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6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania

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Swing into the Rhythm with Jewish Toledo

Community Big Band Party
With the Rhythm Society Orchestra
Sunday, March 20 | 5 p.m.
Valentine Theatre, 410 Adams St.
$18 per person
Includes dinner and one drink ticket
Register with one of the following options:
• form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/swing
• 419-724-0361
• registration@jewishtoledo.org

Cash Bar – Dinner – Dancing – Fortune Telling – Photobooth

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Between 1942 and 1944, more than 1.5 million Jews were massacred when Nazi Germany invaded the Soviet Union. In a period of two and half years, the Nazis killed by mass shootings nearly every Jew in the region. The mass murder was part of the Holocaust, Hitler’s genocide of the Jewish People. Until recently, this chapter of Holocaust history, referred to as the “Holocaust by Bullets,” was relatively unknown. It is estimated that in a very few years, the remaining witnesses to the Holocaust will be gone. During his lecture, Father Desbois will review the findings of his decade-long investigation of the war crimes committed by Nazi death squads in Eastern Europe during the “Holocaust by Bullets.” He will chronicle the lesser-known side of the Holocaust as he recounts his meetings with thousands of eyewitnesses. He will discuss how he and his organization, Yahad-in Unum has identified more than 2000 mass killing sites.

Father Patrick Desbois, founder of the international human rights organization Yahad-in Unum, is a prolific author, distinguished Professor at Georgetown University, historian, forensic detective, and world-renowned human-rights activist. He has devoted his life to confronting anti-Semitism and furthering Catholic-Jewish understanding. Since 2001, he has led a truly historic undertaking of identifying and locating undiscovered mass graves of Jews killed during the Holocaust in Eastern Europe.

In less than three years, from June 1941 until the spring of 1944, Nazi mobile killing units massacred well over 1.5 million Jews in Eastern Europe. The Jewish populations of whole villages were slaughtered in hours; entire regions were annihilated in an afternoon.

As distinct from the concentration camps, there were few survivors to tell the world what had happened. Father Desbois and his teams visit small villages across Ukraine, Russia, Poland, and Belarus and interview residents who witnessed the killings. Many of those he interviews have never spoken of the massacres.

His book, The Holocaust by Bullets, documents this work and is the winner of the 2008 National Jewish Book Award. Father Desbois was awarded the Medal of Valor by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the Humanitarian Award of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Honorary Doctorates from Hebrew University, Bar Ilan University in Israel, and Yeshiva University amongst other honors.

For more information email info@jewishtoledo.org

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Jewish Community Census 2021

Jewish Community Census 2021 a huge success

We asked and you answered. Thank you to the hundreds of community members that filled out their census forms. Your updated information helps us keep you informed on programs and services provided by the Jewish Federation. As an incentive, two local jewelers, Harold Jaffe Jewelers and Jeffrey Mann Fine Jewelers, donated wonderful gift certificates to their stores. We thank them very much for their generosity. Because census information changes, please call or email the Federation with any updates.

Sharon Ravin
Judy Scheinbach
Judy Fox
Yanina Nagorny
Stephanie Shaulskiy
Alex Khutorsky
Chad Kripke, Treasurer

How long have you lived in Toledo?
Born and raised.

Where are you employed?
I am the President of Kripke Enterprises in Sylvania Township.

Are you involved in any other non-profit? If so, which ones and what roles?
Alison (wife) and I are supporters of Chabad; Leadership Toledo, The Humane Society, the American Red Cross, the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., and PJ Library®. Recently served two terms as Jewish Family and Social Services treasurer and previously served on the Congregation B’nai Israel board.

Would you like to mention any awards/recognition you have received?
2020 recipient of the Harry Levinson Young Leadership Award; 2017 graduate of Leadership Toledo.

Are you a member of a local synagogue?
We are members at Temple Shomer Emunim and Congregation B’nai Israel and supporters of Chabad.

What do you like best about Jewish Toledo?
I love the interconnectivity of the Toledo Jewish Community. It is a great network in spiritual, social, and other areas. Another great asset of the Toledo Jewish community is the staff of the Toledo Jewish Federation. They are so driven to great a meaningful Jewish experience for everyone in the Toledo Jewish community. The programming is excellent! We are fortunate to have all major denominations of Judaism in Toledo with great facilities to house them.

If you were a superhero, what special power would you like to have?
I don’t want or need to be a superhero. I just want to continue to have the ability to help others that are in need just a little better life. If we would all subscribe to that concept, we wouldn’t need any superheroes and our world would be a better place!

Dan Steinberg, Chair, Toledo Jewish Community Foundation

How long have you lived in Toledo?
All my life, 63 years

Where are you employed?
Self-employed financial advisor, Vantage Financial Group-Toledo.

Are you involved in any other non-profit? If so, which ones and what roles?
Cameron Morgan Steinberg Foundation-Trustee (named for my granddaughter who was born with a congenital heart defect and lived only eight weeks). My sons and I are raising funds to fight future babies’ heart defects. Our first event was a charity golf outing this past May that raised $30,000 for the C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital in Ann Arbor.

I’ve been on several other boards over the years, but no others at this time. I am past president of the Congregation B’nai Israel board and previously served on the Congregation B’nai Israel board.

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2015 recipient of the Henry Levinson Young Leadership Award; a 2020 recipient of the Harry Levinson Young Leadership Award; 2017 graduate of Leadership Toledo.

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Women's Pearl Society Mingle

Mingle and have fun!

Saturday, March 12 | 7-9 p.m.
Urban Pine Winery
3415 Brierfield Blvd, Maumee, 43537
Cost is $18 per Pearl Society member

We are glad you are part of our Pearl Society of 184 philanthropic women who gift a minimum of $180 to the annual campaign!

A pick-up/to-go art kit option is also available for $10 at the Federation offices on Friday, March 11 (ask for Colette). An RSVP is required for all pick-ups.

We require that in-person attendees be vaccinated and masked. Our event is subject to change dependent on local health recommendations.

RSVP and payment are a must by February 28 to Colette at 419-724-0361 or colette@jewishtoledo.org. You may also use our convenient online link form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/pearl

Hope you can join in the fun!

The Pearl Society are women philanthropists at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. These women want to make a difference in Jewish life in Toledo, Israel, and Jewish communities worldwide by feeling connected through networking, events, and philanthropy. Our pearls join in sisterhood with our Pomegranates and Lions societies. Pearl Society is for women who donate a minimum gift of $180 to Federation’s Annual Campaign. Members will qualify to purchase a pearl hamsa necklace custom designed for the Pearl Society.

For more information about the Pearl Society and campaign, please contact Wendy Goldstein at 419-724-0360 or wendy@jewishtoledo.org
Ahava is a program of the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo that is managed by Jewish Family and Social Services and has a lifeline since 2016 to Jewish families in Greater Toledo who are raising children with special needs and simply want to be able to access the best care possible for their children.

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

For more information about Ahava, please contact Ben Malczewski at ben@jewishtoledo.org or 419-885-2561.
Please join Foundation in planting and planning for our future

“I found a fruitful world, because my ancestors planted it for me. Likewise, I am planting for my children.” – Babylonian Talmud, Tu’anit 23a

Tu b’Shevat, frequently referred to as the New Year of the Trees or Jewish Arbor Day, was just observed on January 17, 2022, corresponding to the 15th day of Sh’vat 5782. It is a reminder of our duty to care for the world around us. In addition to encouraging the literal planting of seeds that will eventually bear fruit, Tu b’Shevat is also an excellent time to think about what roots you want to establish now to ensure the local and global Jewish communities flourish far into the future.

Toledo Jewish Community Foundation provides a variety of ways for donors, no matter your age or income, to make investments that will bear fruit in the form of Jewish security and continuity both now and decades from now. Philanthropic options include:

- Bequests
- Life insurance policies and retirement plans
- Donor advised funds
- Supporting organizations
- Designated funds
- PACE and LOJE funds
- Charitable trusts
- Charitable gift annuities

For more information on including Foundation in your estate plan, contact Foundation Interim Director Stephen Rothschild at Stephen@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0372.

Think about the future. An endowment is forever.
Exploring Broadway: Pitter Patter
Two Thursdays, February 17 & 24
4 - 5:15 p.m. (Zoom)
Visit jewishtoledo.org/jlc for details and direct links to sign up.

The “patter song” has been a staple of theater since Mozart, gaining in popularity in 19th-century comic opera and operetta. In the time since, these delightful, fast-tempo, tongue-twisting songs have wended their ways into 20th-century musicals. Join James Sokol on a journey, which includes audio & video performance clips of songs, including scenes from Broadway’s “Golden Age” gems to contemporary favorites. For February with valentines and hearts all around us, join songstress & storyteller Gilda Solve to explore some of Hart’s Romantic songs, including beloved classics such as “My Funny Valentine,” “Isn’t it Romantic,” “My heart Stood Still” and many more. Guests are welcome to ask questions via the chat throughout the program.

Music & Morsels: Greatest hits of the 80s... the 1780s!
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
4-5 p.m. (Zoom)
Save! Order before Jan 31 for “Early Bird” pricing!
Visit jewishtoledo.org/jlc for details and direct links to sign up.

Pianist Ian Scarfe shares a program featuring the big names of the classical era: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Franz Joseph Haydn. What made these composers into the lasting artists that they have become? What about their music was tradition, and what was revolutionary? Scarfe will discuss several works by each composer, including Sonatas, Fantasies, and various dances, to show what makes this music still charming and approachable today. Scarfe will share stories about the composers and the history of this music and offer a kind of “listening guide” to the audience to deepen the listening experience. He will also be on hand to take questions from the audience and participate in a live discussion afterwards.

Still Traveling: Venerable Venice – The Heart & the Hidden Gems
Three Mondays, March 7, 14, 21, 2022
2-3:15 p.m (Zoom)
Visit jewishtoledo.org/jlc for details and direct links to sign up.

Since her first series on Venice last year, countless guests have asked for more from our terrific, local guide, Laura. This spring, she is back with two new mini-series – one in March, one in April! In this special mini-series, join James Sokol to zoom to Venice for three virtual “trips” with our beloved, professional guide Laura. A native Venetian, Laura provides interesting insights into the heart of the city – the Piazza San Marco – but also into lesser-known, hidden gems: Castello, the Arsenale, and Rialto.

Still Traveling: Superb St. Petersburg
Four Mondays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022
2-3:15 p.m. (Zoom)
Visit jewishtoledo.org/jlc for details and direct links to sign up.

Founded in 1703, St. Petersburg was built in “extravagant Italian and French architectural styles, showcasing Russia’s European identity while maintaining its traditional character.” The city has blossomed into the country’s cultural capital, filled with interesting and beautiful things to see and do. Let James Sokol zoom you to Russia to join our charming, local, professional guide – Polina – in her dynamic hometown.

Exploring Broadway: Melodies with Meaningful Messages
Two Thursdays, February 3 & 10
4-5:15 p.m. (Zoom)
Visit jewishtoledo.org/jlc for details and direct links to sign up.

Musical theater may be stereotyped as light, frothy, romantic, even silly. But, from its earliest days, the art form has taken on serious issues within the confines of a lighter style, often making challenging subjects more palatable. From looking at racial & religious prejudice to gender roles, sexual orientation, political practices, and more, songs provide a unique approach to dealing with major social issues. Join James Sokol on a journey with audio & video performance clips through songs of protest, social commentary, and others with meaningful messages. Come for the songs; stay for the fun!

Music & Morsels: "She was a great artist..."
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
4-5 p.m (Zoom)
Visit jewishtoledo.org/jlc for details and direct links to sign up
Save! Get “Early Bird” pricing before March 7!

Pianist Ian Scarfe will be joined by French violinist Mélanie Clapiés for a program of lyrical and intriguing works by several overlooked composers, each of them female. The duo will present music by American composer Amy Beach, including her “Romance for Violin and Piano” and by two French composers, Cécile Chaminade and Lili Boulanger, who were among the most talented composers in Paris in the early 20th century. Scarfe and Clapiés will share stories about the composers and the history of this music and offer a kind of “listening guide” to the audience to deepen the listening experience.

Go to jewishtoledo.org/jlc for more great Alliance programs.
JLC Exercise Now on Jewish Toledo YouTube Channel!

Active Life for 60 and Better

The Jewish Living Center (JLC) is a fresh, holistic approach to how we look at aging and how we view ourselves as we age. We strive to make the JLC the place where you come when you want to learn about something new and exciting. Where you can try out the newest trends in movement and exercise. Where technology is just a touch away. Where adventure takes you places. Where you gather with your old friends and make new ones. Where you can feel comfortable being yourself.

Missing all your favorite exercise classes because you don’t have Facebook? Now you can simply go to YouTube anytime you want and not have to deal with Facebook at all. Love Facebook, all your classes will still be on Facebook! We are now offering two platforms where you can get your exercise classes from, YouTube and Facebook!

You can exercise when you want, YouTube is open to everyone who wants to keep moving and stay healthy!

Here is how you can find the Jewish Toledo YouTube Channel: Just go to the www.jewishtoledo.org website, then click on Get Involved at the top of the page, click on 60 and Better and then look for the button that says Exercise Videos – it will take you directly to YouTube. Once on the page you can bookmark it.

What classes can you expect to find on our Jewish Toledo JLC YouTube Channel:

Ballet Fusion
This combination class brings together basic ballet and Tai Chi to give you a complete workout. Focusing on your core for balance and strength and full range of motion to increase flexibility and breathing.

Foundation Fitness
This challenging, calisthenic-style workout is designed to develop your muscular strength and endurance from the ground up. Focus will be on foot and ankle strength and mobility, healthy posture and pelvic floor tone, and core strength and breathing.

Get Fit
This exercise class offers you great music and great moves that will give you a comprehensive workout that includes cardio, strength, and flexibility. Balls, bands, chairs, and light weights are used in the class.

Drumming
A full body workout for any fitness level. You will need: drumsticks or wooden spoons and an exercise ball. The upbeat music keeps you moving and gives your core a great workout!

All our exercise classes are taught by Eileen Seegert. Eileen has been an integral part of the health & wellness program at Jewish Living Center for 28 years. Eileen has degrees in Dance Therapy and Kinesiotherapy. She also has a certification in Corrective Exercise and is licensed to teach Zumba. Eileen stays active by participating in local runs and spending time with her grandchildren.

If you have any questions about our classes, please feel free to call us at 419-724-0362 or email hallie@jewishtoledo.org.

Pacesetter Park Walking Group
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10 – 11 a.m.

Walk socially distanced for 30-40 minutes. Remainder of time spent using your own weights/band to exercise with Eileen. Bring your own water.


To learn more about this or to register, please contact Hallie at 419-724-0362 or registration@jewishtoledo.org

2022 CEMETERY CLOSINGS

BETH SHALOM CEMETERY
420 Otter Creek Rd.
Oregon, Ohio 43616

EAGLE POINT CEMETERY
515 Eagle Point Rd.
Rossford, Ohio 43460

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

Friday, April 15, 2022
Erev Passover
Close at 4 P.M.

Saturday, April 16, 2022
Passover I
Closed

Sunday, April 17, 2022
Passover II
Closed

Thursday, April 21, 2022
Erev Passover
Close at 4 P.M.

Friday, April 22, 2022
Passover VIII
Closed

Saturday, April 23, 2022
Passover VIII
Closed

Saturday, April 24, 2022
Erev Shawtuck
Close at 4 P.M.

Sunday, May 5, 2022
Shavuot I
Closed

Monday, June 6, 2022
Shavuot II
Closed

Saturday, September 25, 2022
Erev Rosh Hashana
Close at 4 P.M.

Monday, September 26, 2022
Rosh Hashana I
Closed

Wednesday, September 27, 2022
Rosh Hashana II
Closed

Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Erev Yom Kippur
Close at 4 P.M.

Wednesday, October 5, 2022
Yom Kippur
Closed

Sunday, October 9, 2022
Erev Sukkot
Close at 4 P.M.

Monday, October 10, 2022
Sukkot I
Closed

Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Sukkot II
Closed

Sunday, October 16, 2022
Sukkot VIII (Hoshana Raba)
Closed

Monday, October 17, 2022
Shmitti Atzeret Sukkot VIII
Closed

Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Senechat Torah
Closed

Regular Cemetery hours: Sunday through Thursday 6:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Fridays 6:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Closed Saturdays and on the above dates for Yom Tov

Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association
6465 Sylvania Ave.
Sylvania, Ohio 43560
419.724.0404
RSVP to any or all events to Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362. Please notify us of any dietary issues at least one week prior to the event.

Mitzvah Pizza

No matter how you slice it, the Mitzvah Pizza program really delivered! Households received kits with all the supplies to make their own pizza, salads, and brownies. Kids listened to a read along of the story and then wrote down their own mitzvahs to do at home with their families.

PJ Library book bags available!

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

PJ Library® is supported in part by The Inspiration Fund and Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

PJ Playtime
Sunday, February 6
3 p.m.
Sunrise Gymnastics – 3640 Holland Sylvania Rd
FREE – snacks included
Please bring canned items to donate
Open to families with kids in kindergarten and below (siblings welcome)

Join PJ for an afternoon of somersaults, jumps, and tumbling!
RSVP by Monday, January 31 to registration@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351

Family Mitzvah Day
Sunday, March 6
11:30 a.m.
Jewish Family Services, 6505 Sylvania Ave
Free event, lunch included
Please bring soup crackers to donate

It’s Mitzvah Day! Help pack “Soups for Seniors” goodie bags. Bags will be filled with soup mugs, instant soup and other goodies to help brighten up and warm the heart and bellies of seniors. After packing, families will be able to deliver bags to senior living facilities or individuals living at their own homes.
RSVP by Monday, February 28 to registration@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351

To learn more about PJ Library® and to ensure your child receives this wonderful gift, please contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org.

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Next Jewish Generation

Programs especially for post-college to young families.

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
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Register for all upcoming NJG events at: form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njgwinter2022
Any questions? Contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org
For all NJG programming information, visit jewishtoledo.org/nextjewishgeneration.

NJG Axe Throwing
Next Jewish Generation enjoyed an “axe-cellent” evening at Axe 419 last month in Rossford. After a very competitive match, the group’s winner was the legend, the NJG G.O.A.T., David Freed.

NJG Sips & Suds
Saturday, February 5
6 - 8 p.m.
Buff City Soap –
7103 Orchard Centre Dr.,
Holland, OH
$25 per person – Includes soap or bath bomb making supplies, sips, and snacks

Spend the night with us and create your own soap or bath bombs! Choose your own scents and colors. All products are free of harsh ingredients, cruelty free, and full of plant-based goodness.

RSVP required by Friday, January 28 at the jotform link above. **LIMITED SPACE**

NJG Trivia Nights
Tuesday, February 22 – Stubborn Brothers
Pizza, W. Bancroft St
Tuesday, March 22 – Bier Stube, 5333 Monroe St.

It’s your favorite night out and you know the drill...free trivia, appetizers on us, and drinks on you! Trivia starts at 7 p.m., please make sure to arrive by 6:45 p.m. (reservation will be under Hallie).

RSVP by the day prior to hallie@Jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362.

Next Gen Trivia
Alas, Next Jewish Generation trivia nights came to an end for 2021, but we finished the year with a big win at The V.I. in Sylvania thanks to our secret weapon, five-month-old Raya, who knew about everything from The Beatles to wooly mammoths and the WNBA to the LiMu Emu.

EMOJI
Camp Wise and Camp GUCI visited Toledo on last month to get eligible campers excited about the upcoming summer at Jewish camps in the region.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER 2022!

The EMOJI ("Experience a Memorable Overnight Jewish Initiative") program was developed summer 2017 to help develop Jewish identity for our children, one camper at a time. EMOJI is designed to make camp affordable, accessible, and meaningful to families in our community through scholarships.

This past summer, 34 campers attended Jewish summer overnight because of the EMOJI program. The Toledo Jewish Community Foundation invested over $64,000 in ensuring future generations’ connections to their Judaism, our Toledo Jewish community, Israel, and beyond.

To find out more or to apply, visit jewishtoledo.org/emoji.
This February, we come together virtually to learn from disability rights champions, experts, and legislators about the current state of disability rights and what you can do to promote inclusion. Learn more at: JewishTogether.org/JDAD-2022 #JDAD #JewishTogether

Calling All High School Seniors

Do you plan on attending a college in Northwest Ohio? Then don’t miss out on applying for College Scholarships that will help assist your financial needs!

- Do you have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher?
- Are you a member of the Toledo Jewish Community that lives in Northwest Ohio or Southeast Michigan?
- The Toledo Jewish Community Foundation can help YOU.

For further information on College Scholarships that are available, please contact Deb Damschroder at 419-724-0405 or Deb@jewishtoledo.org, today!
Are you looking to hang out with other Jewish teens? Then B’nai B’rith Youth Organization (BBYO) is for you! BBYO a great way to get to know other teens not only from Toledo, but from all over the United States. It is the leading pluralistic Jewish teen movement aspiring to involve more Jewish teens in more meaningful Jewish experiences. BBYO welcomes Jewish teens of all backgrounds, denominational affiliation, gender, race, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status, including those with a range of intellectual, emotional, and physical abilities.

Locally, we have a boy’s and girl’s chapter right here in Toledo.

To register for upcoming events or for more information about BBYO, please contact Jodie Goldstein at jedierochelle@gmail.com or Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org

Gathered Glassblowing Studio
Thursday, February 24
6 – 8 p.m.
$25 per person

Peace, Love & Pottery Painting Party
Sunday, March 20
12 – 1:30 p.m.
$10 per person

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**Birthright Israel & Onward Israel Merge, Strengthening Jewish Diaspora Ties with Israel**

**Merger Provides Young Jews Around the World Increased Opportunities to Visit, Study, Work & Live in Israel**

NEW YORK & TEL AVIV, JANUARY 5, 2022 – Birthright Israel, the largest educational tourism organization in the world, and Onward Israel, the leading provider of mid-length immersive experiences for young adults in Israel, have merged. Combining these two organizations strengthens Israel-diaspora ties by providing expanded opportunities for more Jewish young adults to participate in travel, study and professional development experiences.

By merging Birthright Israel’s 10-day educational tours and Excel Fellowship program with Onward’s longer-length internships, study and immersive living experiences, the organization will more effectively be able to reach young Jews around the world with a variety of engaging programmatic options. As a result of the merger, Onward Israel will become a program offered by Birthright Israel, with Gidi Mark continuing to serve as International CEO of Birthright. Ilan Wagner, formerly the CEO of Onward Israel, will become Vice President of Onward programs at Birthright Israel.

“Our primary goal has always been to give every Jewish young adult around the world a trip to Israel in order to strengthen identity and connection with Israel,” said Mark. “The pandemic has been the greatest challenge we have faced on the road to achieving that goal, but by merging with Onward we take the next great step forward, ensuring that more young people have the opportunity to experience and develop a deeper relationship with Israel and its people.”

Despite the headwinds posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, Birthright Israel is optimistic about 2022 and beyond. Birthright Israel plans to resume trips as soon as it is safe to do so, for individuals who are vaccinated or have received a booster in the last six months. Meanwhile, the organization continues to experience massive enthusiasm for future trips, with tens of thousands of individuals pre-applying to participate.

“Birthright Israel is the largest educational tourism organization in the world. It has sent over 750,000 young Jewish adults from more than 68 countries on a free 10-day educational tour in Israel. Of these, 115,000 are Israelis, most of whom are IDF soldiers, students, and young professionals. Birthright Israel has a steadfast partnership with the government of Israel and Jewish communities from around the world.

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About Onward Israel

Onward Israel, originally launched with the Jewish Agency for Israel in 2012, and which works in close part-nership with Masa Israel Journey, has engaged more than 12,000 young people in immersive and transformative work, live and study experiences. Its objective is to increase the number of participants in unmediated, immersive identity-building experiences in Israel, with a focus on young adults who are less engaged, to inspire and motivate them to embrace their Jewishness and to strengthen Israel’s standing on the college campus and in the community.

Regionaly, the Ohio Northern Region also includes Cleveland, Akron, Canton, and Youngstown. BBYO is active in more than 40 regions, in Europe, South Africa, Australia, and North America. The organization has more than 25,000 members and over 250,000 alumni, as well as about 800 volunteer advisors. BBYO connects Jewish youth with their cultural Jewish roots. It is a great platform for delivering fun, meaningful, and affordable experiences that inspire a lasting connection to the Jewish people. There are many leadership opportunities in BBYO to help build confidence, team building, and problem-solving skills, which all provide a great addition to college applications.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Nefesh Mountain Community Concert and Party
Sunday, May 1
B’nai Mitzvah

We Honor Our B’nai Mitzvah

Becca and Mira Weingarden will become B’not Mitzvah and lead the congregation in prayer at Temple Shomer Emunim on February 26, 2022. Becca and Mira are the daughters of Kay and Steve Weingarden, and grandchildren of Chris and Bill Tompsett and Arlene and Larry Weingarden. Becca and Mira have benefitted and thrived from a wonderful Jewish education through Gan Yeladim preschool, Chabad youth programs, Temple Shomer Emunim educational programs, and through a Chavurah.

In 2021, they volunteered time at nonprofits, including Seagate Food Bank, Sunshine Communities, Toledo University Church Gardens, Habitat for Humanity (an organization Kay connected with in her youth), Cherry Street Mission, and Metroparks Toledo. Becca and Mira plan to volunteer additional time in 2022. They also live an eco-friendly lifestyle, particularly in their food choices.

Versatile, involved, and high-energy, Becca and Mira engage in a variety of sports (softball, field hockey, and baseball) and other activities (reading, writing, theatre, and cooking.) They are especially interested in mysteries, escape rooms, and codebreaking (though no code is embedded within this announcement; or is there a code?) Becca and Mira have developed an outstanding group of friends and are adept at making sure others are recognized and included within their group.

Colin Blake Thaler will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with his immediate family on February 19, 2022. He is the son of proud parents Russ and Deb Thaler and grandson of Lois and Michael Burke and George and Roberta Thaler. Colin is an honors student at Timberstone Junior High School. He enjoys playing basketball, soccer, skiing, piano, guitar, and trombone. He has a passion for animals, especially his dog Bow. For his Mitzvah project, he hopes to bring awareness to the Toledo Humane Society. Please consider volunteering and/or making donations in honor of his Bar Mitzvah for this great organization.

Two former students of the Sylvania City Schools have recently received exciting news

Steve Markoff was notified he will be inducted into the Sylvania (Ohio) Schools Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame on March 18, 2022, at Sylvania Country Club. The event is conducted by The Sylvania Academic Excellence Foundation, a private foundation dedicated to stimulating academic excellence and quality programming in the Sylvania Schools. After a highly successful career with TourDesign Creative/Live Nation Entertainment as Creative Director, Steve is now artist manager with Why&How, Austin, Texas. Why&How is a full-service artist management and music company. The 1992 graduate of Southview High School resides in Indianapolis.

Matt Markoff has had a number of projects go Gold and Platinum, but this is the first time one has been nominated for a Grammy. Matt was A&R (Artist and Repertoire) for Bath Salts, one of five nominations for Rap Song of the Year. Bath Salts, featuring DMX, Jay-Z, and Nas, was released after the death of DMX earlier this year. A&R is the division of a record label responsible for talent scouting and overseeing the artistic development of recording artists (singers, instrumentalists, bands, and so on) and songwriters. Matt and wife, Nicole, live in Sherman Oaks, California. They are the sons of Dr. Richard and Beverly Markoff, Carmel, Indiana.
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Temple Shomer Emunim

Masks Are Mandatory in the Temple, unless you are actively eating. We appreciate your cooperation.

The Mitzvah Meal Menu and Order Form is available on the Temple website at [www.templesoe.com](http://www.templesoe.com). If you do not receive one via email, please go to the website, or please call the Temple office.

**February Worship Schedule**

- **Friday, February 4**
  - Shabbat Service at 6PM
- **Friday, February 11**
  - Shabbat Service at 6PM
- **Friday, February 18**
  - Shabbat Service at 6PM
- **Saturday, February 19**
  - Shabbat Service at 10:30AM
  - Bar Mitzvah of Colin Thaler
- **Friday, February 25**
  - Shabbat Service at 6:00PM
- **Saturday, February 26**
  - Shabbat Service at 10:30AM
  - Bar Mitzvah of Mira & Becca Weingarden

**Temple Shomer Emunim**

- **Jewish History & Concepts Class** with Rabbi Kaufman
  - Thursdays at 7:00PM (Required for Conversion to Judaism)
  - March 3, 10, 17 & 24
  - April 7, 14, 21 & 28
  - May 5, 12, & 19
  - Please call the Temple to reserve your spot

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT SERIES**

The Temple is starting a series of informal concerts, featuring musicians from the BGSU College of Musical Arts, with receptions to follow to meet and greet the performers.

- **March 27: An Afternoon of Song**
  - Featuring voice students of Metropolitan Opera star Myra Merritt, this performance will feature classic art song, opera arias, and maybe even a little Broadway!
  - April 24: Featuring Small Jazz Combos from the BGSU Jazz Performance Department, directed by internationally active jazz pianist/guitarist faculty member Ariel Kasler.

**Men’s Chavurah**

Men’s Chavurah will meet this month on Wednesday, February 23 at 7PM

**PURIM IS COMING!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, March 20**

A day of fun for the family that you don’t want to miss!

- **PJ Havdalah — Fun for Families!**
  - **Saturday, March 12 5:00–7:00PM**
  - Family Havdalah Service, followed by dinner (pizza + salad) and conversation for the adults and activities + crafts for the kids. Ends with desserts! $15 per family.
  - RSVP to by March 9

**In-person**

**February Religious School Calendar**

- **Sun. Feb. 6** 9:15AM Religious School
- **Wed. Feb. 9** 4:30PM Hebrew School
- **Sun. Feb. 13** 9:15AM Religious School
- **Wed. Feb. 16** 4:30PM Hebrew School
- **Sun. Feb. 20** NO Religious School
- **Wed. Feb. 23** 4:30PM Hebrew School
- **Sun. Feb. 27** 9:15AM Religious School

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**Congregation B’nai Israel**

**Weekly Services Schedule**

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

To view CBI Services on Zoom:

- To receive the Zoom link and passcode, contact the office at 419.977.8400.

To view CBI Services on Live Stream:

- Go to cbi.toledoo.org. Click on the “Live Stream” tab at the top of the page. When the page opens, you will be connected to the CBI Live Stream service.

Directions on how to view on a smart TV can be found in the CBI bulletin.

The CBI office will be CLOSED

Mon. Feb. 21, 2022 President’s Day

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**CBI SACRED GARDENS PRESENTS**

**WINTER SOWING**

Join us as Helen Michaels teaches us the technique of planting native and other garden seeds in winter and how this process is part of Tikvun Olam.

- **Sunday, February 6, 2022**
  - 10:30 AM In-Person & on Zoom

Please RSVP to Helen Michaels at hjmichaels@gmail.com by Tuesday, February 1, 2022 and indicate if you will be attending in-person or on Zoom.

**JEWISH LIVES, JEWISH LEARNING:**

**CBI ADULT EDUCATION SERIES**

**DANIEL PEARLMAN**

CJRC Director, Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo

**Sunday, February 27, 2022**

10:30 AM In-Person & on Zoom


Using various case studies, we will begin to understand why there is a resurgence and morphing of history's oldest hatred. Participants will walk away learning more about anti-Semitism and ways to combat it.

**WCBI BOOK CLUB**

**FLORENCE ADLER SWIMS ALONE**

- **Sunday, February 22, 2022**
  - 10:30 AM on Zoom

This PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

It is not necessary to have read the book to join the discussion. Please RSVP to Ellen Federman at efederman@sbcglobal.net by Sunday, February 20, 2022. An email link will be sent before the scheduled meeting time.

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

- Wed. 2/2 Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
- Sun. 2/6 Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM
- Wed. 2/9 Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
- Sun. 2/13 Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM
- Wed. 2/16 Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
- Sun. 2/20 NO RS - PRESIDENTS WEEKEND
- Wed. 2/23 Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
- Sun. 2/27 Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM
BOOK DISCUSSION & “ART TOUR”

Everyone is invited to a Book Discussion & “Art Tour” on Sunday evening, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The book to be discussed is My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry, by Fredrik Backman.

The discussion will be led by Naomi Baron and Andrea Delman. This is the ladies’ fifth book & art discussion for Etz Chayim and each one has been hailed as a thought-provoking, educational, and entertaining success. Please R.S.V.P. to Elsa Leveton, elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org or Nancy Jacobson, jaco824@bex.net

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

Etz Chayim will be hosting an afternoon of beautiful music from The University of Toledo Piano Trio on Sunday, February 27. Enjoy delicious desserts at 1:30 p.m. accompanied by wonderful background music. The delightful performance will begin at 2:00 p.m. The charge is only $5.00 per person.

Everyone is welcome! Please R.S.V.P. to Elsa Leveton or Nancy Jacobson.

MAHJ & POKER GAMES PLANNED

February has plans for in-person Sunday Poker & Mahj on February 6, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. It is never too late if you are interested in joining either group. Poker players can contact Marc Jacobson at mdjaco@gmail.com and Mahj players can contact Nancy Jacobson at Jaco824@bex.net. The mahj group will play on-line on Sundays, February 13 and February 20 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fun times!

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Everyone is invited to join Etz Chayim Sisterhood on Tuesday, February 15 for an informative discussion on kashrut. Jason Mark, our rabbinical intern, will lead us on the “ins” and “outs” of kashrut. The program will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Zoom and is open to all. Please RSVP to Elsa Leveton at 419-473-2401 or elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org for the Zoom link.

Save the date: Sisterhood will be holding a Passover recipe sharing program on Tuesday, March 22. Watch for further details of this exciting program!

Congregation Etz Chayim will again be selling kosher/pareve hamantashen for Purim which will be available by the middle of February. Please call the office for information regarding prices and flavors. More details will be forthcoming.

SHABBAT SERVICES & KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

Please join us for in-person Shabbat services led by our Rabbinic intern Jason Mark on Saturday, February 19. Services begin at 9:00 a.m. A delicious Kiddush Luncheon will follow services.

Chabad House

Lever of Love
~ Rabbi Shemtov Lecture Series ~

Exploring the Significance of Work, Charity, and Wealth
February 20th & February 27th

CAFE CHABAD

Movie - February 13 - 10:00 am

Professor Eugene Kontorovich
The Legal Case for Israel

Both Movie and Lecture are on zoom or in person!
Please email info@chabadtoledo.com for zoom details.

SAVE THE DATE

Purim Family Celebration
Thursday, March 17 2022

Every Friday, select Jewish homes receive a "Shabbat Kit" that includes candles, chicken soup, challah, and grape juice. To nominate a community member or to volunteer, contact Mushka Matos on at Mushka@fctoledo.com or 419-509-0105.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES
For services time, please email info@chabadtoledo.com

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
10:00 am
It is easy to run a classified ad in Toledo Jewish News! First 12 words - $8, $0.10 per additional word. Phone numbers and abbreviations count as separate words. Ads must be received by the 15th of the month.

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Safety Tips

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

BURGLARY PREVENTION

1. Avoid Hiding Spare Keys
Never spend money on fake rocks, birdhouses, animals, or other tools where you want to hide a spare key. Burglars are aware that it is a common practice to hide spare keys in these areas, and they are not naïve as to where they should be looking. Instead, opt to give a spare key to a trusted neighbor, friend, or family member.

2. Buy then Advertise Your Home Security Equipment
If you've got it, flaunt it. Always have signs, decals, and notices that advertise that you have home security equipment, and even animals. A burglar is less likely to target a home that they know is protected with home security equipment. Cameras are a huge deterrent.

3. Stick to the Basics
Never leave doors, windows, or garages open or unlocked. Break-ins are often crimes of opportunity; a burglar saw an opportunity and they took advantage of it. Don't give a burglar any sort of opportunity that they can take advantage of.

4. Don't Answer to Strangers, But See Who They Are
Many burglars will actually knock on a door to see who is home before committing a crime. If they realize that no one is home, they will go forward with their actions. If you hear a knock at the door, don't open to strangers, but look through your peephole and see who is there. You can ask what they want or tell them to leave your property.

5. Place Valuables in a Safe
Important and expensive personal items should be placed in a home safe. These home safes should be anchored to the floor or a permanent shelf. Items that are often placed in safes include guns, jewelry, money, and other personal items. Remember that thieves aren't always strangers that are targeting your home. Sometimes thieves are relatives, friends, babysitters, housekeepers, or friends of your children who get clever and curious.

6. Make the Home Seem Lived In
Timers, lights, and televisions will give burglars the impression that someone is home. Since the majority of burglaries happen during the day, it's important to do whatever you can to give burglars the impression that you are home. When you're away for vacation, these tricks and tips will also come in handy.

7. Make the Home Appear Well-Kept
Burglars are more likely to target a home that isn't well kept, be-
cause it gives the impres-
sion that homeowners are away, or that they do not care about their property. If you'll be away, put a stop to receiving mail, and if you need additional help, ask neighbors or family and friends to help with mail and trash.

8. Avoid Posting on Social Media
As excited as you are about your vacation, and as much as you would like to announce it to the world, posting about vacation on social media may lead to unwanted traffic to your home.

9. Don't Place Valuables in Obvious Places
Get creative with your valuables. When burglar's break-in, they are looking to find valuable property quickly. Common initial places they look are dresser drawers, bedside tables, and medicine cabinets.

10. Don't Ignore the Second and Third Floors
Don't neglect the second or third story of your home under the assumption that someone won't put in the effort to break-in. Many burglars are capable of climbing, often using tools they find in the neighborhood. Never leave ladders or other items out that can be used for a break-in.

*And, finally, close your curtains/blinds at night so those driving by can NOT see your valuables; such as a laptop or large flat screen television set.

Follow These Important Tips:

The goal should always be to think steps ahead of a burglar. A burglar should never find a weakness in your home security plan, and if one were ever to approach your home, they should opt for another property once they see the difficulty in breaking into your house.

Remember: Always be aware of your surroundings. Pay attention to what's going on in your neighborhood. See if there is new or unusual activity, and be vigilant to report it to the police. You just never know......
We are offering, ‘Hillel Boxes of Sunshine’ to bring a smile to our students’ face when they are sick.

We will continue to offer services and a Shabbat meal every Friday throughout the semester.

We started a spring semester ‘Hillel Hiking Club’ to enjoy some fresh air and give our students something healthy to look forward to.

We are partnering virtually with other Hillel’s from around the world to connect students to unrivaled content, community and Jewish life on a global scale.

We are giving our students a safe space to discuss their new normal and the struggles they are having while making sure to address students that are having food insecurities and mental health issues.

HAPPY SPRING SEMESTER
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