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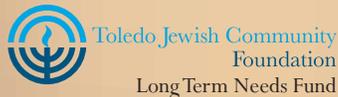
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RESOURCES

Registration

Registering for a Book Festival event is easy!

Registration is requested for all book festival events by Monday, October 30.

1. Pick the event or events YOU want to attend!
2. Register by the registration deadline listed!
3. **Call the Registration Hotline at 419-531-2119 #2 or email registration@JewishToledo.org** with your payment information as **payment is due at the time of registration.** VISA, MasterCard, AMEX and Discover are accepted.
4. "Oy, I registered for an event and now I can't attend!" – **CALL US** and let us know so we can open your spot to another community member!

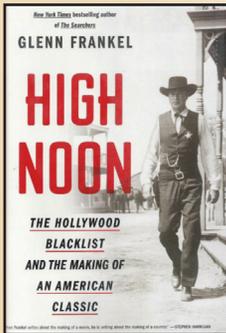
To learn more about an author or an event, call René Rusgo at 419-531-2119 #1 or email rene@JewishToledo.org

All programs are subject to change or cancellation without prior notification due to schedules and commitments of our authors. Refunds will be available.

All featured author books will be available for sale at all book festival events in collaboration with **Barnes & Noble Booksellers.**
***Except for the Sarge event**

CHAPTER · ONE

The OK Corral



Wednesday, November 8

High Noon –The Hollywood Blacklist and the Making of an American Classic

By Glenn Frankel

12 Noon

Congregation B'nai Israel

6525 Sylvania Avenue

\$13: Luncheon & author presentation

\$30: Luncheon, author presentation & book

Starring screen legend Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly in her first major movie role, *High Noon* is one of the best-loved and most enduring films of Hollywood's Golden Age. It won four Academy Awards, including a best actor prize for Cooper, and became a cultural touchstone, celebrating integrity, courage and rugged individualism in the face of overwhelming odds.

Yet what has been largely forgotten is that *High Noon* was made during the height of the Hollywood blacklist, a time of political inquisition and personal betrayal. While making the film, screenwriter Carl Foreman was forced to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities about his former membership in the Communist Party. When he refused to name names of fellow party members, he was blacklisted and forced into self-imposed exile. John Wayne, one of the leaders of the movement to cleanse Hollywood of purported Communists, later said he would “never regret having helped run Foreman out of this country.”

Using newly available archival materials and interviews, Frankel tells the story of the making of a great American Western.

Ultimately, **HIGH NOON** is about a small group of talented artists—including Cooper, Foreman, Kramer, and director Fred Zinnemann—and the various ways each of them responded when their creative partnership was confronted by the machinery of political repression.

Special Film Viewing

Special *HIGH NOON* Film Viewing

Get ready for the November author event with a special October viewing of the iconic 1952 Hollywood western, *High Noon*, starring Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly. There are two viewing times for your convenience.

(1 hr. 25 min.)

Free, by reservations only. Limited Seats.

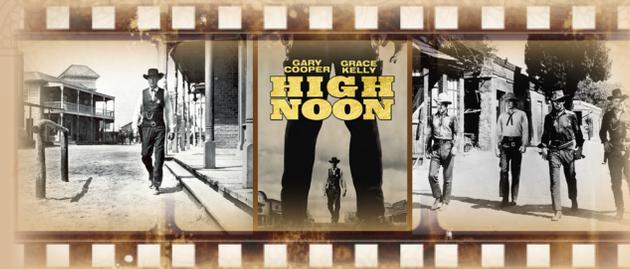
Leo and Vera Sekach Community Services Bldg. 6505 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania

Thursday, October 26

1:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 26

7:00 p.m.



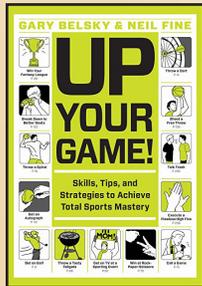
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CHAPTER · TWO

Get Your Head in the Game



Thursday, November 9

Up Your Game!: Skills, Tips, and Strategies to Achieve Total Sports Mastery

By Gary Belsky

And a conversation with Diane Larson

7 p.m.

The Blarney Event Center – 601 Monroe Street, Rear, Toledo (at the corner of Monroe Street and Huron Street) enter on Huron Street side

\$15: appetizer reception & author presentation

\$25: appetizer reception, author presentation & book

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Life is a game. Former Editor in Chief of *ESPN The Magazine*, author Gary Belsky discusses the culture, manners and customs of sports that transcend naming your fantasy team to betting with friends, doing a flip turn to investing in memorabilia, winning at arm wrestling and so much more. With over 150 to-the-point entries, *Up Your Game!* will get you in the know in no time.

Diane Larson co-anchors the WTVG 13abc Action News at Five, Six and Eleven along with Lee Conklin. For more than 30 years, you've counted on Diane to bring you the news that affects your life, your health, your wealth, your kids and your community.

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CHAPTER · THREE

Ladino, Mystery, Heroes and Criminals

Sunday, November 12

JCC/YMCA Sylvania Campus –Work Wing
6465 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania

Families are invited and encouraged to participate with their children. The community is welcome to come to any event that is of interest.

Ora De Despertar- Time To Wake Up

By Sarah Aroeste

Pre K – 1st Grade

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

An all-original bilingual story in Ladino and English that highlights rituals of the morning and what to be thankful for upon waking up. With the backdrop of the Hebrew *Modeh Ani* prayer, the book (illustrated by artist Miriam Ross) offers a way for families to get a fresh look at Sephardic culture and the relevance of Ladino today. So let us get ready to move to music and learn about the Ladino culture!



The Mystery of the Missing Matzah

By Larry Epstein

2nd – 4th Grade

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Fourth grade best friends, Betty, Wendy, and Sherri formed the Friendship League to help others and solve mysteries. Little did Betty know that their latest mystery would be at her own house during Passover!

This year, things are a little different when Wendy and Sherri join Betty's family for their traditional Passover Seder dinner. It's Sherri's first Seder and she's having fun until something goes wrong and the Friendship League ends up with a real mystery to solve. Everyone's a suspect, including Betty's mom, dad, grandparents, and annoying older brother. Using a combination of logic and teamwork, the Friendship League is on the case!



Barnes and Noble will be selling all children's author books from 10:30 a.m. – Noon in the JCC/YMCA. Authors will sign books from 11:30 a.m. – Noon in the JCC/YMCA

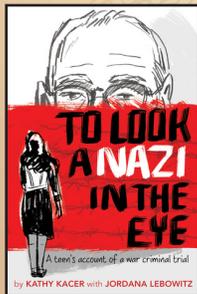


The Six-Day Hero
By Tamar Stein
5th – 7th Grade
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Motti knows that war is coming. Israel is only nineteen years old – the same age as Motti's brave older brother, Gideon – and the tiny country is surrounded by enemies. But hope comes to Motti in unexpected forms. In the kind Ethiopian priest who lives nearby. In his grouchy neighbor, old Mrs. Friedburg. In the young Germans who come to offer help. Even in a scrappy stray cat that roams the bombed city without fear.

Motti knows his older brother is a hero—but through the six days of the war that will decide Israel's fate, he discovers other heroes in surprising places. He may even be a hero himself.

Sunday, November 12
Congregation B'nai Israel Sanctuary
6525 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania



To Look a Nazi in the Eye: A Teen's Account of a War Criminal Trial
By Kathy Kacer with Jordana Lebowitz
8th – 10th Grade & Community
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

She had expected to hate him. But hate, just like forgiveness, can be complicated.

The true story of nineteen-year-old Jordana Lebowitz's time at the trial of Oskar Groening, known as the bookkeeper of Auschwitz, a man charged with being complicit in the death of more than 300,000 Jews. A granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, Jordana attended the trial. She realized that by witnessing history she gained the knowledge and legitimacy to be able to stand in the footsteps of the survivors.

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CHAPTER · FOUR

Tradition, Family and the Strength of Friendship



Tuesday, November 14
The Saturday Evening Girls Club
By Jane Healey
7 p.m.
Highland Meadows Golf Club
7455 Erie Street, Sylvania
\$15: appetizer reception & author presentation
\$25: appetizer reception, author presentation & book

For four young immigrant women living in Boston's North End in the early 1900s, escaping tradition doesn't come easy. But at least they have one another and the Saturday Evening Girls Club, a social pottery-making group offering respite from their hectic home lives—and hope for a better future.

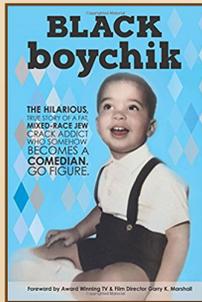
Ambitious Caprice dreams of opening her own hat shop, which clashes with the expectations of her Sicilian-born parents. Brilliant Ada secretly takes college classes despite the disapproval of her Russian Jewish father. Stunning Maria could marry anyone yet guards her heart to avoid the fate of her Italian Catholic mother, broken down by an alcoholic husband. And shy Thea is torn between asserting herself and embracing an antiquated Jewish tradition.

The friends face family clashes and romantic entanglements, career struggles and cultural prejudice. But through their unfailing bond, forged through their weekly gathering, they'll draw strength – and the courage to transform their immigrant stories into the American lives of their dreams.

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CHAPTER · FIVE

**Triple Threat: A musical piano savant,
amazing improvisational commedian and singer**



Thursday, November 16

BLACK boychik: The hilarious true story of a fat, mixed-race Jew crack addict who somehow becomes a comedian. Go Figure.

By Sarge

7:30 p.m. – Doors open at 7:15 p.m.

The Toledo Glass Pavilion, GlasSalon, 2444 Monroe Street

\$15: dessert reception and author presentation

\$30: dessert reception, author presentation and book

Parking: Free parking provided in Lot 6 only. Parking

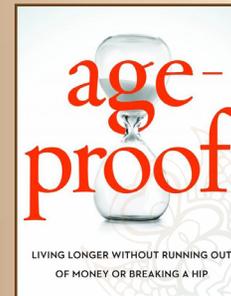
vouchers to be distributed during check-in at the start of the event.

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Born Steven Charles Pickman in 1961 to an Orthodox Jewish woman and a black man, Sarge was adopted by a white Jewish couple from Long Island. At the age of six Sarge began to show creative talent including piano virtuosity. But as a young adult, he battled an internal conflict about his heritage and found alcohol and drugs as a way of coping with his confusion. Ultimately, he found himself homeless and addicted on the streets of Manhattan. Getting clean and sober in 1990 would be the turning point in his life. It led to Sarge pursuing his life-long dream of getting into show business and becoming a comedian. Sarge experienced a meteoric rise through the ranks in the ultra-competitive stand-up comedy business and he performed with some of the biggest names in adult contemporary music. He went on to blend his professional comedic chops with his knowledge of addiction and become the only nationally known entertainer to work as a counselor in rehabs with young people struggling with addiction. Now, Sarge is married, has a son, and is a highly sought after motivational speaker. For the last 7 years he has been working in treatment centers and recovery residences bringing a revolutionary and groundbreaking modality of “Comedy Therapy” to people suffering from addiction. His birth, and then rebirth will have you laughing uproariously and then shedding a tear. A journey that is hilarious, uncanny, and truly inspiring.

CHAPTER · SIX

The Doctor is In



Tuesday, November 21

Age-Proof: Living Longer Without Running Out of Money or Breaking a Hip

By Dr. Michael Roizen and Jean Chatzky
with Ted Spiker

7 p.m.

King Road Branch Library – 3900 King Road, Sylvania

\$15: appetizer reception and author presentation

\$30: appetizer reception, author presentation and

book

Two of the world’s leading experts explain the vital link between health and wealth that could add years to your life and dollars to your retirement savings. We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Roizen to our community!

All the money in the world doesn’t mean a thing if we can’t get out of bed. And the healthiest body in the world won’t stay that way if we’re frazzled about five figures worth of debt. TODAY Show financial expert Jean Chatzky and the Cleveland Clinic’s chief wellness officer Dr. Michael Roizen explain the vital connection between health and wealth--giving readers all the tactics, strategies, and know-how to live longer, healthier, more lucrative lives.

The same principles that allow us to achieve a better body will allow us to do the same for our investment portfolio. For instance, physical and financial stability comes down to the same equation: Inflow versus outflow. Do we burn more calories than we ingest? Likewise, are we making more money than we spend? The authors detail scientific ways to improve our behavior so that the answers tilt in the readers’ favor. They also offer ways to beat the system by automating how we do things and limiting our decisions in the face of too much food or too much debt.

Chatzky and Roizen provide a plan for both financial independence and biological strength with action steps to get you there.

APPENDICES

Authors



Sarah Aroeste, inspired by her family's Sephardic roots in Greece and Macedonia, has spent the last 15 years bringing her contemporary style of original and traditional Ladino music to audiences around the world. American born and trained in classical opera at Westminster Choir College and Yale University, Aroeste became drawn to her Sephardic musical past after spending a summer in 1997 performing at the Israel Vocal Arts Institute in Tel Aviv. There, she had the fortune of studying with Nico Castel, one of the world's great Ladino singers and coaches at the Metropolitan Opera, with whom she learned she shared a similar Sephardic background. Since then, Aroeste has worked tirelessly to keep Ladino music alive for a new generation



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Larry Epstein, Ph.D., is Director of Training and Implementation at Think:Kids, Assistant in Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital and Clinical Instructor in Psychology the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He is a nationally certified bullying prevention trainer. In his spare time, he enjoys napping, eating and taking in the occasional Broadway musical. Although he loves Passover, he is bitter that he never once was the one who found the matzah!



Glenn Frankel is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, university professor, and author of *The Searchers: The Making of an American Legend*, a *New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times* bestseller. He was director of the School of Journalism at the University of Texas at Austin and a visiting professor at Stanford University. Before that, he was a longtime *Washington Post* reporter, editor and bureau chief in London, Southern Africa and Jerusalem, where he won the 1989 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting for "balanced and sensitive reporting" of Israel and the first Palestinian uprising. He also served as editor of the *Washington Post Magazine*. His first book, *Beyond the Promised Land: Jews and Arabs on the Hard Road to a New Israel*, won the National Jewish Book Award. His second, *Rivonia's Children: Three Families and the Cost of Conscience in White South Africa*, was a finalist for the Alan Paton Award, South Africa's most prestigious literary prize.



Jane Healey was inspired to write *The Saturday Evening Girls Club* after learning of the group's history while researching an article on their namesake pottery, also known as Paul Revere Pottery. She became fascinated by the relatively unknown stories of these smart, sassy, enterprising young immigrant women living in Boston's North End at the turn of the twentieth century.

In addition to being a fiction writer, Jane is a freelance journalist and consultant. Her publishing credits include the *Boston Globe*, *Boston Magazine*, *AOL/Huffington Post*, *the Street*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *New England Home*.

Jane holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire and a Master's degree from Northeastern University. She shares a home outside of Boston with her husband, two daughters, and two cats. When she is not writing, she enjoys running, reading, and cooking.



Kathy Kacer is the daughter of Holocaust survivors. She has a Master's degree in psychology and worked with troubled teenagers and their families for many years. Nevertheless, she always dreamed of becoming a children's author. She stopped working full time in 1998 to pursue this dream. These days, in addition to writing, she

speaks to children in schools and libraries around the country and in parts of the United States and Europe, about the importance of understanding the Holocaust and keeping its memory alive.

Jordana Lebowitz was inspired by the March of the Living organization to become an advocate for Holocaust remembrance and human rights. She has had placements at the Museum of Tolerance in California and the Jewish Holocaust Centre in Australia. For Holocaust Education Week in 2015 she brought a replica of a Holocaust cattle car to the University of Guelph, and set up an exhibit inside. It was visited by more than 2000 people.



Michael Roizen, M.D., is a board-certified anesthesiologist and internist. He serves as the Chief wellness officer at the Cleveland Clinic and has been awarded an Emmy, an Elle, and the Paul G. Roger's Best Medical Communicator award from the National Library of Medicine. He became famous for changing the way Americans think about aging by developing the "RealAge" concept and

website and is the co-author of seven New York Times bestsellers (four #1s) including *You: The Owner's Manual* with Dr. Mehmet Oz. He and Mehmet Oz write a monthly column for Reader's Digest and record 1 hour a day of radio for Oprah and Friends, on satellite radio and a cable network. Dr. Roizen still practices anesthesiology and internal medicine, using the RealAge metric to motivate his patients.



Sarge is an extraordinary entertainer: a musical piano savant, amazing improvisational comedian, and singer.

Sarge grew up in a middle to upper middle class environment, attending the best prep schools in the region. At six years old, his musical talent surfaced. At seven years old while in the Catskills with his grandfather and seeing Don Rickles, he knew he wanted to be a comedian. He loved doing impressions and telling jokes and hearing the crowd. Sarge spent many years doing many things and honing his skills. All the while, he lived with some sense of confusion because his adopted parents raised him in a Jewish household without much exposure to his black heritage. This led to some internal conflict as a child and young adult – feelings he tried to numb with alcohol, drugs and gambling.

He spent part of his young adult life as a homeless man, severely addicted to several vices, and copping drugs at his hangout under the Manhattan Bridge in New York City. With a wealth of talent unrealized, on December 26, 1990, he had an epiphany that would change his life forever. Sobriety!

Triple threats are hard to find in show business today. With his mix of comedy, singing and piano playing, Sarge is a legitimate triple threat and a rare find.



Tammar Stein is the author of *The Six-Day Hero*, a Middle Grade historical novel about the Six Day War published by Kar-Ben. It has been named a Junior Library Guild Selection and a PJ Our Way Choice Book. She is the award-winning author of four young adult novels including *Light Years*, named an ALA Best Book for Young Adults, a Sydney Taylor Notable Book of Jewish Content, a Virginia Reader's

Choice, and a Texas high school summer reading book.

Tammar graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in English Literature and spent the next four years living in Europe. She has published essays and reviews in various publications including *The Washington Post*, *The Tampa Bay Times*, *The San Antonio Express News*, and *The Stars and Stripes*. She has lived on three continents, in four countries and five states. She currently lives in Virginia with her family.



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