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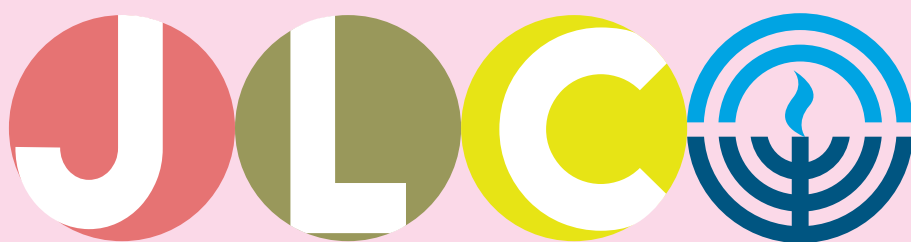
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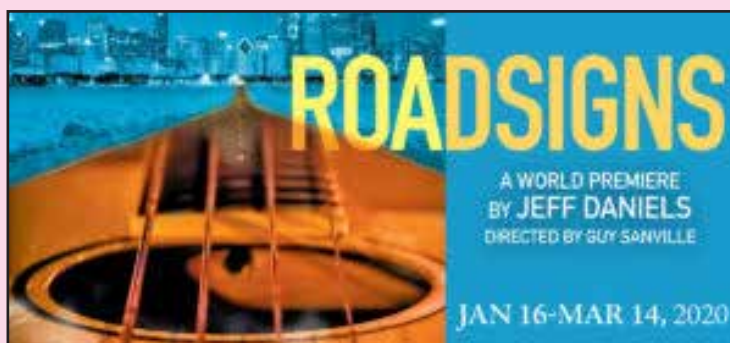


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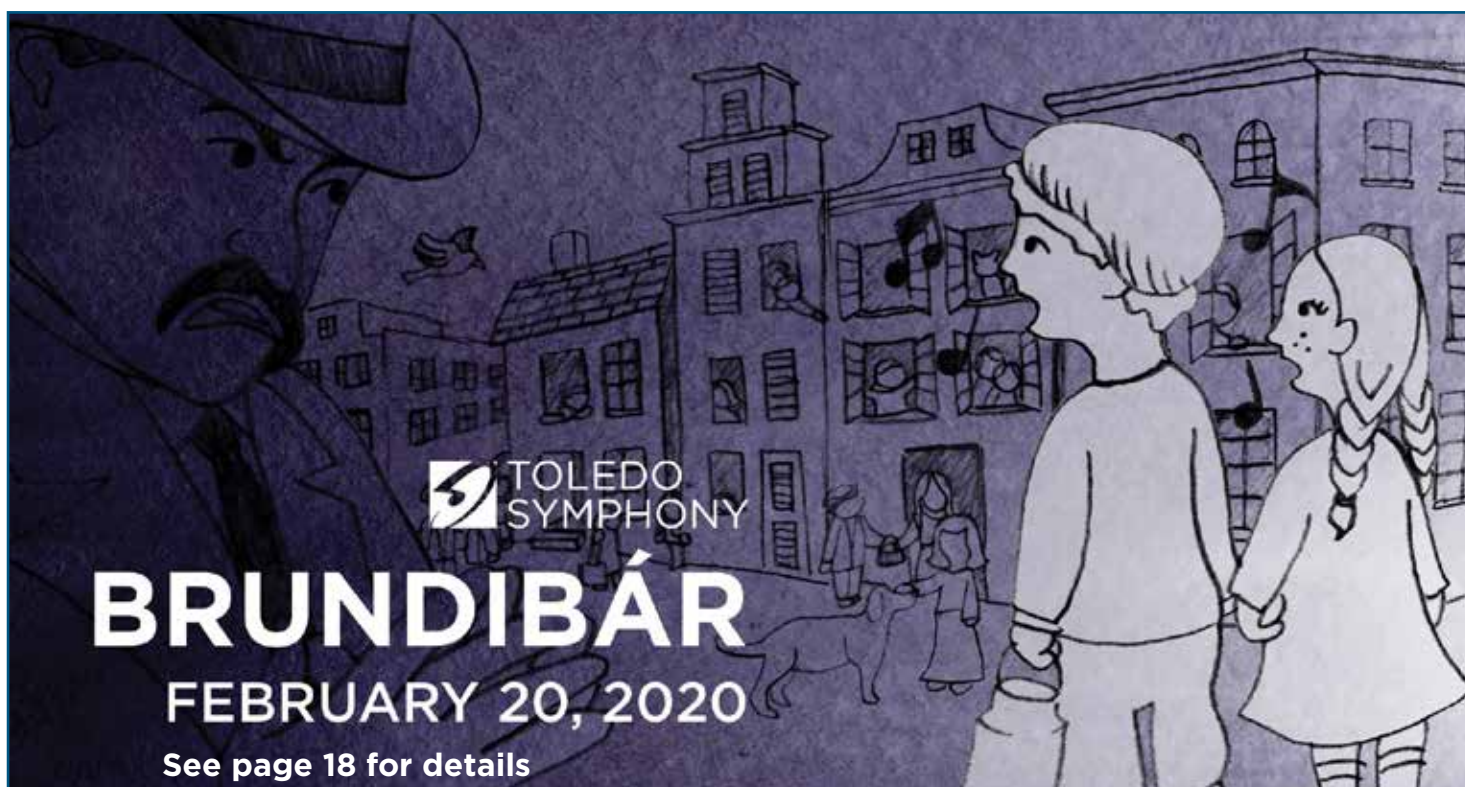
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NOW SHOWING

Foodie Shorts!

Wendy's Shabbat, Egg Cream, Sturgeon Queens

Sunday, February 9

4 p.m. at Franciscan Center, Lourdes University

6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania

WELCOME TO THE
JUNGLE

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Next Jewish Generation

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE
SOIRÉE

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Cocktails at 7 p.m. • Dinner at 8 p.m.

ProMedica Museum of Natural History

at the Toledo Zoo & Aquarium, 2700 Broadway St.

SAFARI CHIC

Wear your
animal print(s)

Calling all party animals – It's time to get wild!

Join Next Jewish Generation for a roaring good time benefiting Federation. Explore the recently renovated Museum, where you'll find animal friends and fellow adventurers. Enjoy drinks and noshes at the watering hole. Get down to your favorite jungle jams. There will be a photo booth, a raffle, and some surprises to ensure a fiercely fun night.

Sponsored by Jack and Kathryn Gallon Community Scholarship and Educational Opportunity Fund

To benefit Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Annual Campaign

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Winter Flicks **FOUR Foodie Shorts!**

Sunday, February 9 at 4 p.m.

COME FOR THE FILMS
AND THE SNACKS!

Wendy's Shabbat

The short documentary film is about a group of Jewish senior citizens who celebrate Shabbat at their local Wendy's fast food restaurant with Hebrew blessings along with burgers and fries. **14 minutes**

Gefilte

Each year, the Hermelin family of Detroit come together to celebrate Passover by eating Gefilte fish. While simple on the surface, Gefilte is stuffed with history and meaning (just like the recipe itself). *Gefilte* explores our feelings about family, identity, tradition, struggle, loss—and as always, love. **11 minutes**

Egg Cream

Egg cream is a short film about the enduring meaning of a beloved chocolate soda drink born in New York City's Jewish Lower East Side. Through a tour of egg cream establishments, with exhaustively researched archival imagery, and even a song by Lou Reed, the film examines the Jewish experience in America and the mythology of a simpler time. **15 minutes**

Sturgeon Queens

Four generations of a Jewish immigrant family create Russ and Daughters, a Lower East Side New York City lox and herring emporium that survives and thrives. Produced to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the store, this documentary features two of the original daughters for whom the store was named, now 100 and 92 years old, and interviews with prominent store enthusiasts including Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, actress Maggie Gyllenhaal, chef Mario Batali, New Yorker writer Calvin Trillin, and 60 Minutes correspondent Morley Safer. **52 minutes**

Cost:

General admission is \$8 per person.

Pre-purchased tickets will be available the day of the film

Purchase tickets:

By phone: 419-724-0362

By email: Hallie@jewishtoledo.org

At the door on a first come, first served basis. Seating is limited.

Concessions

Popcorn and water will be available at all screenings (unless otherwise noted). This is included in your ticket price.

Parking

Free parking is available outside of the Franciscan Center Theatre, 6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania

Questions

Please contact Hallie Freed at Hallie@JewishToledo.org or 419-724-0362.

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2020 SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DEPARTMENT
Feb 5	Ladies Book Club	Next Jewish Generation
Feb 9	Winter Flicks	Department of Jewish Programs
Feb 19	Purple Rose Theatre: <i>Roadsigns</i>	Jewish Living Center
Feb 20	NJG Trivia Night	Next Jewish Generation
Feb 21	PJ Playdate	Department of Jewish Programs
Feb 24	Israeli History Through Comedy with Benji Lovitt	Jewish Living Center
Feb 27	To Knit or To Knot	Department of Jewish Programs
Feb 28	PJ Playdate	Department of Jewish Programs
March 6	PJ Playdate	Department of Jewish Programs
March 7	NJG Soiree	Next Jewish Generation
March 13	PJ Playdate	Department of Jewish Programs
March 20	PJ Playdate	Department of Jewish Programs
March 26	To Knit or To Knot	Department of Jewish Programs
March 31	NJG Trivia Night	Next Jewish Generation
April 3	PJ Playdate	Department of Jewish Programs
April 22-May 6	Israel Legacy Trip	Jewish Living Center
April 29	NJG Trivia Night	Next Jewish Generation
April 29	To Knit or To Knot	Department of Jewish Programs
May 7	Family & Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebrations	Department of Jewish Programs

Dates are subject to change. Events will be added monthly as information becomes available.

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Toledo Jewish Community Foundation

Celebrating 25 Years of the Lion of Judah Endowment

Forever Lion Focus: Esther W. Greenfield, z"l

By Jessica Endy



Lion of Judah Endowment donors are Lions who have established a fund with the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation to forever perpetuate their Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Annual Campaign gift. Women who create a LOJE establish a charitable gift to care for the Jewish community throughout their lifetime and beyond. Greater Toledo currently has 18 "Forever Lions" – including Esther Greenfield, of blessed memory – whose generosity is providing ongoing support for the local and global Jewish community.



Most people don't dedicate more than 80 years of their time, talent, and resources to transforming their community, but Esther Greenfield wasn't like most people.

"The fact that Esther had the foresight to create an endowment that would forever care for our local and global Jewish world likely comes as no surprise to anyone who knew her," said Arleen R. Levine, J. D., Foundation director. "Esther was a pillar of Jewish life in Toledo and a mentor and inspiration to generations of Jewish women and leaders. She passionately and tirelessly supported numerous causes. This LOJE is a continuation of Esther's legacy that will nurture and inspire people for many, many years."

Esther, who was born in Toledo, began her Jewish communal involvement at age 11 after seeing her mother, Ida Weinman, co-found the Jewish Home for the Aged, later known as Darlington House. At 15, Esther joined Junior Hadassah, and in high school she chaired the Jewish Education League's Young People's Division. During World War II, Esther took dinners to Jewish soldiers at Camp Perry on Friday nights.

In 1944, Esther married Harry Greenfield, whom she met at a USO Dance. Together they had children Judith, Ellen, z"l, and, Mark, z"l, as well as three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Esther participated in Toledo's first women's trip to Israel in 1966, returning many times after. She and her family were lifelong members of Temple Shomer Emunim, where Esther also served on the board.

Esther was honored in 1998 at Federation's 90th Annual Meeting with the Silver Circle Donor Award, recognizing supporters 65+ who maintained an Annual Campaign gift for at least 25 years and remained active in Federation and affiliated agencies through boards or committees. At

that time, she was chair of the campaign's Lion of Judah division and had previously served as the Women's Board President and Women's Campaign Chair. Esther was also a board member of Jewish Family Service and Darlington House, and a past president of Hadassah.

When asked for a 2004 *Toledo Jewish News* article what wisdom she would want to share with the younger generation, Esther responded "Life has its ups and downs, heartaches and joys. One has two choices: to put your head in the sand, be a complainer, see the negative side of life, or keep your head held high and do your very best to help make the world a better place."

A few years later in a subsequent *Toledo Jewish News* article about the LOJE program, Esther shared "I was given the privilege of presenting a gift to Marla Levine in honor of the establishment of her Lion of Judah Endowment gift within the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation. This was the first Lion of Judah Endowment gift established in our community. I started my research and when I finished reading the materials, I knew it would be a gift that I would establish as well," she said.

"My LOJE gift was created to perpetuate my gift to my community and to Israel. I have spent 70 years of my life in many different capacities for the betterment of Jewish life. I tried to set an example of giving so that my children would carry on for me. My Endowment Fund will be my legacy to my community and Israel."

For more information on establishing a LOJE fund or including the Foundation in your estate plan, contact Arleen R. Levine at Arleen@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0355.

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, Ta'anit 23a

Tu b'Shevat, frequently referred to as the New Year of the Trees or Jewish Arbor Day, 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 Director Arleen R. Levine at Arleen@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0355.

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

Thank You

The 2019 Annual Campaign
has come to a close,
and we made our goal!

Due to your generosity,
Federation can continue to provide
existing and new programs
and services to our Jewish
community and broader communities.

Thank you for supporting our events.

We look forward to seeing you again
and welcoming new faces.



Guess Who's Coming to the Neighborhood

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Silver Circle Society

Our Silver Circle Society was established in 1998. This society recognizes and honors individuals who have a 25 year or more giving history to the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign.

Silver Circle donors longstanding financial commitment to the Campaign has helped the Federation continue needed programs and services to all in our Jewish community and abroad.

SAVE THE DATE!
May 14, 2020

At Temple Shomer Emunim
5-7:30 p.m.
Dinner and speaker.
No cost.



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**TODAY AND
FOR OUR FUTURE**



**Calling all physicians and
healthcare professionals**

Save the date
March 3, 2020
More information to come

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Jewish Family Service

Moving Forward with Loss: A grief support group for those who’ve lost a spouse

Third Tuesday of each month

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Jewish Family Service Sekach Building
Dinner locations to be determined

One of the most important factors in healing from grief is the support of other people. Having support from your family, friends, or a community of others who have also experienced grief allows you to feel that someone else “gets it.” Being able to share your story or your feelings may be vital to healing. There is a safe place to share and listen to others, where your faith and values are very similar. You can always attend our support group and just listen. You won’t be asked to speak unless you’re comfortable and you might feel better just being surrounded by a community (your community) with some understanding of the depth of your grief.

Dates at a glance:

February 18	August 18
March 17	September 15
April 21	October 20
May 19	November 17
June 16	December 15
July 21	



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Patient Advocate Program

Volunteers Needed at JFS!

The Patient Advocate Program offers an opportunity to engage in a meaningful and rewarding experience. This program connects trained volunteers with Jewish seniors to ensure they get the most out of their medical appointments.

Volunteers assist individuals in preparing for medical appointments, accompany them to appointments, and act as an advocate by facilitating communication between doctor and patient. This program offers volunteers flexibility and a chance to enhance the lives of seniors and our community.

Contact: Micki Pittman, 419-724-0407 mckenzie@jewishtoledo.org

Visit the NEW

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JFS FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

While the Food Pantry appreciates food donations, there is a greater need for personal care and paper products. Meijer Simply Give cards are not eligible for use on these items, so the Food Pantry depends on financial gifts or donations for personal care items. If you'd like to donate items to the Food Pantry, please consider choosing items from its wish list:

- paper towels
- facial tissues
- diapers
- feminine hygiene products
- disposable razors
- shampoo
- soap (bar soap, dish soap,
- liquid hand soap, and laundry soap)
- toilet paper (preferably individual, pre-wrapped rolls)

Local

Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Celebration

On January 20, Stephen Rothschild, Jewish Federation Executive Director and Fagie Benstein, JCRC Director, attended the 2020 Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Celebration at University of Toledo to honor and remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The theme for the 2020 Unity Day Celebration was "Dream, Believe, Do."



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Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut this year with the Jewish Music Experience

Family Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration – Happy Birthday, Israel!

Sponsored by PJ Library, The Inspiration Fund

The Mama Doni Experience

Thursday, May 7
5 – 6:30 p.m.
Temple Shomer Emunim (6453 W. Sylvania Ave.)
Free – Dinner is included. Please bring personal care items for donation to the JFS Family Pantry. Please let us know of any dietary restrictions in advance.



Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration

Part of the Jewish Music Experience

Nefesh Mountain

Thursday, May 7
7 p.m.
Temple Shomer Emunim (6453 W. Sylvania Ave.)
Free – please bring personal care items for donation to the JFS Family Pantry.



Celebrate Israel's Independence Day with the beautiful sounds of Nefesh Mountain. Nefesh Mountain is the "place" where bluegrass, old-time, and American roots music meet with Jewish heritage and tradition. Creators, band leaders, and husband and wife team Doni Zasloff and Eric Lindberg are the heart of this eclectic band, pioneering a new world of American culture in which their deep love for American and Western music seamlessly blends with their cultural backgrounds as Jewish Americans. RSVP requested to Colette Lundberg at 419-724-0361 or colette@jewishtoledo.org.

Active Life for 60 and Better



Lunch & Laughs

Israeli History Through Comedy with Benji Lovitt

Monday, February 24

12 p.m.

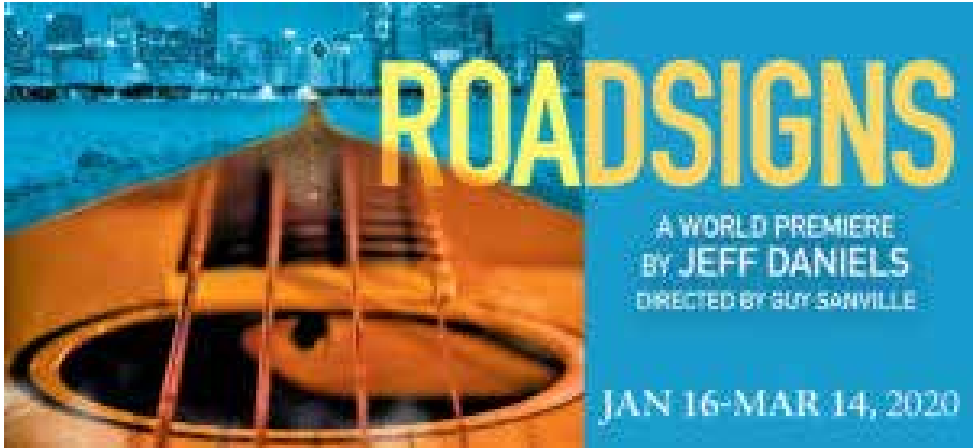
Congregation B’nai Israel (6525 Sylvania Ave.)

\$5 per person, includes lunch and entertainment

Registrations and payment requested by Monday, Feb. 17, please advise of any dietary restrictions



Join us for an afternoon of fun and laugh away those winter blues! Comedian Benji Lovitt’s hilarious and insightful observations on Israeli society and cultural differences, along with his informal Jewish education, create an entertaining narrative. Gain a richer understanding of Israeli society by viewing and discussing clips of classic movies, TV, and comedy routines.



ONLY A FEW SPACES LEFT!

OUT AND ABOUT

Roadsigns at Purple Rose Theatre, Chelsea, MI

Wednesday, February 19

12 p.m. - Leave Federation campus (6465 Sylvania Ave.)

1 p.m. - Lunch at Common Grill

3 p.m. - Matinee Show

7 p.m. - Return to Federation (estimated)

\$50 per person includes transportation, lunch, and theatre ticket

Registration and payment required. This outing requires moderate walking and standing and features stairs and uneven terrain. Please share any accessibility and dietary needs at time of registration.



Roadsigns is a beautiful, lyrical new play by Jeff Daniels. The play follows Lance, a young poet, as he embarks on a journey to find the way to himself. This nostalgic tale is filled with rich characters who dwell on the outskirts of life, each following a dream or hoping to bump into one. Original music by Jeff Daniels and Ben Daniels. Contains adult language and content.



To register for a Jewish Living Center Program, please call Stephanie Hinamon at 419-531-2119 #2 or email registration@jewishtoledo.org.
For questions about a program, please call René Rusgo at 419-531-2119 #1 or email rene@JewishToledo.org.
For complete itinerary, check out www.jewishtoledo.org/60andBetter/out-and-about

Healthy Living

Our approach to aging includes promoting a healthy lifestyle. By offering a series of wellness programs, the JLC helps those in our community achieve their health goals.

MONDAY

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. AND 11 a.m. - noon

Get Fit...It's Never Too Early

Your favorite class kicks off your day with a comprehensive workout featuring cardio, strength, and flexibility. Balls, bands, chairs, and light weights are used in this class. Join us for great moves and great music.

All supplies are provided. Free.

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Drumming

A full-body workout for any fitness level that anyone can do. Drumsticks are pounded on exercise balls and clinked overhead and side-to-side to up-beat music that will have you moving in step and around the circle. This class keeps you active and gives your core a great workout. All supplies are provided.

WEDNESDAY

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. AND 11 a.m. - noon

Get Fit...It's Never Too Early (see above for description)

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Ballet Ball Fusion

This is a great combination class that brings together basic ballet, Tai Chi, and drumming to give you a complete and fulfilling workout unlike any other with music to guide you. It focuses on your core for balance and strength and offers a full range of motion to help you work on your stretching and breathing.

FRIDAY

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. AND 11 a.m. - noon

Get Fit...It's Never Too Early (see above for description)

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Poker & More...

Big and Little Vegas, Stretch, and Red and Black - those are just a few of the games you can expect to play in this lively get together for all. Nickels and dimes are what you will need to make this an afternoon of fun.

FRIDAY

Zumba Fridays

9 a.m. AND 11 a.m.

Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.

Heat up your winter with this exercise craze! Featuring various dances from flamenco to samba, Eileen will get those hips shaking and feet moving. Dance routines are customized for our 60 & Better participants by our very own licensed Zumba instructor. The class will be featured through the end of January.



To use any of the above services, just fill out a simple and quick Client Registration Form. To learn more about the Jewish Living Center, call 419-531-2119 #1 or visit JewishToledo.org. The Jewish Living Center is supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Jewish Seniors Services Supporting Organization.

Jewish Living Center

Kosher spring shopping and lunch in Detroit
Thursday, April 2
9 a.m. Depart from Jewish Living Center (Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.)
4 p.m. Approximate return time to Jewish Living Center
Registration is required by Friday, March 20. Limited seats.

It is that time again to get ready for Passover! Let's go north to One Stop Kosher Grocery Store, Zeman's Kosher Bakery, Kroger's, and Harvard Row Kosher butcher shop. Lunch will be on your own at our mystery location. Please call ahead to Harvard Row (248-539-8806) and Zeman's (248-967-3905) to place your order for pick up (please make sure to bring along enough reusable and insulated shopping bags and coolers for all your shopping needs).

Drawing and Painting Class
Wednesdays
2 p.m.—4 p.m.
Board room in Sekach Building
All supplies are provided
All skill levels welcome

See art through a new vision: your own. In this class, you can work in pencil, watercolor, pastel, acrylics, or oil to create artwork from your favorite photograph or something you have seen in a magazine. Anjelika helps you create your own masterpiece in a fun and casual environment.

Mark your calendar for the Anniversary Luncheon
Thursday, June 18 at noon
Congregation B'nai Israel - 6525 Sylvania Ave.
Only \$5 per person for lunch and entertainment
Registration and payment to the JLC requested by Friday, June 5

Join us for food and friendship as we celebrate our "Sweet 16!"

MAKE & TAKE: Pallet Painting
Monday, March 2 – Passover: Keep Calm & Seder On
Monday, March 23 – Tree of Life
2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Each session limited to 8 participants.
Sekach Bldg. 6505 Sylvania Ave.
\$8 each class
Registration is required by Friday, February 28

Pallet painting has become the new art and decorating craze. We'll provide the stencils, paint, and pallet. Bring your creativity to make yours unique. Create your pallet and take home with you that day!

Travel Guidelines

1

Very leisurely pace, minimal physical activity.

2

Requires average physical activity. Participants should be in good health, be able to climb stairs, and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven terrain.

3

Requires moderate physical activity with walking and standing. May include a few flights of stairs, uneven terrain, and walking slightly longer distances.

4

Requires physical activity such as longer walking tours, climbing stairs, and periods of standing. Tour days may be longer, with select activities in the evening.

5

Very active tour requiring guests to be physically fit. Includes extensive walking, high altitudes, early mornings, late evenings.



Jewish Living Center

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René Rusgo, Director

Jewish Living Center 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.

Be a part of the Jewish Living Center:

Pick the event(s) you want to participate in.
Register by the registration deadline to join the fun.

Call us at 419-531-2119 # 2 or email Stephanie@JewishToledo.org with your payment information, as payment is due at the time of registration.
VISA, MasterCard, AMEX, and Discover are accepted.
Personal checks can be mailed to: Jewish Living Center 6505 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, OH 43560

"OY! I registered for an event and now I can't attend." Please call and let us know so we can open that spot for another community member.

Scent-free space

Jewish Living Center participants are asked not to wear perfume, cologne, or any other strong-smelling fragrances while participating in classes, programs, and trips. Your cooperation in this effort will allow all of our participants to take part in our programming.

For more information about the Jewish Living Center or its programs, please call Director René Rusgo at 419-531-2119 # 1 or email Rene@JewishToledo.org.

The Jewish Living Center (JLC) and all of its programs are open to those who are 60 and better and are supported through a generous grant from the Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization (JSSSO) and through your campaign dollars.



Connect with us on Facebook!
Join the Jewish Living Center online here:
facebook.com/groups/JewishLivingCenter

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Next Jewish Generation

NextJGen Next Jewish Generation

Programs especially for post-college to young families.



NJG Ladies Book Club - Eternal Life by Dara Horn
Wednesday, February 5
7 p.m.
Address provided upon RSVP

Calling all ladies! Join us for our next book club event, where we will be discussing *Eternal Life* by Dara Horn. Get your copy and start reading. Don't worry if you don't finish in time to discuss it. Come have a glass of wine anyway and help us choose our next book. *RSVP to Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362*

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or 419-724-0362.



NJG Trivia Nights
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., make sure to arrive by 6:45 p.m. (reservation will be under Hallie Freed). *Please RSVP the day prior to each trivia night to Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362.*

Thursday, Feb. 20
The Casual Pint – 3550 Executive Pkwy.

Tuesday, March 31
Sidelines Sports Eatery & Pub –
6060 Renaissance Pl.

Wednesday, April 29
El Camino Real – 2500 Sylvania Ave.



See page 2 for details about the NJG Soiree

Winter Flicks "Be a Flicknik"

Sunday, February 9
Lourdes University, Franciscan Center
See page 2 for more information

Young Jewish Toledo is a staple of Jewish life in the Toledo area, existing to draw wonderful, dynamic, young Jewish people together for the greater benefit of the community.

From Hebrew Happy Hours to date nights to volunteer opportunities, Young Jewish Toledo provides a range of opportunities for young Jewish professionals 21-40. These future leaders of Jewish Toledo are continuously strengthening personal connections while participating in – and perpetuating – Jewish life in Toledo.

To find out more about how you or someone you know can get involved with Young Jewish Toledo, contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@JewishToledo.org.

Project Menchify: To Knit or to knot? That is the question

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and crafters from beginner level to advanced.... we need your help! Join us in making knitted and crocheted blankets as well as no-sew blankets for local hospices, hospitals, dog shelters, and other organizations. Don't know how to craft these items? Don't worry, we will teach you! Everyone is invited to join us at our monthly To Knit or to Knot - a place to learn, craft, and talk with other likeminded friends.

Not able to make an afternoon with us but still want to donate? We will gladly accept 8-inch (20 centimeter) knitted or crocheted squares and any size no-sew blankets.

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Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo
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Attn: Colette Lundberg

To Knit or to Knot meetings
Federation's Leonard Lounge
Free – supplies, coffee, and pastries provided

Thursday, Feb. 27 at 1 – 3 p.m. **Wednesday, April 29 at 1 – 3 p.m.**
Thursday, March 26 at 1 – 3 p.m. **Tuesday, May 19 at 1 – 3 p.m.**

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Next Jewish Generation Breaking Bread Project



Have you been meaning to get together with friends but haven't found the time? Well, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Toledo Jewish Community Foundation are offering \$100 for you to host your own Shabbat dinner!

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PJ and Gan Yeladim's Purim to Passover Playdates


11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location provided upon RSVP
FREE – please bring in toilet paper, paper towels, or tissues to donate to the JFS Family Pantry

For children ages 0 – 2 and their parents, grandparents, nannies, and friends to enjoy playtime, crafts, snack, and circle time. Meet and make friends with other PJ parents and their kids. *RSVP to Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or Hallie@jewishtoledo.org.*

Friday, February 21 – Tu B'Shevat fun
Friday, February 28 – Winter crafting
Friday, March 6 – Hamantaschen, groggers, and more
Friday, March 13 – Purim party! Wear your costume.
Friday, March 20 – Prepping for Passover
Friday, April 3 – Model Seder

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Next Jewish Generation

Next Jewish Generation had a great time cheering on the Toledo Wall-eye as they took on the Fort Wayne Komets in late January. Highlights included enjoying a Mexican buffet, meeting Walleye mascot Spike, and celebrating a win for the home team.



Temple Shomer Emunim

February Worship Schedule

Friday, February 7
Shabbat Service 6:00PM
Tu Bishevat Seder Experience

Saturday, February 8
Shabbat Morning Yoga 10:30AM
Followed by Brunch


Friday, February 14
Shabbat Service 6:00PM
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Friday, February 21
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM
Healing Shabbat


Friday, February 28
Shabbat Service 6:00PM
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Men’s Chavurah
Wednesday, February 26 @ 7:00PM


Shabbat Morning Yoga-Body & Soul
Saturday, February 8 @ 10:30AM
followed by a dairy brunch
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Purim Carnival
The Purim Carnival is Sunday, March 15!
9:30AM – Costume Parade & Megillah Reading
10:00-11:30AM – Purim Carnival




Purim Spiel!
“Waiting for Haman”
Sunday, March 15 at 5:00PM
Adults \$14 Children 10 & Under \$7
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Temple Book Club
Thursday, February 13 at 10:00AM
Gateway to the Moon by Mary Morris
will be discussed

Temple Tots “Tu Bishevat”
Sunday, February 2 at 9:30AM




Havdalah & a Movie!
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Bible & Bagels
Sundays, February 9 & 23 at 9:30AM



Coffee with the Clergy
Wednesdays, February 5 & 19 at 11:00AM

Congregation B’nai Israel

CBI Events

 **CBI'S TOT SHABBAT PROGRAM**
Saturday, February 1 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
This service is designed for parents with children up to 5 years of age
Kiddush lunch will follow. Let us know if you plan to attend. Call the office at 419-517-8400 or email kbrody@cbitoledo.org.


*Shabbat Shira:
The Sabbath of Song*
with Hazzan Ivor Lichterman
Saturday, February 8 Services: 9:30 AM
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**WOMEN OF CBI
FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS:**
**“The War that Saved My Life” &
“The War I Finally Won”**
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Tuesday, February 25 10:30 a.m. at CBI
RSVP to Sharon Stein at sstein100@gmail.com

The CBI Office will be Closed:
Monday, February 17, 2020 President’s Day

CBI Events

CBI Members are cordially invited to an evening of Dinner & Dialogue
Getting to Know Our Neighbors: Continuing the Dialogue
The CBI Social Action Committee is hosting an interactive conversation and dinner with our friends and neighbors from Christ Presbyterian Church. This is an opportunity for CBI members and our guests, to ask questions, hear answers, learn and share.
Sunday, February 9 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Event is FREE, however seating is limited.
Please RSVP by Monday, February 3 to 419.517.8400.
This program is in partnership with Hazzan Lichterman, the CBI Board of Trustees, and the Jewish Community Relations Committee of The Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

**Jewish Lives, Jewish Learning:
CBI Adult Education Series**
**JOIN US AS WE WELCOME OUR
2020 SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE:**
Rabbi Robert Dobrusin
Emeritus Rabbi, Temple Beth Israel of Ann Arbor, Michigan and author of "The Long Way Around, Stories and Sermons from a Life's Journey".

Shabbat, Saturday, February 22 9:30 AM
Sunday, February 23 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Join us for our stimulating snack and learn programs.
NO CHARGE. Everyone welcome.

Daily Services Schedule

Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM and 5:45 PM
Saturday: 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM (when Sunday School is in session)

David S. Stone Religious School

David S. Stone Religious School Calendar February 2020

2	Sunday	RS 9:30-12:00
5	Wednesday	RS 4:30-6:00
9	Sunday	RS 9:30-12:00 Consecration 10:30-11:30
12	Wednesday	RS 4:30-6:00
16	Sunday	NO RS - President's Day Weekend
19	Wednesday	RS 4:30-6:00
23	Sunday	RS 9:30-12:00
26	Wednesday	RS 4:30-6:00
Mar. 1	Sunday	RS 9:30-12:00

Save the Date:

CBI Adult Education Series: Sundays at 10:30 AM

Dr. David & Judy Weinberg - March 8, 2020
The Road to Morocco: Jews in an Arab Land
Using Power Point, Judy and David Weinberg will report on their recent trip to Morocco. Special emphasis will be placed on Moroccan cultural sites, arts and crafts, and cuisine and on the central historical significance of Jews in the the country. They will also talk about their encounters with the contemporary Jewish community, which though dwindling in size, maintains a strong and vibrant presence.

Dr. Ken Pargament - March 15, 2020
Sacred Moments: What Makes Life Worth Living
This talk will focus on what may be one key to a worthwhile life - sacred moments. Drawing on psychological research and practice, we will describe what sacred moments are and how they have helped people live more meaningful lives. We will also talk about how people can cultivate sacred moments in their own lives.

Congregation Etz Chayim

FIRESIDE CHAT

Everyone is invited to a Fireside Chat on Saturday evening, February 1, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Charles & Phyllis Wittenberg. Rabbi Rubin will be the speaker and will be discussing and exploring “Scientific Explanations For Miraculous Events: What should our reaction as people of faith be as the scientific world seeks to explain the great miracles of history?”

Refreshments will be served. Please bring your questions.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Purim is coming soon. All members of Etz Chayim should be on the lookout for a letter about Sisterhood’s annual Shaloch Manoch bag fundraiser. These bags, filled with hamantashen, candy, fruit, and other surprises make great Purim gifts for family, friends, and acquaintances. Please fill out the form and mail it back with your check by February 17.

The next Sisterhood Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3 at 10:15 a.m. in the Morris & Clara Weinblatt Library. All Sisterhood members are invited to attend.

POKER/MAJ JONGG

Everyone is invited to play poker and mah jongg twice a month beginning in February. Join us on Sunday, February 2nd and 16th at 10:00 a.m. Newcomers and experienced players are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

KNITZVAH GROUP

Be a part of our “knitzvah” group- Knitting & crocheting for “Baskets of Care.” Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the synagogue library. Everyone is welcome.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT LUNCH PLANNED

Everyone is invited to a delicious lunch following Shabbat services on Saturday, February 8th to celebrate with our congregational members who have a birthday or anniversary during the month of February.

TU B’SHEVAT SEDER

Rebbetzin Kerry Rubin is leading the Women’s Learning Hour each Wednesday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Weinblatt Library. She and her group will plan and lead a creative TuB’Shevat seder on Sunday, February 9th at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. Please call the office to make a reservation.

ETZ CHAYIM BOOK CLUB

The Etz Chayim Book Club will be held on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Weinblatt Library. Andrea Lublin will be reviewing the book Summer of ‘69, by Elin Hildebrand. Everyone is invited. Dessert will be served.

MIX & MINGLE PLANNED

On Saturday evening, February 29th at 7:30 p.m. the synagogue will be hosting a mix and mingle social gathering in the Louis & Dora Cohen Auditorium. There will be board games and card games as well as wine, beer and appetizers. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Please call the office to R.S.V.P.


Chabad House

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Purim Family Celebration

TUESDAY
MARCH 10
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TELEPHONE GAME:
Is it even possible that the oral tradition Has been accurately transmitted?

Presented by Rabbi Shemtov
Sunday, February 16 at 10 a.m.
or Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m.

Last month, we had a general introduction to the subject of Jewish law and its importance to us. We illustrated how it would be impossible to even read the written Torah without the oral Torah.

This month, we will continue to discuss how we know that there is an oral tradition, and begin to discuss the advantage of the dual oral-written system.

This program is sponsored in honor of, and with many thanks to, Myer & Yael Liber.

Jewish Women's Circle Presents

COOKING DEMO AND TASTING WITH CHEF HUNNY

Tuesday, February 25, 6:00pm

Tips, tricks and recipes from a restaurant chef!

at Chabad House

To register or for more information:
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Cemetery Closings for
Jewish Holiday 2020

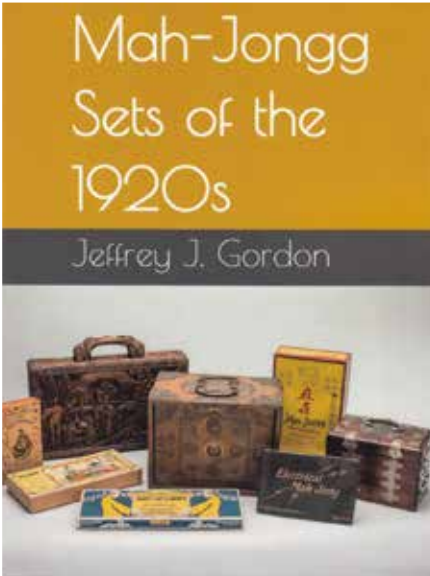
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Wednesday, April 8	Erev Passover	Close at 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 9	1st day of Passover	Closed
Friday, April 10	2nd day of Passover	Closed
Tuesday, April 14	Erev 7th day of Passover	Close at 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15	7th day of Passover	Closed
Thursday, April 16	8th day of Passover	Closed
Thursday, May 28	Erev Shavuot	Close at 4 p.m.
Friday, May 29	Shavuot	Closed
Saturday, May 30	Shavuot	Closed
Friday, September 18	Erev Rosh Hashana	Close at 4 p.m.
Saturday, September 19	Rosh Hashana	Closed
Sunday, September 20	Rosh Hashana	Closed
Sunday, September 27	Erev Yom Kippur	Close at 4 p.m.
Monday, September 28	Yom Kippur	Closed
Friday, October 2	Erev Sukkot	Close at 4 p.m.
Saturday, October 3	Sukkot	Closed
Sunday, October 4	Sukkot	Closed
Friday, October 9	Hoshana Rabba	Close at 4 p.m.
Saturday, October 10	Shmini Atzeret	Closed
Sunday, October 11	Simchat Torah	Closed

Regular Cemetery hours:
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Stephen Rothschild, Jewish Federation Executive Director, met with State Senator Theresa Gavarone during her recent visit to the YMCA/JCC. Pictured left to right are Stephen Rothschild; Senator Theresa Gavarone; Brad Toft, President and CEO of YMCA of Greater Toledo; YMCA/JCC of Sylvania Executive Director Diana Jacobson and District Vice President Melanie Grohowski.

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The competitions take place July 20 – August 2, 2021.

At least 30 sports will compete.

In addition to the games, educational, cultural, and social activities and tours are planned.

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Jewish Community Relations Council

Jewish Community Relations Council Director

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo is seeking to hire a JCRC Director who is a diligent leader and advocate, with community relations savvy, community outreach experience, and a passion for combatting anti-semitism and hatred. This individual is to help lead the community in outreach and further develop the relationships with our partners in Toledo and overseas, and be able to navigate challenging and polarized political environments and address community dynamics with nuance and tact. Click here for the full job description.

The Director will work in cooperation with the Federation Executive Director and the JCRC Chairperson to set priorities for the local Jewish community relations agenda and will oversee the JCRC's core work including issues related to Israel advocacy, antisemitism, local, state and national government relations, social

and economic justice and interfaith relations.

In addition, in coordination with the Federation Executive Director and the JCRC Chairman, the JCRC Director will serve as a resource to media, government officials and Jewish and non-Jewish community leaders on matters relating to Israel and the Jewish community and must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills.

The JCRC's mission is to support Israel, to promote an understanding of Judaism, to monitor legislative issues, to build relationships with elected and/or other governmental officials, and to promote positive relations with other faith-based and/or ethnic communities in Northwest Ohio. The JCRC works to combat hate of all kinds and promotes diversity by building bridges of understanding across communities.

Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree Required and 3-5 years of experience.

Masa launches first Diaspora awareness program in Israel's schools

20,000 Israeli students learn about Jewish Diaspora experience from Masa fellows

JERUSALEM — In December, Masa Israel Journey initiated its first Diaspora awareness-raising program, Diaspora Week, in Israel's schools. From December 15-19, young Jewish professionals from around the world toured 30 schools across Israel to share their life experiences in the Jewish Diaspora with more than 20,000 Israeli students.

"Diaspora Week is an extremely powerful way to build the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora," said Ofer Gutman, Masa Acting CEO. "Our program will impact both the fellows and the students who will exchange their unique stories and increase their understanding of one another's communities."

Inaugurated in 2016 by Israel's Knesset and Ministry of Education, Diaspora Week aims to expand and deepen the knowledge of Israeli citizens about Diaspora Jewry, to strengthen the connection and sense of belonging between Israelis and Jews around the world, and to increase the identification and recognition of Diaspora Jewry as a strategic resource for the continuation of the Jewish people. For almost a decade, Masa Israel Teaching Fellows (with the support of Israel's Ministry of Education) has brought hundreds of young Jews to teach English in Israel's social and demographic periphery. While 35,000 students benefit from the program annually, there are thousands more who have not yet been exposed to Diaspora Jewry.

The hope is that Diaspora Week will bridge the gap, Gutman said.

In cooperation with Israel's Ministry of Education, Masa's new initiative aims to further strengthen the Israel-Diaspora relationship by expanding the engagements between Masa fellows and Israel's students. As Masa fellows travel the country, they will learn about Israel's social and cultural diversity while exposing Israel's students to the Jewish Diaspora experience. Masa fellows will share their personal sto-

ries and teach students about the various histories, traditions, cultures, and challenges that make up their communities.

"This is a golden opportunity to listen, to see, and to experience the diversity and richness of global Jewry. By building these bridges, we are connecting the Jewish people and strengthening our mutual Jewish future," he said.

Education Minister of Israel Rabbi Rafi Peretz agreed, drawing a familial comparison between the two groups of Jews.

"The connection between the State of Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora is a connection between siblings, and we need to do everything we can to strengthen the connection between us. It's in our souls," Peretz said. "In recent times, Jewish communities have experienced violent events and anti-Semitism simply because of their Judaism, and there is meaningful value in connecting to these communities. The Ministry of Education has deepened the partnerships between the Jewish communities abroad and is constantly working to connect the State of Israel to their brethren abroad. We will continue to cultivate the relationship — our mutual bond and solidarity do not remain only within the borders of the State of Israel, but also extend to the Jewish people around the world."

Masa Israel Journey is the largest immersive, long-term educational experience for young adults ages 18-30. Through its programs that range from two months to a year, Masa offers an authentic, unmediated and challenging journey into Israeli society, culture, politics and history — and acts as the largest pipeline for the Jewish Diaspora to access the finest Israeli businesses, social enterprises, and academic institutions. Since its founding in 2004 by the Israeli Prime Minister's Office and The Jewish Agency, Masa has served more than 120,000 young people from more than 62 countries.

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- Improving the relationship between American and Israeli Jews
- Israel Advocacy including partnering with organizations and businesses in promoting common opportunities

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Toledo Symphony and Toledo School for the Arts to present Holocaust-era children’s opera



The Toledo Symphony Orchestra will present the Holocaust-era children’s opera *Brundibár* on Thursday, February 20 at the historic Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle Theater to commemorate the 75th anniversary of World War II.

Composed in 1938 by Czech composer Hans Krása with lyrics by Czech librettist Adolf Hoffmeister, *Brundibár* was an opera written to be performed by children. The story follows siblings Aninka and Pepíček who travel to the market to fetch some milk for their sick mother. Without any money, they adopt the ways of *Brundibár*, a greedy street musician who cranks a music-making box and decide to sing in hopes

of collecting tips. *Brundibár* runs the children out of the market, and Aninka and Pepíček realize they must gather more singers to overpower him. With the help of a trio of animals—a dog, a cat, and a sparrow—they create a booming chorus of friends. Their combined voices vanquish *Brundibár*, and the children make enough money to buy milk for their mother.

Originally created as an entry for a children’s opera competition, *Brundibár* premiered in German-occupied Prague and was performed by the children at the Jewish Orphanage. It received one additional performance before the mass transports of Jews to Theresienstadt concentration camp in Czechoslovakia began in 1942. The piano score was later smuggled into the Theresienstadt in 1943 by Rudolph Freudenfeld, the conductor of the original premiere. Krása later re-orchestrated *Brundibár* for the instruments available at the camp.

The Nazis arranged a new staging of *Brundibár* for their propaganda film titled *The Fuhrer Gives a Village to the Jews*. The film was made to create the illusion for the outside world that the camps were benign and the Jews were being treated humanely. The new production premiered in 1944 and would be

the last of the 55 performances by the children of Theresienstadt. Two weeks later, Krása and most of the children who performed in the opera were deported to Auschwitz and died in gas chambers.

Holocaust survivor Ela Weissberger, who played the role of the cat in every performance of *Brundibár*, was one of few child performers at Theresienstadt who survived the war. Ela’s daughter, Tamar Grishpon, will speak about her mother’s experiences at the performance.

“This story of triumph over evil is multi-layered,” says Rachel Schultz, Director of Education and Community Outreach at the Toledo Symphony. “For younger students, the children’s story we see on stage will tell a story of bullies, friendship, perseverance, and teamwork. Peel back the layers, and older students and adults will uncover how this production fits into the world then and now.”

“In the next few years, there will not be any Holocaust survivors left,” says Hindea Markowicz, Director of the Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center of Greater Toledo. “It is up to us to remind the world of the atrocities that took place during World War II, and this presentation of *Brundibár* by the Toledo Symphony and To-

ledo School for the Arts will certainly move us and help us all remember.”

The one-night-only evening performance of *Brundibár* will open with *But the Giraffe*, by Tony-award playwright Tony Kushner and Maurice Sendak. But the Giraffe tells a fictional story behind the extraordinary true events of how Rudolph Freudenfeld was able to smuggle pieces of Krása’s opera into Theresienstadt. In the story, a young girl is determined to bring her stuffed giraffe with her when she learns her family is moving to a new home. Her mother insists there is no room for the giraffe as her uncle needs the space for a pile of papers, the score to a children’s opera that would bring joy to not only one little girl, but lots of little boys and girls.

Tickets for the evening performance open to the public are \$20 and can be purchased in-person at the Toledo Alliance for the Performing Arts (TAPA) Box Office (1838 Parkwood Ave.), by calling 419-246-8000 (Monday through Friday, 9-5PM), or by visiting the website at toledosymphony.com. A portion of ticket sales will go to support the Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center at Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

Grocery Store Scavenger Hunt

Jewish Family Service and Federation’s joint Grocery Store Scavenger Hunt event was as fun as it was successful. Eight families shopped ‘til they dropped at the Central Avenue Meijer store, generously do-

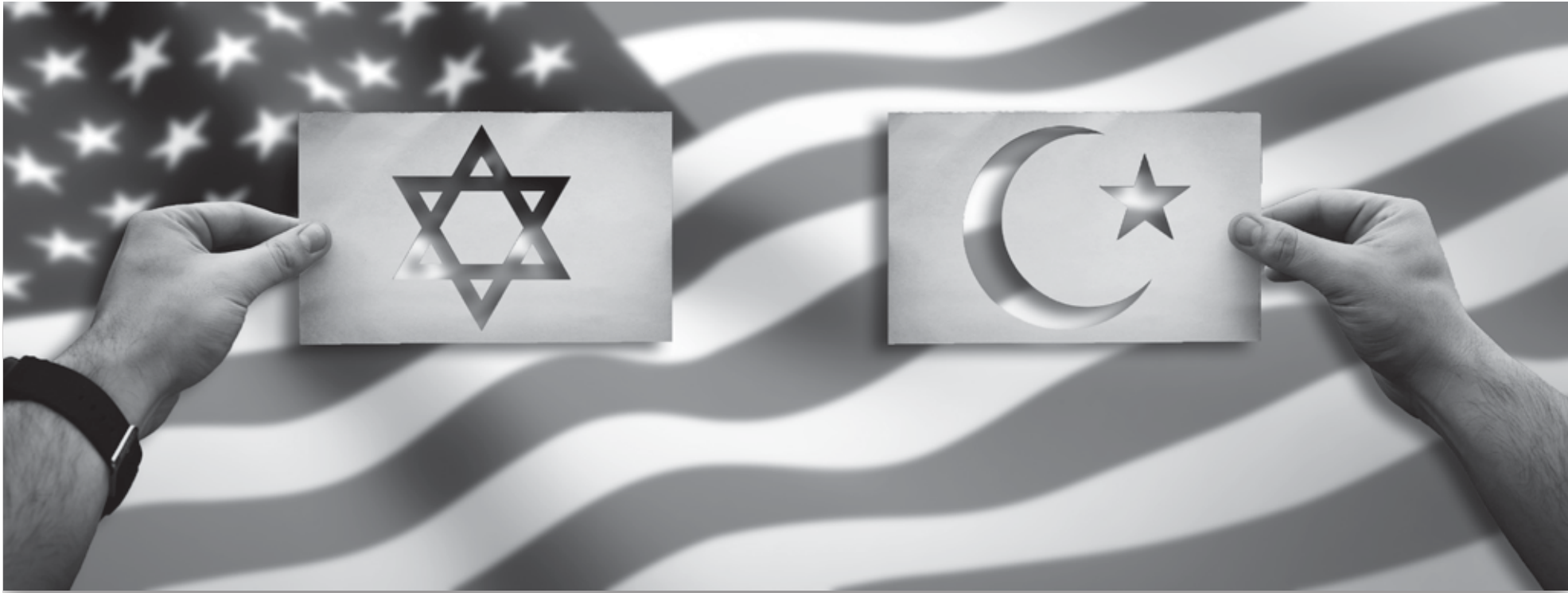
minating \$550 worth of food and personal care items to the JFS Family Pantry. After shopping, participants brought the items to JFS, received prizes for their roles, and enjoyed dinner together.



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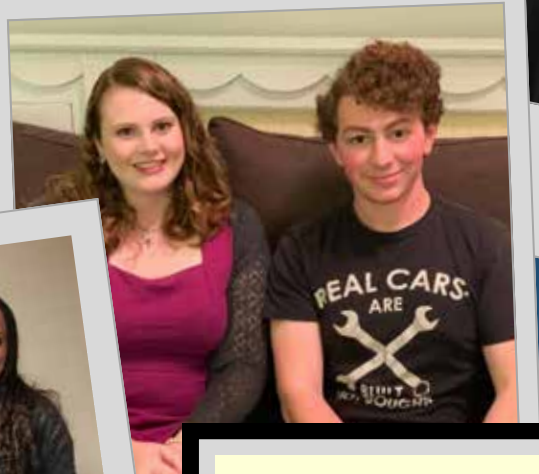
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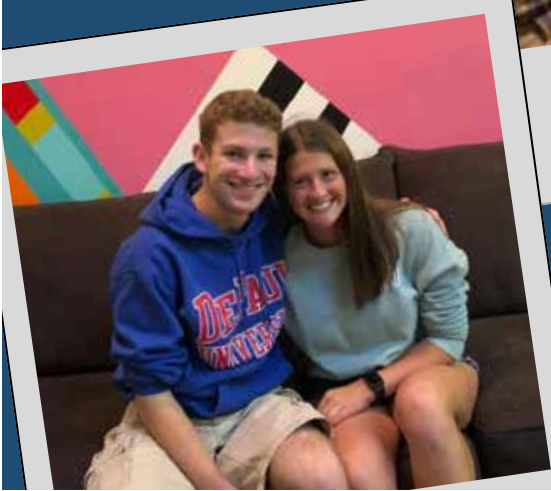
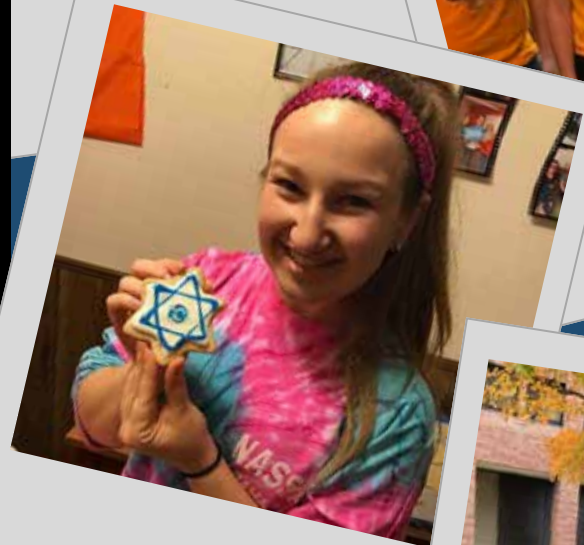
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