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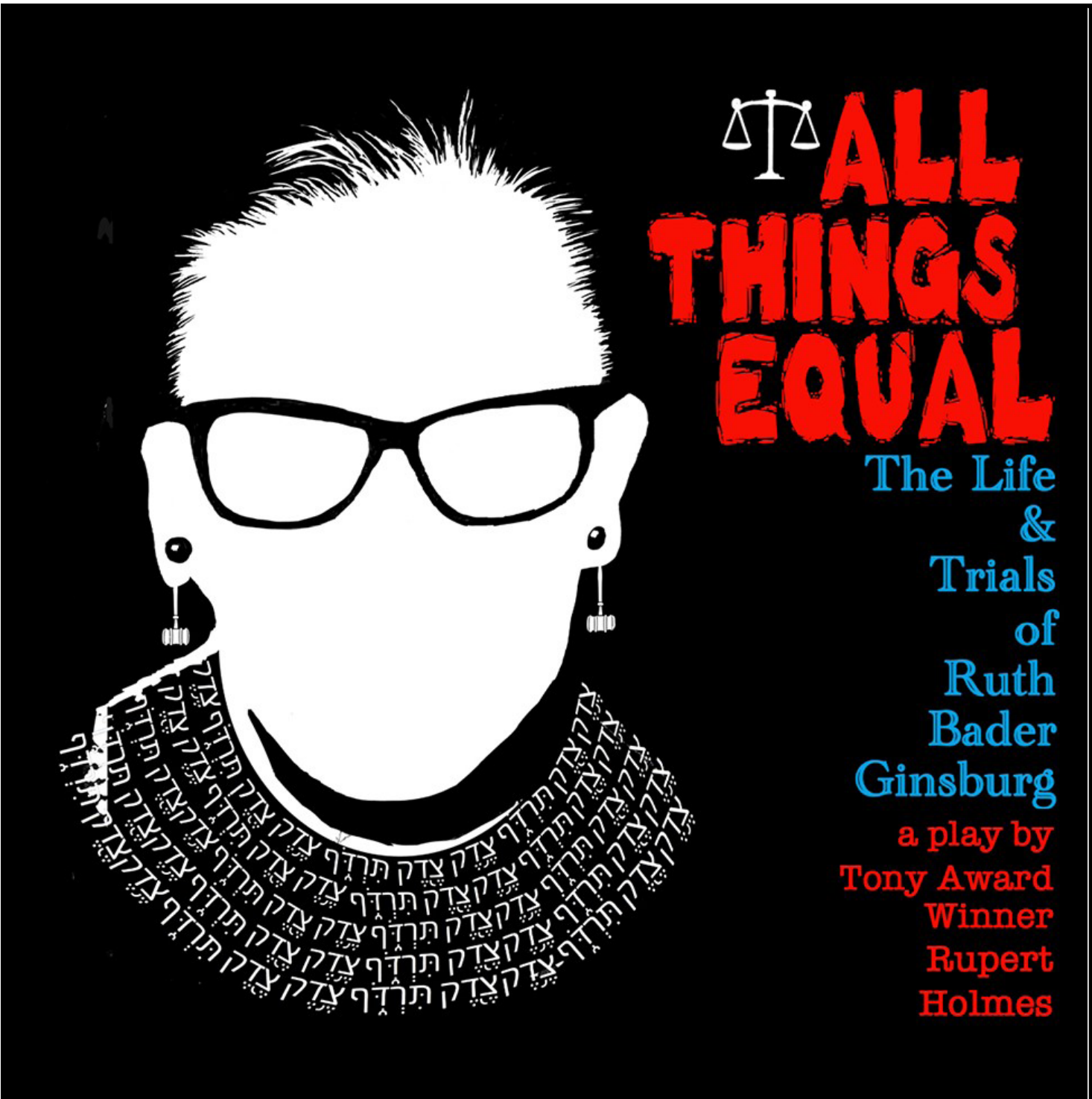
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The Life & Trials of Ruth Bader Ginsburg
a play by Tony Award Winner Rupert Holmes

All Things Equal - The Life & Trials of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Monday, March 20
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Doors open at 6:30 p.m., play at 7:30 p.m.
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A special Street Art Night tour of some of Tel Aviv's most "hip" neighborhoods; walking tour of the fashionable Neve Tzedek; a visit to Rabin Square to learn about Yitzhak Rabin's life, leadership, and tragic death; a tour of the ANU Museum of the Jewish People at Tel Aviv University

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When it comes to nature, Israel has it all. The country itself may be small but what it lacks in area it makes up for in diverse, beautiful scenery.

Visit a winery for a tour and wine tasting; ascend up to Masada by cable car and tour the famous ancient fortress built by King Herod; enjoy floating in the therapeutic waters of the mineral rich Dead Sea; buckle in to a Jeep tour in the mountains of the Golan Heights passed abandoned Syrian military bunkers

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Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo

JFGT Seeks Nominations for Annual Awards

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo is seeking nominations for community recognition awards to be presented at our annual meeting. Any member of the community is able to nominate an individual for the Harry Levison Young Leadership Award, the Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award, the Nancy Newbury Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award, the Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence, or the Shining Light Award.

**National Young Leadership/
Harry Levison Young Leadership Award**

Created in 1962 to recognize young adults of outstanding promise and leadership ability who exhibit an active interest in Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Jewish Federation Fund Campaign, this award rewards exceptional service from young adults. The award is open to those between the ages of 25 and 45 who reside in the greater Toledo area. The recipient(s) is honored at Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Annual Meeting and receives a cash award to be used for participation, either at the General Assembly of Jewish Federations of North America or National Young Leadership Conference. The award can also be applied to participation on an Israel mission, particularly the National Young Leadership Mission.

Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award

Established in 1998 to recognize Robert Wick, a great friend and supporter to the Jewish community, the award is restricted to businesses, corporations and companies that provide exemplary support to the Jewish community.

Nancy Newbury Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award

Each year, in its role as the social services and safety net for Toledo's Jewish community, Jewish Family Service recognizes a volunteer who embodies the spirit and compassion of the JFS mission.

**Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal
Service Award of Excellence**

Established to recognize an outstanding Jewish communal employee or volunteer for their leadership in promoting Jewish values and improving Jewish life, the award acknowledges valuable contributions of the recipient and the deep appreciation of the Board of Directors and staff of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

Shining Light Award

Created in 2019 to recognize outstanding community volunteers who find meaning and reward in giving of their time and energy for the greater good of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. Nominees for this award are volunteers who go above and beyond the norm of volunteerism. They are tireless in their dedication to the mission of the organization, sit on numerous committees, enrich our community and strive to make Jewish Toledo a vibrant place to call home. Nominees for this award should be 18 -180 years old and meet the criteria description.

Please use the form below pertaining to the award(s) for which you wish to submit a nomination(s) or request a form from Sally Trouten at sally@jewishtoledo.org.



Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Nomination for Community Award

Award Nomination (check one)

- ☐ National Young Leadership/Harry Levison Young Leadership Award
- ☐ Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award
- ☐ Nancy Newbury Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award
- ☐ Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence
- ☐ Shining Light Award - Jewish Programs Volunteer

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News

Community Reflects on CFO Transition to JewishColumbus

By Jessica Endy

After 27 years, six(ish) positions, and one remarkable impact, Tina Stieben is leaving her role as Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo Chief Financial Officer to become JewishColumbus's CFO.

"Tina, personally and professionally, is amazing," said Mark Greenblatt, JFGT Board Vice President. "She's been the constant for many years through massive amounts of change in organizational structure as well as professional and lay leadership. She's been the backbone of this organization and we will miss her institutional wisdom immensely."

"Consistency, competency, responsiveness and professionalism are a few words that come to mind when I think of Tina's tenure," said Matt Kripke, Toledo Jewish Community Foundation Chair. "We have been lucky to have her as part of our team for many years. I would be lying if I did not say it will be really tough to replace what she has done for our community."

"Tina's attention to detail and her ability to work with staff, lay leadership, and the community at large have facilitated our growth and made all of our jobs easier," said Laurie Gross, Board President.

In 1995, Stieben and her husband, Bruce, moved back to Toledo from Detroit, where she had been working in government accounting. She responded to an ad for JFGT's Financial Analyst position, which also managed accounting for the Foundation and Jewish Family Service. Stieben was, of course, hired. "My parents always had a service mindset and said we should always give something back," said Stieben. "I wanted to work for a non-profit, where I felt good about what I was doing, could serve people, and could grow."

"Tina was my first hire in the newly created Department of Finance and Administration," said Abby Suckow, past JFGT CFO and Executive Director. "She was and is a very capable, intelligent professional who helped guide us into the 21st century, updating our technology, accounting, and financial systems."

"Tina and I were hired just six months apart," said Wendy Goldstein, JFGT Donor Development and Women's Philanthropy Officer. "We've been through a lot of changes together. Tina's always kept things afloat. She's a great advocate and cheerleader. I'll miss her dearly, as a colleague and a friend."

IT soon was added to Stieben's portfolio and she became a Network Administrator and Analyst. Her role

then morphed again as Toledo's Jewish agencies were merged into JFGT.

"Tina's dedicated service to the Toledo Jewish community speaks volumes about her capabilities," said Joel Beren, Honorary Trustee. "She grew into her role at the same time the complexity of our 'back office' grew. She was there from the beginning of our consolidation of administrative services to all Federated agencies, and was the guiding hand through a number of major changes and consolidations."

Stephen Rothschild, JFGT CEO, agreed. "Tina has grown in her role, as JFGT has grown. From the earlier days of a separate Jewish Community Center, Toledo Board of Jewish Education, and Jewish Family Service, Tina has been an important part of the consolidation of these institutions, along with the Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association, into JFGT."

After Suckow left the organization, Stieben was interim CFO before becoming the Foundation Analyst. "I learned so much working with Arleen Levine on Toledo Jewish Community Foundation operations. I had the opportunity to focus on communications, something you typically can't do in the accounting world."

"Tina is an exemplary leader and cares deeply about the values and traditions of our Toledo Jewish community," said Levine, Foundation Director Emeritus. "Over the years, the scope of her professional responsibilities steadily increased and she mastered these ever-increasing responsibilities with terrific success. I've appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with her in all areas regarding the Foundation and have the utmost respect for her talent."

When JFGT's CFO position opened up in 2011, Stieben stepped into the role she has held since – except when she took on additional responsibilities like Interim Chief Operating Officer and Interim CEO, as needed. "Tina has been a role model to the organization with her steady and calm problem-solving skills, judgment in dealing with all kinds of organizational challenges, and interpersonal skills that facilitated excellent teamwork with our staff and Board members," said Eric F. Dubow, Past JFGT President. "I'm especially indebted to Tina for agreeing to step in as COO for over a year when we were without an Executive Director and in the midst of a strategic planning project. She's become a close friend and confidant to so many of us."

"Tina became CFO about the time I became President," said Elliot Feit, Past JFGT President. "She worked hard at learning what a CFO had to keep track of, from A to Z. In short, Tina was as rock solid as can be. Gratefully, Tina prepared me for the Board meetings, answered and explained all I needed, and it was all good and accurate. Board meetings can be a bit harsh, but I never heard anything other than praise for Tina."

Stieben was born and raised in Toledo, attending 12 years of Catholic school and The University of Toledo, where she received her accounting degree. She and Bruce have three daughters: Sydney, 28; Mikayla, 26; and Gabby, who turns 22 this month. "My girls have all gone through the JCC and Jewish day camps," said Stieben. "They are knowledgeable about Jewish culture and faith. This made them well-rounded, and I'm very proud of them."

"The Toledo Jewish community has become like a second family, a second home," said Stieben. In fact, Stieben became the Foundation's initial L'Dor V'Dor matching gift life insurance program donor (anonymously, until now) in 2016, after spending a month in the hospital and another month recovering. "I was very bad off. The Jewish community and JFGT staff were amazing to me and my family. The policy will support this community into the future. It was a way for me to give back for all the support and love I've received."

"Within six months of my arrival as a JFGT professional, our world was thrown in the COVID whirlwind," said Rothschild. "Without missing a beat, Tina helped coordinate our work outside of our physi-

cal offices and assisted with efforts to obtain PPP funding. She is simply unflappable. Tina's care for the interests of our community will be missed. I know that she will bring her same passion and skills to JewishColumbus and will do incredible things in her new role."

Stieben was approached by Columbus after their current CFO announced her plan to retire in September 2023. She said, "I'm 56, I felt it was the right time to make a move. I interviewed there, my husband came too, and it just clicked. I will miss the staff and my friends in the Toledo Jewish community. This transition is bittersweet, but I'm excited to help my Columbus Jewish family grow."

"I've been a volunteer for 20 years, and it's always been a pleasure to work with Tina," said Rich Rusgo, Immediate Past JFGT President. "Her knowledge of our campaign, organization, and financials has been a huge asset, and she is always on top of everything. We couldn't have been luckier to have had a leader like Tina."

"Tina's impact on our community has often gone unnoticed as she works mostly behind the scenes," said Greenblatt. "Most importantly she has been and will continue to be a superb human being and friend. She has worked very hard to get where she is and deserves the opportunity she is pursuing. I wish Tina only the best and look forward to staying in touch."

"Tina has been an awesome member of our Federation community for many years, and we are sorry to lose her," concluded Gross. "I appreciate all she has done for our community and wish her the best of luck in her new position."

Farewell Tina

Sunday, February 26 at 12-2:30 p.m.
Temple Shomer Emunim
6453 Sylvania Ave.

Free event - lunch provided

The entire community is invited to say goodbye and good luck to Tina Stieben as she says farewell to Jewish Toledo and hello to Jewish Columbus. Tina is currently the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo CFO, but she has been an incredible asset in many different roles to the Toledo Jewish community in a variety of ways for the past 27 years.

Please join us to recognize Tina's extraordinary tenure.

RSVP requested by Friday, February 24 to Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351. Please let us know of any dietary restrictions.



News

In Ohio, ‘zoombombing’ a religious service can now net jail time, thanks to advocacy by Jewish groups

By Ron Kampeas
(JTA) — In its closing session, Ohio’s legislature passed a law imposing penalties of up to 180 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine for “zoom-bombing” religious services, a practice that antisemites have used to intimidate Jews.
The law, “Increasing Penalties for Disturbing a Religious Service,” passed last week unanimously in the state Senate. It had previously passed in the state House, 95-1.

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost sought the law after discovering that disrupting a religious service was only considered a “class four misdemeanor,” incurring penalties of up to 30 days in jail and \$250 fines. A Republican who was elected in 2018, Yost has sought legal action against abortion rights activists who have targeted anti-abortion clinics since the U.S. Supreme

Court ended federal abortion rights last summer. While anti-abortion protesters have for decades targeted abortion clinics, sometimes with deadly violence, some pro-abortion protesters have more recently sought to disrupt church services as part of their activism.
In formally endorsing the bill last month, Yost described the impetus: A Catholic church in Columbus in January was conducting an annual “memorial service for the unborn” when protesters raided the church shouting “This church teaches hate!”
“Last January, a group of protestors entered St. Joseph Cathedral in downtown Columbus, Ohio carrying signs and loudly chanting. The chaotic scene that unfolded included a protestor rushing toward the pulpit and protestors resisting removal by law enforcement,” Yost wrote. “The service was ultimately halted and unable to resume until

all protestors were removed from the premises.”
Yost wanted to make the offense a first-degree misdemeanor, which incurs harsher penalties. The Republican legislators Yost asked to advance the legislation consulted with religious communities, and as a result of talks with Jewish groups added into the legislation zoombombing, which antisemites used multiple times to target Jewish services that went online because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Howie Beigelman, the executive director of Ohio Jewish Communities, which represents the state’s Jewish organizations on the state level, worked closely with the sponsors on the bill and credited the state’s Jewish federations, its Jewish community relations councils, its Jewish community security directors, and the state offices of the Anti-Defamation League and the American

Jewish Committee for lobbying for the bill.
“They wanted to do the bill,” Beigelman said of the sponsoring legislators. “And then they talked to us and we said generally the bill is important, but we also want you to be very specific about zoom bombing. And they’re like what’s that? I was like, Well, let me tell you, it’s happening a lot to our community.”
The Ohio legislature last week also passed unanimously the “Testing Your Faith Act” which requires public colleges and universities to accommodate religious observance when it conflicts with exams and assignments.

Ohio Jewish communities advocated for this legislation as well, and credited Convergence on Campus, a chaplaincy group, as well as Jewish groups working on and off campus for their advocacy.

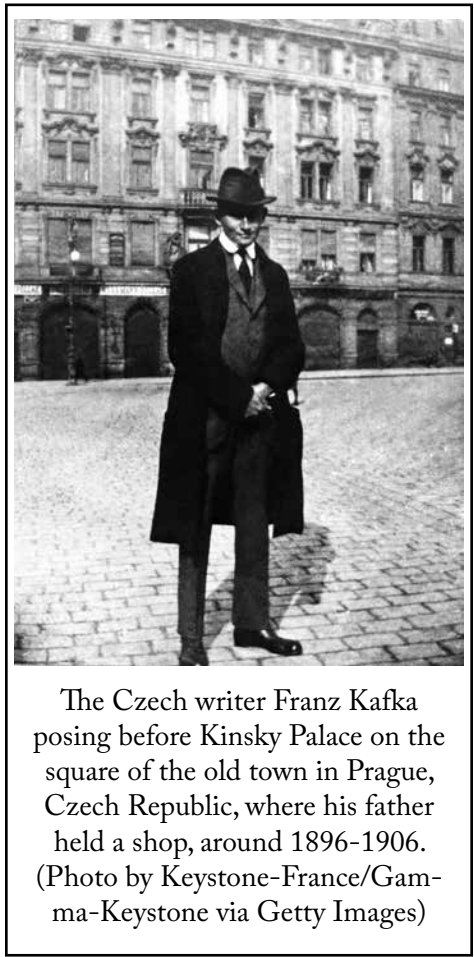
This year’s ‘Jewish Nobel’ is a group prize, going to Jewish activists supporting Ukraine

By Philissa Cramer
(JTA) — A prize established to honor a single inspiring Jew with a lifetime of achievements has been awarded this year to a nameless group whose work is ongoing: Jewish activists in war-ravaged Ukraine.
The Genesis Prize Foundation said the war in Ukraine required a change in the approach it has taken since creating the prize, known by some as the “Jewish Nobel,” a decade ago.
“Recognizing the extraordinary nature of events dominating the past 11 months, The Genesis Prize Selection Committee has decided to depart from the usual custom of awarding the prize to a single Jewish individual,” the group said in a statement.
It added, “Instead, the Committee has elected to announce a collective award to Jewish activists and NGOs who were inspired by the brave citizens of Ukraine and their courageous president, Volodymyr Zelensky, and chose to act on their Jewish values by standing up for freedom, human dignity, and justice.”
The group is also not awarding the traditional \$1 million prize that recipients have donated to charity; instead, it says it plans to “continue to make grants to NGOs to alleviate the suffering in Ukraine, as we have done since the beginning of the war.” Those groups have included the JDC, which has distributed emergency aid across the country; United Hatazalah of Israel, which trained Ukrainians in emergency first aid; and Natal, an Israeli trauma response group, according to its Facebook page.
The goal of the prize, its co-founder and board chair Stan Polovets told the

Jewish Telegraphic Agency, remains to stimulate Jewish giving by raising awareness of particular needs.
“Freedom is one of the most important values of the Jewish people. And this is a country that’s fighting for its freedom. It has a president who has shocked everyone by his resilience and courage,” he said about Ukraine. “We think that the Jewish community worldwide needs to be supportive to the extent it can.”
In going with the group prize, Genesis circumvented the potential pitfalls of honoring Zelensky himself. The Genesis Prize Foundation held Zelensky up as a Jewish hero last October, when its cofounder and board member Natan Sharansky, the former Soviet dissident and 2020 honoree, visited him in Kyiv. Sharansky, who lives in Israel, has been a leading advocate for Israel to dedicate more resources to Ukraine.
But honoring Zelensky, Ukraine’s most prominent Jew, could have made for an uncomfortable situation at the Genesis Prize’s glitzy awards ceremony: In his efforts to secure more resources for Ukraine’s armed forces, Zelensky has also openly criticized Israel for not being as forthcoming as he would like. (Israel’s particular geopolitical interests have confounded the country’s response to the war since its start Feb. 24, 2022.)
And while some have called Zelensky a “modern Maccabee,” he has not always signaled pride about being Jewish, which prize recipients are expected to show, saying in 2019, “The fact that I am Jewish barely makes 20 in my long list of faults.”
Polovets declined to comment on the selection process. The Genesis Prize has

A new translation of Franz Kafka’s diaries restores much of his Jewish musings

By Andrew Lapin
(JTA) – Franz Kafka was a devotee of Yiddish theater, fell in love with his Hebrew teacher and once encountered the owner of a brothel he frequented in synagogue on Yom Kippur.
The broad strokes of Kafka’s biography have long been known to historians, but a new English translation of the Czech author’s complete and unabridged diaries gives readers the fullest possible picture of his complex, contradictory relationship with Judaism. For an author most famous for his depictions of loneliness, alienation and unyielding bureaucracy, Kafka often saw in Judaism an opportunity to forge a shared community.
“The beautiful strong separations in Judaism,” he praises at one point, in a disjointed style that is a hallmark of his diaries. “One gets space. One sees oneself better, one judges oneself better.”
Later, writing about a Yiddish play he found particularly moving, Kafka reflected on its depiction of “people who are Jews in an especially pure form, because they live only in the religion but live in it without effort, understanding or misery.” He was also involved with several local Zionist organizations, and toward the end of his life fell in love with Dora Diamant, the daughter of an Orthodox rabbi who taught him Hebrew (though she receives scant mention in the diaries).
“The Diaries of Franz Kafka,” translated by Ross Benjamin and out this week from Penguin Random House, collects every entry of the writer’s personal diaries covering the period from 1908 until 1923, the year before his death from tuberculosis at the



age of 41.
Although versions of Kafka’s diaries had previously been published thanks to the efforts of his Jewish friend and literary executor Max Brod (with translation assistance from Hannah Arendt), they had been heavily doctored with many passages expunged, including some of what Kafka had written about his own understanding of Judaism. A German-language edition of the unabridged diaries was published in 1990.
The author of “The Metamorphosis,” “The Trial” and “The Castle” was raised

News

Spielberg's 'Fabelmans' earns 7 Oscar nods, WWII epic with anti-Nazi past gets 9

By Andrew Lapin
(JTA) – “The Fabelmans,” Steven Spielberg’s autobiographical drama about his Jewish upbringing, had an expected strong haul of Oscar nominations, picking up seven nods Tuesday morning.

A remake of a movie once targeted by the Nazis, a blockbuster embroiled in a lawsuit with an Israeli family and a documentary by the program director of the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival also got recognized in a list jam-packed with Jewish characters, stories and artists.

Spielberg’s movie overcame an anemic box office showing to score nominations in the major categories of best picture, director and screenplay, for Spielberg and celebrated Jewish playwright and screenwriter Tony Kushner. The directing nomination brings Spielberg’s total nominations in the category to nine, tying him with Martin Scorsese for the second-most directing nominations in Oscar history.

The film also scored acting nods for Judd Hirsch, who is Jewish, and Michelle Williams, who recently said she is planning to raise her two children with Judaism.

“The Fabelmans” was the best picture nominee with the strongest Jewish themes, but it wasn’t the only one. The psychological drama “Tár,” starring Cate Blanchett as a problematic conductor, picked up six nominations, including for picture, actress and director; the film weaves Jewish mysticism into its storytelling.

“All Quiet On The Western Front,” Netflix’s new German-language adaptation of the classic 1929 novel about the horrors experienced by German soldiers during World War I, was also nominated for nine Oscars, including best picture, international feature and adapted screenplay. The film’s source material was once banned

and burned by the ascending Nazi Party, which believed its anti-war stance made the German military look weak and constituted a threat to their plans for world domination.

When the book’s initial 1930 film adaptation, directed by Jewish filmmaker Lewis Milestone, was released in Germany, Nazis led by Joseph Goebbels set off stink bombs, released mice into the theaters and called the movie a “Judenfilm” (or “Jewish film”). Germany and Austria banned the film from being shown in their countries, and the public censorship campaign led the novel’s author, Erich Maria Remarque, to renounce his German citizenship (Nazis were erroneously labeling him as a Jew).

In response, Jewish studio head Carl Laemmle Sr., agreed to heavily edit the movie and remove material deemed objectionable to the Nazis in order to improve its commercial prospects in Germany. One possible silver lining for the remake’s producers: The 1930 film went on to win best picture that year.

Back to this year’s Oscars: “Top Gun: Maverick,” the action blockbuster sequel, picked up four nominations, including for best picture. The film’s distributor, Paramount, is currently embroiled in a copyright lawsuit with the family of Israeli journalist Ehud Yonay, whose magazine article about a Navy fighter pilot school was the basis for the original “Top Gun” in 1986. In November, a judge dismissed Paramount’s attempts to throw out the suit and ruled the Yonay family could proceed with their claims.

The writer, director and actress Sarah Polley also scored a nomination for best adapted screenplay for her drama “Women Talking,” about a group of abused women in an isolated Mennonite community, which was also nominated for best picture. Polley has a Jewish biological father, whose secret parentage she explored in her 2013 documentary

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(from left) Producer Kristie Macosko Krieger, co-writer/producer/director Steven Spielberg, Seth Rogen, Julia Butters, co-writer/producer Tony Kushner, Keeley Karsten and Sophia Kopera on the set of “The Fabelmans.” (Merie Weismiller Wallace/Universal Pictures and Amblin Entertainment)

Legendary Jewish tennis champion Dick Savitt dies at 95



Dick Savitt at the Wimbledon Championship, July 6, 1951, in London. (Central Press/Hulton Archive/Getty Images)

By Jacob Gurvis
(JTA) — Dick Savitt, the Jewish tennis champion who won both the Australian Open and Wimbledon Championships in 1951, died Jan. 6 at 95 at his home in New York. He was the first Jewish athlete to win either tournament.

A native of Bayonne, New Jersey, Savitt never took a tennis lesson — his primary sport was basketball. But he taught himself to play tennis as a teenager, and would go on to play at Cornell University. After army service and college, his national profile skyrocketed.

Savitt won both the Wimbledon and Australian Open championships in 1951 when he was only 24. He was the second American man to win both competitions in the same year. The New York Times ranked him the No. 1 player in the world.

That same year, the 6-foot-3 righty also reached the semifinals of the U.S. National Championships and the quarterfinals of the French Championships, now called the U.S. Open and French Open, respectively.

But despite Savitt’s international success in 1951, he was removed from the U.S. team for that year’s Davis Cup tournament. Arthur Ashe, the trailblazing Black tennis champion and a mentee of Savitt, questioned the decision to remove the U.S. team’s top player from the tournament.

“In those days, to be Jewish in the

top ranks of tennis was to encounter a certain amount of prejudice,” Ashe wrote in his memoir, “Days of Grace.” “When Dick Savitt won Wimbledon, his right to a place on the Davis Cup team was challenged in some circles because he was Jewish.”

Savitt, however, insisted that antisemitism did not play a part in the decision, according to the Jerusalem Post.

Davis Cup snub aside, Savitt remained at the top of the sport. He became the first Jewish athlete to appear on the cover of Time Magazine on Aug. 27, 1951.

Savitt’s ascension was significant during a time when tennis remained primarily an amateur, country club-based sport. Many American country clubs during the early- and mid-20th century had a track record of excluding Jews (and Blacks) from membership and from using their facilities.

In 1952, Savitt retired from tennis at only 25 years old. He would return part-time to competitive tennis a few years later, and in 1961 won gold medals in men’s singles and doubles at the Maccabiah Games in Israel.

After his playing career, Savitt supported the Israel Tennis Centers, and in 1998 served as its overseas director.

Savitt is a member of the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

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Holocaust ‘Book of Names’ to be inaugurated at the UN underscores the individual identities of the 6 million

By Renee Ghert-Zand

When Yad Vashem was created in 1953 on the slopes of Jerusalem’s Mount of Remembrance to commemorate the Holocaust, its founders understood that one of the central functions of the institution would be to document the names of the 6 million Jewish victims.

It was seen as a moral imperative: to demonstrate that behind the almost inconceivable number were real individuals whose lives were cut short by the Nazis.

Now, to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Jan. 27, Yad Vashem is inaugurating its Book of Names — a monumental installation containing the names of 4,800,000 victims of the Shoah — at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

Among those participating in the Book of Names opening ceremony on Jan. 26 will be U.N. Secretary General António Guterres, Israel’s permanent representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Gilad Erdan, and Yad Vashem’s chairman, Dani Dayan, a former consul general of Israel in New York.

“The Shoah was the murder of 6 million individual Jews. Each one who died deserves to be remembered as an individual, and not only as part of a nameless collective,” Dayan said.

The Book of Names will be on display at the United Nations for a month. Afterward it will be transferred to its permanent location at Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, in Jerusalem, where it will be open to public viewing in time for Yom HaShoah, the Israeli and Jewish Holocaust remembrance day, in April.

The installation is an updated version of the Yad Vashem Book of Names that has been on permanent display at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Poland since 2017. The new version, which contains 500,000

additional names, stands 6.5 feet high and approximately 3.3 feet wide. Its total length is 26.5 feet. The massive volume lists the names of the victims in alphabetical order and, where the information is known, includes their birth dates, hometowns and places of death. The book has blank pages at the end symbolizing the approximately 1 million victims whose names are not yet recorded.

The names in the Book are sourced from Yad Vashem’s Central Database of Shoah Victims’ Names.

“We have been collecting the names of the individual Holocaust victims since 1954, mainly through Pages of Testimony,” said Alexander Avram, director of Yad Vashem’s Hall of Names and the Central Database of Shoah Victims’ Names. The Pages of Testimony are one-page forms that survivors and remaining family and friends complete with the names and biographical information of the victims.

“Starting about 20 years ago, we have been able to go beyond these pages and look to thousands of other sources for names,” Avram continues. “These include lists of victims produced by federal archives or organizations in different countries, deportation lists compiled by researchers and museums, and names gathered by memorial sites and institutions. We have also sourced hundreds of thousands of names from our own collections.”

The special team that finds the names and archives them in Yad Vashem’s names database is challenged by the fact that the Nazis either tried to eliminate traces of their crimes against humanity by destroying records, or never registered Jews’ names in the first place — especially in Eastern Europe.

“Few ghettos had censuses or name registrations,” noted Avram. “Hungarian transport lists had numbers, but not names — and they were all taken to

extermination sites. Similarly, there were only numerical reports of the Jews killed by the Einsatzgruppen [the mobile paramilitary killing squads organized by the Nazis]. At Auschwitz, 900,000, men, women and children were sent straight to their deaths. Only the names of those sent to slave labor there were registered on cards, and the Nazis destroyed most of these records.”

The Book of Names is one component of Yad Vashem’s new strategic plan to improve and increase Holocaust remembrance in Israel and the world at a time when the number of survivors is dwindling and Holocaust denial and antisemitism are on the rise, Dayan said.

In addition to the permanent installations at Auschwitz and Yad Vashem, there are plans for a third version of the book to be created as a traveling exhibition.

“Our mission will be much more challenging, but also much more important and vital,” Dayan said of the coming era when no survivors remain. “We have to find innovative ways to reflect on and educate about what happened. I believe that you cannot remain indifferent to such a huge display when you see it.”

Dayan said he first experienced the power of the installation when he traveled to Auschwitz to see its initial version and found the names of his father’s uncles who were murdered in Poland.

New Yorker Bronia Brandman, a child survivor of Auschwitz originally from Jaworzno, Poland, was similarly moved when she embarked on a “roots trip” with her grandson Sruli Klaristenfeld in April 2017. Brandman’s large immediate and extended families were almost entirely wiped out by the Nazis.

Klaristenfeld navigated through the massive Book of Names at Auschwitz-Birkenau and found the

names of his grandmother’s parents and other relatives. “It was a physical and permanent manifestation of their memory,” Klaristenfeld said.

Brandman said the impact of the monumental installation cannot be underestimated.

“People are indifferent. Many have no concept of the Holocaust ever happening and how it could be that 6 million innocent people were murdered in cold blood, including 1.5 million children,” she said. “The importance of the Book of Names is that the victims are immortalized for the future, and the past is never forgotten.”

Dayan said he looks forward to the Book of Names’ arrival at Yad Vashem after its display at the United Nations.

“Yad Vashem is the natural permanent home for the Book of Names,” Dayan said. “The public will be able to come and browse and find relatives, people with the same name as theirs or from the same locations as their families — or even to just pay respect to the victims.”

Avram said he expects the pages of the new book to be as worn from touch by visitors seeking the names of their family members as are the pages of the Book of Names exhibited at Auschwitz.

“Many families need a tangible, tactile way to reunite with the memory of the victims,” he said. “It’s the closest we can get to providing a gravestone.”

Meanwhile, the work of recovering the unknown victims’ names will continue apace, as it has for the last seven decades.

“It’s a debt we have toward the victims,” Dayan said. “We cannot let them be consigned to the lost pages of history. That is our promise to them — and to future generations.”

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by a non-observant father in Prague, and he hated the small amounts of Jewish culture he was exposed to at a young age, including his own bar mitzvah. In addition, the city’s largely assimilated German-speaking Jewish population tended to look down on poorer, Yiddish-speaking Eastern European Jews.

But Kafka’s diaries also reveal a growing fascination with Jewish culture in young adulthood, particularly around a traveling Yiddish theater troupe from Poland whom he saw perform nearly two dozen times. He developed a close relationship with the company’s lead actor, Jizchak Löwy, and would host recitation events where he’d give Löwy the opportunity to perform stories of Jewish life in Warsaw.

Kafka himself would even write and deliver an introduction to these performances in Yiddish. He would also witness his own father harboring prejudices towards his new friend Löwy: “My father about him: He who lies down in bed with dogs gets up with bugs.”

“The Metamorphosis” famously

revolves around a man who inexplicably is transformed into a bug and then is rejected harshly by his family. In his introduction, Benjamin notes, “Scholars have suggested that such tropes, prevalent as they were in the antisemitic culture in which Kafka reckoned with his own Jewishness, influenced the themes of his fiction.”

Some of Kafka’s more ambiguous comments about his Jewish brethren were previously removed by Brod, according to Benjamin’s introduction to the diaries. At one point while hanging out with Löwy, Kafka invokes antisemitic stereotypes about Jewish uncleanness: “My hair touched his when I leaned toward his head, I grew frightened due to at least the possibility of lice.” Benjamin notes: “Here Kafka confronts his own Western European Jewish anxiety about the hygiene of his Eastern European Jewish companion.”

Other revelations in the unexpurgated diaries include Kafka’s musings about his own sexuality.



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Technology can change rapidly, which is why keeping up with the Joneses can, at times, seem like an overwhelming, even insurmountable, task.

To help aid my effort in choosing what tech trends and updates I follow, please see websites, listed below, that I have found to be insightful. They help me focus on select, specific information and help me weed out the clutter.


This is by no means a comprehensive list... and it is one that I keep refining. I will share other sites throughout the year. If you have recommendations, please, share! Thanks for reading – Tim

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2023 Virtual Reality Programming Reminders

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(Tech Time with Tim)

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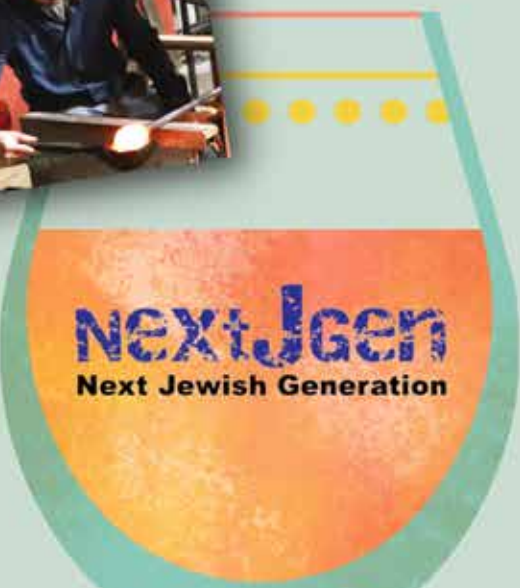


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A London museum is seeking David Bowie's dress for an exhibit on Jews in the UK fashion industry

By David I. Klein

(JTA) — David Bowie, Greta Garbo and Sean Connery were not Jewish. But some of the garments they made famous — Bowie's dresses, Garbo's hats and the tuxedo Connery donned as James Bond — all had Jewish creators.

A London Museum is trying to gather some of those pieces of clothing for an exhibit on the impact that London's immigrant communities had on the British fashion industry.

The Museum of London Docklands documents the city's history as a port town, telling the stories of those who arrived on the River Thames, from African slaves brought through the Atlantic slave trade to the masses of Jewish immigrants who came in the late 1800 fleeing persecution in Eastern Europe.

Like their co-religionists who arrived in New York, many of those Jews found themselves in the garment industry after immigrating.

"Jewish people were working at all levels of the fashion industry in London throughout the twentieth century but the extent of their contribution has



David Bowie, shown with his wife Angie at home in Kent, England, in 1971, is wearing a dress that he famously wore on the cover of his "The Man Who Sold the World" album. (Peter Stone/Mirrorpix/Getty Images)

been widely unrecognised," Fashion Curator Lucie Whitmore said in a statement from the museum. "Jewish makers established the ready to wear industry, worked their way into the highest levels of London fashion and dominated Carnaby Street in the swinging sixties. Many of these designers were internationally

famous — favoured by the rich and famous and highly respected for their creativity, skill, and originality. It's a contribution that deserves to be recognised."

Starting in October and running until April 2024, the museum will host an exhibit titled, "Fashion City: How Jewish Londoners Shaped

Global Style."

To fill out the collection, however, they have put out a public call for help in gathering notable artifacts created by Jewish designers such as Mr Fish (born Michael Fish), Cecil Gee, Otto Lucas, the Rahvis sisters and Madame Isobel (Isobel Spevak Harris). The statement states the museum is looking for "menswear pieces...worn by famous names such as David Bowie, Mick Jagger, Muhammad Ali and Michael Caine," along with "members of The Beatles," by March 1.

Fish produced some of Britain's most iconic 1960s and 70s fashion designs, such as the wide kipper tie. Cecil Gee began his career in the 1930s and designed the "Demob Suit" — short for demobilization — which was granted to British soldiers by the army after their release from World War II service. Raemonde and Dora Rahvis were two South Africa-born Jewish sisters who after emigrating to London became some of the first prominent costume designers in the British film industry.

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JTA Teen Journalism Fellowship

February-April 2023

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency is pleased to introduce a virtual journalism fellowship for high school-age Jewish teenagers.

We are accepting applications from 15-18 years olds who are interested in reporting the news of their community through a Jewish lens. We are defining “community” loosely here – school, neighborhood, identity, culture, hobbies. We want to hear how these parts of your life intersect with your Judaism and age-group.

You provide the story idea and we’ll provide the training and support required to help you produce a 500-750 article or short multimedia piece (video, photo, audio).

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This past summer, 34 campers attended Jewish summer overnight because of the EMOJI program. The Toledo Jewish Community Foundation invested over \$71,000 in ensuring future generations’ connections to their Judaism, our Toledo Jewish community, Israel, and beyond.

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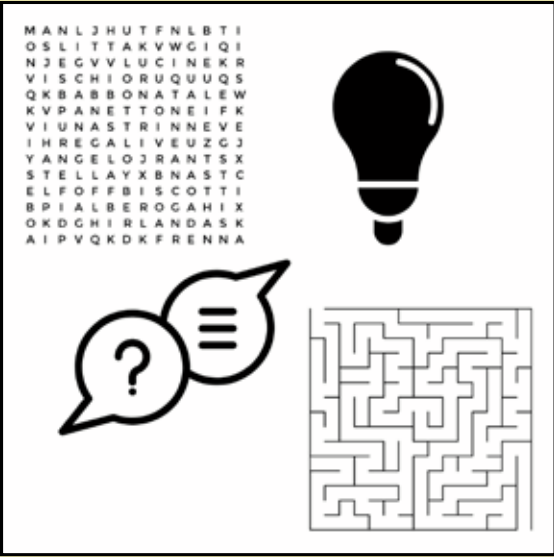
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2023 JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Purim
Tue., March 7

Passover
Thu., April 6 through
Thu., April 13

Shavuot
Fri., May 26 &
Sat., May 27

Rosh Hashanah
Sat., September 16 &
Sun., September 17

Yom Kippur
Mon., September 25


Sukkot
Sat., September 30
through Fri., October 6


Shemini Atzeret
Sat., October 7

Simchat Torah
Sun., October 8

Hanukkah
Fri., December 8 through
Fri., December 15





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Tuesday, February 28
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Registration appreciated but not necessary to sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351

Senior Tu B'Shevat Tasting

Monday, February 6 at 1 -2 p.m.
Sekach Building – 6505 Sylvania Ave.

Tu B'Shevat is the new year of the trees. In Israel, it is celebrated as an ecological awareness day where trees are planted and people enjoy a seder of the seven species of the land: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates. Come socialize with friends and taste the many flavors of Tu B'Shevat.

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Cardio Drumming, 12-1pm
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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
Designed to improve mobility, core strength, and stability from the ground up. Focus will be on foot and ankle strength, mobility, healthy posture, pelvic floor, and breathing. Exercises can be done in chairs and/or standing.

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“Stories We Tell.”

The Jewish film producer Gail Berman also scored her first Oscar nomination for producing best picture nominee “Elvis,” while Jewish producing partners Darren Aronofsky and Ari Handel scored their own best picture nomination for “The Whale.” The movie, which Aronofsky directed, stars Brendan Fraser (also nominated) as a morbidly obese English professor.

In the performing categories, one actor was nominated for playing a real-life Jewish convert: Ana de Armas received a best actress nomination for her portrayal of Marilyn Monroe in Netflix’s “Blonde.” Monroe converted to Judaism in the 1950s and remained devoted to the religion even after divorcing her husband, Jewish playwright Arthur Miller.

Also, veteran actress Jamie Lee Curtis — whose father, Golden Age Hollywood actor Tony Curtis, was Jewish — picked up her first-ever Oscar nomination for her supporting role as a sinister tax officer in the multiverse sci-fi comedy “Everything Everywhere All At Once.”

Curtis is nominated in the category alongside her co-star Stephanie Hsu, who is also known to fans of the very Jewish TV series “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” as Mei Lin, a Chinese restaurant owner who gets together with co-lead Joel Maisel. Early buzz on the upcoming fifth season of “Maisel” says that Hsu’s character will convert to Judaism.

Another “Everything Everywhere” co-star, Jewish actress Jenny Slate, helped a different film score an Oscar nomination in the best animated feature category: the stop-motion mockumentary “Marcel The Shell With Shoes On.” Slate co-wrote the feature with her ex-husband Dean Fleischer-Camp, who directs; Slate also voices the lead role of Marcel. However, she is not one of the nominated producers on the film.

“All The Beauty And The Bloodshed,” a portrait of the outsider artist Nan Goldin and her years-long activism campaign against opioid manufacturers the Sackler family, was nominated in the best documentary feature category and is favored to win. The film documents how Goldin was born to Jewish parents but had an emotionally abusive family life and left home in her teens. The Sacklers are also Jewish.

The documentary short category saw the second nomination in a row for Jewish filmmaker Jay Rosenblatt, whose documentary “How Do You Measure A Year” chronicles many years of his daughter Ella’s birthdays. Rosenblatt is the program director of the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival.

Veteran Polish filmmaker Jerzy Skolimowski was also nominated in the international feature category for his drama “EO,” told from the perspective of a donkey. Skolimowski’s father was a member of the Polish Resistance and his mother hid a Jewish family in their house during World War II.

Jewish composer Justin Hurwitz, who won an Oscar for his work on “La La Land,” was nominated again for the score for “Babylon,” a follow-up production with that film’s director, Damien Chazelle.

And in the original song category, Jewish songwriter Diane Warren extended her nomination streak to 14 for the number “Applause,” from the feminist documentary “Tell It Like A Woman.” Warren has never won a competitive Oscar but did receive an honorary Academy Award last year.

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Cemeteries are closed every Saturday for Shabbat

Jewish Holiday Closing Schedule for 2023

Wednesday, April 5, 2023	Erev Passover	Close at 4 P.M.
Thursday, April 6, 2023	Passover I	Closed
Friday, April 7, 2023	Passover II	Closed
Tuesday, April 11, 2023	Erev Passover	Close at 4 P.M.
Wednesday, April 12, 2023	Passover VII	Closed
Thursday, April 13, 2023	Passover VIII	Closed
Thursday, May 25, 2023	Erev Shavuot	Close at 4 P.M.
Friday, May 26, 2023	Shavuot I	Closed
Saturday, May 27, 2023	Shavuot II	Closed
Friday, September 15, 2023	Erev Rosh Hashana	Close @ 4 P.M.
Saturday, September 16, 2023	Rosh Hashana I	Closed
Sunday, September 17, 2023	Rosh Hashana II	Closed
Sunday, September 24, 2023	Erev Yom Kippur	Close @ 4 P.M.
Monday, September 25, 2023	Yom Kippur	Closed
Friday, September 29, 2023	Erev Sukkot	Close at 4 P.M.
Saturday, September 30, 2023	Sukkot I	Closed
Sunday, October 1, 2023	Sukkot II	Closed
Friday, October 6, 2023	Erev Shmini Atzeret	Closed
Saturday, October 7, 2023	Shmini Atzeret Sukkot VIII	Closed
Sunday, October 8, 2023	Simchat Torah	Closed

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Sunday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Fridays 6:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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Local

Simcha



Engagement

Debbie Katz & Jon Liebenthal and Neal & Lisa Intrater are thrilled to share that their son **Jonathan Intrater** became engaged to **Audrey Blaeser**, both of Upper Arlington, OH.

Audrey, from Dublin, OH is the daughter of Vincent & Lorie Blaeser, granddaughter of Paul Blaeser and the late Anne Blaeser, Earl & Violet Smith. Jonathan is the grandson of the late Honorable Judge David and Joan Katz, & Rabbi Aaron and Dr. Roseline Intrater.



Birth Announcement

Eli and Emily Kaufman are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, **Brady Ezra Kaufman**. Brady entered the world on December 10, 2022 in Deerfield, IL. The proud grandparents are Susan and Steve Kaufman and Susan Maxwell and Ron Waife. Brady Ezra is named after Eli's grandmother, Bernice Katz, and Emily's grandmother, Ellen Maxwell.

Celebrating 100

Sandy Horwitz, turned 100 in January. He is a lifelong resident of Toledo, went to Scott High School, and The University of Toledo. He enlisted in the Army/Air Corp in WWII and trained as a radio operator, guiding pilots to safety. He was an Eagle Scout in the Jewish Boy Scout troop and became a Boy Scout leader. He owned Horwitz & Pintis Co., reconditioners of steel drums. He has been married to Phyllis Horwitz for 70 years.



Sandy Horwitz, pictured 2nd row, 3rd from right, in Toledo Jewish Boy Scout troop.

B'nai Mitzvah

We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah



Cole Brenner Helfman will be called to the Torah on Saturday, February 25 at Temple Shomer Emunim. Cole is the son of Kristal and Todd Helfman of Sylvania, Ohio, and the younger brother of Max and Ray. He is the beloved grandson of Joseph and Wanda Bublick of Waterville, Ohio; Marleen and Richard Kramer of Novi, Michigan; and David Helfman (z"l) of Coronado, California.

Cole is a seventh grader at Timberstone Junior High where he is a violinist in the school orchestra. Cole is an active Boy Scout in local Troop 154 and has already achieved Star rank. In his spare time, Cole enjoys camping year-round with his troop, playing the piano, reading, video gaming, building LEGO, and solving his many Rubik's Cubes. His family enjoys his sense of humor, wit, and silliness. Cole's logical thinking and organizational skills are also worthy of mention. Cole is a bright young man and his family and friends, both near and far, are very much looking forward to his celebration.

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never gone to a current political officeholder; politician and businessman Mike Bloomberg was honored after he left the New York City mayor's office.

The temporary departure from the Genesis Prize Foundation's regular approach extended beyond who was chosen as the recipient. The group opened nominations publicly but then did not release a shortlist for a public advisory vote as it has in recent years. It also decided not to hold its traditional awards ceremony in Jerusalem that has in the past been an unusual convening of Diaspora Jewish leaders, Israeli government officials and celebrities. (Last year, the Knesset dissolved itself the night of the ceremony, when Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla was being honored; the politicians did not attend.)

While the changes made sense for the unusual moment, Polovets acknowledged potential downsides, including confusion about the Genesis Prize brand and the lack of a celebrity spokesperson for the year's cause. He also said he anticipated that without a single awardee to guide where donations go, his organization could receive an unusual number of unsolicited applications for aid.

The group will begin discussions about where to direct its giving in about a month, according to foundation officials. That will also be the first anniversary of Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine.

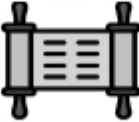
The tweaks to the selection process are not the first changes at Genesis induced by the war: The three Russian billionaires who helped start the prize stepped down from the board of the related Genesis Philanthropy Group last March, after being targeted by Western sanctions in response to the invasion.

Temple Shomer Emunim

February Worship Schedule
Friday, February 3
Shabbat Service at 6PM
Led by Rabbi Julie Schwartz & Cantor Roher
Friday, February 10
Shabbat Service at 6PM
Led by Rabbi Gibson & Dr. Andrew Pelletier
Saturday, February 11
Parsha & Prayer at 10:30AM
with Rabbi Gibson
Friday, February 17
Shabbat Service at 6PM
Led by Dr. Andrew Pelletier, Janet Rogolsky & Fagie Benstein
Friday, February 24
"Just Because It's Shabbat" Service at 6PM
Led by Cantor Roher & our Religious School Students
Shabbat Dinner following services
Saturday, February 25
Shabbat Service at 10:30AM
Bar Mitzvah of Cole Helfman


Save the Date!
Shabbat Morning Yoga
Saturday, March 4 @ 10:30AM
with Amy Nistel & Cantor Roher


Join us February 3 & 4 with Rabbi Julie Schwartz, Scholar-in-Residence
Friday, February 3
Rabbi Schwartz will lead Shabbat Services with Cantor Roher Friday, February 3
Followed by Shabbat Dinner
Matzah Ball Soup, Brisket, Roast Chicken, Salad Bar & Baked Idaho & Sweet Potato Bar
Adults \$12 Children 10 & Under \$6
New members (joined Temple since September 2020) are guests of the Temple.
Reservations required by Tuesday, January 31
Saturday, February 4
Brunch & Learn with Rabbi Schwartz at 11:30AM
Reservations required by Tuesday, January 31

Saturday, February 11 at 10:30AM –
Parsha & Prayer with Rabbi Gibson
Sunday, February 12 at Noon –
Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Gibson: *"Israel & US Jews Renewal or Reappraisal?"*

Wednesday, February 22 at 7PM –
Men's Chavurah
Kol Zimrah Rehearsals –
Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 7:30PM

February Religious/Hebrew School
Wed 1st Hebrew School 4:30-6PM
Sun 5th Religious School 9:15-11:30AM
Wed 8th Hebrew School 4:30-6PM
Sun 12th Religious School 9:15-11:30AM
Wed 15th Hebrew School 4:30-6PM
Sun 19th **NO Religious School**
Wed 22nd Hebrew School 4:30-6PM
Sun 26th Religious School 9:15-11:30AM

Temple Tots
"It's Purim Time"
Sunday, February 26 @ 9:15AM

Purim Spiel 9:15AM
Community Purim Carnival 10-11:30AM
Sunday, March 5 @ the Temple


Join us for
"Just Because It's Shabbat"
Friday, February 24 at 6PM
Led by Cantor Roher and our Religious School students.
Shabbat dinner to follow!
Reservations Required by Tuesday, February 21


Congregation B'nai Israel

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CBI PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE

David S. Stone Religious School Calendar: February 2023

Wed.	2/1	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	2/5	Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM
Wed.	2/8	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sat.	2/11	Teen Havdalah Program with Israeli Shin Shin @ Shomer
Sun.	2/12	Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM Israeli Shin Shin @ Shomer
Wed.	2/15	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	2/19	NO RS - PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND
Wed.	2/22	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sat.	2/25	HAVDALAH - HAVE FUN! Event & USY led Movie/ Game Night 6:45 PM
Sun.	2/26	Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM

Weekly Services Schedule

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

CBI's Tot Shabbat Program
Saturday, February 4, 2023
11:00 - 11:40 AM
In-Person in the CBI Chapel
Join us for a special Shabbat service for our youngest congregants led by Hannah Chernow. Activities will include stories, singing and delicious challah! This service is designed for parents with children up to 5 years of age. Kiddush lunch will follow.
RSVP to the office at 419.517.8400 or email kbrody@cbitoledo.org

Adult Ed: "The Early Universe & What the First Results from the James Webb Space Telescope Tell Us About It"
with speaker Steven Federman, Ph.D.
Sunday, February 12, 2023
10:30 AM - Noon, In-Person at CBI
The James Webb telescope allows us to see into the early universe. Steve will describe how the Webb telescope is bringing us new insights, and how all of this compares to the creation story in Genesis.

SAVE THE DATE: "Spiel Cabaret at Club CBI" & Purim Dinner
Monday, March 5, 2023 at 5:45 PM In-Person at CBI
Join us as we observe the 3 mitzvot of Purim: Tzedakah • Mishloach Manot • Megillah!
The cost is \$5 per person. We ask that you bring full bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and liquid hand soap to donate to JFS. RSVP by Monday, February 27, 2023 to 419.517.8400. *Details in the Feb. bulletin.*

"Havdalah - Have Fun!" Night
Games • Dinner • FUN
Saturday Evening, February 25, 2023
6:45 PM In-Person at CBI
Join us for an evening of fun games, great food and drinks after a meaningful Havdalah service. What's your game? Trivia? Poker? Bingo? You'll find that and lots more! Bring your friends & family!
\$5 per adult for the FUN evening!
Please RSVP to the office at 419.517.8400 by February 17, 2023.

WCBI BOOK CLUB
Tuesday, February 28, 2023
10:30 AM In-Person at CBI
February Selection is **Left on Tenth: A Second Chance at Life** by Delia Ephron.
THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS
Please RSVP to Ellen Federman at efederman@sbcglobal.net by Sunday, February 26, 2022.

The CBI office will be CLOSED
Monday, February 20, 2023 - President's Day

Congregation Etz Chayim

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LEARNING SESSION ON ZOOM

Rabbi Stephen Belsky of Oak Park, Michigan will be presenting an adult learning session on zoom on Sunday morning, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Contact Elsa Leveton or Nancy Jacobson for the link.

MAJ/POKER GAMES SCHEDULED

Come and enjoy a few hours of relaxation and fun playing maj jong and poker. The in-person games will take place in the Etz Chayim Social Hall on Sunday, February 5th from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Online maj will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 19th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please register with Nancy Jacobson.

PIZZA LUNCH & GAMES PLANNED

Come and enjoy a delicious lunch of salad, pizza and dessert on Sunday, February 26th. Lunch will be served at noon followed by a variety of games. Please reply to Elsa Leveton or Nancy Jacobson.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

As we look forward to spring, our thoughts turn to the holiday of Purim. The sisterhood will again be assembling Shaloch Manot bags for our members to give as gifts. This is a nice way to remember people at Purim. The letters were sent out at the end of January. The orders for the Shaloch Manot bags must be returned by February 13th. Purim is March 7th this year. Pick up of the bags will be Sunday March 5th from 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m., Monday March 6th from 9:00 a.m.- noon, and Purim morning, March 7th from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Coming in March, the Sisterhood is planning a Tae Chi and Asian Recipe Sharing event. The date will be announced. The Tae Chi demonstration will take place beginning at 11:30 a.m. with the recipe sharing and lunch following. More information will be forthcoming. The next meeting is February 7th at 10:00 via zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact Elsa Leveton for the link.



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Israel

Shalom, Slurpee: Israel gets its first 7-Eleven in convenience store chain’s planned wave

By Deborah Danan
(JTA) — Yoav Silberstein, 16, waited an hour and a half to get into 7-Eleven’s new flagship — and so far only — store in Israel. Located in the heart of Tel Aviv in Dizengoff Center, the store opening on Wednesday attracted throngs of mostly teenagers hoping to get a taste of America in the shape of a gallon-cup carbonated slushy called a Slurpee.

Silberstein was disappointed, though, to discover that the largest size on offer was a 650 ml (21 oz) cup. He has fond memories of Slurpees from visits with relatives in the United States, where the largest option is twice as big.

“I overheard people in the line calling it ‘barad,’” he said, using the Hebrew word for Israel’s version of slushies. “They have no idea about any of this.”

7-Eleven is the largest convenience store chain in the United States, with nearly 10,000 locations. But it is in some of its overseas markets where the chain really stands out — especially in Japan, where the more than 20,000 7-Elevens serve up everything from banking services to clothing essentials to high-end fresh and prepared foods. There, they can function as a person’s primary shopping destination.

With the store opening this week, Israel became the 19th country to welcome the megachain, and the first in the Middle East, after Electra Consumer Products inked a franchise deal in 2021. Thirty more stores are slated to open by the beginning of 2024; the company says several hundred will follow.

“It’s revolutionary,” Israel’s 7-Eleven CEO, Avinoam Ben-Mocha, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. “It’s more than a mini-market, it’s also a pizzeria, cafe and fast food restaurant all under one roof.”

The new stores will join more than 10,000 convenience stores already operating in Israel. In some big cities, including Tel Aviv, convenience stores that resemble New York’s bodegas can be found on every street corner, many of them open around the clock offering anything from cigarettes to diapers.

But the standard convenience stores



Israelis crowd outside the country's first 7-Eleven convenience store on Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Street, Jan. 11, 2023. (Deborah Danan)

known as makolets don’t serve coffee and hot food and are intended, like their American counterparts, for buying items in between larger shops at regular supermarkets. The a.m./p.m. chain of small-scale grocery stores gives off a 7-Eleven aesthetic but also does not serve fresh coffee or food. The closest things currently to a 7-Eleven in Israel are gas station stores that offer coffee and a range of sandwiches, salads and pastries, in addition to basic groceries.

At the new 7-Eleven, customers serve themselves Slurpees, Big Gulps and soft-serve ice cream (called American ice cream in Israel) as well as coffee from touchscreen machines that offer oat and soy milk alternatives at the same price. At 9 NIS (\$2.60), the price is competitive locally but is still more than other 7-Elevens around the world, including the United States — reflecting Israel’s notoriously high cost of living.

In another innovation, the store’s cups have a barcode that allows customers to check themselves out. A mobile app, currently in a pilot phase, is meant to make it even easier for customers to grab and go.

Gabi Breier, one of only a few older customers at the store’s opening, hailed the self-serve, self-checkout policy.

“I’m walking around with this ice cream tub and wondering when someone is going to come and stop me and demand that I pay,” Breier said.

“It’s a new thing, this trust given to the customer. In the end, people will like it more than other places. It makes you feel like you’ve been invited.”

Asked if he thought an Israeli market might take advantage of this rare show of autonomy, Ben-Mocha was equanimous.

“Most of the kids here are getting it, but I’ve seen a few walk out of here with unpaid items and no one has stopped them,” he said. “But it’s part of the process and we’re on a learning curve too. Look, when you give the customer your trust, they will honor that.”

Israel has been an inhospitable home to some other foreign chains, notably Starbucks, which lasted less than two years before shutting its doors in 2003. Could the 7-Eleven venture be destined for the same fate?

“The problem with Starbucks was that they didn’t bother to understand the local taste profile,” Ben-Mocha said. “They just came with their own concept and tried to force it onto a market it wasn’t suited to.”

“Adapting to the local market is an inherent part of 7-Eleven’s DNA,” he said.

In Israel, that adaptation includes tweaks to the company’s signature operating hours — the “7” in the name refers to how many days per week the store is open — and to the way food is heated. The company initially said its Israeli stores would be closed on Shabbat, a requirement for food-service establishments that want to be certified as kosher. The Tel Aviv store’s fresh food is not kosher — it serves foods made with milk and with meat, heating them in the same ovens — but other branches will be, according to the company.

Out of around 2,000 products, just 80 are 7-Eleven branded products. Others reflect local tastes: Alongside 7-Eleven hot-food classics such as pizza, hot dogs and chicken nuggets, Israeli customers can also enjoy zaatar-and-spinach pastries and mini-schnitzels. In the candy aisle, American classics like Twizzlers and Mike and Ikes are juxtaposed with Israeli treats like fan favorite Krembo and Elite’s recently resurrected cow chocolate. And one striking import is that donuts will be sold year-round — a concept alien to Israelis, who typically only get to enjoy the fried dough confection when it’s sold around Hanukkah time.

It isn’t enough for everyone though.

“I hate this 7-Eleven, it’s totally fake,” said 16-year-old Moti Bar Joseph, who immigrated three years ago from the Bronx, in New York City. “It doesn’t have any of the real 7-Eleven feeling. There are no Lucky Charms, no Jolly Ranchers. It’s an Israeli bootleg version.”

Yuya Shimada, a Japanese national working in Tel Aviv, was more generous. Shimada came to the opening because he was familiar with the brand from his hometown of Nagoya. Asked if he was reminded of home, Shimada laughed. “No, not a bit. But this store is very stylish. I give it 8 out of 10.”

Asked whether his visit had been worth the wait, Silberstein, the teenager, said that it’s “always special to be first to something.”

He added, “But I stood four hours for the opening of the Lego store across the road so I’m probably not the right person to ask.”

How to find newly released Israeli immigration records from 1919 onward

By Asaf Elia-Shalev
(JTA) — The genealogy website MyHeritage posted 1.7 million Israeli immigration records online this week, making accessible a trove of ship and plane passenger lists stored in bound tomes at the Israel State Archives.

The records cover arrivals to the country for about 60 years starting in 1919. They include details such as the name of immigrants, country of origin, birth year, date of arrival, destination city and the name of the vessel they arrived on.

MyHeritage is billing the records as the Israeli version of the Ellis Island database, and historians and genealogists have endorsed this view, calling the release a major moment for the field.

“The amount of information now available, and for free, is huge,” said Garri Regev, president of the Israel Genealogy Research Association.

The records are not just for experts; anyone interested in looking for details about the immigration of their relatives or others can use this dedicated website and search by names and other details.

Knowledge of Hebrew, the language of the original immigration lists, isn’t required. MyHeritage, headquartered in Or Yehuda, Israel, and Salt Lake City, Utah, ran every record through translation software, making them searchable in English and other languages. (Salt Lake City is a hub of genealogical research because it is home to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, known

as the Mormon Church, which has a theological interest in ancestry.)

The Israeli data is comprehensive but not complete: Some immigration lists were missing from the archives, and some were in poor condition, affecting the quality of the scan. But genealogists encourage the public not to give up too quickly since names may have changed and spellings vary.

“You have to be creative when you search,” said Rose Feldman, who develops databases for the Israel Genealogy Research Association. “Sometimes it is by looking for the child accompanying the parents, sometimes by searching by the given name and year of birth or if you know the year of arrival. It is free, so it is just your time that is required.”

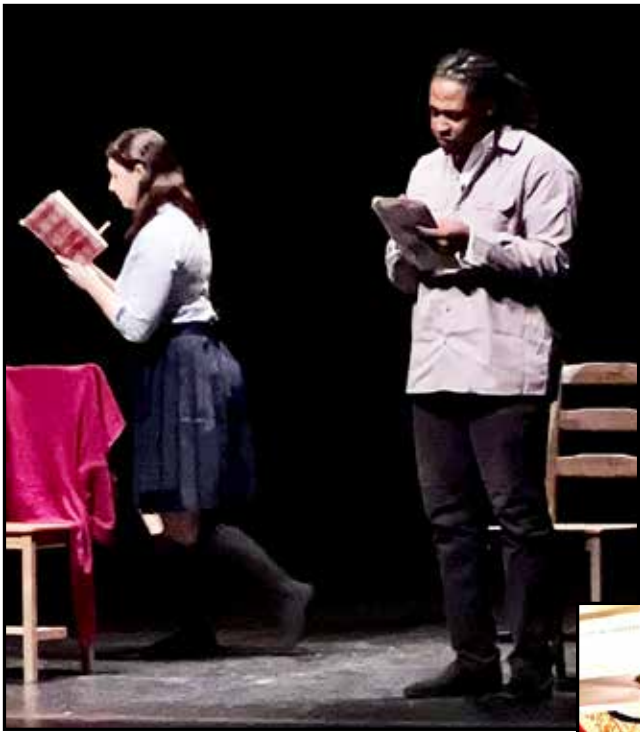
MyHeritage was an Israeli-owned company until it was acquired by Francisco Partners, a San Francisco-based private equity firm, for a reported \$600 million in 2021.

Asked why the company went through the work of digitizing and indexing the files only to provide access to information for free, MyHeritage’s director of public relations, Sarah Vanunu, said the company has released records for free in the past and that doing so is part of its public mission.

“We see it as part of our mission to connect people with their family history through important historical records and amazing collections, and a gift to the community,” Vanunu said.

Letters from Anne and Martin

Last month, a total of more than 1600 local high school students and approximately 100 community members attended three separate showings (at The Valentine Theatre, Perrysburg Junior High School, and The University of Toledo) of the dramatic two-person play, Letters from Anne and Martin, organized by the Anne Frank Center USA. Speakers included Hindea Markowicz, Director, Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center; Toledo City Councilwoman, Katie Moline; and Alexandra Gellner of the Anne Frank Center USA. Afterwards, attendees asked questions in a discussion with Ms. Gellner and the actors in the play (Mario Haynes played Dr. King and Olivia Konteatis played Anne Frank).



Celebrating Tanya and Deb

Last month at Inside the 5 in downtown Sylvania, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) and Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS) celebrated the careers and retirement of two long-time JSFSS staff members, Tanya Borochin (Refugee Services Coordinator) and Deb Damschroder (Facility Case Manager & Outreach Coordinator), after 27 years and 11.5 years, respectively, at the organization. Mazel Tov to Tanya and Deb as they enjoy retirement, they will be missed here at the Federation and JSFSS.



(L to R) Nancy Newbury (former Executive Director, JSFSS), Tanya Borochin (Refugee Services Coordinator, JSFSS), and Debra Damschroder (Facility Case Manager & Outreach Coordinator, JSFSS)



(L to R) Stephen Rothschild (JFGT CEO), Tanya Borochin, Deb Damschroder, and Ben Malczewski (Vice President, Senior, Family & Social Services, JSFSS)

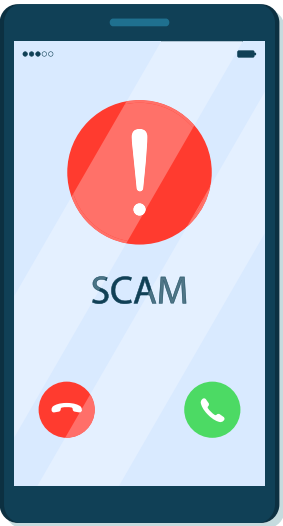
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Dave Tullis, Jewish Federation Community Asset, Safety and Security Manager helps us stay protected with some valuable safety tips.

Be Aware of Telephone Scams

Several telephone scams have been reported to the Law Enforcement recently. They involve callers claiming to be with familiar companies such as the Internal Revenue Service (I.R.S.), Columbia Gas, or the Toledo Edison. Some callers may even purport to be a “grandchild in trouble” or a company notifying you of winnings from a lottery prize. These phone scams are becoming an epidemic across the country by those who are trying to obtain money through deception.



Here are some techniques being used by the thieves:

- The caller speaks in a confident, trusting manner. If you fail to cooperate, the caller may become angry and threatening.
- The caller seems legitimate by providing accurate account numbers and current account balances.
- The phone number that appears on your caller I.D. system also seems legitimate (yet the phone number is “spoofed”- which means faking the identity of another number).
- He/she states the bill or payment must be handled *immediately*. Often, the caller will threaten to shut-off utilities or other services for failing to follow their instructions. They further instruct the victim to go to a local store and purchase a pre-paid or reloadable debit card with their funds.
- The caller then requests the number on the card to obtain payment for their company/issue.
- Once the card number is given to the caller, the funds are gone, and a theft of money has just occurred.

If you believe you are being scammed, here are some ways you can protect yourself:

1. Hang up immediately!
2. Verify the information by calling the company back directly. You should obtain the phone number from “411”- a nationwide telephone information system, the phone book or internet. Do NOT call back the phone number that the caller provides to you – it is a hoax.
3. Never give the caller personal information over the telephone. If the caller is legitimate, they should already have that information.
4. A sense of urgency by the caller and a specific payment method should be possible “warning signs” of a scam!

To reach the following companies:

Internal Revenue Service: 1-800-829-1040 or www.irs.gov.
Columbia Gas of Ohio: 1-800-344-4077 or www.columbiagasohio.com
Toledo Edison: 1-800-447-3333 or www.firstenergycorp.com

Suspicious activity related to scams/cons can be reported to:

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