

Jewish life is stronger than ever

A message from Stephen Rothschild, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Executive Director

It may be hard to believe, because of all the challenges that we face, but it is true, Jewish life, with all of its diversity and differences of opinion and practice, is more dynamic, stronger, and influential than at any time in history. Regardless of our politics, our views on the peace process, whether we are Jews by choice or by birth, whether we worship in Hebrew or English, or whether we worship at all, we share a connection and a relationship. We care for and about one another and our relationships, as neighbors, friends and family, and our shared history and fate brings us together to celebrate the warm feelings that come from belonging to a group.

Much has been made of American tribalism. We have drifted away from one another and into echo chambers of people who think and act exactly as we do. But our tent, the tent of the Jewish people, is much larger than the tent of those who might wish us ill. We have a long history of legitimate and deep divisions and disagreements about things that matter to us as Jews going back centuries to the days of Hillel and Shammai. Show me a group of two Jews and I will show you three opinions. But at the end of the debate, we pull up chairs,

sit down, and recognize, we need each other. The debate is for the sake of heaven and we will join at the table, pour a cup of coffee, share a rugelach or a bagel and a laugh. That is what we need to remember. We remember and celebrate that we are one Jewish people, diverse in opinion and practice but united in spirit and love for our shared history and destiny. We are stronger together.

Over these next several months, a confluence of events beyond our direct control will make us uncomfortable. As of this writing, in the next days and weeks, Israel may take steps at annexation in the West Bank that could drive wedges between us and between our neighbors. Questions about systemic racism, a scourge on our Nation's founding principles, and how to fairly address it along with rising antisemitism from all sides, and a divisive national election will challenge the good feelings we have for each other that we are striving to protect. Please keep the warm spark of love that we have for one another and store it away in your heart, and if the days ahead become dark and cold, look back into your heart and find that spark. Let it become a warm flame to rekindle your soul because the light of the Jewish people as one cannot be extinguished. Netzach Yisrael lo yishaker.

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Jewish Living Center

Ask Dr. G Webinar: Connecting with Grandchildren through Meaning and Fun

August 5 at 7 p.m.

40 minute seminar with 20
minute Q&A to follow

**Deadline to RSVP is July 31 to
registration@jewishtoledo.org**

Kids who will help out
without arguing. Teens who

know how -and when - to speak respectfully. Children who are resilient when they don't get what they want immediately. It's not a dream! In our fast-paced world, it feels impossible to take the time to teach kids these important lessons. Grandparents are perfectly placed to teach children how - and why - to become great people. Despite the challenges of physically distancing, grandparents can not only enjoy their grandkids, they can keep guiding and influencing them as well. Dr. G gives strategies for using the love you have for your grandchildren, and a little bit of technology, to strengthen those young people and your relationships with them!

Dr. Deborah Gilboa, Resilience Expert

We have been told to "reduce stress" and "avoid stress" so much that experiencing stress feels like its own failure. Deborah Gilboa, MD, aka Dr. G, is a parenting and resilience expert who works with families, organizations, and businesses to identify the mindset and strategies to turn stress to an advantage and create resilience through personal accountability and culture change.

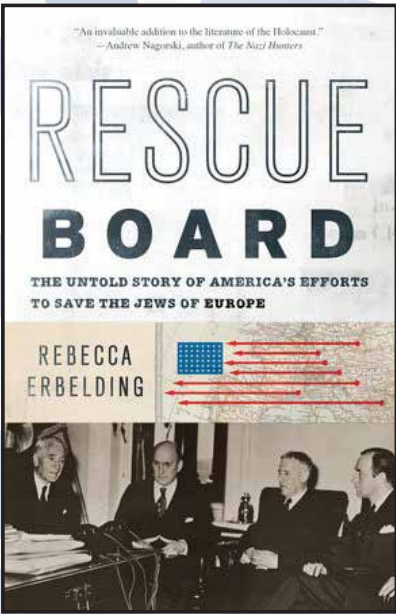
Renowned for her contagious humor, Dr. G inspires audiences with her illuminating stories. She is a leading media personality seen regularly on TODAY, Good Morning America and is the Resilience Expert for The Doctors. She is also a contributor to Washington Post, The New Times, Huffington Post, and countless other digital and print outlets.

THE NORTHWEST OHIO JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL PRESENTS:

Northwest Ohio Jewish



Book Festival 2020



Historian
Rebecca Erbelding

author of
*Rescue Board: The Untold Story
of America's Efforts to Save the
Jews of Europe*



Thursday, September 3
7 p.m. Zoom virtual event
Registration by Friday, August 28
To register:
registration@jewishtoledo.org

In *Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America's Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe*, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum scholar Rebecca Erbelding tells the extraordinary unknown story of the War Refugee Board, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's unpublicized effort late in WWII to save the remaining Jews. *Rescue Board* is based on a decade of research, never-before-seen documents from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and interviews with survivors and their families.



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SAVE THE DATE
**Jewish Federation of
Greater Toledo
Annual Meeting**
August 30 at 7:30 p.m.



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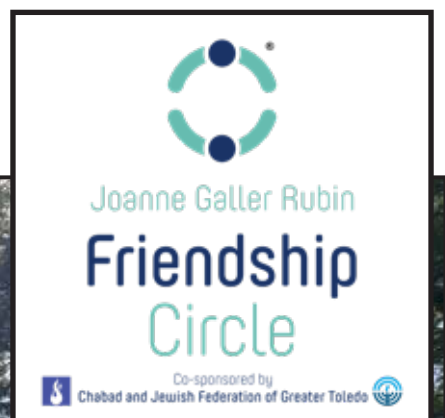


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Friendship Circle of Toledo: Embracing change and celebrating



Chabad House of Toledo is very proud to announce that since the pandemic began, The Friendship Circle of Toledo has stepped up in a big way to continue their mission of extending a helping hand to families who have children with autism and other special needs, and involve them in a full range of Jewish and social experiences. The Circle's unique formula introduces teenage volunteers to the children and through shared experiences both are enriched.

To continue to provide this programming while keeping everyone safe, The Friendship Circle has been offering virtual activities through their Facebook page @FriendshipCircleOfToledo. From live music classes, to yoga, to making crafts and doing activities with each other from a distance using Zoom and Facebook Live with other area Friendship Circle groups, its members have remained very busy.

Each year, The Friendship Circle of Toledo hosts a celebration in which they honor their volunteers and kids. Keeping in tune with their resolve to adapt with the times, they adjusted their program to maintain social distancing and safety guidelines. This means the celebration was a bit different than previous years, but it doesn't mean they sacrificed fun and togetherness. On June, 17, in the grassy lot next to Chabad House of Toledo, Friendship Circle families parked in a large circle to ensure proper social distancing while facing each other for the evening's celebration. A drum circle was led by Dave Gierke, a Friendship Circle sweatshirt was awarded to all of the children, and everyone enjoyed a popsicle to end the celebration. *Friendship Circle is co-sponsored by Chabad House of Toledo and Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.*

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Visit us online on Facebook www.facebook.com/JewishFamilyServiceToledo or at our website at www.jewishtoledo.org/JFS

MIDWEST JEWISH CHAT

We are excited to facilitate a platform to discuss challenges and triumphs, coping skills and tips, and maintain a supportive environment during this challenging time and beyond.



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!





Jewish Family Service
OF GREATER TOLEDO

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 or Stephanie at 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 or contact Rene or Stephanie.

Coffee & Kvetch with JLC



Thursday, July 9
Thursday, July 23

11 a.m.
Zoom Virtual Chat

Password-protected link required: email Rene or Stephanie for the link

No need to fret about missing your friends at the Jewish Living Center ... we're here and bringing the coffee chat to you! We would enjoy seeing all the friendly faces and checking in on what you have been doing over the last several weeks. So grab your favorite morning beverage and join us for a fun, casual coffee chat! On June 4, wear your favorite beach gear ... we'll be looking for those sun hats and Hawaiian shirts! RSVP to rene@jewishtoledo.org or stephanie@jewishtoledo.org to receive the password protected link to access the Zoom virtual meeting.

Trivia Time with JLC



Tuesday, July 28
2 p.m.

Password-protected link required: email Rene or Stephanie for the link by June 21

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 and history. RSVP to rene@jewishtoledo.org or stephanie@jewishtoledo.org to receive the password protected link for the event.

Aging Gracefully Behind the Wheel



Friday, August 7 – Memory, Forgetfulness, and Aging: What's Normal & What's Not?

Friday, August 14 - Hearing

Friday, August 21 – Marijuana, CBD, the Brain, and Its Impact on Driving

1 p.m.

Register with Rene or Stephanie by Friday, July 31

We know we need to prepare for aging, but who says we can't do it gracefully? We are partnering with Jamie Blazeovich from the Safe Communities of Lucas County Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West to bring you three events that will discuss the many factors that can play into driving and traffic safety. You can join for us for one session or attend of all them. Each session will begin with yoga exercises then transition into how each topic can impact not only your driving specifically, but your health and well-being all around. To register for the series, email rene@jewishtoledo.org or stephanie@jewishtoledo.org for the link to attend. Only one link is required for all the sessions.



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.

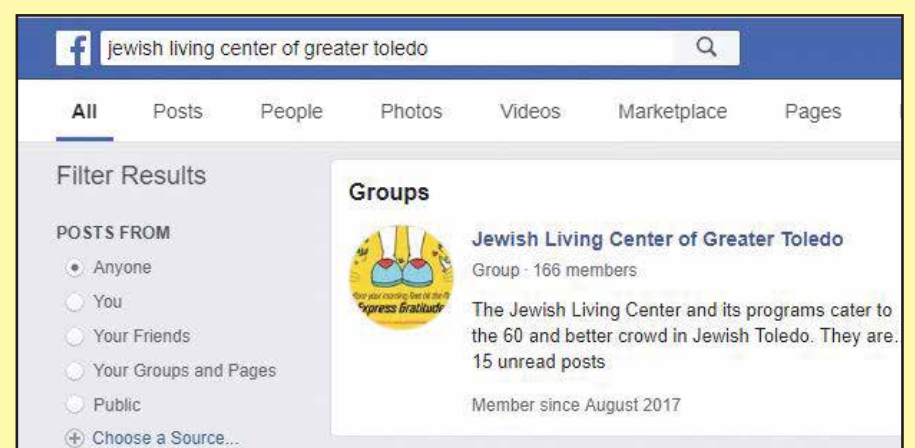
We will all get through this together!

For more information, please contact the Jewish Living Center at 419-531-2119 or email stephanie@JewishToledo.org.

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.



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Next Jewish Generation

Programs especially for post-college to young families.

Next Jewish Gen Zoom Trivia

Wednesday, July 1 at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, July 22 at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, August 12 at 8 p.m.

Join us for a night of trivia fun! Win prizes and more. Please email Hallie@jewishtoledo.org for the link.

NJG Ladies Book Club - August

The Color of Water by James McBride
August 6 at 8 p.m.
Please email Hallie@jewishtoledo.org for the link.

Calling all ladies! Join us for our next book club event, where we will discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride. 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.

For more information about
Department of Jewish Programs or to
register for virtual events, please contact
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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.

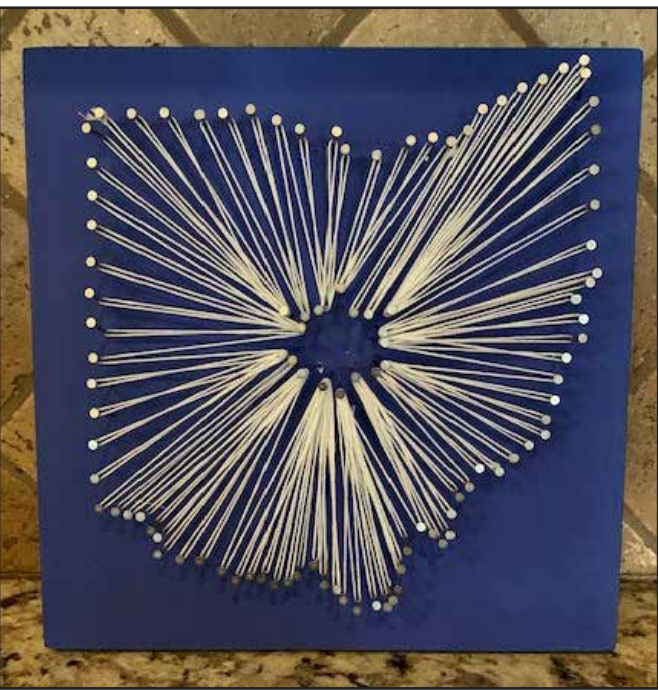
From Hebrew Happy Hours to date nights to volunteer opportunities, Young Jewish Toledo provides a range of opportunities for young Jewish professionals 21-40. These future leaders of Jewish Toledo are continuously strengthening personal connections while participating in – and perpetuating – Jewish life 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.



Kindness Kit

Sheila Painter drops off some acts of loving kindness to unsuspecting neighbors.



Next Gen Gets Crafty

NJG gets crafty with virtual meetings. Everyone comes away with a masterpiece!

Camp in a Bag

Zoey Thaler showing off some of her *Camp in a Bag* creations.



Challah at Home with Jewish Toledo

Free program (one kit per household)

Sign up before supplies run out:
<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/challahathome>
Any questions?
Contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org

We are rolling out something fun for you to do at home! Sign up below to receive a kit with supplies you'll need to make challah at home. All you will need in addition is and eggs and water. After signing up, you will receive an email with instructions, links showing different braiding techniques, and information on kit pick-up (or delivery, if you chose that below). After baking, take pictures of your challah and send them to hallie@jewishtoledo.org. We are going to post the pictures on our Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Facebook page and host a competition. We will reward prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, determined by most likes. Get ready to roll!

Local

Remembering Alix Greenblatt – a trailblazer

By Emily Gordon



Alix Greenblatt, z”l, was born a leader.

She may not have been conscious of it as a child and waved away well-deserved praise as an adult, but she was “a very giving person” from the start, said her husband of almost a half-century, Dick Greenblatt.

Alix and her family were long-time members of Congregation B’nai Israel. When the congregation’s new Kenwood Boulevard location was being built, Alix was just nine years old.

“The family went to the groundbreaking and Alix gave the rabbi her piggy bank,” he said. “She told me that it was the first time she had made a monetary contribution to anything. It started early for her. It took me a lot longer.”

Alix had always cared about others and wanted to serve her neighbors not just with her philanthropy, but with her time, energy, and ideas.

When she passed away in early March at 74 years young, Alix left behind a legacy of leadership that not only made Jewish and secular Toledo stronger, but inspired others to better the quality of life in the area, too.

“She blazed her own path, stayed true to her values, and made a lasting impact on others. When you think about your legacy in this life, I think most of us just want to know that there are people out there whose lives are better because of the work we did,” said Chrys Peterson, who first met Alix when they worked together for the 2005 Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio Race for the Cure. Alix served as chair.

“I know Alix leaves behind not only that impact on others, but a legacy of giving that has inspired others to carry on the work. I don’t think there’s a better legacy than perpetual impact and goodness,” Peterson reflected.

From volunteer to chair, small business co-owner to Board of Education president, assistant to the executive director to executive director herself, Alix wore many hats over the years for many organizations – and they were always her style.

“Alix was a force. She had strong opinions and she wasn’t afraid to share them. She said things that needed to be said, but always did so with a heart filled with understanding,” said Stephen Rothschild, executive director of Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo. “She didn’t merely talk the talk, either. She was a doer. If there was roll-up-your-sleeves work to be done, she did it.”

Alix worked hard with her various teams over the decades as a lay leader and as a professional.

She was driven by the real, tangible results she knew she would help achieve, not the eventual praise it would garner.

“She knew her work was appreciated, but she never sought the spotlight. Her motivation was to get things done and to have good things happen. When her work was recognized with awards, she’d say ‘I don’t need that,’ and stick it in a drawer, maybe put a couple on a bookcase,” Dick explained. “I always said ‘You don’t need it. But you earned it. You deserve it.’ And she would say back ‘Thank you, but I don’t need to put it on the wall.’ We’re both kind of the same way in that regard. The accomplishment is far more important than the recognition.”

In addition to the roles she had throughout her long and successful career, Alix’s favorites were the ones she crafted in her personal life.

These roles included being “a wonderful wife to the perfect husband,” as described by colleague and longtime-friend Fagie Benstein, “the best” mother, as defined by her and Dick’s children, Mark (Denise) and Dana Greenblatt, and a beloved “Granzz” to adoring grandsons Cayden and Max Greenblatt.

Alix was “the rock of the Greenblatt family,” said long-time friend Judge Connie Zimmelman.

And yet, she found the time and the drive throughout her life to step up to the plate and help better society.

Dick likes to think that, in any generation, there will always be somebody who will take on a leadership role in their community.

If Alix had not stayed in Toledo as an adult and had gone elsewhere instead, he would hope the torch would have been carried by someone else, he

muses.

But Alix was here. And she chose to remain here and join – and often-times lead – various endeavors to leave her home a better place than how she found it.

“She cared. She cared very much about people. She’s enriched not just our lives, our family’s lives, but she touched so many people’s lives just with her presence and vision and her willingness to accomplish things,” her husband said. “The community, both Jewish and non-Jewish, is far better for her having been here.”

Something drew her in

Born May 7, 1945, to Rosalind (Greenspoon) and Dave Blumberg in Toledo, Alix grew up on Warren Street, “where every neighbor was Jewish,” she had said in a Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo Silver Circle event speech she made with her husband in 2017.

Passover Seders of 50 people were not out of the ordinary for her, as all her immediate and extended family members lived in town.

Alix was involved in United Synagogue Youth locally and regionally, traveled to Israel as a young adult, began volunteering for Women’s American Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, and eventually served as assistant to Federation’s director.

She took advantage of leadership development training opportunities through ORT. These opportunities gave Alix the tools she needed to be the strong leader she ultimately became, said former Federation executive director Steve Edelstein.

Alix was smart, organized, and above all, she was eager to take it all on – but on her own terms.

In the Silver Circle speech, she had recalled how most of the community’s women in the late 1960s and early 1970s belonged to Hadassah, ORT, Council of Jewish Women, and Pioneer Women. “I remember this time well because most of the women in these organizations were married. I was not. When I asked if I might make a gift to the Annual Campaign of the Federation, I was told it wasn’t necessary because I wasn’t married,” she had said. “I was 24. At age 25, I made my first gift to the Annual Campaign. I still wasn’t married.”

Then, bashert (destiny) intervened.

At a Jewish singles party one night in 1970, Alix intended to recruit new members for ORT. She didn’t succeed, but she did meet Dick.

They were married a year and a day later.

Alix’s involvement in the Jewish community only increased with time, eventually becoming Federation’s first woman director and executive director of the JCC.

Alix strongly believed in what Federation was doing to help the community with programs and services, so it was easy for her to “walk the walk” of the nonprofit’s mission, said Campaign Director Wendy Goldstein, who described Alix as the start of her career, her mentor, and her friend.

She wasn’t one to shy away from a challenge, either.

“Alix had a strong constitution and she was authentic. I think people really appreciated that she was always straight to the point. What you saw is what you got with her,” Goldstein said. “You were really lucky if you got to know Alix as a friend, too. She was a very loving person.”

Even after the Greenblatts had their children, Alix didn’t slow down.

Their daughter, Dana, remembers her mother working as a secretary at Temple Shomer Emunim, hosting ORT meetings in their home, being by her mother’s side during demonstrations on behalf of Soviet Jews in the 1980s, and having her as one of the parent chaperones when during Panim El Panim in Washington D.C. in the 1990s.

Alix still found the time to get her children to any lessons, practices, or rehearsals, and was always present for their games, performances, and presentations.

In addition to her work in Jewish Toledo, Alix also branched out into the greater-Toledo area, leaving behind a long list of roles and positions at various organizations over the years.

“You name it, Alix was involved in it,” Edelstein said. She was president of the Sylvania Board of Education, the first woman president of Sylvania Rotary Club, served on the Toledo Board of Community Relations, volunteered at ProMedica Flower Hospital, and was a tutor for Ohio Reads.

Additionally, Alix enjoyed photography and turned her passion into a business, co-owning the photography studio Tiny Doubles.

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Temple Shomer Emunim

July Worship Schedule

Friday, July 3

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Friday, July 10

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

Friday, July 17

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Friday, July 24

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Friday, July 31

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

Saturday, August 1

Shabbat Service at 10:30AM
Bat Mitzvah of Emily Rusgo

Zoom Summer Concert Series!



Save the dates for these July concerts, Sundays at 4:00PM, all on Zoom and streaming to the Temple’s Facebook page

Sunday, July 12

Temple Talent Show

Sunday, July 19

Dr. Andy Pelletier
Professor of Horn, BGSU; President, International Horn Society

Sunday, July 26

Dave Saltzman
Professor of Tuba & Euphonium, BGSU;
Principal Tuba, Toledo Symphony

Sunday, August 2

Dr. Samuel Adler
Professor Emeritus, Eastman School of Music & The Julliard School

Camp Kayitz

August 10-14

4- 9 years old 9:30AM-3:00PM \$30 per day Limit of 10 children per day
2-3 years old 9:30AM-12:30PM \$18 per day Limit of 8 children per day
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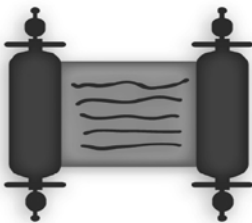
Coffee with the Clergy

Wednesdays,
July 1, 8, 15, 22
& 29
at 11:00AM



Torah Time

Fridays,
July 3, 10, 17, 24
& 31
at 11:00AM



Congregation B’nai Israel

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

Weekly Services Schedule for July

Zoom Services:

Mon. - Thurs. at 7:30 PM, Friday at 5:45 PM

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

Live Stream Services:

Saturday, Shabbat Morning at 10:00 AM

To access the live stream, go to CBIToledo.org and click on the live stream link.



Join us for “Lunch & Learn” via Zoom

Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Dates & topics for July & August are TBD.
Watch for email updates.

ARE YOU RECEIVING CBI NOTIFICATIONS?

CBI sends out email updates and important information throughout the week. If you are not receiving emails from CBI, please contact the office as soon as possible by calling 419.517.8400 or email Rhoda Miller directly at rmiller@cbitoledo.org.



Join us on Erev Tisha B’Av for a special *Zoom Service & Commemoration

Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 8:30 PM

(Replaces 7:30 PM Evening Service)

We hope that you will join us to commemorate the holiday of Tisha B’Av. This evening service will also include the chanting of Eicha (Book of Lamentations) by Hazzan Lichterman.

*The format of this service is subject to change. Watch your email for updates.



WOMEN OF CBI JULY BOOK CLUB

“Spies of No Country: Secret Lives at the Birth of Israel”

by Matti Friedman

Tuesday, August 4, 2020
10:30 AM via Zoom

Those who want to attend will be sent the email link before the scheduled meeting time.

Please RSVP to Sharon Stein at sstein100@gmail.com or Carol Richman at carolrichman@msn.com.

UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS

Join us as we prepare for a sweet New Year

Women of CBI Celebrate Rosh Chodesh ELUL

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom
More details provided in the CBI August bulletin.

Women of CBI Book Club August Selection: “Kaddish.com” by Nathan Englander

Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 10:30 AM via Zoom

Those who would like to attend should RSVP to Sharon Stein at sstein100@gmail.com or Carol Richman at carolrichman@msn.com by Friday, August 21, 2020. An email link will be sent before the scheduled meeting time.

JULY 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.

Congregation Etz Chayim

*All programs listed are subject to change depending on the opening of the synagogue.
Emails will be sent to congregants notifying them if the following programs and meetings will be postponed.*

UPCOMING SYNAGOGUE PROGRAMS FOR JULY

Sunday, July 5 & 19 at 10:00 a.m. – Join the fun in the Social Hall for our regular bi-monthly poker and mahj games. Refreshments will be served. If the shul has not yet opened, we will continue our popular on-line mahj games.

Wednesday, July 15 at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – The Sisterhood Mahj Tournament originally scheduled for this date has been postponed until early Fall. Further information will be provided when the future plans have been finalized.

Saturday, July 18 following services – July Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat Kiddush lunch - Let’s celebrate with our members who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in June.

Wednesday, July 22 at 12:00 Noon – The Joint Synagogue Book Club originally scheduled for today has been postponed. The rescheduled date will be announced later.

Sunday, July 26 at 11:00 a.m. – Join us for a Learning Session with Aviva Panush through Zoom.

TISHA B’AV

Tisha B’Av, the Fast of the Ninth of Av, is a day of mourning to commemorate the many trageies that have befallen the Jewish people, many of which have occurred on the ninth of Av. Tisha B’Av means “the ninth (day) of Av”. This year it falls on Wednesday evening/Thursday, July 29/30.

Although this holiday is primarily meant to commemorate the destruction of the Temple, it is appropriate to consider on this day the many other tragedies of the Jewish people, many of which occurred on this day, most notably the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492 and from England in 1290.

Tisha B’Av is the culmination of a three week period of increasing

mourning, beginning with the fast of the 17th of Tammuz, which commemorates the first breach in the walls of Jerusalem, before the First Temple was destroyed. During this three week period, weddings and other parties are not permitted, and people refrain from cutting their hair. From the first to the ninth of Av, it is customary to refrain from eating meat or drinking wine (except on the Shabbat) and from wearing new clothing.

This year, Tisha B’Av will be observed beginning on Wednesday, July 29th at 9:40 p.m. and all day, Thursday, July 30th, ending at 9:30 p.m.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

The Sisterhood Closing Luncheon and Woman of the Year Award has been rescheduled. The Closing/Opening Luncheon is now being planned for September. We are proud to announce that Sharon Ravin has been chosen as this year’s Woman of the Year. Sharon has been an active member of our Etz Chayim Sisterhood for many years and has given generously of her time and energy in so many ways. Mazel tov to Sharon! Please watch for further information about the Luncheon in the August and September Hashomers.

Due to the uncertainty of the coronavirus emergency, Sisterhood’s Annual Mah Jongg Tournament that was scheduled for Wednesday, July 15 has been postponed. We hope to reschedule it for early fall.

SAVE THE DATE!!
ETZ CHAYIM ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC
Sunday, August 16, 2020
3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A special program will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dinner featuring hotdogs, BBQ Chicken & Brisket as well as the typical picnic sides will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Watch for details in a mailing and in the August Jewish News.

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“Alix’s leadership roles across a broad spectrum of community organizations as well as the Jewish community were a double success. She always, either as a volunteer or professional within the Jewish community, was an inspirational leader, but she represented the best of Toledo Jewish community leadership through her involvement in the greater community in Toledo and Sylvania,” said former Federation Executive Director Joel Beren.

Alix was a “servant-leader” who used “every platform and all of her skills and moxie to promote the greater good,” said former Sylvania Schools Superintendent Brad Rieger.

“Her community mindedness anchored an effective and straightforward leadership approach. She was able to advance meaningful initiatives through a nice blend of high expectations, collaboration, and compassion.”

Her “keeping-it-real observations” and sense of humor were endearing qualities, too, Rieger added.

Alix also took her work overseas, traveling with Benstein on a Campaign mission trip to Eastern Europe and Israel. On a separate trip to Israel, U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur recalled travelling with Alix as a “distinct privilege.”

“What a gracious woman. Her keen insight and utter devotion to helping Israel and people halfway around the world was inspiring. I recall her special attention to health care for the physically challenged in western Israel,” the Ohio congresswoman said in a statement to the Greenblatt family.

Following her personal policy of putting family first, Alix cut her trip short by a day to fly back to Toledo in order to celebrate her and Dick’s wedding anniversary, Kaptur fondly recalled.

Alix and Dick enjoyed traveling the world together and with close friends in retirement,

but she still volunteered and remained active in secular and Jewish Toledo.

Despite not being raised in a particularly religious household, her daughter Dana believes her mother’s work in the Jewish community was a “natural evolution” for her.

She noticed while growing up that her mother’s family life, social life, and development as a leader were all inextricably linked to the Jewish community. She knew everyone and how she fit in, found what needed work in the community, and figured out how to tie it all together.

Dana’s brother, Mark, agreed.

“Something drew her in. I don’t think it was ever on her agenda. With her, it wasn’t the observance of Judaism but the neshama, the soul, of the Jewish community and of living Jewishly that was important to her and sparked things for her,” Mark said. “It moved her to see that there was a need for leadership, and this was the right time, the right place, and the right conditions for her to act. She had the right personality. And the example that both of my parents have set drew me in as well.”

Just Alix

While she was widely known by northwest Ohioans as a champion for all of the organizations close to her heart, to her children she was “just mom,” and to her colleagues and friends, she was “just Alix.”

She had a “youthful twinkle in her eye,” Peterson said, whether she was talking about charity work, her family, or even a book she had just read, that said to others “Isn’t life grand?”

She had a distinct sense of humor and an amusing way of “sparring” with Federation colleagues.

Edelstein fondly recalls the way they’d “parry” with each other back and forth on different issues, often comparing themselves the leads of the popular 1980s TV “dramedy” Moonlighting.

That was “just Alix.” You couldn’t help but catch her enthusiasm.

Alix was gifted with the ability to walk the line of offering suggestions and advice but could also just be a good listener, Peterson added. She was nonjudgmental and compassionate but could also “kindly kick you in the pants if you needed it.”

Once, at a Federation senior staff meeting, Alix sprung a pop quiz on attendants. When no one knew any of the answers, she told them that if they had read the Toledo Jewish News, they’d have aced her pop quiz.

“It was her own way of teaching them that they needed to be informed about the community in order to serve it properly,” her daughter said. The

way she made her point was “just Alix.”

Mark remembered she did her best to help him and his sister to make decisions on their own, instead of telling them how to do something. She wanted them to “get there” themselves.

Alix taught her children to stand up for what’s right, to disarm people with humor, and to be honest, but kind, Dana added.

Sylvania Southview High School students who worked on committees with Alix would tell Dana how “cool” her mother was.

Alix enjoyed getting to know her children’s peers and took representing students seriously. Dana recalls joking with her mother that, during her senior year, Alix’s car was at Sylvania Southview High School more often than Dana’s was.

At home, the Greenblatts’ door was always open for Mark and Dana’s friends.

“I remember once in high school I had gone to a UT basketball game, and when I got home, two of my friends were in the kitchen eating pie with Mom,” Dana recalled. “They had stopped by to see what I was up to and even though I wasn’t there, she invited them in and fed them and kibitzed with them.”

She was never called Mrs. Greenblatt; she was always “just Alix.”

For those who were new to the community or didn’t have family in the area, Alix provided an inclusive, welcoming place to go for Passover and Rosh Hashanah.

She loved the tradition and was a great host and cook, always making sure she was accommodating to everyone’s food allergies or needs with various dishes. Even while she was undergoing radiation, Alix coordinated

the menu for this past Rosh Hashanah.

“It was never about her. It was always about everybody else,” Mark said.

His son, Cayden, agreed, adding that Alix was “constantly doing little things” for others, even after she was diagnosed with cancer.

“She thought so much about other people before she thought of herself. Like in OT, instead of making something for herself during a baking activity, she made gluten-free cookies for me,” Cayden said. That was “just Alix.”

Even in her last weeks, she made the effort to watch Max play hockey and Cayden act in theater productions.

She told her husband he could get a dog when she passed away, but “he’d have to move because they just put in new carpet. She told him to have the walls painted, too,” Mark laughed.

“She was still thinking of all the things she wanted to be done and watch out for my dad and make sure he’d be okay,” he said.

That was “just Alix.”

Celebrate, not mourn

In late February, Alix determined it was time to update loved ones on her health status through her Caring Bridge blog. She had begun home hospice care.

Alix thanked readers for their prayers over the past year and expressed her love for them.

And she gave them an important reminder:

“Be sure to celebrate my life,” Alix wrote, “not mourn my death.”

Her colleagues, friends, and family members are celebrating Alix’s life and legacy in many ways.

Dick tells the story of how he and Alix met and how he immediately knew she was “the one.”

Mark and Dana plan on keeping up their mother’s tradition of hosting Jewish holiday dinners.

Zemmelman and another of Alix’s good friends and travel partners, Cheryl Himmel, promised Alix they would continue to meet for the trio’s treasured Saturday morning coffee and breakfast dates.

“We will, but we will occasionally meet on Sundays so we can visit at the cemetery and remember our special friend and the times we had together,” Zemmelman said.

Alix will be missed by all who had the joy of knowing her.

“I was honored to share a special friendship with Alix of love and respect. She was a person of integrity who lived her life according to the



The Greenblatts pictured left to right, back row is Denise, Mark, Alix, Dick, Dana; front row, Cayden and Max.

Local Simcha



Eagle Scout

Joshua Steinberg, age 16, is the grandson of long time Toledo residents Buz and Doris Steinberg. He is the son of Steven and Sheila Steinberg who live in Irvine, California. His uncles include Buz and Doris’s other two sons, Neil and Marc Steinberg.

In early June, Josh earned his Eagle Scout award while a member of Troop 36, in Irvine. In order to meet his Eagle Scout requirements, he successfully completed 21 merit badge assignments and he completed a service project for the Santa Ana

Zoo whereby he and his crew built a picnic area for the zoo. All funds for this project were raised through community donations secured by Josh.

Josh entered the Boy Scout program when he was 11 years old and he met all of his earlier requirements to move up in rank to Eagle Scout. Josh’s father, Steven, and his two uncles, Neil and Marc, all achieved the Eagle Scout rank in the scouting program.

Josh will be a senior at Portola High School this coming fall where he is an honor student and a member of the high school varsity basketball team.



Birth announcement

Michael and Elizabeth Mohler-Loomus announce the birth of their daughter Sophia Melina, born June 21, 2020. Thrilled grandmother is Cara Wilner-Loomus of Sylvania. Happy great-grandmother is Lorraine Wilner of Sylvania. Sophia Melina is named in loving memory of her paternal great-grandfather Melvern J. Wilner.



Joyce Moran and Gloria Sheppard organized the Charlecotte Party in the Park fund raiser that benefited the Jewish Family Service Family Pantry and the Islamic Food Bank of Toledo. Special thanks to Poco Piatti and Smyles Icy Treats for their donations and involvement at the picnic.

B'nai Mitzvah We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah



Emily Rusgo will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, August 1 at Temple Shomer Emunim. Emily is the daughter of Julie and Rob Rusgo and younger sister to Adam and Elayna. She is the granddaughter of the late Dr. Harmon J Rusgo and Marjory Rusgo and the late Chris and Joan Hiller.

In the fall, Emily will be entering the 8th grade at Timberstone Junior High. She has been a member of the dance team for two years and is currently dancing at the Daryl Jervis dance studio. When she is not dancing, she enjoys spending time playing games with her family and hanging out with her friends. Throughout school year 2019/2020, Emily volunteered as a reading tutor at Deveaux Elementary School.

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highest principles,” added Foundation Director Arleen R. Levine. “She embodied the values of virtue, strength, and loyalty with a touch of humor. May her memory be a blessing.”

But her efforts in the Toledo secular and Jewish communities will be felt by all, even those who didn’t know Alix personally.

Dana believes that her mother’s legacy in Jewish Toledo includes foundational lessons, such as the importance of listening to our fellow community members and working together to better the community as time goes on.

“As the community evolves and changes, the ways in which we enhance and enrich and support Jewish life also needs to evolve. Our strength doesn’t have to be in numbers if the members of the community are dedicated to and act as our own best resource for preserving and expanding Jewish life in Toledo,” she explained.

Alix’s endeavors had long been rooted in her desire for Toledo to be “the kind of place where you would want to raise a Jewish family,” Beren said.

Additionally, she wanted to make sure that there would still be a Jewish community for her and Dick’s grandchildren and for generations to come.

“She helped shape this community,” Benstein said. “We don’t have her anymore, but what we do have and always will is her legacy as a guide for us going forward. That’s never going to change.”

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