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Sunday, June 28, 1-2 p.m.

**zoom**

The Jewish Toledo community, in partnership with Congregation Etz Chayim, Congregation B'nai Israel, Temple Shomer Emunim, and Chabad House of Toledo, are planning a virtual family get-together.



**Please join us for a much-needed  
festive, fun, warm,  
virtual family party**

**No fundraising and no agenda other than celebrating family  
including those on both sides of the ocean.**

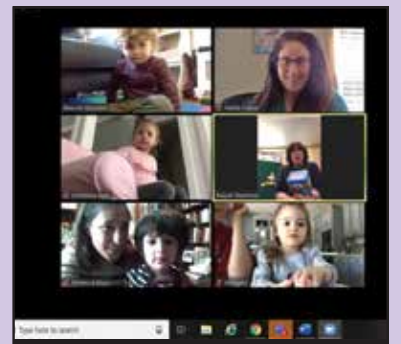
A family reunion of course includes our Israeli mishpacha (family). Yoni Alon, our beloved "Israel at Your Door Step" shaliach (emissary) has agreed to join us. Yoni has endeared himself to our community. He and all the program partners he brings to our community represent the very best of Israel.

**RSVP to Colette at [registration@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:registration@jewishtoledo.org) to get  
your link to the party!**



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# Toledo Jewish Community Foundation

## Tax Law Changes

Recent changes in federal law that may impact your decision whether to make distributions from your IRA this year.

The SECURE Act, which became law effective January 1, increased the beginning age for Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from IRAs and other qualified retirement plans from 70 ½ to 72 for individuals that had not reached age 70 ½ by December 31, 2019.

The CARES Act, which became law in March, waived RMDs in calendar year 2020. Ordinarily, you have until April 1 of the year following the year in which you reach the beginning age to take your first RMD. You would have an RMD for the year in which you reach the beginning age and another RMD for the following year. If, for example, you reached 70 ½ in 2019, you could have taken your 2019 RMD in 2019, or you could have waited until April 1, 2020. Either way, you would have been required to take your 2020 RMD by December 31, 2020. The CARES Act waives both RMDs.

While the SECURE Act changed the minimum age for RMDs, it did not change the minimum age for Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). If you are age 70½ or older, you are still eligible to make QCDs.

With a QCD, you may give as much as \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to the Federation or other charity. You will not be entitled to a federal charitable income tax deduction, but whereas withdrawals from a traditional IRA are taxable as ordinary income, QCDs are excluded from federal taxable income. QCDs may not be made for deposit into a donor advised fund, and they may not be made to supporting foundations or private non-operating foundations or to establish gifts from which you or

another person will receive periodic payments, such as a gift annuity. QCDs can be applied against your annual RMD, when you have one. Note: The SECURE Act eliminated the age limit on deductible contributions to IRAs. Now allowable QCDs are subject to reduction for deductible contributions to your IRA after you reach age 70 ½.

You may feel no urgency to withdraw funds from your IRA this year, when there is no RMD. Giving a QCD, however, may be a savvy move if you have large IRA balances.

### QCD Strategies for 2020

**1. Lower future RMDs.** Recent volatility in the financial markets may have taken a toll on your IRA account balances, but if IRAs recover, as we hope they will do, higher balances will mean higher RMDs, and they, in turn, will mean higher taxes. QCDs that you make now will help you lower RMDs in the future.

**2. For non-itemizers.** The standardized deduction increased considerably in 2017. If you do not itemize, QCDs may be particularly valuable to you. QCDs are excluded from income, so they will not impact Medicare Part B or D premiums that are based on your adjusted gross income (AGI) or other itemized deductions with AGI-based limits. Note: State income tax considerations could impact your QCD decision, particularly if you pay tax in a state in which QCDs are included in taxable income.

If you make a QCD, you can still elect to take advantage of a new \$300 cash-only above-the-line charitable

deduction in 2020, which was created by the CARES Act for non-itemizers. Note: This deduction may not be claimed for gifts to donor advised funds or supporting foundations, and joint filers together may claim no more than \$300.

**3. Bunching QCDs in 2021.** If you ordinarily make QCDs of less than \$100,000 per year, you may choose to delay QCDs that you normally would have made in 2020 until January 2021, after the RMD waiver expires. Then you can make your normal 2021 QCDs later in the year. If you plan to “bunch” your QCDs and defer payment of your 2020 Campaign gift or other commitments to 2021, please let us know to help us in our cash flow planning.

**4. Withdrawal and gift.** You could make charitable gifts with amounts you withdraw from your IRA, using tax deductions to offset the taxable income that withdrawals will generate. These cash contributions could be used to fund donor-advised funds or supporting organizations up to the standard limit of 60 percent of AGI. In 2020, other cash contributions can take your charitable deductions to 100 percent of AGI. Contributions above the applicable AGI limit may be carried forward for five years. Note: This strategy may impact AGI-based Medicare premiums and other deduction limits and may not be favorable where state income taxes apply. Be sure to discuss this strategy in advance with your professional tax advisor.

**5. Gift appreciated assets to heirs and leave IRA assets to charity.** The SECURE Act eliminated the “Stretch”

IRA for non-spouse inheritors (with limited exceptions). Until passage of the SECURE Act, non-spouse inheritors of IRAs could take distributions over the course of their anticipated life expectancy. Now, most non-spouse inheritors are required to take full distribution within 10 years, which could expose them to a much higher tax bill. If you expect to have a taxable estate, QCDs that you make now can reduce future estate taxes and preserve non-IRA assets that will not be burdened with income taxes for your heirs.

### RMD Corrective Measure

If you made a withdrawal this year before Congress waived the RMD requirement, your withdrawal may be eligible for a tax-free rollover to a plan that accepts rollover contributions, such as a new IRA. Under guidance issued by the IRS, withdrawals taken from February 1 to May 15 must be rolled over by July 15, 2020. Withdrawals that occurred prior to February 1 may not be rolled over under this guidance, because the 60-day tax-free rollover deadline expired prior to April 1. Note: Your professional tax advisor or IRA trustee can sort through the technical rules that apply to rollovers with you.

For more information, contact Arleen R. Levine, Director, at 419-724-0355 or email [Arleen@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:Arleen@jewishtoledo.org).

This is for informational purposes only and should not be construed as legal, tax or financial advice. When considering gift planning strategies, you should always consult with your own legal and tax advisors.

Think about the future.  
An endowment is forever.



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# Jewish Family Service

## JFS Highlights

During these difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic, Jewish Family Service faces new challenges and community needs head-on while maintaining the myriad essential services that have become the safety net of Jewish Toledo. Here are a few highlights:

- An emergency fund has helped families with paying some living expenses including rent and utilities. It also pays for meals for community members who are not Temple Shomer Emunim members but need assistance paying for meals they receive through the Temple's Mitzvah Meals Project.
- Care Management addresses emerging client needs, including financial needs, in a confidential and expedient manner. In-Home Care Services continues to work with clients and assist them in remaining as independent and as safe as possible.
- The Patient Advocate Program offers trained volunteers who accompany Jewish seniors to medical appointments.
- Refugee support continues with check-ins, translation services, assistance with virtual English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, and help with official documents from government agencies.
- The JFS Family Pantry continues to help numerous families and individuals, including 12-14 families in which grandparents are raising their grandchildren. In addition to regular Pantry clients who pick up food, paper products, and personal items, the Pantry has delivered packages of food and personal items every two weeks to seven Jewish seniors living independently. Also, thankfully, the Pantry was able to purchase a freezer. The Summer Food for Kids program continues again this year thanks to a very generous donor.
- For Passover, 42 baskets with all the ingredients to make a homemade Passover meal plus candles were delivered by Wick/Wisniewski Funeral Home and volunteers who had signed up to help during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Volunteer programs continue to assist individuals with minimal technology experience to help them participate in community events and services that during the pandemic are operating virtually.
- Facility Case Management continues to assist all clients and families without interruption of service.
- The new Facebook group Midwest Jewish Chat was created as a digital space or "chat room" for individuals to discuss current topics effecting the Jewish community, mutual support, and general communication among members. Individuals can request admittance by searching Midwest Jewish Chat on Facebook.

## JFS CAN LOWER YOUR COST OF IN-HOME CARE

- Being discharged from the hospital or rehab?
- Need an extra hand with household chores?

### JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE CAN HELP!

*\*Subsidy available for up to 21 hours per week to those who qualify.*



### JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE IS YOUR CONNECTION TO AFFORDABLE, QUALITY CARE PROVIDERS

**Contact Liz Witter, LSW**  
**419-724-0406**

**We're here for YOU**  
**JFS is here for your emergency needs. We have access to food, emergency funding, and volunteers. Let us know how we can help, or just call us if you want to talk.**

**419-724-0401**



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# Local

## JFS Donations Received from January 2020 through June 2020

**In memory of Susan Kaplin Goldstein**  
Debbe & Steve Skutch

**In memory of Dr. Robert Sheon**  
Nancy Hatter

**In memory of Shirley Levy**  
Debbe & Steve Skutch

**In memory of Fred Okun**  
Debbe & Steve Skutch

**In memory of Bill Goldstein**  
Tom & Jan Kasle

**In memory of Fred Okun**  
Dr Gary & Donna Benjamin

**In memory of Jerome Shure**  
Debbe & Steve Skutch

**In memory of Stanley Rubin**  
Dr. Marvin & Kathleen Scheer  
Dr. David & Debbie Perlmutter  
Debbe & Steve Skutch

**In memory of Delores Poneman**  
The Honorable & Mrs. George Glasser

**In memory of Marvin Cohen**  
Dr. Sarah Taub & Ross Chaban

**In memory of William Trouten**  
Tom & Jan Kasle

**In honor of Marvin Jacob's Special 90th Birthday**  
Dr Jeff & Sheryl Levin  
Joyce & Joe Moran

**In honor of Mark & Lynn Liber**  
Dr Ernest & Audrey Brookfield

**In honor of Richard Kasle**  
Shari Bernstein

**Financial Donations to the Food Pantry and to the CSA Food to Share Program**  
Dr. Sarah Taub

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

## Are you happy with your current healthcare?

When it comes to your healthcare, you deserve:

- Transparency
- Answers to difficult questions
- Accurate and timely information
- Access and a relationship with your doctor

See if concierge medicine is for you.

Call 419.214.1213 or visit [stayomeiwill.com](http://stayomeiwill.com) to book your **FREE** consultation.



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## MIDWEST JEWISH CHAT

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

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!



Jewish Family Service  
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# Active Life for 60 and Better



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

## Coffee & Kvetch with JLC

Thursday, June 4: Beach Day!

Thursday, June 18

Thursday, July 9

Thursday, July 23

11 a.m.

Zoom Virtual Chat

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



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

## Trivia Time with JLC

Tuesday, June 23

Tuesday, July 28

2 p.m.

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



Join your friends at the Jewish Living Center as we test our skills and match wits in topics from sports to movies to pop culture and history. RSVP to [rene@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:rene@jewishtoledo.org) or [stephanie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:stephanie@jewishtoledo.org) to receive the password protected link for the event.

## Aging Gracefully Behind the Wheel

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

Friday, August 14 - Hearing

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

1 p.m.

Register with Rene or Stephanie by Friday, July 31



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



View the most up to date event & class schedules to plan your next visit.

Download our new "Jewish Toledo" app:



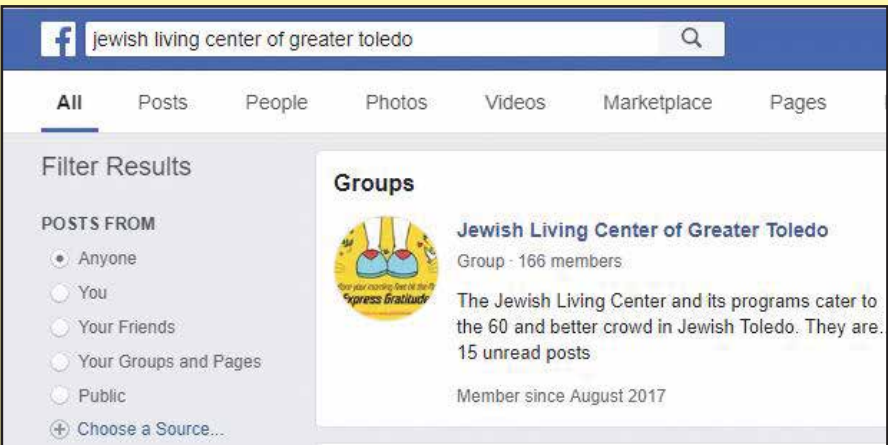
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## Jewish Living Center Facebook group

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

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





# Jewish Living Center

## The JLC brings help, kindness, and virtual connections to our 60 and better Jewish Toledo

Since the beginning of the pandemic, your Jewish Living Center has been busy bringing you information, programming, services, and connections

The JLC has continues to connect with our community via Facebook and Zoom events.

Zoom Coffee Klatch for diverse and stimulating conversation. Ages range from early 60’s to mid-80’s.

JLC professionals contribute to and participate in Zoom calls with JCCA cohort groups of Arts and Culture, Adult and J Response and develop best practices for virtual outreach.

JLC gathers “Words of Wisdom” from some of our 60 and better population for a special piece honoring High School and College graduates in the June/July TJN Issue.

Coordinated with JFS on a Mask Maker initiative to have mask made for those that are not connected to social media. It is a two-part project, get masks donated and then have them for those that need them, and it is being shared in the TJN and via client services or on calls.

Lag B'omer S'mores delivery, a surprise and sweet treat!

Book Festival Committee. The Jewish Book Council Virtual Conference is July 14- 16, 2020.

Researching new dates and itinerary details for the Israel Legacy Trip to take place in 2021.

Adding more virtual content to our platform of programmatic offerings and bring greater engagement to the JLC.

Phone calls to JLC members and the community at large.

Researching information for social media before sharing it – is it valid and useful, such as information about grocery stores, shopping, etc.

Social media topics:  
Maintaining important and relevant content specific for a 60 and better population including book discussions, films, comedy, census, Tours of national parks, museums, etc.

A new exercise video series by Eileen

How patients can use telemedicine

Connecting to local resources: library, art council tour, etc.

Jewish content such as Jewishtogether, JewishLive, Limmud, The Jewish Agency for the celebration of all the Yom’s.

JLC monthly newsletter posted on JLC Facebook page and Jewish Federation website and emailed to those that don’t connect on FB.



## Jewish Living Center

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René Rusgo, Director

### Jewish Living Center for 60 and better

The Jewish Living Center (JLC) is a fresh, holistic approach to how we look at aging and how we view ourselves as we age. We strive to make the JLC the place where you come when you want to learn about something new and exciting. Where you can try out the newest trends in movement and exercise. Where technology is just a touch away. Where adventure takes you places. Where you gather with your old friends and make new ones. Where you can feel comfortable being yourself.

#### Be a part of the Jewish Living Center:

Pick the event(s) you want to participate in.  
Register by the registration deadline to join the fun.

Call us at 419-531-2119 # 2 or email [Stephanie@JewishToledo.org](mailto:Stephanie@JewishToledo.org) with your payment information, as payment is due at the time of registration.  
VISA, MasterCard, AMEX, and Discover are accepted.  
Personal checks can be mailed to: Jewish Living Center 6505 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, OH 43560

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

#### Scent-free space

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

**For more information about the Jewish Living Center or its programs**, please call Director René Rusgo at 419-531-2119 # 1 or email [Rene@JewishToledo.org](mailto:Rene@JewishToledo.org).  
The Jewish Living Center (JLC) and all of its programs are open to those who are 60 and better and are supported through a generous grant from the Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization (JSSSO) and through your campaign dollars.



#### Connect with us on Facebook!

Join the Jewish Living Center online here:  
[facebook.com/groups/JewishLivingCenter](https://facebook.com/groups/JewishLivingCenter)

*To register for a program, contact Stephanie Hinamon at 419-531-2119 #2 or email [stephanie@JewishToledo.org](mailto:stephanie@JewishToledo.org).  
For more information about programs, contact René Rusgo at 419-531-2119 #1 or [rene@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:rene@jewishtoledo.org)*

# Next Jewish Generation & PJ Library

## nextJGen


### Next Jewish Generation


Programs especially for post-college to young families.

**NJG Zoom Trivia Nights**  
Wednesday, June 10 at 8 p.m.  
Zoom meeting link given upon registration.  
Email [hallie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:hallie@jewishtoledo.org) to register.  
Join us for a night of trivia fun! Win prizes and more.

**June NJG Ladies Book Club**  
Thursday, June 18 at 8 p.m.  
ZOOM link provided upon RSVP  
This month, we're discussing Mrs. Everything by Jennifer Weiner. Get your copy and start reading! Don't worry if you don't finish in time to discuss it. Come have a glass of wine and a laugh and help us choose our next book. *RSVP to [Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org](mailto:Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org).*

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

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**Young Jewish Toledo** is a staple of Jewish life in the Toledo area, existing to draw wonderful, dynamic, young Jewish people together for the greater benefit of the community.

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

To find out more about how you or someone you know can get involved with Young Jewish Toledo, contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or [hallie@JewishToledo.org](mailto:hallie@JewishToledo.org).



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## DJP is here for you

The Department of Jewish Programs is helping to make it easier for you to stay home and stay safe during these difficult times. You can still have the programs you have enjoyed from Next Jewish Generation and PJ Library in the past, and even more opportunities to stay connected with your community. We've been busy during the past couple months! And, we hope you continue to enjoy DJP events and programs such as these:

### Virtual Programs

- Moms Meetup 4/1
- PJ Zoom Pizza Party - 4/19
- Next Jewish Gen Pizza Party - 4/19
- Mom's meet-up - 4/22
- Next Jewish Gen Trivia Night - 4/29
- Virtual Yarn & Yak - 4/30
- Zoom PJ Playdate - 5/1
- Next Jewish Gen Ladies Book Club - 5/13
- Virtual Yarn & Yak - 5/19
- Next Jewish Gen Trivia - 5/20
- Zoom PJ Playdate - 5/22

### Pick up kits

- Tzedekah squared project
- Yom Haatz maot bags
- Kindness Kits

### Special Outreach

- Birthday cards to community, including PJ kids
- Calls to Next Jewish Gen members



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

## First Virtual PJ Playdate



## Tzedekah Squared Project

PJ Library families participated in the Tezedekah box squared project in April and May. Participants were delivered supplies to create their own tzedekah box and sent us this amazing pictures of what was created!





## Stuck at Home, but Having Fun: Engaging Young Children Jewishly During the Pandemic

*Jewish federations of North America published the following article on their website about how Federations and their agencies are providing activities and content to entertain children and build community. Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo was featured.*

After weeks at home, like kids across the country, Ashley Chenault's three children missed the friends they usually see at PJ Library activities. So Ashley was thrilled when she and her kids got to participate along with their friends in a fun virtual scavenger hunt, run by the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta's PJ Library program.

Parents and kids tuned in as Abbey Adler, who creates programming for Atlanta's PJ Library families, led them through an engaging Jewish journey. She sent children to search their homes for items that represented each holiday and then virtually share them with other families. As they searched, parents and kids shared stories and memories.

"It provided a bit of normalcy for the kids to do an activity together," said Ashley. It was a relief for her to see her 8-year-old daughter Khalia interacting with her friends. This innovative program created togetherness among 14 isolated families.

All over the U.S., quarantined parents are looking for new ways to engage their children in Jewish activities and connect with other Jewish families. Federations, JCCs, pre-schools, synagogues and camps are meeting this need with a wide range of creative programs.

"It's uncharted territory for everyone, so we are learning as we go," said Hallie Freed, community program director at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. "These families look to us as their source for Jewish life."

Freed found that a simple activity can have a big impact when she organized a virtual pizza party right after Passover for 15 families in this small Jewish community. She had pizza delivered to their doorsteps, then gathered everyone on a Zoom call to watch a BimBam video about being grateful and talk about what they were grateful for. "It's the simplest thing I've ever done," she said, "and I've never gotten so many thank yous."

Not every activity needs to be online, though, she emphasized. "Everyone's on computers all day, so we're trying to give them something where they don't have to be plugged in."

Instead of the big event she had

planned for Israel's Independence Day, Freed packed up the art supplies she had already ordered, along with Israeli snacks, and invited local families to pick the kits up from her porch. She is currently in the midst of a tzedakah box decorating project, in which 20 families signed up to participate. Freed dropped off the boxes and art supplies at their homes, and asked the participants to take a picture and post it on the Federation page. "We're listening to what people are asking for, and giving them something they can do at their leisure, something fun that's family oriented."

In Phoenix, too, quarantined children are busy decorating tzedakah boxes. The Jewish Free Loan Society donated basic tzedakah boxes, and Shoshana Greenberg, director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix's NowGen program, had planned an ambitious two-part live event. After coming together to collect their boxes and art supplies, kids would have five months to decorate them and fill them with coins. In September, they would reconvene at a large-scale event where they'd allocate their tzedakah funds. When Greenberg began publicizing the on-line version of the launch event, she started hearing from families in different cities who wanted to be involved. So she shipped the boxes and art supplies to everyone who requested them, and she's currently reimagining the September event so that everyone can take part. She originally hoped to engage 75-100 people, and ended up shipping packages to 150.

Parents in Los Angeles can visit the local PJ Library Facebook page twice a day to find fun, meaningful videos to engage and distract their children. There are simple art projects, science experiments, songs, and stories, all with a Jewish twist. Risa Goldstein, director of PJ Library for the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, works hard to provide meaningful content to isolated Jewish families with young children. "People can come to it when they want to; there's no pressure to participate live."

Goldstein's team includes four community connectors who focus on families with kids aged 0-2 in specific neighborhoods. These parents, Goldstein says, are really eager for opportunities to interact with each other, and the PJ Library connectors provide it, convening them on Zoom for coffee chats, trivia nights, and other social encounters where they can relax together.

As summer approaches, Jewish camps are beginning to announce their decisions about whether they will open. Meanwhile, some camps are reaching out to campers and their families right now, strengthening the camp community and making newcomers feel welcome during a challenging time.

Tamarack Camps, an overnight camp affiliated with the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, has offered online versions of activities campers love, from arts and crafts to sports and baking. But it's the weekly community havdallah service that has most successfully bridged the distances between campers and re-

lieved some of the isolation they are feeling. At Jewish summer camps, the ceremony that concludes Shabbat is a beloved ritual. The spirituality of the havdallah service, with its familiar blessings and songs, provides comfort and connection.

"For our family, virtual havdallah brings a sense of normalcy. Our kids get to see their friends and it feels like they're actually at camp," said Hallie Steckler, a parent of Tamarack campers.

"In this unpredictable time, it's something predictable that my kids can look forward to and that everyone, regardless of age, can participate in."



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**Memorialist**  
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# Temple Shomer Emunim . . . . .

Given the circumstances regarding the Coronavirus outbreak, The Temple and The Temple office will remain closed until further notice. We will continue to follow government guidelines and send regular updates to our congregants via email and our Temple website at [templese.com](http://templese.com). It is vital that The Temple has all of our congregants updated emails! Please send your current email to [lnusbaum@templese.com](mailto:lnusbaum@templese.com).

Please be understanding of our desire to protect you and the people who are providing curbside and home delivery service (when needed). Nobody will be permitted to enter the Temple, and we will not permit those delivering outside The Temple to enter anyone’s home be it staff member or volunteer.

Join us for Shabbat services Fridays at 6:00PM via live stream by going to our website, [www.templese.com](http://www.templese.com) and click on the Live Stream Link.

**Join us via Zoom!**

<b>Coffee with the Clergy</b> Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 @ 11AM	<b>Torah Time</b> Fridays, June 5, 12, 19 & 26
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**Hebrew School Graduates**

Spencer Greenblatt   Lila Hippert  
Cooper Kruse   Ilana Miller  
Sara Hamilton   Emma Payne  
Max Helfman

**Confirmation Class**

Lauren DeMar  
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**Worship Schedule**  
**Live Stream**

June 5	6PM
June 12	6PM
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June 26	6PM

at 6:00PM



**Summer Concert Series!**  
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**June Mitzvah Meals**

**Mitzvah Meals will be offered during the month of June.**

**Mitzvah Meal dates & menus will be available to see on the Temple website**  
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# Congregation B’nai Israel

*Please be advised that scheduled religious services and events for the month of June & July may be cancelled or postponed. Please watch your email for updates.*

**Our weekly "Lunch & Learn" Program (via Zoom) is back, beginning June 3rd!**

Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:00 PM  
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Grab your lunch and join us virtually as Hazzan Ivor Lichterman reinstitutes the popular weekly "Lunch & Learn" program. A variety of topics will be covered, and your interaction is encouraged.

*This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. CBI members will be sent an email link before the scheduled meeting time.*

**CBI Annual Meeting & Induction of Incoming Board of Trustees**

Sunday, June 14, 2020 11:00 AM

CBI Members, please join us for our Annual Meeting where we will induct our new Board of Trustees, Officers, and honor congregants with the following special awards:


**BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR**  
**CONGREGANT OF THE YEAR**  
**SAM SCHWARTZ MINYAN AWARD**



*This meeting will be conducted via Zoom. CBI members will be sent an email link before the scheduled meeting time.*

**ARE YOU RECEIVING CBI NOTIFICATIONS?**

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



**WOMEN OF CBI JUNE BOOK CLUB**  
**"The Girl from Berlin"**  
by Robert H. Balson  
Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:30 AM

*This book club discussion will be via Zoom. Those who want to attend will be sent the email link before the scheduled meeting time.*

Please RSVP to Sharon Stein at [sstein100@gmail.com](mailto:sstein100@gmail.com) or Carol Richman at [carolrichman@msn.com](mailto:carolrichman@msn.com).



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**The CBI office will be CLOSED**  
Friday, July 3, 2020  
Independence Day Observed

**Joint Sisterhood Book Club**  
Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Details will be provided to Book Club members closer to the event. Please watch your email for more information.

**Tisha B'Av**  
Begins the Evening of Wednesday, July 29, 2020

**Thursday, July 30, 2020**

Services schedule will be provided to CBI members closer to the holiday. Please watch your email for more information.



# Congregation Etz Chayim .....

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

**UPCOMING SYNAGOGUE PROGRAMS FOR JUNE AND JULY**

**JUNE**

**Tuesday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m.** – Sisterhood board meeting. All Sisterhood members are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday, June 3 at 1:00 p.m.** – Knitzvah Club - Because of other responsibilities, it is difficult for many of the club members to continue to meet on Wednesdays. We still want people to continue knitting for the program. If you need the pattern, please contact Elsa at the synagogue. If there are a minimum of three club members that would like to continue meeting, please call the shul to register.

**Sunday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m.** – Join the fun in the Social Hall for the regular bi-monthly poker and mahj games. Refreshments will be served. If the shul has not yet opened, we will continue our popular on-line mahj games.

**Saturday, June 20 following services** – June Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat Kiddush lunch - Let's celebrate with our members who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in June.

**Sunday, June 28 at 10:00 a.m.** – Adult class through Zoom with Rabbi Rubin. The topic will be: "The three weeks leading up to Tisha B'Av". Included will be a discussion of the history and current practices related to this period.

**JULY**

**Sunday, July 5 & 19 at 10:00 a.m.** – Join the fun in

the Social Hall for our regular bi-monthly poker and mahj games. Refreshments will be served. If the shul has not yet opened, we will continue our popular on-line mahj games.

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

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

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

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

**TISHA B'AV**

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

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

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

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

**SISTERHOOD NEWS**

The Sisterhood Closing Luncheon and Woman of the Year Award has been rescheduled. The Closing/Opening

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

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

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

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

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

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# Local Obituary



### Richard L. Kasle

Richard L. Kasle died peacefully on May 21, 2020, at age 92.

Born in Toledo in 1927 to Rebecca Baer and Joe Kasle, Dick attended DeVilbiss High School and The Ohio State University.

The Toledo business community may remember Dick as an honorable man with great integrity during his many years as President of Katy Steel and Aluminum Co. and Toledo Paper Box Company.

The local Jewish community will remember him as one of the last of its "Greatest Generation" of leaders. Dick was passionate and compassionate for Jews here and abroad. As a community leader, he was thorough, no-nonsense and practical in assessing situations. He listened with his heart, making decisions that affected the well-being and dignity of Jews everywhere.

His volunteer efforts were numerous; here are the most important. Dick was a Campaign Chair (at age 34, the youngest ever at the time) as well as a President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. He was a board member to the former Darlington House and to the former Jewish Community Center of Toledo. He also chaired numerous committees, was on the Israel Bonds campaign cabinet and was a Toledo delegate to the Council of Jewish Federations.

His family will remember Dad (Poppy to his grandkids) as an avid reader, golfer, tennis player and clothes horse whose second love was gardening. The Toledo Blade repeatedly asked to photograph that garden. He repeatedly declined.

Dad predeceased Mom Barbara Rosenzweig Kasle (his first love) with whom he enjoyed 60 years. He is survived by sons, Thomas (Jan) Kasle of Toledo, Andrew (Donna) Kasle of Cleveland, OH, and Joseph (Deborah) Kasle of Milwaukee, WI; grandchildren, Joshua (Moran) Robbins, Dora Kasle (Jacob Cook), Ari Kasle (Stephanie Bernard), Nick Kasle (Jami Shlensky), Lucas Kasle; and great-grandchildren, Jonathan Henry Robbins and Harrison Alan Cook.

Thanks to Zoom, Dad watched Harrison's Bris ceremony and bid farewell to all of the above within a week of his passing.

Dad instilled his particular dry observational humor (AKA That Kasle Sense of Humor) in his sons, who imparted it to their children. Example: Mom (or G to the grandkids) loved to bake. After she was cremated in 2009, we began saying "In the end, G left Poppy 7 pounds of frozen butter and Poppy left G in the closet. What a life."

Dad will also be cremated. We will hold a memorial service later.

We would like to thank Kingston Rehabilitation of Perrysburg and Hospice of Northwest Ohio (Perrysburg) for their care and attention to Dad.

Memorial tributes suggested in the form of contributions to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Congregation B'nai Israel in Sylvania, OH, The Toledo Botanical Garden or The Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center in Whitefish Bay, WI.

Arrangements by the Robert H. Wick/Wisniewski Funeral Home (419)535-5840.

## THE NORTHWEST OHIO JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL PRESENTS:



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

Thursday, September 3

7 p.m. Zoom virtual event

Registration by Friday, August 28

To register:

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In January 1944, a young Treasury lawyer named John Pehle made a case for the United States to authorize relief funds to help Jews escape Nazi territory. Within days of the meeting, FDR created the War Refugee Board, empowering it to rescue the victims of Nazi persecution, and put Pehle in charge. In *Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America's Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe* U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum scholar Rebecca Erbelding tells the extraordinary unknown story of the War Refugee Board, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's unpublicized effort late in the war to save the remaining Jews.

*Rescue Board* is based on a decade of research, never-before-seen documents from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and interviews with survivors and their families. Profiled by The Washington Post, The New York Times, the History Channel, and NPR, author Rebecca Erbelding is an archivist, curator, and historian for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. She won the Jewish Book Award in 2019.



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# Words of wisdom for our graduates



Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo congratulates our graduates and wishes them happiness and success in their next chapters. What better way to start than with a few words of wisdom from some "60 and better" members of our community.



Susan Hirsch

Graduated from Scott High School June 1953  
  
Graduated from The University of Toledo three times with a Bachelor of Education, Master Degree in Education, Specialist in Education  
  
Worked for the Toledo Public Schools from 1957-1994  
  
In retirement I volunteer in several capacities such as tutoring in Reading for K-3 students.

**Words of Wisdom**  
Strive to be the best you can be in what you choose to do in life. Persevere in your studies. Think in positive ways no matter what challenges come your way. Doors of opportunity open and doors close for reasons you will only realize later in your life. Be a good listener. Know the difference between objective facts and opinions based only on emotions. Have good values and ethics. Be considerate and thoughtful to others. I was told in high school by an elderly person if you follow the Ten Commandments and The Beatitudes you will succeed in life.



David Perlman

1937 Graduate of Scott HS  
  
**Words of Wisdom**  
Words of Wisdom for the Class of 2020: "Get an education...no matter how you do it. Nobody can ever take that away from you."



Robert Berkowitz

Year of Graduation: 1963  
Role as educator: 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher (18 years), Principal (20 years), Adjunct teacher (3 years)  
  
**Words of Wisdom**  
"Oh, the places you'll go." Each of you has graduated because of your work ethic and your perseverance. You now have the opportunity to plan your work and work that plan - once again to achieve your goals. Work hard, have faith in yourself and follow your dream. I wish you the best of luck as you pursue your future. Oh, the places you'll go!



Betty Benjamin

HS Graduation Year: 1946  
  
**Words of Wisdom**  
Words of Wisdom to the Class of 2020: "Teenage years can be difficult. When times get tough, know that "This too shall pass."



Phyllis Lettvin

HS Graduation Year: 1945  
  
**Words of Wisdom**  
Words of Wisdom to the Class of 2020: "Value your education and don't be afraid to ask for help!"



Marjorie Siegel

Class of 1964  
Principal of the David Stone Hebrew Academy of Toledo  
  
**Words of Wisdom**  
As I reflected and researched to find an appropriate bit of advice, I found myself narrowing the choices to three. I thought it would be good to have variety. However, as I reread them, I think they are very much the same. All the better!  
  
The first, a favorite saying of my mom. The second, from *Pirket Avot, the Ethics of our Fathers*. And the third, a simple, stunning poem.

From my beloved mother, of blessed memory, Ruth Berkowitz,  
*Treat your family like friends, and your friends like family.*  
  
Pirket Avot, 1:6, from Yehoshua ben Perachyah  
*Appoint a teacher for yourself; acquire a friend for yourself; And judge everyone favorably.*  
  
*Outwitted* by Edwin Markham  
*He drew a circle that shut me out, Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout. But Love and I had the wit to win, We drew a circle that took him in!*

Congratulations, Graduates!



Jerry Lacker

Class of 1948  
  
**Words of Wisdom**  
The more education you get the better off you'll be!



Jan Lacker-Lichterman

Class of 1975  
  
**Words of Wisdom**  
Remember that undefeatability lies within ourselves.



Jerry Baum

Graduation year: 1950  
  
**Words of Wisdom**  
Watch where you go. Watch who you are with. Be aware of what you are doing.



Roy & Justine Sperling  
(Married 70 years)

Justine: 1943 graduate of Scott HS  
  
Roy: 1945 graduate of James Monroe HS in South Bronx, NY  
  
**Words of Wisdom:**  
Words of Wisdom to the Class of 2020: "Be good and listen to your parents... they're smarter than you!" "Continue your education....further it as long as you can!"



# Congratulations Graduates

## High School Graduates

Avi Bloch  
Jared Bloch  
Benjamin Golding  
Samuel Goldstein  
Alexa Gudelman  
Abby Kalniz  
Zoë Kuehn  
Nina Liebes  
Ellis Meyer  
Maddie Rahman  
Sammy Shafransky  
Joshua Singer  
Harriet Thiese

## College

Kayla Bernstein, <i>Ohio State University, Bachelors of Science in Public Health</i>	Madelyn Regenstrief, <i>The University of Cincinnati</i>
Sam Bloch, <i>Michigan State University, B.A. in Experience Architecture</i>	Stevie Rosen, <i>The Ohio State University, Information Systems Major</i>
Evan Brochin, <i>Ross University School of Medicine, Doctor of Medicine</i>	Jake Rothschild, <i>University of Michigan</i>
Jolie Brochin, <i>Honors Tutorial College at Ohio University, BA with majors in EnvironmentalStudies and Geography (Urban Planning)</i>	Rochie Rubin
Maris Isenberg, <i>Ohio University Patton College of Education</i>	Benjamin Russell, <i>University of Toledo College of Medicine, Master of Biomedical Sciences</i>
Rebecca Federman, <i>Columbia University, Master of International Affairs</i>	Peyton Russell, <i>Iowa State University, Master of Business Administration</i>
Ryan Leslie, <i>Drexel University, BS in Sports Management</i>	Catie Sack, <i>NYU, Master of Art Higher Education</i>
Samantha Mallin, <i>University of Toledo, MBA in Human Resources</i>	Megan Singer
	Samantha Walkin
	Emily Williams, <i>Haverford College, B.A. in Fine Arts, B.A. in History</i>

If you know of a high school or college graduate who is not listed above, please email [paul@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:paul@jewishtoledo.org) so that we may recognize them in the upcoming issue of the Toledo Jewish News. Congratulations graduates!

# Simcha

## Community member elected president of Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards



The Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards, a national nonprofit that promotes high standards for podiatric physician licensure, regulation, and practice, announced this month the election of **Dr. Bruce R. Saferin** as president. Dr. Saferin has served on the executive board since 2014.

“Dr. Saferin brings to the FPMB his extensive experience in podiatry, including having served as president of the Ohio Podiatric Medical Association and as a trustee to the American Podiatric Medical Association,” said Russell J. Stoner, executive director. “He has served on the State Medical Board of Ohio since 2013 and is currently the board’s supervising member and serves as chair of the licensure committee.” Dr. Saferin will lead the FPMB in a new data initiative that was announced at the organization’s annual meeting on May 1.

Dr. Saferin is a board-certified podiatric physician who graduated from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and has been practicing in the Toledo, Ohio, area for almost 40 years. He is a member of The Toledo Clinic, a multi-specialty group of over 165 providers. Established in 1936, the FPMB’s mission is to be a leader in improving the quality, safety, and integrity of podiatric medical health care by promoting high standards for podiatric physician licensure, regulation, and practice. The FPMB membership is comprised of podiatric medical boards across all fifty states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico.



## Marriage announcement

Susan and Steve Kaufman happily announce the marriage of their son, **Eli Kaufman** to **Emily Waife**, daughter of Susan Maxwell and Ron Waife of Needham, MA.

Eli is the grandson of Calvin and Bernice Katz and E. Mitchell and Deena Kaufman, all of blessed memory. Eli received his Bachelor Degree in Communications and a minor in Psychology from Goucher College in 2015. Eli works as a Sales Manager at Packback, an education technology startup company in downtown Chicago.

Emily received her Bachelor Degree in Spanish with a double minor in Psychology and Education from Goucher College in 2016. Emily is an administrative assistant at Chicago Sinai Congregation in downtown Chicago.

After over a year of planning, Eli and Emily’s plans had to change due to the rules and regulations laid out in Illinois regarding gatherings and COVID-19. Within two weeks of their original wedding date, the two of them planned and orchestrated a ZOOM wedding.

The outdoor Zoom wedding ceremony took place on May 24, 2020 at Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago, IL. The wedding was co-officiated by Cantor Jamie Gloth, formerly the Cantor at Congregation B’nai Israel in Sylvania, via Zoom from Temple Aliyah in Needham, MA and with Rabbi David Russo who was present from Anshe Emet Synagogue. Over 175 “screen connections” and an estimated 350 people “attended” the first Zoom wedding in both congregations’ histories. Attendees were present from the United States, Canada, Israel and Norway.

## Dr. Blair P. Grubb named one of America’s Top Doctors for 20th year in a row



**Dr. Blair P. Grubb**, a Distinguished University Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at the University of Toledo Medical Center was recently named in the 2020 Edition of “America’s Top Doctors” a reference journal published by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd., a research and information company. He has received this honor for the last 20 years in a row.

Less than 1 percent of physicians nationwide

are recognized with this designation. Dr. Grubb is one of only a small handful of physicians who have ever received this distinction over 20 consecutive years.

A faculty member since 1988, Dr. Grubb directs the Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology program and the Syncope and Autonomic Disorders Clinic at the University of Toledo Medical Center. He has written over 250 scientific papers as well as three books. He has received numerous awards for his research. A member of B’nai Israel Synagogue, he is married to Dena Eber PhD.



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