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Looking ahead to 2022

Dear friends:

It has now been 21 months since COVID-19 invaded and upended our lives. It has separated us in unnatural ways from our loved ones, friends, temples, synagogues, community, schools, and work. It has further polarized our nation and world by accelerating our dependence on a virtual online world where sources of information are anonymous and almost anything can be asserted as fact. COVID has forced lots of changes, but there is one thing that it has not and will not change—the natural human need and desire for communities to do good.

Through the resilience, generosity, and participation of our Toledo Jewish community and our incredible team of professionals, Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo is strong, growing stronger, and remains **HERE FOR GOOD**. We have maintained a preschool, provided books and programs for children with our PJ Library®, made Jewish overnight camp a reality for dozens of children, supported active Hillel programs at University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University, sponsored Next JewishGen social activities, offered exercise classes and gaming opportunities for seniors, assisted with in-home care and advocacy for those in assisted living, delivered food and sundry packages to those in need, enhanced the lives of those with special needs, expanded knowledge and sensitivity to the horrors of the Holocaust and the need to fight against antisemitism and hate, and offered opportunities to connect with Israelis as we navigate a relationship among brothers and sisters that is often fraught with misunderstanding and differences of opinion. We have worked on building bridges among ourselves and our neighbors. We have secured our facilities and coordinated our security efforts. We have read books and spent time with authors and we have done our best to celebrate holidays together with packages and messages of caring. We have cared for the living and the dead. We have remained generous and continue to support each other and the institutions that are important to us.

As we look ahead to 2022, I want to thank all of you for your continued support of our Jewish community. Whether you have made gifts (large or small) of your time or treasure, you are the reason that we are able to be **HERE FOR GOOD**. You are why we are here to do good and you are why we are here for good. May all of us only go from strength to strength.

Stephen Rothschild, *CEO, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo*

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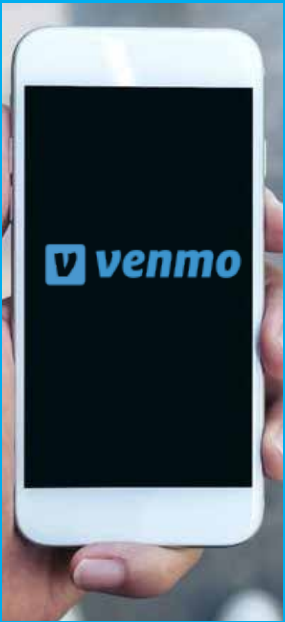
**Challah at Home...
Again!**
Sunday, January 30
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parking lot**
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wait to be assisted)

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Sign up at the jotform link above for a kit with all the dry ingredients needed
(you will need to add in eggs, water, and oil).
Included will be recipes and links to videos of different braiding techniques.

There's more! We are holding a "Most Creative Challah" competition.
After braiding and baking, take pictures and send them to hallie@jewishtoledo.org.
We are going to post the pictures on our Jewish Federation of
Greater Toledo Facebook page for voting.
Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for most likes.
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Thank you to all our Jewish Toledo clergy for your participation!

Thank you to Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, Temple Shomer Emunim, and the YMCA of Greater Toledo for your co-sponsorship. Thank you to Chabad House of Toledo for providing and lighting the large Hanukkah menorah.

Thank you to Jewish Federations of North America for making this event possible by awarding JCRC a generous grant.

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Each month, Toledo Jewish News will be featuring members of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) Board of Directors. Some of Jewish Toledo's most essential leaders, we would like to highlight them and their roles in shaping the future of our community.

Sue Ann Hochberg, *At Large Member – One Year Term*



How long have you lived in Toledo?
27 years

Where are you employed?
The University of Toledo

Would you like to mention any awards/recognition you have received?
Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence

Are you a member of a local synagogue?
Congregation B'nai Israel and Chabad House of Toledo

What do you like best about Jewish Toledo?
It is small, unique, and mighty! It is special to have participation from all congregations and Federation supporting the Jewish community, together.

If you were a superhero, what special power would you like to have?
Spreading light and integrating shadow

Thomas (Tom) Jaffee, *Toledo Jewish Community Foundation*



How long have you lived in Toledo?
I have lived in or near Toledo my entire life. As a small child we lived on Rosalind Place near Fulton School, and I grew up on Goddard Road. My wife and I lived in Sylvania as a young married couple, then we moved to our farm in Riga Township, Michigan.

Where are you employed?
I retired in 2019. After graduating law school in 1985, I began working with Lublin Sussman Rosenberg & Damrauer CPAs and never left. We later became known as LublinSusman Group, then merged into a regional firm in 2017 to enable me to retire.

Are you involved in any other non-profits? If so, which ones and what roles?
Since I retired, I have curtailed my volunteer roles considerably. I still serve as a trustee for the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation; as a member of the Federation's Finance Committee; on Congregation Etz Chayim's Finance and Trust Oversight committees; and as board member and member of the Architectural Committee of the Corkscrew Woodlands Homeowners Association (Florida).

My previous service included committee member of both the Tax Legislation Committee and Tax Practice Committee of the Ohio Society of CPAs; board member, then treasurer, then president of the Alzheimer's Association (Northwest Ohio Chapter); committee position for the United Way of Greater Toledo; board member, then recording secretary, then treasurer for Congregation Etz Chayim; township trustee for Riga Township, Michigan; and member of the Riga Township Planning Commission.

Would you like to mention any awards/recognition you have received?
My goal in serving both public and private organizations is to help where I can be of service. I take great pride in being instrumental in achieving great accomplishments for some organizations I have served.


Are you a member of a local synagogue?
My extended family and I have been members of Congregation Etz Chayim since its formation and construction in 1974.


What do you like best about Jewish Toledo?
In many ways Jewish Toledo is like one large family. If anyone needs a helping hand, someone in the Jewish community is always there.



Jewish Community Relations Council



Ohio Jewish Communities



Legislative Briefing with Howie Beigelman from Ohio Jewish Communities

Thursday, January 13 at 6 p.m.
Zoom

Ohio Jewish Communities (OJC) works on our behalf with elected officials from both parties in Columbus and in Washington, D.C., representing Ohio's eight Jewish Federations, their partners and agencies on a range of state, federal and international issues.

Interested in learning more about current legislative issues and priorities? Join the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) for this Zoom discussion taking place on Thursday, January 13 from 6-7 p.m. Please contact Daniel Pearlman, JCRC Director, with questions: daniel@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0315.

Register at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/OJC-briefing> or contact Sherry Majewski: sherry@jewishtoledo.org or call 419-724-0351


Tech2Peace Discussion with Israeli and Palestinian young adults

Sunday, January 23 at 10 a.m.
Zoom

Tech2Peace is a joint Israeli-Palestinian NGO that brings together young Israelis and Palestinians through high-tech and entrepreneurial training and intensive seminars alongside conflict dialogue. Leveraging Israel's impressive high-tech ecosystem, Tech2Peace aims to create a lasting alumni community of young Palestinians and Israelis that impact their societies through their professional positions, joint startups, and shared initiatives, working together towards a more peaceful future.

This interactive webinar will include discussions with Israeli and Palestinian staff and alumni of T2P, giving community members a chance to better understand multiple perspectives on the situation on the ground, discuss their thoughts and feelings with those at the center of the conflict, and receive a message of hope and peace during these difficult times.

To register, please email sherry@jewishtoledo.org or call 419-724-0351
Online at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/tech2peace>



Jewish Family and Social Services

Shari Bernstein to Follow Passions

Shari Bernstein, Director Jewish Family and Social Services, is leaving her part-time role with Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (“JFGT”) at the end of December 2021 to pursue other passions. Shari joined Jewish Family Service (“JFS”) as its part-time Managing Supervisor upon Nancy Newbury’s retirement in 2019. Shari brought to the position a wealth of experience in social services as well as a passion for the Jewish community and anyone facing life’s challenges. Shari, together with the Jewish Family Services Board and its president, Ross Chaban, helped to process the merger of JFS into JFGT. Soon thereafter, Shari proved herself to be an important part of the JFGT team and she was named Director of Jewish Family and Social Services (“JF&SS”). With the expanded responsibilities, Shari helped JF&SS continue its vital community efforts throughout the COVID-19 experience, managing to maintain critical Food Pantry services, subsidies, patient advocacy services, basic human connections, and our sense of community. She also reminded us of the importance of resilience and the need to take care of one another and ourselves. Shari has decided to expand her private consulting services, has purchased a bus that she intends to re-outfit for travel and excitement, and is looking forward to spending time in Michigan with rescued animals and her family as well as hit the road for new adventures. She intends to stay involved in the Jewish community in a volunteer capacity.

Stephen Rothschild, JFGT Chief Executive Officer, said, “Shari has one of the biggest hearts of anyone I know. She really cares about people and it shows in everything she does. Her empathy and caring made her successful in her role and I thank her for her efforts and wish her the happiest and healthiest of whatever trails she follows next.”

JFSS staff is here to help!

Perhaps you or a family member are in need of help with senior social services. Maybe you know someone in need of support from a family pantry. Jewish Family and Social Services offers a range of services to benefit our community. JFSS has a knowledgeable and caring staff waiting to help you.

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Ben Malczewski
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Malczewski starts new VP Senior, Family and Social Services role at JFGT



Ben Malczewski, previously the Sylvania Library Manager and President of Sylvania Rotary, joined Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (“JFGT”) and Jewish Family and Social Services (“JFSS”) as the organization’s first Vice President Senior, Family and Social Services on December 6.

Stephen Rothschild, JFGT Chief Executive Officer, said, “Ben’s hiring is part of an effort to deliver social services and programming to our seniors in a complete and efficient manner. One lead professional will be responsible for directing our traditional Jewish Family Service offerings for seniors as well as our Jewish Living Center programming for those ‘60 and Better’ who remain active and who desire experiences that respect their abilities and enhance the quality of their leisure time. Ben will also be responsible for coordinating our Food Pantry and exploring other ways in which JFGT can play a role in improving the health and welfare of members of the Jewish community regardless of age and/or ability.

David Berland, JFGT board member and Chair, Jewish Family and Social Services Committee, added, “We are excited to have Ben join us. Bringing these vital community services under one leadership will allow JFGT to better coordinate our services across the demographics of our community. In addition, with this new structure, we will be better positioned to address the varied needs in our community and develop the needed resources to support them.”

"With his deep involvement in the Sylvania and greater Toledo community, Ben brings an extensive understanding of how to program for a diverse constituency and brings great enthusiasm to his new role in the Jewish community," explained Lauren Sachs, JFGT board member and Chair, Jewish Community Programming committee. "The beauty of this new role is that it will serve both the general ‘60 and Better’ population, as well as provide social services to seniors and families in our community. This unique position will help overcome potential barriers to service provision and best use our community's resources. Ben is an ideal candidate to bridge the divide and brings extensive experience and knowledge to the table."

“I am excited about getting into [the role],” Malczewski said, noting his awareness of having the freedom of introducing a brand-new position while also honoring the legacies of the Jewish community. “It gets more illuminating as I acclimate. Our product is a culture of memories, experiences, and quality of life. [I want the Jewish community] to use me as an excuse for a fresh start and revisit things with a ‘fresh eyes’ approach for a healthy culture.”

Malczewski earned his Master Library and Information Science (“MLIS”) in 2005 from Wayne State University and Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Eastern Michigan University/The University of Toledo in 2000.

He worked with the Toledo Lucas County Public Library (“TLCPL”) system since 2013. He has been a coordinator of special events for the library, including the Authors/Authors series with over 12,000 participants in 2017 and was deeply involved in the construction and reopening of the Sylvania Branch Library where he managed a 20 person staff. He has extensive experience with books and films as well as organizing and promoting public events.

Malczewski said, “I am eager to demonstrate my capacity to bring a sense of creativity, educational ambition, and passion for community leadership across a diverse spectrum... I believe community leadership should hold these complex skillsets and wide-ranging interests at heart and be similarly driven. You must wear many hats and be able to turn on a dime thoughtfully and with sincerity. I have worked tirelessly for the [Toledo Lucas County Public] Library because I believe in the power and value that such institutions have to our community and culture. I will bring that same enthusiasm, compassion, accountability, and values-driven focus to the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo. I believe this to be an ideal canvas with so much potential to create value, equity, and impact.”

The coordination of services – for seniors, families, and more – is high on Malczewski’s list of priorities.

People “are not just stats and numbers,” he explained, noting the potential to increase a sense of community between different Federation departments and services, adjoining them in a synergistic manner. “The real effort is [in having] a service platform that holistically combines services while preserving

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Silver Circle donors honored for 25+ years of giving

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo recently celebrated its 2021 Silver Circle members, valued donors who have contributed to the Jewish Toledo Annual Campaign for at least 25 consecutive years. Local community members who utilize various services provided by the Federation spoke to the group and expressed gratitude for how Silver Circle donors have substantially contributed to fulfilling their Jewish lives in Toledo.



Ellery Freed, sixth grader, highlighted being a Gan Yeladim Pre-school graduate, PJ Library® participant, and overnight Jewish camp attendee (supported by the Federation's EMOJI program). She discussed making Jewish friends for life at school and camp, learning about Jewish holidays and tzedakah, taking part in mitzvahs like helping to stock the Jewish Family and Social Services (JFSS) Food Pantry, and attending youth and family programs (including her favorite, Hanukkah Palooza).

She said, "I am very thankful and lucky to have such a supportive and

loving Jewish community. Thank you so much for keeping Jewish life strong for me, my brother, and my sisters."



Esther Goldstein, tenth grader at Toledo Early College High School, discussed the importance of being a BBYO member, particularly experiencing deep connections to Judaism through an EMOJI-funded trip to the youth group's Chapter Leadership Training Conference (CLTC) in the Pokono Mountains (Pennsylvania).

"The 12 days I was there, I felt like I had found my true Jewish identity and I felt more connected to my Judaism than I ever have in the past," she stated.



Hannah Kramer, University of Toledo Hillel alumni and Hillel member (2016-2020) and current

Jewish Student Life Coordinator at Toledo Hillel, discussed forming her personal identity in college. She feels lucky to have chosen to go to college in a city with a Jewish community that shows its local Hillel such strong support.

"I would not have considered myself secure in my Jewish identity when I started college," she explained. "However, after the four years of being involved with Hillel, not only did I realize I wanted being Jewish to be a big part of who I am, but I was able to help others make that realization as well."



Jeana Davis, Next Jewish Generation member, expressed how much Jewish Toledo has meant to her throughout her childhood and adulthood. As she became active in Next Jewish Generation, she explained, "I was able to foster and reinvigorate my relationship with the Jewish community. I found an avenue to express and grow in my Jewish faith, meet likeminded individuals, and have fun along the way... I gained a sense of fulfillment and acceptance that I had not yet found, and for that I am forever grateful."



Ellen Federman, Jewish Toledo member since 1988, shared a summary of her active participation in Jewish Toledo and its offerings. She highlighted attending Latke Luncheons, kosher grocery shopping in Detroit, book and film festivals, Kristallnacht and Yom HaShoah observances, and the Jewish Living Center (JLC).

She said, "How do I love the JLC? Let me count the ways. At the top of the list is the exercise classes taught by the amazing Eileen Seegert... I attend three times a week and consider Eileen's classes my life insurance policy. Even when things were shut down, classes were available online and I joined regularly."

She is looking forward to attending day and overnight trips when safe to do so.



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dignity and confidentiality as required. I have spent my life working cross generationally. [I intend to] see where there are threads we can bring together to create bridges and possibilities." As we discover who we are as a community, "we don't yet know how high our ceiling is, we have to design" that ceiling to outwardly continue building a culture of inclusivity and support.

During his tenure as coordinator of donor, fundraising, and special community events for the library, Malczewski planned, coordinated, and oversaw the marketing strategy for hundreds of author events including for authors Alan Alda, Gloria Steinem, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Henry Winkler, and Kareem Abdul Jabbar among others.

He also developed, branded, and piloted numerous system and community-wide services and programming models (including community-wide STEM programming, disability awareness and service development, and public school cooperative programs).

Malczewski is well known in the Sylvania community and has prior experience with the Central Oregon food distribution center and helped to develop the Phoenix Care community kitchen and food pantry when he worked with Jesuit Volunteer Corps (a division of AmeriCorps).

Additionally, he has previously worked with Hindea Markowicz, Director, Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center, on Holocaust programming for the Toledo Jewish community. He has extensive community outreach experience including institutional partnerships/collaborations with the Toledo Museum of Art, Sylvania Public Schools, Toledo Public Schools, American Chemical Society, U.S. White House/Secret Service, the office of Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, Sylvania/Toledo mayoral offices, City Council, and county commissioners.

He coordinated a community-wide forum on the opioid epidemic with local, state, and national perspectives represented (including

Lucas County Sheriff's Office DART Unit, Children's Services, Health Department, Mental Health and Recovery Services, and the State of Ohio Governor's Opioid Response Team).

Berland concluded, "We see enormous opportunity to broaden our service and program offerings to better serve the changing needs of our community. For many years we have offered the same core services to our community. While those services fill critical needs, as our demographics and community needs change, it is vital for us to be nimble and responsive to needs throughout the community. With Ben's leadership, and a more expansive view of our community along a continuum of wants and needs, we will be well positioned to create and direct resources to serve Jewish Toledo in the strongest and most complete way. The JFSS committee is looking forward to supporting and helping Ben deliver exciting solutions to community needs."



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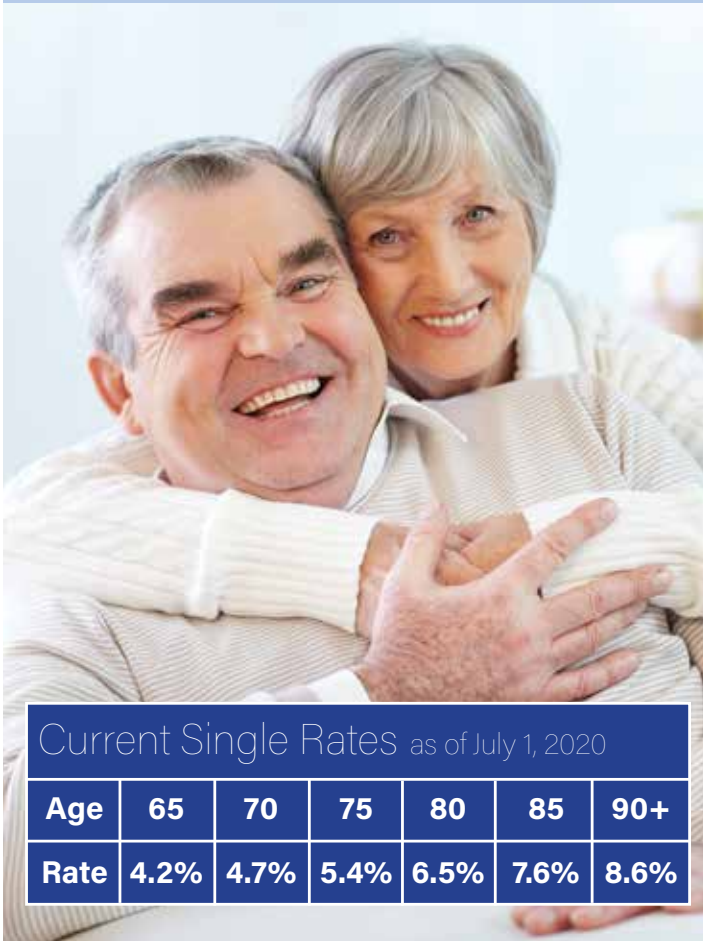
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Active Life for 60 and Better



JLC & National JCC Adult & Senior Alliance

The Jewish Living Center is thrilled to announce that we are now a partner in the National JCC Adult & Senior Alliance. This alliance allows us to bring you cutting-edge, exciting, and relevant programs – to the comfort of your home. Through this new effort, we can select the programs and events that best fit our community, allowing us to provide the most diverse programming possible. Look at these phenomenal new offerings below:

Go to jewishtoledo.org/jlc for more great Alliance programs.

Senior Alliance Programs for January 2022
Still Traveling: Italy's Campania Coasts
Captivating Capri – Monday, January 10
Enchanting Ischia & Picturesque Procida – Monday, January 17
Along the Sorrento Coast – Monday, January 24
Along the Amalfi Coast – Monday, January 31
2 - 3:15 p.m. (Zoom)

Visit jewishtoledo.org/jlc for details and direct links to sign up.

Full Series Ticket - \$50 for all 4 dates
Give-Us-A-Try Ticket (\$12.50): Check us out by giving our first "trip" (January 10) a try. Single tickets are not available to subsequent trips and cannot be credited toward series purchase.

All Tickets: ... 1) are per device, not per person on Zoom, and 2) are non-refundable and non-exchangeable.

Back by popular demand with an all-new series, our delightful, professional, local guide - Antonella - offers four new virtual "trips" to discover favorite areas beyond her hometown of Napoli (Naples), which is the gateway to fabulous, southern Italian treasures for those who venture beyond it.

Trip leader James Sokol hosts these four interesting and beautiful journeys through Italy's Campania Coasts.

Romantic Masterpieces for Violin & Piano
Wednesday, January 12, 2022
4-5 p.m. (Zoom)

Visit jewishtoledo.org/jlc for details and direct links to sign up.
Pianist Ian Scarfe welcomes violinist Ellen McGehee for a program of classical and romantic masterpieces featuring several popular and lyrical works by Kreisler, Dvorak, Tchaikovsky, as well as Edvard Grieg's tour-de-force Violin Sonata in C Minor, Op. 45. The musicians will share stories about the composers and the history of this music and offer a kind of "listening guide" to the audience to deepen the listening experience. They will also be on hand to take questions from the audience and participate in a live discussion afterwards.

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

Pianist Ian Scarfe shares a program featuring the big names of the classical era: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Franz Joseph Haydn. What made these composers into the lasting artists that they have become? What about their music was tradition, and what was revolutionary? Scarfe will discuss several works by each composer, including Sonatas, Fantasies, and various dances, to show what makes this music still charming and approachable today.

Scarfe will share stories about the composers and the history of this music and offer a kind of "listening guide" to the audience to deepen the listening experience. He will also be on hand to take questions from the audience and participate in a live discussion afterwards.

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

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

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

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

Songs & Stories: A Tribute to Lorenz Hart
Wednesday, February 16
4-5 p.m. (Zoom)
Save! Order before 2/14 for "Early Bird" pricing!
Visit jewishtoledo.org/jlc for details and direct links to sign up.

Considered a poet of Broadway, Jewish-American lyricist Lorenz Hart singlehandedly changed the craft of lyric writing. For February with valentines and hearts all around us, join songstress & storyteller Gilda Solve to explore some of Hart's romantic songs, including beloved classics such as "My Funny Valentine," "Isn't it Romantic?," "My heart Stood Still" and many more. Guests are welcome to ask questions via the chat throughout the program.

Exploring Broadway: Pitter Patter
Two Thursday, February 17 & 24
4 - 5:15 p.m. (Zoom)
Visit jewishtoledo.org/jlc for details and direct links to sign up.

The "patter song" has been a staple of theater since Mozart, gaining in popularity in 19th-century comic opera and operetta. In the time since, these delightful, fast-tempo, tongue-twisting songs have wended their ways into 20th-century musicals. Join James Sokol on a journey, which includes audio & video performance clips, of these potentially scene-stealing songs from Broadway's "Golden Age" gems to contemporary favorites. Come for the songs; stay for the fun!

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

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

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

Ballet Fusion

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

Foundation Fitness

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

Get Fit

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

Zumba

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.



Drumming

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

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

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

Mondays
9 – 10 a.m. Get Fit Class
11 a.m. Drumming

Wednesdays
9 – 10 a.m. Get Fit Class
11 a.m. Ballet Ball Fusion

Fridays
9 – 10 a.m. Zumba



Pacesetter Park Walking Group

Tuesdays & Thursdays
10 – 11 a.m.

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

Space is Limited. Weather dependent.
Need current emergency form on file.

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



Latke Lunch 2021

Much of Jewish Toledo spent the fourth day of Hanukkah with Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo at the Annual Latke Lunch. Thank you, Congregation Etz Chayim, for the hospitality; Chef Cari for the delicious food; and Magic by Eli for charming every guest - especially 101-year-old Dorothy (pictured performing with Eli).



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.



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Mitzvah Pizza by Sarah Lynn Scheerger Friday, January 7

Open to all families with kids in PJ Library
At-home event - Front porch delivery
\$5 per kit - Feeds a family of 4
RSVP due by Monday, January 3 to:
form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/mitzvah-pizza



Mitzvah Pizza by Sarah Lynn Scheerger is about Missy's experiences at a unique pizza place. Most Saturdays, Daddy brings the money and Missy brings the fun. But this time Missy is bringing the money, too - and she's trying to decide what to do with it! When they go to a pizzeria that helps feed everyone, including people who

can't pay, Missy makes a new friend - and has an idea.

Any questions? Contact 419-724-0351 or registration@jewishtoledo.org

PJ Playtime Sunday, February 6 3 p.m.



Sunrise Gymnastics - 3640 Holland Sylvania Rd
FREE - snacks included
Please bring canned items to donate
Open to families with kids in kindergarten and below (siblings welcome)

Join PJ for an afternoon of somersaults, jumps, and tumbling!

RSVP by Monday, January 31 to registration@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351

Family Mitzvah Day Sunday, March 6 11:30 a.m.

Jewish Family Services, 6505 Sylvania Ave
Free event, lunch included
Please bring soup crackers to donate



It's Mitzvah Day! Help pack "Soups for Seniors" goodie bags. Bags will be filled with soup mugs, instant soup and other goodies to help brighten up and warm the heart and bellies of seniors. After packing, families will be able to deliver bags to senior living facilities or individuals living at their own homes.

RSVP by Monday, February 28 to registration@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351

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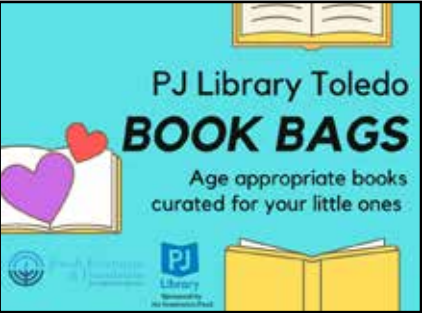
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<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/bookbags>

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

For all NJG programming information, visit jewishtoledo.org/nextjewishgeneration.

NJG Mezuzah Making

Next Jewish Generation was “kiln” it at Copper Moon Studio Gallery & Gifts last month. The group made one-of-a-kind mezuzahs and enjoyed delicious charcuterie from Mushka Shemtov Matusof.



NJG Axe Throwing

**Saturday, January 8
8 p.m.**

\$20 per person –

Includes axe throwing,
nibbles, and noshes

Axe 419 - 9851 Meridian Ct., Rossford, OH



Got an axe to grind? Come and join us for “axeimum” fun at Axe 419!

Closed toe shoes required.

RSVP required by Thursday, January 6 at the [jotform link](https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njgwinter2022) above.

NJG Gives Back

Last month, Next Jewish Generation volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House provides a home-away-from-home for families who travel to Toledo for their children's medical care. Gina Black, Hallie Freed, and Lauren Sachs (pictured) cooked pungent chicken, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, and cookies for a crowd of 40.



NJG Sips & Suds

**Saturday, February 5
6 - 8 p.m.**

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NJG Trivia Nights

Tuesday, January 25 – Sidelines Sports Eatery & Pub, 6060 Renaissance Pl

Tuesday, February 22 – Stubborn Brothers Pizzeria, W. Bancroft St

Tuesday, March 22 – Bier Stube, 5333 Monroe St.

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

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

Next JGen 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.



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Jewish Summer Camp Program

EMOJI Camp Visits

Sunday, January 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Temple Shomer Emunim Lounge, 6453 Sylvania Ave.

****Masks must be worn****

Free event – Lunch provided, please let us know of any dietary restrictions

Camp is coming to town! Have you already signed up for camp? Are you interested in learning more? Are you a camp alum and want to tell others about how amazing Jewish summer camp is? Then this event is for you!

RSVP by Monday, January 3 to registration@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351



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

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

To find out more or to apply, visit jewishtoledo.org/emoji.

Jewish Community Relations Council

From Antisemitism to Abortion, Guns, and CRT, It's a Busy Time for Ohio Legislators

By Daniel Pearlman, Jewish Community Relations Council Director

This article follows a legislative updates article featured in the September edition of Toledo Jewish News ("TJN"). In line with the Jewish Community Relations Council's ("JCRC") mission to educate and advocate the community on important issues and seek consensus with a commitment to Jewish values, JCRC will report on legislative updates 3-4 times per year in the TJN.

With antisemitism rising nationwide, it is crucial to call it out wherever and whenever you see it. Ohio Governor Mike DeWine understands this. Last month, Governor DeWine sent a letter to all 111 Ohio public and private college and university presidents calling for them to ensure that their campuses are inclusive and welcoming to Jewish students. This follows our discussion with the Governor in August about rising antisemitism on college campuses, organized by our partners at Ohio Jewish Communities ("OJC"). "No student should be afraid on a university campus, especially because of their race or religion," wrote Governor DeWine. "Sadly, for too many of our Jewish students today, that is not the case. Cases of antisemitic and anti-Israel sentiments have been reported on our campuses here in Ohio and nationally."

OJC works on our behalf with elected officials from both parties in Columbus and in Washington, DC, representing Ohio's eight Jewish Federations, their partners, and agencies on a range of state, federal, and international issues. Howie Beigelman, OJC's Executive Director, was instrumental in organizing the meeting with Governor DeWine in August and following up with the Governor's Office to get this letter sent out.

The Governor asked college presidents to take concrete steps such as reaching out to on- and off-campus Jewish communities and working with them to ensure a safe environment online and off; directing campus chiefs of police and public safety directors to work with Jewish communities and local and state law enforcement to ensure that services and other celebrations are safe and uninterrupted; committing personally to the issue and find ways to speak out against antisemitism; and urging their campus communities to protect and promote free, open, and civil debate.

The timing of Governor DeWine's letter was arranged to coincide with the national Shine a Light on Anti-

semitism initiative. (JCRC's antisemitism rally last month, and similar events that took place in Cleveland and Dayton, also coincided with this initiative.) Working with the Jewish Federations of North America, a diverse political and geographic group of seven other state governors also issued official proclamations coinciding with Shine a Light. Stephanie Hausner, chief program officer of the Conference of President of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that Governor DeWine's letter "may be the strongest public statement from an elected official in the United States regarding campus antisemitism."

Over the past few months, two anti-abortion bills have been introduced by our state lawmakers. Ohio House Bill 480 was modeled after the controversial Texas anti-abortion law passed several months ago. Like the Texas law, HB 480 would allow "any person" to file civil lawsuits seeking \$10,000 or more against anyone in Ohio who performs abortions or "knowingly engages in conduct that aids or abets the performance or inducement of an abortion," including paying for it via insurance. However, whereas Texas' law bans abortions performed at least six weeks into a pregnancy, HB 480 would go even farther, prohibiting any abortions from being performed in the state. HB 480 also includes no exceptions for rape or incest, though it would prohibit lawsuits from being brought against abortion patients by anyone who impregnated them through rape or other sexual violence. Another bill, Senate Bill 123, serves as a "trigger bill" that would ban all abortions if Roe v. Wade is overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Two bills have also been recently introduced regarding our state's gun laws. Ohio House Bill 227 would allow concealed carry without a license or training. Meanwhile, Ohio House Bill 99 would allow school boards to grant permission to teachers and other school employees to carry guns on school property without having to go through the same lengthy training required of armed security officers. Both bills have passed the Ohio House of Representatives and now head to the Ohio Senate. If signed into law, these bills could affect the safety and security of our Jewish community. The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, the state's largest police union, is against

both bills.

In addition, lawmakers in the Ohio House of Representatives have introduced two bills, inspired by Critical Race Theory ("CRT"), that would restrict the teaching of certain concepts and topics in K-16 classrooms. Ohio House Bill 322 primarily targets public schools and state agencies, but the Ohio Department of Higher Education would be included under the definition of state agency. This bill prohibits public entities from requiring discussion of current events and prohibits the teaching of a list of topics dealing with race, sex, slavery, and bias. It also targets history and civics courses, discouraging the discussion of current events, controversial issues, or activities that involve social or policy advocacy. Moreover, the legislation specifies that teachers cannot be required to teach anything that goes against their "sincerely held religious or philosophical convictions."

Ohio House Bill 327, meanwhile, is slightly different and more punitive than HB 322. The bill prohibits public schools, state agencies, colleges, and universities from offering teaching, instruction, or training on "divisive concepts" or accepting private funding to promote such concepts. Violations of the bill would result in the withholding of funding to school districts or State Share of Instruction to colleges and universities. The bill has a list of concepts related to race, sex, nationality, color, and ethnicity that it defines as divisive and therefore prohibited. It does say that divisive or controversial concepts can be taught if done so objectively and impartially, but who gets to determine what is objective and impartial is unclear.

Dan Greenberg, a teacher at Sylvania Schools who serves on the board of directors of the National Education Association ("NEA") and is an active member of the Ohio Education Association ("OEA"), emphasized that the OEA "is adamantly opposed to these two bills." A few months ago, he went to a committee hearing in Columbus to testify in opposition to these bills, along with dozens of other people from across the state, including OEA President Scott DiMauro.

"Public K-12 schools do not teach critical race theory," explained Greenberg. "In fact, 99% of teachers had never heard of critical race theory until last spring. Public schools in Ohio teach the standards outlined by the Ohio Department of Education."

When asked about the recent controversy in Texas, where a school principal instructed his teachers to teach "both sides" of the Holocaust as if it's not a historical fact, Greenberg explained that if Ohio House Bill 322

or 327 is signed into law, "we could see issues similar to what happened in Texas." But he mentioned that the issue goes even beyond teaching about the Holocaust. "Someone asked [the committee] about a project that fourth graders in the Columbus area did, basically lobbying the state to take certain actions, like making a certain species of butterfly a protected species. Would that be allowed any longer because it is engaging students in a political cause? The Representatives [including the ones pushing the passage of the bills] could not say whether it would be allowed or not."

In short, Greenberg argues, "passage of the bills would have a chilling effect on honest engagement of historical events."

Two months ago, Toledo's JCRC joined other JCRCs across Ohio in signing onto a statement of concerns to our elected officials about Ohio House Bills 322 and 327. We are concerned that the lack of clarity around what constitutes a "divisive topic" in these bills could lead to unintended consequences. For example, we are concerned that an educator may view topics surrounding the Holocaust as potentially "divisive" and thus not worth the risk to teach. The same could be said for other essential chapters of history.

All Democratic and some Republican lawmakers are opposed to these six bills. Regardless, with Republican supermajorities in both the House and Senate, these partisan bills still have a good chance of passing. These pieces of legislation are proceeding at the same time as Ohio is debating its state legislative and Congressional redistricting processes under allegations of gerrymandering. At time of writing, the Ohio Supreme Court is considering the legality of the Congressional map proposed by the Ohio Redistricting Commission.

Interested in learning more about these and other legislative issues? Attend JCRC's next program: Legislative Briefing with Howie Beigelman, Executive Director of Ohio Jewish Communities, taking place on Thursday, January 13 at 6 pm on Zoom. To register, please email sherry@jewishtoledo.org or call 419-724-0351.

Have thoughts about any of these bills? We want to hear from you! Look out for JCRC action alerts in the "Behind the Scenes at JCRC" e-newsletter to contact your elected officials about specific bills as they come up. If you have any questions or would like to get involved in JCRC's government affairs work, please contact Daniel Pearlman, JCRC Director, at 419-724-0315 or daniel@jewishtoledo.org.

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Jewish Community Relations Council

Toledo Shines a Light on Antisemitism

Last month, in an event organized by the Jewish Community Relations Council (“JCRC”), Toledoans of diverse backgrounds came together in the pouring rain to spread awareness of rising antisemitism and support the Jewish community in our time of need.

The event was called Shine a Light on Antisemitism and was located outside the YMCA/JCC on our Jewish Toledo campus. It was organized in response to a significant increase in antisemitic violence, harassment, and intimidation – and a corresponding rise in other forms of bigotry, intolerance, and hate, across Greater Toledo and all of Ohio – and was co-sponsored by Congregation B’nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, Temple Shomer Emunim, and the YMCA of Greater Toledo. This event was made possible by a grant awarded to JCRC by the Jewish Federations of North America.

All Jewish Toledo clergy participated. Rabbi David Kaufman of Temple Shomer Emunim spoke about antisemitism throughout history. Cantor Ivor Lichterman from Congregation B’nai Israel shared the Hanukkah story prior to the lighting of the menorah led by Rabbi Shemtov of the Chabad House of Toledo. Cantor Jen Roher from Temple Shomer Emunim led the community in a song called “Join Hands for Justice,” written by Lisa Levine. Jewish community member Blair Grubb also led the lighting of a Hanukkah menorah that survived World War II.

Many non-Jewish attendees tasted traditional Hanukkah foods (all kosher) for the first time: latkes with apple sauce and sour cream, gelt, and four different kinds of sufganiyot (donuts). Recipe cards were prepared for attendees who wanted to try making latkes and sufganiyot at home. The Multifaith Council of Northwest Ohio, an organization that regularly joins with JCRC on various interfaith initiatives, had a table to distribute materials and share with community members more about their work.

Attendees included local, state, and federal elected officials; various religious, ethnic, and minority groups; K-12 and university educators; and law enforcement, as well as many members of the Jewish community and the public. Several non-Jewish allies spoke, including Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur; Sheena Barnes, Executive Director of Equality Toledo; Cayla Shreffler, the Northwest Ohio district representative of the Office of U.S. Senator Rob Portman; and Erica Krause, the Northwest Ohio district representative of the Office of U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown.

Other speakers included Ste-

phen Rothschild, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo; Sue Ann Hochberg, JCRC Chair; Hindea Markowicz, Director of the Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center and Chair of the JCRC’s Antisemitism, Hate, and Holocaust Education task force; Rosemary Chaban, Chair of the JCRC’s Community Engagement task force; and Daniel Pearlman, JCRC Director.

Across North America, more than 60 Jewish and non-Jewish organizations and corporations held similar “Shine a Light” events to raise awareness of antisemitism during Hanukkah.



Prior to the event, State Senator Teresa Fedor presented a Senatorial Citation to JFGT CEO Stephen Rothschild and JCRC Director Daniel Pearlman, commending Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo for organizing this important event. Thank you, Senator Fedor, for your support!

The event was educational, and the local turnout – with over 125 community members in attendance despite the terrible weather – was inspiring. Speakers provided an introduction to Judaism and Hanukkah and gave an overview of historical and contemporary manifestations of antisemitism including recent events that took place locally and nationally.

According to the FBI, 57.5% of all religiously motivated hate crimes in 2020 were against Jews, who make up just 2% of the U.S. population. An American Jewish Committee (“AJC”) survey published two months ago found that one in every four American Jews has been exposed to antisemitism over the past year. In addition, an Anti-Defamation League (“ADL”) survey from this fall found that one in every three Jewish students on a college campus experienced antisemitism in the past year. All of this comes after years of increasing antisemitism nationwide. Hillel International reports that there has been a 600% upsurge in antisemitism on campuses over the past six years.

Here in Ohio, the FBI reports that hate crimes increased 55% in 2020. Statewide, there were across-the-board hate crime increases targeting specific groups, with reported antisemitic hate crimes tripling from 2019 to 2020. These numbers

do not include the crimes that go unreported. This data was also captured before the spike in antisemitism in May 2021, when antisemitic incidents in the U.S. more than doubled during the conflict between Israel and Hamas and its immediate aftermath compared to the same period in 2020.

It should come as no surprise, then, that incidents locally increased as well. In June, a swastika was found painted near the Honors Academic Village at the University of Toledo. In Cleveland, a group of six Jewish teens were shot with a paintball gun in a drive-by attack. In September, a Holland, Ohio man was sentenced



“Nobody should be attacked for who they are or where they come from or what they look like or who they love,” said Sheena Barnes, Executive Director of Equality Toledo, during the event. “We must shine a light on antisemitism and all forms of hate. It’s up to all of us to stop its spread.”

Visit www.shinealighton.com to learn more about antisemitism and how to fight it. Get in touch with our JCRC to get involved and updated by emailing daniel@jewishtoledo.org and visiting www.jewishtoledo.org/jcrc. And make sure to call out bigotry whenever and wherever you see it. It is up to all of us to shine a light on antisemitism.



Local

Yeehaw! Thanks for joining us at the Hanukkah Hoedown

We are much obliged that so many community members joined us at our Hanukkah Hoedown and picked up their choice of kosher bbq from Chef Cari Kasher Catering lickety split. Have a rootin' tootin' New Year!



Hanukkah Hoedown donations

Thank you to our amazing Jewish community for your donations! Diapers, wipes, body wash, deodorant, and more made their way to our own Jewish Family and Social Services ("JF&SS") pantry and five other local shelters: Bethany House, Family House, Beach House, Rebekah's Haven, and Aurora Project.



Lauren Sachs loads her car with donations to deliver to local area shelters.



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Bert is the father of two teenagers and is in great need of a kidney transplant. His wife, raised in Toledo, maintains close ties with local family and friends. Regardless of where you live in the USA, there are no costs to donate - all expenses are paid for donor and caregiver. The National Kidney Registry's Donor Shield Program offers comprehensive support and protection for living kidney donors.

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The Mitzvah Meal Menu and Order Form is available on the Temple website at www.templese.com. If you do not receive one via email, please go to the website, or please call the Temple office.

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

May 5, 12, & 19

With Cantor Roher & Amy Nistel



at 11:00AM at Temple or via Zoom

with Rabbi Kaufman

Wednesday, January 26 at 7PM

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Spiel is Sunday, March 13 @ 5PM

wpayne@templese.com

9:15AM Religious School

by Pam Jenoff will be discussed

Congregation B'nai Israel

CBI in-person services and programs are open to the members of all local congregations if you are fully vaccinated. If you are not a CBI member and would like to attend, please contact the office at 419.517.8400.

9:30 AM - In Person/Live Stream



Monday, January 17, 2022 MLK Day

Hebrew School 4:15-5:45



**THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN
OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS**

The cost for this program is \$18. Please make your check out to "Women of CBI" and mail to Nancy Goldberg, 4236 Appomattox Drive, Sylvania, OH 43560. Please let us know if you have any food allergies when you make your reservation.



Congregation Etz Chayim

MALTZ MUSEUM VIRTUAL TOUR

The Maltz Museum in Cleveland is offering a Virtual tour on Tuesday, January 4th from 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. The tour is titled “ Stories of Survival: Object, Image, Memory”. This is a landmark exhibit that showcases more than 60 never-before-seen personal items brought to America by Survivors of the Holocaust and genocide. As part of an ongoing outreach effort to connect visitors to the Maltz Museum, virtual visitors can explore “Stories of Survival” online. This tour is approximately 60 minutes in length. You will enjoy a webinar style narrated exploration of key objects and artifacts followed by a docent-led Q&A. The cost is \$10 per person. If you are interested, register with Nancy Jacobson at Jaco824@bex.net by December 27th.

FIRESIDE CHAT SCHEDULED

We are very fortunate to have our Rabbinic Intern Jason Mark back with us during January. He will be leading a Fireside chat on Saturday evening, January 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Margie & Mel Siegel. His topic will be “Is it hot in here or is it just us? A fireside chat on climate change, Torah, and our Communal Responsibilities”. Everyone is invited. Desserts will be served. Please R.S.V.P. to Elsa Leveton at elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org.

TU B’SHEVAT SEDER PLANNED

Everyone is invited to “in person” Sunday morning services on January 16th at 9:00 a.m. Following services, a light breakfast will be served. The Sisterhood is then hosting a Tu B’Shevat seder which will be led by Jason Mark. Please plan to attend and take part in this interactive discussion & seder featuring traditional wines and fruit.

MAHJ & POKER

The Poker & Mahj games continue during January. There will be “in person” games on Sunday, January 9th and January 30th from 10:00 a.m.-noon. The ladies will play virtual mahj on Sunday, January 16th and January 23rd from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join.

FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER RETURNS!

The annual family Shabbat Dinner is planned for Friday evening, January 28th. Shabbat services begin at 5:15 p.m. followed by a delicious dinner of brisket, kishka and all the trimmings!! Registration is a must and must be received by January 23rd. Jason Mark will be leading Shabbat services Friday night as well as Saturday morning, Everyone is welcome!!

Chabad House

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Building a Healthy Home
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January 30th - 10:00 am

CAFE CHABAD

Movie - January 23- 10:00 am

Rabbi Shmuel Lew
Legacy of the Rebbetzin

Both Movie and Lecture are on zoom or in person!
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To our visionary matchers, our donors, supporters, and every single person who helped make Chabad's Annual Matching Campaign a success, we are so deeply grateful.



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10:00 am

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Safety Tips



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

10 Things you can do to Avoid Fraud

1. Spot Imposters

Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust, like a government official, a family member, a charity, or a company you do business with. Don't send money or give out personal information in response to an unexpected request – whether it comes to you as a phone call, text or email.

2. Do Online Searches

If in doubt, type a company or product name into your favorite search engine with words like “review,” “complaint” or “scam” or even search for a phrase that describes your situation like “IRS call.” Further, you can search phone numbers to see if other people have reported them as scams.

3. Don't Believe Your Caller ID

Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information, so the name and number displayed is NOT always real. If someone calls asking for money or personal information, simply hang up. If you think the caller might be truthful, call back to a number that you know to be genuine by looking it up yourself (do NOT call back a number given by the unknown party who called you).

4. Don't Pay Upfront for a Promise

Someone might ask you to pay in advance for things such as debt relief, credit or loan offers, mortgage assistance or a job. They might even say you've won a prize but first you have to pay taxes or fees. If you follow their advice, they will probably take the money and disappear indicating you've been scammed. Get help with these issues at consumer.ftc.gov.

5. Consider How You Pay

Credit cards have significant fraud protection built in, but some payment methods do NOT. The process of wiring money through services like Western Union or MoneyGram is risky because it's nearly impossible to get your money back. That's also true for reloadable cards (like MoneyPak or Reloadit) and gift cards (like iTunes or Google Play). Government offices and honest companies will NOT require you to use these type of payment methods.

6. Talk to Someone

Before you give up your money or personal information, talk to someone you trust. Con artists will often convince you to make decisions in a hurry. They may even use threats or intimidation to steal your money. Slow yourself down, check out their story, do an online search (or have someone you know help), consult an expert or just tell a friend.

7. Hang Up on Robocalls

If you answer the phone and hear a recorded sales pitch, hang up and report it to the FTC. These calls are illegal and often the products are bogus. Don't press “1” to speak to a person or to be taken off the list...that could lead to more calls.

8. Be Skeptical about Free Trial Offers

Some companies use free trials to sign you up for products and bill you every month until you remember to cancel. Before you agree to a “free” trial, research the company and read their cancellation policy and ALWAYS review your monthly statements for charges you don't recognize.

9. Don't Deposit a Check & Wire Money Back

By law, banks must make funds from deposited checks available within days, but uncovering a “fake” check can take weeks. If a check you deposit turns out to be fraudulent, you're responsible for repaying the bank.

10. Be in the Know

Get the most updated scam information at ftc.gov/scams.



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B'nai Mitzvah

We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah



Ilana Rachel Miller will be called to the Torah for her Bat Mitzvah on January 15, 2022. Ilana is the daughter of Chad and Nehama Miller and older sister of Reagan and Meira. Ilana is an eighth grader at Anthony Wayne Junior High. She is very passionate about her involvement in Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) and spends a month every summer reconnecting with friends from all over the Midwest. In her free time, Ilana enjoys playing soccer and trying new things. Ilana is very excited to share her Bat Mitzvah with friends and family.

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-Aleiah Jones,
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Creating programming
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Events

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Increasing connectedness
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in lifetime trip.

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Hillel's new Jewish
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