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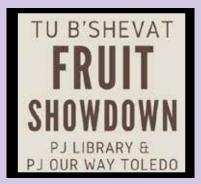






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It should be noted that our procedure is as follows for accepting stock: Whenever a gift of stock is made, the donor receives a confirmation in writing that the gift was made on that date. Normally upon consultation with financial professionals, this is the date used when valuing the gift for IRS tax purposes.

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To expedite this process, it is extremely helpful if the donor, his/her stockbroker or financial advisor notifies Federation's Department of Finance verbally or through email when a gift of stock is made. By following this procedure, the timing between the gift being made and the sale of the stock is greatly reduced.

Please contact Tina Stieben, CFO, at tina@JewishToledo.org or 419-724-0371, or 419-346-5397 (cell) for further assistance.

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Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo is also happy to be able to accept IRA Charitable Rollover contributions to the Annual Campaign. Please contact Tina Stieben at 419-724-0371 or Arleen Levine 419-724-0355 if you are making provisions with your financial advisor to donate with an IRA Charitable Rollover check; this way we can ensure that the check is processed timely and that you receive the appropriate tax letter. For further information on the eligibility to contribute using your IRA Charitable Rollover, please consult your financial advisor.

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Erratum: In the October 2020 Toledo Jewish News article entitled Global Program Engages Two Local Young Adults in Making Change Happen for Themselves, Their World, the by line was inadvertantly left out. The correct authorship credit is Jessica Endy.

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Toledo Jewish Community Foundation **Expression of the Community

Thanks to an exciting vew change, Now is the perfect time to consider a Donor Advised Fund

By Jessica Endy

The Toledo Jewish Community Foundation Board has approved lowering the minimum gift to establish a Donor Advised Fund to \$2,000, a significant reduction from the previous minimum of \$5,000.

According to Foundation Chairman Daniel N. Steinberg, this modification reflects the Board's commitment to creating new opportunities for more Toledo community members to participate in legacy giving. "Our Board reduced the minimum to make our Donor Advised Fund program more inclusive and accessible to additional community members who might be charitably inclined, especially during these economic times."

Now, through a gift of \$2,000 to the Foundation, donors can set up a Donor Advised Fund that enables them to regularly recommend grants to their favorite qualifying charitable organizations. Donors can establish the fund through a gift of cash, check or any kind of property, including appreciated securities, closely held stock, insurance and real estate. "We are happy to meet with donors to help identify their charitable interests, and to research qualifying local, national and international organizations that match donors' philanthropic goals," said Arleen R. Levine, J.D., Foundation Director.

The fund's assets are managed by the Foundation, which oversees record keeping

and serves as a centralized resource enabling donors to make donations to and grants from the fund. Additional gifts always can be made to the Donor Advised Fund. With one form donors can recommend grants from the fund at any time, making this philanthropic vehicle especially simple to use and efficient for fund holders.

What's more, donors generally receive an income tax deduction for the cash or the full fair market value of the assets contributed to the Donor Advised Fund; if the property contributed to the fund is appreciated securities, real estate or some other capital asset, donors may be able to avoid paying a capital gains tax on the appreciation. As always, donors should consult their professional advisors for legal or accounting advice.

The Foundation manages the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo's comprehensive planned giving program, partnering with donors to provide a safety net and enhance Jewish life for current and future generations. For over 40 years, the Foundation has helped Toledo's families realize their fiscal and philanthropic goals through high-impact planned giving vehicles such as Donor Advised Funds.

For additional information on establishing a Donor Advised Fund, contact Arleen R. Levine at 419-724-0355 or Arleen@jewishtoledo.org.

Foundation funding fortifies vital program for local families

By Jessica Endy

For families with members who have special needs, even families with two incomes and excellent medical insurance, the out-of-pocket expenses necessary to ensure individuals with special needs reach their full potential can be very steep. For families with one income or less-comprehensive insurance coverage, the costs can be unmanageable.

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

Ahava offers families an annual scholarship of up to \$1,500 for each child, no matter their age, to put toward the cost of therapies such as speech therapy and music therapy, equipment, medical supplies, continuing education for parents on raising children with special needs, and other resources that help positively impact individuals and their families. Families must apply for the scholarship; the application process is completely confidential. Applications are reviewed by a committee of professionals in related fields before funds are awarded.

"The Ahava program is a tangible commitment by the Jewish community that shows we are a community that cares about those with special needs and their families," said Stephen Rothschild, Executive Director, Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo. "Gemilut chasidim, acts of loving kindness, is one of the traditional values of Judaism. By helping those with special needs, we are able to give meaning to this important value."

The Toledo Jewish Community Foundation's Grants Committee recently approved a commitment of up to \$20,000 for Ahava, to ensure the program

could continue supporting Greater Toledo families.

"It is our responsibility as the Foundation to provide a safety net for the entire community, and to help meet all individuals' needs to the best of our ability," said Daniel N. Steinberg, Chairman of the Foundation. "I am confident that the Foundation's recent commitment to the Ahava program will have a truly meaningful impact on the Jewish families in Greater Toledo who rely on this terrific resource."

"I was thrilled when I learned the Foundation would be providing this funding to Ahava," said Shari Bernstein, MSW, Executive Director of Jewish Family and Social Service. "I know there is such a great need for this resource. Many critical services aren't covered by insurance, and costs can quickly skyrocket. Some of the services our families benefit from just wouldn't be possible without their Ahava scholarship."

"The Foundation is an essential source of funding for many things in Jewish Toledo, particularly for special programs like Ahava," said Rothschild. "We are grateful for the Foundation's commitment to services that embrace Jewish values and improve the quality of life here for everyone."

"The Toledo community is blessed with resources and many, many people who understand and care about the quality of Jewish life," continued Rothschild. "By offering the support provided by the Ahava program, we enhance the quality of Jewish life here. It sends a powerful message that we care about all people and their ability to live their lives to the fullest."

"I'm so thankful that we can care for Toledo Jewish community members through Ahava," said Bernstein. "Every single family we serve is overwhelmingly grateful for our support."

For more information on the Ahava program, contact Shari Bernstein at sharib@jewishtoledo.org or visit JewishToledo.org/Ahava.

Think about the future. An endowment is forever.



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Jewish Community Relations Council

Stronger Together

By Daniel Pearlman

I am so lucky to call Toledo my new home.

Since moving here just a few weeks ago, I have felt the warmth of the community in every conversation I've had as I begin my role as the Federation's Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council. I bring to this role a background in relationship building, Israel advocacy, and nonprofit management.

At the end of my first week, I attended a virtual training by the Western States Center based on their newly revised toolkit for educators and community leaders called "Confronting White Nationalism." The organization's director, Eric K. Ward, is a strong ally of the Jewish community, works closely with the Anti-Defamation League and others, and speaks eloquently about white nationalism with personal experience both from infiltrating such groups as a researcher and, as a Black man, from being targeted by the hate that these groups espouse. Eric's takeaway is this: "Antisemitism isn't at the core of white nationalism; it is the core of white nationalism."

Moving to Toledo last month from Pittsburgh, I understand this closely. Just over two years ago, a far-right gunman walked into the Tree of Life synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood and massacred eleven Jews in prayer in what amounted to the deadliest antisemitic attack in Amer-

ican history. Exactly six months later, another gunman walked into the Chabad house in Poway, California, resulting in another senseless murder. These instances, though extreme, serve as a stark reminder of the need for community relations. Rising hate and extremism make building strong relationships and coalitions with diverse groups more important than ever. But there is more to being Jewish than fighting antisemitism. To paraphrase outgoing JCRC Director Fagie Benstein, we as Jews should focus not just on the "oy" of being Jewish, but on the "joy" as well. After the Tree of Life massacre, friends and allies from many Christian denominations, the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Sikh Gurdwara, and so many others sprang into action, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for the victims and their families and attending Shabbat services to stand in solidarity with the Jewish community when we were most vulnerable. I understand that here in Toledo, hundreds of people from diverse communities across the city attended the vigil that took place at Temple Shomer Emunim. These relationships did not begin on October 27, 2018. They are years in the making, involving dedication and willingness from every community to put our differences aside and focus on our similarities. With time, these relationships make our communities stronger together.

The moral of the story isn't the incredible number of dollars raised, or even the strength of community partnerships and desire to stand

with those who need it most, but the heartwarming endorsement that these efforts had from the ground up. We need the community's support in our efforts to build a safer and more robust Jewish community and a better society for all. As the new Jewish Community Relations Council Director at the Federation and a proud new member of the Toledo Jewish community, I hope that I can help build upon the amazing success that Fagie and the JCRC has worked tirelessly to achieve. To quote Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel when reflecting on the march from Selma to Montgomery with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, "I prayed with my feet." Will you?

If I can ask you, the reader, to start with just one action in this effort, it is to reach out to a neighbor or someone of a different political persuasion to get to know them, try to understand their perspective, and most of all, focus on how much you have in common – and how your differences can add value to the world. Once you do this, you'll realize how much learning about others can teach you about yourself. As Americans and as Jews, we can be unified without being uniform.

Thank you to Fagie Benstein; to our chair, Sue Ann Hochberg; to our committee members, Tom Kasle, Rich Rusgo, and Dena Zack; and to our executive director, Stephen Rothschild. I look forward to the critical work ahead.



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Jewish Living Center Facebook group

The Jewish Living Center Facebook group is especially for Jewish Toledo members 60 and better. It offers resources to healthy living, cultural events, how-tos of participating in virtual events online and much more.

It's simple to enjoy the benefits of JLC online. Just search for Jewish Living Center on Facebook. Click the request to join button and in short order you'll be approved by the staff. Become a member of the group and the fun begins.





Happy Hanukkah



Contact the Jewish Living Center

Please contact the Jewish Living Center if we can be of assistance to you during these extraordinary times. The JLC has exercise videos and other resources available to help make your stay at home more enjoyable and productive.

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Wednesday, December 30 at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, January 27 at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, February 17 at 8 p.m.
RSVP to Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org.



Next JGen Take it & Make it – Hanukkah Edition

PICK-UP: Sunday, December 6 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Federation Campus - Gan Yeladim Preschool parking lot

(please stay in your car and wait to be assisted)

Zoom Call with Demonstration –

Monday, December 7 at 8 p.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83327151754 Cost - \$10 per kit

Calling all crafters and non-crafters alike! Pick up a kit containing all of the supplies needed to make this adorable Hanukkah decoration. Directions will be included in the kit, but join our in-house crafting expert, Hallie Freed, for a brief zoom call tutorial. Keep this treasure for yourself or give it as a gift!

RSVP required by Monday, November 30 to: https://www.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/takeandmake Any questions? Contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org

For more information about Department of Jewish Programs or to register for virtual events, please contact Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362.



Next JGen Mixology Meet-up

Sunday, January 10

Zoom call with demonstration – Sunday, January 10 at 8:30 p.m.

Local home Kit delivery – Sunday, January 10 between 1 – 4 p.m. Delivery available upon request for families living outside of the metro Toledo area.

Cost - \$18 per kit

Calling all 22 – 45ish year olds! Join us for a night of laughs and learn how to make a couple yummy winter cocktails. Kits will contain cocktail supplies and other surprises. Not a drinker? Don't worry. Non-alcoholic kits are available, too. Once you register, zoom registration information will be sent via email.

RSVP Required by Friday, January 8 at: https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/mixology

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The Great Dreidel Drop Spinning Tops Galore!

Gan Yeladim Preschool Playground – 6505 Sylvania Ave. Park in Jewish Family Service parking lot – Enter through fence NO WALK-INS ALLOWED - MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR A 15 MINUTE TIME SLOT:

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Free event – Please bring Chapstick, lotion or gloves for the JFS Family Pantry Join PJ Library Toledo for a fun and fast search for dreidels. We will be hiding 1,000 dreidels in the playground of Gan Yeladim preschool. Your mission is to find as many dreidels as you can in a safe a socially distant way.

Each participating child will receive a special dreidel grabber and a bucket in order to safely collect the tiny spinning treasures.

Snacks and prizes will be handed out at the end of the search.

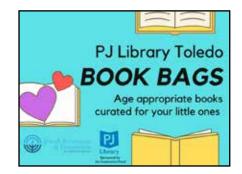
Families will sign up for a 15 minute time slot. Only 20 individuals will be allowed to search for dreidels at a time. Families will be required to complete an on-site health screening and to adhere to appropriate safety measures which includes social distancing and mask wearing for all individuals over the age of two years old. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

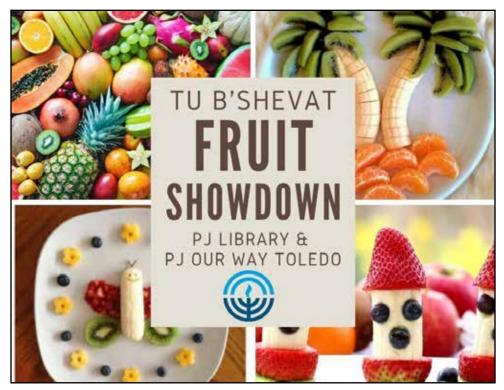
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Sign up for an age appropriate bag filled with PJ library books for little ones. Feel free to keep the books, return them to us or pass them on to another friend. https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/ bookbags

Any questions? Contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org





Tu B'Shevat Fruit Showdown!

Local home delivery on Sunday, January 24 from 1 – 4 p.m.

Delivery available upon request for families living outside of the metro Toledo area. RSVP by Friday, January 22 at: https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/fruit **FREE** event open to children 0 - 12.

Help us celebrate the birthday of trees in a super fun and creative way! Sign up for this epic PJ Library and PJ Our Way Toledo fruit showdown. We will provide a variety of fruits, basic supplies and other surprises. Who can create the most delicious, tallest, craziest, most imaginative display of fruit? As always, feel free to use any additional materials from home. Be creative and most of all.... HAVE FUN!

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Kristallnacht commemorated



On November 8, Kristallnacht was remembered in the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo commemoration which included a screening of the film *Hidden*. The screening was introduced by Hindea Markowicz, Director of the Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center, and followed by Temple Shomer Emunim clergy Rabbi Sam Weinstein and Cantor Jen Roher. Hidden is an original spellbinding documentary about the hidden children of the Holocaust by Project Witness.





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Experience a Memorable Overnight Jewish **Initiative**



In 2016, Experience a Memorable Overnight Jewish Initiative (EMOJI) was established by Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Toledo Jewish Community Foundation. Funded by Foundation's Long-term Community Needs Fund, the EMOJI program was created to make attending Jewish summer camp an option for all Toledo Jewish community children. EMOJI allows Jewish children in the Toledo area to attend Jewish summer camp for \$250 for first-time campers, or at a very reduced cost for children who are returning to a Jewish camp.

Attendance at Jewish summer camp has been shown to strengthen participants' connection to their Jewish identity. As a result, they are more likely to value their Jewish heritage, support Jewish causes, and take on leadership roles within their Jewish communities as adults.

So, you're probably wondering...how does this work? To be eligible for the EMOJI program, the child must live in the greater Toledo area and be in second through tenth grade. The child's immediate family must also be current donors in good standing to Federation's Annual Campaign.

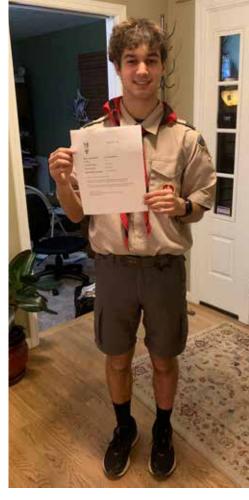
What do you need to do to be accepted? Have more questions? Contact Hallie Freed at hallie@Jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362 or fill out the EMOJI application online at www.jewishtoledo.org/emoji

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Local

Simcha



Eagle Scout

Seventeen year old Avery Steinberg is a grandson of Buz and Doris Steinberg. Avery lives in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, with his father and mother, Neil and SeAnna Steinberg, and his two younger siblings, Shana and Gabe.

Avery has been an active member of the Boy Scouts since he was 11 years old and he has recently achieved the Eagle Scout award after completing all of the required Merit Badges plus completion of his Eagle Scout project. For his project, Avery helped to create a new, safe space for an archery and tomahawk range at a local summer camp. Together with his friends they cleared out a section of forest using chainsaws, rakes, shovels and other tools so that the archery and tomahawk range could be safely used by young children attending the summer camp.

Almost 100 hours of community service were devoted to completing this project all of which were arranged and organized by Avery.

He has also engaged in other scouting activities during the past seven years. For instance, he has attended two high adventure trips: 1) attending the National Jamboree in West Virginia, where he met boys scouts from all over the country; 2) attending a one-week canoeing trip in the wilderness in the Boundary Waters of northern Minnesota. Avery states "I am very proud to follow in my father's footsteps in becoming an Eagle Scout".

Avery is currently a senior at Kenston High School in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. He is an excellent student and a member of the National Honor Society, a radio announcer on the high school public radio station, a member of the school debate team and a member of the cross country/track teams. He is undecided on his choice of college at this time, but he is considering a future with a Business Degree.

It is important to note that a large part of Avery's life involves his connection with his Jewish community. He is a ritual volunteer at his synagogue and he has volunteered for Torah readings on three occasions for Yom Kippur. For the past few months, he has volunteered to lead Friday night services at a local retirement home. Plus, with the support of the local Jewish community he has been to Israel two times in the last 3 years to explore and examine many amazing places that bind him to his Jewish heritage.

Dr. Blair Grubb recognized with the Shining Star Award. The iCare Shining Star Award recognizes UT Medical Center and UTP faculty, staff and/or students for their outstanding contributions that exemplify and support the mission of UTMC and the principles of the iCARE program. Mazel tov, Dr. Grubb.

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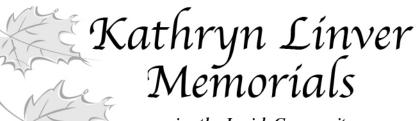
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Temple Shomer Emunim

December Worship Schedule

Friday, December 4

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Friday, December 11

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM Rabbi Weinstein will lead the Annual Chanukah Jeopardy

Friday, December 18

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Friday, December 25

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM Kabbalat Panim Liturgy Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Friday, January 1

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM **Healing Service** Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Join us for Shabbat Services via Live Stream by going to our website, www.templese.com and click on the

Live Stream Link

Join us via Zoom!

Coffee with the Clergy

Wednesdays, December 2, 9 & 16 at 11:00AM



Torah Time

Fridays, December 4, 11 & 18 at 11:00AM

Shabbat Morning Yoga -**Body & Soul** December 5 @10:30AM via Zoom



Join Amy Saltzstein & Cantor Roher for yoga, focusing on the theme of light-finding it & shining it out into the world. This class is for all levels. Look for the Zoom link in a Temple email the week of class.

Chanukah in the Parking Lot



On Sunday, December 13th from 5-6:30PM join us for Chanukah-in-the Parking Lot. Pick up your "Chanukah Happy Meal" and join us for some Chanukah fun! Kids – pick up your Chanukah goody bag and bring your device for Kahoot and enjoy some entertainment on the big screen! Kids are welcome to come in your Chanukah PJ's and you won't have to leave your car!

\$5 per person

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Religious School Calendar (December)

Sunday, December 6th 9:15-11:30AM Sunday, December 13th 5-6:30PM Chanukah-in-the Parking Lot NO Religious School Sundays, December 20th & 27th

Hebrew School Calendar (December)

Wednesday, December 2nd 4:20-6PM Wednesday, December 9th 4:20-6PM-New Zoom Code! Wednesday, December 16th 4:20-6PM

No Hebrew School Wednesdays, December 23rd & 30th

Congregation B'nai Israel

*Please be advised that scheduled religious services and events for the month of December may be cancelled, postponed, or have a format change. Please watch your email for udpdates.



Please join us for a festive Hanukkah Candle **Lighting Ceremony Zoom Service**

December 10, 2020 5:45 PM via Zoom

From our own homes, we will light the first candle and sing songs together, ushering in the start of Hanukkah 5781/2020.

A Zoom link, passcode and song sheet will be sent before the scheduled service time.

Weekly Services Schedule for December 2020

Zoom Services: Morning & Evening Minyans Monday & Thursday at 9:00 AM Monday - Friday at 5:45 PM

An email link will be sent before the scheduled service time.

*Live Stream Services: Saturday, Shabbat Morning at 10:00 AM

Go to the CBI website, cbitoledo.org. At the top of the home page click on the"Live Stream" tab. When the page opens, you will be connected to the CBI Live Stream service.

*Shabbat Morning Services may be on Zoom instead of Live Stream. Please watch your email for specific information on the format of the services from week to week.

ARE YOU RECEIVING **CBI NOTIFICATIONS?**

CBI sends out email updates and important information throughout the week. If you are not receiving emails from CBI, please contact the office as soon as possible by calling 419.517.8400 or email Rhoda Miller directly at rmiller@cbitoledo.org.

David S. Stone Religious School Calendar December 2020

Wednesday RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom

Sunday CBI, Shomer & Partnership2Gether join Yoni from Israel for "Partnership Hanukkah" RS (K-3) 9:30-10:00 AM Zoom RS (4-10) 10:15-11:00 AM Zoom

RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom Wednesday 13 Sunday

RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom 16 Wednesday 20

23 Wednesday NO RS - WINTER BREAK 27 Sunday NO RS - WINTER BREAK

Wednesday NO RS - WINTER BREAK

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Hanukkah candles, gelt, RS (All Grades) 9:30-10:10 AM Zoom & menorahs will be available for purchase

in the CBI Office. Sunday NO RS - WINTER BREAK Call 419.517.8400

to order, & make arrangements for payment and pick-up.

WOMEN OF CBI CELEBRATE Rosh Chodesh Tevet & Hanukkah

Join us on Zoom as we celebrate with games and crafts. Share your favorite menorah or dreidel virtually with the group.

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 7:00 PM via Zoom

Those who want to attend will be sent the email link before the scheduled meeting time.

Please RSVP to Miriam Beckerman at mesb@bex.net by Thursday, December 10, 2020. The cost for this program is \$5.00. Please make your check out to "Women of CBI" and mail to: Nancy Goldberg, 4236 Appomattox Drive, Sylvania, OH 43560. The funds raised for this Tikkun Olam project will be used to help the residents of Pelham Manor celebrate Hanukkah.

HANUKKAH BEGINS ON THE EVENING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020



DECEMBER CBI PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

If you are member of another congregation and would like to attend. please contact the CBI office at 419.517.8400. A link will be emailed before the scheduled meeting time.

Congregation Etz Chayim

WEEKLY MAHJ JONG

The weekly virtual mahj will continues to be a popular weekly program. The ladies enjoy getting together virtually and chatting and playing. There will be games scheduled on December 6, 13, 20, & 27. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Jacobson at jaco824@bex.net.

KNITZVAH GROUP RETURNS BY ZOOM

It has been several months since our "knitzvah group" has met in person. The meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Why don't you plan to join on zoom, December 2nd at 1:00 p.m.? Come knit, crochet and socialize with your friends while making shawls for "Baskets of Care." Please register with Nancy or Elsa to get the link for the zoom.

RABBI JONATHAN BIENENFELD TO SPEAK

We are very excited to welcome back Rabbi Bienenfeld on December 6th. He will be leading a Sunday learning zoom session on December 6th at 10:00. His topic is "Hanerot Halalu: Bringing the Light of the Temple into Our Homes." Please register with Nancy or Elsa and welcome Rabbi Bienenfeld back to Toledo.

CHANUKAH PROGRAM SCHEDULED

Lights & Stories! Would you like to share a short personal Chanukah story? What a perfect night. Let's join together on Sunday, December 13th at 7:30 on zoom. We will light our menorahs together. Interested families will then share short personal Chanukah stories. Please contact Nancy Jacobson by December 1st if you are interested in sharing a Chanukah story.

VIRTUAL GAMES SCHEDULED

Another fun program for December will be "Virtual Games" on the 25th. Set up your tables with your favorite treats and computer and sign up for virtual Euchre or Mahj. Game time will begin at 12:30-2:30 p.m.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Etz Chayim Sisterhood is planning two special Chanukah programs.

The first event is a Chanukah Mitzvot Project. The Sisterhood will be assembling Chanukah gift packages for distribution to any local Etz Chayim congregant who would like one. Included in the package will be latkes, applesauce, sour cream, cookies, and candy. There is no charge for a gift package. This is Sisterhood's way of saying Happy Chanukah to our fellow Etz Chayim members. If you would like a Chanukah gift package, please RSVP to the Etz Chayim office, 419-473-2401. People who request a package will be notified when they are ready to be picked up.

The second activity is a Chanukah Recipe Sharing event via Zoom. This event will take place Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Sharing recipes will be:

Rochelle Black - Zucchini Latkes Elsa Leveton- Homemade Applesauce Andrea Lublin- Apple Cider Donuts

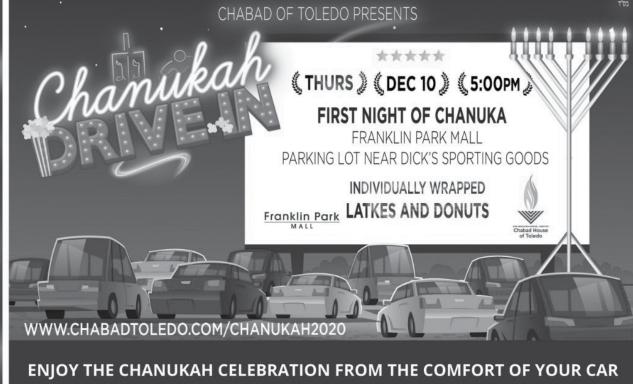
Please RSVP to Andrea Lublin at 419-450-3754 or Elsa Leveton at Etz Chayim, 419-473-2401, to receive the Zoom link.

The next Sisterhood meeting will be Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Please let Elsa know if you would like to participate.

SAVE THE DATE – JOINT SYNAGOGUE "UN"-BOOK CLUB On Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom, the three synagogue Book Clubs will present "The Art & Meaning of Quilting in American Society". Andrea Delman will lead the presentation and discussion. There will be an opportunity for people to share their special quilts as well as their stories. Please contact Elsa Leveton at 419-473-2401 or elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org to register. A link will be sent out prior to the event.

Chabad House



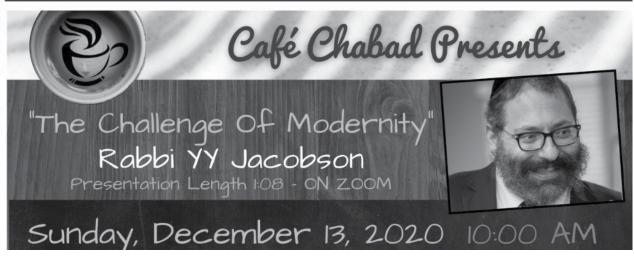


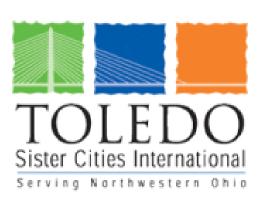
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