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# Jewish Family and Social Services

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TO  
Josephine

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Allow me to explain.

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Are you interested in connecting with new people?

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I choose kind

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Thank you to the 18 families who joined our first Virtual Family Movie Night. We are looking forward to hosting another!

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# Jewish Community Relations Council



## Who will steer our ship?

**With an increasingly fractured America, it is our job to ensure that Israeli society is one that thrives – one that does not unravel**

By Daniel Gordis

*The views and opinions in this article and others like it are presented solely by the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo or its affiliates.*

CNN's Van Jones put it perfectly, commenting on the then just-released election results. "I can't breathe," he said, which were George Floyd's words, but they echoed a sentiment that many of us had long felt. While Jones was clearly expressing the views of one side of the political spectrum, when it came to being desperate for air, our political allegiances made no difference. For many of us, regardless of our political orientations, it has simply been hard to breathe these last four years. Violence and looting in America's streets. An alarming and menacing display of guns by right and left. The shattering of social and intellectual norms. The proliferation of baseless conspiracy theories, the open embrace of once-deplorable hatreds, and the coarseness of discourse — all this and more have contributed to a republic that today feels more fragile and divided than most of us ever imagined possible.

For many of us who made aliyah from the United States, whether many years ago or much more recently, part of our souls remained deeply attached to the America of our youth, and many of us hoped that, even as Israel enriched us, we might, in some small way, help bring some of America's greatness here. The America we knew when we were young was a confident and great nation. We were the kids who grew up on JFK, Apollo, Johnson's Great Society. We were the teenagers who watched America get out of Vietnam. We were nurtured by the dreaminess and hopefulness of Simon and Garfunkel, James Taylor, Cat Stevens. We grew up in an age in which it seemed that America — and the rest of the world with it — was moving inexorably to ever greater greatness. Something about America, even though we'd left it, still felt sacred.

There were obvious and painful tensions in American society, but we believed that America's diversity was also its strength. After all, we said to ourselves, look at our own family's progress: from our grandparents who literally came in through Ellis Island, to our generation educated at America's finest institutions of higher learning. Even if imperfectly implemented, America's founding ideas were both aspirational and inspirational. We didn't smirk when we heard people speak of opportunity, equality, freedom, democracy. These were the narratives that held an otherwise diverse citizenry together. And it didn't make us uncomfortable to believe — and even to say — that America was exceptional among the nations of the world.

Of course, we all understood that America was far from a perfect union.

We might not have articulated our worry about race in America the way that it is spoken about today, but we knew that racism was a shameful part of both America's history and, unfortunately, its present. It wasn't lost on us that equality of opportunity remained aspirational, not entirely descriptive, and we Jews knew better than most that despite America's warm embrace, there were many people who didn't particularly care for us.

But in much of America then, expressing one's bigotries and hatreds was considered ill form, and whatever some Americans thought of us Jews, few of them said it out loud; for the most part, we felt that America was as much ours as anyone else's. After all, our families too were part of that grand narrative of tired, poor, huddled masses yearning to breathe free. So when we, the grandchildren of those immigrants to America, became immigrants ourselves and made aliyah, we weren't running from something, but toward something, and many of us hoped to bring some of America's majesty to our new home, too.

Do we still think that way today? I suspect that many fewer of us do. Now, the American narrative that moved so many of us appears tattered. An America that for us was an experiment in great ideas has devolved into an often ugly, un-nuanced battle over identities. Increasingly, America looks like a fracturing country in which two camps, hostile to the very existence of the other, are on the verge of war. On one side is an increasingly forceful movement to destroy the very foundations of a liberal order it believes was born in sin and remains inherently evil, and on the other side we are witness to increasing acceptance of anti-democratic impulses and hateful rhetoric. Those in the middle — no doubt still a majority — are drowned out by the extremes and the cable news networks that feed them.

Israel is not mini-America

Perhaps ironically, perhaps not, as many of us olim watch America from afar, what we wonder about is Israel. The questions we are asking ourselves are about the future directions of our society. We have of course long understood that America and Israel are very different projects. As Jill Lepore puts it so well in her recent, *This America*, the United States is more of a state-nation than a nation-state. America's founders attempted to fashion a nation out of the citizens of the state they had just founded. To coalesce as a nation, early Americans and those who followed had to forge a vision they could share, a set of narratives and norms that would speak to them all. Did they succeed? Growing up, it was obvious to us that they had; today, though, we wonder. Listening to the rage and identity politics that now have America in their grips, one cannot help but ask whether that shared narrative ever took root. Are

the imaginations of Americans suffused with overlapping dreams for the country they still share?

Israel is no miniature America. We Jews were a nation long before we had our state; we founded a country in order to protect, preserve, and cultivate a people that already existed — and desperately needed a home. We had founding documents we considered sacred and had been studying for thousands of years. Complex though our history was, filled with grand achievements and moments of searing pain, it served as the foundation of our shared narrative, and in many ways, still does.

Yet different though we are from the United States, this is a moment not for resting on our laurels, but instead, for asking ourselves what we must do to ensure that what is happening to America does not happen to us. For we face many of the same dangers. Israel's Jewish majority is highly diverse and deeply divided. There are the ultra-Orthodox, the secular and everyone in between. There is the Ashkenazi elite that founded the country and the more traditional Mizrahi Jews, who came soon after and who today are a majority of Israel's Jewish citizens. More recently, one million Russian Jews came to Israel at roughly the same time as a mass immigration of Ethiopian Jews, with whom the Russian immigrants had little to nothing in common. We have major income disparities, cities with dramatically different political orientations, and of course the critical matter of Israeli Arabs who, at 20 percent of Israel's population, present a wide range of moral and political challenges to a Jewish and democratic state.

We are right to take great pride in the fact that many of these citizens — Jew and Arab, Haredi and secular, Ashkenazi and Mizrahi, regardless of when they arrived, came from countries with few, if any, democratic traditions, yet built a robust democracy on the sands of the Middle East. But we dare not become complacent. Mortal enemies on our borders and wars fought at home have long played a central role in reinforcing a sense of shared purpose and destiny. Thankfully, those wars may be mostly in our past; is our social cohesion an inevitability any more than it appeared to be in the America of our youth?

'It's getting like that here'

All of this raises the question: who will steer our ship? Who will navigate the social, cultural and political challenges we face here so that they never threaten the fabric of our democracy or the Jewishness of this grand experiment? Who will ensure that a state founded for the sake of a given people will not only allow, but encourage, the flourishing of other peoples who live within its borders and are its citizens? Golda Meir's optimism about Israel, she often said, was due to the Jews' "secret weapon" — we had nowhere else to

go. But would she still say that today? While it is true that there is no other country to which Jews could relocate en masse, that certainly is not true of Israelis as individuals. Israelis can go to many different places, and hundreds of thousands, including many of our most talented, already have. Who will craft a society that our finest young people will not want to leave? Who will shape the national values and social discourse that will merit their service and sacrifice? And what economic, political and cultural choices must be made so that Israeli society is as much a bastion of equality and opportunity as was the America we imagined in our youth?

Some of us had an inkling there would be a need for this a long time ago. When my colleagues and I teamed up with a small group of forward-looking philanthropists nearly a decade and a half ago to found Israel's first liberal arts college, we hoped to bring to Israel's finest students an educational model that had long preserved and advanced American exceptionalism and democracy. We had confidence that plumbing the depths of civilization's greatest ideas and texts would equip our graduates to shape an Israel that would remain worthy of their own devotion, and that of their peers. When we started out, founding a college seemed like an ambitious but admirable contribution to the Jewish state. Today, the idea of that college seems positively prescient.

In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, Frank Bruni penned a remarkable op-ed in the *New York Times* about the end of colleges as we know them. He wrote:

We need doctors right now. My God, we need doctors: to evaluate the coronavirus's assault, assess the body's response and figure out where, in that potentially deadly tumble of events, there's a chance to intervene. We need research scientists. It falls to them to map every last wrinkle of this invader and find its Achilles' heel.

But we also need Achilles. We need Homer. We need writers, philosophers, historians. They'll be the ones to chart the social, cultural and political challenges of this pandemic — and of all the other dynamics that have pushed the United States so harrowingly close to the edge. In terms of restoring faith in the American project and reseeding common ground, they're beyond essential. ...

A vaccine for the coronavirus won't inoculate anyone against the ideological arrogance, conspiracy theories and other internet-abetted passions and prejudices that drive Americans apart. But the perspective, discernment and skepticism that a liberal arts education can nurture just might.

Science may produce better versions of tear gas and lighter versions of riot gear, God help us. But it can't compete with the humanities for telling us how

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# Active Life for 60 and Better

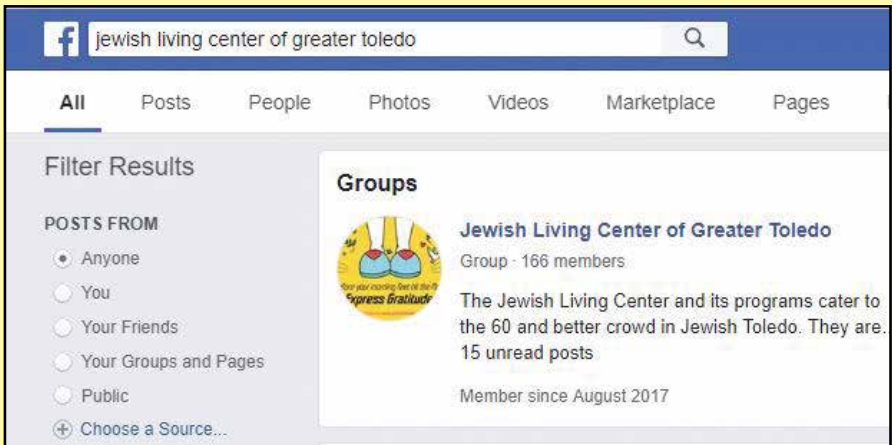


For the safety of participants during the pandemic, Jewish Living Center programs and events have moved to a virtual format using the Zoom platform. To RSVP for a JLC event, please email Rene at [rene@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:rene@jewishtoledo.org) or Stephanie at [stephanie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:stephanie@jewishtoledo.org). You will receive by return email a password protected link to access the Zoom virtual meeting. For more information about Zoom go to [Zoom.us](https://Zoom.us) or contact Rene or Stephanie.

## Jewish Living Center Facebook group

The Jewish Living Center Facebook group is especially for Jewish Toledo members 60 and better. It offers resources to healthy living, cultural events, how-tos of participating in virtual events online and much more.

It's simple to enjoy the benefits of JLC online. Just search for Jewish Living Center on Facebook. Click the request to join button and in short order you'll be approved by the staff. Become a member of the group and the fun begins.



**BINGO Trivia**  
**Thursday, Jan. 14 & Feb. 18**  
**Tuesday, March 16**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
Games are played via Zoom – Winner of the most games will win a prize!

Registration requested by emailing [registration@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:registration@jewishtoledo.org) at least 2 days prior to BINGO to get the Zoom link



Join your friends at the Jewish Living Center as we test our skills and match wits in topics from sports to movies to pop culture & history. This BINGO game isn't calling numbers, this is all based on trivia and knowledge about anything and everything. Who can answer the questions the fastest and fill in the block's wins? You have nothing to lose and everything to gain – so come give it a try, you just might like it!

**Coffee & Schmooze with JLC**  
**Tuesdays: Jan. 12, Feb. 2 & March 2**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**Zoom Chat**  
Registration requested by emailing [registration@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:registration@jewishtoledo.org) at least 2 days prior to the schmooze



Register by January 4 and receive a complimentary Schmooze Bag on us.

No need to fret about missing your friends at the Jewish Living Center ... we're here and bringing the coffee chat to you! How are you feeling? Just want to chat and catch up! Share how you are staying active and busy? Just feel like talking and seeing people that you haven't seen in a bit.... this is an open space to grab a beverage and say hello. We would LOVE to see you, because we miss you

**Eleven Hours Away**  
**Featuring Ron Tal of the all-Yiddish NYC revival of Fiddler on the Roof**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 19**  
**1 -2 p.m. via Zoom link**  
Registration requested by Monday, Jan. 18  
for the zoom link by emailing [registration@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:registration@jewishtoledo.org)



"Eleven Hours Away" is a celebration of Israeli pop songs that have previously and continue shaped my life. It's about keeping the experiences and locations that shaped you close to your heart at all times. Even when we're far away, music has a way of bringing us back home. The melodies and the lyrics can make you feel the sunlight on your skin on the beach, or the smell from your favorite restaurant, or sounds of your grandmother cooking in her kitchen. Including Israeli songs from the creation of the state up until today, this concert proves that while New York City may be an eleven-hour plane ride from Tel Aviv, these songs keep it less than a moment away.

Ron Tal is a New York City based performer who most recently appeared in the hit all-Yiddish NYC revival of Fiddler on the Roof. Other recent credits include A Chorus Line, On The Town, and Candide. Born in Israel, he makes sure to keep his roots alive and keep the language he learned as a child a daily part of his life. By singing in Hebrew, Yiddish, Arabic, Ladino, and English, among others, he works extensively through music to help people find an appreciation for the experiences that shaped them. This way we can all live fully in the present.



## Contact the Jewish Living Center

Please contact the Jewish Living Center if we can be of assistance to you during these extraordinary times. The JLC has exercise videos and other resources available to help make your stay at home more enjoyable and productive.

We will all get through this together!

*For more information, please contact the Jewish Living Center at 419-531-2119 or email [stephanie@JewishToledo.org](mailto:stephanie@JewishToledo.org).*



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# Active Life for 60 and Better



## Healthy Living

JLC is pleased to announce the virtual return of our popular exercise classes

### JLC Exercise Now on Jewish Toledo YouTube Channel!



YouTube



Missing all your favorite exercise classes because you don't have Facebook? Now you can simply go to YouTube anytime you want and not have to deal with Facebook at all. Love Facebook, all your classes will still be on Facebook! We are now offering two platforms where you can get your exercise classes from, YouTube and Facebook!

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

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

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

##### Ballet Fusion

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

##### Foundation Fitness

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

##### Get Fit

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

##### Zumba

Featuring various dances from flamenco to samba, Eileen will get those hips shaking and feet moving. Dance routines are customized for our 60 & Better participants by our very own licensed Zumba instructor.

*All our exercise classes are taught by Eileen Seegert. Eileen has been an integral part of the health & wellness program at Jewish Living Center for 26 years. Eileen has degrees in Dance Therapy and Kinesiotherapy. She also has a certification in Corrective Exercise and is licensed to teach Zumba. Eileen stays active by participating in local runs and spending time with her grandchildren.*

If you have any questions about our classes, please feel free to call us at 419-531-2119 or email [rene@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:rene@jewishtoledo.org).



##### MONDAYS

10 a.m. Get Fit (Facebook Live)  
1 p.m. Foundation Fitness (recorded)

##### WEDNESDAYS

10 a.m. Get Fit (Facebook Live)  
1 p.m. Ballet Fusion (recorded)

##### FRIDAYS

10 a.m. Zumba (Facebook Live)

##### Foundation Fitness

Join Eileen for this challenging calisthenics-style workout designed to develop your muscular strength and endurance from the ground up. The class's focus will be on foot and ankle strength and mobility, healthy posture, pelvic floor tone, core strength, and breathing.

# Active Life for 60 and Better



## JLC & National JCC Adult & Senior Alliance

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

**Terrific Tastings: Benevolent Brownies & Blondies**  
**Sunday, January 24, 2021**  
**1-2:30pm (PST), 2-3:30pm (MST),**  
**3-4:40pm (CST), 4-5:30pm (EST)**  
**on Zoom**



Grab a cup of coffee/tea, a glass of red wine, maybe a flute of champagne and come do “research” (wink, wink) for a dessert to serve for your upcoming distanced Super Bowl party, Valentine’s Day dinner, other festivity, or any day of the week! Join culinary host James Sokol as he “zooms” you to meet team members Sara Westbrook and Sunitha Malieckal leadership team members at Greyston, bakers of world-changing brownies! Learn more about Greyston’s interesting story & inspiring community impact, get insights into their product & business development, and – of course – take a guided tasting of their brownies & blondies!

**NOTE: Tickets must be ordered by Sun, Jan 10th for brownies to be shipped in time.**

For details & tickets, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/terrific-tastings-benevolent-brownies-blondies-tickets-124458955085?aff=JLCtoledo>

## Spend the day in The Netherland with us! Neither passport nor plane ticket needed.

We are delighted to offer you priority registration for the following two programs, before they are widely announced. Please note that quantities are very limited for the tasting event, so please order ASAP before they sell out!

**Still Traveling: Gouda – the Town & the Tradition**  
**Sun, Feb 21**  
**11am-12:15pm (PST), 12-1:15pm (MST), 1-2:15 (CST), 2-3:15pm (EST)**  
**on Zoom**



Let JCC trip leader James Sokol whisk you away to The Netherlands to explore – with a terrific, professional local guide – facets of their beloved cheese. Begin off the beaten path at the quaint farm/shop where our guide buys her cheese. Learn about her traditional Dutch breakfast. Follow our guide to for a highlights tour of the town of Gouda and other points of cheesy interest. Finally, head to Amsterdam for a stop at the Rijksmuseum to see how cheese shows up in Dutch art.

For details & tickets, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/still-traveling-gouda-the-town-the-tradition-tickets-129177949725?aff=JLCtoledo>

**Terrific Tastings: Glorious Goudas**  
**Sun, Feb 21**  
**1-2:15 (PST), 2-3:15pm (MST),**  
**3-4:15pm (CST), 4-5:15pm (EST)**  
**on Zoom**



Partnering with a beloved, award-winning cheesemaker in The Netherlands, let us send you a specially-imported, curated collection of Goudas. Then, join culinary host James Sokol to zoom to The Netherlands to meet our local cheese connoisseur and to learn about traditional Goudas - how they are made & aged in a historic warehouse. Then, take a live, guided, multi-sensory journey of testing and evaluating the aromas, textures & flavors of six varieties of their most famous & ubiquitous cheese!

**Quantities are limited. Order soon!** The available quantity of tasting collections is strictly limited; they are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Collections are available until they sell out or until January 3rd - whichever comes first!

Come for the cheese; stay for the fun!

For details & tickets, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/terrific-tastings-glorious-goudas-tickets-128766316519?aff=JLCtoledo>

## Yale Strom: Jewish Life in Black & White: Through the Historical Lens

**Mon. Jan. 18 – Mon. Feb.15, 2021 (5 Classes)**

**1 – 2 p.m. on Zoom**

**\$10.00 for the series – registration requested by Thur. Jan. 14**

**Zoom link will be provided upon paid registration -register by calling 419-531-2119 #2 or [registration@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:registration@jewishtoledo.org)**



Some of the most important and earliest photographers working in Eastern Europe were Jewish.

It is not surprising that many Jews entered into this new field of art. There were no art schools, juries, state laws, or other forms of authority to deny them entry. This

allowed Jews and other marginalized groups who had been denied access to more traditional forms of art, to enter freely into photography.

### Jan. 18: The History of Jews and Photography

Invented in Western Europe in 1839, the new technology of photography soon spread to Eastern Europe and Russia. Beginning in the 1840s, East European Jews were leading figures in developing photography as a new art form, a tool of documentation, and a medium of social criticism. Although initially an expensive and rarified technology, photography became less costly, easier, and therefore more popular at the end of the nineteenth century. Jews rushed into this new burgeoning field and became some of the most well-known photographers in the world, covering everything from Jewish life to war to aesthetics of daily life.

### Jan. 25: Shloyme Zaynvl Rapoport

Rapoport, better known by his pen name S. Ansky, was an activist, memoirist and folklorist. In 1911, Ansky organized an extraordinary four-year ethnographic trek, meticulously documenting Galicianer Jewish life on the eve of the Russian Revolution through his camera.

### Feb. 1: Alter Kacyzne

Kacyzne was a Jewish writer, poet and photographer. He was one of the most significant contributors to Jewish-Polish cultural life in the first half of the 20th century. Among other things, he is particularly known as a photographer whose work immortalized Jewish life in Poland in the 1920s and 1930s.

### Feb. 8: Roman Vishniac

A photographer best known for capturing on film the culture of Jews in Central and Eastern Europe just before the Holocaust. His book *A Vanished World*, first published in 1947, barely registered with the public. But its republication by the International Center for Photography in 1983 and accompanying photo exhibit led to his name’s becoming synonymous with the last remnants of shtetl culture in the 1930s captured on film.

### Feb. 15: Yale Strom

Strom is an ethnographer who has focused on researching and documenting Jewish life in Eastern Europe, Balkans and Iberia since 1981. Strom dropped out of law school to begin his ethnographic trek. One of his main foci has been Jewish culture in the former East Bloc. His work resulted in the first book published (1987) of black and white photos of Jewish life in Eastern Europe since Vishniac’s book published in 1947. Since that initial trip Strom has used his research findings in his creative pursuits.



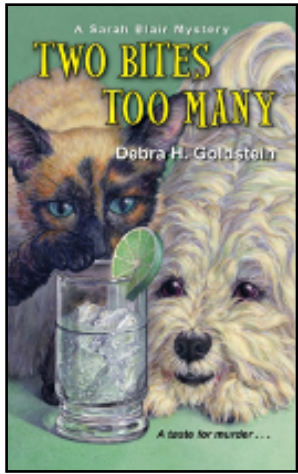
Yale Strom – Photo Credit Moshe Blumenthal

Yale Strom is also one of the world's leading ethnographer-artists of klezmer and Roma music and history. He has conducted extensive ethnographic research throughout Eastern Europe and the Balkans since 1981. He has made nine documentary films, written thirteen books, has had numerous photo-exhibitions throughout the world and with his band Yale Strom & Hot Pstromi he has made fifteen recordings. They run the

gamut from traditional klezmer to "new" Jewish jazz. He has also composed for theatre, film, radio, television, symphony orchestras and various artists such as Rachel Barton Pine, Sara Caswell and many others. His latest documentary film is *American Socialist: The Life and Times of Eugene Victor Debs* and newest recording is Yale Strom's *Broken Consort: Shimmering Lights*. He is currently artist-in-residence/professor in the Jewish Studies Program at San Diego State University. Prior to this Strom taught at New York University, where he created a course in ethnography and art that is taught to this day. [www.yalestrom.com](http://www.yalestrom.com).

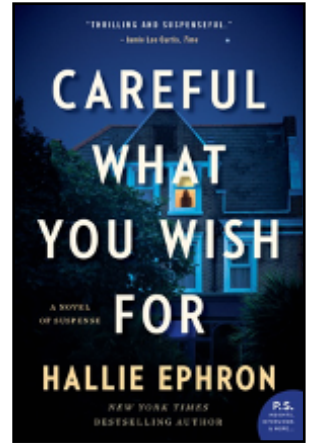


# Active Life for 60 and Better



## Women & Words: An Evening of Mystery featuring Authors Hallie Ephron, Careful What You Wish For and Debra Goldstein, Two Bites Too Many, A Sarah Blair Mystery

Wednesday, February 10 at 7 p.m. via Zoom Presentation  
Registration requested by Monday, February 8 for Zoom link by emailing  
[registration@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:registration@jewishtoledo.org)



Join us for an evening of mystery and thrills as we bring together for a panel discussion two outstanding authors. Hallie Ephron, a *New York Times* bestselling author and the Honorable Debra Goldstein who has achieved numerous awards and accomplishments in her own way as a writer.

In *New York Times* bestselling author Hallie Ephron's new suspense novel, **CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR**, Emily Harlow is married to a man who can't pass a yard sale without stopping. He's filled their basement, attic, and garage with his finds. He says he's a collector. Emily knows better—he's a hoarder.

As a professional organizer who makes her living helping people declutter their lives, Emily has devised a set of ironclad rules. When working with couples, she makes clear that the client is only allowed to declutter his or her own stuff. That stipulation has kept Emily's own marriage together these past few years. But the larger his "collection" becomes, the deeper the distance grows between Emily and the man she married.

Luckily, Emily's got two new clients to distract herself: an elderly widow whose husband left behind a storage unit she didn't know existed, and a young wife whose husband won't allow her stuff into their house. Emily's initial meeting with the young wife takes a detour when, after too much wine, the women end up fantasizing about how much more pleasant life would be without their collecting spouses. But the next day Emily finds a mess that might be too big for her to clean up in a storage unit that would be a hoarder's dream. *Careful what you wish for*, the old adage says . . . now Emily might lose her freedom, her marriage . . . and possibly her life.



**HALLIE EPHRON** (<http://hallieephron.com>) is the NY Times bestselling author of 11 suspense novels reviewers call "deliciously creepy." Her recent *Careful What You Wish For*, is about a professional organizer married to a man who can't pass a yard sale without stopping. A STARRED review, PW called it "outstanding," and in TIME Magazine

Jamie Lee Curtis called it "thrilling and suspenseful." A five-time finalist for the Mary Higgins Clark Award, Hallie also teaches writing at writing conferences. *Her Writing and Selling Your Mystery Novel* was a finalist for both the Edgar and Anthony Awards. *Never Tell a Lie* was made into a Lifetime movie. She can be found daily on the Anthony-award-winning blog, Jungle Red Writers [www.jungleredwriters.com](http://www.jungleredwriters.com).

In **Two Bites Too Many**, things are finally looking up for Sarah Blair following her unsavory divorce. Settled into a cozy carriage house with her sassy Siamese cat, RahRah, she has somehow managed to hang on to her modest law firm receptionist job and — if befriending flea-bitten strays at the local animal shelter counts — lead a thriving social life. For once, Sarah almost has it together more than her enterprising twin, Emily, a professional chef whose efforts to open a gourmet restaurant have hit a real dead end. When the president of the town bank and city council is murdered after icing Emily's business plans, all eyes are on the one person who left the scene with blood on her hands — the Blair girls' sharp-tongued mother, Maybelle. Determined to get her mom off the hook ASAP, Sarah must collect the ingredients of a deadly crime to bring the true culprit to justice.



**DEBRA H. GOLDSTEIN** is the author of the *Sarah Blair Mysteries* ("Three Treats Too Many," "Two Bites Too Many," "One Taste Too Many"). She also authored "Should Have Played Poker" and the IPPY Award winning "Maze in Blue." Her short stories and novels have been named as Agatha, Anthony, Derringer, and Silver Falchion finalists. Debra is an active community volunteer and serves on the national board of Mystery Writers of America and is president of SEMWA. She previously was on Sisters in Crime's national board and president of SinC's Guppy Chapter. Find out more about Debra at [www.DebraHGoldstein.com](http://www.DebraHGoldstein.com).



## SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, March 11 via Zoom  
Active Learners Day

Come for the speakers and leave inspired to live and age well. Featuring author, Rabbi Laura Geller, *Getting Good at Getting Older*. Rabbi Geller, Rabbi Emerita of Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, twice named one of *Newsweek's 50 Most Influential Rabbis in America*, was named by *PBS Next Avenue* as one of the **fifty 2017 Influencers in Aging**. She will be joined by several other speakers to make for an insightful and an engaging day of learning. More details to follow.

## Passover Kosher Shopping Drop Off Day Thursday, March 18

It's that time of year again, time to get ready for Passover! We are unable to physically take you up north for our annual shopping trip, but that doesn't mean that we can't ensure that you won't have what you need for the holidays. We will pick up your order that you have placed at Harvard Row and do your grocery shopping at One Stop and deliver them to your porch on **Thursday, March 18**.



You will need to do the following:

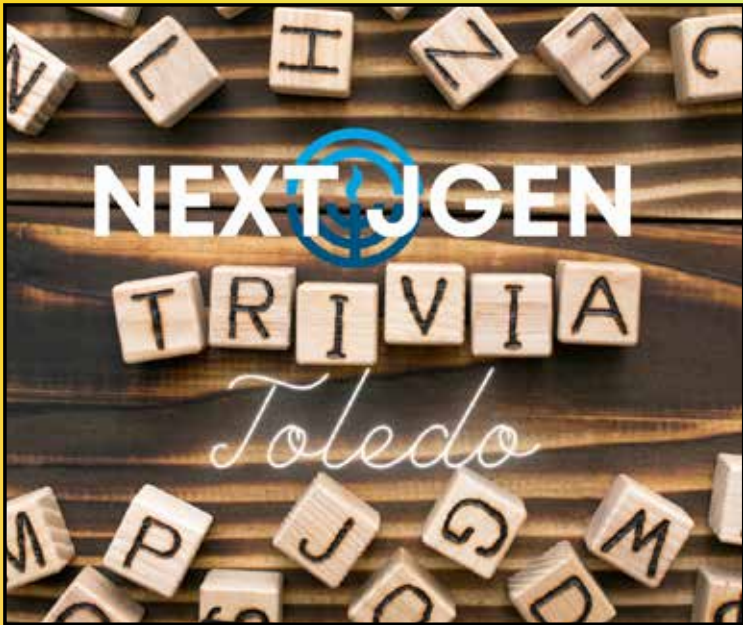
1. Place your order with Harvard Row no later than **Monday, March 8 by calling 248-539-8806. You will need to tell them that your order will be picked by Rene from Toledo. Pay for your order at the time you place it or on Thursday, March 18 before 10 a.m.**
2. You can also place a meat order at One Stop by calling them at 248-569-5000—same rules apply as above.
3. Call Rene at 419-531-2119 #1 by **Monday, March 1** and let her know the following:
  - Where you placed orders at
  - Email her what you ordered at each vendor – [rene@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:rene@jewishtoledo.org)
  - Include in your email your cell phone number and home address
  - If you want shopping done for you at One Stop, please limit your items to what you can't get local. Please email a specific list of items you want. Rene will call you to review the list and go over the payment process for this part of the shopping trip.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call and talk with Rene.



## NextJGen Next Jewish Generation

Programs especially for post-college to young families.



### Next JGen Zoom Trivia

Join us for a night of trivia fun! Win prizes and more.

Wednesday, January 27 at 8 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82739742092>

Wednesday, February 17 at 8 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82739742092>

Wednesday, March 10 at 8 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88446597136>

RSVP to Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or [hallie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:hallie@jewishtoledo.org)

For more information about Department of Jewish Programs or to register for virtual events, please contact [Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org](mailto:Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org) or 419-724-0362.



## Next JGen Mixology Meet-up Sunday, January 10



Zoom call with demonstration –

Sunday, January 10 at 8:30 p.m.

Local home Kit delivery – Sunday, January 10

between 1 – 4 p.m. Delivery available upon request for families living outside of the metro Toledo area.

Cost - \$18 per kit

Calling all 22 – 45ish year olds! Join us for a night of laughs and learn how to make a couple yummy winter cocktails. Kits will contain cocktail supplies and other surprises. Not a drinker? Don't worry. Non-alcoholic kits are available, too. Once you register, zoom registration information will be sent via email.

RSVP Required by Friday, January 8 at: <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/mixology>

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

Young Jewish Toledo is a staple of Jewish life in the Toledo area, existing to draw wonderful, dynamic, young Jewish people together for the greater benefit of the community. From Hebrew Happy Hours to date nights to volunteer opportunities, Young Jewish Toledo provides a range of opportunities for young Jewish professionals 21-40. These future leaders of Jewish Toledo are continuously strengthening personal connections while participating in – and perpetuating – Jewish life in Toledo. To find out more about how you or someone you know can get involved with Young Jewish Toledo, contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or [hallie@JewishToledo.org](mailto:hallie@JewishToledo.org).





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## Shema Slumber Party Local Home Delivery on Friday, March 12

Delivery available upon request for families living outside of the metro  
Toledo area. RSVP by Friday, March 5 at: <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/shema>

Brief and Fun Zoom call Saturday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.  
FREE Event open to children 11 and under

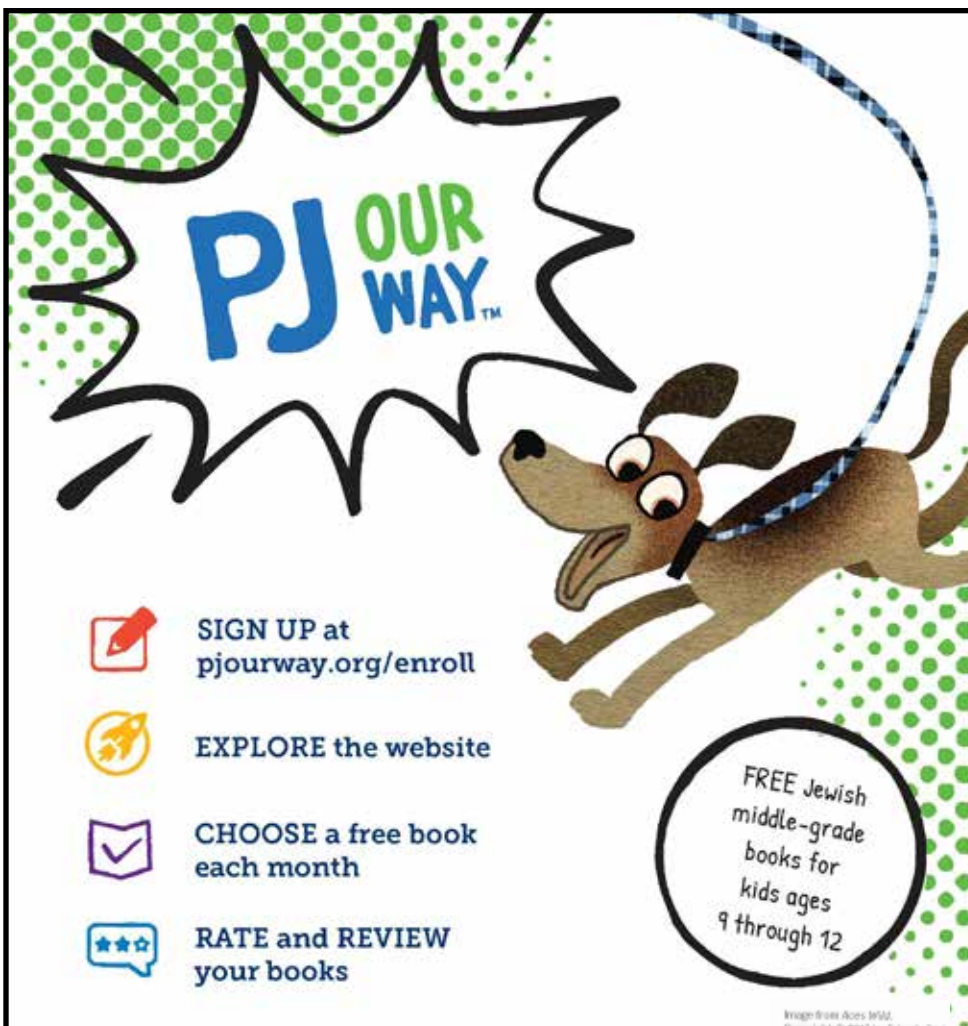
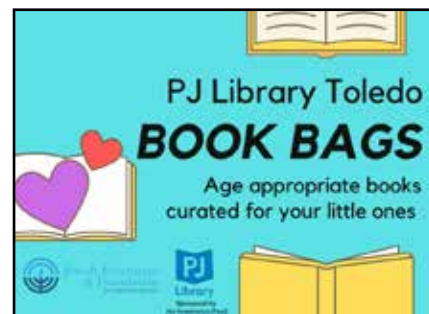
Pillowcases, stuffed animals, snacks, stories and snuggles! Join us for a fun  
filled Shema slumber party!

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## PJ Library book bags available!

Sign up for an age appropriate bag filled  
with PJ library books for little ones.  
Feel free to keep the books, return them to  
us or pass them on to another friend.  
<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/bookbags>

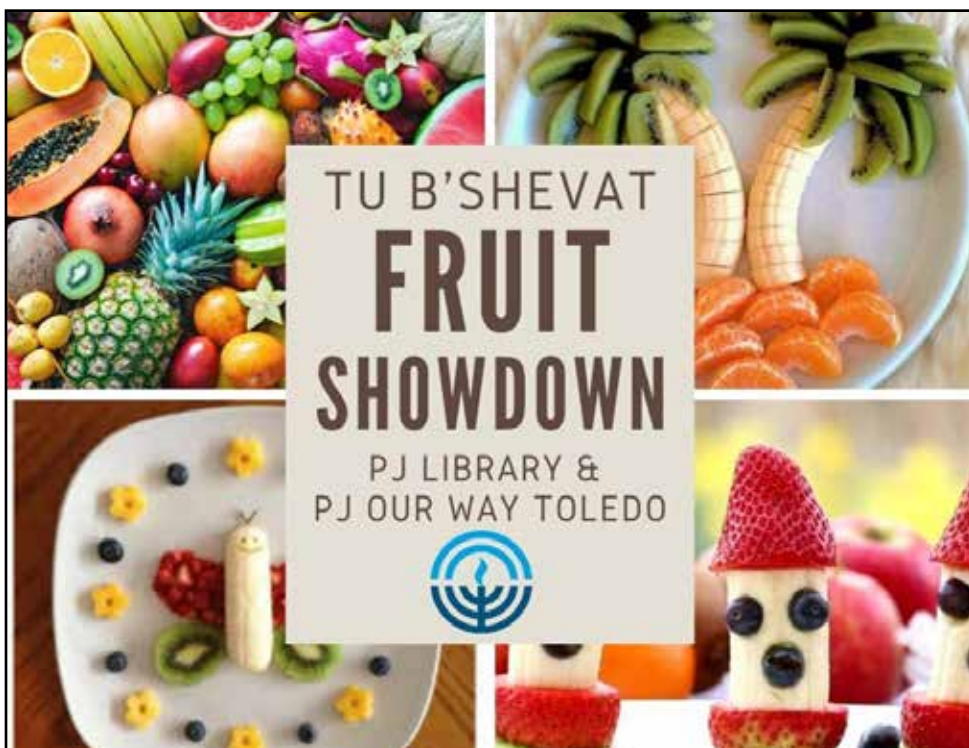
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## Tu B'Shevat Fruit Showdown!

**Local home delivery on Sunday, January 24 from 1 – 4 p.m.**

Delivery available upon request for families living outside of the metro Toledo area.  
**RSVP by Friday, January 22** at: <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/fruit>  
**FREE** event open to children 0 – 12.

Help us celebrate the birthday of trees in a super fun and creative way! Sign  
up for this epic PJ Library and PJ Our Way Toledo fruit showdown. We will  
provide a variety of fruits, basic supplies and other surprises. Who can create the  
most delicious, tallest, craziest, most imaginative display of fruit? As always, feel  
free to use any additional materials from home. Be creative and most of all....  
**HAVE FUN!**

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**Purim in a Bag!**  
Sunday, February 21  
3 – 4 p.m.

Federation Campus - Gan Yeladim Preschool parking lot (please stay in your car and wait to be assisted)

FREE – Please bring canned fruit and/or vegetables for the food pantry

RSVP required by Friday, February 12 at: <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/purim>

Adult ZOOM Purim Trivia Call Sunday, February 21 at 7 p.m.

Hamantaschen, Haman, hands on activities, and a wHole lot more fun! Sign up for a delicious and fun filled Purim in a bag and join us on Sunday night for a Purim trivia game. Win prizes, learn some new facts about Purim and say hello to new and old friends.

Masks and proper safety protocols will be enforced. *Any questions? Contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or [hallie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:hallie@jewishtoledo.org) or Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or [hallie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:hallie@jewishtoledo.org)*



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**OTTOLENGHI  
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CAKES OF  
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**Toledo Jewish Film Club presents:  
Ottolenghi and the cakes of Versailles**



Running Time – 76 minutes

Home viewing available from Monday, February 1 through Sunday, February 7

Create an account, reserve your tickets in advance at: [toledo.jff.eventive.org](https://toledo.jff.eventive.org)

You will receive a reminder email when the film becomes available on February 1st.

\*\*\*Between February 1 - 7th, once you 'unlock' the film, you will have 48 hours to view the film\*\*\*

Free Event - Please note: This can only be seen by viewers in Ohio.

Join fellow film and food lovers for a delicious journey with Yotam Ottolenghi in Ottolenghi and the cakes of Versailles.

The film follows Yotam Ottolenghi, the London-based, Israeli chef and celebrated author of the cookbooks “Jerusalem” and “Plenty,” as he is enlisted by New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art to organize a food gala inspired by the museum’s exhibit “Visitors to Versailles.” Also featuring Chefs Dominique Ansel (NYC), Sam Bompas (London), Dinara Kasko (Ukraine), Ghaya Oliveira (Tunisia/USA), and Janice Wong (Singapore).

In partnership with IFC Films and Tamar Simon from Mean Streets Management

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# Local

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and why certain societies unravel, and others thrive.

The young people I speak to, whether on campus at Shalem College or in my travels to Israel's pre-military leadership academies and other educational frameworks, look across the ocean, and often say to me, "It's getting like that here." I'm glad they're worried, even if they're wrong — for now. Israel has not torn itself asunder; here, even in the context of an unstable and often combative political system, a deep sense of shared purpose still prevails. Here, people do not smirk at the notion of devotion to nation; learning that a young student spent seven years in the army as an officer tells you nothing about her or his political disposition — they're just as likely to be Meretz voters as Likud supporters. But we must not let down our guard. We need to leverage their concern to safeguard a society that we know all too well is far more fragile than it looks. We need them to understand that just as America was once the repository of great ideas and profound conversations about itself, so too must Israel keep its own ideas and grand commitments alive in every generation.

Those of us who made aliyah a long time ago still gaze across the ocean with admiration, but now, we do so with a good deal more concern, and with deepening sadness. Bruni was addressing Americans in his op-ed, but his counsel is every bit as critical for Israelis. Our job is to ensure that this society is one of those that thrives, one that does not unravel. If there is a sacred dimension to our lives here, it is to preserve and to cultivate the Jewish state like it is the only one we have and like our lives depend on it, because it is and because they do.

*Dr. Daniel Gordis is Senior Vice President and Koret Distinguished Fellow at Shalem College. The author of twelve books, Gordis is a regular columnist for Bloomberg Opinion. Gordis' history of Israel, Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn, received the 2016 National Jewish Book Award as "Book of the Year." Dr. Gordis and his wife live in Jerusalem.*

# Obituaries

### Phyllis Ide

Phyllis Ide passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday December 6th where she had resided since 1955. She celebrated her 97th birthday there, with her family, last month.

Phyllis was raised in Fremont, Ohio with her beloved brothers, Stan and Bob Gilberg. She graduated from The Ohio State University where she served as the first female editor of The Sundial, the campus humor magazine. She remained a fervent Buckeye supporter all her life, happily watching the Scarlet and Gray win another one the day before she passed. At OSU she also met and subsequently married, law student, Howard Schwab. Following graduation, they moved to Toledo where Howard became a prominent local attorney and the couple raised their three children, Scott, Betsy and Mike. Phyllis was a fully engaged mom who also found time to serve as principal of the religious school at Collingwood Avenue Temple where she was the kindergarten teacher for many years. Widowed at age 45, she focused her many talents on successfully caring for her children. Several years after Howard's death, she married attorney Charles E. Ide Jr. She enjoyed nearly twenty years with Charlie prior to his passing. Throughout her life, she was a leader in many social and professional organizations in the community, giving her time generously to all of them. She was a past president and remained very active in The Toledo Bar Association Auxiliary. For that group, she edited and co-wrote the Stir Crazy cookbook. She was a founding member of their gourmet cooking group. She greatly enjoyed the camaraderie of the TBAA and will be missed. Additionally, Phyllis was active as an Aide at the Toledo Museum of Art for many years and edited and helped produce the popular Art Fare cookbook. She also was an integral member, for many years, of the Ottawa Hills Garden Club.

For more than 50 years, Phyllis was a member of the board of The Toledo Legal Aid Society. As one of two non-lawyers, her insights and observations were highly valued. She was devoted to the cause of justice for all. This dedication was formally recognized earlier this year by the TLAS and by way of a formal proclamation from the Lucas County Commissioners. She was renowned as a prolific writer and producer of scores of shows and revues for the organizations in which she served. As recently as last year, she wrote and helped direct a critically acclaimed show honoring the Toledo Museum Aides. Phyllis was a gourmet cook and loved to entertain, hosting many memorable dinner parties in her home over the years. She took inordinate joy in her grandchildren and her great grandchildren. She had a wonderful relationship with them and, ever up to date, zoomed and face-timed with them on a regular basis. Her road trips and time with the Jenkins clan were a highlight. She led by example and taught her children and those around her to live life to the fullest through her indomitable spirit, warm hospitality and generous nature. She lived many years but she wasn't old. Special thanks to Phyllis's aide, Kathy Hogan, for her caring attitude and to Dr. Robert Axonovitz for the excellent care he provided over many years. Phyllis was predeceased by her parents, Arthur and Dora Gilberg, her brothers Stan and Bob, and her husbands, Howard and Charles.

## Interested in advocacy?

Join Jewish Federations of North America for the first-ever national Jewish Virtual Mission to Washington. Communities across the United States will virtually meet with members of the new administration and bi-partisan Congressional leaders to advocate for the priorities of the Jewish community. Participants will have the opportunity to fight antisemitism, ensure a strong U.S.-Israel relationship, make the case for government resources to keep communal institutions flourishing and provide for the vulnerable, such as Holocaust survivors. The mission is free and will take place from the evening of February 1 through the evening of February 2.

February is also Jewish Disability Advocacy Month, a month of education, solidarity-building, and empowerment in support of people with disabilities, powered by the Jewish Federations of North America. We are coming together to harness our collective power to break down barriers to opportunity and inclusion. Join us in helping advance policy that empowers individuals with disabilities to achieve maximum independence. Hear from thought leaders and experts about the current state of disability rights, and what can be done to promote the best inclusion and supportive care practices. Learn new advocacy strategies and take action to put the needs and rights of people with disabilities squarely on the policy agenda of the Biden administration and the 117th Congress.

Want to get involved in either of these initiatives? Contact JCRC Director Daniel Pearlman for more information: [daniel@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:daniel@jewishtoledo.org).

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She is survived by her children Scott (Carol) Schwab, Betsy Jenkins and Michael Schwab, step-children Tina (Jeff) Fast and Chad Ide, grandchildren Willow (Luci) Jenkins, Howard Schwab, Abby (Rob) Stewart and Mickey (Samantha) Schwab and great-grandchildren Fisher Jenkins, Bodie Jenkins, Preston Schwab and Will Stewart. A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday December 9, 2020.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Toledo Legal Aid Society, 1801 Spielbusch Avenue-2nd floor Toledo, Ohio 43604 or to an organization of the donor's choice.

## Obituaries now accepted for print in Toledo Jewish News

Toledo Jewish News accepts obituaries for the Toledo Jewish community, immediate family members, and former residents of the Toledo Jewish community.

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

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

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

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

**NOTE: Only obituaries submitted to [paul@JewishToledo.org](mailto: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](mailto:paul@JewishToledo.org).



# Local



## Lisa Lillien, *Hungry Girl Fast & Easy* including Live Cooking Demo!

Sunday, Jan. 17 at 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$6 for one virtual ticket or \$30 for one virtual ticket, VIP Meet 'n Greet and copy of book (includes shipping)

<https://www.showclix.com/event/lisa-lillien-hungry-girl-demo/tag/toledo>

\*\*\*VIP Meet 'n Greet at 7 p.m. for guests who purchase the book! (a separate meeting link will be sent)

Hungry Girl creator Lisa Lillien's #1 bestselling cookbooks and daily emails are all about keeping things easy, keeping the calorie counts small while serving up big portions of better-for-you food that tastes great!

Today, more and more people are cooking at home, but they really want to spend less time doing it. So, to kick off the new year, Lisa shares her *fastest* and *easiest* recipes for meals and snacks in **HUNGRY GIRL FAST & EASY: All-Natural Recipes in 30 Minutes or Less** (Jan 12, St. Martin's Griffin, \$24.99).

Each recipe calls for just a few simple, everyday ingredients. No mile-long ingredient lists. Just healthy grocery staples and easy-to-follow directions. In the time it takes to watch a sitcom, anyone can whip up a healthy & delicious meal. In fact, many of these recipes only take 10 minutes!

Lisa has loaded **HUNGRY GIRL FAST & EASY** with super speedy and mouth-watering meals that take **30 minutes or less** to make, including:

- **Sheet-pan Recipes**--Smothered Oven-Fried Chicken Cutlets, Tropical Coconut Shrimp and Fajita-Style Veggie Tacos
- **One-pot Recipes**--Cheesy Chicken & Cauliflower Rice, "Cheeseburger Heaven," Spicy Chickpea Chili
- **Stir-frys & Skillet Meals**--Garlic-Butter Shrimp with Squash Noodles, Breakfast for Dinner Omelette, Quickie Chicken Picatta
- **Salads & Slaws**--Chicken Caesar Slaw, Honey BBQ Steak Salad, Pesto Zucchini-Noodle Salad
- **10-minute Power Bowls**--Buffalo Chicken Power Bowl, Greek Veggie Power Bowl
- **5-minute Smoothies, 2-ingredient Cake Mugs, and more...**

**You can easily find these events on [JewishToledo.org](http://JewishToledo.org). Just click on In Your Living Room on the home page.**

*Presented in partnership with the National JCC Literary Consortium*  
*Books include shipping to the US and Canada only. Books will be shipped after the event and can take 7 - 10 business days to receive.*

## Scott Turow, *The Last Trial: A Novel*

Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$11 for one virtual ticket or \$25 for one virtual ticket and copy of paperback (includes shipping)

<https://www.showclix.com/event/scott-turow-the-last-trial/tag/toledo>

ZOOM Webinar Author Talk + Q & A

Two formidable men collide in this "first-class legal thriller" and *New York Times* bestseller about a celebrated criminal defense lawyer and the prosecution of his lifelong friend -- a doctor accused of murder (David Baldacci).

At eighty-five years old, Alejandro "Sandy" Stern, a brilliant defense lawyer with his health failing but spirit intact, is on the brink of retirement. But when his old friend Dr. Kiril Pafko, a former Nobel Prize winner in Medicine, is faced with charges of insider trading, fraud, and murder, his entire life's work is put in jeopardy, and Stern decides to take on one last trial.

In a case that will be the defining coda to both men's accomplished lives, Stern probes beneath the surface of his friend's dazzling veneer as a distinguished cancer researcher. As the trial progresses, he will question everything he thought he knew about his friend. Despite Pafko's many failings, is he innocent of the terrible charges laid against him? How far will Stern go to save his friend, and -- no matter the trial's outcome -- will he ever know the truth?

Stern's duty to defend his client and his belief in the power of the judicial system both face a final, terrible test in the courtroom, where the evidence and reality are sometimes worlds apart.

**Scott Turow** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Last Trial*, and an additional eleven bestselling works of fiction, including *Testimony*, *Identical*, *Innocent*, *Presumed Innocent*, and *The Burden of Proof*, and two nonfiction books, including *One L*, about his experience as a law student. His books have been translated into more than forty languages, sold more than thirty million copies worldwide, and have been adapted into movies and television projects. He has frequently contributed essays and op-ed pieces to publications such as the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Vanity Fair*, *The New Yorker*, and *The Atlantic*.

Full of the deep insights into the spaces where the fragility of human nature and the justice system collide, Scott Turow's *The Last Trial* is a masterful legal thriller that unfolds in page-turning suspense -- and questions how we measure a life.

## Save the Date for these Live Events:



**Sun., February 7 at 3 pm ET**  
Philippe Sands, *The Ratline: The Exalted Life and Mysterious Death of a Nazi Fugitive*

**Wed., February 24 at 8 pm ET**  
Bill Gates, *How To Avoid A Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have And The Breakthroughs We Need*

**Thu., April 15 at 8 pm ET**  
Tovah Feldshuh, *Lillyville: Mother, Daughter, and Other Roles I've Played*



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# Local

## International Virtual Exhibition and Gallery Talk Features Local Artist

By Daniel Pearlman, Jewish Community Relations Council Director



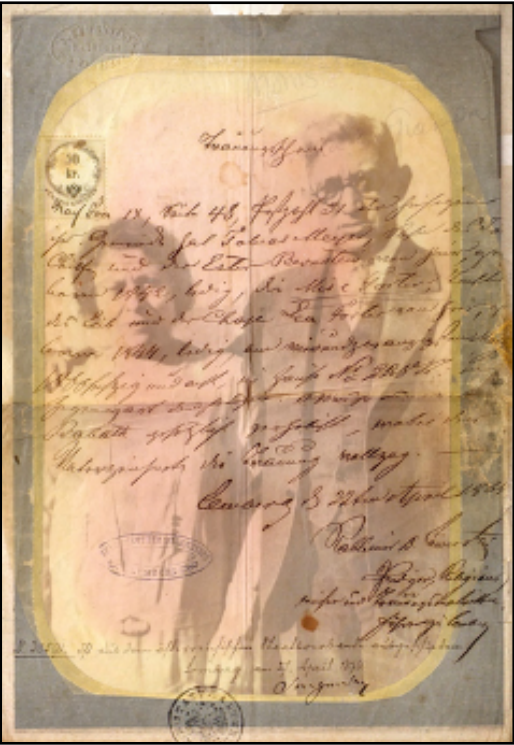
When Deborah Orloff’s father passed away in 2007, a trove of old family photographs was uncovered in his basement. Many of these photographs were moldy or faded, and most were severely damaged. Deborah recalls her reaction to examining these photographs as both very personal and universal. Just as a photograph is a snapshot of time and of memory, these damaged photographs became a metaphor for what we do and do not remember.

Deborah is a photo-based artist and Professor and Associate Chair of the Department of Art at the University of Toledo. A member of Congregation B’nai Israel, she teaches all levels of Photography at UT’s Center for Visual Arts where she oversees the Photography and Digital Media Area. Her ongoing project is called “Elusive Memory,” which “explores the significance of vernacular photographs as aesthetic objects and cultural artifacts.” She takes severely damaged family photographs and enlarges them to emphasize their unique details.

Deborah was one of just three American artists – out of a

pool of candidates from sixteen different Central Consortium Partnership2Gether communities on this side of the Atlantic – who was accepted for a weeklong artist residency program in Budapest. Altogether, nine artists were chosen, a split evenly between Israel’s Western Galilee, Budapest, and the U.S.

The program was scheduled to take place in May 2020. Then the pandemic struck, postponing this in-person gathering. However, this also led to new opportunities for these artists and for our Partnership communities. The nine artists have been meeting regularly on Zoom together with Partnership community leaders and staff from the U.S., Western Galilee, and Budapest, to learn from and collaborate with one another. Each artist presented to the others, and a working relationship soon began to take shape. Just like that, the decision was made to have a virtual exhibition and gallery talk in January 2021 with “Home” chosen as their overarching theme. Deborah emphasizes that “Home” is loosely



Deborah Orloff, “Lost Histories 1” (2020)

defined and can be interpreted in different ways. There are also plans for a physical exhibition and residency in Budapest in the future, when circumstances allow for travel.

For the virtual exhibition, Deborah is collaborating with a Budapest-based artist named Maria Chif who is also interested in family photographs and the concept of “lost history.” As American Jews, Deborah explains, “we typically can’t trace our ancestry back that far... the history is lost, in that sense.” For Jewish families in Europe, their histories may have been lost for different reasons, such as through wars and the Holocaust. Deborah and Maria combine each other's family stories and photographs into one work of art, such as, for example, merging a German-language marriage document that Maria has from an older relative with an old photo of Deborah’s family. The works featured in this virtual exhibition do not only include family photographs, but anything that relates to the theme of “Home.” When asked why Deborah

chose the idea of lost histories for her collaboration, she explained that “home is where your family is, and also where you come from.” Like an extended family reunion, it couldn’t be more fitting of a theme to bring together Jewish artists from Israel, Europe, and the U.S.

The virtual exhibition and gallery talk will take place on Sunday, January 10 at 1 pm. All works featured have been created since the pandemic began. To learn more and RSVP for this program, visit [www.westerngalilee.org.il](http://www.westerngalilee.org.il). And to learn more about Deborah’s work, visit <http://www.deborahorloff.com/>.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo is honored to be an active member of Partnership2Gether. Federation partners with the Jewish community of Budapest, Hungary; Akko and Matte Asher in Israel’s Western Galilee; and fifteen other Jewish communities across the U.S. as part of Partnership’s Central Consortium. CREATE2Gether, a program of Partnership’s Community Engagement committee, is organizing this program, one of several Partnership programs that takes place every month. In addition to Deborah, participating artists hail from Dayton, Fort Worth, Budapest and across the Western Galilee.

For questions about this program and to learn more about how you can get involved in Partnership’s activities, please contact JCRC Director Daniel Pearlman at [daniel@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:daniel@jewishtoledo.org).

# Simcha

## Wedding Announcement



It's happily ever after for **Becca Berland and Noah Abramson!** On Friday, December 18 they said "I do" on Mackworth Island in Maine. The couple met six years ago on a Birthright trip and have been together ever since.

The bride received a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics at University of Pittsburgh as well as a Masters of Liberal Arts from Boston University. She is employed as a copywriter in the marketing division at WorldStrides.

The groom received a Bachelor of Science in Information Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. He is employed as a data engineer at Toast.

Proud parents are Bonnie Berland and David Berland of Toledo, Ohio and Nancy Frank and Jay Abramson of Barnet, Vermont. Local grandparents include Sheila Odesky, the late Stan Odesky, Nora Romanoff and Eli Abramson.

The couple reside in Falmouth, Maine with their goldendoodle Basil.

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# Temple Shomer Emunim .....

January Worship Schedule

Friday, January 1

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Healing Service Liturgy  
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Friday, January 8

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

Friday, January 15

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Via Zoom  
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Friday, January 22

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Kabbalat Panim Liturgy  
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Friday, January 29

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Via Zoom  
Healing Service  
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

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February 2 & 4  
February 9 & 11  
February 16 & 18  
February 23 & 25

Join us via Zoom!

Coffee with the Clergy  
Wednesdays,

January 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 11:00AM



Torah Time

Fridays,  
January 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 11:00AM

Religious School Happenings  
Tu B'Shevat



On Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> our Kindergarten-Fourth grade students are participating in a virtual Tu B'Shevat activity. Look for more information about supply pick up etc. in an email closer to the middle of January.  
Grades 5-9 will have a normal class session that morning.

Religious School Calendar – January

Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 9:15-11:30AM  
Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> No Religious School  
Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 9:15-11:30AM  
Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 9:15-11:30AM

Hebrew School Calendar - January

Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 4:20-6PM  
Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 4:20-6PM  
Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 4:20-6PM  
Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 4:20-6PM

## Congregation B'nai Israel

*\*Please be advised that scheduled religious services and events for the month of January may be cancelled, postponed, or have a format change. Please watch your email for updates.*



Back by Popular Demand!  
Wednesdays at 1:00 PM  
via Zoom, every week  
beginning Jan. 6, 2021

Join us for a lively discussion of current events. Each week we will examine and discuss an article regarding a subject of Jewish interest.

A Zoom link, passcode and the article for discussion will be sent on the Monday before the scheduled program.

Weekly Services Schedule  
for January 2021

Zoom Services: Morning & Evening Minyamin  
Monday & Thursday at 9:00 AM  
Monday - Friday at 5:45 PM

An email link will be sent before the scheduled service time.

\*Live Stream Services:  
Saturday, Shabbat Morning at 10:00 AM

Go to the CBI website, [cbitoledo.org](http://cbitoledo.org). At the top of the home page click on the "Live Stream" tab. When the page opens, you will be connected to the CBI Live Stream service.

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Religious School Calendar  
on Zoom - January 2021

3	Sunday	NO RS - WINTER BREAK
6	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom
10	Sunday	RS (K-7) 9:30-10:10 AM/ (8-10) 11AM-12PM
13	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom
17	Sunday	NO RS - MLK WEEKEND
20	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom
24	Sunday	RS (K-7) 9:30-10:10 AM/ (8-10) 11AM-12PM
27	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom
31	Sunday	RS (K-7) 9:30-10:10 AM/ (8-10) 11AM-12PM

JANUARY CBI PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

If you are member of another congregation and would like to attend,  
please contact the CBI office at 419.517.8400. A link will be emailed before the scheduled meeting time.

Jewish Lives, Jewish Learning:  
CBI Adult Education Series

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

"From Michigan to Latvia: A Journey for Family"

Rabbi Dobrusin will tell the story of the genealogical search and of the trip he took to Latvia to walk in the footsteps of his ancestors. He will also share his thoughts on how the journey changed - and didn't change - his perspective on his Jewish identity.



Sun., January 10, 2021 10:30 AM via Zoom

A Zoom link, passcode will be sent before the scheduled program.

The Book Clubs of WCBI & the Sisterhoods of Cong. Etz Chayim  
& Temple Shomer Emunim "Un-Book Club" present

"The Art & Meaning of Quilting  
in American Society"

Discussion Leader, Andrea Delman

Tues., January 26, 2021 1:00 PM via Zoom

Following the discussion, anyone who has created quilt or has a quilt that has a special meaning is invited to share their story.

To register, please contact Elsa Leveton in the Etz Chayim office, 419.473.2401 or email [elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org](mailto:elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org) by Friday, January 15, 2021. A Zoom link and passcode will be emailed to registered participants about one week before the program.



# Congregation Etz Chayim .....

**WEEKLY MAHJ JONG**

The weekly virtual mahj will continues to be a popular weekly program. The ladies enjoy getting together virtually and chatting and playing. There will be games scheduled on January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Jacobson at jaco824@bex.net.

**ADULT LEARNING SESSIONS SCHEDULED**

On Sunday, January 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., on Zoom, everyone is invited to a learning session with Rabbi Yaakov Golomb from New York. The rabbi's topic will be "Why did G-d make Viruses? Living Lessons, inspiration, and moving forward from a time of crisis".  
On Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., on Zoom, we will welcome back Rabbi Jason Goldstein for an inspiring discussion. His topic will be announced in a future email.

**All Zoom and virtual programs require registration. Please contact either Nancy Jacobson at jaco824@bex.net or Elsa Leveton at 419-473-2401 or elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org for further information and registration.**

**SISTERHOOD NEWS**

In celebration of Tu B'Shevat, our January recipe sharing will reflect the meaning of the holiday - the celebration of the new year for trees. It is the customary on Tu B'Shevat to celebrate by eating fruit, and so our recipes for this month are focused on fruit. Join us on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Sharing recipes will be:

Aileen Pargament - Spiced Nuts  
Cheryl Berkowitz - Apple Cake  
Carol Van Zile - Brandied Apricot Jam

Please RSVP to Andrea Lublin at 419-450-3754 or Elsa Leveton at Etz Chayim, 419-473-2401, to receive the Zoom link.

The next Sisterhood meeting will be Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Please let Elsa know if you would like to join us.

**FIRESIDE CHAT WITH RABBI EDWARD GARSEK**

The annual Fireside Chat returns on Zoom on Saturday evening, January 23, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. with Rabbi Edward Garsek leading the discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please R.S.V.P. to Nancy Jacobson or Elsa Leveton.


**JOINT SYNAGOGUE "UN"-BOOK CLUB**

On Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom, the three synagogue Book Clubs will present "The Art & Meaning of Quilting in American Society". Andrea Delman will lead the presentation and discussion. There will be an opportunity for people to share their special quilts as well as their stories. Sheila Painter, our local quilter will share a story as well as donating a quilt as a door prize to be drawn that day to all who are in attendance. Please contact Elsa Leveton at 419-473-2401 or elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org to register. A link will be sent out prior to the event.

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

Etz Chayim Book Discussion & Art Tour on Zoom – Sunday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. Naomi Baron will be reviewing and leading a discussion on the book "The Last Painting of Sara DeVos", by Dominic Smith. The book is available at the library. Andrea will feature art pieces with connections to the book.

# Chabad House .....



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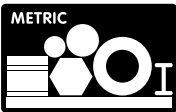
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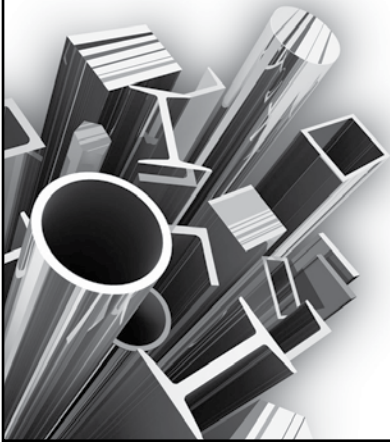
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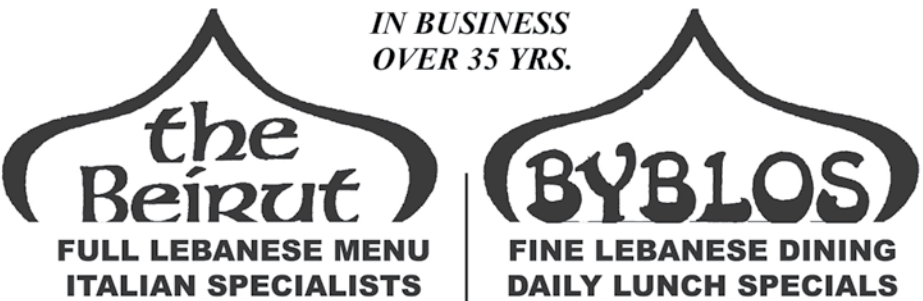
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