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## Federation and Foundation to launch Jewish summer camp program

### EMOJI has parents jumping for joy!



**Jewish Summer Camp Fair**  
January 29 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Temple Shomer Emunim

By Emily Gordon

Each year, scores of American children look forward to the few weeks of summer vacation in which they trade their bedrooms for bunks and chores for adventures.

Jewish American children look forward to all this and more when they go to summer camp.

For them, summer camp is a rite of passage that strengthens their Jewish identity, said Jewish Toledo community member Jodie Goldstein.

“It is important for my two kids to have a Jewish summer camp experience so they can see that being Jewish can be a lot of fun, even when it’s having Shabbat services or studying for your Bar or Bat Mitzvah,” Goldstein said. “Having a deeper connection with your Judaism through songs, dancing, and camaraderie with your Jewish peers is important.”

Joel Marcovitch, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo CEO, couldn’t agree more.

This summer, Jewish children in Toledo who would be first-time campers will be able to have a Jewish summer camp experience at no cost to their parents and returning campers will have a dramatically reduced cost to return to camp through the new Experience a Memorable Overnight Jewish Initiative (EMOJI) program, Marcovitch said.

“Federation and the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation are proud to launch an incredible, unique program that sends Jewish children between the ages of seven and 16 on a Jewish summer camp experience for free, or at a dramatically reduced cost,” Marcovitch

said. “We are so excited to partner with our congregations – B’nai Israel, Etz Chayim, and Temple Shomer Emunim – as well as four local Jewish summer camps – Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) in Zionsville, Ind.; Ramah in Utterson, Ontario, Canada; Tamarack in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; and Wise in Chardon, Ohio – for the EMOJI program.”

Other qualifying Jewish summer camps may be added on a case-by-case basis before the end of the month, he added.

The EMOJI program was inspired by Pew Research Center’s 2013 survey report “A Portrait of Jewish Americans,” he said, which shed a bright light on the beliefs, attitudes, and culture of today’s American Jews.

The report stated that most non-Orthodox, engaged participants in the Jewish community were inspired by one of three things: Jewish day school, trips to Israel, and Jewish overnight camp.

“The fact that Jewish camp was one of the individual markers of building Jewish identity and Jewish experiences to American Jews today moved me,” Marcovitch said.

Mark Greenblatt, EMOJI program committee member, agreed.

“Building Jewish identity is critical. Having Jewish friends is critical for children to connect to the Jewish community. A common bond and pride is of huge importance in sharing our unique heritage. Camp provides all of these things,” Greenblatt said.

Keeping in mind that the price to go to a Jewish summer camp has steadily increased, pricing many in the

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## Remembering the Honorable David Katz

By Emily Gordon

When David Allan Katz, z”l, passed away this summer, the Toledo Jewish community mourned the loss of a man described by many as a luminary.

But community members, friends, and family weren’t alone in their bereavement.

Others in Toledo, Findlay, and elsewhere in the state of Ohio grieved the loss of the senior judge of the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio. In fact, his loss was deeply felt across the nation, said his long-time career law clerk Cathy Garcia-Feehan.

“I have worked with and seen a lot of judges at our court house over the past two decades and I’ve never, ever seen another judge like him. I don’t think I ever will,” Garcia-Feehan said. “The word ‘unique’ is often over used but it really did apply to David due to his humble upbringing, the strength of his love for his family and for justice, and his deep Jewish faith.”



Noting his stellar leadership skills, clear-sightedness, proclivity for hard work, and exceptional compassion, Katz “was not just a judge’s judge or a lawyer’s judge. He was first and foremost the client’s judge. He knew what it was for people to be involved in legal disputes and litigation,” remarked U.S. District Judge James Carr in a tribute he wrote for an in memoriam series Garcia-Feehan helped prepare.

The series, written by Katz’s colleagues, his “court family,” and others will be featured in the spring edition of the Ohio State Law Journal.

The entire edition is dedicated to him, and OSU Law School will be the repository for his papers, she said.

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*With appreciation, Wendy Goldstein, Campaign Director*

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## Dear Jewish Toledo A NOTE FROM THE CEO

“It was the summer of ’69.” I love that song by Bryan Adams. The reason is that it was played over and over again at every Jewish summer camp, Israel trip, and conference I attended growing up. The song talks about how your summer experiences growing up are the best days of your life. For me, this is true. I look at those formative summers of Jewish experiences and have no doubt they shaped my Jewish journey in so many ways. Anyone who has been to Jewish summer camp will tell you some great story about or fondness for their camp. Maybe they married someone they met at camp or still have lifelong friends they met around a campfire.

Looking at Jewish camping today, the major barrier for many is the cost. On average, a three-week overnight Jewish camping experience can cost \$4,500. Federation and Foundation has recognized this issue and has made a commitment to help every family in our community with children of camp age to experience this life-changing event. Please read the article in this month’s *Toledo Jewish News* about our new Experience a Memorable Overnight Jewish Initiative (EMOJI) program and come to the community camp fair at the Temple on January 29 from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. to learn about how the program works and how you can send your child to camp at little or no cost to you.

This is the power of your campaign gift. This is the power of leaving a legacy gift with Foundation.

We can’t wait to hear how camp was for this next generation of leaders and look forward to witnessing the impact they make on the world. You never know, maybe they still play “Summer of ’69.”



Joel Marcovitch, CEO



Jewish Federation  
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### 2017 SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DEPARTMENT
January 4	Ballet Ball Fusion (Beginning every Wednesday)	Seniors
January 20	PJ Playdate	Department of Jewish Programs
January 29	Camp Fair	JFGT contact Sally at Sally@JewishToledo.org
February 10	YJT College Throwback Shabbat Dinner	Young Jewish Toledo
February 10	PJ Playdate - Tu BiShvat Tasting	Department of Jewish Programs
February 12	Toledo Walleye vs. Cincinnati Cyclones	Seniors
February 21	Prime Time Winter	Seniors
March 2	Senior Lifestyle and Injury Prevention (SLIP) Luncheon	Seniors
March 4	Great Gatsby Soiree	Young Jewish Toledo
March 10	PJ Playdate - Purim Celebration	Department of Jewish Programs
March 22	Toledo Jewish Film Festival begins	Department of Jewish Programs
March 28	St. Jacobs and Cambridge, ON	Seniors

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

✧ Newly added or revised event

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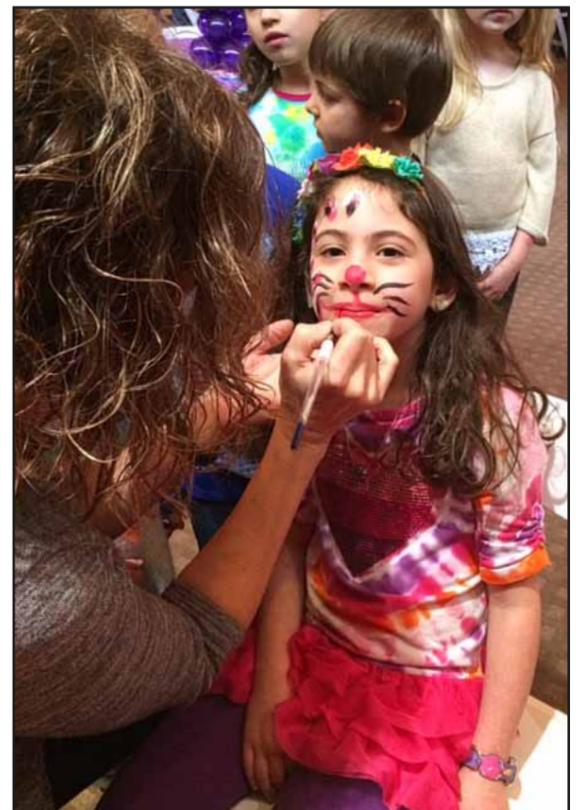
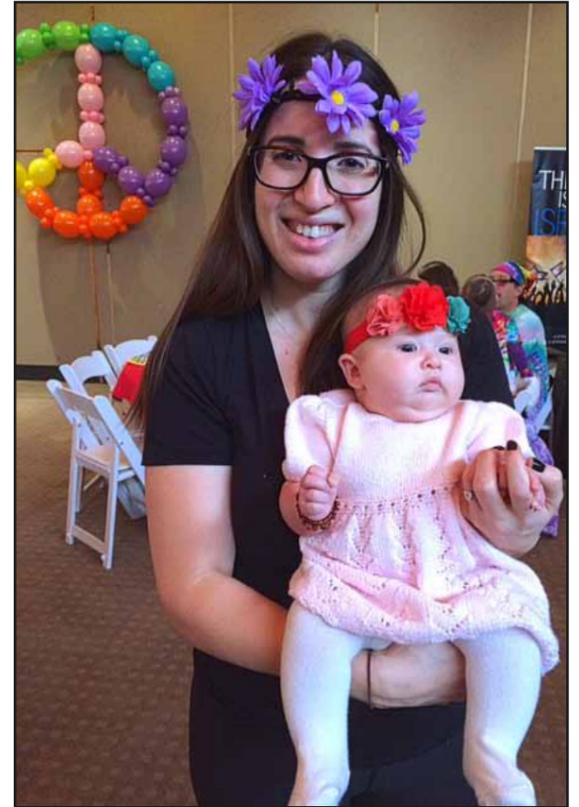
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# Hanukkah Palooza

Hanukkah Palooza 2016, a far-out hippie Hanukkah happening, celebrated the Festival of Lights on Sunday, December 11, with a crowd of families all eager to enjoy the fun. Food, spin art Frisbees, airbrush hats, and face painting were some of the attractions to the delight of participants of all ages. Hanukkah Palooza was sponsored in part by the Gary and Andrea Delman Family Foundation and PJ Library®.

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# Toledo Jewish Community Foundation

## New legacy match life insurance program to benefit Jewish community

By Emily Gordon

Toledo Jewish Community Foundation launched a new program this year to help Toledo Jewish community members create Jewish legacies.

With the L'Dor Va'Dor Legacy Insurance Gift Program, TJCF shares the cost of new policies, helping the holder make a charitable investment now that will yield significantly more in the future, said Daniel Steinberg, Foundation chair.

"The idea was to have a matching premium incentive for people to purchase life insurance that Federation would ultimately be the beneficiary of, especially those of the younger generation who have been in the community for a while. It gives us the opportunity to assist those who wish to use life insurance as a vehicle to leverage a legacy gift," Steinberg said. "Jewish Toledoans who are in their 30s to 50s will be the future of Federation. It fits in with our long-term, 'plant the seeds to develop the forest' kind of mentality."

The program's Hebrew title, which translates to "from generation to generation," highlights the long-term benefits of the program, Steinberg said.

"The decision to name the program L'dor Va'Dor was made to illustrate the impact it will have on the Toledo Jewish population. It was the most meaningful name to us that made us think about life insurance and its generational effect," he said. "This is some-

### L'Dor Va'Dor at-a-glance

- Policies can be for single life or joint lives.
- Policies must be permanent insurance policies with a guaranteed premium and death benefit.
- Premiums are to be paid over as short a timeframe as practical (not to exceed 10 years) and TJCF will pay 50 percent of the premium.
- The beneficiary of the new policy must be the TJCF's Long Term Community Needs Fund or a permanent campaign endowment such as a Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE) Fund or a Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE) Fund.
- Donation of existing policies with the same guarantees as to premium and death benefit are eligible for this program for premiums re-calculated and going forward (i.e. no credit for prior premiums paid).

thing community members can do in addition to their annual campaign gift to perpetuate what we're building in the Toledo Jewish community. The campaign is for more immediate needs, while this program will be an investment for future generations." Though L'Dor Va'Dor Legacy Insurance Gift Program was just launched this year, its origins can be traced to the 1980s, Steinberg said.

Newly graduated from college at the time, Steinberg remembers attending

meetings at Federation with advisors about funds for the future.

He worked with Foundation's director and a subcommittee of advisors to develop parameters for such a program, he said.

He and those in attendance at the meeting went out and bought policies for themselves.

Since then, the program has been floating around untitled, he said.

"It's never been dormant. The idea has always been out there. I always

bring up charitable intent to people and say 'Hey, have you thought of doing this to support the Jewish community?' Steinberg said.

When Louis C. Ravin, z"l, a Toledo doctor who, along with his wife, Sophie Ravin, z"l, created a scholarship in 1997 to support students attending state universities in Ohio and Michigan, passed away in 2010, he left unrestricted funds to the Federation, some of which were earmarked to create a matching gift component, Steinberg said.

"The matching gift is the new version of what we've had, born out of the bequest of the Ravin family. Now we have a formal program in place where we're actively participating in the actual cost of insurance," he said. "As of right now, we have between 30 and 35 life insurance policies at the Foundation."

Steinberg noted the importance of building up the Long Term Community Needs Fund of the Foundation, formerly known as the Unrestricted Fund, so that it has the flexibility needed to fund creative and innovative programs for Federation.

"We have lots of ideas, but we don't necessarily have the money to do them. The Unrestricted Fund gives us the ability to do a lot more," he said.

For more information about L'Dor Va'Dor, contact Arleen R. Levine, director of Toledo Jewish Community Foundation, at 419-724-0355 or arleen@jewishtoledo.org.

## Full Circle — A Story

By Jim Akers

In the late 1980s, a young woman named Renee Akers living in Toledo volunteered (with a little encouragement from her husband, the Federation President at the time) to be the chairperson of the Russian Resettlement Committee of the Toledo Jewish Federation. "I'm going to do for the Russian immigrants what people did for my parents when they emigrated (separately) to Mexico from Europe during WWII," Akers said. And she did. With her recruited committee, more than 300 Russian immigrants were welcomed and resettled comfortably and successfully in the Toledo area.

On Nov. 3, now not quite so young and living in Chicago, she received a call from her granddaughter Lexi at school — the Rochelle Zell Jewish High School in suburban Deerfield, Ill.

"Nani, I was talking to my math teacher. She's from Russia and I happened to ask her during the conversation where she went when she came from Russia," Lexi said. "You won't believe it, but she said Toledo. You must know her."

"What's her name?" she asked her granddaughter.

"Marina Gitlin," Lexi replied.

"We resettled a family named Gitlin. Is she there? Put her on the phone," Akers said. "Hello, Marina. Are you any relation to David Gitlin?" "Yes, he's my uncle. We came to Toledo a year after he and his family did," Gitlin explained.

"We resettled David and his family, and although I don't recall your family, our committee must have resettled them as well," Akers said.

"The Hebrew Academy was my first exposure to anything Jewish. I have many warm memories there. Our family moved to Chicago after just a

year," Gitlin said. "I started working at RZJHS when the school was only a few years old. We put in a lot of work into making it the school your granddaughter attends today."

Akers was moved.

"I love our school, but one of the reasons I am still working there after all these years goes back to my time in Toledo. It is important for me to be connected to, and be useful in, the Jewish community," Gitlin went on. "RZJHS is a place where I can make a positive impact and encourage our kids to know and love math. I want to pay back in some way in return for what the Toledo Jewish community did for us."

The story has gone full circle; Marina now teaches Renee and my granddaughter some 28 years later.

Is there any doubt your support of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Jewish education is an investment in the future? It is, and often in unexpected ways.

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GREATER TOLEDO AREA STUDENTS



College Scholarships are available to **Jewish students from the Greater Toledo area who will be attending colleges in Northwest Ohio.** Scholarships are based on academic achievement, leadership, and involvement in the Toledo Jewish community. Demonstration of financial

need is an important consideration as well. For more information, please contact Arleen R. Levine, director of Toledo Jewish Community Foundation, at 419-724-0355 or Arleen@jewishtoledo.org, or Deb Damschroder, Social Worker, Jewish Family Service, at 419-724-0405 or Deb@jewishtoledo.org.

# Jewish Family Service



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it works. A volunteer will be given a few names of Jewish individuals who are homebound and desire a connection to the community. Your weekly phone call can be as long as the two of you desire to chat. By staying in touch on a regular basis, you will be providing individuals with much needed interaction.

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Would you like to “visit” someone without ever leaving your home? Would you like to volunteer but feel you don’t have the time to commit to visiting someone in person? If so, we have a program that’s just right for you!

As an extension of our Friendly Visitor Program, we are now implementing a program called “Phone Buddy,” and here is how

The beauty of a “Phone Buddy” is that you are still in touch with another Jewish community member and providing a valuable link to the outside world. If you would like to be a special “Phone Buddy,” please contact Liz Witter at [liz@JewishToledo.org](mailto:liz@JewishToledo.org) or 419-724-0406.

## Donate to the JFS Music & Memory program



Lucas Podolsky, whose Bar Mitzvah is April 16, donated a brand new iPod Shuffle for the JFS Music & Memory program.

Parents, if you have a son or daughter whose Bar or Bat Mitzvah is this year, we encourage them to consider collecting new or used iPod Shuffles, headphones, or iTunes cards as their special Bar or Bat Mitzvah project.

To learn more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Liz Witter at 419-724-0406.

## Jewish Disability Awareness Month

From Awareness to Inclusion



February 2017

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### Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month Community Program

You won’t want to miss the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo’s 8th Annual Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month Program on Sunday, February 26 at 10:30am at Congregation B’nai Israel. The Federation is partnering with Temple Shomer Emunim, Congregation B’nai Israel, and Etz Chayim on this very important program which will focus on anxiety. It is becoming more common in all age groups and ranges from mild to debilitating.

All adults are invited to hear Matt and Jill Kripke talk about their family experience followed by a professional presentation by Jason C. Levine, PhD, Assistant Professor and Clinic Director at University of Toledo. Simultaneously, all religious school students will engage in discussion, yoga and other activities as they relate to anxiety and how to manage it. This portion of the program will be directed by 3 professionals who work with youth and utilize various methods for stress and anxiety reduction such as yoga therapy. For more information see your February Toledo Jewish Month.

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# Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

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community out of the camping market even with other funds available, Marcovitch and EMOJI program committee members were determined to find a way to help Jewish children experience Jewish summer camp.

“From that point on, we took the data and turned it into reality by making this a top priority of where our campaign dollars and those of Foundation’s Long-Term Community Needs Fund are directed,” he said.

Funding the program took a community collaborative approach; a variety of funds available in the community and at the various camps will go toward helping children attend camp.

After registering for their chosen camp and applying for any applicable subsidies, each applicant will complete a community application for support from Federation and Foundation. Federation will then analyze each individual applicant through a “cone of funding” to leverage all possible funding sources, Marcovitch said.

At the top of the cone is each of Toledo’s congregations – B’nai Israel, Etz Chayim, and Temple Shomer Emunim – which give scholarships to children who are members in good standing to attend Jewish summer camp.

However, congregational membership is not a prerequisite for qualifying for the EMOJI program, Marcovitch added.

Next is Foundation, which holds the Jewish Experience fund, where money is given to every child in our community to use toward Jewish experiences.

Foundation also houses the One Happy Camper fund, which encourages first and second-time campers to attend Jewish camp, said Foundation Director Arleen R. Levine.

“This fund was made possible through a matching grant opportunity from the Jewish Funders Network in 2007. Funds from generous community donors, Joseph Wasserstrom Supporting Organization, and the Donald L. Solomon Supporting Organization were matched dollar for dollar from JFN to create the fund,” Levine said.

Then, each summer camp has financial aid as well as other incentives for children to attend camp.

Federation and Foundation will fund the applicable remaining balance.

“By making camp affordable for those who wish to attend, it will strengthen their connections to their Jewish identities and will put them on the path of programs like BBYO and Hillel,” Marcovitch said. “It is also important for the community to understand that even if you are not a member of a congregation, your children can fully participate in the EMOJI program.”

Camp graduates are more likely to go to Israel at some point in their lives, take up leadership positions in their Jewish communities, and think and act Jewishly for their rest of their lives, said Daniel Steinberg, Foundation chair.

“It’s been proven in many studies that the more we instill in our youth the values of Jewish spiritual and cul-

tural life, the better opportunity there is for them to embrace their religion and keep it as a mainstay of their adult lives. Camping experiences are so valuable in this regard,” Steinberg said. “They learn about being Jewish from a perspective that’s different from what they learn in Sunday and Hebrew school and even in Jewish Day school settings. Camping combines learning about responsibility, taking care of yourself and your family, and enjoying the environment given to us; all with a Jewish bent to it.”

The goals of the EMOJI program are to create positive Jewish memories, connect young Toledo Jews to lifelong Jewish experiences long after their camp years are over, show their parents the importance of Federation’s campaign, and foster and strengthen the bonds of friendship between the children of our community, Marcovitch said.

He’s confident that the EMOJI program will meet and exceed those goals, thanks to Federation, Foundation, its partners, and community support through Campaign.

“The fact that our children can have this amazing experience for free or at very little cost to the family shows a tremendous commitment from Federation to change lives and allow our children the best possible Jewish experiences,” he said. “The EMOJI program shows how giving to Federation’s annual Campaign and making legacies and bequests to our Foundation really changes the lives of the members of our community. It’s your dollars making a tremendous difference in the lives of everyone.”

Levine agrees.

“Gifts to the Foundation’s Community Needs Fund, formerly known as the Unrestricted Fund, are a valuable and critical resource for the Toledo Jewish community,” she said. “As a gift during one’s lifetime or through a future gift such as a bequest, community members can take pride knowing these charitable gifts will be used to implement programming consistent with the Federation’s pillars.”

In coordination with Foundation, Federation is hosting a community-wide camp fair Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Temple Shomer Emunim by partnering with the four local Jewish camps that offer at least a two-week sleep away program.

Amid a breakfast buffet, there will be at least one camp suited to each Congregational denomination in the community and the camps will present themselves to interested parents to find out more information before they select which camp they’d like their children to attend.

“We encourage all families to come and hear directly from these amazing summer camps and their options as well as Federation to talk about how the funding works,” Marcovitch said.

For more information about the new EMOJI program, see Federation’s weekly Friday Facts and the February issue of Toledo Jewish News.

## Jewish Community Relations Council Report

By Sharon Lapitsky

Bowling Green State University invited us to participate in a panel on the histories and similarities among the religions of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. The overarching goal of this project was to remove stereotypes that people have placed on these religions and foster an atmosphere of respect for various religions, rather than hate. Rabbi Alan Sokobin was the perfect candidate to represent our Jewish community in this scenario. The questions for discussion were broad and included topics such as what panelists wish people would understand about their faiths. Discussion on the origin of each faith ensued, and the panelists got a little side-tracked when discussing the idea of original sin in each religion. However, the panel discussion was informative and nonpolitical, and the audience was attentive and respectful.

We were approached again by BGSU to attend their International Student Body at the beginning of January to speak about Judaism and different shuls in our community. In addition to panel participation, we were also asked to share our thoughts with the Perrysburg school system as they hosted Perrysburg Diversity and Inclusion Forum.

The forum addressed three main questions:

1. What is something often misunderstood about you or your culture that you would like to share?
2. What are your points of pride with your community?
3. What did schools do right while you were growing up? What could schools have done differently?

Our input was greatly appreciated and we are hopeful that this will strengthen the awareness and consideration to Jewish students, especially around the High Holidays.

There are many ways in which the Jewish community is becoming more active around Toledo. Participating in panels and forums is one of them. JCRC has members of its committee involved in multi-faith meetings, Toledo International Film Festival, Toledo Lucas County Welcome Committee, and more. Many members of the community came to support JFGT CEO, Joel Marcovitch, at the Lourdes University panel. It is always great to have community members come to these events and meetings to participate and support us. For more about the Lourdes panel, read JCRC committee member Rob Vincent’s article on page 15.



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## Remembering the Honorable David Katz continued from front page

“There are so many stories and so much information about him out there that one could write a book,” Garcia-Feehan said. “This is a start.”

### Just a boy from Findlay, Ohio

Though he was a giant to many, Katz never thought of himself that way.

“He was just a boy from Findlay, Ohio, who believed in the values of hard work, love of family, love of law, love of community, and love of Judaism,” said his wife, Joan Katz.

Born in Toledo on November 1, 1933, the grandson of Romanian immigrants was raised in Findlay by his parents, Ruth and Samuel Katz.

The Katz family was of modest means and lived the phrase “hard work,” said Rabbi Alan Sokobin, retired rabbi of Temple Shomer Emunim.

“He started work young. From his perspective, he was always working,” Sokobin said. “Coming from a poor background, he was guaranteed limits. But he leapt well beyond those limits.”

He worked 50 to 60 hours a week at the Old Dutch Brewery in his hometown, then dug ditches there to come up with the money to pay for his college tuition.

Katz attended Ohio State University for his undergraduate work and graduated summa cum laude from Ohio State University College of Law, where he was inducted into the Order of the Coif.

He married Joan Katz, “the love of his life,” in 1955, and their children Linda (Joel) Beren, Michael (Robin) Katz, and Debra (Jon Liebenthal) Katz, and later, 15 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, were his “treasures,” Sokobin said.

“David and Joan’s love and admiration for each other was well known. They were a model couple, what a husband and wife should be. They were what parents and grandparents and great-grandparents should be,” said Rabbi Edward Garsek, formerly of Congregation Etz Chayim.

Katz then began work at Spengler Nathanson P.L.L. in Toledo, where he concentrated on areas of business transactions and federal tax matters, Garcia-Feehan said. He served as the firm’s managing partner from 1986 to 1993.

In 1994, President William Jefferson Clinton appointed him to the District Court, and a star was born.

### He was a nova

Katz was nominated for the position at 60 years old.

Today that would be too old to be nominated to the bench, Garcia-Feehan noted, but his rich experience as an officer and director for more than 60 different businesses while in private practice, inter-

personal skills, and intellectual firepower dazzled the court.

“Years ago, we were at a party and someone said ‘A new star has exploded out of Findlay.’ He was a nova,” Sokobin said.

Katz had a knack for settling cases. His talent was so remarkable that he became known nationally for it, Carr said in his tribute.

“He was among a handful of district judges who received repeated appointments from the judicial panel on multi-district litigation in some of the largest and most challenging cases on the panel’s docket. David’s assignments were in the tens of thousands. Nearly none, once in his hands, went to trial,” he said. “He knew what it was for people to be involved in legal disputes and litigation. He knew firsthand how important it was, whenever possible, to avoid having the dispute being resolved in the courtroom, with all its uncertainties and expense.”

Without a doubt, Katz was always the smartest in the room, Garcia-Feehan said, and no one had a negative word to say about him.

But unlike some other judges, he didn’t suffer from “robe-itis,” an “affliction” that causes some judges to adopt a holier-than-thou attitude, she said.

With a reputation as a fair, caring, and respectful judge, Katz was the same person at the grocery store as he was on the bench, Garcia-Feehan said.

“You never saw the judge façade, a sense of over-inflated importance. He was somebody who could sit and talk with the chief justice, with the president, yet had no problem standing in line at Burger King with his coupons to get his Whopper and fries for a deal,” she said.

### A mentor and a mensch

Colleague Jerry Philips is one of many in the community to whom Katz was a mentor.

“He had a calming effect on people in tumultuous situations and a talent for coming up with logical and reasonable solutions. He had calmness about him that brought people together in court and in the community,” Philips said.

Katz was very active in the Toledo community.

He was a member and trustee of many organizations including the Toledo Symphony Board of Trustees, Advocates for Victims and Justice, Inc., Toledo Zoo Foundation board, Mercy Health Partners, and numerous bar associations.

He even became chairman of St. Vincent Medical Center Foundation, a Catholic institution.

“He reached out across socioeconomic status, faith, color, you name it. He did not consider himself any better than the next person,” said Garcia-Feehan. “I think that’s rare for any human but especially someone with his education, his background, and the fact that he was at the pinnacle of his career. To retain that aspect of humbleness and not assume airs is rare.”

His impact on the Toledo Jewish community was immeasurable, said colleague Joel Levine.

“He was a wonderful, caring human being who cared deeply for his family, friends and his Jewish and general communities to which he contributed generously in his time and resources,” he said.

Katz served as president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, vice president and trustee

of the David S. Stone Foundation, and multiple positions on the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation and Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

He was also the youngest president of Congregation B’nai Israel in 1970 at age 36, until his son-in-law, Joel Beren, became president in 1986 at age 29.

One could make a checklist of all the ways Katz has helped the community and “there wouldn’t be a blank square,” Sokobin said.

As vice president and trustee of Jewish Educational Services of North America, Jewish education was important to Katz.

He was among the principle players supporting the community’s only Jewish day school, Garsek said.

“The David S. Stone Hebrew Academy’s growth was greatly due to his putting work into it. When we increased the grades, he was instrumental in getting funding to expand the day school,” he said. “Every area he had a hand in, whether it was Federation, B’nai, Israel Bonds, whatever agency in the Toledo area that needed help, you name it, he was always putting himself out there.”

Katz had a special relationship with Rabbi Yossi Shemtov and his daughter, Mushka Matusof, of Toledo Friendship Circle, and was instrumental in the establishment of the group, Joan Katz said.

As a mentor and advisor always happy to extend a helping hand to anyone, Katz was a “mensch,” said colleague Truman “Tim” Greenwood in his tribute for the in memorium series.

“There is a word that linguists have a hard time translating into English: ‘mensch.’ It means more than ‘human,’ as reflected in most dictionaries. It describes someone who, in a sort of charismatic way, is tolerant, fair, warm, charitable, just, sensitive, understanding, and also forgiving,” Greenwood said. “It’s one of those words that says ‘I know when a person is. I know when he’s not.’ I think what lexicons should do is forget the translation and simply put a picture of David next to the word and say, ‘If you know someone like this, you know a mensch.’”

### He lived by the words of Micah

Katz’s devotion to his Jewish faith is evident in every aspect of his life, said colleague Stephen Rothschild.

“His love and respect for the Torah and its lessons acted as a guide for his life. I had the great honor and privilege to serve with Judge Katz as past-president of CBI and a member of many special committees of Federation to address serious issues regarding our Jewish community and its future. Judge Katz always brought a quick and clear grasp of the issues at hand and expressed himself cogently and deliberately but always with respect to others in the room,” Rothschild said.

He, along with many of his peers, taught the next generation the importance of “tikkun olam,” a Jewish concept defined by acts of good intended to repair the world, said fellow community leader Sharon Speyer.

“His lessons were verbal but also, more importantly, actions that led by example. He held himself to a very high standard and, as such, showed others the importance to do the same. This is exemplified in the many public leadership roles he played,” Speyer said. “There were many private encounters and interactions of which others may not be aware of where he brought parties together to do the right thing. He helped others achieve their goals and assisted in providing opportunities while reminding all of us of our duty to do the same for others.”

Though he was often honored for his work, he never sought such recognition, Rothschild said.

“Above all things, what I will always re-  
*Remembering* continued on page 15



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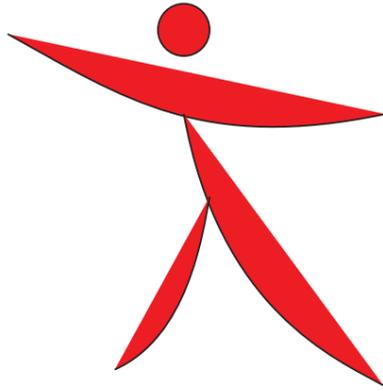
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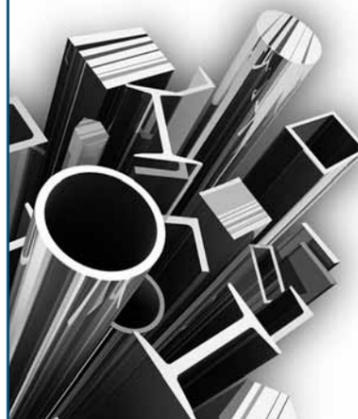
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# Local

## YJT at Board & Brush for pallet painting



## Remembering David Katz continued from page 8

call of Judge Katz is the moist glistening in his eyes as he blessed the Torah or as he watched and listened to a cherished grandchild or me sing or speak publicly, he said. "He lived by the words of Micah: he did justice, he loved mercy, and he always walked humbly with his G-d and other people," he said.

### The crown of a good name

Though the loss of a star like Katz is tremendous, his light will continue to shine in the decades to come in the form of his actions, his written work, and the memories shared by all who knew him, said colleague Gordon Levine.

"He exuded so much of the good in people. There's the sadness of his passing and it's time of mourning but I keep thinking of him all the time and I smile when I do, because he always brought a smile to your face," he said, noting Katz's distinct sense of humor. "There's only one David Katz. They threw the mold away when he was born. But he'll always be alive while I'm alive because he's always in my thoughts and prayers."

Life may be short in terms of years, but what one does in their life will imprint upon future generations, and Katz certainly did a lot, Gordon Levine said.

"If everyone who knew and loved him took his advice and lived as he

did, we'd have a bright future. Something we used to say when I was chair of Foundation was "As my father planted before me, so shall I plant for future generations. We have to have this continuum," he said. "That proverb about how it's important for us to plant trees whose shade we know we won't live to sit in and enjoy, but future generations will...that's what David Katz did every day."

For rabbis Sokobin and Garsek, to remember human beings who have made contributions of law, learning, and love is to inspire those who remain.

The Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers) chapter 4, reads "Rabbi Shimon would say: There are three crowns—the crown of Torah, the crown of priesthood, and the crown of royalty—but the crown of good name surmounts them all."

Judge Katz possessed all three parts, Garsek said.

"One, he was president of CBI, dedicated to the Jewish community in every aspect. Two, he was kohain, meaning he was from the priesthood family. And three, I really look upon him as royalty because of the way he acted, his leadership role. He would take things on, if not lead them himself, to be a part of things," Garsek said. "But the crown of a good name excels them all. That's what he leaves us. He leaves behind a word, a remembrance of a man with a good name."

# Local Opinion

## The usual odds, the usual outcome

By Rob Vincent

On November 29, I, along with many other members of our community, attended a panel discussion at Lourdes College called "In Search of Peace for Israelis and Palestinians: 90 Minutes to Find a Solution." It was at once a gratifying and depressing experience.

The format included six panelists and one moderator, Toledo Blade ombudsman Jack Lessenberry. Superficially, the panel was evenly divided between what may be considered a "pro-Palestinian" side versus a "pro-Israeli" side. On the former was Linda Mansour, a local pro-Palestinian activist and attorney; Dwight Haase, a University of Toledo sociology professor and Fulbright scholar who had lived and taught in Judea/Samaria (aka the "West Bank"); and Sister Paulette Schroeder, a pro-Palestinian activist who had spent time in Hebron. The "pro-Israeli" side, which apparently was to be considered so because it was comprised of Jewish panelists, included David Finkel from Jewish Voices for Peace (listed as one of the most anti-Israeli NGOs in the country); Natan Fuchs, an Israeli-born member of J-Street (yet another organization that has consistently lobbied against Israel); and our own Joel Marcovitch, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. In short, Marcovitch was placed in a situation in which he was going to be alone in representing the pro-Israeli point of view against five opponents.

Mansour opened with a statement in which she expressed misgivings about even participating on the panel, putting forth an argument that the Palestinians had to be brought up to an equal standard of strength and power to that of Israel before any negotiations could even be considered. She contended that it was fundamentally unfair that Palestinians should be forced to negotiate from a position of weakness.

This is an absurd position to take. Using this logic, one would suppose that in order to negotiate a settlement with the Taliban in Afghanistan, they should be brought up to America's level of strength and power before they could be expected to sit down with us. In truth, the main difference between Israel and the United States is that for Israel, "Afghanistan" is right next door, not halfway around the world.

Haase believed that the fault for the lack of peace lay with the United States for its "lopsided" support of Israel, citing the military aid we provide for them, which he claims "forces" Israel's opponents to seek support from extremist actors such as Iran, which would also encourage its own proxies to pursue military confrontation. So, I guess it must have been our support for West Germany and our other allies in Western Europe during the Cold

War that was the cause of that conflict, forcing the Soviets to take confrontational positions against us. Maybe if we had coerced West Germany into giving up West Berlin to the Soviets and withdrew our forces, the Cold War would have ended then and there (and maybe if I wished upon a star, I'd win the lottery). But Haase did not stop there. He went on to claim that Newt Gingrich, when he was running for president in 2012, advocated for moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem after Sheldon Adelson had donated a large sum of money to his campaign, and also cited the American Israel Public Affairs Committee taking most members of Congress on trips to Israel as reasons for our "lopsided" support of our front-line ally in that region. In other words, Haase brought up the tired, odious canard of "Jewish money" being behind American support of Israel. No consideration was given, on his part, of the far more extensive Arab – and even Iranian – financial influence buying apparatus, the fact that Newt Gingrich had always been pro-Israel (Adelson gave him money because he was pro-Israeli to begin with, not the other way around), or the manner in which President Obama had repeatedly taken the Palestinian side during peace negotiations. The "Jewish lobby" had failed miserably in stopping the Iran nuclear deal; perhaps this also escaped Haase's scholarly attention. I found it shocking and depressing that a sitting professor at my local university with access to the minds of our young people could traffic in such thinly-veiled anti-Jewish bigotry. If he is representative of today's academia in America – and I believe he is – then it is easy to see why anti-Semitism on today's college campuses has reached levels not seen since WWII.

Schroeder's commentary was also rather bizarre. When confronted by Joel with the documented fact that the so-called "wall" separating Israeli and Palestinian areas in Judea/Samaria is in fact only a high-tech fence for all but 5 percent of its length, she maintained that it "seemed" to her that it was much more than that. She also referred to the Israeli "occupation" as having been in place for "60 or 70 years" and had to be corrected by Joel on this as being only 49 years. In this way, she gave away her true position, similar to that of Linda Mansour's, that the whole of modern Israel for her entire existence thus far of 67 years is effectively an "occupation;" i.e., Israel is illegitimate and doesn't deserve to exist as a Jewish state. Though not explicitly stated in those terms, this came across to me as the underlying position of Mansour and Schroeder. It is hard to see how one could take either of them seriously, at even the most fundamental level, as advocates for "peace" when they don't even recognize the basic legitimacy of the other side.

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# Local News

## Toledo Area Jewish Historical Society

Interested in being a part of the Historical Society and the important archival work they are accomplishing?  
 Email Toledo Jewish Historical Society director Lynn Jacobs for information at lbjacobs82@gmail.com.

### Help us identify and date historical photos

Can you identify any of these former Toledo Jewish community members who worked hard to create a vibrant Jewish life for all of us?

Periodically, our Toledo Jewish News features a photo from the extensive "Rogues Gallery" of past leaders and participants in Toledo Jewish life whose enthusiasm and dedication created the rich, varied activities we still remember so well.

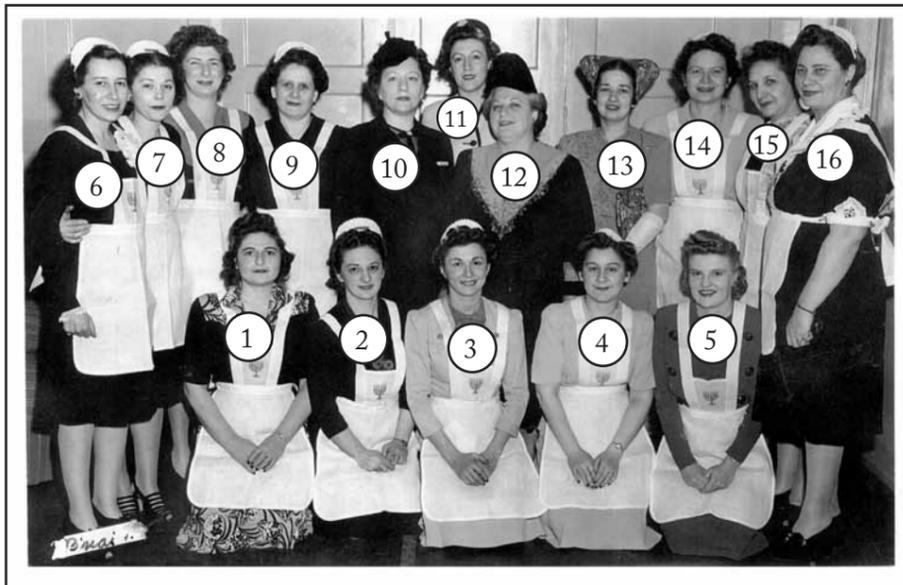
Take a good look, turn your mental time clock back several decades, and call or write Lynn Jacobs with your discoveries. "Guess-timates" are also gladly accepted.

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# Local News

## Ohio becomes 15th state to act against BDS

*Legislature passes bipartisan bill banning state contracts with companies engaged in BDS against Israel or others. Measure also includes potential to increase investment in Israel Bonds by millions.*

In overwhelming, bipartisan votes, HB 476 passed both the Ohio House and Senate. Co-sponsored by **Rep. Kirk Schuring** (R-Canton), the Majority Floor Leader & **Minority Leader Fred Strahorn** (D-Dayton), it bans state contracts with businesses that boycott, divest or sanction countries with which we enjoy free trade, "including Israel." The legislation now heads to Governor John Kasich.

"Israel is a strong ally of the United States and a valuable economic partner with the State of Ohio. It was an honor to sponsor legislation that reinforces Ohio's commitment and support for the State of Israel," said **Representative Schuring**.

"Yesterday, Ohio became the 14th state to pass anti-BDS legislation. This anti-discrimination legislation prevents BDS efforts from gaining a foothold within the state. This bill addresses our profound concern about discrimination against Israelis and Israeli businesses by those who oppose the right of the Jewish people to self-determination in our homeland. The state of Ohio joins other states who will not allow businesses that discriminate against Israel to conduct business with their state," say **IAN Executive Directors Geri Palast and Ethan Felson**.

In addition, the bill includes language doubling (from one to two percent) the amount of funds the state treasurer or county treasurers may (but are by no means required to) invest in foreign bonds that meet certain criteria, including Israel Bonds. That measure was co-sponsored by **Rep. Robert Sprague** (R-Findlay) and **Rep. Steve Slesnick** (D-Canton).

**Rep. Sprague** noted "Increasing the allowed amount of foreign debt allows us to support strong allies like Israel when it makes sense for Ohio taxpayers. This type of solid return and low risk investment should be a priority for us since Israel has never in its history missed a bond payment."

"I'm pleased to see that my colleagues felt it was important to invest in Israel in a manner that helps Ohio and Ohio taxpayers as well. In my eight and a half years in the Legislature, it's been an honor representing not only my district, but serving all Jewish communities across Ohio, and this was a great ending note to my time in the General Assembly," said **Rep. Slesnick**.

Both the overall bill and this specific portion relating to investment of the state and county portfolios in bonds had the full support of **Treasurer Josh Mandel**.

**Chris Berry, spokesman for Treasurer Mandel** stated "Israel is the only country in the Middle East that shares the American values of freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and treating men and women as equals. Treasurer Mandel applauds the legislature for their action on stopping the bigoted BDS movement."

"What a one-two punch to the BDS movement. First, Ohio becomes the latest state to pass legislation banning their discriminatory conduct. And then, it allows - if it makes good financial sense - for states and counties to invest in a proactive, positive action," said **Howie Beigelman, executive director of Ohio Jewish Communities**.

The legislation, and the advocacy behind it, were supported by a coalition "as diverse as Ohio." In addition to Ohio Jewish Communities and the eight Jewish federations statewide, the coalition included an array of Jewish groups, human rights & civil liberties advocates, Christian supporters of Israel, and business and civic leaders.\*

"With the passage of HB 476, truth prevails in Ohio over discrimination from the BDS movement," said **Ed Douglas, Ohio Director of Christians United for Israel**.

"This bill wouldn't have passed without an active, engaged coalition and most certainly not without the dogged commitment of our sponsors, **Rep. Schuring and leader Strahorn**. Thanks as well to **speaker Rosenberger, president Faber, and president-elect Obhof** who made sure this was a priority before the Legislature adjourned for the year. As well, our gratitude goes to two amazing committee chairmen, **Sen. Bill Coley and former Rep. Tim Brown** who gave all sides their say and kept hearings on schedule and civil. This could not have moved without all their support or determination," said Beigelman.

**Joel Marcovitch, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo** stated "The passing of this bill represents the State's loud and clear message that boycotting the only Jewish state in the world is discriminatory in action and discriminatory based on national origin in nature. A huge debt of gratitude should go to those that made this bill possible and to those that voted on the right side of history."

\*The coalition includes: Agudath Israel of America, American Jewish Committee, Christian Coalition of Ohio, Christians United for Israel, Hillel International, Israel Action Network, Israel Allies Foundation, Israel Leadership Institute, The Israel Project, JCPA, Orthodox Union, the Simon Wiesenthal Center, StandWithUs, and the World Jewish Congress.

For more information contact **Howie Beigelman, Ohio Jewish Communities** at [HowieB@ohiojc.org](mailto:HowieB@ohiojc.org).

## Lourdes' Panel continued from page 15

The remaining panelists that Marcovitch had to contend with were not much less strident in their anti-Israeli sentiments than Mansour, Haase, or Schroeder. They squarely blamed all of the problems between Israel and the Palestinians on Israel's "occupation" and on "one-sided U.S. support for Israel." To me, the Israeli-born Fuchs represented a far-left fringe of Israeli society that has been largely discredited by the events of the last 23 years since the Oslo Accords were signed. His point of view has been proven to be grossly inaccurate and even dangerous for Israel as a whole by the facts of Palestinian Arab violence, incitement, and rejectionism. These latter points were described well by Marcovitch: the use of unwed mothers as producers of child suicide bombers in order to "redeem their honor," the huge portion of the PA budget that goes to fund terrorism or line the pockets of their corrupt leaders, and the numerous, generous Israeli peace offers rejected by Palestinian leaders. And, since Israel is a democracy, and its voting public clearly learns from historical experience, the politicians representing Fuchs' point of view have been marginalized in Israel and rightly so. Small wonder that Fuchs can only find common cause among members of a political organization that is seen as inimical to Israel by Israelis. As to JVP's Finkel, he impressed me as yet another aging hippie who has spent the whole of his adult life obsessing over fighting "the man" with his latest target being an increasingly strong and successful Jewish state of Israel.

Our own community was well-represented in the audience, and one stalwart member of our community asked Mansour to simply answer, yes or no, whether Hamas was a terrorist organization. This caused Mansour to become all but unhinged, going on incoherently about how the questioner was "using language in an unfair and oppressive manner." However, most of the other audience questioners focused on Marcovitch in a belligerent manner, bringing up all manner of patent nonsense. One audience member even approached him after the

event had ended and, in a truly bizarre display of passive-aggressive bullying, asked him why he had not been "more authentic" (per this person, the only way Marcovitch could have been "authentic" is if he had adopted an anti-Israel stance).

Marcovitch effectively presented historical facts and logic in defense of Israel, at one point stressing the particularly salient argument that unless Israel's foes recognize Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state, there simply cannot be peace. He did so convincingly despite the barrage from both the other panelists and the audience, in a manner that should make all members of our community very proud. Marcovitch won sincere post-event kudos from Lessenberry. Haase went out of his way to congratulate him on a job well done. This was all very gratifying to see. However, I came away from the event with mixed emotions.

On one hand, I was very proud of Marcovitch's performance in this situation. On the other hand, I came away with a rather grim sense of how corrupted this debate has been made by the age-old, persistent disease of anti-Semitism. It is hard for me to fathom the almost medieval hostility of some non-Jews towards Israel, as demonstrated by their obsession with denigrating the one Jewish state, and their willful rejection of any facts or logic that contradicts their carefully nourished belligerency. We cannot ignore the stark reality of what such people represent; if such people have their way, whether they admit it to themselves or not, in the end it would mean another Holocaust against our people.

It is even more disheartening to see some of my fellow Jews cower behind their disassociation with Israel to the extent that they believe they are doing themselves or anyone else any good by conceding ground to such bloody-minded actors as we find among Israel's adversaries. Perhaps we can hope for better days ahead. In order to usher in better days, we must not only hope but work toward getting the truth out however we can, whenever we can. That night, Marcovitch did just that.

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS

Looking for some new culinary ideas for your Chanukah dinner? Perhaps you want to try making homemade Hummus, Orzo Salad, Ratner's Onion Rolls, or Poached Salmon with Dill Sauce? Our Sisterhood is selling a cookbook titled Recipes from Etz Chayim's Kitchen. Copies are available for purchase at a cost of \$10. Cookbooks make a great Chanukah, birthday or hostess gift.

The next Sisterhood Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Shul Library. All Sisterhood members are invited to attend.

## ANNUAL FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER PLANNED

The annual family Shabbat Dinner will be held on Friday evening, January 27, 2017. Services begin at 5:30 p.m. with a traditional Friday night dinner following. The cost is \$18.00 per adult and \$8.50 for children ages 5-12 years old. Children under 5 are free. Fliers have been mailed out. Please call the synagogue office to R.S.V.P. by January 23, 2017.

## JOINT SYNAGOGUE BOOK CLUB

The synagogue book clubs of Congregations B'nai Israel, Etz Chayim and Shomer Emunim will be holding a joint meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at Congregation Etz Chayim. The program begins with lunch at noon and the discussion following. The book being discussed is Defying the Nazis, The Sharps' War, by Artemis Joukowsky. Mrs. Naomi Twining, a Toledo researcher and former Unitarian Church secretary will be the facilitator. Reservations are required by calling Elsa Leveton at the synagogue office, 419-473-2401 or by emailing Elsa at [elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org](mailto:elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org). The cost for the lunch is \$5.00 payable at the door.

## GIFT SHOP

Please remember to patronize our Sisterhood Gift Shop, as new and exciting merchandise is coming in all the time. O "chai" O and Michigan hats and kippahs have been reordered for the third time. Get yours before they're gone again. As always, we have a selection of Ahava products. Call our gift shop chairman, Sandy Marcus at (419) 473-2401, if you need an idea or have a particular gift item you're looking for. Save time by letting us do the gift wrapping. Mention this article, and you can have 10% off one item!

## FIRESIDE CHAT PLANNED

The second winter Fireside Chat will be held on Saturday evening, January 14, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Bob and Cheryl Berkowitz. Rabbi Rubin will be discussing the topic "G-d's Plan vs. Man's Free Will" – Does Hashem control everything that happens? Do we really make our own decisions? Is there some sort of balance between the two? Everyone is invited.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH LUNCH

Congregation Etz Chayim is sponsoring a kiddush lunch on Saturday, January 14, 2017 to honor our members who are celebrating birthdays during January. Everyone is invited. Please call the office to R.S.V.P.

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# Temple Shomer Emunim.....

## January Worship Schedule

**Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Healing Service  
Kol Zimrah will participate

**Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

**Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
"Kid-dish" Club at 5:00PM  
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Cantor Finkel will present  
a Sermon in Song

## "Fundamentals of our Faith" Class

begins Thursdays at 5:00PM  
Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>



## Joint Temple Book Clubs

Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at Noon at Etz Chayim  
to discuss *Defying the Nazis: The Sharp's War*  
by Artemis Joukowsky.  
Naomi R. Twining will be the featured speaker.  
The cost of the program is \$5  
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## Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM

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at 9:30AM



Coffee with the Clergy  
Wednesdays,  
January 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
at 11:00AM

## Temple Tots Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM "Jewish Symbols"



## Religious School Calendar

Sun. Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Wed. Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrew School 4:20PM
Sun. Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Religious School 9:15AM; Temple Tots 9:30AM
Wed. Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrew School 4:20PM
Sun. Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Wed. Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrew School 4:20PM
Sun. Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Religious School 9:15AM
Wed. Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrew School 4:20PM
Sun. Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Religious School 9:15AM

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Wednesday 11	RS 4:30- 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 15	NO RS
Wednesday 18	RS 4:30- 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 22	RS 9:30-12:00 p.m. Parent/ child 3 and under class 10:30-12:00 p.m.
Wednesday 25	RS 4:30- 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 29	RS 9:30-12:00 p.m.

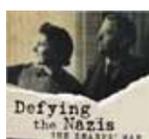
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Wednesday 7	Lounge Night- Family Feud 6:15- 7:45 p.m.
Sunday 22	Sledding/Snow Ball



## JOINT SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
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## SISTERHOOD 2.0

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## Successful November blood drive

The Jewish Community hosted a very successful Blood Drive at Congregation B'nai Israel on Sunday, November 13. The Red Cross collected 26 units of life-saving blood to help prepare for emergencies during the Thanksgiving weekend, when needs are great and donations are low. Many thanks to all blood donors and volunteers who helped make our drive such a success. Thank you to Devorah Shulamit for chairing the Blood Drive; Mark and Brian Wexler for

checking in donors on the computer; and Pamela Jackson, Susan Hirsch, Cathy Sperling, Fran Wexler, and Susan Hartman Muska for their help walking donors to the canteen and for managing the canteen. Special thanks to Congregation B'nai Israel for hosting the drive and providing all the snacks and the lunches for the volunteers and Red Cross Staff, especially Larry Johnson, building supervisor, and Karen McQuade, who prepared the fine lunch.



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Baked items will be judged the day of the Festival, Sunday, May 7, by our panel of experts. Prizes will be awarded for first through third place in the following categories: cookies, cakes, pies, and pastries. First place in each category will be awarded a golden rolling pin along with a fabulous prize.

The rules are simple: make enough to feed 25 people, the baked item must be Jewish in nature, and NO lard. We will supply sample cups and utensils.

Any questions? Call Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or [hallie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:hallie@jewishtoledo.org)

Please fill out the form below and mail or email the information to:

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Gan Izzy Club is already five months in. We've had a fabulous High Holidays craft fair, Lulav and Etrog shake in the Sukkah, bowling trip, learned about gratitude through the blessings for all different types of food, and made our own candles for Hanukkah. Next up is veggie art while we learn about staying healthy. Join us on January 15, from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chabad House. Camp Gan Israel - all year round!

## Gan Yeladim Hanukkah



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Email **completed** obituaries to: [paul@JewishToledo.org](mailto:paul@JewishToledo.org)

You may include a photo of the deceased if you wish (optional).

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If you have additional questions, please contact [paul@JewishToledo.org](mailto:paul@JewishToledo.org).

**There is no charge to submit an obituary, but we encourage donations to Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo ([www.jewishtoledo.org](http://www.jewishtoledo.org)).**

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# Friendship Circle Mitzvah Volunteer Program Trains Pre-Teens to “Defeat the Label”

Submitted by Mushka Matusof

Anyone who remembers what it is like to be in middle school will appreciate the importance of Friendship Circle’s newest program, the Mitzvah Volunteer Program (MVP).

This program aimed to take sixth and seventh graders, just as they are becoming experts at labeling their peers, and turn their snap judgments upside down and ultimately empower the kids to know enough to feel comfortable talking to and standing up for those who are different.

Over four Sunday evening events, the pre-teens were introduced to a variety of special needs. Through activities, games and guest speakers, they learned about Asperger’s, Autism, Cerebral Palsy and Down’s syndrome and that, although each label comes with a set of challenges, they do not define or limit the potential for the person with these special needs to be a really wonderful person.

Training also focused on learning to accept others as they are, whether they have an official disability or not. We learned to ‘Defeat the Label’ and try to look at each other as we really are instead of what we see right away on the surface.

MVP participants received a mission each week to work on throughout their week. One week, after learning the powerful effect our speech and actions have on another person, they were instructed to spend the week noticing and jotting down instances where their words or deed had a noticeable impact on the recipient – either for the good or bad.

A primary hope of this program is that through acclimating the pre-teens to children with special needs, so that when they are old enough, they will be interested in becoming a Friendship Circle volunteer and want to become friends with a child with special needs in our community.

But if they don’t? That’s fine too, says Friendship

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Circle Coordinator Mushka Matusof.

“While I’d love to have each of these amazing kids working with me in the future,” explains Mushka, “the purpose of the program is to empower the kids to know better than to be put off by some surface judgment and to always remember to look deeper and to give everyone a chance. Having these kids in the program is a win-win for all.”

As their final project the kids were in charge of the Friendship Circle family Chanukah party. Putting on their special event coordinator hats, they planned the activities, helped set up and then volunteered for the first time with the children with special needs.

As parties go, this “Chanukah in the Lab” Party was among the season’s best. In a room filled with laughter and smiles, middle school kids mingled with kids with special needs and, possibly for the first time, really looked at each person fully.

