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New JFGT Security Policy

Purpose

To help ensure the safety and security of all attendees while fostering an environment of openness and community engagement, this policy outlines procedures for event registration, attendance, and security.

Registration Procedures

Individual Registration Required:

All attendees must register individually through our designated online registration form or directly with Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo staff registrations.

Complete Data Collection:

Registrants are required to provide accurate contact information, including full name, phone number, and email address. For guests or additional attendees, the primary registrant must add each guest's details separately.

Verification & Confirmation:

Registrants will receive a confirmation email and the location of the event after registration.

Guest Policy:

Attendees need to register all guests in advance. Same-day or walk-in registrations may be limited or declined based on security considerations.

Prohibited Items

- Weapons of any kind under any circumstance
- Alcohol, illegal drugs, or substances (including drug paraphernalia)
- All glass items
- Bags over 18" x 12" x 8", camelbacks, Bota bags, and flasks
- Signs, flags, banners, posters, or balloons
- Flammable liquids or aerosol cans
- Other items as deemed inappropriate by the Security Director or event staff

We Deliver a Jewish Future



A focus on: **Toledo Jewish News**
The Monthly Newspaper of Jewish Toledo

Toledo Jewish News partners with CJN to deliver expanded coverage and fresh look

Big things are happening at *Toledo Jewish News*! Beginning in September, Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) is proud to announce an exciting new partnership with the Cleveland Jewish News Publication Company (CJN), a leader in Jewish media across Ohio.

Under this new collaboration, CJN will provide content, advertising, and layout services for *Toledo Jewish News*, while JFGT will continue to retain full editorial control. What does this mean for readers? A more robust, beautifully designed newspaper that still focuses on Jewish Toledo while bringing in engaging stories from across Ohio's Jewish communities.

CJN is already known for publishing *Cleveland Jewish News*, *Columbus Jewish News*, and *Akron Jewish News*. According to JFGT CEO Stephen Rothschild, outsourcing certain aspects of the *Toledo Jewish News* to CJN is part of JFGT's broader effort to streamline operations. "By leveraging CJN's proven expertise, we can enhance the quality of our publication while freeing up internal resources to invest in other community priorities that strengthen and enrich Jewish life in Toledo," he said.

"This is more than a publishing agreement. It's a meaningful opportunity to remind us all that we are part of something larger—a statewide Jewish community that is vibrant, diverse, and deeply interconnected."

"It is truly an honor and privilege to partner with our new mishpocha at Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo in publishing *Toledo Jewish News*," said Kevin S. Adelstein, president of the Cleveland Jewish Publication Company and Publisher & CEO of the *Cleveland Jewish News*, *Columbus Jewish News*, and *Akron Jewish News*.

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-Stephen Rothschild, CEO, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

"Stephen [Rothschild] and the entire Jewish Toledo team share our core values of community journalism — a deep commitment to informing, engaging, and celebrating Jewish life. Together, we look forward to building on a strong foundation and amplifying the voices, stories, and traditions that make Toledo's Jewish community so vibrant."

With the new format, *Toledo Jewish News* will continue to appear both in print and online and will feature a design and layout similar to *Akron Jewish News*. The enhanced paper will include expanded coverage of Jewish life and issues not only in Toledo but also in sister communities throughout Ohio. For many Toledoans with friends and family in cities like Akron, Cleveland, or Columbus, this is a welcome opportunity to feel more connected and in the loop.

This development complements existing collaborative efforts like the Ohio Regional Intelligence Center—a vital part of Jewish Ohio's security network—and the Ohio Jewish Communities organization, which advocates for Jewish interests at the state and federal levels. In a time when smaller Jewish communities can sometimes feel isolated or overwhelmed, this partnership serves as a powerful reminder that we are never alone.

"I'm looking forward to coordinating the relationship with CJN," said Abby

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Keep calm and sparkle on: Phyllis Diamond turns 100!

By Mary Bilyeu, Community Relations Programming Specialist

“I thought I just led an ordinary life,” Phyllis Diamond said with a shrug two days before her 100th birthday on June 6.

Ordinary? Why, a life that lasts for 10 decades (and counting) is absolutely extraordinary!

Her sons Stuart and David came to town from Houston and Baltimore, respectively, for a celebration at the Kingston Care Center

of Sylvania, where their mom now lives. Also attending was Stuart’s wife, Debbie, whom Phyllis lovingly described as “like a daughter to me.” The birthday girl’s granddaughter Ilana couldn’t make it, as she lives in Tel Aviv (though her grandma wishes she’d come back home – she worries, you know). And dozens of people from Kingston and from our Jewish community also stopped by to offer their good wishes.

While there have been some instances of longevity in the family

– his maternal grandmother lived into her 90s, Stuart said – no one else, to either his or his mom’s knowledge, has ever hit triple digits.

Phyllis had no great secrets to share about how to live for 100 years – no shot of schnapps at bedtime, for example, or eating a bagel every day for breakfast.

“I have no idea,” she said, when asked if there were anything in particular that may have contributed to her long life.

But she did note three simple factors that might have helped the cause.

First, “I’m a milk drinker. I do not drink pop or alcohol,” she said firmly. “I have milk at every meal. I drink skim milk three times-a-day.”

Secondly, “I took it as it came and rolled with the punches,” Phyllis noted about her laid-back approach to the ups and downs of daily life. “Some things I may not have liked as much; but you go with the flow, as they say.”

And the third? “Keeping busy,” she said matter-of-factly.

Studies have shown that staying active can contribute to longevity, as physical movement and mental engagement are both important factors in aging well.

Well, Phyllis was always one of



Phyllis is 100!

the busiest people in town!

First, she worked part-time at the University of Toledo for about 30 years, helping with student registration. “I enjoyed that,” she said, but then “they automated my office, so I was really no longer needed. The kids could register from home.”

In addition to her family and work responsibilities and regular attendance at Shabbat services, “my mother was a big-time volunteer” with many organizations, Stuart said proudly. She served as a medical aide during World War II, assisting at local blood drives by rolling

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Four-year-old Cora Willis, daughter of Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services social worker Stacy Willis, shares a moment with Phyllis

Author/Toledo native has local family legacy

Jewish Toledo enjoyed a meaningful afternoon with author and Toledo native Laney Katz Becker, who shared insights about her new book, *In the Family Way*, and reflected on her deep ties to the community. Laney spoke about her family’s legacy in Toledo, including the naming of the Congregation B’nai Israel Sanctuary in honor of her father, Art Katz, and his brother, Cal. She credited her father with teaching her the importance of “giving Jewishly,” a value that has shaped her own philanthropic efforts both locally and abroad, including in Akko, Israel.

Set in the 1960s before Roe, *In the Family Way* is a timely novel that captures the experiences of women on the cusp of liberation as they struggle with their own complex feelings about being wives, mothers, and women with their own dreams and ambitions.

Laney Katz Becker is an award-winning author, writer, and a former literary agent. Her books include the debut novel, *Dear Stranger*, *Dearest Friend*, and the nonfiction anthology, *Three Times Chai*, a collection of rabbis’ favorite stories. She currently lives on the east coast of Florida with her husband and their Havanese.



Laney Katz Becker



Laney Katz Becker stands in front of the Congregation B’nai Israel Sanctuary named in honor of her father, Art Katz, and his brother, Cal

Jewish Community Relations Council

Israeli-American activist discusses the Middle East to Toledo crowd

Nearly 100 community members came out to Lourdes University in June to hear Dan Feferman, a speaker, innovator, thought leader, activist, and researcher on Israel, the Jewish world, and the Middle East. Feferman provided a thought-provoking lecture, "October 7 and the New Middle East: The Builders and the Destroyers."

He discussed how the October 7 Hamas attack was the deadliest against Jews since the Holocaust, forcing Israel into an unprecedented war. How did Hamas launch such a devastating surprise attack against Israel's supposedly impenetrable defenses? Why would they provoke a war they couldn't win? And what does this mean for the Abraham Accords and the future of the region? The lecture unpacked the intelligence failure, military response, and wider geopolitical and philosophical implications, providing a framework to understand the emerging Middle East.



From 2021 to 2024, Feferman served as Executive Director of Sharaka, a leading non-profit advancing public diplomacy between Israel and the Arab world and promoting the Abraham Accords. He now serves as its Chairman, while also launching a new Middle East media initiative and working on his third book. Previously, he was a fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute, where he authored major studies on Jewish identity in Israel and the U.S., along with numerous policy papers. A Major (res.) in the Israel Defense Forces, he served as a foreign policy and national security analyst and intelligence officer specializing in Middle East affairs. He holds a BA in International Politics and Middle East Studies from American University and an MA in Security Studies from Tel Aviv University.



Amichai Stout, Jewish Community Relations Council Director, introduces Dan Feferman

Dan Feferman addresses the crowd

An American wartime experience in Israel:



Howard Friedman & Faye Menczer share their story

Join us for a powerful and personal conversation with former Toledoan, Howard Friedman, and his wife, Faye Menczer, two Americans forced to extend their stay in Israel when tensions with Iran escalated. They will share their experience during this difficult time, such as seeking shelter in safe rooms in the middle of the night and facing uncertainty as they were unable to return home. Come hear their firsthand account, including a few bright spots they experienced along the way.

Howard Friedman, a Toledo resident for many years, was on the faculty of the University of Toledo College of Law. He also chaired the Federation's Community Relations Committee and served in leadership roles at Congregation B'nai Israel, the Toledo Board of Jewish Education, and the Government Affairs Committee of Ohio Jewish Communities. He has lived in suburban Detroit for the last ten years and married Faye Menczer five years ago.



Faye Menczer is a lifelong resident of Metropolitan Detroit. She has been a passionate Zionist since her high school days as an active member of the Habonim youth movement. She has been a teacher, a social worker, and a leader in numerous Jewish organizations. Faye has dozens of relatives living in Israel, and the couple's recent travel to the country was to visit her sister who lives in Kiryat Ekron, once a partner city with Toledo's Jewish community.

Howard and Faye arrived in Israel two days before Israel's attack on Iran began and were stranded until Jewish Federation of Detroit assisted them in accessing a flight to Cyprus on June 25.

Sunday, August 10

10:30 a.m.

Location TBA* (Sylvania-area)

Coffee and muffins will be served

Registration is required by Friday, August 8 with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

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received between May 20 - June 18, 2025

We gratefully acknowledge the following Tributes and Memorials to JFGT and TJCF funds. Tributes and Memorials can be made by contacting Barb at 419-724-0357, barb@jewishtoledo.org, or Monique at 419-724-0386, monique@jewishtoledo.org.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Rothschild

In Memory of James & Arlene Rose

Ms. Martha F. Thompson

JFGT 2025 Holiday Office Closures:

Date	Day of Week	Holiday	Office Hours
September 1, 2025	Monday	Labor Day	Closed
September 22, 2025	Monday	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Close at 1:00 pm
September 23, 2025	Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah	Closed
September 24, 2025	Wednesday	Rosh Hashanah	Closed

Time Change

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

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JFGT financial assistance and cancellation policies for programs

Financial assistance for programs

Discreet financial assistance available for Jewish Toledo activities

We understand that each person's financial situation is different, and cost can be a barrier for participation in various activities. We don't want program fees to be an obstacle for you or your family to attend our events or participate in our programs. Assistance is available and confidential. For more information, please contact Ben at 419-724-0408 or ben@jewishtoledo.org.

Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo's Cancellation Policy

The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) cancellation policy is established to ensure a fair and transparent process for participants who need to cancel their registration for JFGT events. Our primary goal is to accommodate all participants while managing the logistical aspects of each event efficiently. This policy will generally apply to JFGT events unless otherwise stated in connection with the registration for the event.

Policy:

Participants who wish to cancel their registration for any events must do so by 48 hours prior to the event. Cancellations made after this date may result in forfeiture of the registration fee.

To cancel your registration for any event, please send an email to sherry@jewishtoledo.org with the subject line "Cancellation: [Your Name]". Include your full name, registration information, and a brief reason for the cancellation in the email.

Make sure to send the cancellation request before the 48-hour deadline. Cancellations made on or before the 48-hour deadline are eligible for a full refund of the registration fee.

Cancellations made after the 48-hour deadline may not be eligible for a refund. However, Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo may consider exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

If you are unable to attend any Federation sponsored event after the cancellation deadline has passed, you may nominate a substitute participant at no additional cost. Please notify Sherry Majewski (sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351) of the substitution at least 24 hours before the event.

Participants who do not attend events without providing prior notice will not be eligible for any refunds or substitutions.

If any event is canceled by the Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo due to circumstances beyond our control, such as a natural disaster, pandemic, or other unforeseen events, we will make every effort to reschedule. If rescheduling is not possible, participants will receive a full refund of the registration fee. The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo is not responsible for any additional costs incurred by participants, such as travel or accommodation expenses.

The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo reserves the right to amend this cancellation policy at any time. Participants will be notified of any changes via email or through our official website.

By registering for any events sponsored by the Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo, participants acknowledge that they have read and understood this cancellation policy and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

Local



Galilee Medical Center as a Model of Coexistence

with Dr. Khaled Atalla

Monday, September 15
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Location TBA*
(Sylvania-area)

Free Event
Lecture followed by
dessert reception



Dr. Khaled Atalla, Director of the Emergency Department at the Galilee Medical Center, is an Arab Christian citizen of Israel who attended medical school at The Technion – Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel, and completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the Bnai Zion Medical Center in Haifa in 2016. After finishing his training, Dr. Atalla and his family moved to Nes-Amim, a special village founded in 1964 by European Christians as a sign of solidarity with the Jewish people after the Holocaust.

He has worked as a clinical instructor at the Technion, served as a clinical tutor for rotations of medical students, and performed a residency in the field at Galilee Medical Center from 2016-2019. During this residency, he also worked as an instructor at the Azrieli Faculty of Medicine Bar Ilan University in Safed, Israel.

Following his Emergency Medicine residency, Dr. Atalla completed a year of Emergency Medicine Fellowship training and an additional six months of extra fellowship training focused on Emergency Medicine Leadership at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Canada. In 2021, he returned to Galilee Medical Center as a senior physician and began serving as director of the hospital's Emergency Department in April 2022.

Dr. Atalla's background makes him uniquely qualified to speak on the topic of coexistence at the Galilee Medical Center, and we welcome the opportunity to learn from him.



RSVP required by Friday, September 12 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events> or with Mary Bilyeu at mary@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0405.

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bandages. She was also involved for many years with B'nai Brith, Hadasah, and Congregation B'nai Israel (CBI), which she and her husband Joe (z"l) had joined because Phyllis' parents were already members there – it was the family shul.

"She bowled for B'nai Brith for many, many years," Stuart said. "Here's what was remarkable: she never practiced!" His mom would lead with the "high score, high average, high everything. She just picked up the ball! Our basement was lined with trophies," he continued. "A natural bowler!"

Phyllis just shrugged, as though anybody could do this. "Well, you found your niche," she explained. "Throw the ball and put it down so it goes into the spot" you needed it to in order to knock down the pins. "You had to learn where your spot was," she advised, "so it curved into the place for you."

But of all her volunteer efforts and mitzvot, she is probably best known for her work selling religious items and home goods at B'nai, for which she was honored with the naming of the Phyllis J. Diamond Judaica Gift Shop. (Phyllis herself, if you're curious, was named for her grandfather, Phillip Jacoby.)

Even before the store opened,

she was involved in the design of the space, bringing paper cutouts to the site to help determine how cabinets and shelving should be placed. Once the gift shop was up and running, Phyllis saw opportunity in the faces of all the religious school parents.

"On Sunday mornings, there were rows of chairs," she remembered. "It was all men" coming to get their kids. "So, we wound up making coffee and serving coffee to the people waiting. Of course, it didn't hurt business – it gave them a chance to look around and buy something."

Whatever it took, she emphasized, Phyllis would do "anything that promoted the gift shop."

She was proud to note that, at one point, there were sufficient proceeds to donate \$1000 a year to the shul. But, "then came computers, and everybody started ordering online," she said with deep disappointment. "That really cut down on our profit." She encouraged everyone to go look at things in person: "Don't just order from a catalog!"

As his mom continued to tell stories and reminisce about her long life, Stuart brought out a family photograph she had referenced, taken at Phyllis' grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary party. The long-married

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2025 Cemetery Closings

BETH SHALOM CEMETERY

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EAGLE POINT CEMETERY

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Monday, September 22, 2025	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Close at 4 pm
Tuesday, September 23, 2025	Rosh Hashanah I	Closed
Wednesday, September 24, 2025	Rosh Hashanah II	Closed
Wednesday, October 1, 2025	Erev Yom Kippur	Close at 4 pm
Thursday, October 2, 2025	Yom Kippur	Closed
Monday, October 6, 2025	Erev Sukkot	Close at 4 pm
Tuesday, October 7, 2025	Sukkot I	Closed
Wednesday, October 8, 2025	Sukkot II	Closed
Monday, October 13, 2025	Erev Shemini Atzeret	Close at 4 pm
Tuesday, October 14, 2025	Shemini Atzeret	Closed
Wednesday, October 15, 2025	Simchat Torah	Closed

Regular Cemetery hours:
 Sunday through Thursday 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
 Fridays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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

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Toledo Jewish Community Foundation

A personal ‘aha’ moment about giving

Why Donor Advised Funds are more powerful than I ever realized (and why now is the perfect time to start one)



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By Stephen Rothschild, CEO,
Jewish Federation and Foundation of
Greater Toledo

I recently had an unexpected—and, frankly, a little embarrassing—“aha” moment.

My wife Cheryl and I have had a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) at the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (TJCF) for years. And as CEO of Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo, I’ve long touted DAFs as smart, flexible tools for charitable giving. I’ve always known they offer strong tax benefits, especially the ability to “bundle” donations for better deductions.

But until recently, I missed something essential.

Here’s what I’ve come to realize: **even a modest DAF can be a powerful engine for good—both through the grants it makes and the way it quietly strengthens our community behind the scenes.**

Let me explain.

Our DAF, like others at TJCF, is invested. Those investments generate modest fees, which in turn support the Foundation’s critical work—like funding the Jewish professionals who steward community dollars, lead programming, and ensure that every charitable gift reaches its full potential. This year so far, our fund contributed just \$64 in fees. That may not sound like much—but multiplied across scores of DAFs, it adds up to

meaningful support for our community.

But here’s the real kicker: **our fund also earned nearly \$1,000 in interest and unrealized gains—without us lifting a finger.** That money is now available for us to recommend as grants to causes we care about—Jewish and non-Jewish alike. With prudent oversight, TJCF’s long-term investment mix has delivered average annual returns of nearly 7.95% (net of fees) over the past decade. Of course, markets fluctuate—but over time, DAFs grow.

It’s like planting a seed in fertile ground. With time and care, it grows—and bears fruit you can share.

And starting a DAF has never been easier. You can open one with just

\$2,000. Or take advantage of a new, more accessible option: **start with \$500 now and commit to adding \$500 per year for three years.** Once your fund is active, you can recommend grants of \$100 or more to most nonprofit organizations, including local synagogues, and other Jewish and non-Jewish causes.

If you’ve ever thought about starting a DAF—or if you’re simply curious about how it might amplify your giving—now is a great time to explore it. **Become the Philanthropist you were meant to be!**

Let’s talk. Reach me directly at **419-724-0372** or stephen@jewishtoledo.org. I’d love to share more about how a Donor Advised Fund can help you build a legacy of generosity—starting today.

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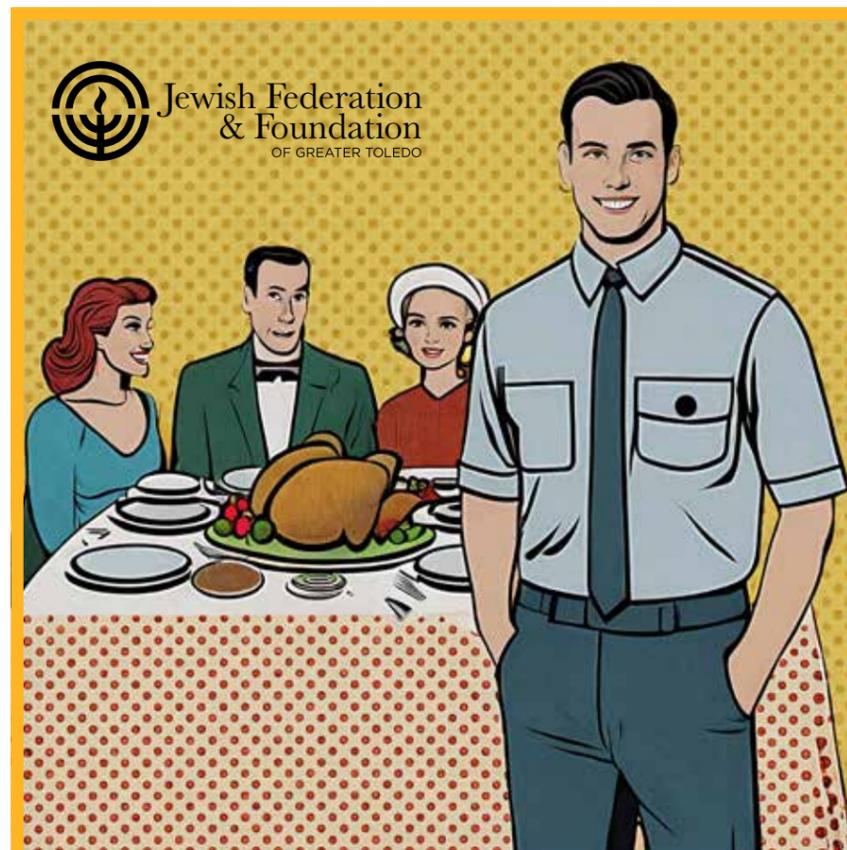
Hoicowitz, Marketing, Social Media, and Communications Manager at JFGT and new Toledo Jewish News Editor. “I’ll be working closely with CJN to

make sure that the familiar heart and soul of the Toledo Jewish News remains in every edition.”

The Jewish people are a global family, and here in Ohio, we’re growing closer together. The new *Toledo Jewish News* is part of a wider movement to

strengthen Jewish life, culture, and connection—from our local neighborhoods to communities across the state—and around the world.

Stay tuned, stay connected, and get ready for a *Toledo Jewish News* that’s more vibrant than ever!

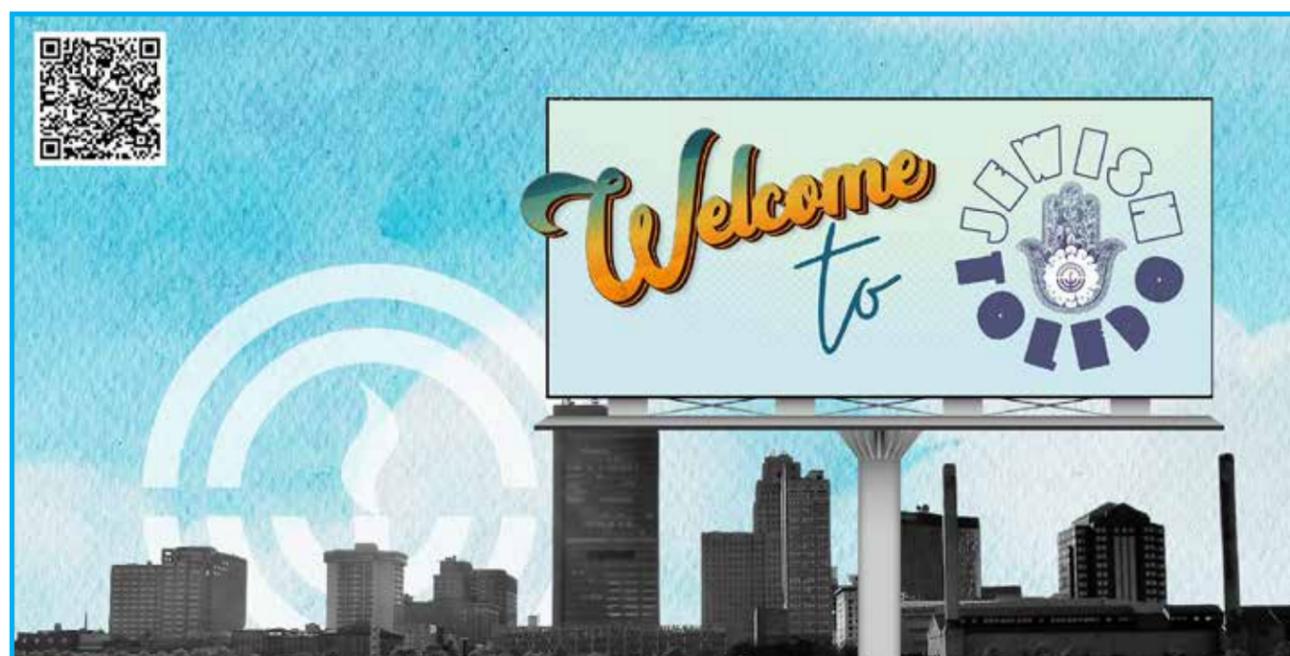


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News

Brooklyn Nets pick two Jewish players in NBA draft

By Jacob Gurvis

(JTA) — In the span of a few minutes during the NBA draft in June, the Brooklyn Nets single-handedly doubled the Jewish population in the league from two to four.

The Nets selected Israeli Ben Saraf and Israeli-American Danny Wolf back to back with the 26th and 27th overall picks in the 2025 NBA Draft.

Wolf, a 7-footer from the University of Michigan, was projected to go earlier in the round, while some prognosticators had Saraf, a 19-year-old currently playing in the German professional league, to slip to the second round. Instead, Saraf and Wolf were selected in quick succession toward the end of the first round and will be teammates in Brooklyn.

Wolf, 21, transferred to Michigan last year after two solid seasons at Yale, and led the Wolverines to a No. 5 seed in March Madness, where they lost in the Sweet 16 to Jewish coach Bruce Pearl and No. 1-ranked Auburn. The Glencoe, Illinois native averaged 13.2 points and 9.7 rebounds per game this past season, while



Israeli Ben Saraf, left, a 19-year-old currently playing in the German professional league, and Israeli-American Danny Wolf, a 7-footer from the University of Michigan, were picked by the Brooklyn Nets in the NBA draft, June 25, 2025. (Getty Images)

shooting 49.7% overall and 33.6% on three-pointers.

Saraf, who is 6-foot-6, is the son of two former Israeli pro basketball players, and he wears No. 77 because it represents the Hebrew word “mazel,” which means luck. He averaged 12.8 points and 4.6 as-

sists per game this year as he helped lead his team to the German league finals.

This marks the first time since 2006 that two Jewish players were selected in the same NBA draft. That year, Lior Eliyahu and Yotam Halperin were both taken in the second round, though neither

appeared in the league.

Saraf and Wolf join a growing contingent of Jewish players in the NBA, including Israeli Deni Avdija — who is coming off his own breakout season with the Portland Trail Blazers — and Sacramento Kings star Domantas Sabonis, who is converting to Judaism. Amari Bailey, who was drafted 41st overall in 2023, played in the NBA's G League last season.

Wolf, who obtained his Israeli citizenship to represent Israel at the FIBA U20 European Championship in Greece, has worn his Jewish pride on his sleeve throughout his life. He attended Jewish day school until fifth grade, keeps kosher and had his bar mitzvah at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

“I would hear it growing up, that noise about me being Jewish and (so) you don't expect much from me as a basketball player,” Wolf told the Jewish author Mitch Albom for a column in the Detroit Free Press. “When I was younger, I kind of looked at (being Jewish) as an opportunity to prove myself.”

Now he and Saraf will represent the city with the most Jews in the world.

Happy Tears

By Lauren Sachs

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 serving as the Chair for the 20th Annual NW Ohio Jewish Book Festival. In addition to her involvement within the local Jewish community, Lauren serves as a volunteer for Hospice of Northwest Ohio. 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. To learn more about Lauren's journey and her work on living well after loss, visit www.literally-lauren.com.

Five years ago this month my life was turned upside down. On August 24 of 2020, about six months into the global pandemic, my husband had a massive heart attack and I became widowed without warning at the age of 46. Many people have told me that they cannot imagine what it is like to suddenly lose a spouse. Many others have wondered aloud what they might do in the wake of losing their spouse. In my case, after saying goodbye to Brad's physical body at Toledo Hospital and spending the night tossing and turning in my bed, I got up and did the only thing I could think to do: go for a run.

While you might presume that this was my habit, I had never been a runner in my adult life prior to Brad's death. I felt compelled to run the morning after Brad's death because I needed to find some sort of release for the acute shock and excruciating feelings I was experiencing. Since we were in the midst of the COVID pandemic, I stayed indoors and turned on my treadmill, a machine that had been largely gathering dust in our basement. My run that morning was relatively short, but also somewhat intense. My legs were not used to this sort of workout, but I pushed fairly hard just to try to find some relief and garner

some much-needed endorphins. Without making a conscious decision to become a runner, that is exactly what transpired over the next year.

While my foray into running has had its stops and starts over the past five years, this activity eventually became a part of my identity. I distinctly recall days when running felt like the only way to manage my grief and cope with the complex array of feelings I was experiencing. I found myself turning to running each time Brad missed another key milestone in our lives, including our younger daughter's bat mitzvah and our older daughter's high school graduation. While running felt essential, it was also deeply personal; never something I felt compelled to do publicly or with others. The only exception was when I would spend time with Brad's sister, Julie, a serious runner who regularly competed in various races. Despite my limited interest in competing, Julie somehow convinced me to join her for this year's Glass City Marathon weekend. Since she was already planning to run the half-marathon, she suggested I join her for the Savage 5K the day prior.

Competing in the 5K was particularly meaningful because it signified how much my life has changed

since Brad's death. In the weeks following the race, I found myself reflecting on this evolution as I lay on my back during the start of a yoga class. I began to consider the frequent refrain of my yoga teacher about the vital role of savasana, literally “corpse pose” in Sanskrit, the resting pose in all our classes. Our teacher often said it was the most important part of our yoga practice, a concept I found intriguing. Exploring this idea, I discovered that savasana is supposed to help one integrate and process the physical, mental and energetic shifts that are experienced in yoga. Considering these matters further, I suddenly had an epiphany: five years after losing my husband, I was finally in a phase of needing to integrate all the significant transformation that I had experienced since his passing. Given the massive change I had lived through - including the shift from wife to widow, from partnered-parent to single mom, from non-runner to runner, and so on - it was essential for me to process and integrate my current identity.

While I have witnessed a slow but steady consolidation of any internal shifts, I have learned that external integration can be highly unpredictable. In general, much like the process of preparing for a race,



the change comes in fits and starts, with many aches and pains along the way. Even when I feel ready to move forward with certain aspects of my life, my children and those around me are often on a different trajectory. Though we must all follow our own path in life, I will continue to run at my own pace, walking beside my children and holding hands with them when they need it most. I will also continue to feel proud that I have learned to run at all, knowing it has always led me back to a place of peace and higher love.

News

He's back: Larry David to create new TV comedy series about American history

By Grace Gilson

(JTA) — After his beloved and extremely Jewish sitcom “Curb Your Enthusiasm” ended after 12 seasons last year, many fans undoubtedly had the same thought: Would this be the last of Larry David on TV?

The notorious curmudgeon's answer: Absolutely not.

In early July, David announced that he will be partnering with Barack and Michelle Obama's production company to create a six-episode sketch comedy series about American history.

The 78-year-old David will star in, co-write and executive produce the new series, which will air on HBO, the home of “Curb Your Enthusiasm.” Higher Ground, the Obamas' production company, will produce it.

“I've sat across the table from some of the world's most difficult leaders and wrestled with some of our most intractable problems,” the former president said in a statement. “Nothing has prepared me for working with Larry David.”

The official summary for the show reads: “President and Mrs. Obama



Larry David speaks onstage during the Variety Business Managers Breakfast in West Hollywood, Calif., Nov. 19, 2024. (Tommaso Boddi/Variety via Getty Images)

wanted to honor America's 250th anniversary and celebrate the unique history of our nation on this special occasion... But then Larry David called.”

For decades, “Curb Your Enthusiasm” often brought Jewish humor and culture to the mainstream, poking fun at Jews of all stripes and even at the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But it's unclear how much of

the new show will tap into American Jewish history — David's statement focused on what seems to be a joke about a made-up hobby.

“Once Curb ended, I celebrated with a three-day foam party. After a violent allergic reaction to the suds, I yearned to return to my simple life as a beekeeper, harvesting organic honey from the wildflowers in

my meadow,” David said in a statement. “Alas, one day my bees mysteriously vanished. And so, it is with a heavy heart that I return to television, hoping to ease the loss of my beloved hive.”

“Curb Your Enthusiasm” writer and executive producer Jeff Schaffer will also write, direct and executive produce the currently-untitled series, which will presumably come out in 2026, as it is meant to coincide with the nation's 250th anniversary.

“The characters Larry is playing didn't change history. In fact, they were largely ignored by history. And that's a good thing,” Schaffer said in a statement.

Although exact casting details have yet to be announced, the new show is set to feature some “Curb Your Enthusiasm” actors and “noteworthy guest stars.”

“It's hard to remember a time before ‘Curb,’ or without Larry David's perspective on modern life,” said Amy Gravitt, the head of HBO and Max's comedy programming. “We're thrilled that Larry is coming back to HBO, this time with Higher Ground, to give us a glimpse at our shared history as we celebrate our Semiquincentennial.”

Woodstock, but make it Orthodox: A Jewish music festival comes to the Catskills

By Jackie Hajdenberg

(New York Jewish Week) — An Orthodox Jewish music festival will take place in Bethel, New York in August — at the very same location where the iconic Woodstock Music & Art Fair took place in August of 1969.

Called Yamim Ba'im, or “The Coming Days,” the four-act, family-friendly outdoor concert will occur at the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on Thursday, August 7.

The venue, whose Pavilion Amphitheater and lawn seats 16,000, will host some of the biggest names in Jewish music, with Orthodox Israeli superstar Ishay Ribo as the headliner with Avraham Fried, Zusha and Shmuel as supporting acts.

Despite the history that has grown around the original, era-defining “Aquarian Exposition,” that's not quite what brings Yamim Ba'im to the site.

“When people hear ‘Bethel Woods,’ some think of Woodstock, but that's not the story we're telling,” Davidi Crombie, a publicist for Ribo, told the New York Jewish Week. “We're not echoing that legacy. We're creating a new one. A Jewish story. A concert of faith, community, and cultural pride, with no associations to that past. It's a different language, a different light.”

Billed as “a landmark evening of unity,” the event takes its name from a 2017 single by Ribo, “Hine Yamim Baim,” whose lyrics come from the Book of Amos, and refers to a prophecy about an impending spiritual famine.

“This concert is groundbreaking, not just because of where it's happening, but because of what it represents,” Crombie

said. “We're taking Jewish music to a scale and stage it has never reached before. Bethel Woods is the beginning of a new chapter. Yes, it's still an Ishay Ribo concert, but with a broader canvas. There's room here for collaboration, for open skies, for thousands to gather and feel part of something historic.”

Ribo, one of the biggest artists in Jewish music, was the first Israeli to headline Madison Square Garden back in 2023, and he played the storied venue again the following year. Ribo has garnered wide appeal among legions of Jews and Israelis for blending religious-themed lyrics with pop melodies.

“The concert showcased the ways in which Ribo has broken the mold at a time of increasing religious stringency in Orthodox communities,” JTA's Philissa Cramer wrote about Ribo's record-making first MSG show. “All of Ribo's songs exalt God, with many featuring lyrics ripped straight from Jewish prayers, but the music is decidedly rock and roll; Ribo has cited Coldplay, a band he heard while riding the bus to his haredi yeshiva in Israel, as an inspiration.”

The Hasidic folk rock-turned-electric music band Zusha, now a duo that consists of Shlomo Gaisin and Zachariah Goldschmiedt, blends Hasidic nigunim, or melodies, with jazz, reggae and EDM influences. Many of their lyrics are drawn from psalms, like “Mizmor,” taken from Psalm 23, and a cover of the liturgical song “Lecha Dodi,” sung with Ribo. Their music videos frequently include Gaisin and Goldschmiedt making percussive sounds with everyday objects like boxes of pasta, bicycle wheel spokes or dried leaves.

Singer Avraham Fried, who is also

known for his blending of pop music melodies with Jewish themes, has also performed with Ribo, notably at Madison Square Garden, where the two sang “Avinu Malkeinu,” the prayer sung on Yom Kippur.

Shmuel Perednik, known by the mononym “Shmuel,” is an Israeli singer whose career began in 2015 when he participated in a televised haredi singing contest called “Hakol Haba,” or “The Next Voice,” making it to the final round.

Taken as a whole, concert-goers can expect spiritual sounds at Yamim Ba'im, which takes place on the Thursday after Tisha B'Av, the Jewish fast day that mourns the destruction of the Temples in Jerusalem and other tragedies that befell the Jewish people. The following Shabbat, known as Nachamu (“Comfort”), is typically uplifting and musical.

Bethel Woods boasts a rich Jewish history: The site was a dairy farm owned by Jewish immigrant and farmer Max Yasgur, who in 1969 agreed to host “3 Days of Peace & Music” after the festival's original site near Woodstock fell through.

Nearly half a million people are estimated to have attended the festival, which was organized by John P. Roberts and the Jewish impresarios Michael Lang, Artie Kornfeld and Joel Rosenman. Featuring acts like Joan Baez, The Grateful Dead, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Janis Joplin, The Who, Jefferson Airplane, Joe Cocker, Jimi Hendrix and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, Woodstock became a watershed event in the countercultural movement of the late 1960s.

This history is reflected in the event's

promotional materials. “The festival brings together Jewish voices on the same iconic hillside where music once shaped a generation,” an FAQ on the Yamim Ba'im website reads. “Now, that hill will echo with Jewish soul and song in a warm, family-friendly atmosphere.”

Crombie emphasized the similarities, and the differences.

“While Yamim Ba'im carries the scale and energy of a festival, within the Orthodox Jewish world it's something entirely unique,” he said. “It's not about partying or camping — it's about elevating the concert experience into a cultural moment of meaning and togetherness.”

Crombie added: “It's a space where thousands of Jews from across the spectrum come together to sing, to connect and to feel proud of who we are.”

Like Woodstock, Yamim Ba'im will also occur during the peak of the Catskills' summer season. In the post-World War II years, summers in the Catskills — aka the Borscht Belt — were defined by Jewish families, primarily from New York City, vacationing at large, Jewish-owned resorts; today, the area is known for a large Orthodox community, that spends the summer in bungalow colonies.

“Bethel Woods is a magnificent venue in the heart of the Catskills, where tens of thousands of Jews spend their summers,” Crombie said. “But until now, there's been a cultural gap. Evenings are quiet. There's no central hub for Jewish music or inspiration. That's what we're building — a cultural landmark, a moment where people of all backgrounds can gather in song, in spirit, and in unity. For the first time, Jewish music is stepping into this kind of arena, and it's long overdue.”

Simon Levy, Unsung Hero

By Sanford Stein

The 230th anniversary of the Battle of Fallen Timbers has come and gone, and once again Americans in general and Jews in particular are unaware of the role played in the struggle by a Jewish enlisted man, Simon Levy. Fallen Timbers will never rank alongside the destruction of Pharaoh's army in the Red Sea, David's defeat of Goliath in the Valley of Elah, or the tank battles in the Sinai in the canon of Jewish military history. The valor, however, of one brave Jew should not be ignored as it has been.

The Battle of Fallen Timbers was part of the third assault on the Native American confederation in the Northwest Territory by the new United States government. The Old Northwest Territory was a valuable piece of real estate for the infant nation. In many ways, the struggle over the land brought out the best and worst qualities of America. Several of the original colonies claimed land west of the Appalachian Mountains, and land-hungry colonists were moving west before the Revolution. One of the complaints against the British had been The Proclamation Line of 1763, which prohibited colonists from moving across the ridge of Appalachians into Indian territory. In the Treaty of 1783 that ended the American Revolution, the British ceded the land north of the Ohio River and south of British Canada to America.

Even before the constitution for the new nation was drawn up, the Northwest Ordinance was written, giving laws for settlers coming from the east. The Ordinance established a territorial government, prohibited slavery, set up rules for land ownership, called for the creation of a university, and promoted religious toleration, civil rights, habeas corpus, no cruel or unusual punishments, and fair treatment for Indians.

Ohio companies formed in the east to exploit real estate in the west. Virginia companies recruited indentured servants from Europe to clear land west of the Appalachian. In Massachusetts, former revolutionary army officers formed an Ohio Company. They bought Continental currency and land warrants issued to war veterans for pennies on the dollar. The Ohio Company exchanged these assets with the Federal government at full face value for land in Ohio. They then sold land in Ohio for a dollar an acre. Easterners flocked to the territory to start new lives. There was only one major problem: somebody already lived there.

The Wabash, Miami, Shawnee, Iroquois Delaware, Wyandot, and

Kickapoo tribes lived in the Northwest Territory. Most led relatively settled lives as hunters, farmers, and food gatherers. They did not have highly-developed metal working culture and relied on trade with Europeans and Americans for knives, tomahawks, and guns. They traded deer skins and beaver and muskrat pelts for products they could not produce.

Life along the Ohio River could be brutal. Indians crossed the river to steal horses in Kentucky and attack settlers. Whites crossed the river and indiscriminately killed Native Americans. Scalping and mutilation was practiced on both sides. Whites paid bounties for Native American scalps even though it was impossible to tell if the Indians were hostiles or friendly.

By about 1790, the American government launched military assaults against the Indians. The first, led by Josiah Harmar, was defeated by the confederation led by Little Turtle and Blue Jacket. Harmar blamed the incompetence and cowardice of the citizen soldiers in the militia for the defeat. A second campaign led by Arthur St. Clair ended in the single worst loss by the American Army to the Indians.

President George Washington, at this point, realized that the Northwest Confederation was a serious defender of their land. The United States government entered into sham negotiations with the Indians. At the same time, Washington commissioned General Anthony Wayne to create the Legion of the United States. The Indians, having defeated two American armies and receiving material support from the British, were in no hurry to make peace with American government. They demanded control of all land north of the Ohio River from the sleazy real estate speculators who held high office in and influence on the government of the United States.

Anthony Wayne learned from the blunders of the previous two campaigns. Wayne, a stern task master not unwilling to use the lash, created a well-drilled professional army. The Legion's new uniforms made it hard to distinguish between officers and enlisted men. The Indians had in the past first picked off the officers in battle, leaving the troops leaderless. Soldiers practiced warfare in the woods by dividing into two groups: the first would march into the forest while the second group, pretending to be Indians, whooped and hollered and tried to ambush them. By 1793, Wayne felt his army was ready for war. He moved from Pennsylvania to the Buckeye frontier prepared to inflict

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the "Carthaginian" peace President Washington had ordered.

Simon Levy was a member of the Legion of the United States. Sadly, little is known about this Jewish soldier. From a Pennsylvania circumcision record, it appears that he was sixteen-years-old when he joined the army in 1790. At the Battle of Fallen Timbers on August 20, 1793, he was a nineteen-year-old Orderly Sergeant. It is believed he was in the Fourth Sub-Legion and led a bayonet charge into the attacking Indian line. The Indians retreated down the Maumee River toward the British Fort Miamis. The British locked the gates of the fort forcing the Indians to flee into the forest. Meanwhile, Wayne had his soldiers burn the Indians' field crops and village store houses before returning to the Legion fort.

After the Battle of Fallen Timbers, President Washington asked General Wayne to recommend noncommissioned officers who had the potential to become commissioned officers. It seems Washington even at this early date of the republic did not want an officer corps made up of "American noblemen," i.e. the sons of greedy schemers who held high government office along the east coast. Wayne proposed the Jewish soldier Simon Levy because of his behavior as part of the Legion of the United States during the Indian War.

Levy went to the school at West Point, which was soon to be the United State Military Academy. After serving in the infantry, Levy learned to be an artillery man and engineer. When the military academy officially opened in March 1801, Levy was joined by Joseph Swift. Swift was an eighteen-year-old member of a well-connected east coast family. Levy and Swift graduated and were commissioned second lieutenants in the Corps of Engineers on October 12, 1802. For unclear reasons Swift is considered the first West Point graduate.

After graduation, Levy served as an instructor at West Point. He was a founding member and officer in the United States Military Philosophical Society. In 1804, Levy left New York for Fort Wilkinson,

Georgia as an Assistant Engineer.

Time, however, was not on Levy's side as his health deteriorated. During the winter of 1794, Levy had slept in the open with General Daniel Morgan's troops. The cold and damp brought on rheumatism that severely affected his arm and feet. His requests for transfer to New Orleans in the early 1800s were denied and he was ordered back to New York. Psychologically, he probably could not help feeling depressed as younger officers were promoted above him and some officers spread rumors that Levy had a drinking problem. Levy resigned his commission and left the Army in 1805. It is believed that he died in Georgia in 1807. His burial site is unknown.

What can we learn from the life of Simon Levy? First, we see that a Jew, from the very start, was involved in the growth and defense of the infant American republic. A teenaged Simon Levy answered the call for volunteers to the new American Army. This at a time when few Jews lived in America and could not vote or hold political office in many states. Second, while Levy served on the Ohio frontier, he showed Maccabean bravery at the Battle of Fallen Timbers. He exhibited merit, skill in mathematics, and administrative ability at West Point. After graduation, Levy served as secretary of the academy when the Superintendent, Lieutenant colonel Williams, was absent. Yet, when ill health required him to request a transfer to the newly-purchased city of New Orleans, his request was refused. Ten years later, Andrew Jackson's troop had to fight the British behind mud and cotton bales because of the lack of military fortifications that, perhaps, an engineer like Levy could have designed.

Finally, the absence of information about Simon Levy is a sad example of who and what gets left out of history. Perhaps, it is because the end of Simon Levy's life does not fit into the kind of narratives Jewish and military historians like to present. Jews like to think of America as the "Golden Land," where intelligence and hard work lead to a lifetime of honor and success. West Point likes to claim that it produces the great, patriotic military and political leaders of the United States (ignoring Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee). Simon Levy's life, after graduation, shows an underside of history that both Jewish and West Point historians would rather not investigate. With the exception of a brief article and a plaque on a wall at West Point, very little is available to shed light on the story of this accomplished man.

Local

Jewish Men's Club

By Joel Beren

“The Right Stuff” was June’s theme for the Toledo Jewish Men’s Club. Hosted by the 180th Tactical Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, two busloads of men participated in a behind-the-scenes tour of the Toledo-based fighter wing.

Highlights included viewing live takeoffs and landings of the Guard’s F-16C fighter jets from inside the perimeter of the base and next to the runway. Members of the Men’s Club visited the aircraft maintenance hangers and pilot apparatus facilities where Guard service members maintain flight helmets, parachutes, flight suits, night vision goggles, and other pilot support gear.

Senior Master Sergeant Beth Holliker, Public Affairs Officer for the 180th Fighter Wing, was the primary contact and one of the gracious hosts for the day. Colonel Bradley Luring and Staff Sergeant Gregg York joined her. Colonel Luring was a guest speaker at Men’s Club in the fall of 2024.

Toledo’s base is also home to a touching memorial to those who perished in the terror attacks of 9/11. At the end of the tour the group gathered around the memorial to learn its history and discover the historic representations included in the design, including steel beams salvaged from the World Trade Center.

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) provided transportation. Two busloads of participants received educational briefings on TARTA services in northwest Ohio while travelling to and returning from the base to Temple Shomer Emunim. Lynn Nusbaum and her crew prepared an excellent pre-flight luncheon for the group, which met and parked at The Temple.

Tuesday September 9 is the first

gathering for the '25-'26 Toledo Jewish Men’s Club program year. University of Toledo head basketball coach Todd Kowalczyk is the featured speaker. For additional information please email Joel Beren at joel@bereneq.com.

Toledo Jewish Men’s Club members who participated in “The Right Stuff” field trip included:

Ken “Head-Man” Adler, Robert “Oxie” Axonovitz, Steve “Bar-Tab” Barmash, Joel “Junk-Man” Beren, Ken “Driller” Brochin, Paul “Photoshop” Causman, Michael “Blind-Man” Cooper, Wes “Wild Wes” Evans, Paul “Frankelstein” Frankel, Larry “Janitor” Friedman, William “Painless Bill” Garber, Paul “Metric Man” Goldner, Jeff “Lawless” Goldstein, Dick “Bean-Counter” Greenblatt, Barry “Lexus” Himmel, Mark “Wolverine” Homer, Tom “Tax-Man” Jaffe, Jeff “White Beard” Levin, Ritchie “Hi-Voltage” Levine, Hal “Chill-Pill” Levine, Mark “Lug-Nut” Liber, Bob “Kodachrome” Lubell, Ben “Rotarian” Malczewski, Michael “Bizdoc” Mallin, Jay “Jeepster” Margolis, Rob “Veggie” Metzger, Steve “Planner” Nathanson, Sam “Knowzlaw” Osnowitz, Alan “Plasterer” Paris, Charles “Scientist” Pokross, Jean-Luc “Frenchie” Rabai, Beryl “Kibbitzer” Ravin, Barry “Mad-Man” Rosen, Daryl “Lawman” Rubin, Stanley “Manners” Rudy, Gerald “Tuxedo” Russell, Scott “Beam Me Up” Schwab, Jeff “Driver” Shofer, Steve “Sterling” Sperling, Dan “Green-Bear” Steinberg, Harold “Buzzed” Steinberg, Chuck “Conch-Shell” Traugott, Dave “TruMan” Treuhaft, Mark “Catgut” Weinberg, Bob “Grown-up” Wengrow, Kevin “Class 8” Wexler, Mark “Weekend-Warrior” Wexler, Norm “Hizzonor” Zimmelman, Stanley “Psycho” Zupnick, and Mark “Bread-Man” Zyndorf.



Bus 2 standing in front of an F-16C belonging to the 112th Fighter Squadron of the 180th Tactical Fighter Wing. On the right is Rick Bailey, TARTA, Chief Mobility and Customer Experience Officer



Colonel Bradley Luring describing meaningful details of the 9-11 memorial at the 180th base



Michael Mallin looks shocked in the cockpit after learning that he pulled the ejector seat control in an F-16 flight simulator



Mark Weinberg at the controls

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Bring the whole extended family!



RSVP by Friday, September 5 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/PJandFamily> or with Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.



In honor of Grandparents Day, all grandparents who register/participate will receive a grandparent keepsake book from Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and PJ Library.

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NACHO AVERAGE NIGHT OUT!

A spirited evening of flavor and fun with Tekiah Tequila

Thursday, August 28 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Location TBA* (Sylvania-area)

\$18/person - includes vegetarian nacho & taco bar/tequila tasting
21+ | For adults 40ish-65ish looking for a unique and engaging night out



Enjoy a guided tequila tasting with Greg Sobol, drummer-turned-entrepreneur and founder of Tekiah Tequila, the first Jewish-inspired kosher tequila brand in the U.S. Greg will share his incredible journey from music to mezcal, offering insights and stories behind every sip. PLUS! Margarita glass painting and plenty of opportunities to mingle, laugh, and unwind in good company.



RSVP by Thursday, August 21 to:
<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/genneXt>
or with Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.

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HONEY TASTING & SAMPLING

Thursday, August 14 | 12 – 1:30 p.m.
Location TBA* (Sylvania-area) | \$10/person

Join us as Dr. Helen Michaels of BGSU, an expert in conservation and restoration ecology, will be teaching about flowers and the nectar they produce for hard-working bees to convert into honey. Demetrius Dees, owner of Dee's Bees honey producers, will lead our sampling; jars will be available for purchase after the event.



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A light lunch will be served.

RSVP by Thursday, August 7 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events> or Mary Bilyeu at mary@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0405.



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Get involved

For more information about Women's Philanthropy, please contact:
Wendy Goldstein,
Donor Development and Women's Philanthropy Officer,
Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo
419-724-0360 | wendy@jewishtoledo.org

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A Night Among Pearls

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12
6 - 8 P.M.
LOCATION TBA* (TOLEDO-SYLVANIA AREA)

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REGISTER:
[HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/JEWISHTOLEDO/WOMENPHIL](https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/womenphil)
OR WITH SHERRY MAJEWSKI AT 419-724-0351
OR SHERRY@JEWISHTOLEDO.ORG

* The Pearl Society is for women who give a minimum donation of \$180 to Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Annual Campaign

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Location TBA* (Toledo-area)

\$20/person - includes make-your-own vegetarian charcuterie

Get ready for a night of creativity, connection, and community designed especially for Jewish women under 65! Join us at The Gather at Graze Station, a local Jewish woman-owned charcuterie-making spot, for a hands-on experience where we'll craft our delicious creations.

This isn't just about cheese and crackers (though there will be plenty of those!). It's about bringing Jewish women together to laugh, connect, and explore how food, tradition, and togetherness go hand in hand.

LADIES who GRAZE



This event is designed for Jewish women ages 65 and under. Limited spots available. RSVP by Wednesday, September 3 to <http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jewishwomen> or with Sherry Majewski: 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

* FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR COMMUNITY, THE LOCATION OF ALL EVENTS WILL BE SHARED WITH REGISTRANTS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.



Save the Date:

Sunday, November 16 | Ladies who Give Thanks

Senior Programming



EXPO

CREATE & RELATE 2025

RSVP by Thursday, September 11 at 10.a.m. to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Create & Relate 2025 - Expo 2025

Thursday, September 11
Noon – 2:30 p.m.
Location TBA* (Sylvania-area)
FREE event - lunch included

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You're invited to our 3rd Annual Create & Relate Expo – a fun, interactive come-and-go community event for all ages! Drop in anytime that works for you and stay as long (or as little!) as you'd like. Explore, connect, and discover amazing local resources, wellness activities, and creative fun — all in one place!

Featured Vendors & Activities

- Athletico – Learn about physical & occupational therapy services
- The Victory Center – Support and hope for cancer patients
- Area Office on Aging – Resources for caregivers
- Sylvania Senior Center – Community programs and info
- Bethany House – Support for mothers and children escaping domestic violence
- Blood Pressure Checks – With RN Gretchen Hiatt
- Shaman & The Bear – Sip on healing herbal teas
- Lumbrezer Farm – Shop local veggies, jams & honey
- NAMI – Paint kindness rocks on the patio
- UTMC – Try a beginner Tai Chi class outdoors

Just pop in, say hi, and explore what speaks to you!

Questions?
Contact Stacy Willis at stacy@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0407.
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Jewish Toledo seniors set sail on the Detroit Princess Riverboat



In mid-July, our Jewish Toledo seniors took a trip to Michigan to ride the Detroit Princess Riverboat. Great views, great vibes, great friends, and great music by The Prolifics, a Motown cover band, made for an outstanding summer day.

Senior Programming

MATTHAEI BOTANICAL GARDENS, LUNCH, AND SHOPPING

Thursday, August 21

Board bus 9 – 9:30 a.m., Sylvania-area*
Return around 3:30 p.m.

Annual Campaign Donor - \$15
Non-Donor to the Annual Campaign - \$30



Explore the beauty of the outdoor gardens and multi-climate conservatory at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll shift gears and enjoy a visit to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Next, we'll head to the JCC of Ann Arbor to enjoy a nosh from Zingerman's! After lunch, we'll wrap up our day with a fun stop at Trader Joe's—because who doesn't love a little shopping adventure with friends? Whether you're hunting for your favorite snack or a new Shabbat treat, it's the perfect way to end a delightful day together.

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

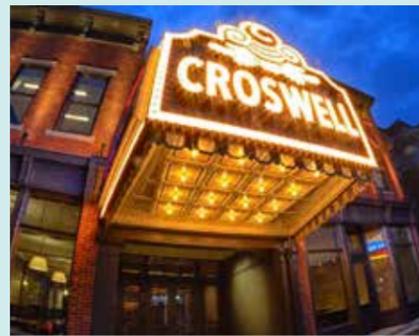


RSVP by Friday, Thursday, August 4 at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



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DINNER & PARADE



Thursday, September 18
Meet at Sylvania-area location*

Dinner at 5 p.m.
Board Bus at 6 p.m.*
Return around 10:30 p.m.

Annual Campaign donors - \$20
Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$50
Includes dinner, theater ticket, and transportation to/from theater

Join us for a meaningful and memorable evening! We'll begin with a delicious dinner locally, followed by luxury bus transportation to The Croswell Opera House in Adrian, Michigan for a powerful performance of *Parade*. The Tony Award-winning musical by Jason Robert Brown and Alfred Uhry, tells the haunting true story of Leo Frank, a Jewish factory manager in 1913 Georgia who is wrongfully accused of murder. Set against the backdrop of antisemitism, injustice, and mob mentality, the show is both gripping and deeply moving—offering powerful themes of identity, prejudice, and perseverance.

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



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LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

RSVP by Tuesday, September 2 at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

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A Scent-Sational Experience!



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Create Your Own Perfume

Thursday, October 23

12 – 2 p.m.

Location TBA* (Sylvania-area)

Annual Campaign donors - \$15
Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$30
Includes lunch and all supplies



RSVP by Thursday, October 16 at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Unleash your inner artisan and embark on a fragrant journey of creativity and self-expression! Join **Clinical Aromatherapist and Botanical Perfumer, Margo Hertzfeld**, for a hands-on workshop where you'll craft your very own 1 oz. alcohol-based spray perfume, blended and beautifully decorated by you.

Guided by Margo's expertise, you'll explore a variety of exquisite essential oils and absolutes, like rose, jasmine, and sandalwood, rooted in centuries-old traditions, some with deep connections to Jewish ritual and history. Then personalize your perfume bottle with vibrant paint markers, turning it into a one-of-a-kind gift... or a well-deserved treat for yourself.



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couple, their seven children along with spouses, and multiple grandchildren had all gathered for the celebration. Everyone wore white dresses and black tuxedos for the very special occasion, because “they had an actual ceremony over again,” Phyllis said.

“All my aunts and uncles were in the picture,” she noted. “I was in the picture,” she continued, “and my two cousins.” With a mix of sadness and acceptance, she noted, “I’m the only one living from that picture.”

Phyllis thought she might have been about 10 years old when the photo was taken (“though I’m not gonna swear to it,” she added). Stuart therefore presumed that the party had taken place in Detroit, where his maternal grandfather and his three brothers once owned a clothes cleaning business.

This having been during the Great Depression, though, “people weren’t going anywhere,” Phyllis noted, “so they didn’t need their clothes cleaned.”

Subsequently, she (an only child) and her parents moved to Toledo along with one uncle; her father’s two other brothers left for California.

“When I moved to Toledo, they were using those cable cars on Cherry Street,” she remembered. She



A family photograph (left with cropped version to the right) taken at Phyllis’ grandparents’ 50th wedding anniversary party in Detroit. Phyllis, approximately 10 years old, is circled in white, and is the last living person in the photo.

talked of attending Fulton Elementary School, then graduating from Scott High School before heading to The Ohio State University.

“I studied education,” she said, “which I would never do again. I wouldn’t want to be a teacher in today’s world, not at all! I could not cope with the kids of today,” she continued. “According to them, they know everything!”

She ultimately didn’t become a teacher, as she’d switched her concentration from secondary to elementary education, which would have required an extra year of study.

“I decided I did not want to go five years, that I wanted to get married

instead,” she declared. Phyllis and Joe were together for more than 50 years, until his passing in 1997.

She kept a kosher home at first, she said, because “I wanted my in-laws to be able to eat in my house.” Later, though, she discussed the expense of it with them and ultimately didn’t continue following the dietary laws quite as strictly.

When asked if she liked to cook, Phyllis replied adamantly, “No!” But Stuart mentioned that she did have one specialty: His mom used to be “famous for her Jell-O molds,” he remembered, that were layered and contained fruits and lots of other mix-ins. “She made very fancy

Jell-O molds!”

They didn’t serve any gelatin at Phyllis’ 100th birthday party – cupcakes and other light treats were on the menu.

But plenty of Jewish Toledo members stopped by to wish her a hearty “Mazal Tov,” including Hazan Ivor Lichterman of CBI, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo CEO Stephen Rothschild, and many others from among Phyllis’ numerous friends of all ages, such as four-year-old Cora Willis, daughter of Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services social worker Stacy Willis.

Yom huledet sameach, Phyllis! May you live to 120 in good health!



Phyllis celebrates with her sons, Stuart (left) and David (right) and daughter-in-law, Debbie



Congregation B’nai Israel Cantor Ivor Lichterman honors Phyllis



It was all about Phyllis, as friends made sure to stop by and wish her a wonderful special birthday

Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services



Ahava program
For families of individuals with special needs

Ahava is a program of the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo that is managed by Jewish Family and Social Services and has provided a lifeline since 2016 to Jewish families in Greater Toledo who are raising children with special needs and simply want to be able to access the best care possible for their children.

Through Ahava, Federation awards local Jewish families an annual scholarship of up to \$1,500 for each child, no matter their age, to put toward the cost of therapies such as speech therapy and music therapy, equipment, medical supplies, continuing education for parents on raising children with special needs, and other resources that help positively impact individuals and their families.

For more information about Ahava, please contact Ben Malczewski at ben@jewishtoledo.org or 419-885-2561.

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JSFSS Family Pantry Wish List

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

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

Contact Hannah Loeser
(419) 724- 0401

HOW TO CONTACT JSFSS

Perhaps you or a family member are in need of help with senior social services. Maybe you know someone in need of support from a family pantry. Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services offers a range of services to benefit our community. JSFSS has a knowledgeable and caring staff waiting to help you.

Vice President Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services Ben Malczewski (419) 724-0408	JSFSS Office Manager and Program Associate Hannah Loeser (419) 724- 0401
Support Services Coordinator Liz Witter, LSW (419) 724-0406	Project Manager and Technology Coordinator Tim Hagen 419-724-0412
Food Pantry and Support Services Coordinator Stacy Willis, LSW, MSW 419-724-0407	

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Get Fit Classes

Monday
Prime Movers Early, 9-10am -or- Prime Movers Later, 10:30-11:30am
Join us for this upbeat and energetic dance/exercise program designed to improve your fitness level safely and effectively. This is a comprehensive workout that includes strength, flexibility, balance, posture-improvement, and more. All moves can be modified to meet specific needs.

Cardio Drumming, 12-1pm
A high-energy workout that also includes some dance moves. This can also be done seated.

Wednesday
Prime Movers Early, 9-10am -or- Prime Movers Later, 10:30-11:30am
(see description above)
Ballet Fusion, 12-1pm
A special blend of ballet warm-up, cardio drumming, and a Tai Chi/yoga cool-down. Ballet shoes are not required.

Friday
Zumba, 9-10am
Foundation Fitness, 10am-11am
Designed to improve mobility, core strength, and stability from the ground up. Focus will be on foot and ankle strength, mobility, healthy posture, pelvic floor, and breathing. Exercises can be done in chairs and/or standing.

In-person classes at Sylvania-area location. Contact Hannah at 419-724-0401 for exact location.*



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Can't join us in person? Tune in on YouTube at Jewish Toledo




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SAFETY



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

Bike Safety Tips: Protecting Yourself on the Road

The tragic loss of Roseann Marie Peiffer, a very good friend of my daughter, on May 31, has left a deep and lasting impact on all who knew her. A talented triathlete, devoted mother, wife, daughter, sister, and friend, she was dedicated to health and fitness and had a true passion for cycling. While riding her bike on a straight stretch of road, she was struck and killed by a distracted driver. Her death was not the result of carelessness on her part, but a heartbreaking reminder of the dangers cyclists face on the road, no matter their experience or preparedness.

In her memory, and in recognition of the risks that all cyclists navigate, it's more important than ever to advocate for and practice bike safety. While we can't control the actions of drivers, we can do our part to stay as safe as possible—by using proper equipment, maintaining our bikes, and staying informed about roadway and trail rules. These steps, though small, are acts of care for ourselves, our families, and everyone we share the road with.

Wear Appropriate Safety Equipment

- **Helmet:** Always wear a properly fitted helmet to protect your head in case of a fall or collision.
- **Visibility Gear:** Use bright clothing, reflective vests, or accessories, especially in low-light conditions, to increase your visibility to drivers.
- **Lights:** Equip your bike with front and rear lights—white at the front and red at the back—to be seen

clearly.

- **Gloves and Protective Gear:** Consider gloves, padded shorts, and other protective gear for comfort and safety during rides.

Maintain Your Bike

- **Regular Checks:** Routinely inspect brakes, tires, gears, and chains to ensure everything functions smoothly.
- **Tire Pressure:** Keep tires properly inflated to prevent flats and improve ride quality.
- **Brakes and Gears:** Make sure brakes respond well and gears shift smoothly for safe maneuvering.
- **Lights and Reflectors:** Check that all lights and reflectors are clean and operational before each ride.

Follow Roadway and Trail Rules

- **Obey Traffic Laws:** Stop at stop signs and red lights, yield to pedestrians, and follow all traffic signals.
- **Ride Predictably:** Use hand signals to indicate turns and stops and stay in designated lanes or bike paths.
- **Stay Alert:** Keep an eye out for vehicles, pedestrians, and road hazards. Avoid distractions such as headphones or phone use while riding.
- **Use Bike Lanes and Trails:** Whenever possible, ride on designated bike lanes or trails to reduce interaction with vehicular traffic.

Ride Safely and Responsibly

- **Plan Your Route:** Choose routes

that are less busy and have good visibility.

- **Avoid Riding in Blind Spots:** Stay visible and avoid riding too close to parked cars or large vehicles.

- **Be Cautious at Intersections:** Slow down and look both ways before crossing or turning.
- **Respect Others:** Be courteous to pedestrians and other cyclists.

Cycling is a versatile activity enjoyed in many forms—from daily commuting to competitive racing, mountain biking, or leisurely trail rides. Each type of cycling presents unique safety considerations. By understanding and applying tailored safety tips, cyclists can enjoy their rides while minimizing risks.

Mountain Biking (Trail Riding)

- **Safety Focus:** Terrain awareness, trail etiquette, and protective gear.
- **Wear a Full-Face Helmet and Protective Pads:** Protects against falls and obstacles.
- **Check Your Bike:** Suspension, brakes, and tires should be in top condition for rough terrain.
- **Ride Within Your Skill Level:** Avoid overly technical or dangerous trails until experienced.
- **Stay on Marked Trails:** Respect trail signs and closures to prevent accidents and environmental damage.
- **Be Alert for Obstacles:** Watch for roots, rocks, and sudden drops.
- **Communicate:** Use bell or voice signals when approaching others on the trail.



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Leisure and Bike Trail Riding

- **Wear Comfortable, Bright Clothing:** Make yourself visible and comfortable for longer rides.
- **Use a Helmet and Gloves:** Basic protection for safety.
- **Check Your Bike:** Ensure tires are inflated, brakes are working, and the chain is lubricated.
- **Follow Trail Rules:** Respect signs, stay on designated paths, and yield to pedestrians.
- **Stay Hydrated and Take Breaks:** Keep energy levels up and avoid fatigue.
- **Be Mindful of Wildlife and Other Cyclists:** Maintain a safe distance and signal intentions.

By following these safety tips, you can greatly reduce the risk of accidents and help preserve the joy and health that cycling provides. Remember, safety is a shared responsibility—staying vigilant and prepared can make all the difference.



In memory of
Roseann Marie
Peiffer

“Did You Know?”

Are you in your 20s, 30s, or 40s and interested in connecting with other Jewish people in Toledo around your age? Be sure to follow our Next Jewish Generation Facebook page for updates on upcoming events, including fun activities, trivia nights, social gatherings, and more: <https://www.facebook.com/nextjgen>.

News

TECH TIPS

It's been some time since I've recommended a list of apps and software. Please see the following suggestions, which you may want to explore during the dog days of Summer. Simply Google them, or search via your mobile device's App Store or Google Play, to learn more. Enjoy and... until next time! Tim

Personal Capital – Take charge of retirement planning; iPhone and Android; free

GoodRx – Save money on prescriptions; iPhone and Android; free

Medisafe – Manage your medications; iPhone and Android; free

Snapfish – Get those photos off your phone; iPhone and Android; free

Words With Friends 2 – Play with friends and family virtually; iPhone and Android; free



Device Advice programs are held on Wednesdays
11 a.m.-noon

(Tech Time with Tim)

Upcoming Tech Programs

- Wednesday, August 13: Device Advice** – Ins and outs of mobile device storage
- Wednesday, August 20: Device Advice** – Key settings features on mobile devices

RSVP with Sherry Majewski, 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org

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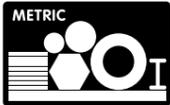
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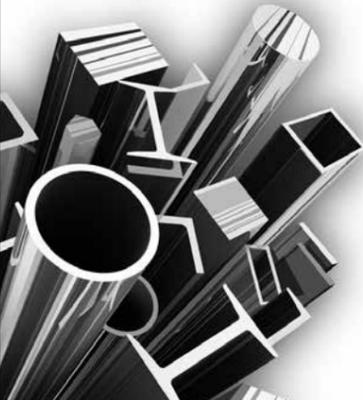
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Friday, August 1 at 6:00 pm
Shabbat with Rabbi Delson and Dr. Andrew Pelletier

Friday, August 8 @ 6:00 pm
Shabbat with Rabbi Delson

Friday, August 15 @ 6:00 pm
Shabbat with Cantor Roher

Friday, August 22 @ 6:00 pm
Shabbat with Rabbi Delson and Cantor Roher

Saturday, August 23 @ 10:30 am
Noah Goldstein's Bar Mitzvah
Rabbi Delson and Cantor Roher

Friday, August 29 @ 6:00 pm
Shabbat with Rabbi Delson and Cantor Roher

Saturday, August 30 @ 10:30 am
Estie Berns' Bat Mitzvah
Rabbi Delson and Cantor Roher

Religious School News

Welcome Back Brunch & First day of Religious School

Please join us Sunday, August 24 at 9:15 a.m. for a back to religious school family brunch. We will then share in t'filah together and parents will have the opportunity to walk their children to the classroom and meet their teacher. Parents will return at 11:30 a.m. for a regular car line dismissal. Please RSVP to wpayne@templese.com and let her know how many family members will be joining us for brunch.

Hebrew School

The first day of Hebrew school for students entering 4th-6th grade is Wednesday, August 27. Hebrew school begins at 4:30 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. Fourth grade parents should plan to attend an orientation at 5:30 p.m. in the temple lounge.

Temple Tots

The first session of Temple Tots is Sunday, September 7 from 9:30 a.m.-11:45a.m. Temple Tots is a program for children 3 months-3 years and their favorite adult. Temple Tots meets once a month in Temple Shomer Emunim's Children's Room and it is an opportunity to spend meaningful, fun, and interactive time in a Jewish environment and meet families with children of the same age. The cost is \$75.00 for the year. This year we are fortunate to have Risa Cohen as our Temple Tots teacher. Simply fill out the Temple Tot registration form found in the temple bulletin to register.



Temple is joining Toledo Pride!

March with us in the "Better Together" faith group with approximately 30 other congregations.

Saturday, August 16

Parade starts at Noon,
arrive as early as 9:30am
Meet in front of the mural on
Adams/18th Street

If there is interest, we can carpool from Temple; contact Jessica Susser at jessicasusser@gmail.com, for more information.

Temple Shomer Emunim is excited to join the "Better Together" faith delegation at the Toledo Pride Parade for the first time! We'll be standing together with other inclusive faith communities to share a message of love and acceptance.

Congregation B'nai Israel



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

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

JOIN US FOR SPECIAL SERVICES TO COMMEMORATE

Tisha B'Av

Saturday & Sunday, August 2-3, 2025

Tisha B'Av, the ninth day of the month of Av, is the major day of communal mourning in the Jewish calendar occurring in either July or August. Although a large number of disasters are said to have befallen the Jews on this day, the major commemoration is of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E. and 70 C.E., respectively. Central to the observance of this day is fasting.

Saturday Evening, August 2, 2025:

7:00 PM Mincha - In Person/Zoom
7:30 PM Third Meal
9:00 PM Maariv
Chanting of Eichah/Book of Lamentations

Sunday, August 3, 2025:

9:30 AM Shacharit/Morning Service - In Person/Zoom
12:30 PM Mincha Service - In-Person/Zoom

Connecting Kids to Meals Volunteer Event

Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 2:00 PM
Cherry Street Mission Building, 1501 Monroe St.
RSVP Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org by Aug. 13th.

Join us as CBI visits

The National Museum of the Great Lakes

Sunday, August 10, 2025, 1:00 PM
1701 Front St, Toledo, Ohio

Admission will be paid by attendees upon arrival.

MUSEUM & VESSELS:

*Col. James M. Schoonmaker Ship Tour (apprx. 1-1.5 hrs.):

Adults \$17, Youths (6-17) \$14, Children (0-5) Free

*Ships are artifacts and as a result are not ADA-compliant. Some may find the stairs, walkways, and doorways challenging.

MUSEUM ONLY:

Adults \$11, Youths (6-17) \$8, Children (0-5) Free

The museum opens at 12:00 PM noon. Those who are interested can arrive early and have lunch at Market Hall - The Gardens by Poco Piatti at their own expense.

RSVP Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org by August 6th.

Join us for Canasta!

Tuesdays at 12:30 PM at CBI
If you are interested in playing, please contact Rhoda Miller at rmiller@cbitoledo.org.

Women of CBI Celebrate

Rosh Chodesh Elul

Join us at our own

"Deconstructed Rosh Hashanah Seder"

Thursday, August 27, 2025, 6:00 PM at CBI

DINNER WILL BE SERVED

Registration fee of \$15 (cash or check payable to "Women of CBI") will be collected at the door when you arrive.

The Tikun Olam for this program will be cash donations to benefit Magen David Adom (Israeli Red Cross).

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

RSVP to Miriam Beckerman at mesb@bex.net by Thursday, August 21st.

Parashat Hashavuah:

Torah Portion of the Week Discussion

Fridays in August at 11 AM at CBI

Rosh Hashanah begins on Sept. 23rd

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Call for an appointment at 419-882-2111

CBI Office Closed

Monday, September 1 Labor Day

WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

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

Congregation Etz Chayim

MAHJ/POKER

Due to popular demand, two of our favorite Sunday activities, Poker & Mahj, will be held twice during August. Everyone is invited to join in the fun on **Sunday, August 17 and 31** from 10 a.m. to noon. The group of men and women enjoy the time together playing and socializing. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Nancy or Marc Jacobson if you are interested.

SHABBAT SERVICES WITH RABBI JASON MARK

Come and enjoy a delicious Friday pre-Shabbat dinner at the home of Steve and Sandy Marcus on **Friday, August 8** at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Rabbi Jason Mark will be here on **Friday and Saturday, August 8 and 9**. Please RSVP. to the synagogue office. Everyone is welcome to Shabbat services and to enjoy a kiddush lunch on **Saturday, August 9**. Services begin at 9 a.m.

PIZZA DINNER & GAME NIGHT PLANNED

Etz Chayim will open its doors for light dinner of pizza and ice cream on **Wednesday, August 13** from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. following minyan. There are a variety of games planned following dinner. Please register with Nancy Jacobson.

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC PLANNED

Etz Chayim will be hosting its annual summer picnic on **Sunday, August 24**. The fun begins at 4:30 p.m. with Lawrence Ice, a well-known karaoke host entertaining with karaoke, music and dancing. Following the program a scrumptious dinner will be served which includes BBQ chicken, hamburgers, baked beans, sweet corn, coleslaw, and dessert. The cost is \$15 per person. The entire community is invited. Please register with Elsa Leveton or Nancy Jacobson by August 17.

SAVE THESE DATES

Pamela Rybka, the Community Outreach Coordinator from the Better Business Bureau, will be coming to Etz Chayim on **Wednesday, September 3** at 10:30 a.m. Her topic will be the "Dangers of Scams and how to Prevent Them." This is an important topic for all of us to hear and learn about. Please register with Nancy or Elsa.

Eric Dubow will be our featured speaker on **Sunday morning, September 14** at 10 a.m. He will be talking about his research in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank. This will be an interesting and meaningful discussion. A light breakfast will be served. Please register with Nancy Jacobson or Elsa Leveton.

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TISHA B'AV SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
FAST BEGINS: 8:51 PM | SHABBAT ENDS: 9:38 PM
EVENING SERVICES/READING OF MEGILAT EICHA: 10:00PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3
MORNING SERVICES: 9:00AM | MINCHA: 6:30 PM
FAST ENDS: 9:21 PM

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B'nai Mitzvah

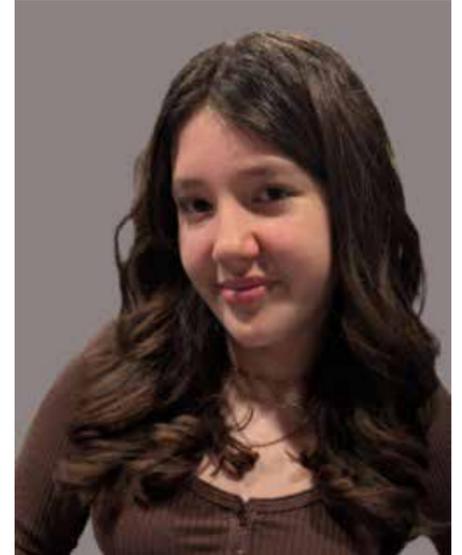
We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah



Noah Richard Bedford Goldstein will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 23, 2025, at Temple Shomer Emunim. Noah will begin 8th grade this fall at Toledo School for the Arts, where he is passionate about acting and performing on stage. An outdoor enthusiast, Noah enjoys camping, kayaking, and spending time gaming with his friends. He takes great pride in the Jewish education he has received and is deeply grateful to all who have guided and supported him along the way. Noah looks forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah and carrying on the rich traditions of his faith.



Estie Yael Berns will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on August 30, 2025, at Temple Shomer Emunim. She is the daughter of Allie and Dan Berns, sister of Rafi Berns, and the granddaughter of Kathee and Bob Berns, Susan-Jane Berson, and the late Fred Berson (z"l).



A seventh grader at West Side Montessori, Estie is an artist and a free spirit who loves spending time with her family and friends—including her dog, Bobo. She enjoys painting, drawing, dancing, and attending book club with her friends. Estie is always quick to laugh and delights in bringing joy and laughter to those around her.

Estie is a proud member of the Greater Toledo Jewish community. A graduate of Gan Yeladim Preschool and a lifelong congregant of Temple Shomer Emunim, Estie has been deeply shaped by her Jewish upbringing. Thanks to the generous support of the EMOJI Camp Scholarship and the Shomer Emunim Brotherhood/Sisterhood Camp Scholarship, she has cherished

many magical summers at Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI)—her happy place and spiritual home.

For her mitzvah project, Estie has collected over 136 pink and red lipsticks for Fighting Pretty, a non-profit that empowers women battling cancer to feel strong and beautiful. Estie dedicates this project to her beloved Susu, her personal cancer warrior, and to all who are fighting with courage and sparkle.

Simcha

Alex F. Grubb and Hannah Robinson announce the birth of their child, **Eliana Robin Grubb** in Denver Colorado on May 12, 2025. Her Grandparents are Barbara Straus (of blessed Memory) Blair Grubb, Dena Eber, Mark Robinson and Tracy Orkin. She is the niece of Helen Grubb and Kristofer Mann, cousin to Meyer and Benyamina Mann.



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Obituaries

Toby Chabon Berger, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, passed away on June 7, 2025. She was born Toby Goodman in Cleveland, Ohio to Lillian (Lakie) and Sam Goodman November 11, 1936. Toby graduated from DeVilbiss High School in 1954 and then from Michigan State University in 1957. In the early 1960s Toby and her husband opened the first Grid-dle Cake Restaurant on Reynolds Road. She later became a teacher at Cardinal Stritch and Maumee High Schools, which included being a drama and speech/debate coach.



her memory be a blessing.

Toby moved to Florida in the early 1980s and became very active in different causes while expanding her personal career. Some of Toby's highlights include winning the Athena Award, which recognizes outstanding business and professional individuals who create leadership opportunities for women, being a published author, columnist, and child advocate along with many non-profit organizational works, both in her career and as a volunteer. In retirement, she became involved in theater productions and book clubs, and started the Women to Women discussion group at Edgewater where she resided until her passing.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and Barry Himmel, children Jeff Chabon, Rachel (Mark) Wasserman, Allan Chabon, Ilene Dishman (Rick Martin), Ellen/Buttons (Gary) Hunter, Mitch (Theresa) Berger. Her grandchildren include Jake and Sydney Dishman, Matthew Wasserman, Ryan and Eric Hunter, Justin (Rachael) Berger, Grayson (Kendall) Berger, Nathaniel (James) Berger, and many loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated at the following or your choice:

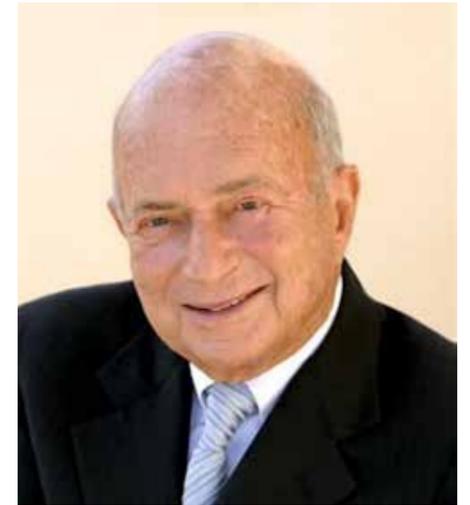
Edgewater at Boca Pointe, Education Scholarship Fund (23315 Blue Water Cir, Boca Raton, FL 33433), in Toby's memory; or Trustbridge Hospice Care, trustbridge.com (5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407).

Her life was full of family, friends, and neighbors from all times of her life and never wanting to stop. May

S. Daniel Abraham, Slim-Fast creator and Israel peace advocate, dies at 100

By Grace Gilson

(JTA) — S. Daniel Abraham, an American billionaire who grew his fortune on his diet company Slim-Fast Foods and spent his life advocating for peace between Israel and its neighbors in the Middle East, died on June 29 at 100.



S. Daniel Abraham died on June 29, 2025 at 100.
(Photo courtesy S. Daniel Abraham Center for Middle East Peace)

Abraham was born in New York in 1924 and went on to serve as an infantryman in the U.S. Army in the 1940s before building his fortune on the Thompson Medical Company — which his father, a dentist, bought for \$5,000 in 1947.

That company would later introduce Slim-Fast Foods, a weight-loss product popular in the 1980s that served as a supplement for breakfast and lunch by combining a powder with skim milk. By 2025, Abraham had built a net worth of \$2.4 billion.

“What I wanted to bring to market was a meal replacement in liquid form, composed of protein, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, and even a little healthy fat,” he wrote in “Everything Is Possible,” a memoir written with Joseph Telushkin, an American rabbi and bestselling author, and published in 2010.

Beyond Abraham's entrepreneurial success, he also spent much of his life advocating for peace between Israelis and Palestinians and was a major funder of Middle East peace initiatives.

Between 1988 and 2002, Abraham made over 60 trips to the Middle East alongside Rep. Wayne Owens, a Utah Democrat, to meet with Israeli and Arab leaders, and in 1989 he founded the S. Daniel Abraham Center for Middle East Peace, a nonprofit aimed at peace-building between Israelis and Palestinians.

“A brilliant, humble businessman who experienced the destruction of war as a combat soldier in World War II, Mr. Abraham exhibited a tireless and selfless dedication to achieving peace, security and prosperity for all peoples of the Middle East,” Robert Wexler, the president of the S. Daniel Abraham Center for Middle East Peace, wrote in a statement after Abraham's death.

“When peace comes to the Middle East — and it will — we will have Dan Abraham to thank. Dan, though, never sought any thanks or recognition. Mr. Abraham was righteous and just — a tzadik,” Wexler wrote, using the Hebrew term for a righteous person.

Abraham also donated extensively to Israeli and American universities, endowing chairs at Harvard University Medical School and Princeton University. He also

funded two programs bearing his name at Yeshiva University as well as a business school at Bar-Ilan University in Israel.

“Mr. Abraham's life was guided by purpose, generosity and a deep love for the Jewish people and the State of Israel, and his influence will be felt by current and future generations,” Yeshiva University's president, Ari Berman, and its board chair, Ira Mitzner, wrote in an obituary.

Abraham also donated millions to American and Israeli political movements, giving \$3 million to a super PAC supporting Hillary Clinton's presidential bid in 2016. He was a major donor to the movement to unseat Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ahead of the 2015 elections in Israel.

Abraham's death, in a hospital in Manhattan, was confirmed by a spokesman for his family, Rabbi Abe Unger, according to the New York Times.

“The obituaries will call him ‘billionaire founder of SlimFast.’ But we, first congregants of the Palm Beach Synagogue (1994) knew him as a funny, approachable man,” wrote Elaine Rosenberg Miller, a member of Abraham's congregation in Florida, in the Times of Israel.

Abraham lived for eight years with his family in Netanya, Israel, and has 20 grandchildren and great-grandchildren living in Israel, according to a biography for Abraham in the Times of Israel.

His marriage in 1963 to Estanne Weiner ended in divorce in 1993, and he married Ewa Sebzda in 1996. She survives him, along with four daughters from his first marriage, two children from his second marriage, 27 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren, according to the New York Times.

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There is no charge to submit an obituary, but we encourage donations to Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (www.jewishtoledo.org).

Preferred maximum obit length is 500 words (*Toledo Jewish News* reserves the right to edit obituaries as necessary).

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Jewish Toledo joins 400+ leaders from 100+ communities to advocate for Security Policy Plan in DC

Stephen Rothschild, CEO, Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo (JFGT), and Marcy Kuehnle, Chair, JFGT Jewish Community Relations Council, joined 400+ leaders from over 100 Jewish communities across the nation in mid-June, standing together with one unified, unwavering message to Congress: security for all Jews everywhere is non-negotiable. The group heard from Israel Ambassador to the U.S. Michael Leiter and Bob and Nancy Milgram, parents of Sarah Milgram, z”l, who was murdered in Washington, D.C. in May.

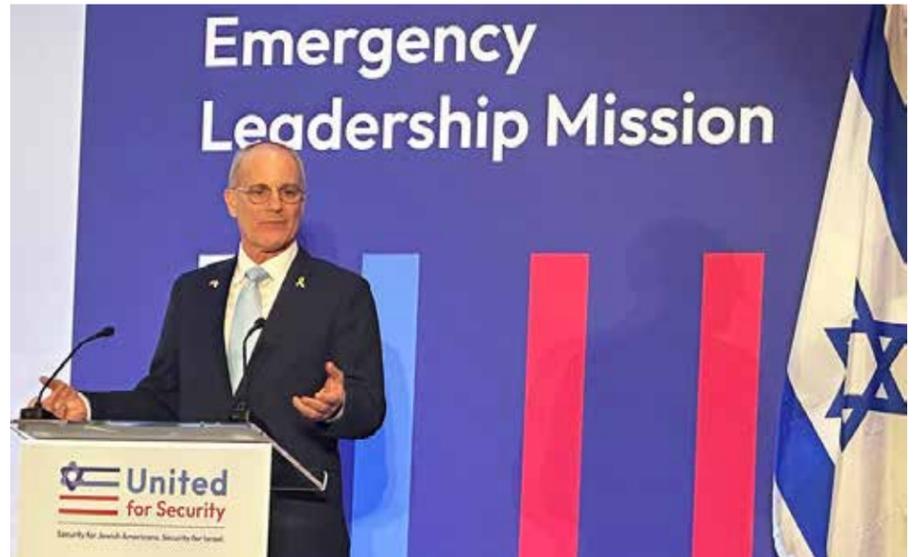
The collective group participated in over 200 congressional meetings, including crucial meetings with Ohio representatives Bob Latta and Max Miller, who was recently the victim of an antisemitic attack while driving in his Ohio district. They also met with staff from Representative Marcy Kaptur’s office.

The Six-Point Security Policy Plan put forth by Jewish Federations of North America urgently advocated

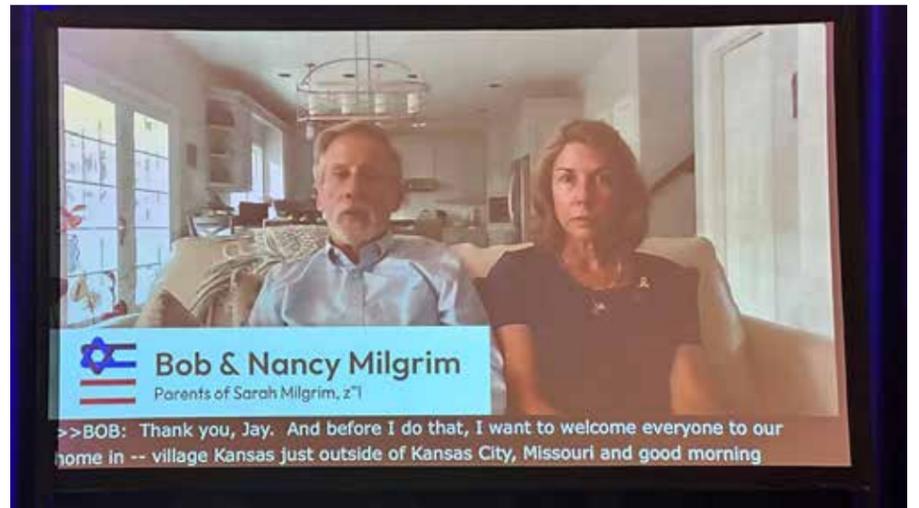


- for:
- Increased Nonprofit Security Grant Program funding - currently only 43% of Jewish institutions receive needed security grants;
 - Dedicated funding for security personnel at synagogues, schools, JCCs, and summer camps;
 - Enhanced FBI intelligence capabilities to combat domestic terrorism;
 - Increased local law enforcement funding for protecting Jewish institutions;
 - Social media platform accountability for amplifying antisemitic hate and incitement; and
 - Aggressive prosecution of antisemitic hate crimes

Jewish safety is neither optional nor negotiable. This unified advocacy effort demonstrates that Jewish communities across America are standing together, demanding action, and refusing to live in fear.



(L to R) Congressman Bob Latta, Marcy Kuehnle, and Stephen Rothschild



JCRC meets with local educators and school administrators



In early July, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo was honored to welcome 10 local educators and school administrators from five different school systems for a bagel breakfast as a way of expressing our appreciation for their hard work and dedication to our community’s students. We had meaningful conversations about the rise in antisemitism in schools and explored how our Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) can be a trusted resource and partner in fostering safe, inclusive, and enriching environments for all students, Jewish and non-Jewish alike.

Thank you Jewish Toledo



On behalf of the Jewish students at The University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University, our board of directors, young adults and staff, we would like to offer our heartfelt appreciation for your support during this school year. We are humbled by the gratitude often expressed to us by the people who make Hillel419 their Jewish home away from home each year. Their thanks, and ours, belong to you. You help sustain a proud and safe Jewish community, and you help build the Jewish future by enabling us to welcome, engage, inspire, and support Jewish young adults of all backgrounds. Thank you so much for partnering with us to fulfill our vital mission of enriching the lives of Jewish young adults so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world.

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