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Jewish Toledo unites to demand safe return of hostages

Community Israel event at Etz Chayim

Jewish Toledo community members gathered at Congregation Etz Chayim last month to hear Daniel Pearlman, JFGT VP of Community and Government Relations, provide context and guidance on the situation in Israel.

As we continue to offer information and resources in coming days and weeks, a regularly updated list of links and media can be found at www.jewishtoledo.org/communityresources.

Community Israel event at B’nai Israel

Last month, over 200 community members met at Congregation B’nai Israel to hold a rally for the 240 innocent hostages held in Hamas captivity. Attendees of multiple faiths joined together in song and prayer for the safe and immediate return of each hostage.

Thank you to all who attended, as well as to our featured speakers, including Daniel Pearlman (VP, Community and Government Relations, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo), Stephen Rothschild (CEO, JFGT), Rabbi Lisa Delson (Temple Shomer Emunim), Cantor Ivor Lichterman (Congregation B’nai Israel), and representatives for Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur and U.S. Senators J.D. Vance and Sherrod Brown.



Israel media briefing

JFGT VP of Community & Government Relations Daniel Pearlman recently led a media briefing for several local media outlets on the October 7 atrocities and the war against Hamas. Jewish Toledo community member Ido Rottem spoke about his experience as an Israeli.



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jewish community relations council fall into films



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



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

This event is FREE, though registration is required. To sign up, visit <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jcrc-film-festival-registration> or contact Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

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‘ Hamas did not murder your vision’: At memorial service for Vivian Silver, grief and a determination to pursue peace

By Eliyahu Freedman
KIBBUTZ GEZER, Israel (JTA) — As she eulogized Vivian Silver, her friend and longtime fellow activist, Ghadir Hani said, “Vivian, my beloved, if you could hear, I would want you to know: Hamas did not murder your vision.”

Hani, who is from Hura, a Bedouin town in southern Israel, was one of several speakers at a “parting ceremony” for Silver, the Canadian-Israeli peace activist who was killed by Hamas in its invasion of Israel on Oct. 7. Many in the mixed crowd of Jewish and Palestinian women at the ceremony held each other in tears, and a friend of Silver’s from Gaza sent a written note.

Silver was previously presumed to have been held hostage, and confirmation of her death in the massacre at Kibbutz Be’eri came last month. Before moving to Be’eri in 1990, Silver had lived at Gezer, in central Israel, for more than a decade.

Cars lined the road for several kilometers outside of the kibbutz, and the large crowd included current and former Israeli lawmakers, Reform and Orthodox Jewish leaders, international and local media and activists wearing

shirts bearing the names of left-wing organizations including the one she co-founded, Women Wage Peace.

“It is impossible to destroy humanity, solidarity, the wish for a safe future,” Hani said in her eulogy.

Arab-Israeli Knesset member Ayman Odeh, who leads the Hadash Party, described Silver in remarks to journalists as “the shining light of our community” and lamented that “instead of dancing together after achieving peace, she became a victim in the most horrible way.”

Dov Khenin, a longtime Knesset member from Hadash and later the Joint List, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that his “heart is broken” and that Vivian “was optimistic, very smiley and personable” while working together with him on many campaigns promoting Jewish-Arab partnership.

Many speakers from diverse backgrounds described their immense pain at Silver’s death, and determination to pursue the causes to which she was devoted: peace and feminist activism.

“We promise you Vivian, we will continue your path even stronger and braver, since now it is clear where the path leads to that is not the ‘way of

peace,” said Avital Brown of Women Wage Peace. Brown promised to “continue to work with our Palestinian partners and the global community of women.”

After the final speaker, members of Women Wage Peace, all wearing light blue scarves, gathered in a circle, singing Israeli folk songs and concluding with “We shall overcome.”

“You taught us the most important lesson: to be human, to see the other, the weak, the one whose voice is not heard,” said Hani, who discussed the difficulty of saying goodbye to Silver during wartime.

“I wait here without words,” she said. “We are all in shock. What would you tell us to do now? How can we continue from here?”



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Toledo Jewish Community Foundation

The End of an Era:

Arleen Levine to retire from the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation



By Jessica Endy

Many Toledo Jewish community members would have a difficult time remembering – or imagining – a Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (TJCF) without Arleen R. Levine, Esq., but, after nearly 31 years, Levine is set to begin a new chapter.

“I’ve known Arleen since at least 1979 when I returned to Toledo after college and Arleen was at [The University of Toledo] law,” said Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Honorary Trustee Joel Beren. “Coincidentally, Arleen and I rented the same apartment while at Ohio State University one year apart. Arleen has been on ‘the bridge’ of our communal ship through four decades of change. She has helped navigate the obstacles and set a course for the future of Jewish Toledo.”

“I was the Board Chair of TJCF when it was decided to hire a fulltime Director for the Foundation,” said Harley Kripke. “After a national search, it was decided that Arleen was the best person for the job. We wanted to hire someone who could interface with our Toledo Jewish community and who had an estate planning legal background, and the fact that she was part of our Toledo Jewish community made her the perfect candidate.”

“I did not begin my professional path in Jewish communal work,” said Levine. “I previously had served as an assistant prosecuting attorney, magistrate in the Wood County and Toledo Municipal Court and staff attorney with the University of Toledo College of Law. Ultimately, I answered ‘Hineni, Here I Am,’ following my passion for our Jewish community to honor the legacy of those who came before us and ensure a bright future for those to follow.”

As TJCF’s first fulltime Director, Levine managed all planned giving and endowment efforts for Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT), including cultivating and stewarding donors and prospective donors; distributing vital grants; overseeing the Grants and Professional Advisory committees; working with the Investment Committee to maximize

investment returns within appropriate risk parameters; and developing meaningful policies, guidelines, and procedures to support the legal and regulatory requirements of a complex endowment program.

Perhaps most notably, during Levine’s tenure TJCF’s assets grew ten-fold.

“My feeling is the Foundation would be a fraction of what it is today if not for Arleen,” said past TJCF Chair Daniel Steinberg. “Very simply, Arleen understood the concept of development. You don’t build a forest overnight. You must plant seeds and grow it over many years or even decades. Arleen spent most of her time ‘planting seeds’ for our community’s future and today we have a fledging Foundation with over \$60 million of assets. That’s an incredible number and 100% of the credit is due to Arleen! Her demeanor, coupled with her legal background and her deep belief in Tikkun Olam, allowed for her to be so successful. She invested her soul 24/7/365 into her work.”

“I have been an attorney for 60+ years and a lot of my clients are involved in charitable giving,” said community leader Frank Jacobs. “I have known Arleen since the start of her career at the Foundation, and our paths have crossed many times through the years. She is very conscientious, very responsible, and very knowledgeable. Arleen is very good at what she does and has been very successful in the development business as a result.”

“Arleen has been a wonderful asset to the community for so many years,” said JFGT Board President Mark Greenblatt. “She has built the Foundation into a wonderful financial resource to ensure the future of the Toledo Jewish community.”

“I can’t say enough good things about Arleen,” said William Barkan, Counsel for TJCF. “It’s been a real pleasure to work with her over the years. She’s an outstanding person. The enormous growth of the Foundation is really due to her efforts. I truly believe that the Toledo Jewish community is forever in debt to her.”

Added past TJCF Chair Donald Solomon, “Arleen was always the true professional. Not only did she raise the funds, but she monitored the assets of the Foundation during her tenure. The funds served the community as well as those most in need. One never doubted her recommendations.”

“Arleen has made a tremendous difference during her tenure, and I do not know of any one person who could replace her,” noted past TJCF Chair Gordon Levine, also Levine’s father-in-law. “If it weren’t for her, the Foundation would not be anywhere near where it is today.”

In addition to Levine’s responsibilities at TJCF, she also was

part of JFGT’s Interim CEO leadership team during two separate vacancies.

Key to Levine’s success, and, according to Levine, her “greatest joy,” has been forging deep connections with donors, leaders, community members, and colleagues. “It’s been an honor to help fulfill the commandment, ‘So as my ancestors planted for me, so do I plant for those who will come after me,’ by working with individuals to create legacy gifts that preserve the memory of a loved one, fulfill their deepest passions, or enable them to embrace the Jewish tradition of tzedakah.”

“Arleen helped Jill and I set up our Donor Advised Fund and guided us through how to best utilize it long before I was involved on the Foundation Investment Committee,” said current TJCF Chair Matt Kripke. “She has been a steward of so many significant gifts, but more importantly, she has served as the human connection between so many individuals and the Jewish Federation. Many people benefited from her caring, checking in on them and helping them ‘pay it forward.’”

“I have known and worked alongside Arleen for over 27 years,” said Wendy Goldstein, JFGT Donor Development and Women’s Philanthropy Officer. “Throughout our years together we worked on many Women’s Philanthropy, donor appreciation, and community programs. Arleen was and will continue to be an important part of my life. Arleen’s dedication to our donors will be her legacy.”

“I recall the many ways Arleen has added to the quality of Jewish life in Toledo,” noted the Hon. George Glasser, past President of Jewish Senior Services of Toledo, Inc. and past Director of Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization. “She has been a wonderful matchmaker through the years, matching contributors to causes for the betterment of Greater Toledo.”

Past TJCF Chair Fred Treuhaft further reinforced the fact that Levine’s TJCF leadership made a significant impact on the broader community. “Arleen has been pivotal to the success of our Foundation, which leads to success and security for the Toledo area Jewish community. Her contributions and leadership have put us in a position that many other communities desire. Her knowledge, relationship and communication skills and confidentiality allow past and current donors to share their thoughts and dreams about what Toledo could be, not just where we are.”

“I had the pleasure of working with Arleen when Darlington House was sold and we were seeking to protect the proceeds for the care of future members of the senior Jewish Greater Toledo community,” said Judge Glasser. “Her career characterized good judgment,

knowledge, and dignity whereby she earned the respect of the Jewish community and the general community. An enduring result of Arleen’s efforts is the Sekach Building, which has proven to be a beautiful memorial for the family and a very functional building for the community.”

Past TJCF Board Director Lynn Jacobs noted that Levine also was integral to bringing to life “my vision of the Toledo Jewish Historical Society and publication of the hardcover edition of The Jewish Community of Toledo.”

“I’ve known Arleen for about 30 years and worked with her for about 17 of those years,” said Abby Suckow, past JFGT CFO and Executive Director. “Arleen has significantly contributed to the community and the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation by ensuring that there will always be a Jewish community in Toledo and the surrounding area. By reaching out to the community and securing contributions to the Foundation, Arleen’s work ensures that future.”

“Arleen has left an unmatched legacy for the community,” said Stephen Rothschild, JFGT CEO and TJCF Interim Director. “Her influence and incredible impact on our Jewish future will last from one generation to the next – l’dor v’dor – her watchwords and constant guidepost for decades.”

Last year, Levine transitioned from TJCF Director to Director Emeritus, a change marked by the establishment of the Arleen R. Levine TJCF Fund for Donor Stewardship. In this new role she focused primarily on the cultivation and stewardship of donors and prospective donors, in addition to professional advisor outreach. Levine will officially retire on January 1, 2024.

“As Arleen moves to this next phase of her life, we will undoubtedly miss her dedication, grace, shared commitment, and tireless work ethic that has defined her efforts at TJCF,” said Rothschild.

Matt Kripke added, “Arleen can enjoy her retirement knowing that she has made a difference. She made a difference in the lives of donors, Federation staff, and numerous people who never even met her. Our preschool kids, our seniors, our community members young and old, have benefited from Arleen’s love for our community and commitment to building for the future. I am in awe of what she has accomplished and the legacy she has created.”

“My life has been enriched by my almost 31 years with the Foundation,” concluded Levine. “The many meaningful relationships that have been formed are friendships for a lifetime. Thank you for welcoming me into your hearts and entrusting me with the opportunity to play a role in securing our community’s future for the generations to come.”

News

Jewish Toledo stands with Israel, demands action from government officials at DC March

By Sue Ann Hochberg, Jewish Community Relations Council Chair Emerita

On Tuesday, November 14, representatives from Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT), Hillel419, and Temple Shomer Emunim traveled to Washington DC to participate in the largest pro-Israel march in history. Close to 300,000 people gathered in support of Israel on the National Mall. The March, which also called for the release of the hostages being held by Hamas and to condemn rising antisemitism, was organized by Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

The day started at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center for meetings with Senators Sherrod Brown and JD Vance and 12 of the 15 members of the Ohio delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives. Each of the elected officials addressed professional and lay leadership and college students from the eight Federations across Ohio.

Their message was one of resounding support of Israel in the war against Hamas. We specifically requested: passing the bill for \$14.3 billion in emergency security assistance; resisting dangerous calls for a ceasefire; increasing sanctions on Iran, Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist groups; increasing funding for homeland security grants for high-value nonprofit targets; and stopping Jew-hatred on college campuses.

Actions speak louder than words. We need them to walk the talk. They encouraged us to continue to communicate with their offices. Let's not let them forget. Please write to Senators Brown and Vance, and Representative Kaptur.

After the meetings, we headed to the March at the National Mall. The streets were closed to traffic. Security forces surrounded the Mall, including



Looking toward the U.S. Capitol on the National Mall during the March for Israel, November 14, 2023



Pictured l-r, Marcy Kuehnle, Mark Greenblatt, Rabbi Lisa Delson, Joe Rosenberg, and Daniel Pearlman

the National Guard with tanks, Capitol Police, and others. With security top of mind for all of us – wherever we go – it was especially comforting to see this increased presence with hundreds of thousands of Jews convening at one site.

Organizing around the tripod goals of supporting Israel, releasing the hostages, and combating antisemitism was brilliant. It was a rare event, not only because of the number of people who showed up but also because of the variety of views they represented across the religious and sociopolitical spectrum. It was a rally cry that attracted doves and hawks, black-hatted Orthodox Jews, queer Zionists waving rainbow flags, secular Israelis, and busloads of

congregants from suburban synagogues of all denominations. The Mall was dotted with blue-and-white Israeli flags, from tiny hand-held flags to massive banners wrapped around shoulders, like a tallit or a shawl.

The sea of people converging on the Mall was stunning. Being among so many Jews was thrilling. We were standing, nearly squished at times, beside folks from every state from the east to west coasts. I found the Columbus contingent and was able to share this once in a lifetime experience with my daughter. We held onto each other during the entire event. For a short time, all of us came together as a family, one big mishpacha.

The schedule was filled with speakers and musical guests. The Maccabeats led the US national anthem, with Israeli singer Omer Adam following with a moving rendition of Hatikvah. Singing Hatikvah with what we now know as hundreds of thousands of fellow Jews and supporters of Israel was breathtaking. The Israeli college

students and attendees prayed for the safety of the IDF soldiers and the return of the hostages. It was heartwarming to watch the Israeli students dance and sing with the Israeli musicians with such glee and abandon. It was genuine joy.

Chants of “Bring Them Home,” “Am Yisrael Chai,” and “No Ceasefire” rang out through our nation’s capital. Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle were seen holding pictures of hostages and signs affirming their support for Israel.

Ambassadors were welcomed to the stage, including U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism Deborah Lipstadt. US Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA), House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), and Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA) all showcased their support of the Jewish state, expressed disgust at Hamas’s atrocities, and were committed to the release of the civilian hostages.

It was encouraging to hear the politicians unequivocally support Israel. House Speaker Mike Johnson said, “The calls for a ceasefire are outrageous. America ‘stands unequivocally’ with the Jewish state. Israel will cease their counteroffensive when Hamas ceases to be a threat to the Jewish state.”

U.S. Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-NY) delivered a similar message to Johnson’s: “Israel must do to Hamas what America did to ISIS in the 21st century. It must do to Hamas what America did to the Nazis in the 20th century.”

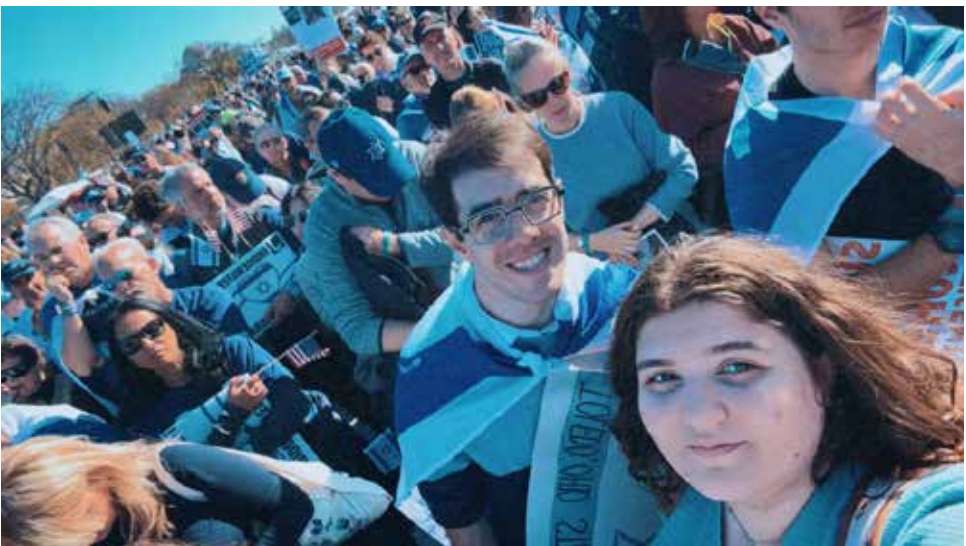
They called out and heeded the dangers of the “ignorant” rhetoric being spread around college campuses. Jeffries called it a “cancer.” Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said, “Israel, we in America have your back. America feels your pain. We ache with you. We stand with you. And we will not rest until you get all the assistance you need.” The crowd joined the representatives in chants, exclaiming, “We stand with Israel.”

Actress Debra Messing shared her own words of grief, empowerment, and outrage. Messing held a moment of silence for the victims of October 7 and then introduced family members of Israeli hostages held captive in Gaza.

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Pictured l-r, Marcy Kuehnle, Mark Greenblatt, and Daniel Pearlman



Hillel419 at the march

Local

JFGT honored with Excellence in Organizational Operations Award



Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) received the Excellence in Organizational Operations Award from the Greater Toledo Community Foundation at its 2023 Northwest Ohio Nonprofit Excellence Awards in late October. The annual event was sponsored by The Andersons, The Blade, Greater Toledo Community Foundation, and The Center for Non-profit Resources. Huge thanks to the JFGT team for making this recognition possible and for their outstanding work every day. Thanks also to our lay leaders for their incredible support, including JFGT President Mark Greenblatt and Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (TJCF) Chair Matt Kripke. The award includes \$8,500 in unrestricted grant funds to support JFGT's mission.



Scan the QR code (or visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hYHWLUMYxoto) to watch a video of JFGT CEO Stephen Rothschild's acceptance speech at The Pinnacle in Maumee.



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 a board member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. Lauren is also the author of a forthcoming book about her late husband, his joyful approach to life and work as an oncologist, and how examining his life helped her better cope with her grief.



The chill in the air, an overcast sky, and the contrasting color of the leaves are all one needs to recognize that the seasons have started to shift in the Midwest. As the seasons evolve and I begin to anticipate the long winter to come, I cannot help but think of all the change that has occurred in my life since my husband died over three years ago. While we all know that time constantly marches forward, we are sometimes still caught unawares as we observe the subtle and not so subtle shifts that life brings. At times, I have been resistant to the natural progression of life, wanting to hold on to the status quo either out of a desire for comfort or because the shifts have felt out of place and painful, as in the case of my loss. Over time, I have found that accepting the natural flux makes it easier to tolerate and also allows for a more conscious preparation for all it portends.

When one thinks of making preparations for the change in seasons, common sense helps guide our planning. We know that stocking up on cold weather essentials like cozy socks, spare gloves, and warm layers will make us more comfortable and secure as temperatures dip below freezing. Gathering these provisions may save us time, make things a bit more convenient, and also help us feel psychologically prepared once the true chill of winter sets in. Likewise, as I began to work on healing from my loss, I learned that planning for the more challenging days of remembrance on the calendar helped me better cope with the emotional toll I would inevitably face. Still, gearing up emotionally looks quite different than getting ready for a change in the weather. I have found that self-care is one of the best antidotes to the painful feelings which naturally arise at these times. Though acts of self-care can be as varied as taking a walk, practicing yoga, talking to a friend, staying well-hydrated and nourished, or even getting a massage, they all share the common thread of self-nurturance.

Early in the wake of my loss, even as I leaned into these self-care practices, I discovered that the sense of comfort I was seeking was accompanied by another unwelcome feeling: guilt. Though I knew I had been through an incredibly arduous experience, it was hard for me to engage in self-care without sensing that I was doing something wrong. Somehow, I felt guilty that I got to move forward in my life while my husband was no longer here to enjoy the fruits of his labors. Through exploring these guilty feelings with my therapist and in my support group, I eventually came to realize that nurturing myself was healthy for me and that guilt was a very common emotion experienced by those who have been widowed. By giving myself permission to truly take care of myself, not only could I manage the pain of my loss more readily, but I also found I could be more present for my daughters and model positive and proactive coping skills.

Through acknowledging the inevitability of change and leaning into the transitions rather than pushing them away, I have learned to accept my past, assuage my guilt, and develop a sense of optimism about my future. I will continue to look forward with hope and a sense of grace for myself, knowing that I can handle whatever life throws my way with a bit of self-compassion and understanding.



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Local

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Hearing their stories was heartbreaking. This segment held one message: Bring the hostages home.

Christian Zionists made a strong showing at the rally. Hagee, head of Christians United for Israel, one of the largest pro-Israel lobbies in the U.S., was one of the speakers. “Choose Israel or Hamas,” Hagee told the crowd. “There is no middle ground in this conflict. You’re either for the Jewish people or you’re not.”

Israeli President Isaac Herzog addressed the crowd from the Kotel in Jerusalem. “From the most sacred site in the Jewish world,” he said, the “people of Israel are eternal, and no one will break us.” His words were poignant and inspiring. He ended his remarks with a stark and dark reminder of how the phrase “never again” came to be. He said, “[eighty] years ago, Jews came out of Auschwitz and vowed ‘never again’. As the blue and white flag was hoisted over our ancient homeland, we vowed ‘never again’. Forty days ago, a terrorist army invaded the sovereign State of Israel and butchered hundreds upon hundreds of Israelis in the largest massacre since the Holocaust. Let us cry out, together: Never again. Never again is now.” The crowd exploded in chanting “Never again. Never again is now” with him.

The crowd was addressed by two college students, Sabrina Soffer, who attends George Washington University, and Noa Fay, who attends Columbia University. Both expressed

their appreciation and importance for this rally as they face antisemitism on campus. Their stories, becoming all too familiar, were outrageous, their courage fierce.

Near the end of the rally, the alt-rock Jewish reggae and hip-hop star Matisyahu took the stage with the Maccabeats and sang his beautiful, soulful anthem for peace, “One Day.” I expect people from miles around could hear all of us sing with him. “The world has no idea how the Jews come together,” Matisyahu told the crowd. “Let’s go!”

The March for Israel demonstrated to our country’s leaders, and the world, that America stands with Israel. There was resounding support from the politicians. Again, we pray they walk the



Sue Ann Hochberg with her daughter, Hanna Fotsch

talk. Actions speak louder than words. To our brothers and sisters in Israel, the message was, “we have your back!” Message was received. The following was posted on X (formerly Twitter) from the State of Israel’s official account (@Israel): “Thank you to each and every one of our Jewish and non-Jewish brothers, sisters and allies. Your support during this difficult time means

everything to us and we feel your love always, but especially today.” There we were – mishpacha – feeling ecstatic and relieved to be able to celebrate our Jewish identity, our love for and connection to Israel loudly and safely in a crowd where Israel’s existence wouldn’t be called into question and its right to defend itself was a given.

A message from Congregation Etz Chayim...

Now, more than ever we feel the need to be together as Jews and pray together as Jews. At this time, Etz Chayim has a part-time Rabbi. Along with that, we do not offer Shabbat services for every Shabbat. When some of our members feel that need to be together, they have been attending services at the other shuls in town. The reception from the community has been warm, welcoming, and spiritually fulfilling.

On behalf of the Etz Chayim membership and board of directors, we wish to express our gratitude. We want to recognize Congregation B’nai Israel, Chabad Toledo, and Temple Shomer Emunim for helping us fill that void. It is good to know in these troubled times for Jews everywhere, that in our Jewish community, there is a sense of oneness in spirit and pride in unity.

HAPPY CHANUKAH!

May the warmth and glow of each candle you light make your heart and home happy. This winter, more than ever before, may the light of the Chanukah candles shine far and wide, dispelling the darkness and bringing light and hope to the world, and to each of us. **Chag Sameach!**

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Local veteran-owned non-profit emphasizes grave upkeep for those who served

By Dr. James N. Phillips Jr. LT, SC, USN, Retired President, RVGM Inc *Zakar (Hebrew) – “to remember”*

I am not a Jew, but I have Jewish friends, and what is clear to me is that Judaism is deeply rooted in history. With so much history, the word “remember” is often recited. **Remember Veteran Grave Markers** (RVGM Inc) was established this past summer to address this human failing, of remembering, recalling, reflecting on the past.

RVGM Inc’s slogan is “Preserve, Honor and Remember” veterans and their service. We do this best when we bring awareness and educate the public on this need. Yet this is not about veterans, per se, it is about us. What does it say about a people that forgets its past?

RVGM Inc shines a light on the condition of veteran graves, specifically government-issued veteran grave markers and headstones in Lucas County. The

cemeteries of the Jewish Federation of Toledo (Beth Shalom Cemetery in Oregon and Eagle Point Cemetery in Rossford) are maintained very well; Jack, David, and Nolan do an exceptional job taking care of the cemeteries and the Jewish Toledo community ought to be proud.

Still, looking at Airmen Goodman and Silverman’s grave markers (pictured), they do need some cleaning, and for others it will take more work cleaning to bring their veteran markers back to a state that honors their service. For some, which are weathered, they will need to be replaced.

Private William Riman of the 4th Division of the 12th Infantry US Army during WWII’s headstone (pictured) suggests further research. We know that Private Riman was 30 at the start of WWII. It is not clear from the information on the stone particularly where Private Riman died in service to the U.S. What we

know is when, June 22, 1944, 18 days after “D” Day.

As RVGM Inc is preserving, honoring, and remembering, Private Riman’s headstone cries out for us, today, to listen to his story.

Our cemeteries reflect our history, they tell our stories of sacrifice which we all should recall and share. In my opinion, I believe that ALL children of every grade, of every faith community, should go out to our cemeteries and learn from their ancestors. By doing this, it will

bring them closer with their past and will help them understand their responsibilities in the future.

RVGM Inc is a veteran-owned, 501(c)(3) non-profit serving the community of Lucas County through education and by creating awareness of those veteran graves that need attention. RVGM Inc is not a grave cleaning service or a membership organization, rather it is a wayfaring sign doing good by providing examples of service to our veteran community for the rest of us. Find out more by searching @RVGMInc on YouTube and Facebook.



Dr. James Phillips Jr., Jack Fry, and David Sartin



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3. **Dec 19: Tech Tuesday** – Exploring Apps that Promote Well-being

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Time is passing by all too quickly... When I feel this way, I often resort to a certain counterbalancing hobby: writing. Writing can take a myriad of forms: creative writing, journaling, and list making are just several of many examples.

Writing can be done with, say, a pencil on a piece of paper. It can also be done via a keyboard on a screen. Whichever method(s) and whichever kind(s) of writing suits your fancy, I encourage you to try your hand at it and start a daily routine during December. It's a proven way to encourage self-reflection, ease anxiety and depression, improve memory, and fuel your creative spirit.

Thank you for reading; until next month - Tim

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Local

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Sunday, January 28
11:30 a.m.

Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave.
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projects



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RSVP by Wednesday, January 24 to
form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/PJandFamily2023 or
Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-
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Fore!

Tuesday, January 30
6 - 8 p.m.

Shawn's Back 9, 7436 W Bancroft St., Sylvania
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Selfies are great, but professional headshots are all the rage for the sophisticated professionals of Next Jewish Generation and JewEL (Jewish Emerging Leaders – Formerly Young Leadership). Last month, the two groups got glammed by Courtney Black and photographed by Emily Manders Photography downtown, enjoying drinks and bites along the way.



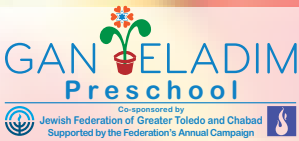
PJ Library



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PJ & Gan Yeladim Hanukkah Playdates

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Gan Yeladim Preschool, 6505 Sylvania Ave.

Free event, snacks provided.

Please bring any personal care items to be donated to the JSFSS Family Food Pantry.

Open to our preschool age friends (0-3) and their and their favorite grown-up(s)

Friday, December 1 – Let’s get ready for Hanukkah! Make a gift and learn about giving.

Friday, December 8 – Dreidels & dancing! Spin your little dreidel to the music of Hanukkah with Miss Risa.

Friday, December 15 – We love you a latke party! Menorahs, dreidels, latkes, sufganiyot, gelt and more.

Join us for all the fun of Hanukkah! We’ll spend the morning together noshing, doing crafts, playing with friends, and enjoying a special circle time with Morah Raizel! Meet and have a shamash-ing good time with other PJ parents and their kids.

RSVP by the day prior to Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.

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PJ Latkes & Lights

Sunday, December 3

5 – 7 p.m.

Toledo Zoo, Relic Room (located in the Museum of Natural History), 2 Hippo Way

\$5 per child, \$10 per adult - includes admission, latkes, sweet treats, beverages, and Hanukkah fun!

****Please let us know if you have a zoo membership****
Open to all Jewish families with children

Connect with other Jewish families at the Toledo Zoo for an evening of lights, latkes, hot chocolate/cider/coffee, and Hanukkah treats and crafts. Stop by, warm up and hang out.

Parking is not included. RSVP by November 27 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/PJandFamily2023>



Aster and Meyer, besties and confirmed future Gan Yeladim Preschool attendees, recently hung out with their preschool predecessors for a Gan & PJ Library® Playdate.

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From Farm to Shabbat table

The older children at Gan Yeladim Preschool recently visited Gust Brothers Farm. One of the chores they did on the farm was harvesting fresh vegetables. Back at school they set up a farmers' market. The children roleplayed as cashiers and customers as they enjoyed shopping and restocking. They got to take food to the dramatic play area and cook. Of course, they used some delicious authentic produce and groceries to cook soup, muffins,

challah, applesauce, and fruit leather to sell on market day. All parents were invited to come into the Gan Market on Friday to do their Shabbat shopping. What a delicious experience that was. The children voted on what to do with the profit from sales. Half will go to the Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services Family Food Pantry, and the other half will go to help our brothers and sisters in Israel.







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Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo's Experience a Memorable Overnight Jewish Initiative (EMOJI) offers children between the ages of 7 and 16 the opportunity to experience a life changing Jewish overnight camping experience. Funding is possible through the long-term community needs fund and the Jewish experience fund; first-time participants can attend camp for just \$250 and children returning to a Jewish camp can attend at a very reduced cost.

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Active Life for 60 and Better



Create & Relate 2024 – Session One

January 11, 2024
Noon – 2:30 p.m.
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.
Free event, lunch included



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After the presentation, identify your goals for the new year while learning how to paint using a tape-resist technique.

RSVP by Friday January 5 to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors or Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.

Save the dates for the next Create and Relate sessions:
Session 2 – March 14
Session 3 – May 9




Senior gathering at Gathered Glassblowing Studio

Wednesday, December 13, 2023
12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.


SOLD OUT

Meet at the JCC/YMCA (park in the JCC/YMCA parking lot)
\$18 per person - includes glassmaking and transportation
Lunch is on your own afterwards at The Blarney Irish Pub

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Latke Lunch

Thursday, December 7
at 12 p.m.
Temple Shomer Emunim
\$10 per person

Enjoy musical entertainment, a delicious lunch by A Fare to Remember, and a beautiful Hanukkah gift!

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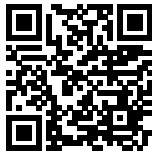
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Terrariums for TuB'shevat

Thursday, January 25
Sekach Building,
6505 Sylvania Ave.
12 – 2 p.m.

\$5 per person, includes lunch and terrarium supplies

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Monday

Get Fit Early, 9-10am

-or-

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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‘The world can see that we are together’: March for Israel attendees say they delivered a powerful message

By Ben Sales, Jackie Hajdenberg

WASHINGTON (JTA)— Hannah Kaplan, a senior at Tiffin University in northern Ohio, can identify exactly one other Jew in the school’s student body of approximately 3,000. There are also a few Jewish professors, but no Hillel.

She says she’s felt lonely since Oct. 7, when Hamas’ attack on Israel killed 1,200, sparked a brutal war in Gaza to depose the terror group and led to a reported spike in antisemitism across the United States. Kaplan, who has relied on her lacrosse team for comfort, says there aren’t many pro-Palestinian protests on her campus — but she’s also feeling the absence of Jews.

So she got a seat on a bus leaving from Ohio State University and took the seven-hour ride to Washington, D.C., for what ended up being perhaps the largest Jewish gathering in American history — the pro-Israel rally on the National Mall.

“It’s important for me to be around people who I really associate with, and can identify with a community,” Kaplan said. “I’m so pumped and so ecstatic that so many Jewish students and so many Jewish people were able to come out in

support last month. It makes me feel like we really have a strong community. It makes me feel hopeful.”

The pull Kaplan felt — to be around many, many other Jews at an uncertain time for both Israel and American Jewry — was shared by attendees across the hundreds of thousands who filled the grassy expanse in the nation’s capital for two hours. Dozens of people who spoke with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency mentioned their support for Israel when they described what they hoped to hear at the rally. But mostly, they said, they were excited to be in a crowd of their own.

“When I heard about this rally, I felt it was so important to come and bring my daughter so that we can be here and stand with everyone,” said Marnie Atias, who flew with her 15-year-old from Milwaukee. Another daughter moved to Israel shortly before the Oct. 7 attack and works at Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. Arias added, “The world can see that we are together.”

The crowd was a mix of young and old, with a large proportion of Orthodox attendees, in part a reflection of the decision by Jewish day schools

and universities to cancel classes and bus students, and in some cases their families, to Washington. Clusters of men gathered outside the event before it started for afternoon prayers.

Politically, attendees seemed to reflect the broad pro-Israel tent that the organizers had hoped for, with right-wing demonstrators standing in the same crowd as a “Peace Bloc” organized by progressive Jewish groups. Signs mostly declared broad support for Israel, opposition to antisemitism, a call to free the hostages or condemnation of Hamas. Many held the hostage posters that have become a common sight in cities across the world, with more strewn in spots across the Mall.

A few signs made a “hummus/Hamas” pun, favoring the Middle Eastern chickpea paste while opposing the Middle Eastern terror group. Many people wore or waved flags that were half-American and half-Israeli. At least one person went a step further, wearing a tripartite flag that was one-third Israel, one-third United States and one-third Ukraine.

There were also some Jewish demonstration mainstays. A group from

the activist anti-Zionist Hasidic group Neturei Karta protested outside the event’s security barricade. Emissaries of the Chabad Hasidic movement roved around the crowd, seeking men who could put on tefillin, the prayer article worn daily by many observant Jews. A man sold Israeli flags (\$10 each) from a cart, along with pins with messages such as “Go to Hell Harvard” — a reference to recent accusations that the university has not done enough to fight antisemitism — and “F— Iran” over a picture of former President Donald Trump.

There were also a significant number of Christians at the rally (and much to the chagrin of the liberal groups present, conservative evangelical Pastor John Hagee spoke from the stage). Kaylee Santalucia and her parents left Buffalo, New York, at 2:30 a.m., representing their church, on the Buffalo Jewish Federation’s bus to Washington. She said she felt God would play a role in saving Israel.

“I am feeling uplifted, hopeful, that we can come together and stand for

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News

NYU announces antisemitism research center as Jewish students file discrimination suit

By Luke Tress
(New York Jewish Week) — New York University says it will launch a center dedicated to studying and combating antisemitism, as U.S. universities grapple with strident anti-Israel activities that Jewish students say often veers into discrimination.

The Center for the Study of Antisemitism center will research both “classical” anti-Jewish discrimination and “the ‘new antisemitism’ and its links to anti-Zionism,” NYU President Linda G. Mills said in a statement.

The announcement came the same day that NYU was hit with a lawsuit filed by three Jewish students alleging that the university allowed hostile, discriminatory environment that violated their civil rights protections. The students — Bella Ingber, Sabrina Maslavi and Saul Tawil — say the school did not apply its anti-discrimination policies as they faced antisemitic incidents, which they said accelerated after Hamas’ attack on Israel Oct. 7.

The new research center is expected to open in the fall of 2024 and will study how antisemitism manifests and ways to counter discrimination against Jews. The institute will convene scholars from a range of disciplines, including the social sciences, Judaic studies, history, social work, public policy, psychology and law.

The university’s statement said a recent “seven-figure donation” will fund the academic center, without

elaborating. Officials declined to respond to additional questions about who was funding the new initiative.

Mills cited the Hamas attack on Israel in her statement announcing the center, saying antisemitism was on the rise before the terrorists’ incursion, but that “since Oct. 7, the increase has been truly terrifying.” The Hamas assault killed 1,200 Israelis, mostly civilians, and took over 200 others hostage. The attack, and Israel’s devastating response against the terror group, have fueled an outpouring of antisemitism in the United States, according to law enforcement and Jewish security groups.

The NYU center will provide funding to faculty, students and fellows for research; hold undergraduate and graduate courses; host conferences, webinars and speaker series; conduct training seminars; and coordinate measures to “create an atmosphere free of anti-Jewish prejudices,” the statement.

U.S. Congressman Daniel Goldman, who is Jewish and represents the district covering NYU’s main campus, said he had held “constructive conversations” with university leaders and applauded NYU for launching the center.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York also celebrated the announcement. Last year, the Jewish group partnered with New York City’s public college system, the City University of New York, to

address antisemitism on its campuses. NYU is a private institution.

Two representatives of the Jewish advocacy group the Academic Engagement Network, which organizes academics to counter antisemitism on U.S. campuses, also welcomed the NYU announcement and said it would cooperate with the initiative.

“NYU’s commitment to this scholarship and research will ensure that Jewish inclusion is supported and addressed alongside all forms of bias and discrimination,” the Academic Engagement Network’s Miriam F. Elman and Naomi Greenspan said in a joint statement.

NYU said the antisemitism center would investigate the ways antisemitism and other forms of discrimination feed into each other. In addition to research, the center will conduct training at the university and elsewhere to guard against antisemitism and other forms of hatred, and will engage with non-academics including members of the media, law enforcement and government.

The center will work closely with NYU’s Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, and the inaugural faculty advisory panel includes several professors from the department.

Rabbi Yehuda Sarna, the executive director of the university’s Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life, will

also be an adviser.

NYU, like a number of other universities has long grappled with anti-Israel activities on campus that some Jewish students said amounted to antisemitism. Eitan Gutenmacher, an NYU student activist with the New Zionist Congress, told the New York Jewish Week late last month that as an Orthodox Jew, he was afraid to be on campus due to classmates’ support for “the so-called resistance” against Israel, but added that the administration was working with Jewish students to make them feel safe and was taking steps to address antisemitism.

The bigger problem was the “enthusiasm on campus from a huge portion, thousands in the student body, that are openly anti-Jewish, that are openly against the existence of a Jewish state,” he said.

Mills issued a statement that unequivocally condemned the Hamas attack days after the assault.

Other New York campuses, including Columbia University, Cooper Union, and some colleges from the City University of New York have also faced harsh criticism for anti-Israel activities in the past month, including condemnation of the administrations.

New York City has seen a surge in antisemitic incidents since the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war, according to Jewish security groups and the New York Police Department.

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Israel and just be supportive,” Santalucia said. She said she hopes to see “an end to the slaughter that Hamas is doing.”

But the vast majority were Jews. One man, from Toronto, made a sweatshirt that read, in all caps, “THANK YOU PRESIDENT BIDEN FOR YOUR MORAL CLARITY,” below a picture of the president. He stood on a chair, arms outstretched, one hand waving an Israeli flag and the other an American flag as he advanced a message that even some right-wing Jews have espoused about the Democratic president in the wake of Oct. 7.

“His stance is seen around the world,” said the man, Zach Mammon. “He knows that, and we know that around the world.”

A couple who flew from Atlanta was decked out in all manner of Zionist apparel: Eric Fox wore a blue-and-white scarf on top of a T-shirt bearing the likeness of Theodor Herzl, the ideological father of Zionism. His wife Julie Fox wore a blue shirt with a white Star of David and an American-Israeli flag as a cape.

They said they were motivated in part to counter the images of mass rallies held by Jewish Voice for Peace, an

anti-Zionist Jewish group that brought thousands to a demonstration at the U.S. Capitol weeks ago.

“Just to show what the Jewish point of view really is instead of what’s been shown on TV as far as Jewish Voice for Peace,” Julie Fox said. “That doesn’t represent most of us.”

She added, “We want our hostages back and we want Hamas gone and I don’t really think there is a way to have a two-state solution, unfortunately.”

Not far away, Carol Berkower wore a shirt from the liberal Israel lobby J Street that identified her as pro-Israel as well as pro-Palestinian. The group advocates vocally for the establishment of a Palestinian state. She said she owned the shirt before Oct. 7 but read it again before putting it on and decided she still agreed with it.

But she said she hadn’t come to the rally from her home in Baltimore to convince anyone. Rather, what brought her was concern for her cousin who lives in Kfar Aza, a kibbutz ravaged by Hamas. Berkower’s daughter is also a student at the University of Rochester, and Berkower wanted to be part of a large crowd showing solidarity with Jewish college students.

“I think we’re all together,” she said of the rallygoers. “Everyone I know in Israel is traumatized right now so I’ve

been doing everything I absolutely could to stand for it.”

Another mother of a college student, Sarah Rubel from Westville, New Jersey, has a son at Tulane University, which was recently the site of an altercation between pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian protesters. She said she isn’t scared — she’s taking her cues from him, and he feels fine — but does feel sad, and felt a need to stand in solidarity with other Jews.

“I want all of Israel to see that we all support them,” she said.

Some protesters did come advocating for a specific set of goals. Orna Tussia and Devorah Selber, Israelis who live in Philadelphia, carried huge posters with the pictures of the hostages held by Hamas. Selber’s cousin is among them. They said they came to raise awareness for the hostages and to push for a large-scale prisoner exchange that would bring the hostages back in exchange for all of the Palestinian prisoners held by Israel.

“Israel and all of the world should see that it happened, this tragedy occurred, and we have hostages, there are still families there, we want them back as fast as possible,” Tussia said, “Bring back the captives, and then we’ll deal with the rest. First of all, bring back the captives.”

For David Lender, a sophomore at the University of Delaware who comes from an Israeli family, the rally was an opportunity to support his people. He arrived in Washington with a bus of about 20 other students from his school.

“Israel is my everything — it’s my home, it’s my family, it’s my people,” he said. “What I want people to understand the most — and this is a point that I’ve heard echoed throughout the rally, even from people just walking around — is that Hamas and the Palestinian people are two very different entities and I don’t want people to conflate one with the other.”

Eytan Saenger, a first-year student at Binghamton University, originally had a test scheduled the day of the march in Washington.

“But then I was like, ‘When else do I have the opportunity to stand with hundreds of thousands of people and stand here against the antisemitism that’s going on both across the country and on college campuses?’” he told JTA. “Fortunately, my campus has a lot of Jews — but even where sometimes I’m the only Jew in a class or something like that, I will know that I’m part of a greater people that can come together for each other in times of need, and hopefully also in times of strength.”

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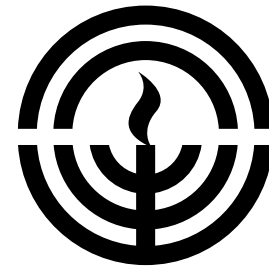
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Our good friend Aviva Panush from Ann Arbor will be at Etz Chayim on Sunday, December 10th for a program on Chanukah. Following the program, a delicious Chanukah lunch featuring latkes and all the trimmings will be served. There is no charge for the luncheon, but reservations are required.

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Engagement Announcement

Debbie Katz and Jon Liebenthal, along with Neal and Lisa Intrater, are thrilled to share that their son Daniel Intrater is engaged to Lexi Richmond. Both Daniel and Lexi reside in Columbus, Ohio. Daniel is the grandson of the late Honorable Judge David & Joan Katz and Rabbi Aaron & Dr. Roselyn Intrater. Lexi is the daughter of Todd & Patty Richmond, granddaughter of Tom and the late Peggy Conger and Sharon & Lee Richmond.

B'nai Mitzvah

We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah

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Sylvia Esther Musher-Eizenman, daughter of Abraham and Dara Musher-Eizenman and sister of Ella and Jonah, will celebrate her bat mitzvah on January 12, 2024 at Shaare Zedeck/JCC in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She will celebrate along with members of the Northwest Ohio Chavurah and other friends from Toledo. Sylvia is a 7th grader at St John’s School of Puerto Rico where she plays on the basketball and swim teams, and participates in Model UN and the community service club. She is an active member of Young Judaea and especially loves spending her summers at Camp Young Judaea Midwest. Guided by the Jewish value of protecting life, for her mitzvah project, Sylvia became certified in Child and Adult CPR and first aid and is organizing a two-day junior and adult open water lifeguard training course for families at her school. Mazel Tov, Sylvia!



Israel Relief Fund 2023

On October 7, 2023, during the holiday of Shmini Atzeret, Hamas terrorists launched an unprecedented attack on Israel from Gaza, firing thousands of rockets, breaching the country's borders, with significant numbers killed and hospitalized.

Jewish Toledo is responding, working with Jewish Federations of North America and our core partners to support victims of terror, help rebuild damaged infrastructure, and address the unprecedented levels of trauma caused by this horrific attack.

Now, more than ever, they need your support. Israel will prevail and the Jewish people will stand together as we always do. Am Yisrael Chai.

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

ANTISEMITISM: WAYS YOU CAN RESPOND

Antisemitism impacts millions of Jews and people of all backgrounds in the U.S. and around the globe, tearing the fabric of societies wherever it spreads. We need to shine a light on all forms of antisemitism and empowering individuals and communities with tools to address this age-old hate.

Antisemitism: WAYS YOU CAN RESPOND IN YOUR HOME AND PERSONAL LIFE

1. Educate yourself about antisemitism, particularly the “new antisemitism” (antisemitism comingled with the demonization of Israel).
2. Engage Jewish friends and friends of different faiths in conversations about their experiences and thinking regarding antisemitism.
3. Avoid using anti-Jewish language or making references to Jewish stereotypes - even in jest. Diplomatically bring such stereotypes to the attention of others when they engage in such behavior.
4. Speak out against antisemitic jokes and slurs. Silence can send the message that such humor and derogatory remarks are acceptable.
5. Learn more about antisemitic myths and stereotypes and share what you learn with others.
6. Read news accounts and opinion pieces about both the history of antisemitism and its current manifestations.
7. If you encounter an antisemitic website, contact ADL, your Federation’s Safety and Security Manager and/or the site’s host carrier to complain and request that the site be taken down.
8. Donate money to organizations that fight antisemitism.

AT YOUR CHILDREN’S SCHOOL

1. Encourage teachers and other school personnel to conduct discussions regarding Antisemitism and other forms of prejudice.
2. Provide information about antisemitism to appropriate groups and clubs. If no such organization exists, encourage the school to start one to educate students about antisemitism and other forms of bigotry.
3. Encourage opportunities for school projects that deal with antisemitism and other forms of bigotry, e.g., assembly programs, play performances, bulletin boards and other displays.
4. Suggest the school invite a speaker from an organization like your local or state human rights commission or ADL to talk about antisemitism at an assembly. Videotape the presentation; arrange for news coverage.
5. Arrange for teachers and other staff to participate in a workshop on antisemitism that includes (1) devising strategies for responding to acts directed against individuals and (2) developing “talking points” regarding the new, politically charged form of antisemitism.
6. Sponsor a “Speak Out Against Antisemitism” program during school hours or in the evening, during which students, teachers and others of the school community relate personal experiences and address the immediate damage and consequences of allowing antisemitism to go unchecked.
7. Invite a Holocaust survivor or other person who has encountered one of the more virulent forms of antisemitism to speak at an assembly on that person’s experience and to share thoughts on the current forms of violence against Jews.
8. Work with your school librarian to create a display of historical and contemporary antisemitic publications including books, newspapers, magazines, films, music, and videos.
9. Engage in peer-to-peer contact by adopting a pen pal in a Jewish community abroad that recently experienced antisemitism. Do Web research to learn the e-mail or actual addresses of Jewish institutions in those communities.

ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

1. Provide speakers to appear on campus that educate students about antisemitism today.
2. Challenge the antisemitic statements of professors and students.
3. Following a presentation by an antisemitic speaker on campus, take appropriate action: Challenge the speaker during the question-and-answer period. Ask the sponsoring organization to present a rebuttal speaker. Encourage campus and community newspapers to publish a critique. Mail or e-mail your response to as many attendees as possible.
4. Help create a faculty/student organization to combat antisemitism.

5. Report to the college administration, your Federation’s Safety and Security Manager and/or ADL, any incidents of antisemitism that violate campus diversity or harassment codes.
6. Ask local seminaries to sponsor events dealing with antisemitism and to organize a faculty/ student group to combat antisemitism.
7. Organize fundraising events such as a dance-a-thon or walk-a-thon to raise funds for groups that fight antisemitism.



AT YOUR PLACE OF WORK

1. Encourage your company to have a “Zero Tolerance “ policy that specifically references antisemitism. Request that the policy be included wherever appropriate, e.g., core value documents, employee handbooks, and public statements regarding respect for diversity.
2. Ask your human resources department to sponsor programs about antisemitism and other forms of hatred and recommend use of resources such as ADL to provide material and/or conduct such programs.
3. Develop skills to respond appropriately to antisemitism in the workplace. This can include a range of actions, from taking a friend aside and pointing out an inadvertent antisemitic remark or stereotype to reporting antisemitic intimidation or harassment to your human resources department.
4. Encourage your company to be a signatory to ads condemning antisemitism and other forms of prejudice and pursue other opportunities to be visible and vocal on the issue.

AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

1. Monitor the records of legislators and ask them to act on legislation that deals with Antisemitism and hate crimes.
2. Lobby public officials to act and make statements against antisemitism.
3. Publicly commend government officials and legislators for acting or making public statements against antisemitism.
4. Communicate your support for public officials’ actions and statements against antisemitism by writing letters-to-the-editor of your local paper.
5. Make local television media aware of officials’ actions to speak out or take political action against antisemitism.
6. Approach human rights and political groups to ask them to make visible and vocal statements condemning antisemitism and other forms of hatred.
7. Write to commend heads-of-state when they or others in their government visibly and vocally condemn antisemitism or take actions to prevent its expression.

IN YOUR GENERAL COMMUNITY

1. Encourage local newspapers, radio, and television stations to run a series about antisemitism, emphasizing its latest incarnations. Ask both your electronic and print media to cover community events that deal with antisemitism.
2. Approach your local radio and television stations to do public service announcements about antisemitism, particularly the “new antisemitism.”
3. Write letters-to-the-editor when antisemitic incidents take place in your community, when news stories with an antisemitic slant appear, when opinion pieces or political cartoons in your local paper include antisemitic images or language.
4. Be creative. Come up with your own ideas! They’re likely to be the ones that are right for your community!



**STAND UP
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HATE**

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On the heels of the devastating and brutal attacks in Israel, Jewish college students on campus are facing a very real spike in antisemitism around the country. Unfortunately, we at Hillel419 have felt this shift. Thankfully, Jewish students on campus can find comfort and safety. A place they can call their home away from home.

HILLEL is that place. Our Hillel allows Jewish students to feel pride in their Judaism, to explore their relationships with Jewish life, learning, and Israel. We provide opportunities to travel, volunteer, and grow; to create lasting friendships; and to celebrate Shabbat, Jewish holidays, and Jewish tradition - all in a safe and judgment-free environment.

Hillel419 is working with our campus administrations, Hillel International and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo to ensure that the safety of Jewish students at The University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University is a priority. We are creating a place for students and young adults to share their emotions, lift each other up, and heal as a community.



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