Jewish Toledo schleps for charity

9th Toledo Jewish Film Festival

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Jewish Toledo celebrates Israel at 75

Local seniors create abstract art

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Israel Swings for Gold
Monday, July 24 at 7 p.m.

Continuing the underdog sports saga, Israel's baseball team competes for Olympic gold, facing unexpected bigotry along the way. Comprised of Jews from all over, including Americans, Team Israel's shared sense of identity unifies the blue-and-white squad. Reaching the Olympics in 2021, the players discover a dearth of goodwill; the games ostensibly promote. Having overcome Middle East strife on the road to Tokyo, the team gets the cold shoulder from other athletes and death threats from spectators. With no media in the Olympic Village due to COVID restrictions, the athletes are given cameras to record their own experiences. This crowd-pleasing sequel to the 2017 hit Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel inspires pride and cheers from baseball lovers and non-fans alike.
75 minutes, English
Concessions: Candy bar

We are the Troopers
Featuring SPECIAL GUEST, Author Stephen Guinan
Monday, July 31 at 7 p.m.

We are the Troopers tells the story of the Toledo Troopers, the most successful team in the National Women's Football League (NWFL). From 1971 until the league was sold off, these women from all walks of life and ethnicities dominated the sport and made history as the winningest team in professional football history.

We are the Troopers
Monday, July 17 at 7 p.m.

Widening the historical lens, this documentary focuses on an under-explored aspect of Jewish history: the role that Jews played in Western American expansion, both in real life and in the movies. Through a tapestry of archival footage, photographs, and interviews, Amanda Kinsey's pioneering film entertainingly excavates the past through the stories of an array of people, from known names like Max Aronson (the real "Bronco Billy Anderson" of early Hollywood) and Levi Strauss, to some you may not have heard about. 83 minutes, English
Concessions: Nacho bar

Jews of the Wild West
Monday, July 10 at 7 p.m.

Widening the historical lens, this documentary focuses on an under-explored aspect of Jewish history: the role that Jews played in Western American expansion, both in real life and in the movies. Through a tapestry of archival footage, photographs, and interviews, Amanda Kinsey's pioneering film entertainingly excavates the past through the stories of an array of people, from known names like Max Aronson (the real "Bronco Billy Anderson" of early Hollywood) and Levi Strauss, to some you may not have heard about. 83 minutes, English
Concessions: Nacho bar

Concessions: Dessert and coffee bar with smoothies

Opening Night!
Our Almost Completely True Story
Monday, June 26 at 7 p.m.

Finding true love in Hollywood has always been challenging; it’s even more difficult when you’re no longer a young starlet, no matter how many movie-star friends you have or how many Gunsmoke episodes you did. And if you’re a short funnyman with a face for radio, well, you can practically forget it. Still, true love can happen. A statuesque Hollywood icon and a Jewish leprechaun might just fall forever-after in love if the stars align just right (and she laughs at his jokes).
92 minutes, English

Concessions: Game day snacks

All movies will be shown at:
Lourdes University, Franciscan Theatre – 6832 Convent Blvd. Sylvania, OH

Cost:
General Admission – $10 per film, per person
Series Package – $45 for all 5 dates (per person)

*** All pre-purchased tickets and passes will be available the day of each film. ***

How to purchase your tickets:
By phone: 419-724-0351
By email: sherry@jewishtoledo.org
Online: form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/films
At the door

Concessions
Snacks and beverages will be available at all screenings (unless otherwise noted). This is included in your ticket price.

Parking
Free parking is available outside of the Franciscan Center.

Questions
Please contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org.
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Comedian Pamela Rae Schuller is relentlessly funny. Her observations on disability, mental illness, dating, family, and past misadventures have led to brutally honest confessions about what it is like being 4-foot-6 (and a half) and having “a whole lot of Tourette Syndrome.” As a teen, Pamela had the worst-diagnosed case of Tourette’s in the country, a touch of obsessive compulsive disorder, and a whole lot of pent-up anger. She spent years depressed, suicidal, and wishing her differences away. Over time, she started looking at her life differently and turned her obstacles and challenges into the very fuel that propels her.

Now an internationally known disability and mental health advocate and professional stand-up comedian, Pamela’s stories of growing up in a body she had no control over are engaging, powerful, a little bit heart-wrenching, and unapologetically funny.

RSVP by Monday, July 31 to: https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/meeting or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.
Jewish Toledo schleps for charity

A Sunday schlep has never been so fun, or for such a good cause! Jewish Toledo families joined us recently at Meijer for a scavenger hunt of grocery items to be donated to the Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services (JSFSS) Family Food Pantry. After shopping, each group loaded up their cars and headed to Chabad House to unload, sort items, and have lunch together (and celebrate the birthday of one of our favorites, Mushka Matusof.

This event was held in partnership with Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Chabad of Toledo, Congregation B’nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, and Temple Shomer Emunim.

Silver Circle: Dinner and a Movie

Join us for a delicious western-themed dinner catered by Shorty’s True American Roadhouse and a viewing of Jews of the Wild West.

RSVP by Monday, July 3 to https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/films or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Major donor dinner at Film Festival

We are the Troopers

Stephen Guinan is an author, screenwriter, teacher, and baseball coach. His stories have appeared in numerous literary journals. He is the author of the award-winning documentary and the book We Are the Troopers (Hachette), which has earned the Kirkus star for non-fiction and was chosen by best-selling author Jeff Pearlman as one of the Seven Mighty Sports Books of 2022. We are the Troopers tells the story of the Toledo Troopers, the most successful team in the National Women’s Football League (NWFL). From 1971 until the league was sold off, these women from all walks of life and ethnicities dominated the sport and made history as the winningest team in professional football history.

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Volunteers needed for upcoming Maumee Valley Habitat build

Congregation B’nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, Temple Shomer Emunim, and Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo’s (JFTG) Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) are sponsoring this year’s Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. All builds take place from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 5707 Clover Lane, Toledo.

On **Wednesday, June 7** and **Wednesday, June 28**, JCRC will be partnering with the Baha’i community on this important initiative and is looking for 4-6 Jewish volunteers for each build date. You may be familiar with the Baha’i Faith given their beautiful gardens in Haifa, Israel, one of their holiest sites.

- **Wednesday, June 7** is part of **Phase I – ROUGH FRAMING**: framing walls, floors, trusses, and sheeting the roof; installing windows and doors; siding; and insulating; this phase is a bit more advanced than the other dates but nevertheless does not require ANY prior experience with home construction or use of tools.
- **Wednesday, June 14** we will be partnering with Lourdes University and need 4 Jewish volunteers. This is part of **Phase I – ROUGH FRAMING**: framing walls, floors, trusses, and sheeting the roof; installing windows & doors; siding; and insulating – this phase is a bit more advanced than the other dates but nevertheless does not require ANY prior experience with home construction or use of tools.
- **Wednesday, June 28** is part of **Phase II – INTERIOR FINISH**: painting walls and trim, vinyl plank flooring, interior doors, trim, insulating attic and crawl space, bathroom accessories, and wire shelving; a pretty easy day.

The Baha’i community has generously offered to provide lunch on **June 7** and **June 28** for all volunteers. The **Jewish community will provide lunch on June 14**.

Thursday, July 6 is **Jewish Community Build Day**; up to 8 volunteers are needed. This date is part of **Phase III – FINAL FINISHES**: landscaping (flower bed install), punch list, paint touchups, site cleanup interior and exterior; it will be the easiest day for volunteers.

To provide a vegetarian lunch on **Thursday, July 6** for the entire group of approximately 12 workers, please contact Mary Bilyeu: mary@jewishtoledo.org.

Co-sponsored by JCRC, Temple Shomer Emunim, Congregation B’nai Israel, and Congregation Etz Chayim.

Limited spots are available. **Register here:**
https://mvhabitat.volunteerhub.com/v2?l=3blewish

Any questions? Contact Mary Bilyeu at mary@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0405.

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**Two JFGT staff members honored by local community organizations**

Photo: Doug Hinebaugh

Daniel Pearlman, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFTG) Vice President, Community and Government Relations, pictured above second from right, was recently named Outstanding Committee Volunteer by Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Event. The event recognizes dedicated volunteers, supporters, board members, and business leaders who have contributed time toward building affordable housing for local families in 2022. In 2022, almost 1,700 individuals volunteered 18,731 hours of service to the organization.

Ben Malczewski, JFTG Vice President, Senior, Family and Social Services, was recently nominated by Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce as a 2023 Chamber Champion in the Business Leader category. Other nominees in the category included Joe Mehl, Dave White Chevrolet (winner) and Kathy White, Anderson/Miller Insurance Agency.

Mazel Tov to both Daniel and Ben for their recognition in the greater Toledo area!
The Alix Greenblatt Memorial Fund for Jewish Leadership established with the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation recognizes Alix as an accomplished lay and professional leader in the Toledo Jewish and non-Jewish communities and as a cherished daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and community member.

A lifelong Toledoan, Alix met fellow University of Toledo (UT) graduate Dick Greenblatt while volunteering for Women's American ORT in August 1970. A year later, they were married. Early in her career, Alix worked on the women's campaign and then community relations as well as other projects for Steve Edelstein, JFGT Executive Director from 1984-1994. She later became executive director herself for several years in the 1990s and had the same role later at the Jewish Community Center (JCC).

Alix served her community as a volunteer with many organizations, among them The Victory Center, Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio Race for the Cure (where she chaired in 2005), and Rotary Club of Sylvia (which elected her as its first female president). Alix was President of Sylvania Schools Board of Education for the groundbreaking of Timberstone Junior High in 1996. In 1999, she joined U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur on Project Interchange, a seminar in the Middle East, where they met separately with Ehud Barak and Yasser Arafat. Alix's lifelong service to her community was recognized with the Harry Levison Young Leadership Award in 1977, the Sylvia Academic Excellence Foundation Legacy Award in 2016, and more.

Devoted to her family and community, Alix was a wonderful mother to Mark and Dana, as well as Mark's wife Denise, and an adoring Granzz to Cayden and Max.

Dana Greenblatt said, "My Mom's passion for volunteering and working in the Toledo Jewish community started at a young age -- I grew up knowing that when she was a child, she donated her piggy bank to [Congregation] B'nai Israel's building fund when the congregation was moving from Collwooding to Kenwood, and when she was in high school, she was a USY leader. I was too young to be aware of the honor when she won the Harry Levison Young Leadership Award, but I have very strong memories of her hosting ORT meetings at the house when Mark and I were little. I also remember when she began working in the office at Shomer and know I spent many hours there helping her strengthen the community as a whole."

"Mom always found ways to involve Mark and me in her activities, recruiting us to help out with Super Sunday or taking us to a Soviet Jewry march in downtown Toledo or a 5K walk from [Congregation] Etz Chayim to [Temple] Shomer [Emunim]... Mom was dedicated to a strong and active Jewish community, period. It's no surprise she had to retire more than once -- and then stayed involved at the Federation and B'nai Israel as a retiree. She led by example, not only in the community, but also in our family -- evidenced by the many opportunities Dad and Mark have found to give their time and energy to Jewish Toledo."

"Creating an award in her name that supports training opportunities for both professional and volunteer leaders in the Toledo Jewish community is the most fitting way to carry her legacy of service forward."

Dick Greenblatt added, Alix's "passion for Jewish Toledo started a long, long time ago... At the age of 13 she was already very involved in Jewish charity. As time passed, she became very active in ORT, at B'nai Israel, and in Federation to the point where she was [former Federation Executive Director] Steve Edelstein's constant, and that's when she really got involved in the whole idea of leadership. Both of us were in the young leadership program in the second or third year that it operated. Both she and I have felt all along that there needed to be a continuation of leadership in Jewish Toledo. That's why the fund was established." The Alix Greenblatt Memorial Fund for Jewish Leadership is funded with contributions from the Greenblatt family and others in Alix's memory. A permanent fund, it will be used by Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo to encourage, educate, or provide training for Jewish leaders; by JFGT lay members for leadership development at conferences or seminars; and by JFGT professional staff for conferences or seminars that will further the staff's professional development.

"Mom and Dad led by example and taught both Dana and me the importance of being involved in things we care about," Mark Greenblatt explained. "She was passionate about leadership development and cultivation. Donors are important, involvement of stakeholders is equally critical. Since returning to Toledo in my late 20s, when Mom was still working, I went through the Federation Young Leadership Program, have served in many capacities, and have tried to follow in the path our parents laid; Dana has done this as well in her community [in California]. As Jewish Toledo evolves, the constant great thing regardless of size is the strength of our people. This fund will help to ensure that as more people move here -- and as the community grows -- and develops all leaders to keep our boards engaged and our community thriving."

An amount equal to the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation's (TJCF) annual spend rate, currently 5% of the fund balance, will be spent each year for the designated purposes, equaling approximately $1,250 per year based upon the current balance. Unspent amounts can be carried over and spent in future years. Those interested in making additional contributions are encouraged to do so. Permanent designated funds in memory of loved ones or for other designated purposes can be established within TJCF for minimum gifts of $25,000.

If you are interested in establishing a fund, please contact Stephen Rothschild, CEO and Interim Director Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo, at 419-724-0372 or stephen@jewishtoledo.org.
Happy Tears
By Lauren Sachs

I began to trace the trajectory of my tears on August 24, 2020, the day my husband, Dr. Bradley Alan Sachs z”l, suffered a sudden and massive heart attack at the age of only 49. Widowed without forewarning so suddenly in my mid-forties during a frightening global pandemic, I was thrust into a world of heartache and sadness. The shock, confusion, and - yes - tears were unavoidable and unrelenting in those early months. At first, grief hung over me like a Midwestern winter: gray, cold, and seemingly endless. My daughters and I did our best to keep moving forward day to day and found some solace and support amongst friends and family, in the Jewish community, and from the extended medical community. Still, at that time, given the limited options for social connection, the outside world felt far away and almost surreal while melancholy and isolation blanketed us and kept us company daily. Tears were a daily companion. It was only after Brad's first yahrzeit had come and gone that I realized I had been crying every day for an entire year.

I did not closely track my personal timeline of tears after the first yahrzeit but I know that things shifted for me as the first year of lost anniversaries, birthdays, and time together turned into the second. Slowly, I became aware that laughter and music had crept back into my life. Through journaling and therapy in particular, I began to examine my loss, think about how my late husband had lived his life, and realize that I could learn from his example as I worked through my grief and on my continued healing. When I needed to cry, I also noticed something different about the nature of my tears. Instead of my tears being infused solely with melancholy, they were increasingly tinged with memories. As my daughters and I spoke about their father and recollected stories of our family life, we were able to smile and find comfort. The tears came far less often but when they did fall, they felt lighter and happier. I started to find personal meaning in the phrase “may his memory be a blessing” as the recollections felt like windows into another time which bolstered me and gave me a sense of gratitude and joy.

Living through loss has taught me so much about myself and changed the way I see the world. I have learned to maintain perspective on the challenges of everyday living and embrace the idea of living fully. With all this personal growth, I wanted to share some of my newfound insights with the Jewish community that has given so much to me during this time of recovery and transformation. While everyone’s grief journey is unique, I will be sharing some of my thoughts and observations on grief and personal growth in this monthly Toledo Jewish News column, “Happy Tears.” I hope you will return and continue reading, and perhaps even crying and smiling, along with me.

Lauren holds a bachelor’s degree in English and Psychology, and a Master’s Degree in Social Work, from the University of Michigan. After completing advanced clinical training at Yale University, Lauren worked as a therapist and consultant in a variety of settings. During her time in Jewish Toledo, Lauren has received the Harry Levison Young Leadership Award and the Shining Light Award, and is currently a board member for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Temple Shomer Emunim. Lauren is also the author of a forthcoming book about her late husband, his joyful approach to life and work as an oncologist, and how examining his life helped her better cope with her grief.

Yom HaShoah program features remembrance of Cantor’s father

Congregants and guests commemorated Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) last month at Congregation B’nai Israel. Featured speaker, Cantor Irv Lichterman discussed “The Last Cantor of Warsaw: Jacob Lichterman,” a remembrance of his father. The event also included a memorial plaque installation video by Bruce and Sheila Post, a memorial service, a yellow candle lighting by religious school students (representing the yellow stars Jews were forced to wear), and a memorial candle lighting for the 6 million by descendants of Holocaust survivors. The event was sponsored by the Ruth Fajerman Markowitz Holocaust Resource Center.

Yom HaZikaron commemoration

Jewish Toledo commemorated Yom HaZikaron, Israel’s Memorial Day, with a discussion featuring three local community members who served in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and three IDF Officers from our Partnership region of the Western Galilee.
Czech Torah scrolls commemorated at reunion event

By Becky Raspe
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On April 23, The Temple-Tifereth Israel in Beachwood played host to 19 Czech Torah scrolls as part of a reunion and celebration of their survival of the Holocaust, their rediscovery and repair in 1963 by the Memorial Scrolls Trust, and how they're now cared for by congregations and organizations all around the world.

As part of the program, scrolls were gathered from communities throughout Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Participating communities included The Temple Congregation Shomer Emunin in Sylvania near Toledo; Knesseth Israel Temple in Wooster; Temple Israel in Dayton; Temple Israel in Columbus; Temple Et-Emeth in Youngstown; The Temple-Tifereth Israel in Beachwood; Temple Israel Nev Tanad in Mayfield Heights; B'nai Jeshuran Congregation in Pepper Pike; Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple in Beachwood; Gross Schechter Day School in Pepper Pike; Temple Beth Israel-Shaare Zedek in Lima; Suburban Temple-Kol Ami in Beachwood; Jewish Senior Life-Prentis Apartments in Oak Park, Mich.; Congregation Beth Shalom in Pittsburgh; and Temple Shalom in Blue Ash near Cincinnati. Some of the communities also made poster boards describing the origins of their Czech Torah scroll and were displayed in the temple lobby.

Each Torah scroll was paraded through the sanctuary before being displayed together at the front of the room, with each scroll being called to the bimah by its community name with a representative from its custodial organization. Each representative also made speeches from Cleveland State University professor Mark Cole and Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo, who also sang a song with The Temple's orphan scroll.

Created by The Temple member Ed Magiste, with the help of Memorial Scrolls Trust volunteer and Fairmount Temple member Susan Ringel, the program also featured speeches from Cleveland State University professor Mark Cole and Memorial Scrolls Trust trustee Lois Roman.

Roman described these efforts, and that of the work MST does, as “four miracles,” starting with their collection and storage, followed by the fact only one World War II bomb landed in Prague leaving the synagogue they were housed in relatively untouched. Cole then talked about The Temple’s scroll as part of the program with the help of Rabbi Jonathan Cohen and Cantor Kathryn Wolfe Sebo, who also sang a song with The Temple's orphan scroll.

As the story goes, in 1942, the Nazi officials in charge of the Czech “Protectorate” created the Central Jewish Museum in Prague, and shipped over 10,000 ritual objects from liquidated Jewish communities and synagogues to the museum, including ceremonial objects, books, pictures and embroidered vestments. The museum curators, who were later taken to Terezin and Auschwitz, cataloged the collection. As part of that cataloging process, approximately 1,800 Torah scrolls were taken to the museum with the hope they’d be returned to their communities. After World War II, those scrolls were taken to the abandoned Michle Synagogue in suburban Prague. They stayed there, in disuse in the 18th-century stone building.

Through the effort of what is now MST, 1,564 scrolls were packed and sent to London to be restored, and in 1964, the Westminster Synagogue was selected as trustee and the Memorial Scrolls Committee was established to distribute the repaired scrolls on permanent loan to communities around the world.

Each scroll is numbered according to its listing with Memorial Scrolls Trust, and is also labeled with the community it came from, if that information is available. MST is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, with 2022 marking the 80th anniversary of Czech Jews first working to preserve their Torah scrolls. Currently, there are 1,400 scrolls in circulation, Roman said, with the collection dating from the 1200s to the early 20th century.

“All of the scrolls you see here today have this shared legacy, but each has a unique backstory, written for a specific Jewish community in a small town or a large city that was lost in the Shoah,” she said. “Today is not just a reunion of Torah scrolls — it is a commemoration of dozens of lost Jewish communities that were vibrant and active before the Holocaust.”

Asking who would tell the story of the Holocaust to future generations as more first-hand survivors pass away, Roman said current generations must continue telling the story of “the biggest tragedy of the Jewish people of our time.”

“We have an obligation to retell the story in the same way we retell the Passover story,” she said. “We have an opportunity to use these scrolls, which are themselves, survivors of the Shoah, to teach future generations.”

During Cole’s talk, he spoke of how Nazi ideology categorized Jews as “culture destroyers,” which served as motivation for the widespread theft of everyday Jewish items and religious artifacts. Using Jews only for what they were deemed useful for, Cole said item and property theft can be described in three phases — street level, state/national level and generalized war-time plunder as a way to further economically impoverish Jews.

Through Aryanization, Jewish property, businesses and land were transferred to Aryans, with 1938 being a “pivotal year,” both due to Kristallnacht, known as the Night of Broken Glass, and for more widespread Aryanization. By that time, Cole said no more Jewish-owned businesses existed in Germany.

Cole also referenced the proposed Furhermuseum, an unrealized art museum within a cultural complex planned by Adolf Hitler for his hometown of Linz, Austria, which would’ve been a display of art bought, stolen or confiscated by Nazis from throughout Europe during World War II.

While the Nazis wanted to eradicate Jews and Jewish culture from the face of the earth, what we're experiencing and what we're seeing right now is maybe the best anecdote to that,” he said. “This is what we see as a success. History was not destroyed, the narrative was not ultimately changed. We see millions of dollars of artifacts still missing, but we're slowly finding the rightful owners and giving them this stuff back. ... This thriving Jewish life, both in the United States and around the world, is the last great testament.”

Holocaust survivor Erika Gold of Beachwood also detailed her survival of the Holocaust as a young girl in Hungary. Born in Budapest in 1932, she was only 5 months old when Hitler rose to power in Germany. She recalled wearing a yellow star on her clothes, the confiscation of their family home and non-Jewish housekeeper, her father losing the family business and being sent to a labor camp, and she and her mother’s life living and working in a factory that made military uniforms. After being taken with 300 other women and children from the factory by Nazis, Gold said she and her mother jumped from the transport vehicle and ran, and were then hidden by their former housekeeper and her daughter for several months.

After the Soviet Union liberated Hungary, Gold and her mother were reunited with her father and eventually traveled to Cuba in 1948. They made it to the United States in 1950, eventually settling in Cleveland.

“If anyone found out she saved us, all four of us would’ve been shot,” Gold said of the former family housekeeper that hid them in her apartment.

Upon their return to their Budapest apartment, she said there was no gas, water or electricity, but “we were free.”

Antisemitism is the focus at a Jewish American Heritage Month event at the White House

By Ron Kampeas

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In songs and in speeches, an event at the White House marking Jewish American Heritage Month celebrated the presence of Jews in America since colonial times — and fretted about threats to American Jewry today.

“For some reason it’s come roaring back in the last several years,” President Biden told a crowd of Jewish supporters in the White House's East Room on Tuesday evening. “Reports have shown that antisemitic incidents are at a record high in our history — a record high in the United States.”

The emphasis on antisemitism was evident even in the entertainment — which featured a selection of songs from “Parade,” a Broadway musical about the 1915 lynching of a Jewish man. That theme was a departure from past White House events, where emphasis on antisemitism has usually been in the background. 

Jewish American Heritage Month continued on next page
By Philissa Cramer

"That's when I knew… our work was done. We did it!"

The new updates add traditional Jewish foods to the expansive menu available to users of "The Sims," a best-selling life simulation game in which players customize characters and build homes and communities. The game's developers announced an online petition last year for the game's expansion packs offering additional items for use in the role-playing.

On Tuesday, the developers released an update focused on one family of characters, the Calientes. But it also added Jewish foods that some users had mounted an extended campaign to secure.

"Get ready to dig in because today's Sims Delivery Express adds matzah ball soup & challah bread to The Sims 4 recipe book for the whole family to enjoy," the game announced on Twitter. An accompanying GIF showed a table with four loaves of challah, two covered by a tree-motif cover. The table is surrounded by diners scooping soup and speaking with their hands.

The announcement elicited gratitude from the community of players, known as Simmers, who had been pushing for Jewish additions to the game. "The Sims team HAVE LISTENED and have finally brought Jewish food to The Sims 4" tweeted a user who goes by HufflePon on social media. "Thank you to everyone who has liked, retweeted, commented and supported my posts over the last 462 days. We did it!"

Later, HufflePon tweeted a picture of a multicultural challah and thanked a programmer who had been working on the addition for "doing such a beautiful, thoughtful and respectful job.

https://twitter.com/HufflePon/status/165890768223000577

HufflePon was the leader of a movement to press "The Sims" and its parent company, Electronic Arts, to add more Jewish options to the game. "Sims" players have long come up with creative workarounds to permit Jewish practice in the game, such as letting their Sims keep kosher by changing their characters' traits to "vegetarian."

Biden's emphasis on a broader understanding of antisemitism, beyond the far right, came after a number of Jewish groups met in December with Doug Emhoff, the Second Gentleman, and asked him and other top officials to consider a more holistic approach to the problem.

A task force led by Emhoff, who also spoke at the event on Wednesday, is expected to release a strategy to counter antisemitism in the next few weeks.

Biden, in his remarks, said the strategy "includes over 100 meaningful actions that governments, agencies, and communities are agreeing to take to counter antisemitism." He did not detail any of those actions, except to say that the strategy would increase understanding of antisemitism and Jewish heritage, provide security for Jewish communities, reverse the normalization of antisemitism and build coalitions.

"It also includes calls to action for Congress, state and local governments, technology, and other companies, civil society, faith leaders to counter antisemitism," he said.

Biden went on to say the American history, Ben Platt and Mi-caela Diamond performed songs from "Parade," which they are starring in. Some players let their Sims celebrate Shabbat by baking bread and setting it on a table and lighting decorative candles. Players who use "custom content" modifications not created or endorsed by the game developers have also long created Jewish content for The Sims, such as kippahs, other versions of meno-rahs, chuppahs, Torahs, shofars, mezuzahs and dreidels. Some have Sims performing Jewish rituals, such as stomping on a glass at a wedding.

But other than a menorah that permitted players to light individual candel- les for each night of Hanukkah, there was no Jewish content provided by the game's creator, HufflePon and others had noted gaps in other additions over time: An expansion set aimed at providing culturally diverse wedding options, for example, did not include a chuppah, or Jewish wedding canopy.

Neither HufflePon nor the programmer responded to requests for comment on Wednesday.

An online petition launched last year by another Sims user noted Huffle- Pon's advocacy. "For over a year, Simmer HufflePon has been asking for Jewish representation in The Sims 4 by adding Jewish head coverings and food like challa, babka, hamantashen and brisket," the petition, which drew nearly 800 signatures. "This has been done for other cultures like Muslims and it's important for all cultures to feel represented in their beloved life simulation game."

Some people who signed the peti- tion said they were Jewish and wanted more true-to-life options when they played the game. "I am Jewish and am tired of not be- ing able to have Jewish Sims," wrote a signer named Michelle Jackson. "Snuck eating just turkey or fish during grand meals."

But others said their support for the Jewish expansion was less about their own identity than about an abiding belief that their favorite game should offer flexibility for users of all backgrounds. "Everyone deserves representation. We need more cultural items and game-play so people from anywhere can play their own lives because that has always been what the Sims is about," a signer named Madison Graham wrote in No- vember. "We did it with skin tones and pronouns, we can do it for Jewish rep too. No rep is too much or needless."

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Jewish American Heritage Month events, which focused on Jewish accomplishments and spotlighted legendary Jewish athletes, scientists, artists and performers.

Biden says he was shaped as a child by his father's fury with the United States over the centuries, and a rendi- tion paid less attention to the commem-oration.

"That's when I knew… our work was done," he said, turning to address a delegation of Jewish Democratic law- makers which he was attending the event, and who have pressed for a more ag-ressive response to antisemitism. "Hate never goes away."

This was the first Jewish American Heritage Month event at the White House since 2016. Trump's administra- tion paid less attention to the commem-oration, which was enshrined in a law passed with bipartisan support in 2006. Biden's hopes of staging an event were delayed the past couple of years by the coronavirus pandemic.

Describing current antisemitism, Biden referred not just to attacks from the far right, but to attacks on visibly Orthodox Jews, which have proliferated in the northeast, and to the threat some Jewish students describe on campuses. He listed incidents including "violent attacks on synagogues and Jewish busi- nesses, Jewish institutions under armed guards, Jews who wear religious attire beaten down in the street, Jewish stu- dents harassed and excluded from col- lege campuses, sweatshas on cars and cemeteries and in schools."

Biden's emphasis on a broader un- derstanding of antisemitism, beyond the far right, came after a number of Jew- ish groups met in December with Doug Emhoff, the Second Gentleman, and asked him and other top officials to consider a more holistic approach to the problem.

A task force led by Emhoff, who also spoke at the event on Wednesday, is expected to release a strategy to counter antisemitism in the next few weeks.

Biden, in his remarks, said the strat- egy "includes over 100 meaningful ac- tions that governments, agencies, and communities are agreeing to take to counter antisemitism." He did not detail any of those actions, except to say that the strategy would increase understanding of antisemitism and Jewish heritage, provide security for Jewish communities, reverse the normalization of antisemitism and build coalitions.

"It also includes calls to action for Congress, state and local governments, technology, and other companies, civil society, faith leaders to counter antisemi- tism," he said.

A backgrounder to the event sent to reporters focused entirely on antisemis- tim, listing five actions Biden had taken to combat the phenomenon, including signing a bill to combat hate crimes and increasing funding for security at vulner- able institutions.

There were lighter elements to the event, including recognition of the ser- vices Jews have provided to the United States over the centuries, and a rendi- tion of "Hava Nagila" by the Mariachi Band. Israeli-American chef Michael Solomonov, whom Biden recognized, prepared Moroccan cigars, smoked sable on challah and something called "fairies tale eggplant," a variety of the night-
**Ginger and Rye Loaf Cake**

Adapted from Sarah Johnson of London's Spring restaurant

**Yield:** 1 loaf

**METHOD**

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Brush a loaf tin (pan) with oil and line the bottom with nonstick baking paper.

2. Sift the plain (all-purpose) flour, rye flour, cinnamon and salt into a large bowl, set aside.

3. Place the ginger and sugar in a blender or food processor and whiz until the ginger begins to release its juices and forms a smooth paste. Stop the machine and scrape down the sides, if needed, until all the wet ingredients are fully incorporated.

4. Carefully pour the ginger mixture into the middle of the flour. Mix with a spatula.

5. Bring a medium pot of water to a rolling boil. Quickly and carefully measure 130g (4-3/4 oz) of the water, then discard the rest. Place the measured water back into the pot and return it to the heat.

6. Keep close watch, bring it to another rolling boil, then add the bicarbonate of soda (baking soda), which will rise up. Immediately stop heating the heat and, with the blender off, pour into the ginger mixture.

7. Use a spatula to gently stir the mixture (this will help to loosen the treacle).

8. Place the bowl of flour over a damp towel to secure it, then create a well in the middle of the flour.

9. With the blender jug in one hand and a whisk in the other, slowly add the wet ingredients into the dry, whisking to incorporate. Take care not to avoid any lumps of flour, and whisk just enough to incorporate everything.

10. Scrape the bottom and sides of the bowl with a spatula, then finally whisk in the egg until everything is smooth.

11. Pour into your prepared loaf tin (pan) and place on a rack in the middle of the oven.

12. Bake for 30 minutes, then rotate and bake for another 15 minutes until a tester inserted into the cake comes out clean.

13. In summer, serve with strawberries, blackberries, peaches or plums and whipped cream. It is also delicious with pecans or toasted quince in autumn, or warm poached prunes in winter.

**News**

**“Knead Peace”: Raising Awareness and Dough for Ukraine**

By Mary Bilyea

Community Relations Programming Specialist, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

"From day three of the war," writes baker Anna Makievska in *Knead Peace: Recipes from the World’s Best Bakers in Support of Ukraine*, “my team have baked bread and given it for free to our soldiers, hospitals, people in cities and villages hurt by the Russians, and the elderly of Kyiv." They’ve made up to 1,000 loaves every single day for more than a year now to feed those who are hungry, those who are hurting, and those who continue to hold on and fight for the sake of their besieged country.

Inspired by Ms. Makievska, chef Andrew Green, based in Devon, England, founded a relief organization with the intention of raising money for – as well as drawing attention to – efforts for those affected by the prolonged war. Knead Peace (kneadpeace.org) was created, he writes in the book’s introduction, with the belief that “baking is a community that has the power to make a difference.”

The new project’s recently-published eponymous cookbook is the first of Mr. Green’s efforts to harness the energy and talents of his fellow bakers. It features Ms. Makievska plus more than 60 others from such diverse places as Australia, France, Great Britain, Scandinavia, South Africa, Spain, Ukraine, and the United States.

“Mr. Green and I felt a wave of rage, frustration, and helplessness as we watched events unfold since the war began,” writes British baker and contributor Vanessa Kimbell in reference to the February, 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent months of ongoing turmoil.

But she has learned, she continues, “that emotions, when used as currency, can be used to fuel action.”

“Before the war,” says Andrew Green, who is based in Devon, England, “I knew people in the Ukraine.”

“After the war, many people channelled their own deeply felt emotions about the situation in Ukraine into currency and action. In particular, staff and volunteers with Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo have been actively engaged in offering relief and aid to victims of the conflict.

Ben Malczewski, Vice President of Jewish Senior, Family, and Social Services (JSFSS), said that when the war started, “we recognized, like everybody, that there were going to be refugees coming over.” So his department worked with others at Federation and within a larger community network to pro-actively “put together a hierarchy of needs,” and established a multifaceted plan to facilitate welcoming and settling those who arrived here.

JSFSS coordinated with the international Jewish humanitarian organization HIAS on a national level and with organizations in Detroit, Ann Arbor, and Cleveland regionally, as well as with Gov. Mike DeWine’s administration. Having learned from earlier work to aid Afghan refugees, Mr. Malczewski continued, a team was created to do “triage,” as he called it: “We’d assess their situation and if their needs were then, then connect them with resources.”

Those needs were both basic and complicated, and each individual presented with a unique situation. So JSFSS brought together social workers, legal and medical experts, area schools, families’ official sponsors, and more.

Mr. Malczewski explained, who could help people through an exhaustive “to do” list, finding housing and furniture, acquiring groceries and hygiene products, working their way through bureaucracy (filing paperwork for Medicaid and other assistance), learning to speak English, and getting jobs, and accessing transportation.

Two other critical components to address have included mental health — “because these people have been through a lot,” Mr. Malczewski explained — and also helping them to integrate into their new home by creating a sense of community. “We have to be sensitive to those mental and emotional and spiritual factors,” he added. After all, “it’s a worst-case scenario to have to uproot and leave everything you know behind, [that] you had to leave – it was life or death.”

Once refugees are initially settled, Mr. Malczewski said, then “we start looking at longer-term sustainability.” Because there is no point, he insisted, at which the team says, “Okay, we’re done.”

As the war itself isn’t done and has continued for more than a year, “people still want to give, and want to do it in a big, impactful way,” he continued gratefully. So JSFSS has also sent supplies to Ukraine, and in December, 2022, Ms. Makievska found herself in her own hill town in the Carpathian Mountains, “with a rolling pin in one hand and the other filled with flour and spices.”

She was in Lviv, the capital of Western Ukraine, which has been the scene of several battles, including Russia’s invasion in late February, 2022.

From day three of the war, she writes, her team was making up to 6,000 loaves every day, using flour that had been shipped from the United States.

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CREATE AND RELATE: SESSION FOUR!

Thursday, July 27 | 12 – 2:30 p.m.
Sekach Bldg.
FREE EVENT | LUNCH PROVIDED

Join NAMI to create a positive affirmation pouch while learning how to use positive affirmations in your daily self-care routine!

Rhonda Wise at Beacon Associates will present
"The ABC's of Medicare"

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

RSVP required by July 24 at https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

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- Creative Expression art activity at every session
- Community member presentation
- Mitzvah project

March 23
June 1
July 27
September 28

CREATE & RELATE
Open to everyone!

TOGETHER.
COMMUNITY.
AGES as we will be touching on topics within our society that are all-inclusive.

All are welcome to attend. There will be a Creative Expression activity at every session.

Any questions, please contact Stacy Willis at 419-724-0407.

SERVICES.
COMMUNITY.
TOGETHER.

Welcome to JSFSS’s new event series: Create and Relate! These are unique sessions for seniors to connect with different services by bringing in new and exciting community speakers and activities. People of all ages are welcome as we touch on all-inclusive topics. Come nosh, come mingle and most importantly, come be together.

Any questions, please contact Stacy Willis at 419-724-0407.

Jewish Senior, Family, & Social Services
Greater Toledo

Meijer simply gives

The Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS) Family Pantry extends major gratitude to the Meijer store #117 on Central Avenue in Toledo for its continued support of our community each year through the company’s Simply Give program. Meijer’s generosity is vital to JSFSS keeping its food pantry shelves and fridges stocked.

Meijer simply gives
Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services

Summer is nearly upon us, so I hope you find extra time to relax and unwind as most schools go on break and as vacations and getaways beckon. Given the slower daily pace for many of us during summer, why not make more effort between now and Labor Day to indulge in our favorite hobbies and past times we normally neglect or outright ignore?

Please enjoy exploring a variety of the leisure-based activities listed to the right. Related websites and/or apps can be easily found via a quick Google search… And who knows? One or more may become your next-favorite find!

Upcoming Tech Programs:

**Tech Tuesdays with Tim**

**All programs:**

**Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-noon at the Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Avenue:**

**June 6** – Learn basic camera features and settings

**June 20** - Learn how to share and send photos and videos

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**August 15** - Review basic features of Maps apps: set travel routes, see street views, and the like!

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Avenue
Free – lunch included

Have questions about the settings on your cell phone? Want to sync your email accounts? Need to know how to turn on your new tablet? Come to our Tech Tuesday sessions to help with troubleshooting devices of all kinds.

*RSVP by the Friday prior to each event to Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

**Virtual Reality tours of Israel**

**Virtual Reality Tuesday Tours with Tim**

**June 13** – Touring European cities

**June 27** – Hiking, biking, and driving

**July 11** - Eating and drinking tours

**August 8** - Exploring Jewish locales in Toledo, Detroit, and Cleveland

**August 22** - Summer Under the Stars: Looking at Hollywood and Celebrity through Virtual Reality (VR)

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Avenue
Free – lunch included

Visit places old and new through virtual reality (VR) headsets. Did you know that VR programming can help cultivate joy and meaning, lower anxiety, and increase your overall well-being? Come and experience the sights and sounds of distant places and enjoy moments from the past. 

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**Tech Tips**

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| Pickleball |
| Badminton |
| Walking |
| Biking/Cycling |

**Spectator Sports:**

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| MLS |
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Next Jewish Generation

Programs especially for post-college to young families.

Register for all upcoming NJG events at: https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njg2022
Any questions? Contact Marnie Younker at marnie@jewishtoledo.org

For all NJG programming information, visit jewishtoledo.org/nextjewishgeneration.

All Aboard!
NJG Trivia Night on the Sandpiper
Tuesday, July 18
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – arrive and park 15 minutes early.
The Sandpiper, 1 Jefferson Avenue, Toledo
$20 per person – includes two-hour boat trip, trivia, heavy snacks, and beverages

Come join NJG and embark on a two-hour trip aboard the Sandpiper on the beautiful Maumee River while competing against other teams in a fun trivia night.

RSVP to https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njg2023 OR Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org and let us know of any dietary restrictions.

SAVE THE DATE!
NJG Mitzvah Night
Thursday, August 10
6:30 p.m.
Sekach Building
FREE – heavy snacks & sips provided.

Join us for an evening of mitzvoi! Let’s get together and do some good for our community. Learn more about the services provided by Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS) and how you can help.

RSVP to https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njg2023 OR Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org and let us know of any dietary restrictions.
PJ Library

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

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

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

To learn more about PJ Library® and to ensure your child receives this wonderful gift, please contact Marnie at marnie@jewishtoledo.org.

PJ Library® is supported in part by The Inspiration Fund and Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

www.jewishtoledo.org

 PJ at the Park
(Photo credit: Artist rendering by SmithGroup, final design subject to change)

Sunday, July 16
10:30 a.m.
Glass City Metropark, 1001 Front Street, Toledo
FREE – bagels, coffee, and fruit included
For families with children 12 and under.

Let’s get together and explore Toledo’s newest Metropark! Meet up at the Grosbeak Discovery Play Area.

RSVP to Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org and let us know of any dietary restrictions.

Tumble & Flip with Friends
Sunday, June 25
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Exceleration Gymnastics Center, 2265 S Reynolds Road

$5 per child – private gymnastics party, pizza, beverages, and snacks included. Please bring canned items to donate.
Open to families with kids in 3rd grade and below (siblings welcome).

Let’s bounce, flip, and jump the day away with friends and PJ Library®!

RSVP by June 23 to Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org and let us know of any dietary restrictions.

PJ at the Park
RSVP for all programs by contacting Sherry at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419–724–0351
Please let us know of any dietary restrictions when registering.

Open to preschool-aged friends (0-3) and their parents, grandparents, nannies, siblings, and friends.

PJ Library

WILL YOU READ ME A STORY?

FREE books and CDs - Are you getting YOURS?

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

Interested in learning more about Gan Yeladim Preschool? Contact Morah Raizel at 419-724-0402 or raizel@jewishtoledo.org.

Aster and Meyer, besties and confirmed future Gan Yeladim Preschool attendees, recently hung out with their preschool predecessors for a Gan & PJ Library® Playdate.
Welcome to Jewish Toledo free welcome bags

Are you new to Toledo?
Contact Marnie Younker at 419-724-0365 or marnie@jewishtoledo.org for your free welcome bag!

Gan Yeladim staff attends annual conference

Gan Yeladim Preschool Staff recently attended the “Ohio Association for Education of Young Children” annual conference. The group returned inspired, energized, motivated, and further educated in their rewarding profession.

Nature Play Wednesdays
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Gan Yeladim Nature Center,
6505 Sylvania Avenue

Weekly themes:
July 5 – Splish, Splash
July 12 – Feathered Friends
July 19 – Muddy Buddies
July 26 – Creepy Crawlies

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Gan Yeladim Nature Center – 6505 Sylvania Avenue
Please park in the Sekach Building parking lot and enter through the fence gate (lot faces Sylvania Avenue)
FREE – snacks will be provided.
Open to our preschool age friends (0-3) and their and their favorite grown-up(s)
Join us every Wednesday morning in July for a morning of summer fun and adventure with PJ Library® and Morah Raizel!
It was a beautiful afternoon at Gan Yeladim’s art show, which included a drum circle, original works of art by some of our favorite artists, sunny snacks, and so much more! The artists and staff of Gan Yeladim Preschool want to thank all who attended and supported the 2023 HeART of Gan art show. Students worked hard creating beautiful masterpieces from the HeART within all of them! Your continued support of Gan Yeladim Preschool helps to ensure a bright Jewish future for our children and the Toledo Jewish community.

Donate today at: www.jewishtoledo.org/campaigndepartment
Register for the 2023-2024 school year at: www.jewishtoledo.org/about-us/gan-yeladim-preschool

Now accepting children 18 months through 5 years old.

Monday through Friday
3, 4, and 5-day options
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Half-day options

For more information, contact Raizel at 419-724-0402 or raizel@jewishtoledo.org

www.jewishtoledo.org/about-us/gan-yeladim-preschool
Active Life for 60 and Better

Calling all Seniors 60+:
FREE Puzzle Books to Play at Home
Enjoy a workout for the brain; without the sweat!

Stay mentally active this winter with the help of Jewish Toledo. Any adult 60 or better is welcome to request a FREE puzzle book to pick up at the Federation or receive by mail. The books include a variety of puzzles in LARGE PRINT (such as word searches, Sudoku, word scrambles, and more).

One per household, please.
Claim your book today by contacting Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351

Perhaps you or a family member are in need of help with senior social services. Maybe you know someone in need of support from a family pantry. Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services offers a range of services to benefit our community. JSFSS has a knowledgeable and caring staff waiting to help you.

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Stacy Willis, LSW, MSW
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Get Fit Classes

Monday
Get Fit Early, 9-10am
-or-
Get Fit Later, 10:30-11:30am
Join us for this upbeat and energetic dance/exercise program designed to improve your fitness level safely and effectively. This is a comprehensive workout that includes strength, flexibility, balance, posture improvement, and more. All moves can be modified to meet specific needs.

Cardio Drumming, 12-1pm
A high-energy workout that also includes some dance moves. This can also be done seated.

Wednesday
Get Fit Early, 9-10am
-or-
Get Fit Later, 10:30-11:30am
(see description above)

Ballet Ball Fusion, 12-1pm
A special blend of ballet warm-up, cardio drumming, and a Tai Chi/yoga cool-down. Ballet shoes are not required.

Friday
Zumba, 9-10am
Foundation Fitness, 10am-11pm
Designed to improve mobility, core strength, and stability from the ground up. Focus will be on foot and ankle strength, movement, healthy posture, pelvic floor, and breathing. Exercises can be done in chairs and/or standing.

In-person classes at JSFSS
Sekach Building
6505 Sylvania Ave.
Sylvania

Can’t join us in person?
Tune in on YouTube at Jewish Toledo

60 and Better Getaways are back
Two summer trips! Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in July and Ohio Amish Country in August. See page 25 for all the details. Sign up now!
Beginning in 2023, Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services will be bringing a new series of FREE events to the Toledo area Jewish community. Welcome to JSFSS's new event series: Create and Relate! These events will offer the opportunity in five unique sessions for our seniors to connect with different services by bringing in new and exciting community members and activities. Although we hope to gear some services toward our seniors, we also hope to see people of all ages as we will be touching on topics within our society that are all-inclusive. All are welcome to attend. There will be a Creative Expression Art Activity at all sessions. Come nosh, come mingle and most importantly, come be together. Stay tuned for more information coming in the Toledo Jewish News. Any questions, please contact Stacy Willis at 419-724-0407.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:
• Lunch provided
• Creative Expression art activity at every session
• Community member presentation
• Mitzvah project

See page 10 for information on upcoming Create and Relate Sessions.

Seniors celebrate Lag BaOmer
You say potato, we say make it a potato bar for Lag BaOmer!

Jewish Toledo seniors recently celebrated Lag BaOmer, a festive Jewish holiday on the 33rd day of the Omer count. It is typically observed with outings (on which children traditionally play with bows and arrows), bonfires, parades, and other joyous events. Our seniors celebrated with a potato bar (sweet and baked) and a gathering around the fire on the Sekach Building patio.

Seniors enjoy creating abstract art
Using abstract chips of colored glass, Jewish Toledo seniors had a fun and relaxing morning arranging unique patterns of their choice on tiles. Thank you Copper Moon Studio for bringing your craft to us!
Local

B'nai Mitzvah

We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah

Abigail Bella Goldstein, daughter of Benjamin and Dawn Goldstein, granddaughter of Marge and Bill Goldstein and Richard and Gail Manning, will be called to the Torah on June 3, 2023. Abi is a seventh grade student at Toledo School for the Arts who is studying visual arts. She enjoys all sorts of art and crafting, especially jewelry making, using a variety of media. She enjoys camping with her family but especially looks forward to Camp Guci every year with her little brother, Noah. Abi loves animals and is working locally to aid in food banks for dogs and cats.

Simcha

Laurie Gross to receive 2023 ALA Women In Lighting Leadership Award

The American Lighting Association's Women in Lighting Committee has announced that the 2023 recipient of the Women in Lighting Leadership Award will be Laurie Gross, President of Gross Electric, and current Chair of the ALA Board of Governors.

The Women in Lighting Leadership Award recognizes one woman annually for her role in at least two of the following activities within the past two years:

• Achievement/leadership in the lighting industry
• Support of ALA
• Mentoring of other women in the industry
• Devotion to community through philanthropy, volunteer work or outstanding active support/participation.

Since 1993, Gross has helmed Gross Electric, a third-generation family business in Ohio and Michigan that was founded in 1910. An MBA graduate of the University of Michigan, she has worked in various positions at the company for most of her life.

Gross is the current Chair of the ALA Board of Governors.

Known as a champion for the independent showroom channel, Gross has advocated for equitable business practices to enable brick-and-mortar retailers to compete in the industry’s changing landscape. She has also exhibited leadership on behalf of women in the industry, appointing women to head up both Gross Electric’s lighting showroom division and electrical supply division.

Outside of the lighting industry, Gross has Chaired the Board of Trustees for The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio, which provides programs and services for people with permanent vision loss. She also serves on the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation Board for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and has been its President. In addition, she is a founding member of The University of Toledo Family Business Center.

Author Weinblatt publishes Jacob’s Courage

Jacob’s Courage: Romance and Survival amidst the Horrors of War, by Charles S. Weinblatt, was recently published by Amsterdam Publishing, one of the world’s foremost publishers of books about WWII and the Holocaust. The story chronicles love and enduring bravery of two young Jews in the midst of the Nazi war machine.

Weinblatt is a retired University of Toledo administrator. He is the author of published fiction and non-fiction, including Lost & Found; An Alien Adventure, Runaway Ducks; and the popular Holocaust love story, Jacob’s Courage. His biography appears in the Marquis, “Who’s Who in America,” where he was awarded the Albert Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award by the Marquis Who’s Who Board. Weinblatt is a prolific reviewer for The New York Journal of Books and he has been a contributing journalist for The Examiner. He writes novels, short stories and articles.

Jacob’s Courage can be purchased online at Amazon.com

Simcha

Birth Announcement

Erica Morgan, Andy Stein and big brother Leo are happy to announce the arrival of Sloane Morgan Stein on April 4, 2023, named for her Great Granny Lyn (z”l).

Former Toledoan to Serve as Board President of the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center of Houston

Former Toledoan, Debbie Beren Diamond, is the new president of the board of trustees of the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center of Houston. Diamond has served on the board and the $50M capital campaign committee, as well as most recently chairing the building dedication.

The JCC has held a significant spot in Diamond’s life. Born and raised in Toledo, she grew up attending preschool and summer camp at the J. She has fond memories of performing in children’s theater, taking Sunday Funday classes when the J was on Collingwood Avenue, learning about new cultures during A World of Fun winter break programs, spending summers at Camp Mihayah, serving as a teen leader, and working as a day camp counselor. “I remember seeing the photos of the past presidents of the JCC and feeling a sense of pride that my relatives were on that wall, including my late father, Gary Beren,” she said.

Her Jewish leadership history includes previous roles on the Women’s American ORT national board; National Young Leadership Cabinet for the Jewish Federation of North America representing Toledo; Levine Academy board chair in Dallas; and The Emery Weiner School board of directors in Houston. Diamond said that “volunteering has been a way for our family to become a part of the various communities where we have lived. All my family are wonderful role models for serving the Jewish community.”

Diamond is the daughter of Nora Romanoff and the late Gary Beren. She is married to former Toledoan, Stuart Diamond; their daughter, Ilana Diamond, who went to preschool at the Toledo JCC, and son-in-law, Michael Dahan, reside in Tel Aviv, Israel.
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Preferred maximum obit length is 500 words (Toledo Jewish News reserves the right to edit obituaries as necessary).

Email completed obituaries to: paul@jewishtoledo.org

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Safety Tips

As of April 4, 2023, it is illegal to use or hold a cell phone or other electronic wireless device in your hand or in your lap while driving on Ohio’s roads.

Ohio’s new law makes distracted driving a primary traffic offense and drivers can be immediately pulled over for violating the law.

The following actions are prohibited:
• Dialing a phone number
• Sending a text message
• Scrolling or updating social media account
• Watching videos or taking FaceTime calls
• Browsing the Internet
• Playing games
• Recording or streaming video

After a grace period of issuing warnings, beginning Oct. 5, 2023, law enforcement will begin issuing citations for violating the distracted driving law.

The following penalties will be issues for violations beginning Oct. 3, 2023:
First offense in two years: 2 points assessed to driver’s license, up to $150 fine.
Second offense in two years: 3 points assessed to driver’s license, up to $250 fine.
Third or more offense in two years: 4 points assessed to driver’s license, up to $500 fine, possible 90-day suspension of driver’s license.

Fines double if the violation occurs in a work zone.

Traffic Fatalities Rising
Data from the Ohio State Highway Patrol indicates that traffic deaths rose by nearly 10% last year, from 1,230 in 2020 to 1,351 in 2021.

There were 11,910 distracted driving crashes in Ohio in 2021, up 8.2% from 11,006 in 2020.

Fatalities on Ohio’s roads have risen six of the past seven years. This rise is directly correlated to more people now having smartphones, leading to an increase in active distraction while behind the wheel.

The dangers of using a hand-held electronic device while driving include greater variability in speed, position within lane (i.e., weaving) and distance from car in front, and slower reaction times that increase the frequency and severity of collisions.

Distracted Driving’s Deadly Toll on Pedestrians
Tragically, the number of motorists and pedestrians either injured or killed due to distracted driving has surged in the past three decades. Smartphones and other handheld electronic devices are known to be significant factors in these unfortunate and preventable accidents.

During 2018 and 2019, pedestrian fatalities reached their highest in 30 years. Reported fatal crashes from distracted driving also nearly doubled since the early 1990s.

In 2019, there were approximately 36,408 traffic fatalities nationwide, – 6,301 of which were pedestrians. That means pedestrians accounted for 17% of all traffic fatalities in 2019.

During the height of the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020, pedestrian fatalities increased by 20%, and traffic fatalities remained consistent despite the 16.5% decrease in traffic volume throughout the year.

Tragically, people of color have been shown to represent a disproportionate number of victims of pedestrian fatalities.

Distracted Driving is THE Biggest Concern for Ohio Drivers
According to a statewide commissioned by FOR Ohio and prepared by Public Opinion Strategies, nearly half of Ohio drivers surveyed cited distracted driving as their biggest concern.

• 48% Distracted Driving
• 22% Drivers Under the Influence
• 13% Road Conditions
• 13% Aggressive Drivers

There are some exceptions to the new law including:
Drivers reporting an emergency to law enforcement, a hospital, health care provider, fire department, or similar emergency entity.

Drivers holding a phone to their ear only during phone conversations, if the call is started or stopped with a single touch or swipe.

Drivers holding or using cell phones and other electronic devices while stopped at a traffic light or parked on a road or highway during an emergency or road closure
First responders (law enforcement, fire, EMS), using electronic devices as part of their official duties.

Utility workers operating utility vehicles in certain emergency or outage situations.
Licensed operators using an amateur radio.

Commercial truck drivers using a mobile data terminal.

Drivers over 18 years old can make or receive calls via hands-free devices, including:
• Speakerphone
• Earpiece
• Wireless Headset
• Electronic Watch
• Connecting Phone to Vehicle

Phones Down, It’s the Law!
Temple Shomer Emunim

Tempel Shomer Emunim follows the Lucas County Health Department regarding its Covid-19 Masking Policy. When levels are YELLOW, mask-wearing is OPTIONAL. When COVID-19 levels are RED, mask-wearing is MANDATORY for EVERYONE.

If you are not a CBI member and would like to attend programs or services, please contact the office at 419.517.8400.

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MOST CBI PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

CONNECTING KIDS TO MEALS VOLUNTEER EVENT
Tuesday, June 6, 2023 & Wednesday, June 28, 2023 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Cherry Street Mission Building, 1501 Monroe St.
We are need of 4-12 volunteers for each day. Teens are invited to participate and earn volunteer hours.
The volunteers will be putting together packages of food for children in need that live in the Toledo area.
June 6th volunteer day - RSVP by May 30th.
June 28th volunteer day - RSVP by June 21st.
RSVP to Fran Weinblatt at fweinblatt@gmail.com or Kim Brody at kbroyd@cbitoledo.org to volunteer or to have any questions answered.

CBI ANNUAL MEETING & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Sunday, June 11, 2023 11:00 AM, In-Person at CBI
Refreshments will be served.
RSVP to the office by Sunday, June 4th by calling 419.517.8400.

SPECIAL AWARDS
Please join us at the Annual Meeting where we will award congregants the following special awards:
BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR
SAM SCHWARTZ MINYAN AWARD

WCBI BOOK CLUB:
Cooking alla Giudia: A Celebration of the Jewish Food of Italy
by Benedetta Jasmine Guetta
Tuesday, June 27, 2023 11:00 AM
In-Person at the home of Fran Weinblatt
This will be an off-site program with book club members preparing recipes from the cookbook. Miriam Beckerman will host a demonstration of one of the recipes from the cookbook.
Space is limited to the first 18 people who RSVP. Contact Ellen Federman at efederman@sbcglobal.net.

SAVE THE DATE EVENTS:
• KABBALAT COOKOUT
Friday, July 7, 2023 5:45 PM, In-Person at CBI
Cost is $10 per person - $5 for children 12 and under - $20 per family
RSVP Kim Brody at kbroyd@cbitoledo.org or call 419.517.8400 by Friday, June 30th.

• CBI MUDHENS GAME
Sunday, July 23, 2023 at 2:00 PM
$11 per group ticket to be paid to CBI by Friday, June 30th.
RSVP Kim Brody at kbroyd@cbitoledo.org or call 419.517.8400 by Friday, June 30th.

• WOMEN OF CBI, ETZ CHAYIM, & SHOMER EMUNIM SISTERHOODS JOINT BOOK CLUB
The Matchmaker’s Gift
by Lynda Cohen Loigman
Thursday, July 28, 2023 1:30 PM, In-Person at CBI
RSVP Elsa Leveton elsea@etzchayimtoledo.org or call 419.473.2401 by Thursday, July 14th.

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

Shabbat Morning Yoga - Body and Soul
Join Amy Nistel and Cantor Jen Roher for Shabbat Morning Yoga - Body and Soul on Saturday, July 29 at 10:30AM
The class is for all levels, using a chair or a mat, whichever is most appropriate for you.
Start your Shabbat morning with a rejuvenating spiritual practice that will give you a renewed sense of peace.

Save the Date!
By Special Request ...
Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 3pm
A concert with Cantor Jen Roher featuring all of YOUR favorite music. All are invited to submit a request for a favorite song, secular or religious, to be included in our concert program.
PRE-SHABBAT SERVICES & PICNIC IN OLANDER PARK

Everyone is invited to a pre-Shabbat service and dinner on Friday, June 23rd at Olander Park. Meet at shelter house #2 at 5:00 p.m. to walk around the park. A picnic dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Following dinner Rabbi Stephen Belsky will be leading a special service. Please R.S.V.P. to Elsa Leveton if you plan to attend!

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES & KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

Join us for Shabbat services on Saturday, June 24th and July 29th at 9:00 a.m. Rabbi Belsky will be leading services. There will be a special Kiddush luncheon following each service to honor those members who will be celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries.

ZOOM PRESENTATION WITH AVIVA PANUSH

Aviva Panush, one of our favorite presenters is scheduled for her second zoom presentation on Sunday, June 4th at 10:30 a.m. Since this year is the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, Aviva will lead the discussion regarding this topic. The second session is titled “Warsaw Ghetto Uprising”. Please R.S.V.P. to Nancy Jacobson at jaco824@bex.net or Elsa Leveton at elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org. to receive the link.

POKER/MAH JONG

In person poker and mah jong is scheduled for Sunday June 11th and July 30th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the synagogue. Everyone is invited. Snacks will be served.

JAZZ IN THE GARDEN

Enjoy lovely summer evenings and beautiful jazz music in the Toledo Botanical Gardens. Join your friends on Thursday evening July 6th at 6:30 p.m. Parking is at the Bancroft Street entrance; disabled parking is at the Elmer Drive entrance. The cost is $5.00 for Metropark members and $10.00 for non members. Only cash payments are accepted. The gates open at 5:30 p.m. Bring your chairs and we will meet, sit together and enjoy the music. Please register so more information can be provided.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Etz Chayim is once again volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House on Sunday, July 16th from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. to cook and serve breakfast for the families staying there. Eight people are needed. Please contact Nancy Jacobson to register.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood will once again be hosting a glass class with Ellen Rubin. The date will be Sunday, July 2nd, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sisterhood has done this in the past and everyone enjoyed making jewelry, bowls, or plaques. Ellen is excellent in guiding students and teaching them how to work with the glass, and glass paint. Please R.S.V.P. to Andrea Lublin or Cheryl Berkowitz.

All members of the Etz Chayim Sisterhood are invited to take part in a visit to the Salt Caves in Perrysburg. It involves a 45 minute therapy time in the salt cave. The floor is salt, with Himalayan salt in the walls. It is said to be very therapeutic for people. It is noted to be good for breathing, skin, and inflammation issues. The company can accommodate 12 people at a time; therefore Sisterhood is setting two dates for people to attend. There is also an infra-Red Sauna which can accommodate 2 people at a time. The cost for Sisterhood members is being underwritten by the Sisterhood. It is a way to say Thank You for all those who work so hard for the Sisterhood. The dates to choose from will be August 8th or 15th.

The times are to be determined. One will be earlier in the day the other in the afternoon. R.S.V.P. will be necessary as only 12 can attend per time.

The opening luncheon for Sisterhood this year is being tentatively scheduled Tuesday, September 12, at 12:00.

The annual Mah Jongg Tournament date has been set for July 12, from 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. The cost will be $5.00. Mah Jongg enthusiasts, put this date on your calendar for a fun afternoon.

ETZ CHAYIM TAILGATE PICNIC & MUD HENS GAME

Everyone is invited to a tailgate lunch on Sunday August 13th at 12:30 p.m. in the synagogue social hall. Following lunch there will be afternoon games and then everyone will travel to watch the Mud Hens play the Columbus Clippers at 4:05 p.m. Please contact Nancy Jacobson for ticket prices. The tailgate lunch is free.

JOIN SYNAGOGUE BOOK CLUB

A delightful program featuring the three synagogue book clubs is planned for Thursday, July 20th at 1:30 p.m. at Congregation B’nai Israel. Delicious desserts will be served. Alice Baum, Elsa Leveton, Carol Richman and Sharon Stein will be leading the discussion of the book “The Matchmaker’s Gift” by Lynda Cohen Loigman. Please R.S.V.P. to Elsa at elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org.

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**Trip to Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park**

**Thursday, July 13**

*Bus leaves – 7:45 a.m.*

*Bus returns – 5:30 p.m.*

Park in the JCC/YMCA parking lot

$35 per person – includes lunch and transportation; minimum campaign gift is required

Join us for a trip to Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Ranked in the top 45 most-visited art museums worldwide, the sculpture collection features more than 200 works and over 158 acres of trees, plants, and flowers in their striking gardens. This event will include some steps and walking.

RSVP required by Wednesday, July 5 to [https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors](https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors) or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

This event is intended for adults 60 and Better who support the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo’s Annual Campaign. A meaningful gift to the campaign is required to attend. Make your contribution today by contacting Wendy Goldstein at 419-724-0362 or wendy@jewishtoledo.org or by visiting: www.jewishtoledo.org/campaigndepartment.

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**Bus Trip to Ohio Amish Country**

**Thursday, August 17**

*Bus leaves – 7:45 a.m.*

*Bus returns – 8 p.m.*

Park in the JCC/YMCA parking lot

$35 per person – includes lunch and transportation; minimum campaign gift is required.

Summer adventure awaits us as we take a bus ride to Ohio Amish Country in the central part of the state with stops at Hershberger’s Farm & Bakery followed by a guided bus tour of Amish Country, plus stops at Walnut Creek Cheese (for a box lunch and ice cream), Hillcrest Orchard, and the Walnut Creek Flea Market.

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When it comes to nature, Israel has it all.
The country itself may be small but what it lacks in area it makes up for in diverse, beautiful scenery.

Visit a winery for a tour and wine tasting; ascend up to Masada by cable car and tour the famous ancient fortress built by King Herod; enjoy floating in the therapeutic waters of the mineral-rich Dead Sea; buckle in to a Jeep tour in the mountains of the Golan Heights passed abandoned Syrian military bunkers.

Art to science, medicine to geopolitics, Israel’s Western Galilee boasts vital national resources, lifesaving medicine, and cultural treasures. Beyond our Partnership region, Israel’s northern frontier awaits.

Tour the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya, including the underground hospital built with the recipients of life-changing programs fueled by our Federation’s Community Campaign dollars; explore the historic alleyways of Akko; celebrate Israel at 75 and our Partnership relationship at 25 with a Partnership2gether Mega Event with local Israelis, including friends who have visited Toledo such as participants of the Women Leading a Dialogue program; visit the mystical city of Tzfat and stroll the narrow, winding alleys; visit some of the beautiful synagogues and browse through the artists’ workshops and galleries; partake in a geopolitical tour at Kunetra Outlook and Mt. Bental to view the Syrian border and learn about the challenges facing Israel with the Syrian Civil War.

Prepare to be awestruck at the old city of Jaffa, the Galilee, Jerusalem and the Old City. You’ll visit the holiest site in Judaism, the Western Wall, and tour the Israel Museum and view the Dead Sea Scrolls. You’ll get an up-close view of the center of Israeli government – the Knesset. Your trip-of-a-lifetime includes swimming in the therapeutic waters of the Dead Sea, exploring Jerusalem’s bustling Machane Yehuda Market, ascending Masada by cable car, and so much more! And when it’s time for you to rest and recharge, you’ll do it at hotels in the heart of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and at a “kibbutz experience” boutique hotel in the Western Galilee.
Jewish Toledo showered Israel with love for the country’s 75th birthday. Thank you to all who joined us for what was a wonderful evening full of celebration and community.