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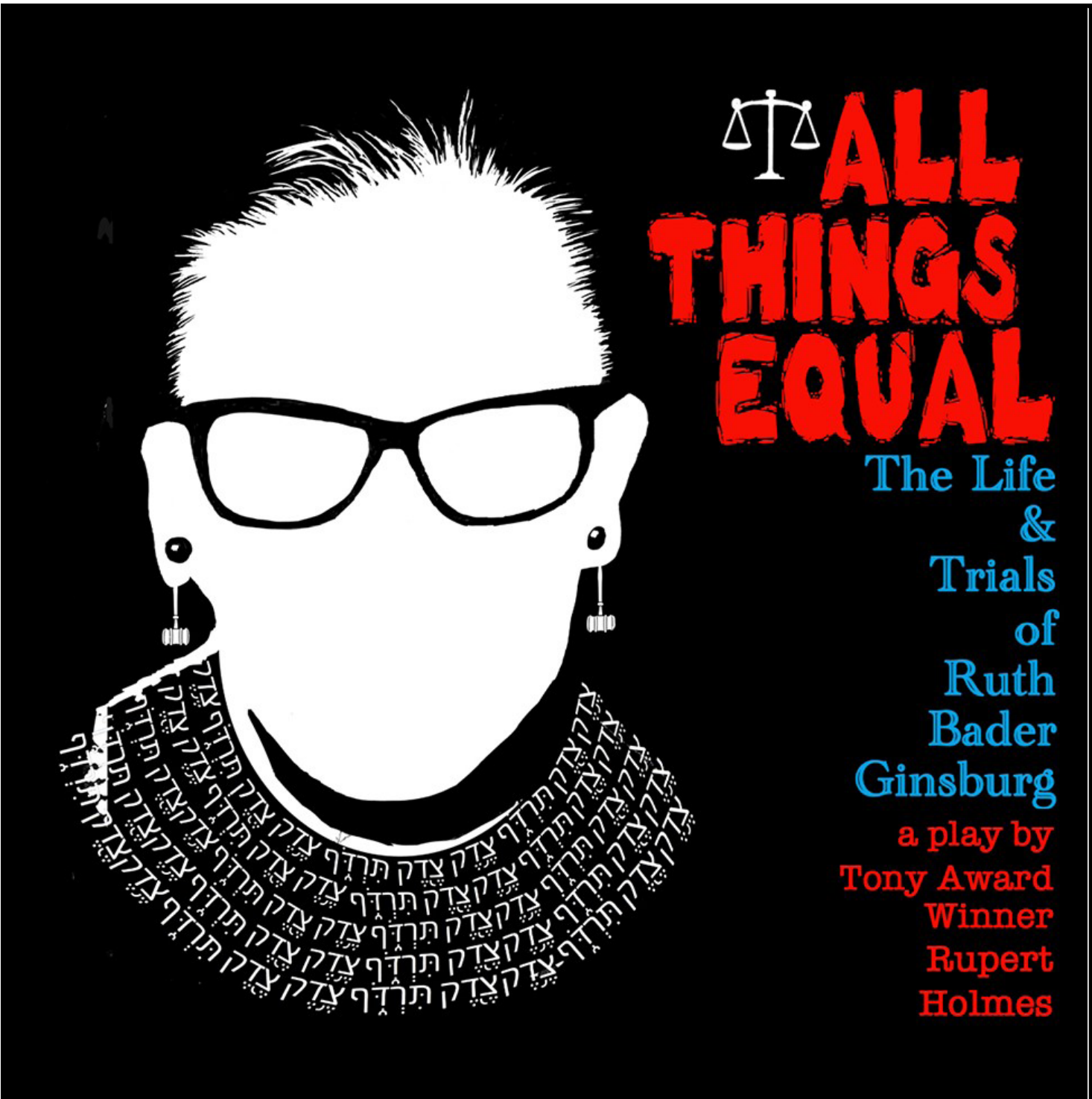
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News

A Holocaust survivor and her family saw ‘Leopoldstadt.’ The Broadway play told their story.

Editor’s note: Renee and James (Jim) Akers, featured in the following story, lived in Toledo from 1971 to 2005. Jim, the oldest of 24 cousins on his mother’s side (Mostov family), met Renee in Mexico City and they married in 1969. They moved to Toledo in 1971 with then one-year-old daughter Sherry (Levin) and later welcomed a son, Bradley. Jim became Vice President of Meilink Bank Equipment and in 1975 became President of Meilink Industries, Inc., a corporation comprising four family enterprises. In Jewish Toledo in the 1980s, Jim served in many roles including Campaign Chairman, Foundation board member, and President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo for two years, and several other Jewish Toledo community boards including The Temple, JFS, and JCC. Renee was Chair of the Women’s Campaign and headed the local Russian resettlement program.

By Julia Gergely

(New York Jewish Week) — On a Wednesday evening last month, three generations of a Jewish family made their way to their seats at the Longacre Theater to see “Leopoldstadt,” Tom Stoppard’s epic Broadway play about the tragedies that befall an extended Jewish family in the first half of the 20th century in Vienna.

The date of the family gathering was a significant one: Nov. 9, the 84th anniversary of the Nazi pogroms known as Kristallnacht. And in the audience was Fini Konstat, 95, who lived in the once thriving Jewish neighborhood after which the play is named, and witnessed the horrors it portrays firsthand. Alongside her were her daughter and her son-in-law, Renee and James Akers, and her oldest great-grandchild, Lexi Levin, 23.

When Konstat was a child, she lived in a “nice apartment” in Leopoldstadt. But exactly 84 years to the day of their theater date, “I was running with my father, seeing all the Jewish stores with all their windows broken,” she told Levin in a short video her great-granddaughter filmed before the curtain rose.

“It’s such a blessing for me to be here with you,” Levin said to her great-grandmother in response. “Ninety-five years old, survived the Holocaust and a pandemic, at a Broadway show in New York City.”

Since the beginning of its Broadway run in mid-September, “Leopoldstadt,” with its depiction of a prosperous Viennese family on the brink of destruction, has moved audiences to tears and inspired deep reflections on the Holocaust. Based on the celebrated playwright’s own family history — of which he was barely aware while growing up in England — it has provided a stark counterpoint to news about rising antisemitism and the celebrities who have been purveying it.

But for Konstat, the play was much more personal. “When I heard the word ‘Leopoldstadt,’ this alone gave me lots of thrills and memories,” Konstat, who is known in her family as Mimi, told



Left: Fini Konstat and her mother, Anny Vogel, in Vienna in the 1930s. Right: Fini, bottom left, with her daughter and son-in-law, Renee and James Akers, and great-granddaughter, Lexi Levin, on their recent trip to New York City. (Courtesy)

the New York Jewish Week in accented English. She recalled how Levin, who recently moved to the city, invited her to fly to New York to see one of Broadway’s hottest tickets.

“Leopoldstadt,” she repeated, her voice breaking. “The second district. That’s where we lived.”

At the end of Stoppard’s five-act play, audiences learn that most of the Jewish characters had perished under the Nazis — of the four generations in the show, just three cousins survive to carry on the family’s legacy.

For Konstat too, she and her parents were among the very few in their extended family to survive the Holocaust. “Almost all of them went to Auschwitz or other camps,” Konstat said. “My mother was a twin and only the twins remained alive. [My mother’s] five other siblings and my grandmother perished.”

In a Zoom conversation held over Thanksgiving weekend, Konstat, surrounded by two of her daughters, two of her granddaughters and three of her great-granddaughters, shared what the play meant to her — and how her family has restored what she lost.

In the months after Kristallnacht in 1938, Konstat and her parents hid in a neighbor’s apartment; Konstat recalls hiding under the duvet when German soldiers showed up. Eventually the family fled to Turkey, and then to India, before settling down in Mexico City. There, the teenage Fini met her husband David, also a survivor who escaped Poland. The two of them began to write the rest of their story — starting with the birth of the first of their three children in 1948.

Unlike many Holocaust survivors, Fini and David Konstat were open about their experiences during the war, instilling a sense of pride and duty to remember in their children — something that eventually extended to their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

“They were proud to speak about how they survived this,” said the Konstats’ middle child, Renee Konstat Akers. “Their life was an odyssey. They had the courage to do things that you would never think were possible. We grew

up grateful knowing how our family survived in that incredible way.”

Each child moved to different places as they grew up and got married. Manuel, the oldest, stayed in Mexico. Renee married an American and moved to the Midwest, and Denise, the youngest, to Houston. Each became deeply involved in their Jewish communities, sending their children (Konstat’s grandchildren) to Jewish day schools, celebrating Jewish holidays and participating in synagogue life.

“The word ‘miracle’ really does not feel like an understatement in this scenario,” said Sherry Levin, one of Konstat’s grandchildren. “When we think about what it took for my grandmother and grandfather to survive and how they were able to intersect in Mexico, and such an amazing multi-generational family has come to fruition, it feels miraculous.”

Reviews of the show have ranged from rhapsodic to resistant, with some critics suggesting the play is simplistic and obvious in its story-telling or that it is less a well-crafted play than a well-meaning lesson on the Holocaust.

But just as the Merz family clashes and argues about everything from antisemitism to intermarriage to socialism in “Leopoldstadt,” each generation of the Konstat family that saw “Leopoldstadt” that night came away with something different — a reaction influenced by their age, their Jewish identity, their nationality and their relationship with their family.

For Konstat, the arc of “Leopoldstadt” was so familiar that it hardly stirred her. “It was just very happy watching it and enjoying it and enjoying my children with me,” she told the New York Jewish Week. “I didn’t think about anybody else.”

Akers, too, felt an intense familiarity with the story, and, perhaps toughened by her own family history, didn’t experience an intense emotional reaction. Her own parents’ lives gave Akers a sense of purpose in her life — for example, in the 1990s, she was passionate about helping resettle Jews

fleeing the former Soviet Union. With her own children, she instilled in them a strong sense of Jewish purpose in their work, their education and their family.

“I was a sandwich in between seeing my mother and my granddaughter,” she said of her “Leopoldstadt” experience. “I was emotional thinking of my mom who went through it, but I was more emotional about seeing my granddaughter be so moved. It really hit her at her core.”

Indeed, it was the youngest member of the family present that night who was most shaken by the play.

“It really felt like a gift to my family and to me, specifically, to be able to see what Mimi’s life looked like before the war,” Lexi Levin said, surmising that, as a fourth-generation survivor, she is among the first in her family to be able to start processing the loss on a grander scale.

“For the first time in my life, I really felt the magnitude of her loss,” she added. “I’ve known her story and I’ve been inspired by her story to be involved with my own Jewish causes, but I have never been able to access and truly empathize with her grief and what it meant that she lost the entire family she had before this one that she created.”

Turning to her great-grandmother, as if trying to make her understand the exact precision of the show, Levin explained, “It’s a play about generations and the family was large and then it was small.”

There was a coda for the family after the curtain went down. The day after the show, the family wanted to see the 1907 “Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I,” one of Gustav Klimt’s most famous paintings, which currently hangs at the Neue Galerie on the Upper East Side. A version of the portrait’s true story — how a painting of a socialite from a prominent Viennese Jewish family was looted by the Nazis and the family’s efforts to get it back — features in the plot of “Leopoldstadt.”

The gallery, however, was closed on the only day the family could visit. After a call to the management at the gallery, which showcases the German and Austrian art collections of Jewish philanthropist Ronald S. Lauder, the gallery’s director arranged a private tour.

“It felt like we were in a puzzle and everything was finally coming together,” said Akers. “It was an emotional, emotional time.”

When the week was over and the emotions were spent, Konstat and the Akers returned home with a reignited passion for their family story. But there was yet another twist: In addition to the whirlwind trip Levin planned for her grandparents and for Mimi, she had been undergoing the laborious process of applying for Austrian citizenship. Six members in Konstat’s large family have undertaken the process over the last two years.

“Part of the motivation was knowing

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News

Letters from Anne and Martin: A Dramatic Presentation to Commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day and Martin Luther King Day



On Thursday, January 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m., at The Center Theatre in the Center for Performing Arts at The University of Toledo, 1910 W. Rocket Dr., Toledo, Ohio, The University of Toledo will commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day and Martin Luther King Day with a dramatic presentation: *Letters from Anne and Martin* from the Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect. The program is free and open to the public.

The International Holocaust Remembrance Day, observed on January 27, 2023, is an internationally recognized Memorial Day for the victims of the Holocaust. The Holocaust is the genocide that resulted in the annihilation of six million European Jews as well as millions of others by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. The day was designated by a United Nations General Assembly Resolution on November 1, 2005. Martin Luther King Day is observed on January 16, 2023, to mark the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. in recognition of his nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement.

The traveling production of *Letters from Anne and Martin* counterpoints the experiences of two legendary figures: Martin Luther King Jr. and Anne Frank. Through the inspirational words of her hopes and plans for a peaceful and unified world, Anne Frank's *The Diary of a Young Girl* serves as a reminder of the atrocities experienced during the Holocaust because of bigotry. Written in response to his arrest during a peaceful demonstration, the defense of

his strategy of nonviolent resistance to racism in Martin Luther King's *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, is one of the most important written documents of the civil rights era. To this day, Anne's and Martin's words still resonate as a testament to how one voice can carry the voices of millions that have been silenced.

This unique adaptation combining their iconic words illustrates how both Martin Luther King and Anne Frank, born during the same year and living on continents 5,000 miles apart, suffered from bigotry, but shared parallel aspirations for humanity. Despite being faced with unfair persecution, he in the Jim Crow South, and she in Nazi-occupied Holland, the African American Civil Rights Movement leader and the Jewish Holocaust victim believed in fairness and justice for all and in the underlying goodness of people.

This live dramatic performance features professional actors who bring to life the courage and eloquence of Anne's and Martin's thoughts and promotes constructive ideas on how to confront intolerance and discrimination today via a talk back at the end.

This program is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center and The University of Toledo Office of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion and College of Arts and Letters.

Parking for the program is free in lot 12 and 12S.

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Mimi's story, and knowing that she survived because her mother had citizenship in Turkey," Levin said. "That story was just inspirational to me, knowing that dual citizenship was what saved our family." She convinced her brother and mother to apply for Austrian citizenship as well.

The day after her grandmother and great-grandmother left New York, Levin called them with news from her small apartment in Manhattan: An Austrian passport had arrived in the mail. The curtain was rising on another

act.

Konstat was surprised at how interested her family was in getting Austrian citizenship. "I feel very good," she said. "I'm very happy."

"Does it make you emotional?" Levin asked her during the Zoom call with the New York Jewish Week.

"It does — of course it does. I used to love Austria," she said. "I was sad to leave. I was disappointed. We never thought of coming back. I was happy to be able to escape. Thank G-d we made it out of hell."



Over 130 people attended 2022's sold-out Shine a Light on Antisemitism event. The evening included a delicious kosher dinner and remarks by:

- Stephen Rothschild, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT)
- Sue Ann Hochberg, Chair of JFGT's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)
- Rabbi Jamie Gibson, visiting interim rabbi at Temple Shomer Emunim
- A panel discussion featuring Bishop Chet Trail (Director of Diversity and Inclusion at Sylvania City Schools), Joe Wood (Equality Toledo Board Chair), and Jewish community member Helen Grubb focusing on rising antisemitism and its intersection with other forms of hate
- Mark Greenblatt, Vice President of JFGT

Round table discussions on real-life antisemitic incidents engaged everyone in attendance. Representatives from all of Toledo's Jewish institutions sang *Maoz Tzur* after Rabbi Shemtov of Chabad House lit the menorah and recited the Hanukkah blessings. After the event ended, nearly two dozen non-Jewish attendees received their first tour of a synagogue, led by Margie and Mel Siegel. Special thanks to Congregation Etz Chayim for hosting this important event.

Shine a Light on Antisemitism was funded in part through the generosity of the Stu and Jo-Jo Goldberg Donor Advised Fund of the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation.



Local

Jewish Toledoan pursuing aliyah after transformative long-term Israel program

Masa initiative aims to foster deep community engagement among Jewish young adults

Sam Light has been living in Israel's Rishon LeZion (five miles south of Tel Aviv) for approximately 15 months. A Toledo native, Sam traveled across the world just after Covid hit in 2020 to take part in a 10-week Masa Israel Journey program in which he and a fellow participant were placed in a middle school to assist third through sixth graders with their English lessons.

"We would help the English teacher deliver her lesson to the kids, trying to foster a good connection between them and the English language," he said. "It was rewarding to take the reins and help her deliver the lesson plan to captivate their attention. I wanted them to learn and have fun with the language. It was rewarding for me when I would see that they were laughing, paying attention, and participating."

According to Sam, he learned about Masa while on his Birthright trip and was encouraged by his mother, Ruthie Light, to take part. He was also influenced by his two older siblings, a sister who took part in a similar Israeli program, and his brother who taught English in South Korea.

Masa, a joint initiative of the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency and a global leader in cultivating Jewish connectedness through long-term, immersive programs in Israel, recently released an Impact:NPO study quantifying the impact that programs in Israel lasting four months or longer have on young Jewish adults. Results reveal that long-term programs in Israel can transform young Jewish adults, even those who are largely unengaged from Jewish life, into deeply integrated community members whose impacts are felt locally and

internationally.

Sam added, "I decided to stay [in Israel] to make aliyah and get my citizenship. I reached out to my Rabbi [Sam Weinstein, former long-time leader of Temple Shomer Emunim] to obtain ink-signed documents. I'm currently job searching and applying for jobs to become more independent [in these new surroundings]. I would recommend [Masa] to someone who is looking for a change in their life. If they want to experience a different culture and lifestyle, live a bit more independently, see a new part of the world, become a bit more cultured, and see how people live on the opposite side of the world. It's a big learning experience, one that's easier to do when you're young, to connect with your Judaism."

Impact:NPO surveyed 2,433 young Jewish adults from the United States between August and October 2021. Among the 1,254 relevant respondents, 497 had participated in a long-term Masa program in Israel - called a Fellowship - lasting at least four months between 2009 and 2019; 632 had participated in a short-term program in Israel lasting less than one month; and 127 had never visited Israel.

"This study represents a tremendous achievement and a source of hope for the entire Jewish world," said Masa CEO Ofer Gutman. "Looking ahead, we now have concrete evidence of the transformative effect long-term programs in Israel has on young Jewish adults. Israel gains devoted



advocates, Jewish communities gain engaged members, and collectively, the Jewish world gains leaders committed to cultivating a strong Jewish future."

The study includes specific insights into a long-term program's ability to foster meaningful Jewish engagement among unengaged Jewish young adults. The surveyed Masa

alumni were segmented into groups based on their attitudes and behaviors. Among the Career Explorers segment - of which 48% did not participate in any formative Jewish experiences such as bar/bat mitzvahs, Jewish summer camp, or Jewish day school growing up - the majority agree strongly that being Jewish is an important part of their identity, that they feel connected to Jews around the world, and that they feel connected to the Israeli people following their long-term Masa program.

"A new generation of deeply engaged Jewish leaders is critical to helping build a bright and strong future for the Jewish community," said Eric S. Goldstein, CEO

of UJA-Federation of New York. "Masa's report underscores the tremendous impact of immersive Israel trips for young Jewish adults, especially for those who've had less exposure to early-life Jewish experiences. Every year, thousands of Masa alumni return home inspired to lead proud Jewish lives, immensely benefiting their local communities and far beyond."

"Before my Masa program in Israel, I was disconnected from my Jewish roots and felt something was missing from my life. When I moved back to the United States, I knew I wanted to keep nurturing the part of my Jewish soul that blossomed in Israel," said Charlene Green, a Masa alumnus from 2008 and the Director of Changemaker Growth and Experience at the Jewish Federations of North America. "This led me to find fulfilling employment building Jewish community in North America, sharing the passion and love of Judaism I discovered in Israel. I 100% attribute my lifelong work as a Jewish nonprofit professional to my Masa program."

Masa Israel Journey is an immersive, long-term educational experience for young adults ages 16-35. Since its 2004 founding by the Israeli Prime Minister's Office and The Jewish Agency, Masa has served over 180,000 young people from more than 60 countries.

U.S. Capitol flag presented to JFGT to fly over Beth Shalom WWII Memorial

In early November, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) received a flag previously flown over the United States Capitol (October 7, 2022) via Representative Marcy Kaptur's office to replace a tattered flag at the World War II Memorial at Beth Shalom Cemetery in Oregon, Ohio. JFGT notified Rep. Kaptur's office after Joe Boyle, teacher at Toledo's Waite High School and World War II historian, contacted the organization in September to bring attention to the need and suggest reaching out to the Congresswoman's office.

"I was paying my respects to Stephen Mosbacher and Nathan Eiser at the WWII memorial at Beth Shalom and noticed that the flag above the monument was a bit tattered," he said. "In the process of writing a book about Toledo in World War II, I ended up growing kind of close to Mosbacher and Eiser. I don't know if that makes a whole lot of sense, growing closer to two men who died thirty years before I was born, but I just feel a kinship with those two in particular. I amassed quite a bit of research about them - and many of the other Jewish servicemen buried or memorialized at Beth Shalom... I really can't adequately express the admiration I have for what Toledo's Jewish communities did during the Second World War. It's truly remarkable."



Farewell Tina

**Sunday, February 26
12-2:30 p.m.
Temple Shomer Emunim
6453 Sylvania Ave.
Free event - lunch provided**



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

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

Adam Sandler to receive Mark Twain Prize for American humor



By Jackie Hajdenberg
(JTA) — The eight crazy nights of Hanukkah came early for Adam Sandler when the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts announced in early December, 2022, that the comedian and actor would be honored with the Mark

Twain Prize for American Humor at a ceremony in March.
The prize is presented annually to individuals “who have had an impact on American society” similar to that of the 19th-century novelist and humorist, “who startled many while delighting and informing many more with his uncompromising perspective on social injustice and personal folly.”
Sandler, 56, got his start as an actor on “The Cosby Show” and was a cast member on “Saturday Night Live” for five years, before eventually starring in a slew of blockbuster comedy movies in the 1990s and early 2000s, including “Happy Gilmore,” “Big Daddy,” “The Wedding Singer,” “50 First Dates” and “Click.”

Sandler has also given critically acclaimed dramatic performances, such as one in 2019’s “Uncut Gems,” in which he played a frenetic Jewish jeweler with a gambling addiction. Others include roles in Paul Thomas Anderson’s “Punch-Drunk Love” (2002), Noah Baumbach’s “The Meyerowitz Stories” (2017) and Jeremiah Zagar’s “Hustle” (2022).
Perhaps unusually for comics of his generation, the Brooklyn-born Sandler often places his Jewishness front and center, as in his portrayal of an Israeli fish out of water in “Don’t Mess With the Zohan” (2008) and especially in his performance of “The Chanukah Song,” originally an “SNL” bit in which he name checks dozens of

Jewish celebrities. His 2002 animated comedy “Eight Crazy Nights” takes place during the Hanukkah season.
Sandler, his wife Jackie and their two teenage daughters are set to star in a bat mitzvah-themed movie for Netflix based on Fiona Rosenbloom’s 2005 novel, “You Are So Not Invited To My Bat Mitzvah!”
Previous Jewish winners of the Mark Twain Prize include playwright Neil Simon, Lorne Michaels of “SNL,” actors Carl Reiner and Billy Crystal, and comedian Jon Stewart.
There was no Mark Twain Prize in 2020 or 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The previous two winners before Sandler were 2019’s Dave Chappelle and 2022’s.

He’Brew maker Shmaltz Brewing relaunches with new owner: a rabbinical student

By Andrew Lapin
(JTA) — It seemed like the last keg had been tapped for Shmaltz Brewing Company, until a rabbi-in-training stepped in for a Jewish renewal project.
The Jewish craft beer label, best known for its He’Brew: The Chosen Beer line of drinks, shut down last year after 25 years when its founder, Jeremy Cowan, said he wanted to focus on his other businesses. But now it’s been sold to a new owner: Jesse Epstein, a 26-year-old Reform rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College who first got into home brewing during the COVID-19 pandemic and began looking for ways to work his love for beer into his rabbinical pursuits.
“I started forming in the back of my mind this idea for a Jewish brewery: how to combine these two big passions,” Epstein told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

When he heard that Cowan was winding down Shmaltz, Epstein jumped at the chance to acquire the closest thing the beer world had to a storied Jewish brand — even though he has two-and-a-half years left of school and is currently a rabbinic intern at Temple Sinai of Saratoga Springs, New York.
“I could have waited to do this until after I was ordained and then I’d have more time on my hands, but I didn’t want to lose the opportunity,” Epstein said, declining to say how much he paid for the brand. Cowan agreed to the proposal, and remains at the company as a minority owner and consultant.



Various beer bottles by Shmaltz Brewery on display in an exhibition on "Jewish brewing stories" at the Jewish Museum in Munich, Germany, April 11, 2016. (Sven Hoppe/picture alliance via Getty Images)

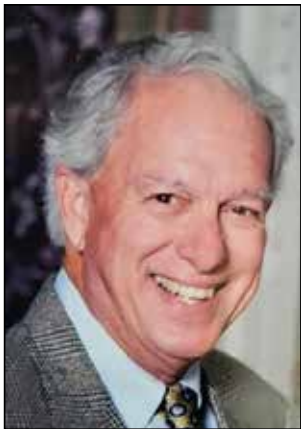
Founded in San Francisco in 1996 but now based in Clifton Park, New York, Shmaltz spent 25 years as the king of Jewish craft beer, with shtick-y brews like David’s Slingshot Hoppy Summer Lager, a jelly donut-flavored Hanukkah ale, and a Babka Loves Rugelach stout (brewed with chocolate, cinnamon and raisins). During its run it attained some level of notoriety and robust sales, with Cowan releasing a memoir, “Craft Beer Bar Mitzvah,” in 2010. Last year, after announcing he would close up shop, Cowan released an Exodus Ale as a swan song.
Epstein’s aims are different. As a rabbinical student wrestling with surveys showing a shrinking interest in

Reform and Conservative affiliations among American Jews, he says his goal with Shmaltz is to use beer as a vehicle for rethinking the idea of a synagogue, and of Jewish communal gathering spaces.
“What about our Jewish values can be used to inform our food practices?” he asks. “How, through beer, can we embrace the values of welcoming in the stranger, freeing the captive, opening the eyes of the blind?”
The revamped Shmaltz, working for now with an all-volunteer staff, is making Jewish practice and ritual as much a part of its brand as the shtick. Its first year under Epstein’s ownership will consist of a series of pop-up

events in partnership with various Jewish groups, starting with a Dec. 17 Hanukkah launch party with Brooklyn Jews. (The events will mostly take place in New York, though Epstein may expand into other Northeast locations.)
At these gatherings, Epstein says, attendees will do the kinds of activities they might normally come to synagogue for: “Build community, do justice, look at a text, but over a pint of beer.” He sees Shmaltz as a peer of Jewish young-adult gathering projects such as Moishe House, OneTable and Base. But he says it will rely on a for-profit business model rather than institutional Jewish support.
Initially Epstein will draw from Shmaltz’s leftover inventory for the actual beers on hand at the pop-ups, and he is holding off on new products and distribution. But he hopes eventually to start brewing his own selections, which are decidedly more Talmudic in inspiration than the label’s previous offerings: He envisions a Purim-themed beer named “Shushan Beer-a” (a play on the first line of the Megillah, the scroll Jews read from on the holiday) and, ultimately, beers inspired by each of the weekly Torah portions. The brand’s labels will now include a Jewish blessing for beer, in Hebrew and English.
Ultimately, Epstein says, he would love to run Shmaltz full-time: “I can really foresee it becoming my rabbinate.”

Obituaries

Gary Allen Beren



Gary Allen Beren, aged eighty-nine, of Palm Beach Gardens Florida and a long-time Toledoan, passed away November 13, 2022.

Born in Detroit on May 8, 1933, to Joseph and Betty (Levine) Beren, Gary and his family soon moved to Flint, Michigan. Following the death of his father in 1941, Gary, his mother, and younger brother Charles, moved to Toledo where they lived with grandparents Sam and Ida Levine on Noble St. in North Toledo, and later to a home on Franklin Avenue.

Toledo was Gary's home for over 60 years. He was a 1951 graduate of

Scott High School and attended both the University of Toledo and The Ohio State University before enlisting in the United States Army. After his military service, Gary and his first wife returned to Toledo where he started a lengthy career in the scrap iron and metal business working with his uncles Abe and Harry Levine at A. Edelstein & Son. Gary went on to become the owner and president of the company. Joined by his son Joel in 1979, together they grew the company into one of the most successful scrap iron and metal businesses in Toledo. After nearly 80 years at the Lagrange Street location, the Berens' sold the company to OmniSource Corporation in 1998.

Toledo's Jewish Community was the primary beneficiary of Gary's volunteerism and philanthropy. He was a past-President of the Jewish Community Center, board member of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, and chairman of the Federation's annual fundraising campaign. He was a decades-long member of Congregation Etz Chayim, Temple Shomer Emunim,

and Congregation B'nai Israel.

In his heart Gary was a native Toledoan. There are few people who possessed the collective memory of people, places, and events in Toledo. His recall of names, family and business relationships, and important events was uncanny. He enjoyed sharing that knowledge with his son Joel and life-long friends, many whom were members of the Raggedy Ass Cadets, an informal fraternity of sons, grandsons and great-grandsons of immigrants who settled in north Toledo.

In 1975 Gary married native Toledoan Nancy (Steinberg) who was living in California. For 47 years, Gary and Nancy enjoyed watching their family grow. They shared a large circle of friends, traveled, volunteered, collected eclectic artworks, and enjoyed life together. After the sale of Gary's company, he and Nancy moved to Ballen Isles in Palm Beach Gardens Florida. At Ballen Isles they enjoyed golf, bridge, dining, kibbitzing, volunteering, and socializing with a large group of Toledoans, his brother

and sister-in-law Charles and Kerry Beren, and many new friends. Visits by their children, grandchildren and later great-grandchildren were always happy times.

Gary is survived by wife Nancy, brother Charles (Kerry) Beren, son Joel (Linda) Beren, daughter Debbie (Stuart) Diamond, stepsons Mark Fetterman and Jeffery (Sharon) Fetterman. Grandchildren Sarah (Beren) and Jon Karelitz, Stephanie (Beren) and Dr. Jeremy Nathaniel, Joshua and Samantha (Schiff) Beren, Ilana (Diamond) and Michael Dahan, twins Rachelle and Danielle Fetterman. Great-grandchildren Mia and Danielle Karelitz, Zoey and Asher Nathaniel, nephews Jason (Melissa) and Peter (Rhonda) Beren, numerous cousins and friends.

Contributions may be made in Gary's memory to Hillel at The University of Toledo (toledohillel.org) or to University of Toledo Hillel c/o The Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (jewishtoledo.org).

Justine Sperling

Justine Sperling passed away peacefully surrounded by family on December 8, 2022. She was 97 years old. She lived a long and fruitful life raising four children with her husband Roy to whom she was

married to for 72 years. Together they have eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. She spent much of her retirement years being a fantastic wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Justine was an accomplished knitter and made afghans for each of her grandchildren in the

colors of the colleges they attended. As a registered nurse at Toledo Hospital and at the WW Knight family practice center, she provided loving care for many infants, children, and adults. Additionally she was known for her culinary skills, making family favorites such as her Hawaiian chicken, corned

beef brisket, lokshen kugel, and made-from-scratch brownies. She leaves behind her husband Roy and children Matthew (Gail) Sperling, Ilene (Gary) Damrauer, Nancy (Stephen) Goldberg, and Neil (Vania) Sperling. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Phillip Craig Alloy



Phillip Craig Alloy, 73, passed away on November 20, 2022, in Columbus, OH from complications of long Covid. He had previously lived

in Toledo and Athens.

Phil was born in Toledo on April 13, 1949, the oldest child of Irving and Camille (Leibovitz) Alloy. He was married to Valerie (Minor) on September 3, 1981 and is survived by his daughter, Sara (Dwayne Williams); mother, Camille Alloy; sister, Jan Alloy; and brother, Mark Alloy (Renee).

Phil was a historian, photographer, documentarian, lover of film and world music, philanthropist, and lifelong student. He was a passionate advocate for human and women's rights and befriended people across cultures and continents.

His interests were diverse; he loved Formula 1 and was an auto enthusiast, was an early adopter of reggae music and, with Valerie, held the first ever merchandising contract with Bob Marley and the Wailers and also joined them on tour. He held a passion for

genealogy and, during a trip to Belarus and Russia, learned of the Jewish Partisan Resistance during World War II. He would later return to produce a documentary interviewing survivors, which went on to win awards at several national film festivals.

He was also an avid cyclist and member of the Major Taylor Cycling Club. He advocated for awareness of Major Taylor's legacy and worked with Major Taylor's estate to merchandise cycling apparel through his company Alloy Cycling Wear. Late in life he came to love Terriers through his dogs, Jack and Buddy, and he would often work with a national Terrier rescue organization to transport adopted Terriers to their new homes.

Phil was a survivor of liver cancer and received a life saving transplant, and raised awareness and funds through his association with the Pelotonia cycling organization. As he worked on his recovery, he would often say his main goals were to walk Sara down the aisle and to get back on his bike. He did both; walking Sara down the aisle on May 21, 2022 and cycling regularly again up until his passing. Phil was loved and cherished by family and friends around the world, and his passion, humor and desire to make our world a better place will be missed by all.

Donations in Phil's honor may be made to The Major Taylor Museum or to Pelotonia.

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Preferred maximum obit length is 500 words (*Toledo Jewish News* reserves the right to edit obituaries as necessary).

Email completed obituaries to:
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You may include a photo of the deceased if you wish (optional).

NOTE: Only obituaries submitted to paul@jewishtoledo.org (at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo offices) will be printed in Toledo Jewish News.

Toledo Jewish News is published the first of every month except July. Obituaries should be emailed by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

If you have additional questions, please contact paul@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0318.

Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services



CREATE AND RELATE: SESSION ONE!

January 26, 2023 | 12 – 2:30 p.m. | Sekach Building
FREE EVENT | LUNCH PROVIDED

NAMI will lead a Creative Expression Art Activity
The art project this session will be crafting your own picture frame. NAMI staff will bring in the art project and guide and encourage participants to creating through expression.

Where are My Keys? A Talk about Brain Changes
In this program we will explore how our brains change over time, leading to normal forgetfulness about names or where we parked the car. We will also look at more serious changes, such as dementia. Presented by Cheryl J. Conley, MA, LSW, "Where Are My Keys," will discuss the world of dementia in regards to a person suffering from it or caring for someone who does. This presentation is well known within the community, has high reviews, and has shown to be a great way to build discussion of the topic.

Come nosh, come mingle, and, most importantly, come be together. This event is open to everyone!

RSVP to Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org by January 20, 2023.



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TECH TIPS

As a new year is upon us, it seems an ideal time to promote upcoming tech programming plans. During the winter, please expect more tech programming information to be shared. For instance, “Tech Tuesdays,” hourly troubleshooting and instructional sessions, will premier in February. Details coming soon!

It’s our hope increased tech offerings will provide more opportunities for you to learn and explore while helping you increase your skills and confidence.

Speaking of technology, you’ve likely heard of “virtual reality.” In short, VR (often in the form of wearing a headset), allows a user to experience an alternate environment or activity in an immersive way. Good VR allows the user to feel at one with the experience; this is known as “presence.”

Join us for our next virtual reality (VR) program in January: **“Museums of the World”** Tuesday, January 17 at 11 a.m. at the Sekach Building Contact Sherry at 419-724-0351 to register

(Tech Time with Tim)

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Project Manager and Technology Coordinator
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- Types of virtual reality programming that we may offer in 2023 depends, in large part, on what you would like to experience.
- Group sessions can be provided in a variety of formats: videos, slideshow-style tours, street view map exploration, and even interactive games.
- Session content can range from action-packed sequences (cycling and roller coaster riding) to touring famous museums like The Met and Louvre... You may even find yourself walking the streets of Madrid, or dining in a café in Paris. Meditation sessions can be offered, too.
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This program is designed to meet participants where they are with participants who are willing to learn skills that will last a lifetime. If you are interested in learning more about the program or want to be a part of future cohorts, please contact Marnie Younker at marnie@jewishtoledo.org.

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Hometown - Toledo, OH
Favorite Jewish food - sweet noodle kugel



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Profession - Dentist
Hometown - Sylvania, OH
Favorite Jewish food - matzoh ball soup



Kristen Ferrell
Profession - Case Management/County Government
Hometown – Troy, MI
Favorite Jewish food - matzoh ball soup



Abby Heuerman
Profession - Account Management
Hometown – Beachwood, OH
Favorite Jewish food - lox, cream cheese, onion, and capers on an everything bagel



Rebecca Keys
Profession - Managing Director, Jewish Lives
Hometown - Baltimore, MD
Favorite Jewish food - bagels and Lox



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Profession - Licensed Professional School Counselor/Teacher
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Favorite Jewish food - latkes with sour cream, good falafel and hummus with cucumber/tomato salad and za’atar, and chicken shawarma.



Next Jewish Generation Programs



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NJG Trivia Night
Thursday, February 16
7 p.m.
The Casual Pint, 3550 Executive Pkwy.

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Make sure to arrive 15 minutes early (reservation will be under "next gen").

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Saturday, March 11, 2023

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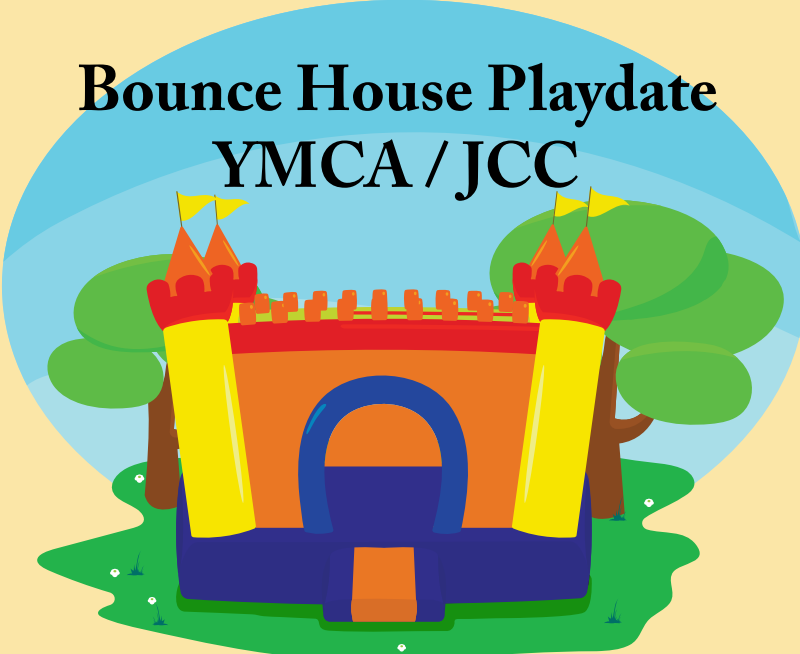
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Sunday, January 29
11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.
YMCA / JCC – 6465 Sylvania Avenue
\$5 per child – lunch provided
Open to all kids in Pre-K - 5th grade


Join us for a fun-tastic day at the JCC/YMCA! The kids will jump and play, and we'll have lunch together too.

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Sunday, January 8 and Sunday, February 5
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FREE – bagels & snacks will be provided.
Please bring diapers, wipes, or baby soap/shampoo for donation to the Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services Family Pantry.



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PJ & Gan Yeladim Tot Shabbat Playdate
Friday, January 20 and Friday, February 24
9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
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Please bring diapers, wipes, or baby soap/shampoo for donation to the Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services Family Pantry.



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Shaanan Streett of Israeli hip-hop band Hadag Nahash mixes music and activism

By Howard Lovy

Shaanan Streett, one-sixth of the Israeli hip-hop/funk group Hadag Nahash, says that it’s all well and good for musicians to advocate for social-justice causes, but that doesn’t mean the music can’t also be fun. Streett seems to have accomplished both goals, as his band’s songs are featured in protests for various causes while remaining catchy and danceable. As long as you “keep it real,” Streett says, audiences will pick up on your authenticity.

In our interview, Streett talks about what music can do to bring people together and about his hometown of Jerusalem.



First, tell us where you grew up and how you came to the music world.

I was born in 1971 in Jerusalem. I still live on the outskirts of Jerusalem. After the army, I, like many Israelis, traveled the world. When I was in the US, I started hearing a lot of hip-hop, and like a true traveler, I had a pad and a pen, and I started writing down rhymes in Hebrew. And when I came back to Israel, I recorded one song. I handed it out in CD stores. And one of the employees at one of the CD stores turned out to be a guy with an instrumental funk band. And that’s how we started.

Before we go more into your music, tell me about Jerusalem. There’s the Jerusalem of everybody’s imagination around the world, and there’s the real Jerusalem in which real people live.

Yeah, nobody lives in the Jerusalem of the imagination, not a single person. But oddly enough, nobody lives in the Jerusalem of the real world, either. We all live somewhere in between. Doesn’t matter what religion you belong to, if any; if you’re in this city, you won’t only live on what’s happening on the floor, you’re going to live thousands of years of history, millions and millions of hopes and shattered hopes. It’s all circulating around you at any given moment. And, in that sense, it’s super artistic.

You’re involved in art, films, and music. What can these things do to foster Jewish pride or bring people together?

It’s really hard for me to put baggage on art. If it happens, it happens because the art did it, not the artist. It’s hard to explain. My only advice would be a classic hip-hop phrase: keep it real, do it as real as you can. Even when it seems like it’s the wrong thing to do, still speak your mind. And that’s the only way, at least for me and my band, to connect.

What, to you, is keeping it real? I know that you founded a number of community activities, including the One Shekel Festival, that help to strengthen marginalized communities. Is that an important part of what you do?

I think that involvement in social issues in Israel is kind of like a privilege or a benefit that artists can choose. Because people do want to hear what we have to say, and it’s up to us to decide if we want to say it or not. So yeah, when I was speaking earlier about keeping it real, it’s not to shy away from the issues, it’s to talk about the issues. And if people can act — perfect. If we can hold a festival in a place that never had one—amazing. If we can volunteer in a cancer ward — amazing. If we can perform in a forest that they want to tear down to turn into a neighborhood—even though all of the green movements think that it’s a disaster—we’ll do it. So, we try to stay close not only to the art but also to what’s happening. But that does get very, very tiring because we aren’t politicians, and we aren’t activists. We’re artists with our hearts in the right place.

Do you feel like you need to balance writing about social issues and just writing something that’s fun? Or can you accomplish both?

We demand the freedom to write whatever we want at any given time, and that can be about, for example, marijuana or just having a good time, as well as social injustice. It’s not one or the other. Our lives contain both. And when we want to keep it real, we have to speak about both. If I can give you an example from our latest album that we’re still recording, actually. But our first single that was released is a real good vibe, fun kind of tune with funny rhyming and funny references for Israelis. The single that we’re releasing tomorrow is called the “City of God,” and it’s about Jerusalem and what it does to its inhabitants over time. So, totally different topics, but music from the same band, and we’re always trying to keep it funky and fun. Having fun

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Active Life for 60 and Better

Senior Tu B'Shevat Tasting

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

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

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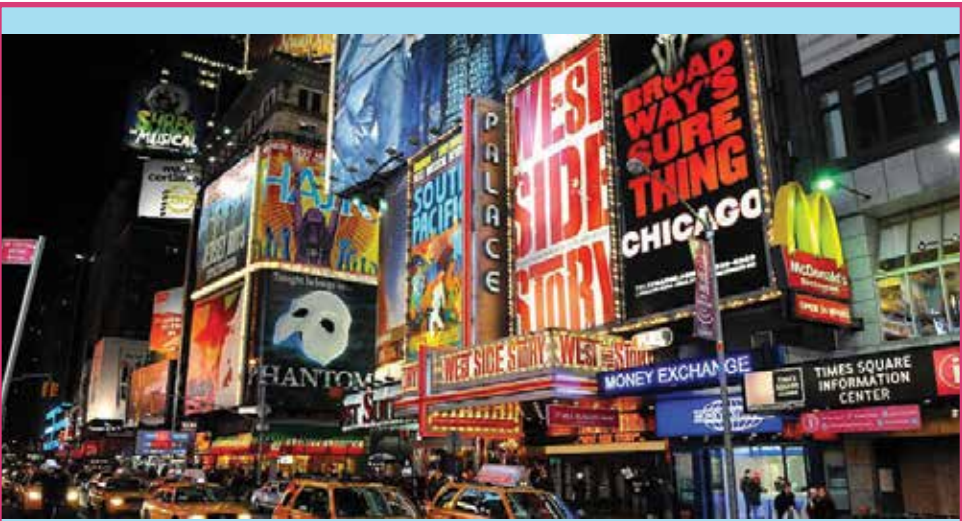
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Wednesday

Get Fit Early, 9-10am

-or-

Get Fit Later, 10:30-11:30am

(see description above)

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

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Local

Bowling Green Student Organization Hosting ‘Forum on Music of the Jewish Diaspora’

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio – Bowling Green State University’s (BGSU) Student Organization in Music Research (SOMR) is presenting a forum on music by Jewish composers on January 15, 2023, in BGSU’s Bryan Recital Hall. The event will begin at 1 p.m. with a conversation between Dr. Samuel Adler, composer, and Dr. Andrew Pelletier, hornist and BGSU professor, on liturgical and secular music, Jewish identity in music, and more. Following the talk will be a concert of music by Adler, Fromm, Harzvi, Hems, Kasler, Mahler, Nin-Culmell, Rossi, Schalit, and more.

This event is part of a forum series hosted by SOMR that aims to present musical traditions which are not often heard in Northwest Ohio. The events are Music of the Jewish Diaspora (1/15), Music of Resistance (2/18), Ragtime by Women (date TBD), and a Tabla Rhythm Masterclass (3/25).

The Forum on Music of the Jewish Diaspora is presented by SOMR, Toledo Hillel, BGSU Praecepta, and the MidAmerican Center for Contemporary Music. SOMR’s forum series is presented by BGSU’s College of Musical Arts, School of Cultural and Critical Studies, and Office of Multicultural Affairs.

For additional information, contact Hayden Mesnick at hmesnic@bgsu.edu.

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is super important to us. Because even if you’re saying important stuff, but it’s not fun, who wants to join? Right? There’s a saying that is something like, “If you can’t dance to it, it’s not my revolution.”

Who are some of your hip-hop influences?

I just did my top-five artists on Spotify. The first one this year was Lil Wayne. And the second one was a female rapper here in Israel called Eden Dersso. Number three was Kendrick Lamar. Number four was Eminem. And then number five was an Israeli rapper called Peled. So, actually, the top five were all hip-hop. But I’m influenced by various things — anywhere from jazz to rock and roll, reggae, electronic music, funk, of course, and a bunch of hip-hop from all over the world.

One theme of the Z3 conference is achieving Jewish unity and pride. What kind of advice do you have for younger people who may be reluctant to show their Jewish pride?

I think the best method would be to find something on Judaism that you connect with. Find certain elements and be proud of that. Narrow it down. You’re not holding 5,000 years of Jewry on your shoulders. You don’t need to feel that way. Judaism, and for that matter, Diaspora Jews, have so much to be proud of. Diaspora Jews have achieved so much that there’s plenty to be proud of inside that enormous umbrella. So just find the things you connect with and be proud of that. I think that’s a good way to start.

This series is sponsored by the 2022 Annual Z3 Conference. The Z3 Project is an initiative of the Oshman Family JCC of Palo Alto, dedicated to modeling how Zionism can evolve, and how communities can come together for meaningful discussions about the Diaspora and Israel. Since 2015, it has gathered leading voices from across the political spectrum for a day of debate and conversation, aimed at creating a new model of Jewish engagement in the 21st century.

B'nai Mitzvah

We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah



Drew Watts Cochran will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 21, 2023. Drew is the son of Stacy and Steve Cochran, brother of Emerson Cochran, and the grandson of Judy and Jeff Cohen, Mary (z"l) and Jay Cooke, and Jeff and Sue Watts. Drew is in seventh grade at Ottawa Hills Junior High. Drew is a defensive player on the Sylvania Northstars and plays Lacrosse at Ottawa Hills. In his free time, he enjoys adventure walks at the Toledo Metroparks, watching movies with his family, hanging out with friends, and being with his adorable dog, Maggie. Drew is very excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with his family and friends.



Sullivan Patrick Riley will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 14, 2023. Sully is the son of Zach and Erin Riley, and brother to TJ and Adele. He is the grandson of Patrick and Dana Riley and Joe and Janet Aschemeier. Sully is a homeschooled seventh grader, where he excels in his favorite classes, chemistry and algebra. Sully plays soccer and guitar, and in his spare time, he enjoys playing video games, cheering on Scuderia Ferrari and Charles LeClerc in Formula 1, reading, traveling, attending Camp Wise, and spending time with family and friends. Sully is both thrilled and honored to share in celebrating his special simcha with his family and friends!



Benjamin Saltzman will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 7, 2023 at Temple Shomer Emunim. Benji is the son of Barbara and David and the brother of Eve and Isaac Saltzman. He is the grandson of Laura and Larry Rothenberg of New York, New York, and Estelle and the late Henry Saltzman of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Benji is currently in the seventh grade at Timberstone Junior High School. He studies French horn and violin, is a member of the Timberstone seventh grade band, and participates in the BGSU Middle School Academy Band. Benji is a member of the Timberstone Science Olympiad team. He is also an active Boy Scout, enjoying camping in all sorts of weather. His favorite animal is the sloth and his Mitzvah project is focused on protecting their habitat.

Benji is looking forward to sharing and celebrating this day with his friends and family.

Simcha



Toledo Bar Association Distinguished Service Award

Stu Goldberg, Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association board member and past president of the Toledo Bar Association, was recently awarded the Toledo Bar Association’s Robert A. Kelb Distinguished Service Award.



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Temple Shomer Emunim

January Worship Schedule

Friday, January 6
"Kid" dish Club at 5PM
Shabbat Service at 6PM

Saturday, January 7
Shabbat Service at 10:30AM
Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Saltzman

Friday, January 13
Shabbat Service at 6PM
Kol Zimrah will participate


Saturday, January 14
Shabbat Service at 10:30AM
Bar Mitzvah of Sullivan Riley

Friday, January 20
Shabbat Service at 6PM

Saturday, January 21
Shabbat Service at 10:30AM
Bar Mitzvah of Drew Cochran

Friday, January 27
Shabbat Service at 6PM


Saturday, January 28
Parsha & Prayer at 10:30AM
Led by Rabbi Gibson



Men's Chavurah
Wednesday, January 18 @ 7PM


Kol Zimrah Rehearsals
Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17,
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Saturday, January 28 @ 10:30AM
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January Religious/Hebrew School

Sun 1 st	NO Religious School
Wed 4 th	Hebrew School 4:30-6PM
Sun 8 th	Religious School 9:15-11:30AM
Wed 11 th	Hebrew School 4:30-6PM
Sun 15 th	NO Religious School
Wed 18 th	Hebrew School 4:30-6PM
Sun 22 nd	Religious School 9:15-11:30AM
Wed 25 th	Hebrew School 4:30-6PM
Sun 29 th	Religious School 9:15-11:30AM

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In-Person at CBI

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David S. Stone Religious School
Calendar: January 2023

Wed.	1/4	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	1/8	Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM
Wed.	1/11	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	1/15	NO RS - MLK WEEKEND
Wed.	1/18	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	1/22	Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM
Wed.	1/25	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	1/29	Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM

The CBI office will be CLOSED
Monday, January 2, 2023

Adult Ed: Nosh & Knowledge
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Heart Health
with speaker Dr. Dale Levy

Sunday, January 8, 2023
10:30 AM - Noon, In-Person at CBI

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In-Person at CBI

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The Tikkun Olam project is to bring a shelf stable soup to benefit Jewish Family Service Food Bank.

Please RSVP by Jan. 16th to Jan Kastle at jbkastle@gmail.com or call 419.345.6712.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

SAVE THE DATE:
February Events

- **ADULT ED: COSMOLOGY**
with speaker Steve Federman Ph.D.
Sunday, February 12, 2023
10:30 AM, In-Person at CBI
- **HAVDALAH HAVE FUN!! NIGHT**
Saturday, February 25, 2023
6:45 PM, In-Person at CBI
- **WOMEN OF CBI BOOK CLUB**
Left on Tenth: A Second Chance at Life by Delia Ephron
Tuesday, February 28, 2023
10:30 AM, In-Person at CBI

Weekly Services Schedule

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

Congregation Etz Chayim

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Rabbi Mark's third mini-series zoom class will be on Sunday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. The Rabbi's sessions are interactive and meaningful. Please register with Elsa or Nancy for the link for the link.

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In-person Sunday Mahj & Poker is scheduled for Sunday, January 22nd from 10:00 a.m.- noon. Everyone is welcome. Join the fun.

FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER & SHABBAT SERVICES

Everyone is invited to our annual Family Shabbat Dinner on Friday evening, January 27th. Services begin at 5:15 p.m. with a delicious, traditional Shabbat meal following. Rabbi Mark will be leading services. We will honor those members who are celebrating birthdays in January. There is no charge for the dinner this year. Shabbat morning services will be held on Saturday, January 28th with a dessert kiddush following.



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Hillel

Ethan Glassman
Hometown: Cincinnati
Employed with The Southeast Michigan Land Conservatory.
Looking forward to forming a closer bond with everyone in the Toledo Jewish community.

Hannah Kramer
Hometown: Toledo
Employed with Hillel419.
Looking forward to making new friends, networking with the community, and creating her own traditions!

Joe Meyer
Hometown: Fremont
A nurse at ProMedica Ebeid Children’s Hospital.
Looking forward to meeting fellow Jews in the Toledo area and getting the chance to explore more of Toledo with them.

Josh Sherman
Hometown: Toledo
Employed at Groth & Associates.
Looking forward to learning about synagogue board service and meeting more Jewish people around his age.

Zack Liber
Hometown: Toledo
Employed at Signature Associates Commercial Real Estate as a commercial realtor. Looking forward to building and rekindling relationships with young Jewish professionals.

Hillel419 and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo envision Toledo to be a place where young Jewish adults of all backgrounds, affiliations and stories can proudly answer the question, “Why the 419?” Thanks to the support of the Burton Kalniz Memorial Fund, our new program celebrates Judaism while helping young adults grow their Jewish identity, connect with other local Jewish young adults and take responsibility for their community through leadership and volunteer programs.



Two months into the program, our community of young adults have held ten Shabbat dinners, volunteered with eleven different organizations and celebrated Chanukah together.

Lillian King
Hometown: Toledo
A video games columnist and copy editor for The Blade.
Looking forward to exploring Toledo with other Jewish adults.

Ben Whitney
Hometown: Willowick
A Pharmacist at Meijer Pharmacy.
Looking forward to meeting new people in the Jewish community, making memories with friends, new and old, and hosting Shabbat dinners!

Miriam Shafransky
Hometown: Toledo
Project Manager at Alliance for Paired Kidney Donation. Looking forward to being in this program!

Isabel Remer
Hometown: Columbus
A law student at The University of Toledo.
Looking forward to Shabbat dinners!

Hannah Loeser
Hometown: Toledo
Employed at Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo’s Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services.
Looking forward to having a small group of Jewish friends to do things with.

Local



Heroes of all ages joined us last month for a “Super” Hanukkah celebration and mitzvah project to give back to those in need this season. Special superhero guests presented by Laurel’s Princess Parties helped bring out the magic of the day while attendees completed a service project that will help provide comfort to seniors, foster care children, and homeless individuals, to name a few.

One person can make all the difference. There is a JEWPER hero in all of us!

This program was sponsored by the Jack and Kathryn Gallon Community Scholarship & Educational Opportunity Fund.



Hanukkah at Gan Yeladim Preschool



Safety Tips



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

SITUATION AWARENESS HELPS KEEP YOU SAFE

The Jewish community not only remains the number one target of religiously motivated hate crimes, but we’ve seen a rise in these threats to historic levels, as well as increases in anti-Semitic incidents across the country. The trend is accelerated in the past several weeks, we’ve seen an astronomical increase in Antisemitism in online platforms and not just from places on the deep or dark web like 4chan and Gabb, but Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, and Instagram, the places that our community and our children congregate

No American should be harassed, victimized, or assaulted because of their faith, and they shouldn’t be intimidated to the point where they consider not expressing that faith

In today’s world, it’s a requirement to maintain situational awareness, whether you’re walking to synagogue, driving one’s kids to school, going to an ATM or stopping in a gas station. Today’s article is designed to give you some simple, easy to use tools, techniques, and strategies to keep you your loved ones more safe and secure. It’s designed to empower you. It’s also critical that we report incidents when they occur, no matter how minor or potentially embarrassing they may

seem at the time. We need to make sure that those incidents are reported to law enforcement as well as local Jewish community security directors where they exist.

Situational awareness is often overlooked because in some regards, it’s common sense to pay attention

Situational awareness really goes to the heart of our everyday living and everything we do. This is how we should process information as we move about our day-to-day life. I am not here to scare you. We are here to empower you. Our goal was to have an empowered Jewish community which will lead into a resilient Jewish community. Situational awareness is the very first step

When we talk about situational awareness, that commitment to action, that is just truly being aware of our surroundings and reporting any sign of hate

One of the most important aspects of building Situational Awareness is placing things in the proper context within the framework of what is “normal” or what is “ok.” Here, we see examples of suspicious behavior in various settings. These will help you make a judgment based on the context of situation instead of on unrelated circumstances.

The Five Levels of Situational Awareness

- Tuned Out.** This level leaves us unaware of our surroundings. If you are tuned out from what is around you, make sure you are in a safe environment or are with someone who is paying attention to your surroundings. Military and police use the phrase “watching your six” to refer to watching what might be outside of your active sight (just as the 6:00 hour on a traditional clock would be behind you as you face 12:00).
- Relaxed Awareness.** You may be in this state in places where you know the people around you and/or there is an established safety protocol for entry. This may include when you are at a friend’s house with several people you know well or at a ticketed secure event.
- Focused Awareness.** In this level, there is no direct threat around you, but you are entering a space that presents a potential danger. This may include driving under adverse conditions, walking in a city you are unfamiliar with or traveling in a place where a “be on alert” warning has been issued.

- High Alert.** In this level, there is an active threat or dangerous situation close by. This may include someone approaching you with a potential weapon, an erratic driver who has begun to lose control of their vehicle, or someone entering a previously safe space who begins to threaten those around them. Although it might feel safer to be on high alert all the time to reduce potential negative outcomes, there is a physical, cognitive, and emotional cost associated with being on high alert for a continuous period. Think of a flashlight in a dark environment. Although it may be useful to leave it on the entire time, there should be some consideration for battery life.
- Paralysis.** Typically, paralysis occurs in the absence of training. Most people are scared and experience paralysis when they first encounter an actively dangerous situation. These situations are often outside of our experiences and comfort zone. The goal of this article is not to remove fear or panic in reaction to a dangerous situation, but rather to learn the correct response until it becomes second nature.

7 Ways to Practice Situational Awareness

- Be mindful. Practice being 'in the moment' - when you are cognizant of your surroundings, your senses are all fully engaged. ...
- Identify exits. ...
- Watch people without staring. ...
- Notice nonverbal cues. ...
- Limit distractions. ...
- Trust your gut feeling. ...
- Be strategic.

Situational awareness in your daily lives is a wide-reaching skill that all people with regular opportunities can practice. Not only will it keep you and your family safe, but it will also make them more effective in their daily lives since they’ll be ready and able to notice irregularities that could cause problems. With these tips, you can improve your situational awareness and avoid accidents and slowdowns.

BeAware of People



Most Important –
SEE SOMETHING – SAY SOMETHING

94%

of Hillel students say being Jewish will continue to be important to them after graduation.

"I am impressed with all that Hillel has accomplished this semester in creating community. It is a joy to work together to make a positive impact on our campus."

-Aleiah Jones, Associate Director, Student Affairs - OMSS



177 Programs in 2022

Helping to inspire more students to create a connection to Jewish life and learning that begins in college and lasts a lifetime.

Campus Collaborations

Building new relationships with the greater campus community with 54 on-campus events this semester, engaging over 500 college students!



53

Shabbat Dinners

Providing a sense of community and belonging.

Hillel419

a look back at 2022



150+

Cups of Coffee

Engaging students and cultivating a Jewish community on campus.

10 Young Adults

Supporting the Jewish leaders of tomorrow - today - with our new young professionals group!



Creating programming with a goal of serving the community.

25 Tikkun Olam Events

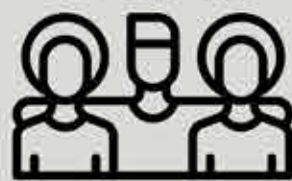


2 Trips to Israel

Increasing connectedness to - and pride in - Israel during a once in a lifetime trip.

Alumni

Hillel's Alumni program dedicated to serving Jewish students at BG and UT.



200+

Expanded Wellness Support

Strengthening wellness support to meet students needs by promoting community and connection.

"Hillel is a place where I can be with people who I know will always be there for me and care about me. It has been the happiest part of my college experience."

-McKenna Gallagher, class of 2023

Holiday Boxes

Making Jewish holidays meaningful from the comfort of their dorm!



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