It Must Be Schwing
Sunday, January 26
Wendy’s Shabbat, Egg Cream, Sturgeon Queens
Sunday, February 9
4 p.m. at Franciscan Center, Lourdes University

WINTER FLICKS - Be a Flicknik
Love and appreciate cinema as a form of art and as a medium of information and education? Want to see unique, never-before-seen films in Jewish Toledo? Then Winter Flicks are for you! It’s simple...just join us on the dates below for great cinema, amazing community, and a greater appreciation for the cinematic experience.

It Must Be Schwing
Sunday, Jan. 26 at 4 p.m.
Run time: 115 minutes, English and German with subtitles
In 1939, Alfred Lion and Francis Wolff, two young immigrants from Berlin, founded the legendary jazz label Blue Note Records in New York. Blue note discovered and produced an impressive roster of international jazz stars including Miles Davis, Herbie Hancock, John Coltrane, Sonny Rollins, Wayne Shorter, Thelonious Monk, and Quincy Jones. At a time when African-American musicians were discriminated against, Blue Note records respected them as artists and equals. The label valued their talents and gave them a much-needed platform. It Must Be Schwing tells the moving story of two friends united by a passionate love for jazz and of their profound belief in equality and freedom for every single human being.

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

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

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

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

Cost:
General admission is $8 per film, per person.
Pre-purchased tickets will be available the day of each film
Purchase tickets:
By phone: 419-724-0362
By email: Hallie@jewishtoledo.org
At the door on a first come, first served basis. Seating is limited.
Concessions
Popcorn and water will be available at all screenings (unless otherwise noted). This is included in your ticket price.
Parking
Free parking is available outside of the Franciscan Center Theatre.
Questions
Please contact Hallie Freed at Hallie@JewishToledo.org or 419-724-0362.
Jewish Living Center December in photos

JLC Art Holiday Reception

Instructor Anjelika Manakhimova coordinated the installation of the art display and created name cards for each piece of work.

John Knapp with two paintings he completed in the JLC art class. Jan Nyman with her displayed artwork.

Latke Luncheon

Happy Hanukkah.
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You can support the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation with a gift from your IRA.

- If you are 70 ½ or older, you can rollover up to $100,000 from your IRA to Federation to support gifts to Federation’s Annual Campaign or to Foundation to support designated gift opportunities, including Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE) funds.
- To qualify, the transfer must go directly from your IRA to either Federation or Foundation. Contact your IRA Administrator to facilitate the transfer.
- Gifts made from your IRA (up to $100,000 per year) are not reportable as taxable income.
- The gift will qualify for your required minimum distribution.

We would be pleased to assist you and your advisor in arranging qualifying distributions. Note that IRA gifts may not be used to fund a philanthropic/donor advised fund, charitable remainder trust, supporting foundation, or charitable gift annuity. Please contact Arleen R. Levine, Foundation Director, at 419-724-0355, or Wendy Goldstein, Federation Campaign Director, at 419-724-0360.

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Local

NJG gets crafty

Next Jewish Generation met at Pop It Paint It in Waterville to celebrate Hanukkah over drinks, noshes, and paint. Participants followed along as an instructor showed them how to paint a background, sketch Hanukkiyahs, fill them in, and add colorful candles. Bright flames, outlining, and other whimsical touches completed their works.

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

Third Tuesday of each month
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Jewish Family Service Sekach Building
Dinner locations to be determined

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

Dates at a glance:
January 21    July 21
February 18   August 18
March 17      September 15
April 21      October 20
May 19        November 17
June 16       December 15

You Made a Difference
Your generous participation in the Meijer Simply Give program in August and September 2019 resulted in a total of $20,340
in Meijer gift cards to stock the JFS Family Pantry

Todah Rabah!

Thank you for feeding a growing number of hungry families in our community.
JFS donations received from June through December 2019

In memory of Marilyn Levine
Gary Stewart
Lynne Simon
Dr. Samuel & Donna Pesin
Rochelle Kahn

In memory of Estelle Robbins
Joel & Shirley Levine
Tom & Jan Kasle
Steve & Debee Skutch
Bassett Nut Company
Joyce Myers
Cynni & Jamie Rosenthal,
Pamela, Matthew,
Sandy Romanoff &
Joseph Greenberg
Joel & Davie Epstein

In memory of Gerald Feldstein
Tom & Jan Kasle

In memory of Edna Nelkin
Tom & Jan Kasle

In memory of Hal Belcher
Tom Kasle

In memory of Ira Levison
Dr. Gary & Donna Benjamin

In memory of James Jones
Marilyn Klar & Steve Lauer

In memory of Arthur Dubow
Tom & Jan Kasle

In memory of Lillian Perlman
Debee & Steve Skutch

In memory of Ruby Farkas
Alan & Suzanne Kirshner

In honor of Nancy Newbury’s retirement
Dr. Jeffrey & Sheryl Levin
Gary & Andrea Delman

In honor of Alix Greenblatt
Dr. Jeffrey & Sheryl Levin

In honor of the marriage of Mel Motel & HB Lozito
Marilyn Klar & Steve Lauer

In honor of Dr Cary & Michelle Kart’s 50th wedding anniversary
Dr. Gary & Donna Benjamin

In memory of Gerald Feldstein
Tom & Jan Kasle

Financial Donations to the Food Pantry and to the CSA Food to Share Program
Dr. Art Brecher
Dr. Sarah Taub
Anita Levin
Tom & Jan Kasle
Sue Wilson
Victor Markowitz
Diane & David Treehaft
Jennifer Dischler
Michael & Rena Leizerman

Thank you to all who also donated food and other items to the food pantry.

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

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

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

THANK YOU SO MUCH!
A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers who generated over 680 hours of service in 2019

Food Pantry
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Patient Advocate

Friendly Visitor
Community Events

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Active Life for 60 and Better

Men's Duplicate Bridge
Tuesday nights starting January 7
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Sekach Building (6505 Sylvania Ave.)
Light refreshments and game provided. Please RSVP at 419-531-2119.

Jewish Living Center of Greater Toledo is thrilled to welcome men’s duplicate bridge to its array of program offerings. This game is open to all who want to play. Each player must fill out an emergency form and pay their annual JLC activity fee. Please let us know if you would like to arrange for lessons prior to the game.

Israel History Through Comedy with Benji Lovitt
Monday, Feb. 24
12 p.m.
Congregation B’nai Israel (6525 Sylvania Ave.)
$5 per person, includes lunch and entertainment
Registrations and payment requested by Monday, Feb. 17, please advise of any dietary restrictions

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

Healthy Living

MONDAY
9 a.m. – 10 a.m. AND 11 a.m. – noon
Get Fit…It’s Never Too Early
Your favorite class kicks-off your day with a comprehensive workout featuring cardio, strength, and flexibility. Balls, bands, chairs, and light weights are used in this class. Join us for great moves and great music.
All supplies are provided. Free.

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Drumming
A full-body workout for any fitness level that anyone can do. Drumsticks are pounded on exercise balls and clinked overhead and side-to-side to upbeat music that will have you moving in step and around the circle. This class keeps you active and gives your core a great workout. All supplies are provided.

WEDNESDAY – No class Jan. 1
9 a.m. – 10 a.m. AND 11 a.m. – noon
Get Fit…It’s Never Too Early (see above for description)

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Ballet Ball Fusion
This is a great combination class that brings together basic ballet, Tai Chi, and drumming to give you a complete and fulfilling workout unlike any other with music to guide you. It focuses on your core for balance and strength and offers a full range of motion to help you work on your stretching and breathing.

FRIDAY
9 a.m. – 10 a.m. AND 11 a.m. – noon
Get Fit…It’s Never Too Early (see above for description)
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Poker & More...
Big and Little Vegas, Stretch, and Red and Black - those are just a few of the games you can expect to play in this lively get together for all. Nickels and dimes are what you will need to make this an afternoon of fun.

OUT AND ABOUT
Roadsigns at Purple Rose Theatre, Chelsea, MI
Wednesday, February 19
12 p.m. - Leave Federation campus (6465 Sylvania Ave.)
1 p.m. - Lunch at Common Grill
3 p.m. - Matinee Show
7 p.m. - Return to Federation (estimated)
$50 per person includes transportation, lunch, and theatre ticket
Registration and payment required by January 31. This outing requires moderate walking and standing and features stairs and uneven terrain. Please share any accessibility and dietary needs at time of registration.

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

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

Healthy Living

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

Whole Body Fusion
Friday, January 10, 17, 24, 31
1 – 2 p.m.
Sekach Building
Class limit is 15 participants
Whole Body Fusion is open to all levels

This class will combine several exercise elements into a unique workout experience. Your body’s foundation will be strengthened with foot/ankle exercises and your posture improved and balance restored with corrective exercises.

Pelvic core exercises will retrain and strengthen the pelvic floor muscles and breathing techniques will be practiced with movement, walking and running (optional) and relaxation.

Drawing and Painting Class
Wednesdays (No class on Jan. 1)
2 p.m.—4 p.m.
Board room in Sekach Building
All supplies are provided
All skill levels welcome

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

Travel Guidelines

1. Very leisurely pace, minimal physical activity.

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

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

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

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

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Be a part of the Jewish Living Center:
Pick the event(s) you want to participate in.
Register by the registration deadline to join the fun.

Call us at 419-531-2119 # 2 or email Stephanie@JewishToledo.org
with your payment information, as payment is due at the time of registration.

VISA, MasterCard, AMEX, and Discover are accepted.
Personal checks can be mailed to: Jewish Living Center 6505 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, OH 43560

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

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

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

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

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

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Next Jewish Generation

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

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

NJG Trivia Nights

It’s your favorite night out and you know the drill... free trivia, appetizers on us, and drinks on you! Trivia starts at 7 p.m., make sure to arrive by 6:45 p.m. (reservation will be under Hallie Freed). Please RSVP the day prior to each trivia night to Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362.

N J G T r i v i a  N i g h t s

Thursday, Feb. 20
The Casual Pint – 3550 Executive Plwy.
Tuesday, March 31
Wednesday, April 29
El Camino Real – 2500 Sylvania Ave.

RSVP to any or all events to Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362.

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

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

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

Donations can be dropped off to: Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo 6465 Sylvania Ave.
Attn: Colette Lundberg

To Knit or to Knot meetings

Federation’s Leonard Lounge
Free – supplies, coffee, and pastries provided

Thursday, Jan. 30 at 1 – 3 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 27 at 1 – 3 p.m.
Thursday, March 26 at 1 – 3 p.m.

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

Next Jewish Generation Breaking Bread Project

Have you been meaning to get together with friends but haven’t found the time? Well, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Toledo Jewish Community Foundation are offering $100 for you to host your own Shabbat dinner! We want to empower you to host a Shabbat dinner for your friends in your own space, be it an apartment, house, park, or Toledo pub.

Our goal is to help you create a warm, intimate Shabbat experience on your own terms. Want to order pizza? Perfect. Feel like having a potluck? Fabulous. You choose how formal or informal this experience will be for your guests.

Visit www.tinyurl.com/breakingbreadtoledo to fill out an application. If needed, you will be reimbursed up to a maximum of $100 per Shabbat dinner (not including alcohol). To be reimbursed, hosts must complete a brief survey following the event and email up to three photos taken during the event to be shared on our Facebook page.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org.

Next Jewish Generation Walleye Night

Saturday, Jan. 25
Game starts at 7:15 p.m.
Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave.
$20 per person by Friday, 1/17, $30 after – Includes dinner and one drink ticket
RSVP to Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362

Hang out with NextJGen, have a nosh, and cheer on our Toledo Walleye as they take on the Atlanta Gladiators.

www.jewishtoledo.org
PJ Library

RSVP to any or all events to Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362. Please notify us of any dietary issues at least one week prior to the event.

PJ and Gan Yeladim’s Purim to Passover Playdates

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location provided upon RSVP
FREE – please bring in toilet paper, paper towels, or tissues to donate to the JFS Family Pantry
For children ages 0 – 2 and their parents, grandparents, nannies, and friends to enjoy playtime, crafts, snack, and circle time. Meet and make friends with other PJ parents and their kids. RSVP to Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or Hallie@JewishToledo.org.

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Friday, February 28 – Winter crafting
Friday, March 6 – Hamantaschen, goggers, and more
Friday, March 13 – Purim party! Wear your costume.
Friday, March 20 – Prepping for Passover
Friday, April 3 – Model Seder

To learn more about PJ Library® and to ensure your child receives this wonderful gift, please contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org.

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For more information contact Paul Causman at paul@jewishtoledo.org.

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FREE books and CDs -
Are you GETTING YOURS?

PJ Library® is completely FREE for participating families in the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo region.

PJ Library® seeks to engage Jewish families with young children. Each participating child in our community from age six months through eight will receive a high-quality Jewish children’s book or CD every month.

Each book and CD comes with resources to help families use the selection in their home. The book and music list has been selected by the foremost children’s book experts and includes a wide array of themes related to Jewish holidays, folktales and Jewish family life.

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Grocery Store Scavenger Hunt

Benefitting the Jewish Family Service Family Pantry

Sunday, Jan. 12

3:30 p.m. – Meet at Meijer, 7240 Central Ave. (food/grocery entrance)
After shopping, meet at JFS Family Pantry – 6505 Sylvania Ave.
Cost – Donation of shopped items
Dinner is included, please let us know of any dietary issues at least two weeks in advance.

On your marks, get set, SHOP... for JFS! Individuals, families, and children of ALL ages are invited to be a hunger hero and join us for an afternoon of fun, awareness, and community. Receive a scavenger hunt list, race through the aisle in order to stay within budget, get the best deal, and get the most items. Prizes will be awarded in these categories.

After shopping, load up your car and head back to the JFS Family Pantry to unload the donations and have dinner together. RSVP by Friday, Jan. 10, to Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org.
January Worship Schedule

**Friday, January 3**
Shabbat Service 6:00PM
Healing Shabbat
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

**Friday, January 10**
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM
Kabbalat Panim Liturgy
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

**Friday, January 17**
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat Service at 6:00PM
Special Musical Celebration to follow

**Friday, January 24**
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

**Friday, January 31**
Meditation Service 10:00AM
Torah Unveiled Liturgy
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

January Religious School Calendar

**Wed. Jan. 1**
No Hebrew School

**Sun. Jan. 5**
Religious School 9:15AM; 9:30AM Temple Tots

**Wed. Jan. 8**
Tuesday Tutoring 4PM

**Sun. Jan. 12**
Religious School 9:15AM

**Wed. Jan. 15**
Tuesday Tutoring 4PM

**Sun. Jan. 19**
Religious School 9:15AM

**Wed. Jan. 22**
Religious School 4:20PM

**Sun. Jan. 26**
Religious School 9:15AM

**Wed. Jan. 29**
Religious School 4:20PM

Jan. 17 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat & Musical Celebration

Pre-Oneg Shabbat Reception 5:15-6:00PM
Shabbat Service 6:00-7:00PM
Followed by a Special Musical Celebration.
Featuring First Church of God Choir, Toledo Choral Society, Kol Zimrah, the Intergenerational Choir, One Voice Ensemble, and other special guests.
Dessert Reception immediately following the program.

Bible & Bagels
Sundays, January 12 & 26 at 9:30AM

Coffee with the Clergy
Wednesday, January 15 at 11:00AM

It’s Purim Spiel time!
Auditions for “Waiting for Haman” will be Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00PM.
No experience necessary! Call 419/885-3341 or email jroher@templese.com for more information.

Men’s Chavurah
Wednesday, January 22
7:00PM

Join Us Friday, January 17

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat & Musical Celebration

Sunday, January 26, 2020 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

How did the image of the Old Country fill with poverty and violence turn into a romanticized vision of a world of tradition, family and song?

We will briefly look at how succeeding generations of Jews in America looked at the Eastern European shtetl from the first generation of immigrants at the turn of the twentieth century to their grandchildren and great grandchildren in the present day.

**SAVE THE DATE:**
Shabbat Morning, Saturday, Feb. 8, 2019 9:30 AM
Hazzan Ivor Lichterman
“Shabbat Shira” The Sabbath of Song & Jewish Music Season
Shabbat & Sunday, February 22-23, 2020
SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND
Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

Temple Shomer Emunim
SISTERHOOD NEWS
Thanks to everyone who assisted in the preparations for our Chanukah luncheon on December 29th. The event was well attended, and those who participated had a great time.

The next Sisterhood Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 10:15 a.m. in the Morris & Clara Weinblatt Library. All Sisterhood members are invited to attend.

POKER/MAH JONG
The next session of the Poker/Mah Jongg group will meet on Sunday, January 5, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the synagogue social hall. Come and play with friends and have some snacks as well.

KNITZVAH PROJECT
Come knit, crochet and socialize with your friends while making shawls for “Baskets of Care.” The next session will be on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LUNCH
Everyone is invited on Saturday, January 11th following services to help celebrate with our congregants observing birthdays and anniversaries in the month of January. A delicious lunch will be served.

ADULT SPEAKERS BUREAU
On Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. we are delighted to have Dr. Eric Dubow as a guest speaker. Eric’s topic will be “How Israelis and Palestinians Grow Up in a Context of Ethnic-Political Violence”. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited. There is no charge for this event.

ANNUAL FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER PLANNED
The annual Etz Chayim Family Shabbat Dinner will be held on Friday evening, January 24, 2020. Shabbat Services begin at 5:25 p.m. and a traditional family dinner will follow with all the trimmings. The cost of the dinner is $18.00 per adult and $8.50 for children 5-12 years old. Please send your reservations into the synagogue office by Monday, January 21st.

ART MUSEUM TOUR
Enjoy a delightful tour with docent Andrea Delman at the Toledo Museum of Art on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. The cost is $8.00 per person. Please call the synagogue office to R.S.V.P.

FIRESIDE CHAT
Everyone is invited to a Fireside Chat on Saturday evening, February 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Charles & Phyllis Wittenberg. Rabbi Rubin will be the speaker and will be discussing “Scientific Explanations for Miraculous Events” – What should our reaction as people of faith be as the scientific world seeks to explain the great miracles of history?

Refreshments will be served. Please bring your questions.

ETZ CHAYIM BOOK CLUB
SAVE THE DATE: The next Etz Chayim Book Club will be held on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. The book being reviewed is Summer of ’69 by Elin Hilderbrand. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served.
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Iftar and Hanukkah: Toledo Muslim and Jewish communities come together
By Fagie Benstein, Director, and Sue Ann Hochberg, Chair
Jewish Community Relations Council

On a frosty winter’s day this time last year, Sue Ann Hochberg and Fagie Benstein met with Drs. Zaheer and Samina Hasan, founders of the United Muslim Association of Toledo, for coffee. We were committed to reach out to the Muslim community, especially after many of its members attended the Jewish community’s vigil in memory of the Pittsburgh Tree of Life massacre. During this meeting, we sincerely raised the question of how to begin our communities together. “It’s time,” we agreed. We then came up with the idea of hosting an Iftar dinner during Ramadan.

A few months later, for the first time in Toledo, the Jewish community hosted an Iftar dinner in one of our synagogues. The event exceeded our expectations. The genuine desire to get to know each other was evident. Almost immediately after the Iftar event, an invitation to reciprocate the warmth and hospitality was extended. The Jewish community was invited to a Hanukkah celebration sponsored by UMAT. We felt so hopeful after sharing meaningful dia-

Pelogue and knew that, by better understanding one another, meaningful, lasting relationships would be formed.

About 200 people attended the pre-Hanukkah dinner December 8 at The Pinacle in Maumee. Both communities were equally represented. The room was festively decorated in blue and white with homemade menorahs on each table. It was a sight to behold. The fellowship we experienced went beyond aesthetics. Messages from Muslim and Jewish leadership were filled with regard for one another. It was clear that we were standing together against discrimination, hatred, inequality, and injustice. The lesson we’ve learned (and one that is continually unfolding) from these two events is that friendship based on mutual understanding eliminates the perception of both communities as being “other” — at least to each other.

Pelham Manor sold to Jewish housing group
By Emily Gordon

Pelham Manor Inc. closed the sale of its senior housing facility Pelham Manor to Integra Housing Group of New York on November 29. Located in Toledo’s Old Orchard neighborhood, Pelham Manor is an equal opportunity housing project subject to regulations adopted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The facility provides accessible one- and two-bedroom apartments for income qualifying individuals 62 years old and up and disabled individuals.

The facility will continue to operate as it has under the new ownership. Pelham Manor was established entirely with outside loans, said community leader Fred Treuhaft, meaning no Jewish community dollars were put into the facility’s creation by any Toledo Jewish organization, including Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

Pelham Manor was built in 1980. It was owned by Pelham Manor, Inc., whose members are the directors of the board of Jewish Senior Services, Inc. The sale paid off the facility’s mortgage and provides funds for the Toledo Jewish community to use “as of yet undefined services and programs,” Treuhaft said.

The members of the Pelham Manor and JSS boards will decide how to use the sale proceeds to benefit the community.

“Pelham Manor was a unique asset that did not require an investment of donor resources. With its sale and the receipt of the proceeds, the Boards can explore the best way to enhance the quality of Jewish life in our area,” said Stephen Rothschild, Federation Executive Director.

Pelham Manor’s future was uncertain following the recent retirement of its executive director, Eileen Gates, after nine years in the position, Treuhaft said.

“Shortly after hiring her successor, the successor resigned. There is a lot of complexity with managing HUD subsidized housing. You really have to know what you’re doing. Eileen did,” Treuhaft noted. “Pelham Manor Inc.’s board asked her to come back for the duration of the process of figuring out what to do about the situation, and she did.”

Once Gates returned to Pelham Manor, a task force was set up and members were appointed to look into how to proceed with the facility’s future.

The task force was empowered by the Pelham Manor, Inc. board, JSS board, and assisted by Federation. It was comprised of Treuhaft as chair; Jim Perlman, Pelham chair; and Steve Nathanson, past president of JSS and previous board member of Pelham Manor, Inc.

Three possible paths for the facility’s future were discussed by the task force: the feasibility of finding a replacement for Gates, Pelham Manor Inc. contracting management of the facility out to a third party, and looking into the market to determine the value of the facility in the case of selling.

“In the task force meetings we asked ourselves ‘why are we in this business?’ There’s an intricacy to it. With HUD, federal law mandates there cannot be any discrimination regarding who lives there. If there’s a line of 20 people waiting to get in and a handful are Jewish, we can’t move our community members ahead in line,” Treuhaft said. “We also did not see the population of our community members going up at Pelham Manor, only continuing to go down. In addition, Pelham Manor used to have Jewish programming, but it has moved to the Sechak building on the Federation campus.”

Recognizing the complicated nature of finding a suitable director to replace Gates, the declining number of Jewish residents, and the inability to use Pelham Manor as an exclusively Jewish asset, the task force explored the possibility of selling the facility.

“We wanted to better understand option three. We reached out to three different parties buying Jewish senior housing across the country. We said we weren’t sure of the market value of the place. We wanted to know the best numbers for our situation,” Treuhaft said.

“We took our time and reviewed references for all three. Eventually, Integra was chosen. We liked the owner’s personality and communications. Their proposal provided significant benefit to our community.”

Integra Housing Group has “extreme depth of management, the expertise and span to run the place efficiently, and is very committed to Jewish community life,” Nathanson added.

“They said even if they only had one Jewish resident, they’d make sure that person had a good Jewish life experience,” Nathanson said.

In March, proceedings for negotiations to sell were approved by the Board and a letter of intent was created.

The due diligence process and HUD approval process took about six months.

“Following the appropriate process, making sure we had our goals aligned, and that communication was flowing between all of the boards was very important to us,” Treuhaft said.

Now that the sale has been finalized, Pelham Manor will continue as Section 8 housing and the “legacy of Pelham” will be visible to the community in two ways, he noted.

“First, Integra is a reputable operator carrying on in a manner consistent with how we operated the facility. Second, we have the opportunity to redevelop and use the sale proceeds in a way that continues to benefit the Jewish community in an appropriate way,” Treuhaft said.

The sale “came together in the best possible way,” Nathanson agreed.

“It was a very marketable facility in excellent condition. It’s a gift resulting from being good stewards of the community, from decades of managing the place well and giving Jewish community members a good life,” he said.

The secret ingredient in helping Pelham Manor residents have a positive life experience was Gates and her predecessor, Louise Weinman, who served as director from its inception until her retirement in 2006, Rothschild said.

“Eileen was critical in running the place for so long and we owe a great debt of gratitude to her for agreeing to come out of retirement to help us through this process,” Rothschild said.

Although Gates is happy to finally be retiring, she is sad to leave “such a wonderful and rewarding workplace,” she said.

Gates enjoyed her many years at Pelham Manor and will greatly miss its residents, board members, her “lovely” office, and most of all, her coworkers who remain at Pelham Manor “to carry on the mission.”

“In all my years of employment, I have never felt more challenged or appreciated. I learned so much while having the opportunity to place elderly and disabled individuals into comfortable, safe, affordable housing in this very special place,” Gates said. “Our goal was to ensure that the exceptional reputation of Pelham Manor will live on long into the future. We are confident that the new owners share that goal.”
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