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## 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."

