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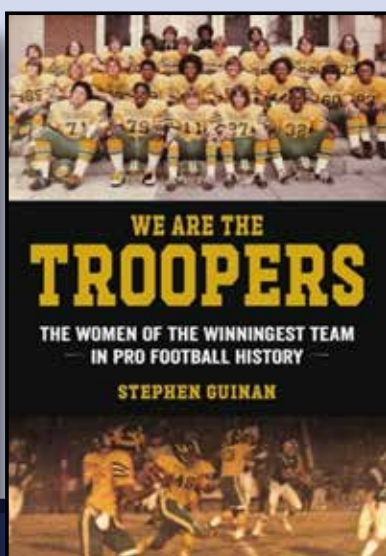
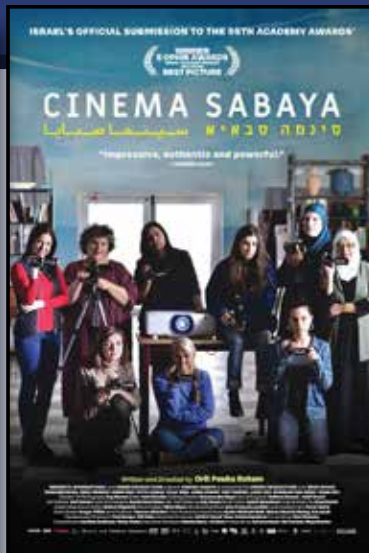
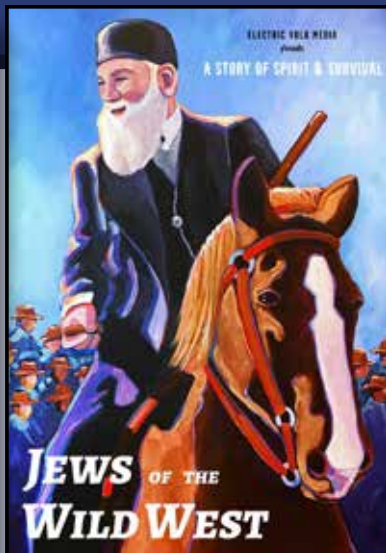
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Opening Night!

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: Dessert and coffee bar with smoothies

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

Cinema Sabaya

Monday, July 17 at 7 p.m.

Israel's official Oscars entry, Orit Fouks Rotem's deft and heartfelt debut brings together disparate Arab and Jewish women who learn self-expression through the power of film. Young Tel Aviv-based filmmaker Rona (Dana Ivgy) teaches a documentary workshop to the residents of Hadera. The women, both secular and religious, film their daily activities and routines. At the outset, tempers flare because of cultural misunderstandings, but the students soon form an empowering bond over shared experiences. Nominated for eight Israeli Academy Awards with wins for Best Film, Best Director, and Best Supporting Actress. 91 minutes, Hebrew with English subtitles

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**

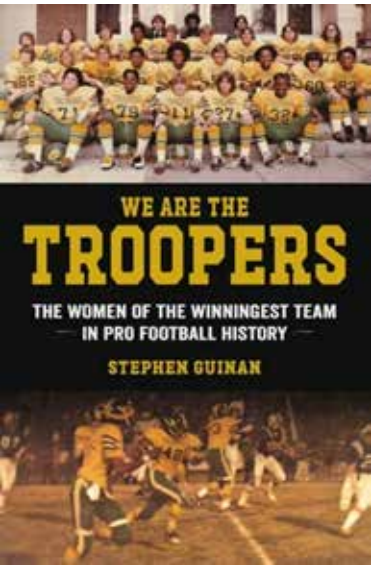
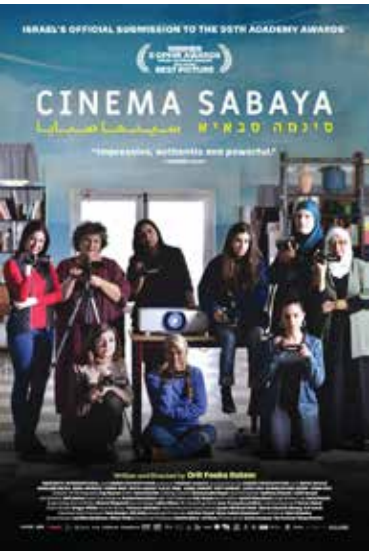
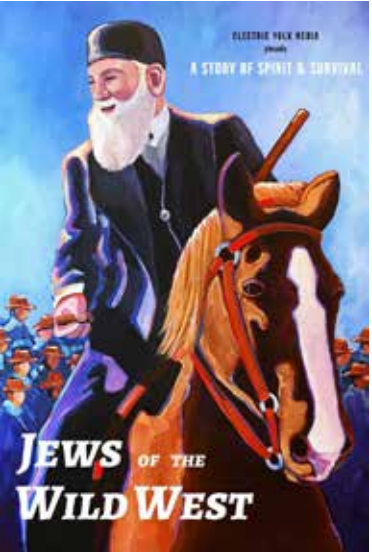
Monday, July 31 at 7 p.m.

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.

Ohio is the birthplace of the Women's Professional Football League, and the Toledo Troopers hold the record for the most championship titles in women's football history.

A captivating collage of stories from former players and supporters, *We Are the Troopers* looks back on the crew of strong women would beat the odds through hard work, perseverance, and love of the game at a time when there were very few female sports opportunities. 96 minutes, English

Concessions: Game day snacks



All movies will be shown at:

Lourdes University, Franciscan Theatre – 6832 Convent Blvd.
Sylvania, OH

Cost:

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Series Package - \$45 for all 5 dates (per person)

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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

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SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, August 8 at 6 p.m.
Congregation B'nai Israel, 6525 Sylvania Avenue
Free event – dinner included

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:
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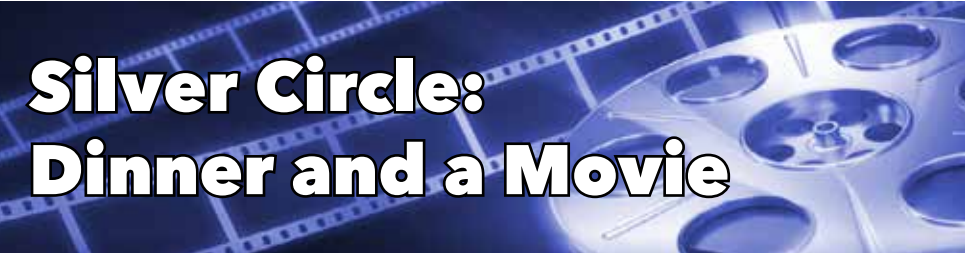


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Silver Circle: Dinner and a Movie

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Jews of the Wild West



Monday, July 10

5:30 p.m.

Franciscan Center, Lourdes University,
6832 Convent Blvd, Sylvania
Free Event – RSVP required

Silver Circle members are donors who have supported Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's annual campaign for 25+ years. Year after year, these individuals have helped to build a strong Jewish future for Toledo.

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

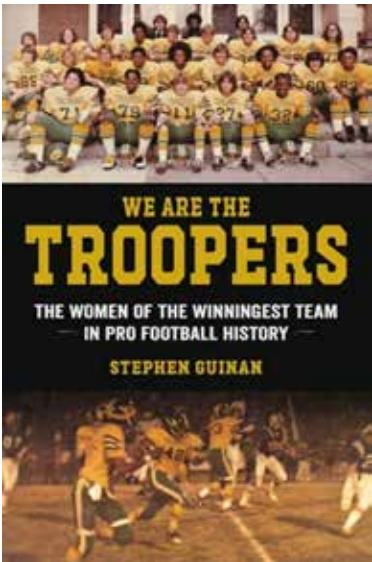
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Major Donor Dinner at Film Festival

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We are the Troopers



Monday, July 31

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.

Franciscan Center, Lourdes University,
6832 Convent Blvd, Sylvania
\$10 per person

Open to all Major Donors who contribute \$1,000 or more to Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's annual campaign

Join us for dinner, a private chat with author Stephen Guinan, and viewing of the film "We are the Troopers: The Women of the Winningest Team in Pro Football History."

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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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.



Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo



Volunteers needed

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 (JFGT) 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/vv2/lp/toljewish>

Any questions?

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Two JFGT staff members honored by local community organizations

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Daniel Pearlman, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) 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, JFGT 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 Mehling, Dave White Chevrolet (winner) and Kathy White, Anderson/Miller Insurance Agency.

Mazal Tov to both Daniel and Ben for their recognition in the greater Toledo area!

Toledo Jewish Community Foundation

Alix Greenblatt Memorial Fund to benefit Jewish professionals, lay members, and staff



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 (which she chaired in 2005), and Rotary Club of Sylvania (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 Sylvania 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 Collingwood 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 stuff and seal envelopes.

"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 CEO] Steve Edelstein's assistant, 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

Erwin D. Katz Fund to benefit Jewish Toledo

Erwin D. Katz (z"l) established the **Erwin D. Katz Fund** with the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (TJCF) during his lifetime with provisions to distribute assets to the fund and begin making charitable grants after his death. Erwin passed away on February 10, 2022 but has left a lasting legacy of support for Jewish Toledo.

Erwin was born in Toledo, served in the U.S. Army, and was a graduate of The University of Toledo. He worked for many years as a computer programmer and analyst for Owens-Illinois and later the City of Toledo. He was also a math teacher at McCord Junior High School. He was committed to Jewish education and Jewish religious observance. He regularly attended minyan at Congregation B'nai Israel, which was very meaningful to him.

The Erwin D. Katz Fund will make four gifts annually for the next 25 years to Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) for its unrestricted purposes; to Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS) to support the social service needs of Jewish seniors in our community; to Congregation B'nai Israel to support its minyan; and to Jewish student support with scholarships to pay for tuition and room and board at The University of Toledo.

Stephen Rothschild, JFGT CEO and Interim Director of the TJCF said, "Erwin sat right behind our family for High Holiday services. He was always kind and greeted us with a cheerful wish for a 'gut yor' (good year) and 'gut Yontif.' He was especially moved by the singing of the Hymn of the Partisans ('Zog Nit Keynmol') in Yiddish during Yom Kippur and enjoyed every opportunity to sprinkle his conversations with Yiddish phrases. His gifts leave a legacy of memories of his good name and love of Jewish Toledo."

Edelstein bequest benefits EMOJI program for Jewish Toledo children

Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) recently received a gift of over \$18,000 from the estate of Janice Edelstein (z"l) to support JFGT's Experience a Memorable Overnight Jewish Initiative (EMOJI). EMOJI offers children between the ages of 7 and 16 financial support for a Jewish overnight camping experience during the summer. This year, Jewish Toledo is helping parents send 39 Jewish children to summer camp.

Originally from Cincinnati, Janice met her late husband and past Jewish Family Service President, Myron (z"l), at The Ohio State University; after a brief courtship, they married and remained so for 60 years until Myron's passing in 2012.

Ann Kisin, their daughter, said, "They were very much in love and remain so even though that both are now gone."

Janice was an avid gardener, loved the outdoors, and kept a Jewish home. A private person, she made sure that her children were involved Jewishly and sent Ann and her siblings to Camp White Pine, a Jewish overnight camp, for five summers in Halliburton, Ontario, Canada. Ann met several Toledoans during her time there and made numerous friends. Ann directed this gift from Janice's estate to help ensure that kids today have the same experience.

Numerous studies have conclusively established that summer camp experiences are some of the most impactful to retaining a Jewish identity later in life, as it did for Ann.

If you would like more information about the EMOJI program or to discuss how you can impact the Jewish community now or leave a legacy gift in the future, please contact Stephen Rothschild, CEO and Interim Director Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo, at 419-724-0372 or stephen@jewishtoledo.org.



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 we are constantly identifying new and developing 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 Ivor

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.



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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 entities throughout Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Participating communities included The Temple Congregation Shomer Emunim in Sylvania near Toledo; Kneseth Israel Temple in Wooster; Temple Israel in Dayton; Temple Israel in Columbus; Temple El-Emeth in Youngstown; The Temple-Tifereth Israel in Beachwood; Temple Israel Ner Tamid in Mayfield Heights; B'nai Jeshurun 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 Sholom 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 then read a line from 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.

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 even though Czech Jewry was "decimated," that they were rediscovered and sold to a London investor, and then landed in the hands of what would become Memorial Scrolls Trust.

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



Representatives from participating congregations and organizations march their scrolls through the crowd. Pictured here, center, is Beverly Karp. She and Janet Rogolsky represented Temple Shomer Emunim with Czech Scroll #186. This is the 50th year The Temple has been guardian of the Czech Scroll, the 186th scroll that was unwrapped and given to Czech Memorial Scrolls Trust after they were rescued from Communist Czechoslovakia 20 years after the Holocaust. CJN Photo / Becky Raspe

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 changed. 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

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

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News

‘The Sims’ video game adds Jewish foods, a longtime request of Jewish players

By Philissa Cramer
(JTA) — Players of the video game “The Sims” can now bake a challah or dish up a bowl of matzo ball soup, after updates made by the game’s creator that are designed to increase Jewish representation.

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 periodically release 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 HufflePom 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, HufflePom tweeted a picture of a multicolored challah and thanked a programmer who had been working on the addition “for doing such a beautiful, thoughtful and respectful job.”

<https://twitter.com/HufflePom/status/1658907668223000577>

HufflePom 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.”

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 menorahs, 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 candles for each night of Hanukkah, there was no Jewish content provided by the game’s creator. HufflePom 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 HufflePom nor the programmer responded to requests for comment on Wednesday.

An online petition launched last year by another Sims user noted HufflePom’s advocacy. “For over a year, Simmer HufflePom has been asking for Jewish representation in The Sims 4 by add-

ing Jewish head coverings and food like challa, babka, hamantashen and brisket,” said 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 petition said they were Jewish and wanted to have more true-to-life options when they played the game.

“I am Jewish and am tired of not being able to have Jewish Sims,” wrote a signer named Michelle Jackson. “Stuck 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 gameplay 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 November. “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 for not doing enough to stop the Holocaust. On Tuesday, he spoke again of how he was spurred to run for president in 2020 after the deadly Neo-Nazi march in Charlottesville, Virginia three years earlier — and former President Donald Trump’s equivocation when he was asked to condemn the marchers.

“That’s when I knew... our work was not done,” he said, turning to address a delegation of Jewish Democratic lawmakers who were attending the event, and who have pressed for a more aggressive response to antisemitism. “Hate never goes away.”

This was the first Jewish American Heritage Month event at the White House since 2016. Trump’s administration paid less attention to the commemoration, which was enshrined in a law passed with bipartisan support in 2006. Biden’s hopes of staging an event were delayed in 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 businesses, Jewish institutions under armed guards, Jews who wear religious attire beaten down in the street, Jewish students harassed and excluded from college campuses, swastikas on cars and cemeteries and in schools.”

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 Jewish 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 government agencies are going 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.

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

There were lighter elements to the event, including recognition of the services Jews have provided to the United States over the centuries, and a rendition of “Hava Nagila” by the Marine Band. Israeli-American chef Michael Solomonov, whom Biden recognized, prepared Moroccan cigars, smoked sable on challah and something called “fairy tale eggplant,” a variety of the night-

shade vegetable.


“Our special guest shall ensure that today is both delicious and glatt kosher,” Biden said, to surprised laughter, as Solomonov took a bow.

Still, even the entertainment referred to what Biden called the “stain” of antisemitism threading through American history. Ben Platt and Micaela Diamond performed songs from “Parade,” which they are starring in. Its

subject matter is the 1915 lynching of Leo Frank, a Jew in Georgia falsely accused of murder.

Platt and Diamond had to rush back to New York in time for an 8 p.m. show, but beforehand, Platt praised the musical’s composer, Jason Robert Brown, who accompanied them on piano. Brown, Platt said, “is really telling you an important Jewish story.”

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IN UNITY AND FRIENDSHIP

News

“Knead Peace”: Raising Awareness and Dough for Ukraine

By Mary Bilyeu
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“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.

“My team 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.”

Here in Toledo, many people channeled 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 see what their needs were, 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, enrolling in school, getting jobs, and accessing transportation.

Two other critical components to address have included mental health – “because these people have been through a lot of trauma,” Mr. Malczewski noted – 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 and aid to Ukraine, itself.

“We collected goods, any items from clothes to batteries to medical supplies [and food],” Mr. Malczewski said, and worked with local organizations to send 22 pallets to the battle-scarred country. In addition to helping those who’ve fled the situation, “we try to support what’s happening over there, too.”

Having chosen to stay in her country to offer support to Ukraine as best she can, Ms. Makievska has found her own life turned upside down by the continuing war, with aid desperately needed.

An artisan sourdough baker in Kyiv, she turned her passion into a business back in 2015 when opening The Bakehouse. In the fall of 2021, she expanded into a second facility, Bakehouse Garage, after investing three years of her life and \$1.5 million U.S. into a long-held dream of a state-of-the-art facility.

Four months later, though, on February 24, 2022, Ms. Makievska had to close her new retail space after the Russian invasion led to chaos and bombings all around.

But she and her staff simply returned to the old place of work and started their ‘round-the-clock charitable baking in the basement for safety, even as supply chains were disrupted and some employees were unable to continue with their jobs. (Many families escaped, as noted above,

while a great number of women fled the country with their children and men were conscripted into the military.)

Ms. Makievska’s own recipe for Flaxseed Sourdough – her signature bread – is included in *Knead Peace*. The book also offers a lot of Jewish-themed and inspired recipes, as well as featuring Jewish bakers. There’s a delicious assortment, including Challah Buns; Beetroot and Rye Sourdough loaf; Everything Sourdough Bagels from Tartine Bakery’s Max Blachman-Gentile; Vanilla, Chocolate, and Raspberry Babka; Walnut, Poppyseed, and Plum Bostock, utilizing day-old challah; Jewish Apple Cake from Kossoffs Bakery, established in the 1920s by a Jewish refugee from Kyiv; Buckwheat and Honey Cake, which Friends and Family Bakery in Los Angeles prepares each year for customers celebrating the High Holidays; a Ginger and Rye Loaf Cake; and Pumpkin Spice Snickerdoodles from internationally-renowned Israeli-British restaurateur Yotam Ottolenghi.

“I believe no citizen of the world should stay silent and indifferent to the terror of war,” Ms. Makievska writes. A worldwide collective of bakers – along with our own Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo – agree with her.

“We need peace,” Ms. Makievska continues, “so let’s knead it, helping Ukrainians fight for victory and survive this horror.”

“Knead Peace” (suggested retail price \$29.99) was compiled and published with the intent of raising both awareness of, and funds for, those suffering from the continuing crisis in Ukraine. We encourage you to support relief and refugee assistance efforts, such as those being coordinated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (<https://tinyurl.com/jvrhrbtu>).

Ginger and Rye Loaf Cake

Adapted from Sarah Johnson of London’s Spring restaurant
Yield: 1 loaf

This tender, fragrant, spicy loaf is easy to make and an absolute delight. It can be served as a year-round treat with a variety of seasonal fruits.

- 90g (3-1/4 oz) plain (all-purpose) flour
- 60g (2-1/4 oz) dark rye flour
- ¼ tsp cinnamon
- ¼ tsp salt
- 65g (about a 4-inch piece) fresh root ginger, peeled and sliced into coins
- 100g (3-1/2 oz) sugar
- 115g (4 oz) grapeseed oil, plus extra for greasing
- 130g (4-3/4 oz) black treacle or molasses
- Water
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda (baking soda)
- 1 egg

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 350F. 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 to make sure all of the ginger is incorporated.
4. Feel free to drizzle some of the oil into the blender to keep things moving. Once the mixture is smooth and there are no more bits of ginger, add the rest of the oil. Turn off the blender and add the treacle.
5. Bring a medium pot of water to a rolling boil. Quickly but 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. Keeping close watch, bring it to

another rolling boil, then add the bicarbonate of soda (baking soda), which will fizz up. Immediately remove from 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). Carefully pulse the blender a few times until all the wet ingredients are fully incorporated.

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 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 to 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 pears or roasted quince in autumn, or warm poached prunes in winter.

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Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services

TECH TIPS

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!

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6:30 p.m.

Sekach Building

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

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.

Tumble & Flip with Friends
Sunday, June 25
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Exceleration Gymnastics Center,
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\$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).

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PJ at the Park
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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.

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"Splish Splash"
July 5



"Feathered Friends"
July 12



Nature Play Wednesdays

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



"Muddy Buddies"
July 19



"Creepy Crawlies"
July 26





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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)
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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!

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.



www.jewishtoledo.org/about-us/gan-yeladim-preschool



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Gan Yeladim Preschool

THE HEART OF GAN YELADIM

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.



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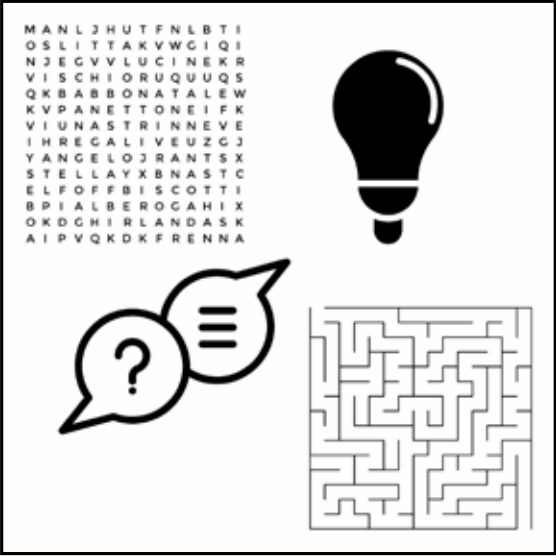
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Get Fit Classes

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, mobility, 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**



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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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!

Active Life for 60 and Better

Lunch & Listen

Thursday, August 24
12 p.m.

Wildwood Preserve,
Manor House Gazebo
\$5 per person – includes
music and vegetarian
lunch



Come to the Manor House and enjoy the sounds of incredible local artists, Chloe & the Steel Strings, an up-and-coming Americana band from Toledo. Acoustically driven, the Steel Strings have spent the last five years crafting their unique sound of singer-songwriter Americana with a dash of psychedelic headspace. With weaving rhythms and gorgeous vocals, the band's sound has been described as if "Joni Mitchell had a baby with the Flying Burrito Brothers."

In the event of rain, lunch will be held at the Sekach Building

RSVP by Thursday, August 17 to
<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/Seniors>
or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org

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!



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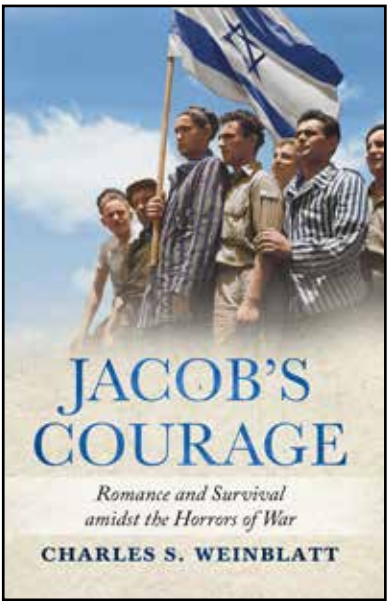
Abigail Bella Goldstein, daughter of Benjamin and Dawn Goldstein, granddaughter of Marge and Bill Goldstein and Richard and Gail Manning, will be called to the Torah on June 3, 2023. Abi is a seventh grade student at Toledo School for the Arts who is studying visual arts. She enjoys all sorts of art 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



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).



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 purchase online at Amazon.com



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.

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 shared 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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Obituaries accepted for print in *Toledo Jewish News*

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

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

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

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

NOTE: Only obituaries submitted to paul@jewishtoledo.org (at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo offices) will be printed in Toledo Jewish News.

Toledo Jewish News is published the first of every month except July. Obituaries should be emailed by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

If you have additional questions, please contact paul@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0318.

2023 CEMETERY CLOSINGS

BETH SHALOM CEMETER
420 Otter Creek Rd.
Oregon, Ohio 43616

EAGLE POINT CEMETERY
515 Eagle Point Rd.
Rossford, Ohio 43460

Cemeteries close early every Friday at 4 p.m. for Erev Shabbat
Cemeteries are closed every Saturday for Shabbat

Jewish Holiday Closing Schedule for 2023

Friday, September 15, 2023	Erev Rosh Hashana	Close @ 4 P.M.
Saturday, September 16, 2023	Rosh Hashana I	Closed
Sunday, September 17, 2023	Rosh Hashana II	Closed
Sunday, September 24, 2023	Erev Yom Kippur	Close @ 4 P.M.
Monday, September 25, 2023	Yom Kippur	Closed
Friday, September 29, 2023	Erev Sukkot	Close at 4 P.M.
Saturday, September 30, 2023	Sukkot I	Closed
Sunday, October 1, 2023	Sukkot II	Closed
Friday, October 6, 2023	Erev Shmini Atzeret	Closed
Saturday, October 7, 2023	Shmini Atzeret Sukkot VIII	Closed
Sunday, October 8, 2023	Simchat Torah	Closed

Regular Cemetery hours:
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Safety Tips



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Phones Down, It's the Law!

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



Ohioans involved in crashes while being distracted behind the wheel in 2019:

13,485

Temple Shomer Emunim

<p>June Worship Schedule</p> <p><u>Friday June 2</u> Shabbat Service 6pm</p> <p><u>Saturday June 3</u> Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Goldstein 10:30am</p> <p><u>Friday June 9</u> Shabbat Service 6pm</p> <p><u>Friday June 16</u> Annual Meeting 5:30pm Shabbat Service 6:30pm</p> <p><u>Saturday June 17</u> Parsha & Prayer 10:30am</p> <p><u>Friday June 23</u> Shabbat Unplugged 6pm</p> <p><u>Friday June 30</u> Shabbat Service 6pm</p>  <p>July Worship Schedule</p> <p><u>Friday July 7</u> Shabbat Service 6pm</p> <p><u>Friday July 14</u> Shabbat Service 6pm</p> <p><u>Friday, July 21</u> Shabbat Service 6pm</p> <p><u>Friday, July 28</u> Shabbat Service 6pm</p> <p><u>Saturday, July 29</u> Shabbat Morning Yoga 10:30am</p>	<p>Temple Annual Meeting & Election of Board of Trustees</p> <p>Friday, June 16 at 5:30pm Followed by Shabbat Services at 6:30pm with Rabbi Jamie Gibson & Cantor Jen Roher Kol Zimrah will sing</p> <p>Parsha & Prayer Saturday, June 17 at 10:30am with Rabbi Gibson</p> <p>Join us on Saturday, June 17 at 6:30pm as we say Todah Rabah (many thanks) to Rabbi Jamie Gibson</p> <p>Cocktails, Mocktails and Grazing Buffets</p>  <p>Adults: \$18 Children 10 & under: \$9 Children under 3: No Charge RSVP to mkuehnle@templese.com or 419/885-3341 No later than Tuesday, June 13 by Noon</p> <p>If you would like to contribute toward a gift for Rabbi Gibson, please let us know when you make your reservation.</p> <p>Men's Chavurah Wednesday, June 28 @ 7pm Wednesday, July 26 @ 7pm</p>	<p>Joint Synagogue Book Club Meeting Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 1:30pm Congregation B'nai Israel</p> <p>The Matchmaker's Gift By Lynda Cohen Loigman will be discussed</p> <p>Please RSVP to Elsa Leveton at elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org or 419/473-2401 by July 14, 2023</p> <p>Coffee, tea & dessert will be available</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Save the Date! By Special Request ... Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 3pm</p>  <p>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.</p>
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If you are not a CBI member and would like to attend programs or services, please contact the office at 419.517.8400.

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 kbrody@cbitoledo.org to
volunteer or to have any questions answered.

Weekly Services Schedule

Monday & Thursday Morning Minyan
8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom

Monday ~ Thursday Evening 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

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
CONGREGANT 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 kbrody@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 kbrody@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 elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org
or call 419.473.2401 by Thursday, July 14th.

Congregation Etz Chayim

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. It uses essential oils and relaxing oils in the sauna. 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.

JOINT 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 Applebaum, 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.

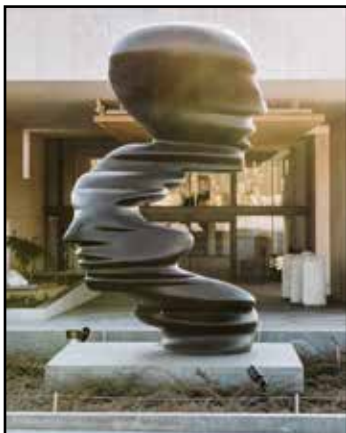
Park in the JCC/YMCA parking lot

\$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> 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.



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 Hersher'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.

This event will include some steps and walking.

RSVP required by Wednesday, August 8
to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or
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No other place like it in our world, Jerusalem is a breathtaking focal point for religion, culture and history.

Your Jerusalem experience includes:

The holiest place in Judaism today, the Western Wall – Kotel and a tour of the subterranean spaces under the Western Wall Tunnels; a walk through the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City; a tour through the halls of the new Supreme Court; a stop at the Knesset; a shopping stop at Machane Yehuda Market (Shuk) and a special tasting menu from select stands; a tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum on the 85th commemoration of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass; and a Shabbat of a Lifetime experience at the home of a local family where you'll enjoy a home-cooked Friday night dinner.

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; meet 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.

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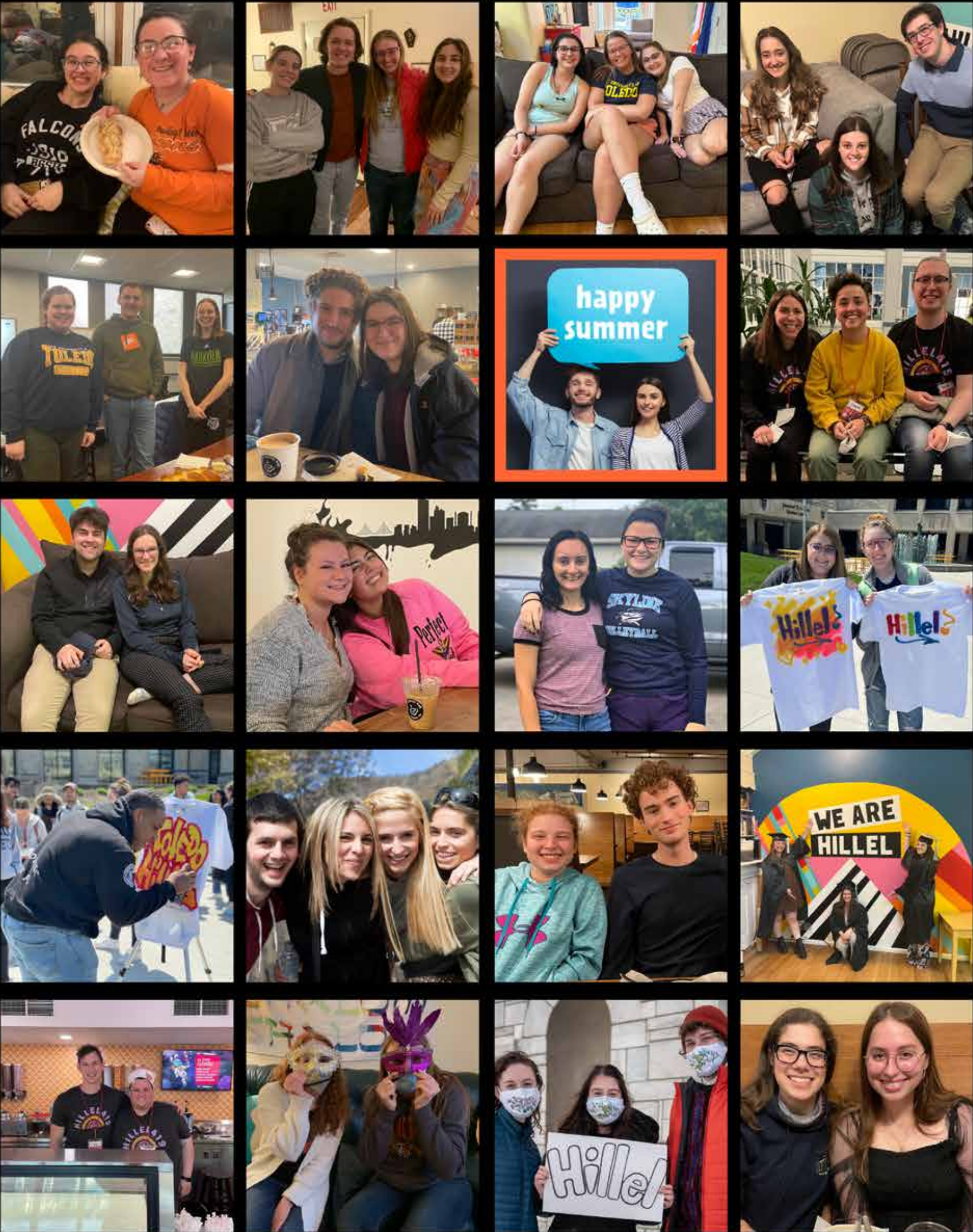
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