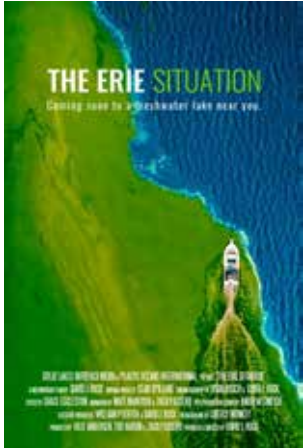
JCRC Film Series – FALL INTO FILMS

All films are FREE, though registration is highly recommended. To sign up for some or all of the films, visit <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jcrc-film-festival-registration> or contact Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



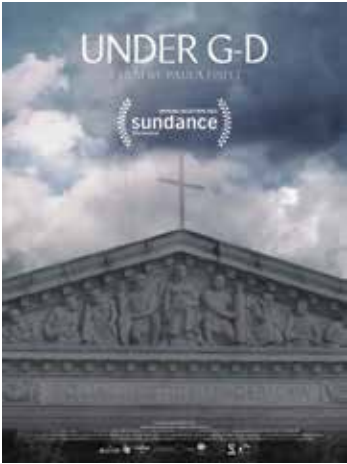
10 Questions for Henry Ford
Thursday, August 24
6:30 p.m.
Franciscan Center of Lourdes University,
6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania
www.henryfordquestions.com/

10 Questions for Henry Ford addresses antisemitism and the auto maker's complicated legacy. *Featuring a post-film discussion with the film's producer, University of Michigan Professor Andy Kirshner.*



The Erie Situation
Thursday, September 7
6:30 p.m.
Franciscan Center of Lourdes University,
6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania
www.theeriesituation.com/

The Erie Situation looks at the numerous factors affecting the water quality (and lack thereof) in Lake Erie. *Featuring a post-film discussion with Tom Henry, The Blade's award-winning environmental reporter, and David Ruck of Great Lakes Outreach Media, producer of the film.*



Under G-d
Thursday, October 12
6:30 p.m.
Main Branch of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, 325 N. Michigan St., Toledo
www.paulaeiselt.com/under-g_d

Under G-d focuses on the Jewish response to the United States Supreme Court's Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision that overturned Roe v. Wade. *Featuring a post-film discussion with legal and medical experts.*



The Red Sea Diving Resort
Thursday, November 16
6:30 p.m.
Franciscan Center of Lourdes University,
6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania
www.netflix.com/title/80240537

The Red Sea Diving Resort, inspired by true events, tells the story of a Mossad-run fake hotel that enabled the rescue of Jewish-Ethiopian refugees from Sudan to Israel. *Featuring a brief presentation about Ethiopian Jews after the film.*



Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of Life
Thursday, December 14
6 p.m.
Congregation Etz Chayim, 3853 Woodley Rd., Toledo
<https://repairingtheworldfilm.org/>

Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of Life documents Pittsburgh's collective response in the aftermath of the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history, at the Tree of Life, New Light Congregation, and Congregation Dor Hadash synagogues. *This film screening will be part of our 2023 Shine a Light on Antisemitism program and includes a full Kosher dinner and candle lighting for the last night of Hanukkah.*

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



The JCRC Film Festival is generously underwritten in part by Paul Goldner and Sandy Soifer with a grant from the Paul D. Goldner Family Philanthropic Fund of the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation. Additional sponsorships are available. Contact Stephen Rothschild at stephen@jewishtoledo.org for more information.



News

Jewish Toledo and Habitat for Humanity build home for local man

For the second summer in a row, the Toledo Jewish community came together to participate in a Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. The recipient of the home is a man named Jeremiah who has expressed immense gratitude to all the volunteers for their work on this meaningful project. The Jewish community's involvement in this build is sponsored by Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), Temple Shomer Emunim, Congregation B'nai Israel, and Congregation Etz Chayim.



SAG strike puts its brash Jewish president, Fran Drescher, squarely in the spotlight

By Jackie Hajdenberg
(JTA) — In the second season of “The Nanny,” the sitcom she wrote and starred in, Fran Drescher’s character, Fran Fine, refuses to enter a hotel where the busboys are striking.
“I’m sorry, but the Fines don’t cross picket lines,” she tells her companion, the father of the family she works for. “It’s against our religion.”
The laugh line was one of many moments when Drescher served her signature mashup of brashness, Jewishness and liberal politics throughout her early 1990s series and beyond.

Now, three decades later, Drescher is one of the most prominent advocates for organized labor — and it’s hardly a joke. The union she has led since 2021, the Screen Actors Guild, last week launched a strike over their treatment by studios in an age of digital streaming. Joining with the union representing writers, which is also on strike, the guild has effectively caused Hollywood to grind to a halt — and Drescher is leading the charge.
“What we ultimately received from them is what my mom would call ‘a leck and a schmeck,’” she said during a press conference last week, using the Yiddish for “a lick and a sniff” — meaning an amount so small one can barely smell or taste it — to refer to the offer from the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Production.



SAG-AFTRA president Fran Drescher and chief negotiator Duncan Crabtree-Ireland join protestors on strike in Los Angeles on July 14, 2023. (Valerie Macon/AFP via Getty Images)

In leading the 160,000-member union through the strike, Drescher joins a long list of Jewish women labor activists. In 1909, Clara Lemlich, a 23-year-old Jewish garment worker, gave an impassioned speech — also in Yiddish — that ignited a 20,000 person general strike consisting mostly of women, reshaping her industry and strengthening the power of unions.
The “Great Revolt,” referring to a separate 50,000-person, mostly male garment worker’s strike that followed, is seen as a watershed moment in labor history. “That’s really the critical thing: the women launch the Great Revolt,” said Pamela Nadell, director of the Jewish studies program at American University and author of “America’s Jewish Women:

A History from Colonial Times to Today.”
Lemlich wasn’t alone. Around the same time, Rose Schneiderman, vice president of the New York chapter of the Women’s Trade Union League starting in 1908, was instrumental in the state’s passage of fire safety legislation in the wake of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in 1911. Bessie Abramowitz became one of the founders of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, launching a major strike against menswear store Hart Schaffner and Marx.
More recently, the American Federation of Teachers, the second-largest teachers union in the United States and one of the top-10 biggest unions overall, has twice been led by Jewish women, including its current

president, Randi Weingarten.
“What you’re seeing is a pattern that Jewish women in the labor force, when they have seen injustice, have stood up for it,” Nadell said. “Stories about Jewish women’s social justice activism... it’s passed on from generation to generation.”
Drescher was born and raised in Queens, New York to Sylvia, a bridal consultant, and Mort Drescher, a naval systems analyst. (Her character’s parents on “The Nanny” had the same names.) She told an interviewer that her father taught her to “refine what exists, not accept what is.”
Drescher’s Jewish identity has long been central to her on-screen characters. Throughout the show, Fran Fine teaches the Sheffield family Yiddish terms and the basics about Jewish holidays. The show has drawn criticism for perpetuating stereotypes of Jewish women who are whiny, obsessed with marrying doctors and always looking for a sale — but it also has enduring Jewish fans, including writer and actor Ilana Glazer, who cast Drescher as her aunt on “Broad City.”
In the 1997 romantic comedy “The Beautician and the Beast,” Drescher’s character, New York City beautician Joy Miller, ends up in a fictional Eastern European country ruled by a dictator named Boris Pochenko. In one scene, she tours a

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Happy Tears #2

By Lauren Sachs

While living with loss is a daily study in emotion, some days are particularly full of feelings. As I sit in the sunny cafe which has provided a realm of refuge during my time of recovery, I am acutely aware that today epitomizes the concept of Happy Tears. Today would have been my late husband's 52nd birthday. Though my daughters and I have been anticipating this day for weeks, I was still taken by surprise as my phone calendar alerted me once again about the meaning of this day. It has been almost three years since my husband suffered the massive heart attack which made me a widow and the passage of time has removed me from the anguish of early grief. Still, as I have learned from my loss, grief is an ever-evolving part of life which changes each of us in unique ways as it lingers in our lives.

One of the most profound lessons I have learned about loss has to do with the wide and simultaneous array of feelings one can experience when reflecting on the people who have come and gone from our lives. Before losing my husband, I often felt my feelings on a one-dimensional plane. Most of the time, happiness was distinct from sadness, fortitude was the opposite of fear, anger was set apart from serenity. But loss seemingly takes all our varied feeling states, shakes and agitates them without abandon, and spits them back out into a tangled array of emotion. In my personal experience, living with loss is an exercise in feeling “all the feels.” Early in my loss, I frequently had the urge to pack up all my intense emotions in an immense box, seal the box tightly, and ship it to a far-flung destination. Eventually I discovered that giving myself permission to feel my feelings not only helped me find joy in the happy memories but also helped me grapple better with the heartache of my loss.

And so today, as I sit in the warmth of the sun, I simultaneously recollect my husband's hearty laugh and effervescent energy as though he were still here with me, while I also recollect the day he died and the last time I saw his beautiful blue eyes crinkled at the edges as he smiled. I feel joyful when I recall the time we had together but also saddened that his life was cut short so abruptly. Most of all, I have learned that to feel loss deeply means that you have loved deeply and I now understand that I can hold the sorrow with the joy and the pain with the gratitude. I also know that, in grief, there is no wrong way to feel. Just as the sun warms me with its glow, I am aware that it can burn me with its heat; today I choose to accept both truths and will keep smiling through my tears while feeling everything all at once.

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

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factory with the dictator and chats with a worker who expresses dismay that he will have to stay late to work and will miss dinner. She tries to assuage his concern by reminding him that he could still get overtime.

When he says he is unfamiliar with the concept, she gets a dreamy look in her eyes. She is then shown speaking passionately to the workers.

When Pochenko and Miller reunite outside, he lambastes her for acting out of turn.

“You know,” she replies, “I might have said the word ‘strike.’ I say a lot of things! Who listens?”

Drescher has received criticism for her stance against vaccine mandates in the film and television industry during her time as SAG-AFTRA president, though she says she has received all doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Days before the contract with the AMPTP was set to expire, Drescher was the focus of more criticism as reality TV star and businesswoman Kim Kardashian — whose net worth is around \$1.2 billion, according to Forbes — shared a photo of the two of them together in Puglia, Italy, in the middle of guild negotiations. Kardashian has more than 362 million Instagram followers.

Drescher later clarified that she was in Italy for a work event related to her position as a brand ambassador for Dolce and Gabbana (she says she had not met Kardashian before they took the photo) and that the negotiating committee was aware of her attendance.

The strike is not the first time she has faced down the studios. Speaking on a Los Angeles magazine podcast in 2020, she said a network had initially pressed her to make the “Nanny” character Italian instead of Jewish. At first, she said, she considered making the switch to facilitate her big break — but she decided against it.

“I do not like living with regret, and I don't want to rush into doing something to get the job and then when it doesn't go right or it fails, I kick myself because I thought, ‘Why didn't we follow our instincts? Why did we listen to them?’” she said on the podcast. “I thought, ‘I can't live with that regret. I know this character needs to be written very close to me and all the rich and wonderful characters that I grew up with.’”

Referring to her co-writer and then-husband Peter Marc Jacobson, she went on: “Peter and I have a brand of comedy that's rich in specificity, and not only couldn't we have written it that way — if the character were Italian — but I couldn't have performed it that way. So we kind of mustered up our chutzpah and said,

‘No, Fran Fine must be Jewish.’”

Now, Drescher is hoping that the same chutzpah will translate into a better deal for actors who say they are not being fairly paid for work that streams online. Key issues in the contract negotiations include “economic fairness, residuals, regulating the use of artificial intelligence and alleviating the burdens of the industry-wide shift to self-taping,” according to the SAG-AFTRA website. The AI proposal from AMPTP in particular has been a disturbing development to guild members.

“They propose that our background performers should be able to be scanned, get paid for one day's pay, and their company should own that scan of their image, their likeness, and should be able to use it for the rest of eternity,” said SAG-AFTRA chief negotiator Duncan Crabtree-Ireland. “So if you think that's a groundbreaking proposal, I suggest you think again.”

In June, nearly 98% of the guild's members voted to authorize a strike, and the strike began on Friday. Not only are guild members prohibited from shooting, but they are also banned from promoting films and TV shows that have already been made, including through social media posts, participating in print and radio interviews, and making late night talk show appearances about their work. The actors' strike is also occurring on the back of the Writers Guild strike, which began in May. Studios and the AMPTP estimate this strike will continue until October.

“The endgame is to allow things to drag on until union members start losing their apartments and losing their houses,” a studio executive told Deadline last week regarding the writers' strike.

Drescher herself is also a member of the WGA, and in May she expressed solidarity between the two unions.

On moving forward with the actors' strike, Drescher told the AP, “In earnest we extended, hoping that they would make deeper inroads, give us some meat on the bone so we can really have a meaningful conversation.”

“They locked themselves behind closed doors, they kept canceling our meetings and we thought, okay, maybe they're really duking it out in there,” she added. “Maybe they're gonna come back with something that we could really have a meaningful discussion. But we got bupkis,” she said, using the Yiddish word for zero. “And I think that we were duped.”

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TECH TIPS

As summer weather continues to shower us with sunshine and rain (and humidity and heat!), it's often an ideal time to both venture outdoors in the elements or to hole up inside in the cool shade.

That said, it can be overlooked that summer, like winter, is still a season during which loneliness and isolation exist, if not thrive. Please see suggestions listed on the right that provide tech-based ways (some free, some with costs), to connect with others, whether family and friends, strangers, or even ideas and causes. Simple Google searches can point you in the right direction to learn more. Thanks for reading. Until next month - Tim

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Any questions, please contact Stacy Willis at 419-724-0407.



CREATE AND RELATE: EXPO FAIR!

Thursday, September 28 | 12 – 2:30 p.m.
Sekach Bldg.
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Come nosh, come mingle, and, most importantly, come be together. This event is open to everyone!

We will have community professionals for you to chat with, including:
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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>
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For all NJG programming information, visit jewishtoledo.org/nextjewishgeneration.

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At the heart of the film ‘Oppenheimer’ is a clash between real-life Jews

By Andrew Silow-Carroll (JTA) — In 1945 physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer was a national hero, hailed as the “father of the atomic bomb” and the man who ended World War II. Less than a decade later, he was a pariah, after the United States Atomic Energy Commission revoked his security clearance following allegations about his left-leaning politics at the height of the anti-communist McCarthy era. Christopher Nolan’s biopic, “Oppenheimer,” which opens in theaters on July 21, will star Irish actor Cillian Murphy as the famous scientist. But it will also feature Robert Downey Jr. as a lesser known real-life character, Lewis Strauss (pronounced “Straws”), the chairman of the AEC and one of Oppenheimer’s chief inquisitors. The clash between the scientist and the bureaucrat was a matter of personalities, politics and the hydrogen bomb (Strauss supported it, Oppenheimer was opposed). But according to amateur historian Jack Shlachter, the two represented opposites in another important way: as Jews. Shlachter has researched how Oppenheimer’s assimilated Jewish background and Strauss’ strong attachment to Jewish affairs set them up for conflict as men who represented two very different reactions to the pressures of acculturation and prejudice in the mid-20th century. Shlachter is in a unique position



J. Robert Oppenheimer, left, at the Guest Lodge in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 1946. (Ed Westcott/DOE Digital Archive Image); Lewis Strauss when he was Acting Secretary of Commerce, 1958-59. (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/Department of Commerce)

to explore the Jewish backstory of Oppenheimer: A physicist, he worked for more than 30 years at Los Alamos National Laboratory, the New Mexico complex where Oppenheimer led the Manhattan Project that developed the bomb. Shlachter is also a rabbi, ordained in 1995, who leads HaMakom, a congregation in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as well as the Los Alamos Jewish Center. “A hero of American science, [Oppenheimer] lived out his life a broken man and died in 1967 at the age of 62,” The New York Times wrote last December, after the secretary of energy nullified the 1954 decision to revoke



Oppenheimer’s security clearance. Lewis Strauss died in 1974 at age 77; his funeral was held at New York’s Congregation Emanu-El, where he had been president from 1938 to 1948. When I asked Shlachter what drew him to the story of Oppenheimer and Strauss, he told me, “At this later stage of my life, I realized that things are not black and white. The common narrative that I think I have heard in town puts Oppenheimer at 100 and Strauss at zero. I just tried to balance that a little bit, and I thought that their Jewishness was one way to see that there’s some nuance in the relationship.”

Our conversation was edited for length and clarity. **There has been a lot of talk about Oppenheimer in anticipation of the Christopher Nolan film, but I haven’t seen much on his Jewish background. I guess as a rabbi and a physicist at Los Alamos this was a subject you couldn’t resist.** I am speaking as a private citizen, not on behalf of Los Alamos National Laboratory or anything like that. Oppenheimer was the first director of what is now Los Alamos National Laboratory. He was the scientific leader of the Manhattan Project. And it was really his doing that the laboratory ended up in northern New Mexico. He has been out here as a late teen and really fell in love with the desert Southwest. His Jewishness is a bit complicated. His father was an immigrant from Germany in the late 1800s. And his mother was a first-generation American but her parents had emigrated to the United States. And in their approach to religion, they became enamored with the Ethical Culture Society of Felix Adler. **That’s the non-sectarian movement that had roots in Reform Judaism and is based on the idea that morality does not need to be grounded in religious or philosophical dogma.** Correct. Samuel Adler, Felix’s father, was brought over from Germany to *Oppenheimer* continued on page 24

TJCF OFFERS \$100,000 GRANT SUPPORTING YMCA/JCC CAPITAL NEEDS



The board of directors of the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation has presented a \$100,000 challenge grant to promote support from the Toledo Jewish community for the YMCA/JCC renovation and expansion.

Matt Kripke, TJCF Board Chair, noted, "Most of the YMCA/JCC facilities are now 50 years old with the newest sections built nearly 40 years ago. The Toledo Jewish Community Foundation makes a strong statement of support with the award of this matching grant. We are proud to help in the effort to renovate and expand the facilities. This grant will help reach that goal."

Joel Beren, Past President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, and member of the capital campaign advisory committee of the YMCA/JCC, will be leading fundraising efforts in the Toledo Jewish community to meet and exceed the challenge grant.

Beren noted, "I have spent much of my adult life in leadership positions in the Toledo Jewish community and YMCA. It's been my privilege to wear 'two-hats' and to be involved with this amazing partnership.

"No structure can go 50 years without major renovation. It will take millions of dollars to renovate the existing YMCA/JCC and expand the facility to include an indoor pool and enhanced recreation and programming spaces.

"My goal is to preserve the legacy of the Toledo Jewish Community Center and promote our ongoing alliance with the YMCA. As a small Jewish community, we are fortunate to be a partner in this process that will result in something we can all be proud of and part of."

Part of the renovation will include a prominent informational exhibit about the history of the Toledo Jewish Community Center in the new lobby area. It will serve as a permanent reminder of the success of the Toledo Jewish community and honor generations of Jewish community leaders, professionals, and clergy who have served both the Jewish and greater Northwest Ohio community.

The exhibit will also feature a quote that appears on the cornerstone of the YMCA in Jerusalem, Israel: "Here is a place whose atmosphere is peace, where political and religious jealousies can be forgotten, and international unity be fostered and developed."



A BIGGER, BETTER SYLVANIA YMCA/JCC

New Facility Will Answer the Community's Needs in Many Ways



More than \$10 million being raised for the Sylvania YMCA/JCC will transform a facility built in 1971 into a larger, more modern, more people-centered site for the whole community.

The changes and additions to this facility started with surveying area residents to define their top wants and needs. In the face of rising material and construction costs, the YMCA will deliver.

What you can expect to see and experience in the “new” Sylvania YMCA/JCC includes:

- New indoor pool
 - Ninja course
 - ‘Benches’ for swim lesson participants
 - Zero entry
 - Climber/slide for younger kids in zero entry area
 - 3 lap lanes
- Doubled group exercise space
- Much larger fitness center
- New KidZone free babysitting space
- 2-story climber and slide for member use
- New “universal” locker rooms: 22 individual/private spaces available to all

Our goal is to open the new facility with zero debt. Building the new Sylvania YMCA/JCC debt-free puts it on the path for greater success.

Fundraising is expected to be completed by year-end; the final phase of fundraising, the public campaign, will begin soon.

Also, the design of the new facility has been completed. Rudolph Libbe is awaiting the green light to bid out the work and begin construction (once fundraising is completed).

EXPANDED PROGRAMS AND IMPACT

While the brick-and-mortar aspect of the Sylvania YMCA/JCC will clearly change through this campaign, the expanded building and new spaces and additional equipment are all means to expanding our programs and services for the community.

Today, the YMCA/JCC already has ...

- 68,000 area residents have been members of our YMCA over the last 12 months.
- 1,800,000 visits to the Y's 30 facilities to participate in healthy choices.
- 110,000 people participate in programming.
- 1,200+ people have 24/7 access to our 4 branches offering this option.

Q&A

Why does the Sylvania YMCA/JCC facility need to be renovated?

Parts of the Sylvania YMCA/JCC facilities are now 50 years old. The newest structures are more than 30 years old. The facility is well past its prime and needs major renovation. The renovation and expansion of the YMCA/JCC will revitalize a valuable community asset to serve future generations in NW Ohio.

Who currently owns property on the Sylvania YMCA/JCC and Toledo Jewish Community Campus?

There are four owners of the properties that encompass the Sylvania Campus:

1. The YMCA of Greater Toledo owns the largest portion, including the Sylvania YMCA/JCC recreation site and buildings, the main and rear parking lots, west access road, the lake and undeveloped land along the south and west boundaries of the campus.
2. Congregation B'nai Israel
3. Temple Shomer Emunim
4. The Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo
 - Sekach Building
 - Leizerman Jewish Family Service Wing
 - Landman-Goldman Jewish Community Pre-school Wing
 - Toledo Holocaust Memorial and the adjacent green space to the memorial

When was the JCC property sold to the YMCA?

The joint operating agreement between the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and the YMCA for operation of the Sylvania recreation site began in 2005. That cooperative partnership flourished and resulted in the sale of the JCC properties in 2018.

How much rent will the Jewish Federation pay the YMCA?

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Toledo Jewish Community Foundation, Toledo Jews News, and other Federation functions may continue to occupy significant portions of the "Group Work Wing" at least until 2039, rent free, under the terms of the agreement.

When will major renovations to the campus begin?

Interior renovation of the group work wing, including the Federation office area, is well under way. Renovation to the rec site and new construction should begin in late 2023 or early 2024. The capital budget for renovation and new construction of the Sylvania YMCA/JCC is more than \$10 million.

Will construction impact access to The Temple, B'nai Israel and the Sekach (Jewish Family Service & Preschool) Building?

No. The Sylvania Avenue entrance and main parking lots will remain open. However, the access road leading to the rear of the campus and Congregation B'nai Israel must be closed through much of the construction. The YMCA will install a new section of driveway and several new parking spots parallel to the expressway, leading from the rear

of the Temple parking lot (next to the expressway) to the B'nai Israel parking lot. Currently there are small patches of grass and the former Hebrew Academy basketball court separating the two parking areas.

This new section of driveway, and the eventual reopening of the west access road, will complete a traffic oval around the campus. (See page 8.) For many years, local fire and law enforcement agencies have recommended completion of the loop to provide better campus access for first responders and officers responding to emergencies or patrolling the campus.

Will the Sylvania YMCA/JCC be open during the Jewish High Holidays? Will construction be taking place during the Jewish High Holidays?

No. The Recreation site Federation and YMCA administrative offices will be closed during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. There will be no construction activities when the campus is closed for major Jewish holidays.

How will the legacy of the JCC be preserved after renovations?

The JCC logo and signage will still be prominently displayed on the front of the building. A public display honoring the history of the Toledo Jewish Community Center and the Toledo Jewish community will also be featured in the lobby area of the new Sylvania YMCA/JCC building.

Who is paying for the cost of the renovations and expansion?

There are no taxpayer dollars involved in the capital renovation and expansion of the Sylvania YMCA/JCC. The generosity of individuals, families, foundations, and private and public companies is being counted on to provide the funds.

The Toledo Jewish Community Foundation has provided a \$100,000 challenge grant towards that effort. Joel Beren, Past President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and a member of the YMCA Capital Campaign Steering Committee, will be soliciting members of the Toledo Jewish community to meet or exceed that goal.



A PARTNERSHIP THAT IS STILL GROWING STRONGER

YMCA and JCC Relationship Dates Back More Than 20 Years

The upcoming renovation and expansion of the YMCA/JCC facility is the culmination of a relationship that began over 20 years ago.

When the JCC first moved to Sylvania Township in the early 1970's, both the JCC and YMCA were significant beneficiaries of funding from the United Way. United Way, the JCC and YMCA maintained an informal understanding that as long as both organizations were open to membership from anyone in the community there would be no need for the YMCA to build its own separate facility in Sylvania.



Membership at the JCC was always open to the entire community. Even at the Collingwood Avenue location non-Jewish families living in the Old West End and other central Toledo neighborhoods sent their children to the JCC for day-camp, sports leagues, pre-school, swim lessons, and other activities.

Change is inevitable – between the early 1970's, when the JCC and Temple Shomer Emunim first moved to the Jewish community campus, and 2005, when the Jewish Federation and YMCA first entered into an agreement for joint operation of the JCC rec-site:

- The population of Sylvania and Sylvania Township grew significantly.
- The population decline of the Toledo Jewish community accelerated.
- United Way ended funding for the JCC.
- YMCA members in Sylvania, Sylvania Township, and far west Toledo were clamoring for additional services and encouraging YMCA leadership to consider a new facility in the Sylvania area.

- The Sylvania Recreation District formed, in part, to address community interest in building a recreation site that undoubtedly would have competed with both the JCC and a potential YMCA in the Sylvania area.

Like-minded leaders from the Jewish community and YMCA community began casual conversations about cooperative ventures around 2000.

First Joint Operating Agreement

The late Richard Anderson and the late Dr. Donald Steinberg were the first to think “outside the box” and engage in what was initially a casual discussion about the JCC and YMCA working together. Those discussions evolved into the first Joint Operating Agreement between the JCC and YMCA.

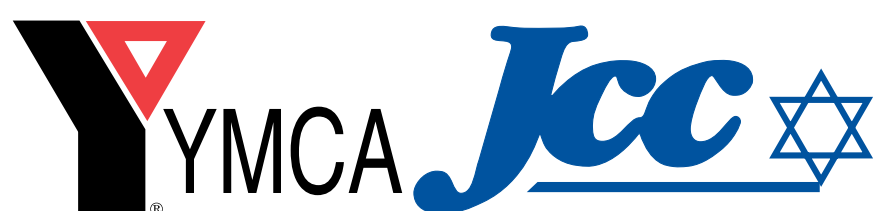
Bobby Kripke, past-President of the JCC, recalled, “Dick Anderson, Mike Anderson, Paul Schlatter, Lee Dunn, Robert Alexander, Larry Lev, Justice Johnson, Joel Beren, Dan Steinberg, Andy Klumb, and I were part of the working group that coordinated the first joint operating agreement between the YMCA and JCC.”

Moving Beyond the Initial Agreement

Over time the Joint Operating Agreement developed into a permanent partnership between the two organizations. The official merger for operations took place in 2005.

In 2009 the Lodestar Foundation, a Phoenix-based organization created to increase philanthropic impact by encouraging and supporting long-term collaboration among nonprofits working in the same areas, honored the JCC/YMCA partnership as recipients of a six-figure-grant to encourage further development of the partnership.

Twenty years since its inception, the YMCA/JCC/Federation partnership continues to serve as an example to other community-based organizations facing 21st century challenges.



YMCA & JCC of Greater Toledo

JCC Property Sold to the YMCA

In 2018 the Jewish Federation sold the JCC buildings and outdoor recreation facilities to the YMCA. The YMCA/JCC will continue to house the offices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Toledo Jewish Community Foundation, Toledo Jewish News, and the Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association.

The primary objectives of the sale were to:

- Pave the way for the YMCA to conduct a capital campaign to support a major overhaul and expansion of the facilities that were nearing 50 years of age, and
- Allow the Jewish Federation, associated organizations, and agencies, to continue to use the facility with no rent or occupancy expenses for a specific term of years.

This “win-win” for both organizations is helping the YMCA/JCC to move into the next phase of the successful partnership with a complete renovation and expansion of the facilities.

The YMCA community, Toledo Jewish community, as well as all residents of Sylvania and Sylvania Township will be fortunate to enjoy a newly renovated and expanded facility that will continue to serve the entire community for decades.



A newly built Jewish Community Center (JCC) on Collingwood Boulevard in the Old West End of Toledo in 1952. This building was sold in 1973 when the JCC moved to Sylvania.

THOUGHTS ON THE SYLVANIA YMCA/JCC EXPANSION



**Mark Greenblatt, President,
Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo**

"Growing up attending camp, playing basketball and tennis, spending summers at the pool, and being involved in BBYO along with working at the JCC through high school)... I am old enough to remember the camaraderie that existed among members of the Jewish community in earlier years on the Sylvania campus.

"As the facilities have aged (with limited maintenance and improvements while new options nearby have been introduced), young families and older members of the community have looked for opportunities to enjoy four-season recreational facilities, and interest in belonging to the JCC waned.

"Now, with our YMCA partners we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to revitalize a valued community asset. Not only will the Jewish community receive direct benefit from renovated and new facilities, but the greater community, particularly in West Toledo, Sylvania Township and the City of Sylvania, will find many new reasons to renew membership in or join the YMCA/JCC. The JCC always welcomed members from the greater community, and I look forward to seeing the YMCA/JCC branding on the front of a new facility that everyone can appreciate."



**Stephen Rothschild, Executive
Director, Jewish Federation of
Greater Toledo**

"I have a long history with the Jewish Community Center that goes back nearly 60 years. I have fond memories of the JCC on Collingwood where I attended preschool, learned to swim, attended day camp and performed on the great stage. When the JCC moved to Sylvania, we followed and I learned to play tennis, coached basketball, swam and played racket ball. As the community matured, we were fortunate to affiliate with the YMCA allowing us to maintain a central location for Jewish recreation. The plans to improve the YMCA/JCC site will fulfill a half-century vision allowing future generations to make their own lifetime memories under the YMCA/JCC banner. We are grateful for the opportunity to participate with the YMCA in this important project."



**Brad Toft, President and CEO,
YMCA of Greater Toledo**

"We're so excited to continue and grow our partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo in this endeavor. Both organizations are committed to strengthening the Sylvania community, and this project will be a huge step forward in that regard.

"We are also very grateful for the support of the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation in providing the challenge grant opportunity."

Renderings of the new Sylvania YMCA/JCC





Joel Beren, Past President and Former CEO, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and member of the Capital Campaign Steering Committee YMCA/JCC Greater Toledo

“My childhood was spent at the JCC on Collingwood. Just before my Bar Mitzvah in 1970, my family moved to Sylvania. Soon after, the JCC and Temple Shomer followed. Only the outdoor rec-site and Teen House were completed. My teens were spent at the rec-site in the summer, the Teen House every Saturday night with AZA/BBG/USY/NIFTY friends and other Jewish teens, and rented space at McCord Junior High School for community programs that could not be held at the JCC. Even the JCC basketball leagues were conducted at McCord for several years. It’s hard to believe that is over 50 years ago.

“My father was President of the JCC in the early 70’s. I clearly remember a parlor meeting in our Lincoln Woods home for a campaign earmarked for completion of the group work wing and an envisioned indoor pool. For many reasons our community postponed completion of the JCC gym and group work wing, and was never able to complete the vision of a recreation facility that included an indoor pool and running track. The campus as we now know it, including two Synagogues, the YMCA/JCC and Sekach Building, took almost four decades to assemble. Apparently, Moses was not the only Jew to have wandered for 40 years.

“Our community is much smaller than it was in 1970, less than one-third the size. JCCs nationally have struggled because of changes to the demographic, spiritual, social, educational, and recreational needs of Jewish communities. Our historical partnership with the YMCA allows the Toledo Jewish community to participate in completing the vision first discussed over 50 years ago. The time to complete the dream has finally arrived.”



Matt Kripke, Chairman, Toledo Jewish Community Foundation

“The Toledo Jewish Community Foundation is very excited to support the long overdue renovation and expansion of the YMCA/JCC facility. Our Jewish community campus houses two of our synagogues, our Federation offices and JFS so we have a vested interest in improving and beautifying this space. We are proud of our longstanding partnership with the YMCA, and we want to support our partner. The YMCA/JCC partnership has been a win-win-win for the Toledo Jewish community, the YMCA community and the Sylvania area community. Our board is pleased to offer this \$100,000 matching grant to encourage individuals to both ‘give back’ and ‘give forward.’”



Mike Anderson, Chairman, The Andersons, and member of the Capital Campaign Steering Committee YMCA/JCC Greater Toledo

“The YMCA and Jewish Federation together have already impacted the lives of thousands of people of all ages. This investment in the Sylvania YMCA/JCC will be instrumental in the lives of thousands more.

“The YMCA was part of my childhood and that of my parents, my siblings and my own children. It is a true community asset.

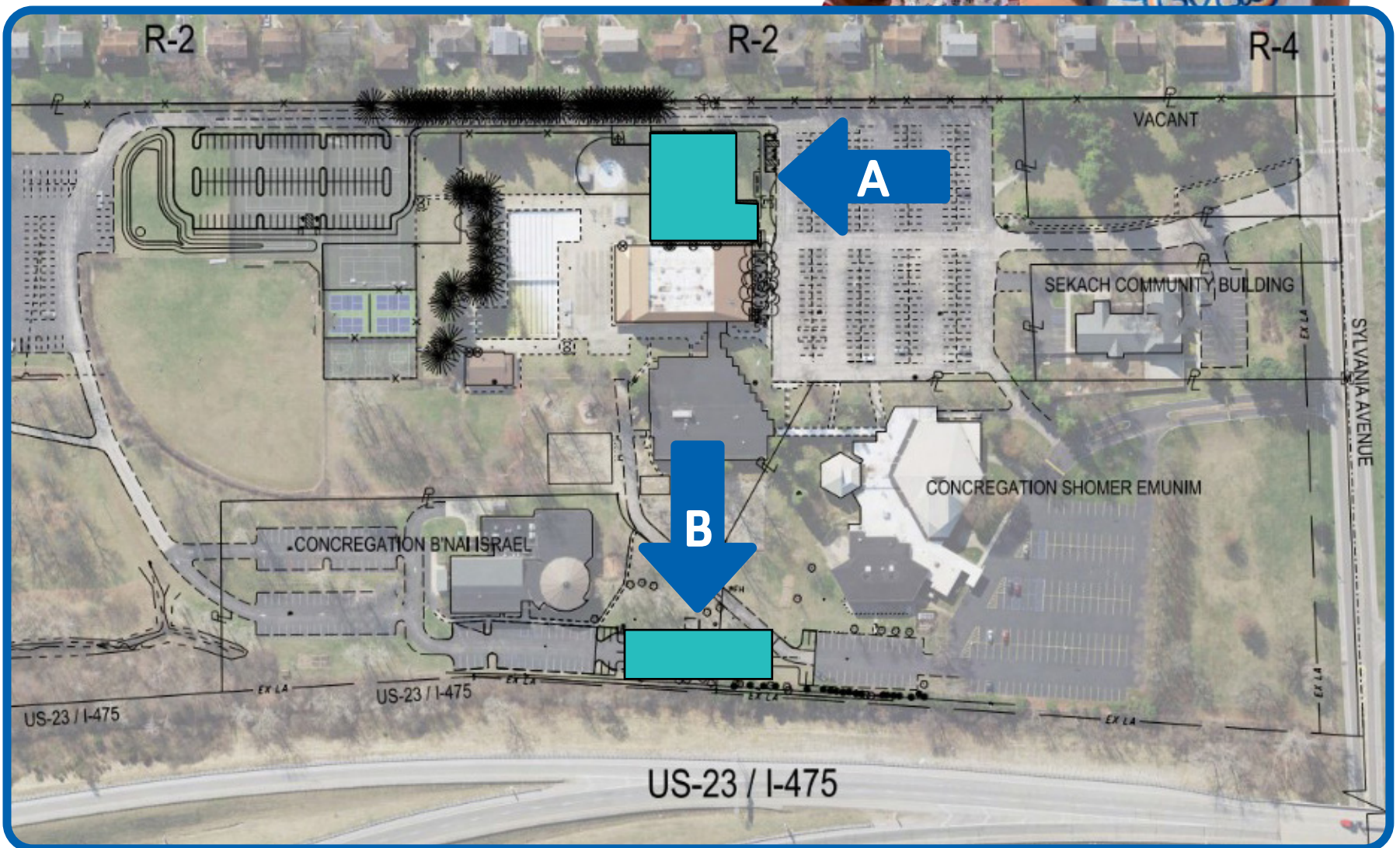
“This expansion fulfills the vision of original purpose of the partnership of the two organizations to better serve the community.”



AERIAL VIEW OF THE NEW CAMPUS

A – Footprint of the new indoor pool and activity wing

B – Driveway extension and additional parking between Temple Shomer Emunim and Congregation B’nai Israel



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serve as the rabbi of New York’s Temple Emanu-El, then and now a major Reform synagogue. They sent Felix back to Germany to study and he got his PhD in Heidelberg, and the plan had been for Felix Adler to succeed his father at some point. He came back in his 20s and gave what was his first and last sermon at Temple Emanu-El. He had adopted and absorbed some ideas while he was in Germany that were completely anathema to the Reform community, and he spun off the Ethical Culture Society.

Julius Oppenheimer, Robert’s father, was a trustee of the Ethical Culture Society, and Felix Adler conducted the wedding ceremony of Julius to Ella Oppenheimer, Robert’s mother. J. Robert Oppenheimer was educated at the Ethical Culture school. It was supposed to be non-religious and yet it was clearly dominated by Jews. It was one of these things about being American through and through, and somehow not having Judaism stand in the way. I think that really shaped Oppenheimer’s approach to Judaism.

Was there an ethos that he might have absorbed from the Ethical Cultural school that would have been important either in his left-wing politics or in his approach to the Manhattan Project?

My suspicion is yes, because Felix Adler in his training in Germany had become quite interested in Karl Marx and in the plight of the working class, and it seems impossible to me that that didn’t get somehow transmitted at the Ethical Culture school. It does not surprise me that Oppenheimer’s politics were left leaning.

As an adult, did Oppenheimer ever talk about his Judaism publicly or explain what his connection was to either the people or the faith?

Almost not at all, although there are some quite interesting quotes from other people. The Nobel laureate physicist Isidor Isaac Rabi and Oppenheimer were quite close, and Rabi testified on Oppenheimer’s behalf at the security hearing in 1954. According to Ray Monk’s massive biography of Oppenheimer, Rabb says that “what prevented Oppenheimer from being fully integrated was his denial of a centrally important part of himself: his Jewishness.” And Felix Bloch, who was another Jewish physicist who went on to win the Nobel Prize, said that Oppenheimer tried to act as if he were not a Jew, and succeeded because he was a good actor. You know, when you can’t integrate yourself and you’re trying to distance yourself from your roots, you can become conflicted. That’s Rabi’s assessment of Oppenheimer’s connection to Judaism.

But you also found a few instances of Oppenheimer positively engaging with Jews and Judaism.

In 1934, when Oppenheimer was a professor at Berkeley, he earmarked 3% of his salary for two years to help Jewish scientists emigrate from Germany. I think the fact that they were scientists was the important thing, and of course they were Jewish, because they’re the ones who were trying to get out in 1934. I don’t know that he was doing this because they were Jews or because

they were scientists. Supposedly, Oppenheimer sponsored his aunt and cousin to emigrate from Germany, and then he continued to assist them after they came to the United States.

And then in 1954, at the security clearance hearing, Oppenheimer said that starting in late 1936, he developed “a continuing, smoldering fury about the treatment of Jews in Germany.” I don’t know if you had gone back to 1936 that you would have found any evidence of him saying that at the time. I doubt it. But one thing to remember is that in Oppenheimer’s lifetime, antisemitism was not non-existent. Antisemitism shaped how people dealt with their Judaism and this was the way he dealt with it.

So fast forward, Oppenheimer grew up well-to-do in New York and was educated at Harvard and then in Europe, where he studied physics at the University of Cambridge and the University of Göttingen. He joins the staff at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at Berkeley, and he begins socializing with leftist professors — both communists and so-called fellow travelers, deeply involved in workers’ rights and supporting the anti-fascists in the Spanish Civil War — in ways that are going to come back to haunt him in the 1950s. In the “American Prometheus” biography, which Nolan’s film is based on, we learn that Oppenheimer’s political activities came to the attention of the FBI at this point, years before his work on the atom bomb project.

That’s correct. He clearly had sympathy for those causes. And I would say understandably. There was a depression going on in this country, and the workers’ condition was not perfect.

There are now historians who are claiming Oppenheimer really was a card-carrying communist despite his denials. He certainly was a fellow traveler, his brother Frank was clearly a card-carrying communist as was Robert’s future wife Kitty.

In 1942 Lieutenant Colonel Leslie Groves was appointed director of what became known as the Manhattan Project, and selected Oppenheimer to head the project’s secret weapons laboratory.

Groves and Oppenheimer seem to have a chemistry which was critical for the success of the project. Why Groves figured that Oppenheimer was the guy to lead it is a little bit of a mystery. Oppenheimer had not led anything even remotely like this. He was a theoretical physicist, and you’re talking about huge experimental facilities for the project. And he wasn’t yet 40. But Oppenheimer rose to the occasion.

You mentioned earlier what Oppenheimer later described as his “smoldering fury” over the Nazis treatment of the Jews. Did working on a bomb to defeat Nazi Germany assuage whatever pangs of conscience he might have had over developing a bomb of such massive destructive potential?

I do think so. And that was probably true for many of the scientists who worked on the project, many of whom were Jewish. There was also a suspicion that the Nazis were working on a bomb as well and then God forbid that they should get there first. I think that was really the driver.

I’ve read that Oppenheimer did not feel guilt over his contribution to



Lewis Strauss, far right, stands slightly apart from his colleagues on the Atomic Energy Commission, including chairman David Lilienthal, second from left, 1947. (Los Alamos National Laboratory)

developing nuclear weapons or the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki but he did feel a sense of responsibility for what had been unleashed.

Oppenheimer realized that a lot of people lost their lives as a result of this. But I will tell you, my father was a GI during World War II, he enlisted in 1943 and fought until ’45. He was in Europe when V.E. Day came, and then came back to the United States for leave before he was going to be shipped out to the Pacific. And my father was convinced to his dying day that the bomb saved his life [by ending the war with Japan]. And, you know, that was a widespread sentiment.

After the war, Oppenheimer ends up in Princeton directing the famous Institute for Advanced Study and that’s going to bring him into the crosshairs of Lewis Strauss. Tell us who he is and how these two Jewish figures contrasted.

Three of Strauss’ four grandparents emigrated from Germany/Austria, probably in the 1830s, 1840s. Somebody ended up in Virginia and Strauss grew up in the South. His connection to Judaism is quite different from Oppenheimer’s. Strauss was a valedictorian of his high school and in his autobiography says that he was absolutely fascinated by physics. But the family had no money so rather than go to college Strauss became a traveling shoe salesman. And even though merchants he sold to would be closed on Sunday, he insisted on [also] taking Saturday off because of his Judaism, and he took the financial hit. He ended up volunteering to work for Herbert Hoover, the future Republican president, who was organizing European relief efforts after World War I. Hoover becomes a lifelong friend, advocate and supporter. Strauss managed to push Hoover — no friend to the Jews — to lodge a formal complaint when some Jews were slaughtered by the Poles.

He had a pretty meteoric rise. He gets connected to the Kuhn, Loeb investment firm, marries the daughter of one of the partners and he makes money hand over fist. But he stayed connected with his Judaism through all this, eventually becoming the president of Temple Emanu-El for 10 years from 1938 to 1948. So just like there are political differences between Oppenheimer and Strauss, there are religious differences: Oppenheimer grows up in the Felix Adler breakaway and Strauss is mainstream Reform Judaism.

Strauss was a trustee of the Institute for Advanced Studies when it hired Oppenheimer. What else came between the two men? I’ve read that Strauss was a proponent of the hydrogen bomb, and Robert

Oppenheimer was hesitant because he felt the astronomically greater power of the H-bomb was not necessary.

The H-bomb was physicist Edward Teller’s idea — he called it “the super” — and Oppenheimer appropriately sidelined Teller at Los Alamos, saying “this is a distraction from what we’re trying to accomplish.”

The animosity between Strauss and Oppenheimer had probably several different dimensions. But I think Strauss also had to navigate being Jewish in an American society that didn’t totally embrace Jews, and I think it was somewhat of a threat to him to have somebody like Oppenheimer whose approach to dealing with his Judaism was to hide it, basically. Here’s Strauss, you know, president of Temple Emanu-El, he’s clearly not hiding that he’s Jewish, and he’s trying to survive and thrive in a Washington establishment that’s not so embracing of Judaism. So that was another dimension. I’d even read that Strauss was offended by Oppenheimer’s alleged marital infidelity.

The animosity also includes the fact that Oppenheimer could be mean. Generally, people who worked at the laboratory loved him, but he could also be mean, and he made Strauss feel like a fool in a public hearing in 1949 — sort of like, “You’re an amateur physicist. You don’t know what you’re talking about,” and that really cut to the quick.

Whatever the reason, Strauss is not a good enemy to have when he becomes a trustee of the Atomic Energy Commission. It’s Strauss who in 1953 told Oppenheimer that his security clearance had been suspended, and led Oppenheimer to request the hearing that led to his security clearance being revoked.

Strauss was appointed one of the five members of the original Atomic Energy Commission. The chair at the time was David Lilienthal, also Jewish by the way, and there’s a photograph of the five members of the Commission that’s absolutely perfect because there are four people on one side on the left, and one person sort of off by himself on the right — and it’s Strauss who’s off by himself. And there were apparently a few dozen votes of the Commission in its early years, mostly having to do with security matters, where the vote was four to one and Strauss was the lone dissenting voice. He was focused on security and was probably very anti-communist.




I want to shift gears and talk about your background, and how a physicist becomes a rabbi.

I was a graduate student at the University of California, San Diego, and my thesis advisor sent me to Los Alamos for the summer of 1979 to learn a certain piece of physics. My connection to Judaism at that stage in my life was almost nil. I had done the classic sort of Conservative American Jewish upbringing of post-bar mitzvah alienation. When I came to Los Alamos I didn’t know a single person in town, so I thought I could go to the synagogue and meet some people. And because my training was reasonably thorough in the liturgy, I started leading some things at the synagogue while I was here.

Instead of going back to UC San Diego, I ended up continuing my graduate studies at the laboratory

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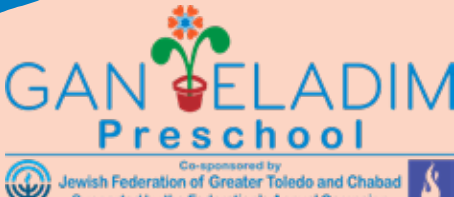



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and completing my PhD while I was still here, and then got hired as a staff member at the laboratory. And all that time there was a rabbi who was coming up from Santa Fe to Los Alamos, and would teach an adult education class and I got interested. I had the arrogance of a newly minted PhD physicist that if you can learn physics, you can learn anything. So I started doing a lot of self-teaching in Judaism.

And what I discovered, which is my passion in the rabbinate, is that adult Judaism is not taught to kids because kids are kids. And most people reject Judaism like I did because they don't know that Judaism is much richer than what most people reject. I spent my entire physics career here at the lab and in parallel, as I became more knowledgeable in Judaism, I came to know that I didn't know anything.

Then it turns out that there was a rabbi, Gershon Winkler, who moved to New Mexico and took me on as a private student, and that process led to my private ordination through him.

To pull the threads together, I'm curious how you as a physicist think about your responsibility for the uses of science, and how they mesh or clash with what you are learning in Torah.

I'll steer your question slightly, if that's okay. [The medieval Jewish philosopher] Maimonides says clearly that we're given brains and the ability to do rational thought. Judaism is, it seems to me, inherently compatible with the idea of using your brain to understand how the world works, which is what physics is all about. Physics can help us see the beauty in the universe. And that beauty is part of



Rabbi Jack Shlachter worked for 30 years as a physicist at Los Alamos National Laboratory (in background). (Courtesy; Los Alamos National Laboratory)

what we're given as a responsibility to appreciate in Judaism as well.

But science can also be applied for destructive purposes.

We are in a world that is not perfect. And, you know, there have been wars since time immemorial. Atomic weapons were used to end a war, and that was important. Like I said, my

father to his dying day felt that his life was saved because of the atomic bomb, and you know, who's to say that he was wrong?

In Los Alamos, how does the community process their legacy? Is it one of unmitigated pride or is it always leavened by regret about the destructive forces that were unleashed?

I think Oppenheimer is generally viewed very positively. What happened in Los Alamos was an important part of the history of the world. And it's inspiring to be here at a place where, 80 years ago, there was basically nothing but a small boys' school.

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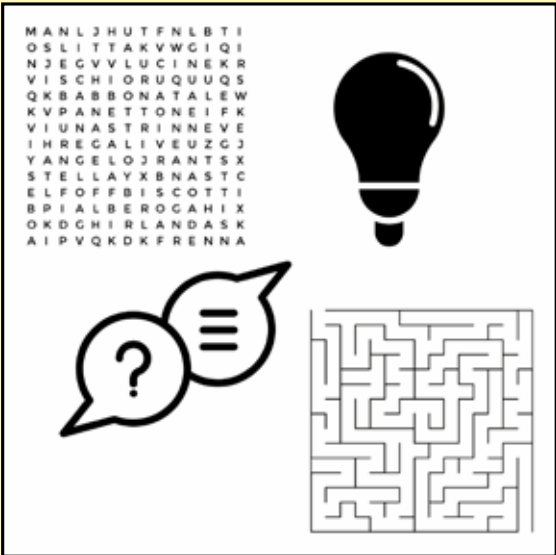


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Healthy Living

Get Fit Classes

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Get Fit Early, 9-10am

-or-

Get Fit Later, 10:30-11:30am

Join us for this upbeat and energetic dance/exercise program designed to improve your fitness level safely and effectively. This is a comprehensive workout that includes strength, flexibility, balance, posture-improvement, and more. All moves can be modified to meet specific needs.

Cardio Drumming, 12-1pm

A high-energy workout that also includes some dance moves. This can also be done seated.

Wednesday

Get Fit Early, 9-10am

-or-

Get Fit Later, 10:30-11:30am

(see description above)

Ballet Ball Fusion, 12-1pm

A special blend of ballet warm-up, cardio drumming, and a Tai Chi/yoga cool-down. Ballet shoes are not required.

Friday

Zumba, 9-10am

Foundation Fitness, 10am-11pm

Designed to improve mobility, core strength, and stability from the ground up. Focus will be on foot and ankle strength, mobility, healthy posture, pelvic floor, and breathing. Exercises can be done in chairs and/or standing.

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Temple Shomer Emunim

August Worship Schedule

Friday, August 4
Shabbat Service 6:00pm

Friday, August 11
Shabbat Service 6:00pm

Saturday, August 12
Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Corman
10:30am

Friday, August 18
Shabbat Service 6:00pm

Friday, August 25
Camp Shabbat Service 5:30pm
Installation of Board Members

Havdalah & Selichot: The Difficulty of Forgiveness

Saturday, September 9
7:00-9:00pm

Join Rabbi Delson & Cantor Roher for discussion about the challenges of forgiveness & what it offers us when we do. After the discussion, we will join together for Havdalah & Selichot service where we will change the Torah covers to white for the High Holy Day season. Please **RSVP by September 6** to mkuehnle@templese.com

High Holy Day Worship Schedule

Saturday, September 9
Havdalah & Selichot 7:00-9:00pm

Friday, September 15
Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 7:30pm

Saturday, September 16
Family Service 9:00am
Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 10:30am
Children's Program (K-4) 10:30am
(Reservations Required)

Sunday, September 24
Kever Avot at Woodlawn 10:30am
Kol Nidre 7:30pm

Monday, September 25
Family Service 9:00am
Yom Kippur Morning Service 10:30am
Children's Program (K-4) 10:30am
Afternoon Service 3:00pm
Yizkor Service 4:15pm
Neilah 5:15pm
Break Fast 6:30pm
(Reservations Required)

By Special Request ...

Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 3pm


A concert with Cantor Jen Roher, Dr. Andrew Pelletier and Bob Rae, featuring all of **YOUR** favorite music.
A Dessert reception will follow.
RSVP by Wednesday, August 9

August Calendar

Sun 20th: 1st Day Religious School 9:15-11:30am;
Shomer Sha'Bang 11am

Sun 27th: Religious School 9:15-11:30am

Wed 30th: 1st day Hebrew School 4:20-6pm



Calling all Camp Kayitz campers, sleep-away campers, and our Israel trip participants!
Join us for our Camp Shabbat!
Friday, August 25 at 5:30pm
Shabbat service, camp stories and camp songs!
Dinner will follow the service
Adults \$10 Children 10 & Under \$5, or Family \$25
RSVP to mkuehnle@templese.com by August 22

Shabbat Playdate for children ages Birth to 5
Older siblings welcome!
Saturday, August 26, 10:00am-11:00am
Held at the playground behind the Temple.
Bagels & Cream Cheese, applesauce and drinks will be served.



Stroll with the Rabbi!
Join Rabbi Delson on Thursdays, August 24 & 31 at 10am for a stroll around Olander Park!
Park at Tam O'Shanter and meet the Rabbi at the front entrance!

Congregation B'nai Israel

cbitoledo.org

ALL congregants are welcomed back to in-person programs regardless of vaccine status. Mask-wearing is optional. We ask that if you are feeling ill or are exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 or other illnesses, that you wear a mask to protect others. If you are not a CBI member and would like to attend programs or services, please contact the office at 419.517.8400.

CBI PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

WCBI Celebrates
Rosh Chodesh Elul
Monday, August 21, 2023 11:00 AM
Quarry Ridge Golf Center, Ottawa Lake, MI

As we start a New Year, come join us for a fun-filled day of miniature golf. No experience necessary! Lots of fun to be had and prizes to be won. In case of rain, activities will be held in the clubhouse. The program will take place rain or shine.

Event cost is \$10. Please make your checks payable to "Women of CBI" and mail to: Sandy Traugott, 4755 Parklands Dr., Sylvania, OH 43560.

The Tikkun Olam for this program is a donation of supplies to Sylvania Area Family Services. Please choose an item or items from the following list: Peanut Butter, Cereal, Toilet Paper. We will collect items on arrival at the program.

RSVP by August 16, 2023 to Miriam Beckerman at mesb@bex.net.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

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
Sunday Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - Zoom ONLY (Beginning August 27th, In-Person/Zoom)

CBI Israeli Movie Festival:
Four Wednesdays in August

Wednesday August 2, 2023
1:00 PM, In-Person at CBI
"HUMMUS: THE MOVIE"
RSVP by Fri. July 28, 2023

Wednesday August 9, 2023
1:00 PM, In-Person at CBI
"TORN"
RSVP by Fri. August 4, 2023

Wednesday August 16, 2023
1:00 PM, In-Person at CBI
"FLUCHKES"
RSVP by Fri. August 11, 2023

Wednesday August 30, 2023
1:00 PM, In-Person at CBI
"THE MUSES OF ISAAC BASHEVIS SINGER"
RSVP by Fri. August 25, 2023

Cost is \$5 per movie or \$15 for the series. Snacks will be provided.
RSVP to the office calling 419.517.8400 or email Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org

CONNECTING KIDS TO MEALS VOLUNTEER EVENT
Thursday, August 10, 2023 12:00-1:30 PM
Cherry Street Mission Building, 1501 Monroe St.

We are need of 4-12 volunteers. Teens are invited to participate and earn volunteer hours.

The volunteers will be putting together packages of food for children in need that live in the Toledo area.

June 28th volunteer day - RSVP by Aug. 3rd.
RSVP to Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org to volunteer or to have any questions answered.

EREV ROSH HASHANNAH BEGINS THE EVENING OF FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH
Visit the CBI Judaica Gift Shop for all your High Holiday needs. Call 419.882.4111 to make an appointment.

SAVE THE DATE:
• **Selichot**
Saturday, September 9, 2023
8:00 PM, In-Person/Live Stream at CBI

DESSERT RECEPTION ~ HAVDALAH ~ PROGRAM SELICHOT SERVICE 9:30-10:30 PM

NO CHARGE for CBI members however voluntary donations would be greatly appreciated.

RSVP to Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org or call the office at 419.517.8400 by Friday, September 1, 2023.

Congregation Etz Chayim

ETZ CHAYIM TAILGATE PICNIC & MUD HENS GAME

Everyone is invited to a tailgate lunch on Sunday August 13th at 12:30 p.m. in the synagogue social hall. Following lunch there will be afternoon games and then everyone will travel to watch the Mud Hens play the Columbus Clippers at 4:05 p.m. Please contact Nancy Jacobson for reservations and ticket prices. The tailgate lunch is free.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES & KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

Join us for Shabbat services on Saturday, August 26th at 9:00 a.m. Rabbi Yaakov Lasson will be our visiting rabbi and will lead services. There will be a special Kiddush luncheon following the service to honor those members who will be celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries.

POKER/MAH JONG

In person poker and mah jong is scheduled for Sunday, August 20th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the synagogue. Everyone is invited. Snacks will be served.


SISTERHOOD NEWS

All members of the Etz Chayim Sisterhood are invited to take part in a visit to the Salt Caves in Perrysburg. It involves a 45-minute therapy time in the salt cave. The floor is salt, with Himalayan salt in the walls. It is said to be very therapeutic for people. It is noted to be good for breathing, skin, and inflammation issues. The company can accommodate 12 people at a time; therefore, sisterhood is setting two dates for people to attend. There is also an infra-Red Sauna which can accommodate 2 people at a time. It uses essential oils and relaxing oils in the sauna. The cost for sisterhood members is being underwritten by the sisterhood. It is a way to say Thank You for all those who work so hard for the Sisterhood. The dates to choose from will be August 8th at 10:00 a.m. or August 15th at 2:00 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Cheryl Berkowitz or Andrea Lublin.

The opening meeting for Sisterhood this year is scheduled Sunday, September 10, at 1:00 p.m. An ice cream social is planned. The new Sisterhood officers will be installed, and the Woman of the Year Award will be presented to Elsa Leveton.



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September 15 - 17
Yom Kippur:
September 24 - 25

Full schedule and RSVP:
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SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

10:00 am

FOLLOWED BY KIDDUSH LUNCH

12:30 pm

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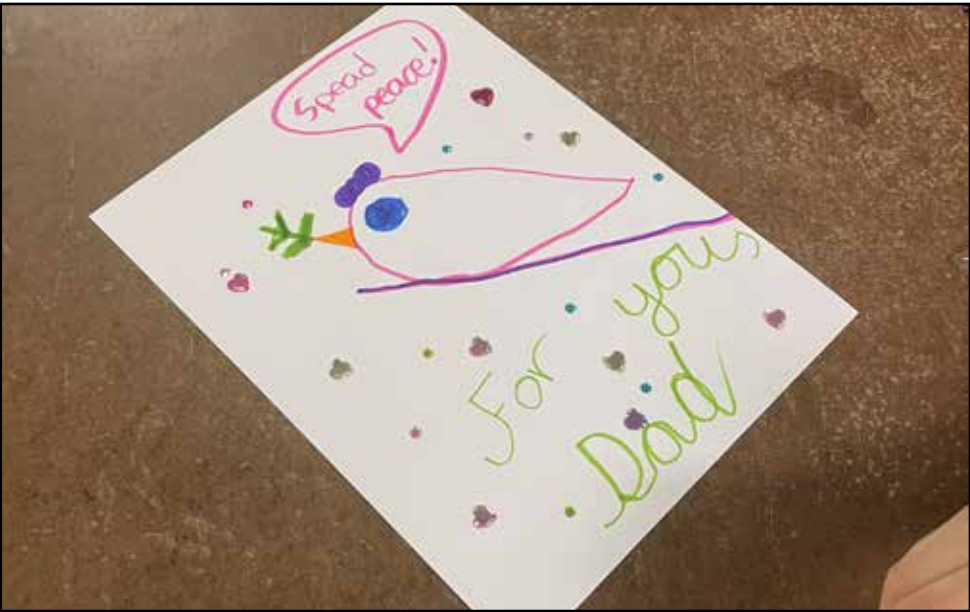
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Multi-faith Council day camp accentuates diversity, peace

Multifaith Council of Northwest Ohio hosted a five-day summer camp in late June during which each morning centered around a different faith. Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo sent Colette Lundberg, Sherry Majewski, Daniel Pearlman, Marnie Younker, Dena Zack, and Joyce Moran to teach the approximately 30-35 children (grades 1-8) basic aspects of Judaism related to the camp's Peace theme. Campers rotated through four stations (arts & crafts, games/activities, peacebuilding, and storytelling), learning the meanings of Shalom, Shabbat, mitzvahs, mensches, and more. The free camp was designed to help children appreciate diversity, peacemaking, and world religions. The religion-specific activities took place each morning while optional non-denominational scheduling was planned each afternoon. The other four days included local representatives from the Muslim, Christian, Buddhist and Hindu communities.



What's new with Toledo BBYO?

By Esther Goldstein



The past few months have been full of new adventures! We attended Ohio Northern Region's (ONR) Regional Convention with 2 AZAs from Brown Smulin Neufeld and four BBGs from B'not Shalom. I was elected as ONR's 38th Regional N'siah (president). Over the summer, some BBYO members attended summer programs such as CLTC, and we are so excited for them! In August, I will be representing ONR at the August Executive Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. Stay tuned for an upcoming parent meeting and our fall schedule of events. We look forward to welcoming new members to BBYO and getting more Toledo Jewish teens together and involved.

B'nai Mitzvah

We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah



Joshua Aaron Corman will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at Temple Shomer Emunim. Josh is the son of Amy and Scott Corman and the brother of Madison. He is the grandson of Gail and Larry Hoicowitz, Carol and Michael Corman, and Sharon and Richard Maddin.

Josh is in 7th grade at Timberstone Junior High, where he takes honors courses. He plays soccer and tennis and enjoys swimming. In his free time, Josh loves playing video games and spending time with his friends and family. Josh is working on his Mitzvah Project to collect electronics for the Toledo Children's Hospital, giving children a chance to experience technology. Josh is very excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah!

Simcha

Holocaust Resource Center receives Washington Local Schools Award



In mid-June, the Washington Local School District Board of Education recognized the Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo with a Panther Certificate for displaying the qualities of a "panther" - empathy, critical thinking, communication, integrity, adaptability, and learner's mindset - in supporting their students in Holocaust Education.

Hindea Markowicz, Director of the Holocaust Resource Center, gave the following acceptance remarks:

On behalf of the Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center, thank you for recognizing me. I am truly honored. But more important is that in recognizing the Resource Center, you, as a school board, are recognizing the importance of Holocaust education to your students. Tolerance of diversity is the theme of our annual Diversity Day Program. The Holocaust is the ultimate example of the toxic effect of bigotry to a society, even an advanced one like Germany, which makes it relevant to us in this country. While the Holocaust is thought of as a Jewish thing, which it mostly was, the Nazis started by killing their own disabled children and their mentally ill as "undeserving of life" before they turned their attention to the Jews. Their other victims included homosexuals and political opposition activists. Their racist theories of the supremacy of so-called Aryans deemed everyone else as inferior. Antisemitism is rising here and abroad. It is everyone's concern because it is the canary in the coal mine of a developing sickness in a society. Education is the antidote. Your recognition of our work proves you are part of the cure. Thank you again on my behalf and on behalf of all the presenters over the last 18 years of the Diversity Day Program.



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Safety Tips



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

Back to School Safety Tips

It’s that time of year again when parents and children across the country are preparing to go back to school. As part of our commitment to overall safety for you and your children, JFGT would like to help you with your preparations by offering these simple safety tips.



School Zone Driving Safety Tips

- Be on the lookout for school zone signals and ALWAYS obey the speed limits.
- When entering a school zone, be sure to slow down and obey all traffic laws.
- Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading children.
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Be aware of and watch out for children near schools, bus stops, sidewalks, in the streets, in school parking lots, etc.
- Never pass other vehicles while driving in a school zone.
- Never change lanes while driving in a school zone.
- Never make U-Turns while driving in a school zone.
- Never text while driving in a school zone.
- Avoid using a cell phone, unless it is completely hands-free, while driving in a school zone.
- Unless licensed to do so, never use handicap or emergency vehicle lanes or spaces to drop off or pick up children at school.



Riding Your Bike to School

- Check with the school to make sure your child is allowed to ride their bicycle to school. Some schools do not allow students to ride bicycles to school until they reach a specific grade.
- Make sure your child always wears a bicycle helmet! Failure to wear one could result in a traffic citation. Furthermore, in the event of an accident, helmets reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent.
- Obey the rules of the road; the rules are the same for all vehicles, including bicycles.
- Always stay on the right-hand side of the road and ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Be sure your child knows and uses all the appropriate hand signals.
- Choose the safest route between home and school and practice it with children until they can demonstrate traffic safety awareness.
- If possible, try to ride with someone else. There is safety in numbers.



Walking to School

- Leave early enough to arrive at school at least 10 minutes prior to the start of school.
- Use the same route every day and never use shortcuts.
- Go straight home after school. Do not go anywhere else without permission.
- Always use public sidewalks and streets when walking to school.
- Demonstrate traffic safety awareness and pick the safest route between your home and the school and practice walking it with your children.
- Try and walk to school with other students. There is strength in numbers.

- Teach your children to recognize and obey traffic signals, signs, and pavement markings.
- Only cross streets at designated crosswalks, street corners and traffic-controlled intersections.
- Always look both ways before crossing the street and never enter streets from between obstacles like parked cars, shrubbery, signs, etc.
- Always walk and never run across intersections.
- Avoid talking to strangers. Teach your children to distance themselves and anyone who tries to approach or make contact with them.
- If a stranger does approach your child, make sure they know to immediately report the incident to you or a teacher.
- Teach your children to never get into a vehicle with anyone, even if they know them, without your permission.



Playground Safety

- A supervisor must always be present when children are at the school’s playground. Make sure your school has someone who always monitors the playgrounds.
- Playground equipment should be surrounded by shock-absorbing material that is at least nine inches thick.
- Protective surfaces should extend six feet in all directions around the playground equipment. For swings, it should extend twice the height of the set.
- Due to strangulation hazards, do not attach ropes, jump ropes, clotheslines, pet leashes or cords of any kind to playground equipment.
- Be watchful of sharp edges or points on equipment.
- Alert the school if you notice anything strange about the playground equipment at your child’s school.
- Spaces that can trap children, such as openings between ladder rungs, should measure less than three and a half inches or more than nine inches.
- All elevated surfaces, such as ramps, should have guardrails to prevent falls.



Clothing and School Supplies

- To prevent injury, backpacks should have wide straps, padding in the back and shoulders, and should not weigh more than 10 to 15 percent of a child’s body weight.
- When placing items in a backpack, place the heavier items in first. The closer the heavier items are to a child’s back, the less strain it will cause.
- Children should use both backpack straps and all compartments for even distribution of weight.
- Remove drawstrings from jackets, sweatshirts, and hooded shirts to reduce the risk of strangulation injuries.
- Art supplies in the classroom should always be child safe and non-toxic. Be sure they have “CONFORMS TO ASTM D-4236” on their packaging.
- Make sure your child’s school is up to date on the latest recalled children’s products and toys.

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