The ENTIRE Jewish community is invited to celebrate together with food, games, prizes, hamantaschen, crafts and more! Special adult only room with Bingo, lunch, prizes, mimosas and coffee! The whole megillah is invited, so don’t miss out! Everyone is encouraged to wear their costume.

Adults - $2, includes kosher hot dog lunch and adult games. Children - FREE, includes kosher hot dog lunch, games, prizes and 15 carnival tickets.

Additional game tickets and hamantaschen will be available for sale during the carnival.

RSVP by Friday, March 3 to Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/purim2023

***Please let us know of any dietary restrictions in advance***

This event is held in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Congregation B’nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, and Temple Shomer Emunim
Israel at 75 Birthday Bash
Sunday, April 30
4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Jewish Federation Campus, lawn between Temple Shomer Emunim and Congregation B’nai Israel

Cost - $18 per person, $36 per household

Celebrate Israel’s 75th birthday with Jewish Toledo at a BIG community-wide party! We’ll have food, drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), a dance floor, kids’ activities, a photo booth, trivia, a raffle, and so much more.

RSVP required by Thursday, April 27 at https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/israel-75 or by contacting Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Pre-Passover pranks and pints
Saturday, April 1 at 7 p.m.
Inside the Five (upstairs), 5703 Main Street, Sylvania
$15 per person – includes dinner, beer, games, and more

Open to all Jewish community members 21 and older

Why is this night so different than all other nights? Because tonight we get to eat hametz! Join us at Inside the Five for your last bites and sips of hametz before Passover starts. Don't PassOver this opportunity to learn how Moses makes beer. Here's a hint... HeBrews it!

RSVP by Monday, March 27 to Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org, or online at https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/prepassover

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Interfaith Passover Seder
Sunday, March 26 • 4 – 6 p.m.

Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Avenue
Free event — registration required

Jewish Community Relations Council is organizing a traditional Passover seder specifically geared towards our non-Jewish neighbors and open to all. This mock seder, which takes place a week and a half before the start of Passover, is meant to show how a Passover seder is traditionally held, debunking myths and stereotypes while helping to teach others about the important Jewish holiday. Participants will have their own seder plate, and the event will include light bites.

RSVP by Friday, March 24 to https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/passover-seder-form or by contacting Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.
JFGT Women's Philanthropy Societies invites you to a

**Chocolate Wonderland Party**

Come schmooze with friends over dipping your own fruits, pretzels and more. A relaxing time to enjoy flavored coffees and desserts. Sit and gab or play some trivia games to win prizes.

**Thursday, March 2, 2023**  
6:30-8:30 p.m. at Temple Shomer Emunim  
$18 per person

All women who have contributed to the 2022 annual campaign at the $180 level and above are invited.

Please RSVP by Friday, February 24 to 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org  
Online https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/women2023  

Julie Romanoff  
2023 Campaign Cabinet Chair  
Dena Zack  
2023 Women's Chair  
Wendy Goldstein  
Donor Development and Women's Philanthropy Officer
An Israel Journey of a Lifetime
November 6-14, 2023

Join us on the first Jewish Toledo community-wide mission to Israel in 17 years!
Community and Jewish heritage are the background for an Israel opportunity as you’ve never experienced before. Experience the rich history, breathtaking scenery and sacred places where ancient civilizations once thrived and where the Jewish future is being written.

The beginning of the Jewish State and the start of your Israel discovery.
From the most upbeat neighborhood of Florentine to the 4,000 year old city of Jaffa, Tel Aviv thrives with world-class arts and culture.

Your Tel Aviv experience includes:
A special Street Art Night tour of some of Tel Aviv’s most “hip” neighborhoods; walking tour of the fashionable Neve Tzedek; a visit to Rabin Square to learn about Yitzhak Rabin’s life, leadership, and tragic death; a tour of the ANU Museum of the Jewish People at Tel Aviv University.

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.

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.

To learn more, please visit www.jewishtoledo.org/mission or contact Daniel Pearlman at daniel@jewishtoledo.org

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Jewish Community Relations Council

Israel Mission Information Sessions

Come learn more about Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo’s Israel Mission (November 2023) at two upcoming information sessions. Both meetings will feature speakers from organizations in Israel supported by your contributions to Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo’s annual campaign.

SESSION ONE
Wednesday, March 8
6 – 7:30 p.m.
Israel Mission information session with Steve Drysdale from ORT who will present about two of the sites that we will visit on the Mission.

SESSION TWO
Sunday, March 19
6 – 8 p.m.
Israel Mission information session, followed by lecture with Dr. Khaled Atalla from the Galilee Medical Center, which we will visit on the Mission.

BOTH SESSIONS:
Sekach Building, Darlington Hall, 6505 Sylvania Avenue
Free – includes a Middle Eastern vegetarian dinner

RSVP by two days prior to
https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/israel-mission-info-session
or by contacting Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351
or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

JPIC Panel Discussion with IDF Veterans

Sunday, April 23 • 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Congregation B’nai Israel, 6525 Sylvania Avenue
Free – includes kosher Middle Eastern dinner

Commemorate Yom HaZikaron, Israel’s Memorial Day, with a discussion featuring local community members who served in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Joining the discussion are three IDF Officers from our Partnership region of the Western Galilee.

RSVP by Friday, April 21 to https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/idf-panel or by contacting Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

JCRC Lecture with Dr. Khaled Atalla

Sunday, March 19 • 7 – 8 p.m.
Sekach Building, Darlington Hall, 6505 Sylvania Avenue
Free event

Join us for a lecture with Dr. Khaled Atalla, Director of the Emergency Department at the Galilee Medical Center, on the topic of “Galilee Medical Center as a Model of Coexistence.”

Dr. Atalla, an Arab citizen of Israel, was born in 1985 to a Christian family in Kfar Yasif village. In 2003, he started medical school at The Technion – Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel and he completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the Bnai Zion Medical Center in Haifa in 2016.

In August 2016, Dr. Atalla and his family moved to Neve Ammin, a special village founded in 1964 by European Christians as a sign of solidarity with the Jewish people after the Holocaust. Dr. Atalla also worked as a Clinical Instructor at the Technion and served as a Clinical Tutor for clinical rotations of medical students. He subsequently performed a residency in the field of Galilee Medical Center from 2016 – 2019. During this residency, he also worked as a Clinical Instructor at the Azrieli Faculty of Medicine Bar Ilan University in Safed, Israel.

Following his Emergency Medicine residency, Dr. Atalla completed a year of Emergency Medicine Fellowship training and an additional six months of extra fellowship training focused on Emergency Medicine Leadership at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Canada. In 2021, Dr. Atalla returned to Galilee Medical Center as a senior physician and began serving as director of the hospital’s Emergency Department in April 2022.

RSVP by Friday, March 17 to https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/atalla or by contacting Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Shalom Shinshinim

In mid-February, Jewish Toledo welcomed back Yoav and Bnaya, our two 18-year old Israeli emissaries (Shinshinim), to attend Shabbat services at Temple Shomer Emunim and Congregation B’nai Israel. They participated in a delicious pizza dinner, Tu B’Shevat ice cream seder, Havdalah event with Jewish teens (including BBYO and USY), and a fun outing at laser tag. They also led activities for religious school students in elementary and middle school. We can’t wait for their return to Toledo on April 28-30! Special thanks to our partners at the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Jewish Federation of Cleveland’s Jewish Education Center for bringing us Yoav and Bnaya.
“When Religious Liberty Divides Us — Free Exercise of Religion in the 21st Century”

The University of Toledo College of Law presents
THE 2023 DR. MORTON GOLDBERG LECTURE

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023
6-7:30 p.m. | McQuade Law Auditorium
Preceded by a public reception with light refreshments from 5-6 p.m.

Professor Howard Friedman will address the growing number of court decisions protecting those who have religious objections to regulatory and anti-discrimination requirements — from bakers who refuse to provide wedding cakes for same-sex weddings to individuals whose religious beliefs preclude them from complying with vaccine mandates. Friedman will examine legislative and judicial efforts to protect religious freedom. He will explore whether solutions are possible to the controversies that have arisen as courts have become more sensitive to claims of conscience.

In a landmark case in 1971, the U.S. Supreme Court said that “political division along religious lines was one of the principal evils against which the First Amendment was intended to protect.” In recent years, the Supreme Court has given increasing protection not only to the diverse religious beliefs in our nation, but also to religious practices. As the lines between cultural, political, and religious views have blurred, carving out special protection for religiously motivated conduct has created intergroup tensions.

Religious organizations, individuals of faith, and businesses operated by those with strong religious beliefs have increasingly asserted religious objections to complying with a range of regulatory and anti-discrimination laws. They have discovered that framing objections to governmental policies in religious terms is often a successful strategy in the courts. Well-funded advocacy groups on all sides of these issues now dominate policy battles.

Friedman has been on faculty at the University of Toledo since 1970. He has published multiple books, articles, and book chapters. He also is the creator and editor of Religion Clause, a blog devoted to legal and political developments in the free exercise of religion and separation of church and state.

This free public lecture is funded by a grant through the Greater Toledo Community Foundation. For 50 years, as a trusted and respected grantmaker, Greater Toledo Community Foundation has funded non-profits and partners in the community to improve the quality of life in our region.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:
Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) Staff:
Pam Hoadley, HR Specialist/Burial Coordinator

Pam Hoadley: As Human Resource Specialist, my role is to serve as a strategic partner throughout the organization, including recruiting talent, assisting in creating strategies to retain great employees, and developing appropriate employment policies that create a safe and productive workplace for the work community.

I also serve as Burial Coordinator, for which I work with congregation representatives to ensure that burial for community members in the Jewish cemeteries is goes smoothly when the time arises. I oversee the coordination of critical information pertaining to burials, monuments, and unveilings, when necessary, and facilitate communications among funeral homes, synagogues, and cemeteries to ensure accuracy of records and documentation.

TJN: What led you to this type of work?
PH: I have worked in several non-profit organizations throughout my career. I believe that each community is strong because it has the right people in it who care and are about taking responsibility for each other; people who believe in respect for differences and in the power of collaboration; people who understand that it begins with each of us; people who give something of importance to the community in order to provide services and programming that is relevant to our ever-changing needs; people who understand one another’s abilities and talents; and people who discuss needs and resources to communicate in a transparent manner. It is important to appreciate the effort and talent that each person donates.

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TJN: What is the most unique part about working for JFGT (so far)?
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News

New survey shows 4 in 10 American Jews felt less secure last year, higher than in 2021

By Ron Kampeas
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Four in 10 American Jews felt less secure in 2022 than they did in 2021, according to an American Jewish Committee survey, a 10-percentage point rise from when the same question was asked a year earlier.

In addition, the survey found that more than a quarter of respondents had personally been targeted by an antisemitic incident or attack over the past year. Nearly a quarter avoided wearing or carrying things that would identify them publicly as Jewish. Both numbers were similar to the previous year’s survey.

A separate AJC survey found that the percentage of Americans generally who say antisemitism is a problem is also increasing. And nearly half of Americans overall (47%) said that antisemitism had increased over the past five years.

The survey, released Monday and conducted from Sept. 23 to Nov. 8, 2022, asked 1,507 respondents who identified as Jewish whether they feel more or less secure than a year ago, or the same. The portion of respondents who replied less secure was 41%; those feeling that their status was about as secure were 55% and those feeling more secure were 4%.

Those who felt less secure attributed the feeling to a perceived rise in antisemitic attacks and violence (27%), the sense that antisemitism and racism are more overt and accepted (27%) and the perceived rise of white supremacist groups (17%), among other factors. The percentage of those feeling less secure in the same survey in 2021 was 31%. The percentage in 2020 was 43%.

The survey was already underway when, in mid-October, the influential rapper and designer Kanye West launched into a weeklong series of antisemitic comments, starting on social media and continuing offline.

The survey also found that over the past year, one out of five respondents had been targeted by an antisemitic remark in person, and 13% had been targeted by antisemitism online. In addition, 48 respondents, or 3% of the total, had been victims of a physical attack. Last year’s survey reported similar findings.

In addition, this year, two-thirds of respondents, and a higher percentage of respondents ages 18-29, said they had seen antisemitic content online over the past year.

The separate survey of Americans overall found that 68% of respondents saw antisemitism in 2022 as a serious problem, up from 60% in 2021. In the survey of Jews, 90% said antisemitism was a serious problem in 2022, virtually the same as the 90% who responded that way in 2021.

The Jewish American study reached respondents through a mix of modes and had a margin of error of 3.4%. The survey of U.S. adults reached 1,004 respondents through a web survey, conducted Oct. 10 to 18, 2022, around the time the Kanye West controversy was making headlines. It had a margin of error of 3.8%.

Historian sheds new light on a famous story about Abraham Lincoln and a New York cantor

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Do you have kosher for Passover shopping needs? Please contact Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.
Hadassah’s 100th National Convention in Israel, November, 2022

By Hindea Markowitz

Hadassah Honors, and Hadassah Celebrates, and an array of smaller, customized tracks, were designed to offer the widest variety of Hadassah experiences in Israel. Of course, there were also those special in between times to stroll through the streets of Jerusalem, visit The Wall, sample the cuisine, and buy the perfect gifts to bring home to family and friends.

With over 350 attendees, including a number of male Associates, Hadassah’s 100th Convention was the largest Hadassah group to travel to Israel since the start of the pandemic. We made our first stop, as do so many other visitors to Israel, at the Hass Promenade, with panoramic views overlooking the old city of Jerusalem. We danced together and sang Hatikvah. There was so much to celebrate – our impact, our return, our being in Jerusalem, our being together in support of Hadassah.

The Hadassah pride, passion, and purpose was evident in every part of Together in Israel. It included behind the scenes updates on Hadassah’s medical centers, meeting teens who have been rescued from Ukraine in Hadassah’s youth villages, and the bestowal of the Power of Esther Award on Israel’s First Lady, Michal Herzog, as well as the Henrietta Szold Award on Past National President Marlene Post.

The history of Hadassah mirrors the history of the State of Israel, reflecting Herzl’s iconic expression, “If you will it, it is no dream”. During the visit we learned something new about Hadassah’s history in Israel. While most people associate Hadassah with its world-renowned hospitals, few realize that the entire medical structure of Israel began with Hadassah. Hadassah in Israel didn’t start with laying bricks for a hospital – it started with the purchase of a donkey. Tipat Halav, literally, a drop of milk, was the first program created by Hadassah, and one of the very sophisticated technical research and tricks taking place in this hospital.

Hadassah nurses in 1913 started a health care and counseling. Today in Israel, Tipat Halav refers to Hadassah’s baby clinics throughout the country, providing pre- and post-natal care and counseling.

The arrival of the first two Hadassah nurses in 1913 started a health care revolution. Initial focus was on pregnant women who were reluctant to go to physicians for help and guidance. They feared the evil eye, believed rumored horror stories about physicians, and rejected weighing infants because they believed god cannot be measured. Hadassah nurses overcame their superstitions and changed the demographic history of the city and of the country by decreasing infant mortality.

We visited the Mt. Scopus Campus, Hadassah’s first facility in Israel. We were reminded of the tragedy of 1948, when a convoy of doctors and nurses bringing medical supplies was ambushed by Arabs. 78 were killed while the British stood by and personnel from Mt. Scopus could only watch helplessly. Mt. Scopus Hadassah now gets 70,000 admissions per year, and severe cases from other hospitals are transferred there. Its Shock/Trauma Center is new within the last 3 years, and the whole Mt. Scopus Campus is being updated. The famous Danto Rehabilitation Center is one phase of that renewal, and a new Emergency Center is a second.

We visited Hadassah’s main facility in Ein Keren, which was built in response to Mt. Scopus being captured by the Jordanians in 1948. So many medical miracles take place in this hospital every day. Some attendees watched on monitors as a heart catheterization was performed using a new, non-invasive method. We, all gowned up, witnessed a kidney transplant. Ein Keren was the main hospital to which severe COVID patients were transferred at the height of the pandemic. Of course, I can’t report on our visit to the hospital, also known as Hadassah University Medical Center (Yes, Hadassah has the leading Medical School in the entire Middle East.), without including its Synagogue where we contemplated the beauty of the famous Chagall Windows.

Some of the ground-breaking research happening at Hadassah includes the fields of DNA sequencing, proton therapy, and regenerative stem cells. Medical administrative innovations also are pioneered at Hadassah. Few know that the Electronic Medical Record was very early adopted by Hadassah Hosipital starting in its ICU. For the major facilities updates currently taking place we were shown how mockups of different patient room configurations are

Hass Promenade Jerusalem - Cantor Andrea Rae Markowicz, Hindea Sohn Markowicz, Dr. Yael Sverdluk Markowicz, and Nina Markowitz Friedman

myriad ways through our membership’s generous and ongoing support. We also crisscrossed parts of the country where Hadassah has facilities. Of course, we renewed the spirit of our deep bond with Israel as the ancestral and modern Land of the Jewish People.

Big events, like Hadassah’s Pride,
**Team Israel’s baseball players were also filmmakers for a new documentary about their 2020 Olympic run**

By Jacob Gurvis (JTA) — When a group of mostly American Jewish baseball players arrived in Tokyo for the 2020 Olympics, they had multiple responsibilities. First among them was to represent Team Israel in its first-ever Olympic baseball outing. Many of the players were new Israelis, having obtained citizenship just to satisfy Olympics eligibility rules.

But they were also tasked with making a movie about their experience. A documentary had followed Team Israel’s Cinderella run in the 2017 World Baseball Classic, and the filmmakers wanted to make a sequel. But there was a catch: No media was allowed in the Olympic Village in Tokyo, due to strict pandemic restrictions.

Instead, the filmmakers distributed small cameras to the players to document their own experiences. The result is the new documentary “Israel Swings for Gold,” which premieres Saturday at the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival.

“It was sort of amazing, because they got stuff that we never would have gotten, had we had cameras there,” Daniel A. Miller, one of the filmmakers, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. “The intimacy that is offered, these moments where they win, and even when they lose, their sort of daily experiences with antisemitism.”

Miller is one third of the team behind Ironbound Films, the production company that made “Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel.” He said the reception of that movie had surprised him.

“Heading Home’ had this huge following that we never expected,” he said. “People loved seeing these players who grew up playing baseball through high school, through college, and they never really explored their faith so much. Their faith was baseball.”

The sequel follows the team from their Olympic qualifier in New York through their citizenship process, visiting Israel and ultimately playing in Tokyo. Ironbound was able to shoot all the footage in Israel and in the United States, but once the team arrived in Tokyo, the players were on their own. Miller said making the film with the help of the players was “supremely interesting”—and that the resulting perspective widened the series’ lens on what it means to be an Israeli ballplayer.

“It was moving on to what being Israeli meant — associating with Israel and all its problems, and having to identify on a world stage with Israel,” he said. “The film includes moments like the moment of silence held during the opening ceremony to honor the victims of the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre. It also shows the Israeli players being turned down by other countries’ athletes for the traditional Olympic pin-swapping—a detail that did not grab headlines at the time, but which corresponds with experiences that Israeli athletes have had on other stages.

Because it is shot largely by the players, the documentary takes on a real behind-the-scenes feel throughout — especially during scenes in the players’ Olympic Village dorms, where they cut each other’s hair, make TikTok videos and spend most of their time shirtless.

After its Atlanta debut this weekend, Miller said the film will be shown at Jewish film festivals across the country, including in New Hampshire and at the Gold Coast International Film Festival on Long Island. The documentary will also have a theatrical release, beginning in South Florida next month.

Miller said his team plans to make its next sequel at the 2023 World Baseball Classic, which takes place in Miami next month.

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**The oldest copy of the Hebrew Bible is headed to auction this spring**

By Jackie Hajdenberg (JTA) — The oldest complete copy of the Hebrew Bible as we know it today is about to go on sale—and it could well become the most expensive book or document ever sold.

Written by a single Jewish scribe on 400 pages of parchment about 1,100 years ago, the Codex Sassoon is estimated to fetch $30 million to $50 million when it is sold by Sotheby’s auction house this May.

Before then, the book is embarking on a worldwide tour that will include stops in London, Tel Aviv and more. Those who view it will lay eyes on one of only two known ancient manuscripts comprising almost the entire Hebrew Bible — along with the Aleppo Codex, which is incomplete after hundreds of pages went missing in the 20th century.

“Now that the Codex has been definitively dated as the earliest, most complete text of its kind, it stands as a critical link from the ancient Hebrew oral tradition to the modern, accepted form of the Hebrew Bible that remains the standardized version used today,” said Richard Austin, Sotheby’s global head of books and manuscripts.

The Codex Sassoon is named after the book collector David Solomon Sassoon, who acquired it in 1929 for 350 British pounds, the equivalent of about $28,000 today, when it resurfaced after 600 years.

Sassoon added his bookplate to the inside cover of the binding, extending a centuries-long string of inscriptions detailing the book’s Jewish ownership, much of it throughout what is present-day Syria. The record does not show what happened between when the synagogue where it had been housed was destroyed and Sassoon’s acquisition. But for the last century, it has been in private collections, in contrast to the other books near its caliber which are owned by major museums and are on display. What remains of the Aleppo Codex can be viewed at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, while a later but more complete copy is on display in Russia.

The book’s latest owner is Jacques Safra, part of the storied Jewish banking family, who paid for carbon dating that put its age at about 1,100. The book was briefly displayed by the British Museum in 1992.

Its value won’t be determined until after the auction on May 16, but Sotheby’s officials said they believed that its final price could top the $43.2 million that the CEO of a hedge fund paid in 2021 for a first-edition copy of the U.S. Constitution sold by the auction house. Its value, they say, goes far beyond the page.

“Codex Sassoon marks a critical turning point in how we perceive the history of the Divine word across thousands of years,” said Sharon Mintz, Sotheby’s senior Judaica specialist for books and manuscripts, “and is a transformational witness to how the Hebrew Bible has influenced the pillars of civilization — art, culture, law, politics — for centuries.”
Supermarket Schlep
Sunday, April 23
11 a.m. – meet at Meijer (East Entrance – grocery side), 7240 Central Avenue
After shopping – meet at Chabad House, 2728 King Road

Cost – donation of shopped items
Kosher lunch included – please let us know of any dietary restrictions in advance

On your marks, get set, SHOP… for Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS)! Families with children of ALL ages are invited to be a hunger hero and join us for an afternoon of fun, awareness, and community.

Participants will receive a scavenger hunt list, make their budget, and shop on their own. Who will race through the aisle, stay within budget, get the best deal, and find the most items on their list? Prizes will be awarded!

After shopping, load up your car and head to Chabad House to unload, sort items, and have lunch together.

Want to shop, but can’t do lunch? No problem! Want to shop another day? No problem! Shop and drop off your items at Chabad House or shop another day. Just let us know!

RSVP requested by Monday, April 17 to https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/supermarket or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

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

CREATE AND RELATE: Session One

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

RSVP to Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org by March 20, 2023.

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

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Beginning in 2023, Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services will be bringing a new series of FREE events to the Toledo area Jewish community. Welcome to JSFSS’s new event series: Create and Relate! These events will offer the opportunity in five unique sessions for our seniors to connect with different services by bringing in new and exciting community members and activities. Although we hope to gear some services toward our seniors, we also hope to see people of all ages as we will be touching on topics within our society that are all-inclusive. All are welcome to attend. There will be a Creative Expression Art Activity at all sessions.

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Stay tuned for more information coming in the Toledo Jewish News. Any questions, please contact Stacy Willis at 419-724-0407.
Brasch, who has muscular dystrophy, walked the runway at New York Fashion Week for the South Asian brand Randhawa. (Hilary Phelps)

This Orthodox Jewish model made history at New York Fashion Week

By Julia Gergely

(New York Jewish Week) — When disability activist Lily Brasch was asked if she would walk the runway as a model for New York Fashion Week, she didn’t know if she would be able to do it. That’s not because she has a rare form of muscular dystrophy, which weakens muscles and limits her ability to walk. Rather, it was unfortunate timing: The show was set for Friday evening, when the weekly Jewish holiday of Shabbat begins.

But Brasch, who is Orthodox and goes by the stage name Lily B., quickly devised a workaround: She took her turn on the catwalk in Midtown at 5 p.m. and, instead of schlepping back uptown to her Morningside Heights apartment, quickly headed to a nearby hotel to welcome Shabbat with her sisters. And so on Friday, Brasch became the first model with muscular dystrophy to walk the runway unassisted at New York Fashion Week, and the second person with the condition ever to appear. (The first was actress and model Jillian Mercado in 2020, who used a wheelchair.)

“It felt really good — it felt freeing,” said Brasch, 22, who modeled a gold lehnga from the brand Randhawa, which specializes in modern South Asian style. “I definitely never thought I would do something like this.”

“I prioritize representing disability, and pride, and just bringing joy to that community, but I also prioritize remaining truthful to my faith,” Brasch said. “It was great teamwork to get me on the stage and represent disability, and then come right off to go celebrate Shabbat.”

When Brasch was 16, she was told she would not be able to walk or lift heavy objects unassisted ever again due to her centronuclear myopathy, a rare form of non-progressive muscular dystrophy. At the time she was disheartened — but she said she used the diagnosis as motivation to “prove barriers are meant to be broken.”

Walking in New York Fashion Week — which runs through Wednesday — is the latest in a series of triumphs for Brasch, who moved to New York last August to attend Columbia University. Last March, Brasch climbed Camelback Mountain in Scottsdale, Arizona — a feat that she calls “My Everest.” She’s also competed in body-building competitions and loves going to the gym. She also founded the Born to Prove foundation, which promotes disability awareness and breaking barriers.

Though the Chicago native has not always been outward about her Judaism in her activism — in fact, at first she was advised by friends and family not to bring attention to it — Brasch has come to realize how much her religion guides her.

“My Jewish identity has inspired me in that we’re all put on this earth for a reason. Every single one of us has a purpose and that’s what my religion has taught me,” she said. Her purpose, Brasch added, is to represent strength and beauty for people with disabilities in the next generation. She hopes to be an inspiration within the Jewish community and things are changing,” she said.

Brasch is also partnering with Movingleaf, an Israeli manufacturer of folding mobility scooters — a deal she inked just before she found out she would walk in Fashion Week. The company partnered with rabbis as well as researchers from the Zomet Institute in Israel to ensure that their scooters could be used on Shabbat even though they are electric, said Brasch, who currently uses the scooters to get around.

With her modeling debut behind her, Brasch said she would walk in Fashion Week again — but she’d rather see other models with disabilities on the runways.

“I hope that next time it’s not me — it’s the next girl,” she said.

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Check out NJG Trivia Night photos on page 25

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Sunday, March 12
Sunday, April 2
Sunday, May 21
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Gan Yeladim Preschool - 6505 Sylvania Ave.
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Friday, April 28
Friday, May 5
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For more information, please visit bbyo.org/support/volunteer/.

Interested in applying or finding out more? Please contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewshtoledo.org.

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**JTA Teen Journalism Fellowship**

February-April 2023

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency is pleased to introduce a virtual journalism fellowship for high school-age Jewish teenagers.

We are accepting applications from 15-18 years olds who are interested in reporting the news of their community through a Jewish lens. We are defining “community” loosely here – school, neighborhood, identity, culture, hobbies. We want to hear how these parts of your life intersect with your Judaism and age-group.

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Seniors Beautiful Blooms
By Jen

March 30, 2023
Noon – 2 p.m.
Sekach Building, Darlington Hall, 6505 Sylvania Avenue
$20 per person – includes activity and lunch

Make a beautiful flower arrangement for your Passover table.

RSVP by Friday by March 23 to https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/Seniors or Sherry at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

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Seniors Board and Brush Painting

April 20, 2023
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Board and Brush, 6725 Central Avenue N, Toledo
$20 per person – includes activity and snacks

Paint your initial on a board for display.

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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.

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people. It’s that attitude that differentiates Hadassah from many other hospitals. We heard it in the voices of every doctor, every nurse, every social worker, every therapist, and every administrator with whom we spoke. I can’t tell you how proud it made us all feel to be part of this organization. We humbly felt the gratitude for our steadfast and generous support of our Hadassah projects in Israel, which is never-ending. Those who are aware and have been touched by the impact of Hadassah are particularly appreciative of the people who make it happen — our leaders, our donors, and our supporters.

Throughout the convention we felt the excitement and the emotion of being back in Israel. We visited our Hadassah Hospitals and our Meir Shifrya Youth Village. We also met those whose lives have been impacted by the support of Hadassah’s 300,000 members. In addition to what was described earlier, among other things that we saw and experienced is the partnership between the three Hadassah entities — Hadassah (Women’s Zionist Organization of America), the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO), and Hadassah International, a great point of strength. We saw what we could accomplish when we worked together as full partners, such as when Hadassah recently set up field hospitals in Poland, on the border with Ukraine. Our medical staff treated over 35,000 patients who had fled Ukraine and needed medical help. Infrastructure and technology are important at Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO), and we were thanked for providing the support that has made it possible for the people doing the work in the field each day. It’s important to attract and retain talented staff who bring their hearts, passion, and compassion to everything they do. At HMO there is the utmost dedication to preserve both physical wellness and the quality of life. In story after story that we heard, it seemed that the doctors, nurses, and rest of the staff went above and beyond.

Over four days we experienced much that Hadassah and Israel have to offer with carefully arranged tracks that built a picture of the work and mission of Hadassah. We saw how dedication, commitment, and generosity benefits the people of Israel with our visits to Hadassah’s facilities and programs. As we walked the streets of Israel with different tour guides, we met countless people who had their babies at Hadassah, were born at Hadassah, or were treated at Hadassah for various ailments, accidents, or diseases. Hadassah is truly serving Jerusalem, Israel, and the region. Its reach is beyond that though. Through research and collaboration and through international aid efforts such as were undertaken in Ukraine, or its world-famous quick response international disaster teams, Hadassah Medical Organization is making a difference in peoples’ lives in Israel, the Middle East, and throughout the world. It is important to know that patients are all treated equally and with respect regardless of religion or ethnicity, and the staff is fully integrated with Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and Druze members, including many Arab doctors, nurses, and administrators in positions of high authority. Hadassah Hospital’s leadership articulated to the group that its operations manifest the kind of society Israel aspires to become.

Without our support all this and so much more we didn’t have time to experience would not be possible. We were all inspired by Hadassah’s 100th National Convention in Jerusalem and our passion and commitments renewed. Personally, I was thrilled to share this experience with my daughters and see their renewed inspiration, and proud of the leadership roles they are assuming. Hadassah commitment runs long and strong in our family over generations. My grandmother was a member and literally every family member since was/is a Life Member or an Associate Member of Hadassah. My mother, Annette Goldberg Sohn Hirsch was President of the Chicago Hadassah Northgate Chapter and Area Vice President of the Chicago Hadassah Chapter. Aunts have been chapter leaders in their communities. I am proud of Toledo Chapter honors. Our supporters.

Do you have kosher for Passover shopping needs? Please contact Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.
Women of CBI’s event helped stock the Family Pantry

A big thank you to the Women of Congregation B’nai Israel for their generous soup donation to the JSFSS Family Pantry.

Pictured: Anne Bauer from Congregation B’nai Israel (right) and Hannah Loeser (left).

Celebrating 30 years of keeping us fit

On Monday, February 13, members of Eileen Seegert’s JSFSS Get Fit exercise classes celebrated a milestone 30 years.

Looking at memory boards and preparing for a champagne toast

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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Obituaries

Mona Russell, a longtime resident of Toledo, died on January 14, 2023 in Vero Beach Florida.

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

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.

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

Cemeteries are closed every Saturday for Shabbat

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Regular Cemetery hours:

Sunday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Friday 6:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed Saturdays and on the above dates for Yom Tov

Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association 6465 Sylvania Ave., Sylvania, Ohio 43560
419-724-0404
Temple Shomer Emunim

March Worship Schedule

Friday, March 3
Shabbat Service at 6PM
Led by Cantor Roher

Saturday, March 4
Shabbat Morning Yoga at 10:30AM

Friday, March 10
Shabbat Unplugged Service at 6PM
Led by Cantor Roher & our musical ensemble

Saturday, March 11
Musical Minyan at 10:30AM
with Cantor Roher

Friday, March 17
Shabbat Service at 6PM
Led by Rabbi Gibson & Dr. Andrew Pelletier

Saturday, March 18
Parsha & Prayer at 10:30AM
with Rabbi Gibson

Friday, March 24
Shabbat Service at 6PM
Kol Zimrah will sing

Friday, March 31
Shabbat Service at 6PM

Shabbat Morning Yoga
Saturday, March 4 @ 10:30AM
with Amy Nistel & Cantor Roher

Classes at the Temple

Friday, March 17 at 10:30AM –
Coffee with the Clergy with Rabbi Gibson
“The Rise of Anti-Semitism in Popular Culture & How To Combat It”

Saturday, March 18 at 10:30AM –
Parsha & Prayer with Rabbi Gibson
“Critical Thinking in Israel Politics: Why It Matters”

Wednesday, March 22 at 7PM
Gift of Mindfulness with Cantor Roher

Esther’s Disney Megillah Cast:

Madelyn Freed
Myles Freed
Ruby Freed
Cayden Greenblatt
Cole Helfman
Layken Heuerman
Chayah Kramer
Claire Lazer
Zoey Levy

Directed By:
Megan Rhodes, Lauren Sachs,
Cayden Greenblatt, Wendy Payne &
Cantor Jen Roher

March Religious/Hebrew School

Wed 1st
Hebrew School 4:30-6PM

Sun 5th
Purim Spiel & Carnival 9:15-11:30AM

Wed 8th
Hebrew School 4:30-6PM

Sun 12th
Religious School 9:15-11:30AM

Wed 15th
Hebrew School 4:30-6PM

Sun 19th
Religious School 9:15-11:30AM

Wed 22nd
Hebrew School 4:30-6PM

Sun 26th
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Wed 29th
NO HEBREW SCHOOL

Purim Spiel 9:15AM
Community Purim Carnival 10-11:30AM
Sunday, March 5 @ the Temple

All ages encouraged!!!

Join us for “Kid”ish Club
at 5:00PM Friday, March 3, 2023

Cantor Roher will lead activities appropriate for the youngest members of our congregation.

Come ready to sing and play! Stay for pizza & salad!
$5.00 per family
RSVP to wpayne@templesle.com no later than
Wednesday, March 1!

Men’s Chavurah
Wednesday, March 22 @ 7:30PM

Congregation B’nai Israel
cbitoledo.org

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

David S. Stone Religious School Calendar: March 2023

Wed.
3/1
Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM

Sun.
3/5
Community Purim Celebration @ Shomer 10:00 AM

Mon.
3/6
CBI Purim Celebration, Dinner, & Spiel @ CBI 5:45 PM
Free for Religious School Families

Wed.
3/8
Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM

Sun.
3/12
Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM
Grades 7-10 Trip to Cleveland

Wed.
3/15
Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM

Sun.
3/19
Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM

Wed.
3/22
Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM

Sun.
3/26
NO RS - SPRING BREAK

"Marvelous Mitzvot, Megillah, & Spiel Cabaret at Club CBI"

CBI’s Purim Celebration & Dinner
Monday, March 6, 2023 at 5:45 PM
In-Person at CBI

Join us as we observe the 3 mitzvot of Purim:
Tzedakah - Mishloach Manot - Megillah!
Klezmer Music - Donate needed items to 3FS
Mishloach Manot Station - Create Your Own
Savory Hamantaschen - Sing Joyful Songs with
Hazzan Lichterman & Hear the Megillah - Enjoy a rousing “Spiel Cabaret at Club CBI” – Yummy
gourmet Hamantaschen dessert!
The cost is $5 per person. We ask that you bring
different bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash,
and liquid hand soap to donate to 3FS. RSVP by
Wednesday, March 1, 2023 to 419.577.8400.

Adult Ed: “Create2Gether Artist Residency in Budapest”

with speaker Deborah Oroff
Sunday, March 26, 2023
10:30 AM - Noon, In-Person at CBI
The Partnership2Gether Western Galliee-Central Area
Consortium connects Jewish communities across the
globe through a variety of programs. Deborah Oroff
was an artist in residence for the Partnership’s Fall 2022 “Create2Gether” program which brought
together Jewish artists from the US, Israel, and
Hungary for an intensive week in Budapest.

WCBI Celebrates
Rosh Chodesh Nisan
Wednesday, March 22, 2023 11:00 AM
In-Person at CBI

Join the Women of CBI when we celebrate
Rosh Chodesh Nisan & the beginning of Spring
We will hear a presentation about our wonderful,
outstanding Metroparks and enjoy a spring-inspired
lunch.
Event cost is $10. Please make your checks payable
to “Women of CBI” and mail to: Nancy Goldberg,
4236 Appomattox Dr., Sylvania, OH 43560.
The Tikvun Olam for this program is a monetary
donation to a local Veteran Equine Assisted
Therapy Program.
Please RSVP by March 17, 2023 to Miriam
Beckerman at mbecks@bex.net.
THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

DR. MORTON GOLDBERG LECTURE SERIES


Thursday, March 23, 2023 6:30-7:30 PM
McQuade Law Auditorium - University of Toledo
College of Law, 1825 W. Rocket Dr.
Preceded by a reception from 5:00-6:00 PM
This lecture is free to the public
HAMANTASCHEN FOR SALE
Kosher/pareve hamantaschen are available in the synagogue office for purchase. The flavors include raspberry, apricot, blueberry, prune, poppy and chocolate. Also available are chocolate dipped apricot, raspberry and chocolate. The plain varieties sell for $8.00 per dozen and the dipped varieties sell for $10.00 per dozen. Call the synagogue office to place your order or just stop in.

COMMUNITY WIDE PURIM CARNIVAL
This year the Purim carnival is sponsored by the Federation and the three local synagogues. It is open to children and adults of all ages. Save the date of Sunday, March 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Temple Shomer Emunim. There will be food and activities for children, teens, and adults.

PURIM TRIVIA FUN
Join in the fun and test your knowledge! There will be a Purim zoom game night on Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. Please register with Elsa Leveton or Nancy Jacobson to receive the link.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES & KIDDUSH LUNCHEON
Everyone is invited to Shabbat Morning Services and a Kiddush Lunch on Saturday, March 11th. Rabbi Stephen Belsky will be joining us for services and a special lunch will be served to honor our members who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Please join us!!

MAJ JONG/POKER GAMES PLANNED
Come and join in the fun playing Maj or Poker on Sunday, March 12th from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the synagogue social hall. Everyone is invited. Treats will be served!

SISTERHOOD TAI CHI & ASIAN FOOD TASTING
The Sisterhood will feature a Tai Chi demonstration with Suzie Rosenberg on Tuesday, March 21st at 11:30 a.m. Following the demonstration there will be a by a recipe tasting with Asian recipes from our own sisterhood members. Please R.S.V.P. to the synagogue office.
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Something in the way Next JGen does

Trivia Night at The Casual Pint all came down to the team's knowledge of The Beatles' Abbey Road. Did it Come Together? Something tells us it came down to The End.

Camp Inspiration is a quality, educational, inclusive, and fun Toledo Jewish camp experience. Each day there will be entertainment, activities, crafts, mitzvah projects, healthy and delicious lunches, snacks, and so much more!

Any questions? Contact Marnie Younker at 419-724-0365 or marnie@jewishtoledo.org.

### Camp Inspiration

**July 31 - August 3**

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Open to kids

Pre-K (potty trained four-year-olds) to fifth grade

***We are looking for qualified counselors (must be over 18) and counselors in training (teens entering 10th-12th grade). If you are interested, please contact Marnie at 419-724-0365 or marnie@jewishtoledo.org.***

Join us for a week of fun!
In recognition of the confluence of Martin Luther King Day and the International Holocaust Remembrance Day in January, Hindea Markowicz, Director of the Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center, brought to the area the dramatic presentation Letters from Anne and Martin. Selections from Anne Frank’s Diary of a Young Girl and Martin Luther King’s Letter From the Birmingham Jail were counterpointed to each other by actors portraying them writing these seminal works. King and Frank were both born in 1929, worlds apart, and both the victims of bigotry that led to their deaths. Yet they each left behind messages of hope for humanity that has inspired and continues to inspire countless people the world over.

During MLK Week 900 area students filled The Valentine Theater for the 17th annual Diversity Day Program created by the Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center to view the presentation, followed by a talk back led by a facilitator. The next morning an equal number of students in the Perrysburg school system had the same experience. Finally, that evening there was a public presentation at The University of Toledo’s Performing Arts Center.

The educators that accompanied the students universally commented to Mrs. Markowicz how positively the program was received by their students. Above and beyond that, however, hundreds of Perrysburg students wrote ‘thank you’ notes. Here are five particularly outstanding examples.

**Dear Anne Frank Center,**

Thank you for your performance at our junior high school today.

I appreciate your performance because I never really knew how powerful Anne Frank and Martin Luther King’s words were. It’s true, I don’t really stay much into historical books. Hearing the words spoken had a really powerful effect for me. Alarming, I suppose, but in a way that it was meant to be.

Thanks for coming all the way just for us.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Sever

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**Dear Anne Frank Center,**

Thank you for your performance at our junior high school today.

I appreciate your performance because I will always remember that respect or status varies for nobody, and no being or race is superior to or inferior to any others.

I also was very impressed and moved by the actor’s emotions, which felt genuine, and make me feel the same way.

Anne’s words touched me when she said that it is difficult to put yourself into another’s shoes. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s word also left me feeling moved.

Thank you,

Avnish Shendge

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**Thank you for your performance at our junior high school today.**

I appreciate your performance because of how inspiring it was to me, it really changed my perspective on what Martin Luther King and Anne Frank had to go through to make things right. I enjoyed the part when Martin and Anne looked at each other even though they weren’t in the same room, it showed how much connection they had. Thank you!

In appreciation,

Jacqueline Jimenez

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A devastating series of earthquakes has hit Turkey and Syria, causing acute damage and destruction within a 200-mile radius and aftershocks felt as far as Israel.

Tens of thousands have already been confirmed killed, and many more injured, with increasing tolls expected in the coming weeks.

As always, Jewish Federations, together with our partners, are ready to assist when disaster strikes, and are already working to assess the needs and offer support in whatever ways we can.

You can help with these efforts by donating online at jfeds.org/earthquakerelief
1. Health risks. Unwanted health issues are a top priority, especially if you are traveling to a country where diet and hygiene is vastly different to what you are used to. Conditions like stomach flu, vomiting and diarrhea can quickly ruin a trip. In lieu of COVID-19, it is a genuine travel risk that you do not want to ignore. Stay up to date with latest news regarding the pandemic in the country you are planning to travel to.

2. Scamming. Travelers run the risk of becoming potential targets for scammers, especially if you don’t speak the language or are unfamiliar with the culture.

3. Theft. Nothing will spoil your globe-trotting shenanigans like getting your passport, money or other valuables stolen.

4. Violence. Travelers may find themselves getting caught in a violent crime, particularly if you are unaware of the locations that you are venturing into.

5. Transportation risks. Transportation problems can be another issue, especially if you are traveling to a country that is notorious for transport accidents, has complicated (or nonexistent) public transport schedules or is known for its traffic congestion.

6. Natural catastrophes. Depending on where you are traveling, disasters such as earthquakes, typhoons, hurricanes, and other unforeseen natural disasters could arise.

7. War or political unrest. Although much less common than other risks, depending on the country or region you are traveling to, political risks could pose a problem.

8. Manage your money. If you plan to use your debit and credit cards, make sure to notify your bank in advance that you’ll be abroad, or you may find your card blocked for suspicious activity. Research beforehand where are the best spots to exchange your money into local currency as ATMs might be scarce in certain places. When out and about, always carry a small amount of cash with you.

9. Keep track of your health. Make sure to have a supply of any over-the-counter essentials like motion sickness pills, probiotics, pain killers and bug repellants.

10. Sicherheitstipps für alle Reisenden

1.  Do your research before you travel. First rule of safe travel — do not be ignorant about where you are going. Try to learn about the country, the political situation, the cultural norms, the safest places to stay and the areas or regions that are best avoided. Head off on your trip with your eyes wide open to avoid surprises.

2.  Blend in with your surroundings. Once you have done your research, you can start your visit to a new destination as if you were one of the locals. This is not only sound exploration advice, but a good safety tip as well. You’ll make yourself more vulnerable to con artists if you stick out like a sore thumb with your massive backpack, two cameras and confused look on your face. and you will draw much less attention if you make an effort to blend in. You also don’t want to disrespect or offend with improper dress or manners. If you’re visiting places of worship, make sure to dress modestly in order to prevent upsetting the locals.

3.  Do not flash your wealth. Whether this is with cash or expensive gear, showing wealth will only make you more appealing to scammers and pickpockets. Carry a dummy wallet with little cash in it so that you can give this in case you are mugged.

4.  Stay safe in transport. Avoid air travel mishaps by frequently checking whether your flight has been rescheduled or cancelled. When using bus services, make sure to go with trusted companies that are have many reviews online. Moreover, try booking your tickets in advance whenever possible, so do you not end up stranded on remote bus stops with no transport in sight. If you are hiring local taxis, agree upon the fare in advance in case the vehicle doesn’t have a meter. Also, carry a map with you to avoid getting lost.

5.  Keep your belongings safe. Avoid carrying too many luggage pieces and invest in a small sturdy lock for your luggage. Try to choose one that does not stand out, so it does not appear as if you have something valuable inside. If you have a hand-carry with you, never leave it unattended. Buy wallets that have RFID protection to avoid identity theft.

6.  Get travel insurance. Regardless of whether you are a natural worrier or not, do not hesitate to take out travel insurance. Not only will insurance cover any unexpected injuries and trips to the hospital, it can also protect you from theft or loss of personal belongings.

7.  Have emergency info at hand. This should entail contact numbers for the local emergency services (police, fire department and ambulance) and for your country’s embassy (if there is one in the place you’re visiting).

8.  Manage your money. If you plan to use your debit and credit cards, make sure to notify your bank in advance that you’ll be abroad, or you may find your card blocked for suspicious activity. Research beforehand where are the best spots to exchange your money into local currency as ATMs might be scarce in certain places. When out and about, always carry a small amount of cash with you.

9.  Keep track of your health. Make sure to have a supply of any over-the-counter essentials like motion sickness pills, probiotics, pain killers and bug repellants. Consult your doctor and get the proper vaccines before traveling. Ensure that any prescription pills are filled for some days extra than the intended length of your travel.

10. Know how to communicate. Learn the basic emergency phrases like “I need help,” “Where is the nearest hospital/police station/embassy?” etc. in the local language.

Final Tip – ENJOY, RELAX, AND HAVE FUN
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home
[hom] noun

a gathering place for family to join together in laughter, the one place you will always be surrounded by those who love you. a place or feeling of belonging.