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A large community rally to celebrate Hanukkah
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Hanukkah Heroes Day **MaccaBE** a Hanukkah Hero! Sunday, December 11

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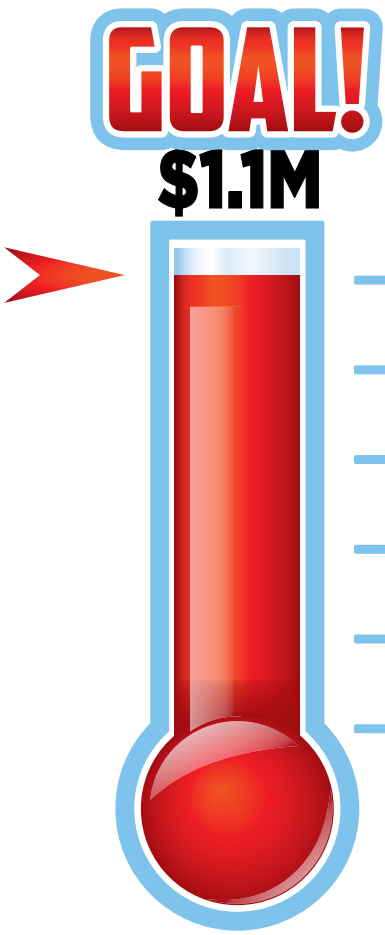
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Yentl – 40th Anniversary!
Sunday, January 22 at 4 p.m.

Rebbe Mendel is a single father who teaches the Talmud, a sacred text of Judaism, to the boys of his small Polish town. Behind closed doors, he also instructs his daughter, Yentl, despite the fact that girls are forbidden to study religious



scripture. When Yentl's father dies, she still has a strong desire to learn about her faith -- so she disguises herself as a male, enrolls in a religious school, and unexpectedly finds love along the way. **Running time: 113 minutes — English**



Rock Camp
Sunday, January 29 at 4 p.m.

The only thing better than meeting your rock idols is getting the chance to play with them onstage. For 25 years, Rock and Roll Fantasy Camp has been making dreams come true for people from all walks of life. Founded by David Fishof, an Orthodox Jew and son of a Cantor, Rock 'N' Roll Fantasy Camp is held annually in Las Vegas, offering four days of intensive music lessons with rock icons like Roger Daltrey, Alice Cooper, and Nancy Wilson. The film



follows four of the campers who attend the camp as they are mentored by celebrity musicians, culminating in a final onstage performance. Featuring a who's who of rock stars with Jewish roots, such as Gene Simmons and Sammy Hagar, this exuberant, fast-paced film manages to capture genuinely moving moments as both campers and their famous counselors bond over their shared love of music. **Running time: 87 minutes — English**



The Band's Visit
Sunday, February 5 at 4 p.m.

On an ordinary day, the Alexandria Ceremonial Police Orchestra arrives in Israel from Egypt for a cultural event, only find there is no delegation to meet them, nor any arrangements to get to their destination of Petah Tiqva. When they find their own ride, they arrive instead at the remote town of Beit Hatikva. Stuck there until the next morning's bus, the band, led by the repressed Tawfiq Zacharaya, gets help



from the worldly lunch owner, Dina, who offers to put them up for the night. As the band settles in as best it can, each of the members attempts to get along with the natives in their own way. What follows is a special night of quiet happenings and confessions as the band makes its own impact on the town and the town on them. **Running time: 87 minutes — English, Hebrew, and Arabic**

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Monday, March 20

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News

From Jack Antonoff to Doja Cat to Flora Purim, this year’s Jewish Grammy nominees span every genre



By Gabe Friedman

(JTA) — This year’s slate of Jewish Grammy nominees offers a little something for everyone. The nominees for the 2023 Grammy Awards, announced on Tuesday, include prominent Jewish names from pop and rap, but they also recognize Jewish musicians and writers in classical music

and other less popular genres.

Here’s the full (and varied) list:

Jack Antonoff, a New Jersey Jewish day school grad who has become one of pop’s most in-demand producers and songwriters, thanks to his work with the likes of Taylor Swift and Lorde, is up for producer of the year — an award he won last year.

Doja Cat, a Jewish rapper and pop star, is up for five: including record of the year, best solo pop performance and best music video, all for her song “Woman.”

Mel Brooks, still going strong at 96, is nominated in the best audiobook category for “All About Me!: My Remarkable Life in Show Business.”

James Ginsburg, son of the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg and an accomplished classical music producer and record

label owner, is up for best classical producer of the year.

Hans Zimmer, the prolific blockbuster film scorer and winner of four previous Grammys (and two Oscars), is nominated in the best soundtrack compilation category for his work on “Top Gun: Maverick.”

Randy Rainbow, the musical comedian who often mocks political figures, is up for best comedy album for “A Little Brains, A Little Talent.”

Tony Kushner, the playwright who through his collaborations with Steven Spielberg has become one of Hollywood’s most prominent Jewish screenwriters, is nominated for best musical theater album, for a revival of the 2003 musical he co-wrote with Jeanine Tesori, “Caroline, or Change.” The show features a range of music, from spirituals to Motown to klezmer. (The soundtrack to Spielberg and

Kushner’s “West Side Story” remake is also nominated in the compilation category.)

Flora Purim, a Brazilian-Jewish jazz and world music icon who is known for recording and collaborating with greats like Chick Corea and Dizzy Gillespie, is nominated for best Latin jazz album, for “If You Will,” her first solo release in over a decade.

Dan Auerbach, the frontman for the rock duo The Black Keys, is nominated in the same category as Antonoff, for his production work outside of his band. Auerbach’s father is Jewish, and the rocker noted earlier this year that he lost several relatives in the Holocaust. (The Black Keys are up for two separate awards, including best rock album for their latest, “Dropout Boogie.”)

The 65th Grammy Awards will take place Feb. 5 in Los Angeles and will be broadcast on CBS.

Meet the Jewish world champion of Magic: The Gathering

By Jacob Gurvis

(JTA) — There’s a good chance that right now, Nathan Steuer is playing, or thinking about playing, Magic: The Gathering. The trading card game, which Steuer used to play with friends at Jewish summer camp, has become the 20-year-old Berkeley native’s lifelong passion and full-time job.

Steuer — who had a bar mitzvah in addition to attending the Union for Reform Judaism’s Camp Newman in Santa Rosa, California — competes in online tournaments every weekend for about 12 hours each on Saturdays and Sundays. He spends hours preparing and studying strategy, and also coaches other players in his spare time. He’s even currently taking a year off from his studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz, in order to focus on the game.

The obsession paid off when Steuer won the Magic World Championship on Oct. 30 in Las Vegas, beating the 31 other best players from across the globe.

“It felt honestly surreal, like a dream,” Steuer told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview this week.

He sounds very measured and reserved on the phone, and he thinks that calmness helps his game.

“When you’re playing versus such high-level players in a world championship setting, a lot of your edges in terms of trying to win a greater amount come from keeping a really level-headed approach to each game, and making sure to essentially



Nathan Steuer is the 2022 World Champion of Magic: The Gathering. (Courtesy of Steuer)

not let nerves affect you,” Steuer explained.

For the uninitiated, in “Magic,” as it is colloquially known, each player inhabits the role of a “Planeswalker,” a wizard who can traverse dimensions to battle others in turn-based combat using spells. The game, which hit the market in 1993, often draws comparisons to predecessor Dungeons & Dragons, and can now be played both online and with physical cards. It has been played by tens of millions of people worldwide.

After the onset of the pandemic, the game largely transitioned online, especially for serious players. There’s an entire Pro Tour of players who compete in highly-competitive, international tournaments.

The World Championship comes

with the hefty prize of \$100,000 — but as a true Magic purist, Steuer is even more excited about the other part of the winnings: the opportunity to design his own Magic card with a fantasy illustration of himself that will be released in future decks.

“The prize money is awesome. But having that opportunity is really fantastic,” he said.

Steuer grew up attending synagogue every week for Shabbat services and religious school, an experience he remembers fondly.

“I really enjoyed getting to do that with my family, and having that experience was super meaningful, probably from when I was four to around the time of my bar mitzvah,” he said.

But even though he played Magic at Jewish camp, Steuer said he hasn’t

felt much overlap lately in those two aspects of his life.

It’s possible to earn a living as a Magic player: According to the official Magic site, around 150 players have amassed at least \$100,000 career earnings, with the top player cracking \$1 million. Steuer isn’t sure what his future holds, but for the time being, he’s devoted to his favorite game.

“I decided to transition and see how far this career could take me because it had been probably my biggest passion growing up, I never stopped,” Steuer said. “And so once I saw the opportunity, I decided to pursue it and see it through.”

Going forward, Steuer said he will work to defend his world title at next year’s championship. He’s also interested in the behind-the-scenes aspects of the game he loves, such as designing cards.

“Winning gave me that feeling that I have a lot that I can conquer outside of playing Magic if I set my mind to something, and I think it gave me a firm grasp that I can figure out my own path to success, whether it’s Magic or another pursuit.”



Steuer, then 12 years old, playing Magic: The Gathering.

News

There’s no beer at the World Cup in Qatar, but there are kosher bagels

By David I. Klein

(JTA) — Qatar may have caused an uproar by banning alcohol at the World Cup soccer tournament in Doha this month, but for religious Jewish fans, some kosher offerings will be available, thanks to two rabbis.

Rabbi Marc Schneier, from New York, and Rabbi Mendy Chitrik, the Hasidic Chabad-Lubavitch movement’s emissary to Istanbul, worked with Qatari officials to create a kosher catering program to provide for observant Jews who may attend the games. And despite a report that has echoed around the world claiming that Qatar banned the production of kosher food after promising it would be made available, the rabbis say all is still going as planned.

It won’t involve five-course meals or fine dining, but the duo arranged for kosher bagels to be baked in a catering space provided by Qatar Airways and delivered to those who need them during the World Cup.

“We decided to go with the theme of bagels, because while they are not well known here in Qatar, they are very well known in the U.S. and ethnically identified with Jews,” Schneier told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. “They’re probably the first kosher bagels being produced



and baked here in Qatar.

The kitchen is under the supervision of Chitrik, who manages kosher certification operations in Turkey — one of the world’s largest food producers — on behalf of the Orthodox Union, the Israeli Rabbinate and the Turkish Rabbinate. He has also helped facilitate kosher operations elsewhere in the Middle East, such as the United Arab Emirates. Chitrik’s son Eli, also a rabbi, will stay in Qatar for the duration of the tournament to supervise the facility.

Neither rabbi said they know

how much demand there will actually be for kosher food.

“It was really, you know, taking a leap of faith,” said Schneier, rabbi at the Hampton Synagogue on Long Island in New York. “I don’t know if one person needs a kosher meal or if 100 people will need a kosher meal.”

Chitrik, who has been involved in similar projects in the Gulf region in the past, told JTA that he received many phone calls asking if there would be kosher food available.

“From phone calls to actuality, you don’t know what will be, but there were a lot of requests,” he said. “As rabbis in the region, we felt it was our responsibility to respond to those requests and make sure that people have what to eat if they are coming to the games. Some people are staying for a month.”

The kitchen will be operational for the full 30 days of the World Cup tournament. Both rabbis said that if they see high demand, they hope to increase the offerings beyond just bagels.

The Jerusalem Post reported Sunday that Qatar has banned cooked kosher food at the World Cup, and World Jewish Congress President Ronald Lauder released a statement saying he was “outraged.” Both Chitrik and Schneier denied that claim.

“The whole thing was not very organized. Nobody actually came saying they would put up the money to establish a kosher restaurant. Everybody is demanding the Qataris to open a kosher restaurant, and no, they didn’t open a kosher restaurant. I’m sure if someone came with the business plan to open a kosher restaurant, they would have no problem with that. At the end of the day they did open up a kosher kitchen, but it was very last minute so there is no meat. That’s it for now,” Chitrik told JTA.

Schneier believes that the project has value beyond just filling empty stomachs — the bagels could be a step towards normalizing Jewish life in Qatar, which is currently nonexistent.

Both Chitrik and Schneier work in the realm of building Jewish-Islamic relations. Schneier is the president and founder of the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, a nonprofit devoted to improving Jewish-Muslim relations, while Chitrik leads the Alliance of Rabbis in Islamic States.

Currently, Qatar has no relations with Israel, and its state broadcaster, Al Jazeera, which is often accused of serving Qatari foreign policy, has long taken a hard line against the Jewish state.

Nonetheless, Schneier worked with his Qatari contacts to help bring the first direct flights from Israel to the gulf nation so that Israeli soccer fans could watch the games, unhindered by regional politics. Despite the lack of formal relations, the Israeli foreign ministry negotiated the establishment of a temporary diplomatic mission and consular office to serve their citizens for the duration of the games.


“The leadership of the State of Qatar is performing a ‘mitzvah’ by making kosher food available for members of the worldwide Jewish community, including those traveling from Israel,” Schneier said in a statement. “Furthermore, the Qataris have stood by and followed through on every commitment that was made to welcome Jewish fans to this prestigious event.”

The World Cup isn’t Schneier’s first foray into getting kosher food into sporting events. In the 1990s, when he served as president of New York’s Board of Rabbis, he was involved in the initiative to establish a kosher food stand at Yankee stadium. Since then, kosher food options have become available at many stadiums around the United States.



Rabbi Marc Schneier, holding paper, and Rabbi Mendy Chitrik, third from left, worked together on the initiative. (Courtesy of Schneier)

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News and Local

A first kiss, then marriage: Two rabbis-to-be tie the knot at a fun-filled California wedding

By Alix Wall

(JTA) — Zoe Dressner and Margeaux Wolberg had just one month free between graduating from college and when they were due in Jerusalem to begin rabbinical school. So, they figured, in addition to packing, finding an apartment and nailing down the logistics of a 6,000-mile move, why not get married?

At 23 and 22, respectively, the women are much younger than the average college-educated brides — but the decision to marry felt like a natural step in the relationship that began just months into college, accelerated because of the pandemic and, they knew, was headed for a shared destination in the

rabbinate.

“The only questions left were do we go directly after college or take a year off, and which school do we apply to,” said Dressner. “Luckily, we both felt really attached to the Reform movement, which meant we were both set on attending Hebrew Union College. We’re lucky that it worked out.”

They had been together for less than a year when all colleges and universities in the United States shuttered their campuses because of the descending pandemic.

“We lived with my family and her family. We weren’t in college with our friends anymore,” Dressner said. “We figured that if this is working, then it

must be legit, and it was.”

Their love story traversed three of Judaism’s denominations. Both women were first-year students in the joint program between Columbia University and List College, the undergraduate school of the Conservative movement’s Jewish Theological Seminary, when Dressner asked her classmates in an introductory Bible class whether anyone would like to check out a Reconstructionist Shabbat service. She got only one taker: Wolberg.

The next morning, on a cold January day, they walked from Morningside Heights to the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, commonly known as SAJ, a Reconstructionist

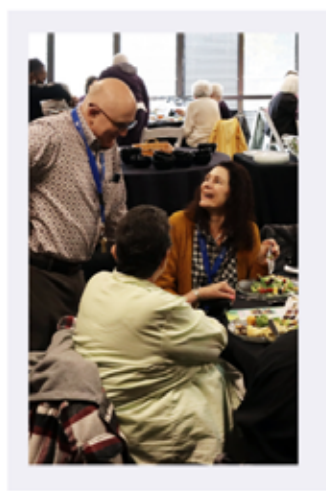
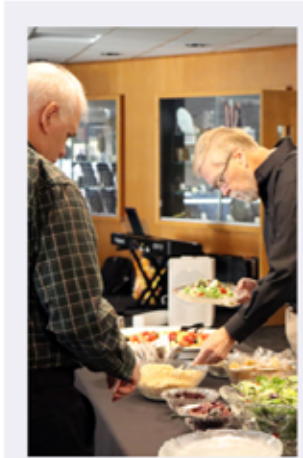
synagogue about two miles south of the JTS campus, and back. As they chatted, they learned they had something in common that was relatively rare for students at List College: Their Jewish passion had been stoked in the Reform movement, through their synagogues and the NFTY youth group — Wolberg in San Francisco and Dressner in East Brunswick, New Jersey.

Three months after their Shabbat morning stroll, the two women opened up to each other that their new friendship was turning into something more.

Neither had ever dated another woman. In fact, Dressner was the first

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Local seniors enjoyed lunch and the Toledo Opera on Wheels with *The Pirates of Penzance*.

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In late October, a group of Jewish Toledo seniors joined Jewish, Senior Family & Social Services (JSFSS) for an inaugural virtual reality demonstration. Led by Tim Hagen, JSFSS' new Ohio Department on Aging At-Home Technology Pilot Grant Oversight Project Manager and Technology Coordinator, the program allowed participants to take a virtual trip to Israel and experience various historic sites from the comfort of the Sekach Building. JSFSS is utilizing a State of Ohio grant of approximately \$90,000 to explore, develop, and provide technology to help seniors live independent lives.

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person Wolberg ever dated at all.

“She was my first kiss,” Wolberg said. “And now we’re married.”

Once they planned to wed, they decided it would mostly fall on Wolberg to plan the wedding, while Dressner would plan the proposal. Back in New York, on Dec. 23, 2021, Dressner’s itinerary took them from a light show at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden to sipping warm cider on a rooftop bar to dinner at a kosher steakhouse. They also exchanged rings.

“We started the day by walking around Morningside Heights and recalling special memories together: dates, places we’d lived, etc.” Wolberg said. “I wasn’t surprised that we were getting engaged that day, but the whole day’s plan was a surprise.”

Their wedding similarly packed a lot into a short time. After heading to

California from New York, they had a five-day window in which to marry before leaving for Israel. They set their sights on Sunday, June 12, but their preferred venue could accommodate them only on June 10, the Friday before.

The pair married amid the redwood trees at Old Mill Park in Marin County, holding a daytime reception that reflected a slew of their passions: Mediterranean food, progressive politics (informational posters about same-sex marriage and gun control) and Texas, the outdoor sandals that both nature enthusiasts have long favored.

Then the couple headed to Kabbalat Shabbat services at San Francisco’s Congregation Emanu-El. (Beth Singer, Emanu-El’s rabbi, had performed their wedding ceremony after another rabbi and cantor had to cancel.) A catered dinner followed, at which their grandparents and siblings recited the

sheva brachot, the blessings said during the first week of a marriage. They went back Saturday morning for services,

then headed to Wolberg’s parents’ house for a family lunch. That night, they held

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Zoe Dressner and Margeaux Wolberg's love story traversed three of Judaism's denominations. (Hellena Cedeño Photography)

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If you, or a loved one, is over 60 years of age, have a Wi-Fi connection, and would like to participate in a one-year pilot program studying how technology impacts your wellness, connectedness, and overall happiness, please call or email Tim at 419.724.0412 or tech@jewishtoledo.org

**Participants in the program will receive a
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We will help you set-up the device, provide training and support, and guidance on how it can positively impact your quality of life.
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Use Alexa Together to:

- Video chat with friends & family
- Set medication reminder
- Play music
- Check the weather forecast
- Watch videos
- Receive guided exercise/meditation
- Schedule appointments
- Learn Recipes
- Tell you jokes or play trivia
- And so much more!



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or contact us at 419-724-0401



You can help fight local hunger!

The Meijer **Simply Give** campaign runs from
Sunday, October 2 through Saturday, December 31, 2022
at the Central Avenue store which benefits the
Jewish Family Service Food Pantry!

You can help by purchasing a \$10 card
(or multiples of \$10) at Meijer during those days.

Make your dollars go ever further!

Double Match Days

Saturday, December 17, 2022

On this day, purchasing
a \$10 card will result in a \$30 donation!
Cards also available at Meijer!

**You can be a hero to those
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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.

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Family Pantry

Wish List*

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THANK YOU!

*Other products still gratefully accepted

Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services



CREATE AND RELATE: SESSION ONE!

January 26, 2023 | 12 – 2:30 p.m. | Sekach Building
FREE EVENT | LUNCH PROVIDED

NAMI will lead a Creative Expression Art Activity

The art project this session will be crafting your own picture frame. NAMI staff will bring in the art project and guide and encourage participants to creating through expression.

Where are My Keys? A Talk about Brain Changes

In this program we will explore how our brains change over time, leading to normal forgetfulness about names or where we parked the car. We will also look at more serious changes, such as dementia. Presented by Cheryl J. Conley, MA, LSW, “Where Are My Keys,” will discuss the world of dementia in regards to a person suffering from it or caring for someone who does. This presentation is well known within the community, has high reviews, and has shown to be a great way to build discussion of the topic.

Come nosh, come mingle, and, most importantly, come be together. This event is open to everyone!

RSVP to Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org by January 20, 2023.



January 26

March 23

May 25

July 27

September 28

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

- **Lunch provided**
- **Creative Expression art activity at every session**
- **Community member presentation**
- **Mitzvah project**

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Beginning in 2023, Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services will be bringing a new series of FREE events to the Toledo area Jewish community. Welcome to JSFSS’s new event series: **Create and Relate!** These events will offer the opportunity in five unique sessions for our seniors to connect with different services by bringing in new and exciting community members and activities. Although we hope to gear some services toward our seniors, we also hope to see people of all ages as we will be touching on topics within our society that are all-inclusive. All are welcome to attend. There will be a Creative Expression Art Activity at all sessions.

Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services

TECH TIPS

Are you aware that November is Assistive Technology Awareness Month? Curious to learn more?

Assistive technology (AT) is any device, digital or not, that helps an individual maintain or improve functioning, independence, and one's overall well-being. Assistive technology enables people of all ages to live healthier and more dignified lives.


Examples of devices include items such as eyeglasses and knee braces and hearing aids as well as "smart" voice assistants such as Siri and Alexa, which can be found on many phones and tablets. Virtual reality headsets, a growing technology, is yet another example.

Most current cell phones, tablets, and computers offer a slew of AT features

You can usually find them within your device's "Settings", under "Accessibility"

Helpful touch, sight, and audio features often include VoiceOver, Zoom, Touch Assistance, Subtitles and Captioning, and many others – too much to list here!

I encourage you to explore these features, see what may help you most, and use them routinely to build helpful habits. Questions? Please feel free to contact me!



(Tech Time with Tim)

Join us for our next virtual reality (VR) program in December: **"Tours of the World"**

Tuesday, December 6 at 11 a.m. at the Sekach Building

Contact Sherry at 419-724-0351 to register

Tim Hagen
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Getting to know you:

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services Staff



Tim Hagen, Project Manager and Technology Coordinator, Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services

Toledo Jewish News: Can you describe your main responsibilities in your new role?
Tim Hagen: My focus is to oversee a year-long grant awarded by the State of Ohio's Department of Aging. This grant has enabled the Federation to purchase both Amazon Echo Shows and Rendeever Virtual Reality headsets, technology that we have started to implement via programming and home visits, all with the intent to increase participants' social engagement with friends and family as well as increase their technology skills and awareness.

TJN: What are some of your biggest goals or aspirations for your role?
TH: A very practical goal is to increase technology-based programming and services for membership.

More generally, I hope to help increase members' willingness to see technology as an aide, as a tool that can benefit and make better their lives, not as a nuisance or complication.

TJN: What aspects of the JFGT or JF&SS mission do you connect with?
TH: In particular, "restoring the world" and "acts of loving-kindness"; I hope my work here reflects these values and responsibilities.

TJN: What led you to this type of work?
TH: I come from a background in public librarianship, so providing programming, learning the community in which I serve, forging connections, and helping people - these are all duties I care about and see as being important here, too.

TJN: What energizes you at work?
TH: Programming and finding ways to use technology as the focal point, is a key energizer. Knowing that I helped someone, even in the smallest of ways, is another.

TJN: What energizes you outside of work?
TH: The 3 'Rs': running, reading, and riding my bike. Playing board and video games with my family. Watching classic ("old") movies. Anything involving Legos. Exploring local Metroparks, especially Wildwood.

TJN: What is the most unique part about working for JFGT / JF&SS (so far)?
TH: To have daily, consistent opportunities to work with people in such direct, impactful ways is something I've never experienced in a prior job, library or not. It's both unique and special. I'm a fan!

TJN: Do you have a favorite memory or accomplishment at work (in a previous role) that you're most proud of?
TH: As the then director of the Ida Rupp Public Library system (Port Clinton), it was my honor to help lead the charge in opening a brand-new library branch in a nearby community, Marblehead. Witnessing the community support during construction and after opening made all the preparatory work and worry worth it.

TJN: What is something a *Toledo Jewish News* reader may not know about you?
TH: I'm not originally from Toledo, or Ohio for that matter (I'm a proud St. Louisan), but Ohio has been my home for many years now. I'm an adopted Buckeye, so to speak.

TJN: What is something you saw recently that made you smile?
TH: My family recently welcomed a rescue dog, Tasha, into the mix. Sure enough, one of our three (very particular) cats, Socks, gently bumped noses with Tasha the other evening and I just happened to notice this exchange. Were they saying 'hi'? Is Tasha now accepted by the cat clan? Did they just like how each other smelled? I'll never know.

TJN: What is the best compliment you have ever received?
TH: I was once told by a close friend that I "was the best listener they ever met". Hearing that meant the world to me.

TJN: What are three words your closest family and friends would use to describe you?
TH: Empathetic, creative, curious

TJN: What is one of your favorite family traditions?
TH: When young, my parents, sister, and I would go for a drive across the Mississippi River every September to go apple picking in rural Illinois. Minus Illinois and a really wide river, this is a tradition that my wife, two kids, mom, and I have continued in search of tart and crisp Jonathans, our (my!) favorite kind.



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November 6-14, 2023

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NJG Programs



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Any questions? Contact Marnie Younker at marnie@jewishtoledo.org

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

Board & Brush – Hanukkah Edition! Thursday, December 15

6 p.m.
Board & Brush Sylvania, 6725 W. Central Avenue
\$20 per person – includes your project, snacks, and sips
Join us for a private pre-Hanukkah mini workshop; choose from over 200 different mini projects! Make a gift or something for your own festive holiday or winter décor.

Please RSVP here <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njg2022> and then go here: <https://boardandbrush.com/sylvania/events/private-diy-mini-workshop-12-15-2022-6pm-8pm/> and enter access code JFGT to pick your project!



Fire & Ice

Saturday January 21

5 p.m.

Gathered Glassblowing Studio

23 N. Huron Street, Downtown Toledo

\$35 per person – includes glassblowing demo, your own stemless wine glass, snacks, and sips during the event and after on the Blarney Irish Pub Igloo (601 Monroe Street)
Space is limited! Register TODAY!



Let's kick off the new year with a fun night downtown. We'll start off with a private glass blowing experience and end it with apps and drinks outdoors in a (heated) igloo on the Blarney patio.

Each participant will make their own stemless wine glass with the assistance of the amazing professional glassblowers.

RSVP to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njg2023> OR sherry@Jewishtoledo.org / 419-724-0351 and let us know of any dietary restrictions.

Next JGen is a staple of Jewish life in the Toledo area, existing to draw wonderful, dynamic, young Jewish people together for the greater benefit of the community. From Hebrew Happy Hours to date nights to volunteer opportunities, Young Jewish Toledo provides a range of opportunities for young Jewish professionals 21-40. These future leaders of Jewish Toledo are continuously strengthening personal connections while participating in – and perpetuating – Jewish life in Toledo. To find out more about how you or someone you know can get involved with Young Jewish Toledo, contact Marnie at marnie@jewishtoledo.org.



PJ Library

PJ Playdates



Bounce House Playdate YMCA / JCC



Sunday, January 29
11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.
YMCA / JCC - 6465 Sylvania Avenue
\$5 per child - lunch provided
Open to all kids in Pre-K - 5th grade

Join us for a fun-tastic day at the JCC/YMCA! The kids will jump and play, and we'll have lunch together too.

Drop off your kid(s) off after Sunday School (or let us pick them up from Sunday school). Parents are welcome to stay.

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PJ & Gan Yeladim Spinning into Hanukkah Playdates

Friday, December 2 & December 9
9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Gan Yeladim Preschool
6505 Sylvania Avenue



FREE - snacks will be provided. *Please bring diapers, or wipes, or baby soap/shampoo for donation to the Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services Family Pantry*

Open to our preschool age friends (0-3) and their and their parents, grandparents, nannies, and friends

Join us as we spin into Hanukkah with a fun morning of crafts, play with friends, and a special circle time with Morah Raizel! Meet and make friends with other PJ parents and their kids.

RSVP to Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.

Please let us know of any dietary restrictions.

Keep Calm and PJ® On:

Yoga for Babies & Tots

Monday, December 5, December 12,
December 19
10 - 11 a.m.

Gan Yeladim Preschool -
6505 Sylvania Avenue



\$25 for all four sessions -
 includes yoga class and snacks

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To learn more about PJ Library® and to ensure your child receives this wonderful gift, please contact Marnie at 419-724-0365 or marnie@jewishtoledo.org

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

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

Job Responsibilities

Advisors work with teens on the ground level to help them plan high quality programs, get involved with the community, and help their chapters to reach their full potential. Our advisors serve as positive Jewish role models by sharing observations with the teens, exploring problems and potential solutions, and encouraging them to strive for excellence. With advisor oversight, chapter programming is the responsibility of chapter members, allowing the teens to make some mistakes while helping them to learn and grow.

Advisors also work with teens to develop the character and confidence they need to handle the challenges of the high school years. Must be 21 years of age or older.

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Monday

Get Fit Early, 9-10am

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

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Cardio Drumming, 12-1pm

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

Wednesday

Get Fit Early, 9-10am

-or-

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

(see description above)

Ballet Ball Fusion, 12-1pm

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

Friday

Zumba, 9-10am

Foundation Fitness, 10am-11pm

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Annual Latke Luncheon



Hanukkah Latke Luncheon

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\$5 per person

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Entertainment by "The Boogie Woogie Kid"

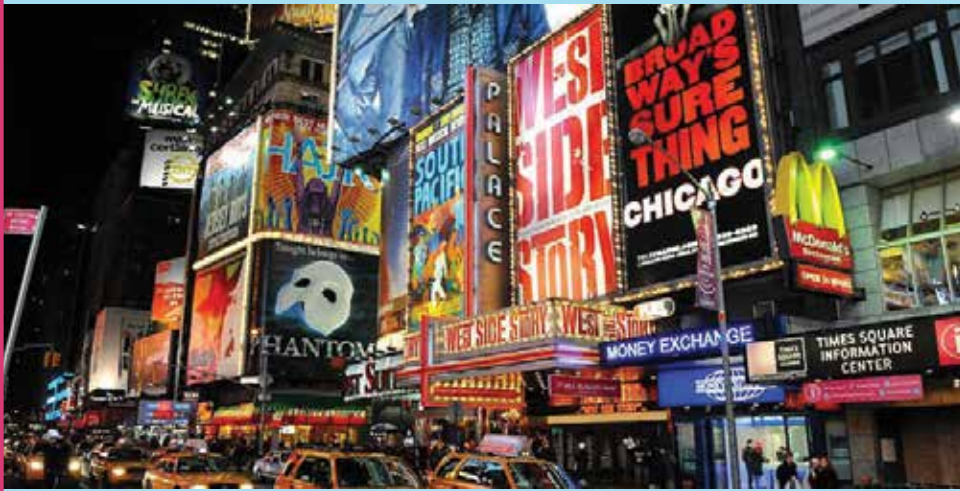
Pianist/singer and songwriter Matthew Ball, aka The Boogie Woogie Kid, is the piano man with 5 million YouTube views! A nationally touring act of piano virtuosity, song, and family fun, Matthew presents an upbeat program of piano, song, boogie-n-blues, jazz-n-rags with arrangements of classic American songs like It Had to be You, In the Mood, When the Saints Go Marchin In, That's The Glory of Love, Basin Street Blues, Bumble Boogie, Just a Closer Walk with Thee, Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out, What a Wonderful World, and more!

Timeless music from the '20s, '30s & '40s with a focus on New Orleans and Swing piano styles, Matthew's music is an engaging event of toe-tapping piano athleticism and song that captures the spirit, fun, and tradition of a celebrated American music heritage.

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Seniors Join Friends for
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Tuesday, December 13
9 to 10 a.m.
Sekach Building
6505 Sylvania Ave



Just come and visit with friends and
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a party for their friends.

The couple said they appreciated that Shabbat services became a continuation of their celebration. They also said that one feature of the wedding stood out: the bouncy house.

That was Dressner’s idea. Given their ages, she said, she thought, “Why not?”

But although some of their parents were initially skeptical about it, most of the guests partook. And one could also see the massive inflatable slide that the couple zoomed down together as a metaphor for their relationship.

“I’m much more reserved personality-wise, and sometimes I need to be pushed out of my comfort zone,” Dressner said. “I learn a lot from the wonderful way Margeaux approaches the world so differently.”

Meanwhile, Wolberg said that among the traits she loves most about her partner is that she has long considered herself a bit of an eccentric (her love of Renaissance music was part of what endeared her to Dressner), and thought it might be difficult to find someone who would put up with her many quirks.

“Zoe wholeheartedly accepts me,” she said. “My quirks are the things she loves the most. She’s not just putting up with me, but really loves all of me for exactly who I am.”

This story is part of JTA’s Mazels series, which profiles unique and noteworthy Jewish life events from births to b’nai mitzvah to weddings and everything in between.



Dressner and Wolberg married amid the redwood trees at Old Mill Park in Marin County, California. (Hellena Cedeño Photography)

Obituaries now accepted for print in Toledo Jewish News

Toledo Jewish News accepts obituaries for the Toledo Jewish community, immediate family members, and former residents of the Toledo Jewish community.

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).

Email completed obituaries to: paul@JewishToledo.org

You may include a photo of the deceased if you wish (optional).

NOTE: Only obituaries submitted to paul@JewishToledo.org (at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo offices) will be printed in Toledo Jewish News.

Toledo Jewish News is published the first of every month except July. Obituaries should be emailed by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

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Marriage Announcement

Susan and Steve Kaufman happily announce the marriage of their son, **Max Kaufman, to Nikki Horwitz**, daughter of Sheri and Ken Horwitz of Randolph, NJ. Their wedding took place in Florham Park, NJ on October 29, 2022. Max is the grandson of Calvin and Bernice Katz and E. Mitchell and Deena Kaufman, all of blessed memory. The couple met at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA, where Max received his bachelor's degree in finance and international business, and Nikki received her bachelor's degree in dance and business administration. Max is the Strategy and Business Operations Manager at Boulevard, a venture-backed software and fintech startup serving the self-care industry. Nikki is the Grants Coordinator at Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, a nonprofit based in Chicago, IL. She is currently attending Arcadia University where she will be completing the Doctor of Physical Therapy program in 2023. Max and Nikki reside in Chicago, IL.



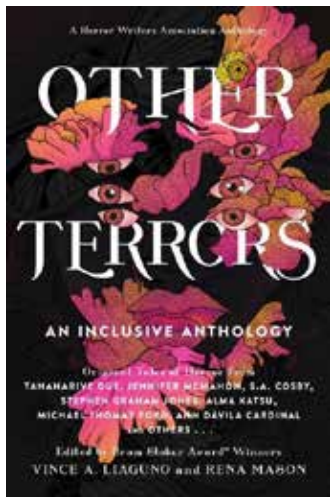
Birth Announcement

Meyer Benjamin Mann (Meir Bin-yamin) was born on November 6 to Helen Grubb and Kristofer Mann. Grandparents are Barbara Straus (z"l), Blair Grubb and Dena Eber, Deborah Mann (z"l), and Ken and Cindy Mann.



UT Hillel Alumnus publishes anthology

Maxwell I. Gold, Columbus-based author and poet, recently published the story, *Black Screams, Yellow Stars in Other Terrors: An Inclusive Anthology*, distributed by HarperCollins Publishers. The story focuses on the dangers of antisemitism with haunting images of history's lessons.



"Other Terrors is an anthology that looks at the fear and dread of being othered," Gold stated. "Being Jewish, many of us can easily understand the darksome things, historical traumas, and modern monsters that amount to what would be considered an 'other terror.' The world was in such a tumultuous place during the Summer of 2020 I began to reflect not only on my Jewish heritage, but the inextricably linked relationship between Jews and Blacks in America. *Black Screams, Yellow Stars* examines the collective trauma of two groups told through the last moments of two narrators who find themselves on the other end of an all too familiar, hateful twine. The story itself was inspired by an article from a letter in the Cincinnati-based American Israelite newspaper dated August 28, 1868."

According to Gold, the story follows two narrators, a Jewish man and a Black man. The two end up at the mercy of crimson-hat wearing brutes who have plans decided for them simply because they are who they are.

Gold is an alumnus of The University of Toledo Hillel and has been writing prose poetry since 2017 (professionally published); his work has been nominated for the Rhysling Award and Pushcart Prize. In 2021, he released his first book, *Oblivion in Flux: A Collection of Cyber Prose*. His second book of poetry, *Mobius Lyrics*, was recently released, and he plans to release third and fourth books of poems in 2023.



Birth Announcement

Great grandparents Dr. Melvin and Ann Conn and parents David and Fah Conn announce the birth of **Ms. Kennedy Conn** on August 23, 2022. She lives in Washington D.C. with her parents.

B'nai Mitzvah

We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah



Gabriel Lynn Green will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on December 10, 2022, at Temple Shomer Emunim. Gabe is the son of Tamara and Jeff Green and brother of Avi and Maya. He is the grandson of Mark and JoAnn White, Candice and Wayne Walcott, and Jeffrey and Nora Green.

Gabe is in 7th grade at Timberstone Junior High School where he takes a challenging course load and plays trumpet in the school band. He also plays shortstop for the Midwest Monsters 13U baseball team. An aspiring leader, Gabe is active in Student Council and he volunteers to help in many events. Gabe's zeal for life is contagious, his smile infectious, and he is beyond excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with his family and with his friends.



Reagan Miller is a 7th grader at Anthony Wayne Junior High. She has many passions including animals, friends, and gymnastics. One of the most important experiences for Reagan is her time at Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI). The time spent at camp has helped inspire Reagan's Jewish identity. Part of her Jewish identity and being a Bat Mitzvah is her desire to help others and since winter is quickly approaching, Reagan decided to help the Toledo Humane Society as her mitzvah project. She is hoping to donate many different items to help care for all the animals. She is very excited to share her Bat Mitzvah with family and friends from all over the country.

Have something to kvell about?



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Temple Shomer Emunim

December Worship Schedule

Friday, December 2

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

Friday, December 9

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

Saturday, December 10

Shabbat Service at 10:30AM

Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel Green

Friday, December 16

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

Saturday, December 17

Shabbat Service at 10:30AM

Bat Mitzvah of Reagan Miller

Friday, December 23

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

Friday, December 30

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM



Temple Book Club

The Temple Book Club will meet
Thursday, December 8 @ 10:30AM.

Violeta, by Isabel Allende,
will be discussed.

Kol Zimrah Rehearsals

December 6, 13 & 20 at 7:30PM



Chanukah Bash!
Sunday, December 11
5-7:30PM



Join us for your favorite Chanukah foods,
music, airbrush artist, dreidel games and more!
Adults \$10 Children 10 & Under \$5
RSVP to mkuehnle@templese.com or
419/885-3341 by Wednesday, December 14

Winter Concert

Sunday, December 11 at 3:00PM

Come & enjoy a performance featuring art songs.
Opera arias & Broadway selections by BGSU voice
students of Dr. Jane Schoonmaker Rogers. A
reception will follow. Please bring hats, warm
gloves & warm socks for those in need.



Men's Chavurah

Wednesday, December 28 @ 7PM

December Religious/Hebrew School

Sun 4 th	Religious School 9:15-11:30AM
Wed 7 th	Hebrew School 4:30-6PM
Sun 11 th	Chanukah Bash 5-7:30PM. No Morning Classes!
Wed 14 th	Hebrew School 4:30-6PM
Sun 18 th	NO Religious School
Wed 21 st	NO Hebrew School
Sun 25 th	NO Religious School
Wed 28 th	NO Hebrew School

Temple Tots

Sunday, December 4 @ 9:15AM
"Eight is Great"



Join us Friday, December 23 @ 6:00PM
For Shabbat Chanukah

We welcome our special guests, the Toledo Choral
Society, directed by Richard Napierala.
Kol Zimrah will also perform.



Temple Jewish Overnight Camp Scholarships from
the Temple Board, WRJ & Temple Brotherhood are
now available. **The deadline for scholarship
application is Wednesday, February 1.** For more
information, please refer to your December Bulletin
or call the Temple office.

Congregation B'nai Israel

cbitoledo.org

ALL congregants are welcomed back to in-person services regardless of vaccine status. Mask-wearing at in-person CBI services and programs is **OPTIONAL**, however, un-vaccinated attendees are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to wear a mask while in the building. If you are not a CBI member and would like to attend, please contact the office at 419.517.8400.

THE PROGRAMS BELOW ARE OPEN TO THE
MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

Parashat Hashavuah:
Torah Portion of the Week
with Lay-leader, Miriam Beckerman

Every Friday at 10:00-11:00 AM
beginning December 2, 2022
In-Person at CBI

A knowledge of Torah is not required to attend.
If you are not a member of CBI and would like to
attend, please contact the office 419-517-8400 no
later than Thursday before the meeting.

**Adult Ed: Climate Change &
the State of the Planet**
Sunday, December 11, 2022
10:30 AM - Noon, In-Person at CBI

Please RSVP to the office 419-517-8400 by
Monday, December 5, 2022.

Weekly Services Schedule

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

WCBI BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, December 13, 2022
10:30 AM In-Person at CBI

The December book is *The Hidden Palace* by
Helene Wecker. This is the long-awaited sequel to
The Golden and the Jinni.

**THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL
LOCAL CONGREGATIONS**

Please RSVP to Ellen Federman at efederman@sbcglobal.net
by Sunday, December 11, 2022.

Hanukkah Latkes & Lights

Friday, December 23, 2022
4:30 PM In-Person at CBI in the Chapel

Join us for an entertaining Video presentation,
Hanukkah & Shabbat Candle-Lighting, Kabbalat
Shabbat Service, & DINNER - Yummy latkes,
sufganiyot, chocolate gelt, and MORE!

**There is no cost for this dinner and program, but
CBI members must RSVP to the office by Friday,
December 16, 2022.**

SAVE THE DATE:

WCBI Celebrates
Rosh Chodesh Shevat
Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023 7:00 PM
In-Person at CBI

Join us for "Chocolate & Friends - The Rich Things in
Life". See more details in the Dec. & Jan. bulletin.

**David S. Stone Religious School
Calendar: December 2022**

Sun.	12/4	Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM
Wed.	12/7	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	12/11	Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM
Wed.	12/14	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	12/18	NO RS - WINTER BREAK
Wed.	12/21	NO HS - WINTER BREAK
Sun.	12/25	NO RS - WINTER BREAK
Wed.	12/28	NO HS - WINTER BREAK

The CBI office will be CLOSED

Monday, December 26, 2022
Monday, January 2, 2022

**Hanukkah Begins on the Evening of
Sunday, December 18, 2022**

Hanukkah candles, gelt,
menorahs, wrapping paper,
and gift items are available
for purchase at the CBI
Phyllis Diamond Judaica
Gift Shop. To see the full
Hanukkah gift assortment,
please call 419.517.8400 to
make an appointment. The
gift shop is open on Sundays
during religious school from
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM.



Congregation Etz Chayim

CANDLEMAKING PROGRAM PLANNED

A delightful program planned for Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 p.m. is Candle-Making at the Riverfront Candle Company in Perrysburg. You **MUST** register for this program. The Riverfront Candle Co. is based in Historic Downtown Perrysburg, Ohio and offers a unique hands-on candle pouring experience. Let your sense of smell inspire you as you make your way through the store. Guests can pour their own candle by blending three premium fragrance oils together to create a custom-made scent. Pricing depends on the container chosen. The candle containers start at \$25. Please contact Nancy Jacobson at jaco824@bex.net to register.

MAJ, POKER, BINGO GAME DAY & PRE-CHANUKAH LUNCH

Everyone is invited to play games on Sunday, December 11th from 10:00-12:00. Following the games, a pre-Chanukah lunch will be served, including latkes. Come join the fun, great social interaction and a delicious lunch. Please register with Nancy Jacobson or Elsa Leveton.

ZOOM MINI -SERIES WITH RABBI JASON MARK

Rabbi Mark will continue his second Zoom Mini- Series on Thursday, December 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Please register for the link.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for a tzedakah project at the Ronald McDonald House. Ten volunteers are needed to help cook lunch for the families on Sunday, December 25th from 10:00 a.m.- noon. Following the project, a delicious pizza lunch will be served. Please register with Nancy Jacobson if you are interested.



Chabad House

Community
CHANUKAH
Celebration

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 18**
3:45 PM: Lego Menorah Building
4:30 PM: Menorah Lighting

GIANT MENORAH LIGHTING
JUGGLING SHOW
LEGO DREIDLES FOR EVERYONE
LATKES | DONUTS | MUSIC

**AT FRANKLIN PARK MALL
NEAR THE FOOD COURT**
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Franklin Park
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DEC 18
3:45 PM

CHANUKAH @ THE MALL
Lego Menorah! Donuts! Music! Entertainment!
At Franklin Park Mall, near the food court.

DEC 21
4:30 PM

DOWNTOWN MENORAH LIGHTING
In front of the Government Center.
Latkes, donuts and more!

DEC 22
5:15 PM

CAR MENORAH PARADE
Share the joy by circling the streets with
Menorah-topped cars! Leaving from the
Chabad House.

DEC 24
7:15 PM

CHANUKAH ADULT SOCIAL
Enjoy a wonderful evening with latkes and
games at the Chabad House.

The Chanukah events are sponsored in honor of, and with many thanks to Joel and Linda Beren.

MORE DETAILS AT CHABADTOLEDO.COM/CHANUKAH

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WINTER CAMP**

DEC 19 - 23
GRADES PRE-K - 5
9:30AM-3PM
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WOMEN LEADING A DIALOGUE

Women Leading a Dialogue programs are funded through the generosity of the Susan & Steven Kaufman and Levine Family Philanthropic Funds of the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation.

On November 6-9, 17 women from Israel's Western Galilee region came to Toledo as part of a program called Women Leading a Dialogue. This special, multi-cultural, women's empowerment Partnership2Gether program brings Jewish and Arab women together for a dialogue. The women of the group get to know each other, go out on field trips, and celebrate holidays together. While strengthening their bonds, they also enhance their leadership skills.

While in town, the women met with over 100 Jewish and non-Jewish community members at three events. They also went on a tour and private glassblowing demonstration at the Toledo Museum of Art, made glass flowers at Gathered Glassblowing Studio, volunteered at the Islamic Food Bank, toured the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo and Congregation B'nai Israel, and more.

A special thank you to Laurie Gross, Anita Levin, Rhoda Miller, Fagie Benstein, Ann and Howard Rosenberg, Larry and Diane Friedman, and Barbara and Jim Goodman for providing home hospitality.

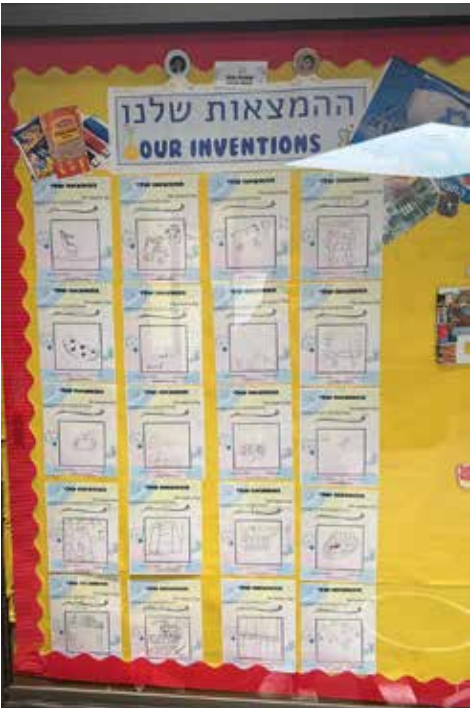
Young adult Israeli emissaries visit Toledo



On October 28-30, two Shinshinim spent their first of three weekends this school year in Toledo. Shinshinim are young adult Israeli emissaries who participate in a highly competitive program of the Jewish Agency for Israel. They are taking a gap year between high school and their mandatory army service to volunteer in the Cleveland Jewish community. The Shinshinim spoke at Shabbat services at Temple Shomer Emunim and Congregation B'nai Israel and led activities at the religious schools. They will return to Toledo in February and later in the spring. A special thank you to Hope and Greg Davis for providing home hospitality.



Pictured from left to right, Daniel Pearlman (JCRC Director), Bnaya Michael Gavish Maor, and Yoav Manor



Safety Tips



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

Now that the weather is turning to colder temperatures, we need to be aware of home fire safety. House fires can be highly dangerous or even deadly, so it's important for everyone in your family to be aware of proper fire prevention and safety. Each year, thousands of children suffer mild to serious injuries as a result of fire-related situations, with nearly 500 of these cases being fatalities.

7 Ways to Prepare for a Home Fire

- Install the right number of smoke alarms. Test them once a month and replace the batteries at least once a year.
- Teach children what smoke alarms sound like and what to do when they hear one.
- Ensure that all household members know two ways to escape from every room of your home and know the family meeting spot outside of your home.
- Establish a family emergency communications plan and ensure that all household members know who to contact if they cannot find one another.
- Practice escaping from your home at least twice a year. Press the smoke alarm test button or yell "Fire" to alert everyone that they must get out.
- Make sure everyone knows how to call 9-1-1.
- Teach household members to STOP, DROP and ROLL if their clothes catch on fire.

Remember These DOs and DON'Ts

- DO keep items that can catch on fire at least three feet away from anything that gets hot, such as space heaters.
- Smoking materials are the leading cause of residential fire deaths in the United States. So, if you smoke:
- DO take precautions: Smoke outside; choose fire-safe cigarettes; use deep, sturdy ashtrays and douse cigarette and cigar butts with water before disposal.
- DON'T ever smoke in bed, when drowsy or medicated, or if anyone in the home is using oxygen.
- DO talk to children regularly about the dangers of fire, matches and lighters and keep them out of reach.
- DO turn portable heaters off when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- DO use flashlights when the power is out, not candles.
- DON'T leave a burning candle unattended, even for a minute.

Safeguard Your Home

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside every sleeping area.
- Install a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each separate sleeping area.
- Make sure your house number is easily readable from the street, even at night.
- Make sure your home heating sources are clean and in working order. Many home fires are started by poorly maintained furnaces or stoves, cracked or rusted furnace parts, or chimneys with creosote buildup.
- Use kerosene heaters only if permitted by law. Refuel kerosene heaters only outdoors and after they have cooled.
- Check electrical wiring in your home:
- Fix or replace frayed extension cords, exposed wires, or loose plugs.
- Make sure wiring is not under rugs, attached by nails, or in high traffic areas.
- Make sure electrical outlets have cover plates and no exposed wiring.
- Avoid overloading outlets or extension cords.
- Purchase only appliances and electrical devices (including space heaters) that bear the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Store combustible materials in open areas away from heat sources. Place rags used to apply flammable household chemicals in metal containers with tight-fitting lids.

Menorah Fire Safety

It's possible to buy electric menorahs, but if you prefer traditional candles, you can still celebrate Hanukkah in a fire smart way. Keep flammable items, including curtains and holiday decorations, at least 3 feet away from your candles. Place your menorah on a non-flammable surface to catch the melting candle wax, such as a tray lined with aluminum foil. Never leave lit candles unattended.



HAPPY CHANUKAH



Hillel419 wishes you a very happy Chanukah!



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