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PURIM CARNIVAL ERA SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025



9:30 a.m. - Temple Shomer Emunim Purim Spiel: "Esther's Story (Taylor's Version)" Everyone's invited!
10 a.m. - Carnival fun begins
11:30 a.m. - Carnival wrap-up
All Purim events take place at Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave.
\$10 per person (ages 3 and under are free)
Includes all the fun - No more game tickets - Everything is Included

KIDS
 ticket includes kosher hot dog lunch, carnival treats, hamantaschen, all carnival games, & prizes



Wear your costumes!

Special Adults-Only Room
 ticket includes brunch, hamantaschen, Java Sensations Coffee Bar, mimosas, adults-only game room (Bingo, card games, etc.), & prizes



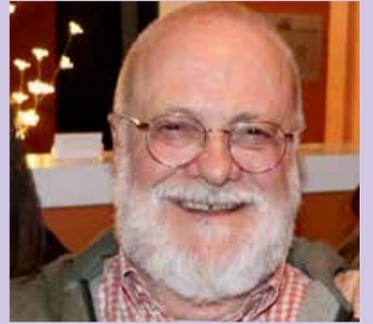
This event is held in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, and Temple Shomer Emunim.



RSVP by Wednesday March 12 online at form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/purim2025 or with Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.

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We Deliver a Jewish Future



A focus on: *Women's Philanthropy*

We Are. We Can. We Do.

We are women from all walks of life and backgrounds who come together in common purpose. We make a positive difference in the world through our acts of chesed - kindness - which guides our philanthropic actions

Divisions

The Federation has many opportunities to feel a Jewish connection; this is accomplished through tzedakah, networking, events and putting our Jewish values into our everyday life.



The **Pearl Society** is for women who give a minimum donation of \$180 to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Annual Campaign. **For only \$15/month you can be a part of a nationally recognized Jewish women's philanthropy society.**



Lion of Judah

A woman making an annual donation to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo reflects her capacity to give. She sustains or increases her minimum gift of \$5,000. The Lions of Judah set an exemplary standard of leadership and giving.



The **Pomegranate Society** honors women making an individual gift of \$1,800 or more to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Annual Campaign. By wearing this symbol, we are reminded of the Jewish lives we have improved, rescued and renewed. But, even more, it reminds us of the work that is yet to be done.



Lion of Judah Endowment

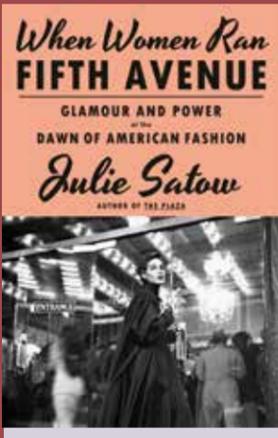
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For more information about the Women's Philanthropy Divisions or the pins, please contact: Wendy Goldstein, Donor Development and Women's Philanthropy Officer
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International Women's Day Celebration



A glittering portrait of the golden age of American department stores

Join us for an amazing women's only event celebrating International Women's Day and see how far we have come in our struggle for equality, peace, and development by learning more about the visionaries behind Fifth Avenue.

In *When Women Ran Fifth Avenue: Glamour and Power at the Dawn of American Fashion*, award-winning journalist and author of *The Plaza: The Secret Life of America's Most Famous Hotel*, Julie Satow, chronicles the rise of the department store through dazzling portraits of three visionary women who took great risks, forging new paths for the women who followed in their footsteps. This stylish account, rich with personal drama and trade secrets, captures the department store in all its glitz, decadence, and fun, and showcases the women who made that beautifully curated world go round. This history of American fashion and the department store is inextricable from Jewish history, from the Jewish immigrants who worked in New York's Garment District to influential designers and creators like Hattie Carnegie and Lena Himmelstein (better known as the creator of Lane Bryant). These stories are interwoven throughout Satow's glittering account of a bygone era of innovation and glamour.



Julie Satow

is an award-winning journalist and author. Her first book, *The Plaza: The Secret Life of America's Most Famous Hotel*, was a New York Times Editor's Pick and NPR Favorite Book of the Year. A regular contributor to the New York Times, her work has also appeared on National Public Radio, Travel + Leisure, and elsewhere. She lives in New York City with her husband and two children.

Sunday, March 9 | 3 p.m.
Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave.
Event - \$10 per person | Event and book - \$30 per person
Event includes author presentation (via Zoom), appetizers, and drinks

RSVP by Monday, March 3 to:
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PRE ORDER YOUR BOOK TODAY



This event is sponsored by the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation's Long Term Community Needs fund and is being held in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and the Sisterhood book clubs at Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, and Temple Shomer Emunim.

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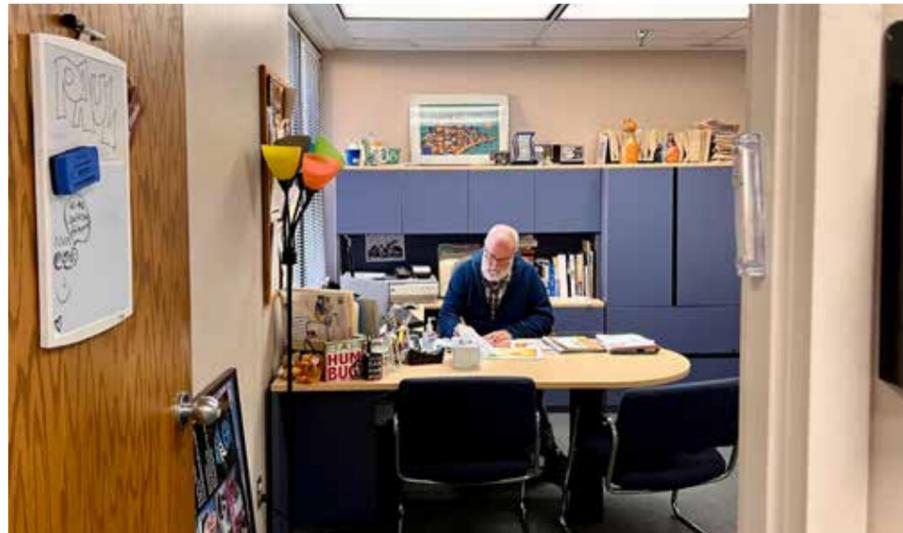
Paul Causman retires, reflects on his past, present, and future

By Abby Hoicowitz,
Marketing, Social Media &
Communications Manager

After 24 years with Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT), Paul Causman has taken his final bow as an official member of the staff. He retires from the organization having left a lasting impact over the last quarter-century.

Paul was born in Bath Township (Akron), Ohio in [year redacted] and earned a Bachelor of Arts, Theater and Communication in 1980 from Bowling Green State University. He has worked with Toledo Repertoire Theatre, Toledo Jazz Society, Toledo Symphony, Toledo Museum of Art, The University of Toledo Department of Theater & Film, The Village Players, Ms. Rose's Dinner Theater, Actors Collaborative, Glass City Theatre Collective, Valentine Theatre, Toledo Ballet, Toledo Opera, local synagogues, and more.

Paul joined JFGT in 2001 as a graphic designer, working alongside Nancy Starr, marketing director. He created program guides and flyers for the JCC until the JCC/YMCA corporate merger in 2004, after which



Paul Causman retires from JFGT after 24 years as graphic designer, Marketing Director, and Toledo Jewish News editor

he focused solely on Federation marketing with the YMCA handling JCC promotions.

"I was working at Toledo Opera when Nancy hired me, and one of the best pieces of advice I've ever received came from her," Paul said. "After I had started working at the Federation, and I was still learning a lot about graphic design at that time, she said to me, 'Keep learning and keep practicing, and you will continue to improve and become the kind of designer you want to be.' She

continues to be a very good friend of mine as well."

Over the years, Paul's role expanded to include a wide range of official (and unofficial) skills and responsibilities, such as marketing, fundraising, technology, photography/videography, journalism, audio/visual capabilities, historical documentation, website design, programming, joint-synagogue communications, and more, culminating in the titles of Marketing Director and Editor of *Toledo Jewish News*. Paul led

the transformation of *Toledo Jewish News* (TJN) layout from a "cut and paste" letterpress process to digital format and updated what was originally an actual Friday fax community newsletter to what is now the Friday Facts e-blast.

"I am most proud of helping to communicate Jewish life to our community," Paul reflected. "Whether through *Toledo Jewish News* or the programs and services I helped promote, I've been fortunate to communicate Jewish life to Jewish Toledo across all platforms. Art is a mirror of ourselves, and I am most proud to have been a part of that mirror for Jewish Toledo."

"I want to thank Paul for his 24 years of dedicated service to the Jewish people and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo," said Stephen Rothschild, JFGT CEO. "Paul's creative efforts have helped to inform thousands of Jewish Toledoans about events, programs, and services. His creative work with program invitations, flyers, Annual Reports, Annual Meetings, and *Toledo Jewish News* have inspired so

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TOLEDO JEWISH WINTER FLICKS

Last month's Winter Flicks film, *The Jews and the Blues*, and the following dinner brought a warm group out on a cold night. Keep up with your *Toledo Jewish News* and Friday Facts e-blast for all the information on upcoming Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo programs.



FEBRUARY 2 2025 WINTER FLICKS THE JEWS AND THE BLUES

Schmooze with the CEO

Wednesday, March 12
 12 p.m.
 Tekela, 5147 Main St., Sylvania
 FREE

Join **Stephen Rothschild, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo**, for an exclusive opportunity to connect over lunch! This is your chance to ask questions, share ideas, and gain insight into the Federation's mission, initiatives, and impact on the community.



Are you curious about our programs, interested in getting more involved, or simply want to learn more about how the Federation supports Jewish life in Toledo and beyond? This informal gathering is the perfect setting.

Come with your questions and enjoy a meaningful conversation over a delicious meal.

Space is limited.



RSVP by Monday, March 10 to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms or Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.

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FIRESIDE CHAT ADDRESSES IMPLICATIONS OF NEW ADMINISTRATION



Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's (JFGT) Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) held the latest in its series of Fireside Chats on January 29, at which Director Amichai Stout addressed how the second Trump administration might impact the American Jew's relationship with Israel. He reviewed past presidents' policies regarding the complicated situation in the Middle East, then discussed several of the new cabinet members' and advisors' views, especially noting their positions regarding the war in Gaza, a two-state solution, and much more.

Rosemary Chaban, Community Engagement Task Force Chair for the JCRC, said afterwards that she really enjoys these programs. They're "super educational - I always learn so much."

Please join JCRC for future Fireside Chats. Dates and topics will be shared in *Toledo Jewish News* and in the Friday Facts e-blast.



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Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo Tributes and Memorials

received between January 21 - February 18, 2025

We gratefully acknowledge the following Tributes and Memorials to JFGT and TJCF funds. Tributes and Memorials can be made by contacting Barb at 419-724-0357, barb@jewishtoledo.org, or Anna at 419-724-0386, anna@jewishtoledo.org.

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JFGT financial assistance and cancellation policies for programs

Financial assistance for programs

Discreet financial assistance available for Jewish Toledo activities

We understand that each person's financial situation is different, and cost can be a barrier for participation in various activities. We don't want program fees to be an obstacle for you or your family to attend our events or participate in our programs. Assistance is available and confidential. For more information, please contact Ben at 419-724-0408 or ben@jewishtoledo.org.

Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo's Cancellation Policy

The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) cancellation policy is established to ensure a fair and transparent process for participants who need to cancel their registration for JFGT events. Our primary goal is to accommodate all participants while managing the logistical aspects of each event efficiently. This policy will generally apply to JFGT events unless otherwise stated in connection with the registration for the event.

Policy:

Participants who wish to cancel their registration for any events must do so by 48 hours prior to the event. Cancellations made after this date may result in forfeiture of the registration fee.

To cancel your registration for any event, please send an email to sherry@jewishtoledo.org with the subject line "Cancellation: [Your Name]". Include your full name, registration information, and a brief reason for the cancellation in the email.

Make sure to send the cancellation request before the 48-hour

deadline. Cancellations made on or before the 48-hour deadline are eligible for a full refund of the registration fee.

Cancellations made after the 48-hour deadline may not be eligible for a refund. However, Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo may consider exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

If you are unable to attend any Federation sponsored event after the cancellation deadline has passed, you may nominate a substitute participant at no additional cost. Please notify Sherry Majewski (sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351) of the substitution at least 24 hours before the event.

Participants who do not attend events without providing prior notice will not be eligible for any refunds or substitutions.

If any event is canceled by the Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo due to circumstances beyond our control, such as a natural disaster, pandemic, or other unforeseen events, we will make every effort to reschedule. If rescheduling is not possible, participants will receive a full refund of the registration fee. The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo is not responsible for any additional costs incurred by participants, such as travel or accommodation expenses.

The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo reserves the right to amend this cancellation policy at any time. Participants will be notified of any changes via email or through our official website.

By registering for any events sponsored by the Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo, participants acknowledge that they have read and understood this cancellation policy and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

Jewish Community Relations Council

Jewish Sweets: Family Favorites from Across the Diaspora

By Mary Bilyeu, Community Relations Programming Specialist.

Purim is one of Judaism's "They tried to kill us, we survived, let's eat!" holidays. And what we eat in honor of the occasion includes the contents of misloach manot: hamantaschen, candies, and other treats.

So, how appropriate is it that Paris-based cookbook author Kenden Alford is publishing her latest work this month, called *Jewish Sweets: A Worldwide Community Cookbook of 100 Dessert Recipes*? Nearly everything in it – from black and white cookies to a boozy babka, loaf cakes to halva blondies, and challah doughnuts to a fudge made with pomegranate molasses – would make beautiful additions to your goodie bags.

This scheduling is purely coincidental, Kenden said. "When you do a cookbook, it takes them 8 months to get it published." So this was "good timing," she said happily, after she'd handed in her manuscript nearly a year ago.

The timing was also ideal because gathering the recipes and refining the drafts was "a really uplifting project during this really difficult time" after the horrors of October 7, she noted. "It was just this positive, joyful project."

So while that terrifying day united every Jew in collective sorrow, this

book helped to alleviate some of the pain for Kenden.

"Being connected with all of these home cooks or professional cooks, who are all over the world," she said – the multitude of contributors who sent her their most cherished recipes and memories – "makes me feel like I am getting a hug all of the time."

It was a much-needed comfort during a time when it's seemed there has been almost no consolation. And she wishes for that to come through for her readers, as well: "I hope that this book helps," she offered reassuringly.

The beautiful depth and breadth and strength of the diaspora is on full display in *Jewish Sweets*; the only continent not represented is Antarctica. "The Jewish community is global," which Kenden realized she hadn't fully appreciated while growing up in the United States.

Now she knows, truly, that "you could go anywhere in the world and find somebody to host you for Shabbat," and you would still "feel like you're at home."

Represented in this, her sixth book, are unexpected Jewish communities such as Brazil, Australia, Venezuela, Tunisia, and Malaysia, where the following temptations come from, respectively: Molten Chocolate

Brigadeiro Cake, Pavlova with Desert Lime Curd, Coquitos (no-bake coconut confections), Makrouds (Semolina Pastry with Date Filling), and Sago Gula Melaka (a tapioca-like pudding).

Additionally, there is variety in the types of recipes offered: cakes, cookies, bars, candies, pastries, pies, puddings, breads, sorbet, and cobbler among them. And they range from classic to contemporary, including classics updated to make them more contemporary. Hamantaschen prepared by a Taiwanese-Jewish contributor, which feature the popular Asian flavors of matcha green tea powder in the dough and sweetened red bean paste as a filling, is just one beautiful example of such creativity.

That kind of mash-up represents "fusion and innovation," Kenden writes in the book, which is something Jews around the world excel at after much wandering, many expulsions, and voluntary relocations (such as making aliyah to Israel).

Jewish recipes have always incorporated and assimilated local ingredients and flavors, as cooks and bakers establish new homes in unfamiliar places.

"Jews adapt and adopt," Kenden said.



Vero Najmias

She was able to procure such an extraordinary treasure of recipes through crowdsourcing, "trying to get as many different people from as many different places" as possible. The reward for sending out countless emails, diving into social media, employing hashtags, and more resulted in "as much geographic diversity as possible."

Her book, therefore, shows off a glorious mosaic that, together, forms a beautiful global whole.

Kenden notes in *Jewish Sweets* that there are "so many things that influence Jewish food – national culture, your family's tradition, health trends," and she wanted to find a way to represent this multitude.

"I don't feel like I got everything," she said. "But it's a good start!"

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Aunt Ester's Mandarin Poppy Seed Pudding Cake

Submitted by Vero Najmias

Pareve
Prep time: 15 minutes + 5 minutes
Cook time: 45 minutes
Total time: 65 minutes
Yield: 12 servings

Like many, my single apartment started with just a mattress and a pan. Looking for a quick, simple and inexpensive recipe, I asked my loving Tia Ester for her favorite recipe: Mandarin and Poppy Seed Pudding. With only one bowl, we can solve almost everything. Just what's in the house. She adored the mandarin version - me too - and you can replace it with lemons, oranges, bergamot or a mix. If you don't have poppy seeds, skip them and that's it. Ideal for Sunday afternoon.

Ingredients:

Butter or vegetable spray
 2 cups (380g) sugar
 1 cup (210ml) neutral oil
 2 eggs at room temperature
 2 mandarins, well washed with their peel on and seeds removed
 3 cups self-rising flour
 1 pinch salt
 1 sheet greaseproof paper
 200g glass or caster sugar

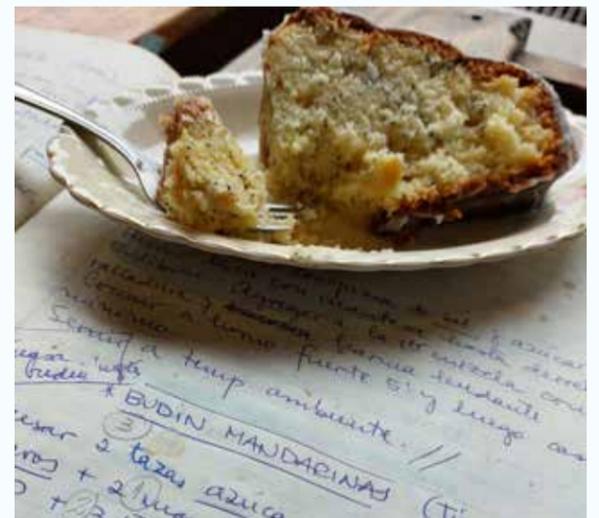
Juice of half a lemon
 15g poppy seeds, plus extra for sprinkling

Tools:

Food processor fitted with the blade attachment, or a blender
 Juicer
 Kitchen scale or measuring cups and spoons
 Mixing bowls, small and large
 Round pudding mold
 Sieve
 Small whisk
 Spatula

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 160–180°C (320–356°F).
 Prepare the round pudding mold with oil, butter, or vegetable spray and flour.
 Process well the sugar, oil, eggs, and the mandarin oranges cut in pieces (with all their peel and without the seeds).
 Combine the flour with the pinch of salt.
 Add to the mixer in 3 stages, processing between each.
 Then add the poppy seeds and stir by hand.
 Place in the prepared round pudding mold.
 Bake for 45 minutes, more or less according to your oven.
 If needed, halfway through the baking, place a sheet of parchment paper on the surface of the pudding. This



will ensure that it cooks well on the inside without browning on the surface.

In the meantime, squeeze the lemon. Mix with the icing sugar until a paste is formed.

Once the pudding is cooked, remove and turn off the oven.

Pour the sugar-lemon paste on top and, to taste, sprinkle on more poppy seeds.

Vero Najmias is an Argentine of Sephardic origin from Izmir, Turkey. Since she was a child, she cooked alongside the best: the women of her family. Vero worked in the world of advertising, radio and TV as an announcer, dubbing artist and host. For the past 10 years she has been passionately dedicated to teaching, cooking, and maintaining the gastronomic cultural tradition of her ancestors.

Jewish Community Relations Council



**OPEN TO THE
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Model Seder

Join us on
Sunday, March 23
1 PM to 3 PM at
Temple Shomer Emunim
6453 Sylvania Avenue,
Sylvania, OH 43560

Registration Required by March 17- Spaces Are Limited

RSVP to Mary Bilyeu 419-724-0405 or mary@jewishtoledo.org
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Ann Rosenberg
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Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Community Observance
Thursday, April 24, 2025
26 Nisan 5785
7 p.m.
Congregation B'nai Israel, 6525 Sylvania Ave.



Commemorate Yom HaShoah with the Toledo Jewish community. Ann Rosenberg, a second generation child of survivors, will speak about her parents at the event.

Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events>
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BETH SHALOM CEMETERY
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Oregon, Ohio 43616

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515 Eagle Point Rd.
Rossford, Ohio 43460

Saturday, April 12, 2025	Erev Passover/Shabbat	Closed
Sunday, April 13, 2025	Passover I	Closed
Monday, April 14, 2025	Passover II	Closed
Saturday, April 19, 2025	Passover VII	Closed
Sunday, April 20, 2025	Passover VIII	Closed
Sunday, June 1, 2025	Erev Shavuot	Close at 4 pm
Monday, June 2, 2025	Shavuot I	Closed
Tuesday, June 3, 2025	Shavuot II	Closed
Monday, September 22, 2025	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Close at 4 pm
Tuesday, September 23, 2025	Rosh Hashanah I	Closed
Wednesday, September 24, 2025	Rosh Hashanah II	Closed
Wednesday, October 1, 2025	Erev Yom Kippur	Close at 4 pm
Thursday, October 2, 2025	Yom Kippur	Closed
Monday, October 6, 2025	Erev Sukkot	Close at 4 pm
Tuesday, October 7, 2025	Sukkot I	Closed
Wednesday, October 8, 2025	Sukkot II	Closed
Monday, October 13, 2025	Erev Shemini Atzeret	Close at 4 pm
Tuesday, October 14, 2025	Shemini Atzeret	Closed
Wednesday, October 15, 2025	Simchat Torah	Closed

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

Cemeteries are closed every Saturday for Shabbat
Jewish Holiday Closing Schedule for 2025

Regular Cemetery hours:
Sunday through Thursday 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Fridays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Closed Saturdays and on the above dates for Yom Tov
Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association 6465 Sylvania Ave.
Sylvania, Ohio 43560
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The subtitle for *Jewish Sweets* could easily have been something like, “A Year’s Worth of Jewish Desserts,” as it covers the calendar as thoroughly as it does the diaspora.

All of the holidays – and, of course, Shabbat – are represented: Pizza Ebraica for Tu B’Shevat, Seasonal Fruit Compote or Coconut Cream Fruit Sorbet for Pesach, Spiced Dark Honey Fruit Cake for Rosh Hashanah, and Sufganiyot Cupcakes for Hanukkah. It’s a cookbook that can be used over and over again, not just once or twice per year.

When asked about plans for her

next project, Kenden said that she has many ideas and might even consider a low-carb book after this indulgent one full of sugar and flour.

Notably, she added, “I would love to do the community thing again – I enjoy those projects more than doing my own cookbook,” for which she has to develop the dishes to present.

“You get such a variety of recipes – every person’s palate is one slice of the pie.”

Kenden thoroughly enjoyed learning about each individual who sent a recipe, and about their families and their histories, all through their food memories. For example, Tiki Krakowski, a translator and editor who lives in Jerusalem with “her

neurotic dog, River,” (as she notes in her brief bio), offered a honey cake from her Tante Roizy – Great-Aunt Rose – who “earned her baking skills in her mother’s Hungarian kitchen in Brooklyn and honed them in the South during a short stint in Memphis.”

Vero Najmias, whose Aunt Ester’s Mandarin Poppy Seed Pudding Cake is offered here, is an Argentine of Sephardic origin who, the book states, “has been passionately dedicated to teaching, cooking, and maintaining the gastronomic cultural tradition of her ancestors.” She remembers her beloved aunt through this cake, “her favorite recipe.”

And Samantha Ferraro sent her

family’s pistachio baklava, which comes from her mom’s Turkish background. Perfectly phrased for this book, she offered: “I remember my roots through recipes.”

“I get so much pleasure from reading these recipes that people send,” Kenden said, which “makes it very meaningful.”

If you “go to any potluck at a synagogue,” she continued, “people are very attached to their own food. They’re very attached to their own recipes.”

And “every recipe in this book is somebody’s favorite,” Kenden pointed out. “It means something to them, and so it means something to us.”

JFGT Seeks Nominations for Annual Awards

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo is seeking nominations for community recognition awards to be presented at our annual meeting. Any member of the community is able to nominate an individual for the Harry Levison Young Leadership Award, the Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award, the Nancy Newbury Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award, the Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence, or the Shining Light Award.

National Young Leadership/ Harry Levison Young Leadership Award

Created in 1962 to recognize young adults of outstanding promise and leadership ability who exhibit an active interest in Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Jewish Federation Fund Campaign, this award rewards exceptional service from young adults. The award is open to those between the ages of 25 and 45 who reside in the greater Toledo area.

The recipient(s) is honored at Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo’s Annual Meeting and receives a cash award to be used for participation, either at the General Assembly of Jewish Federations of North America or National Young Leadership Conference. The award can also be applied to participation on an Israel mission, particularly the National Young Leadership Mission.

Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award

Established in 1998 to recognize Robert Wick, a great friend and supporter to the Jewish community, the award is restricted to businesses, corporations and companies that provide exemplary support to the Jewish community.

Nancy Newbury Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award

Each year, in its role as the social services and safety net for Toledo’s Jewish community, Jewish Family Service recognizes a volunteer who embodies the spirit and compassion of the JFS mission.

Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence

Established to recognize an outstanding Jewish communal employee or volunteer for their leadership in promoting Jewish values and improving Jewish life, the award acknowledges valuable contributions of the recipient and the deep appreciation of the Board of Directors and staff of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

Shining Light Award

Created in 2019 to recognize outstanding community volunteers who find meaning and reward in giving of their time and energy for the greater good of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. Nominees for this award are volunteers who go above and beyond the norm of volunteerism. They are tireless in their dedication to the mission of the organization, sit on numerous committees, enrich our community and strive to make Jewish Toledo a vibrant place to call home. Nominees for this award should be 18 -180 years old and meet the criteria description.

Please use the form below pertaining to the award(s) for which you wish to submit a nomination(s) or request a form from Sally Trouten at sally@jewishtoledo.org.

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Nomination for Community Award



Award Nomination (check one)

- National Young Leadership/Harry Levison Young Leadership Award
- Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award
- Nancy Newbury, Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award
- Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence
- Shining Light Award - Jewish Programs Volunteer

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

Nominated by: _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____ Date: _____

Please fill out all applicable areas on a separate sheet of paper:

1. Leadership activity in Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and/or affiliated agencies (current/past)
2. Leadership in the Annual Campaign (current/past)
3. Leadership activity in affiliated agencies and/or synagogues (current/past)
4. Other leadership activities
5. Why are you nominating this person/corporation?

Nominations should be sent by Tuesday, April 1, 2025 to: Stephen Rothschild, CEO, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, 6465 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, Ohio 43560

News

Happy Tears

By Lauren Sachs

Lauren holds a bachelor's degree in English and Psychology, and a Master's Degree in Social Work, from the University of Michigan. After completing advanced clinical training at Yale University, Lauren worked as a therapist and consultant in a variety of settings. During her time in Jewish Toledo, Lauren has received the Harry Levison Young Leadership Award and the Shining Light Award, and is currently serving as the Chair for the 20th Annual NW Ohio Jewish Book Festival. In addition to her involvement within the local Jewish community, Lauren serves as a volunteer for Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Lauren is also the author of a forthcoming book about her late husband, his joyful approach to life and work as an oncologist, and how examining his life helped her better cope with her grief. To learn more about Lauren's journey and her work on living well after loss, visit www.literally-lauren.com.

Though March is known for unpredictable weather, buffering winter as we slowly turn toward spring, its meaning differs in my home. After all, meteorological events are not the only mercurial beast in March. In the Sachs household, emotions run high for me and my daughters as the season of "madness" takes hold. If you know me well - or just happen to be a college hoops fan - you obviously know I am referring to March Madness. Despite the fact that I matriculated at the University of Michigan and my older daughter is now a freshman attending The Ohio State University as a Stamps Eminence Scholar, our hearts bleed green and white in honor of my late husband and the Michigan State Spartans basketball team.

During our time together over winter break, my daughters and I had the chance to come together to watch several Spartan men's basketball games. As we have done innumerable times since their father's death, we reflected on how much Tom Izzo reminds us of their father with his passionate coaching, willingness to push players to be their best, and tendency to wear his emotions on his sleeve. Seeing Coach Izzo put his arm around a player on the sidelines or listening to his analysis post game, my girls could again see echoes of their dad. As the three of us discussed our take on any given game or on Coach Izzo himself, we all missed sharing these moments with their father and simultaneously felt reconnected to him through space and time.

Beyond the comparisons to Izzo, watching this year's Spartans had us reflecting on other aspects of loss. Whether it was a strong drive to the basket from Jaden Akins, a beautiful pass by Jeremy Fears, or an exhilarating slam dunk from Coen Carr, we could all sense that this season was different from those in the recent past. Since Brad was such a die-hard Spartan fan, the three of us spoke about how much we wished he could



see the chemistry of this particular team. Given that he died over four years ago, at one point we realized that Brad never got to watch a majority of the current team's players. Registering this fact made us all feel a bit melancholy, though it somehow gave greater weight to our fandom. Those of us who are bereaved hold a bittersweet truth, knowing we are living in a future in which our beloved cannot participate. Yet we also know that we honor the memory of our lost loved ones by keeping traditions like these alive.

This March, my daughters and I will most likely not be among the millions of fans filling out tournament brackets, nor will we be studying all the impending lineups with the hopes of winning money through our predictions. Still, we will be amongst the most devoted viewers of gameplay, especially when it comes to the Michigan State Spartans. Since Brad is no longer here to cheer on his beloved alma mater, we will continue to do so on his behalf and as a tribute to him and his memory. Every time the Spartans show their patented brand of defend-rebound-and-run basketball, we will be on the edge of our seats cheering as loudly and passionately as Brad would have done himself. And every time Michigan State wins a game, on some level, we will feel as though they are winning it for him.

MARCH PROGRAMS



PJ PLAYDATE

Ages 0-4 plus grownup(s)
Gan Yeladim Preschool
Sunday, March 2
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
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SENIORS LUNCH & THEATRE

Seniors
Chelsea, MI
Thursday, March 6
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
sold out

INTL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Women
Temple Shomer Emunim
Sunday, March 9
3 p.m.
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SCHMOOZE WITH STEPHEN

Community
Tekela
Wednesday, March 12
noon
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CREATE & RELATE 2025 SESSION 2

Community
Sekach Building
Thursday, March 13
noon
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COMMUNITY PURIM CARNIVAL

Community
Temple Shomer Emunim
Sunday, March 16
10 a.m.
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ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL DIVERSITY DAY

Local High School Students
Valentine Theatre
Tuesday, March 18
9 a.m.

JCRC MODEL SEDER

Community
Temple Shomer Emunim
Sunday, March 23
1 p.m.
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SENIORS PEARL SHUCKING/NECKLACES

Seniors
Sekach Building
Tuesday, March 25
10 a.m.
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Youth and Family Programs

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9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

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6505 Sylvania Ave.

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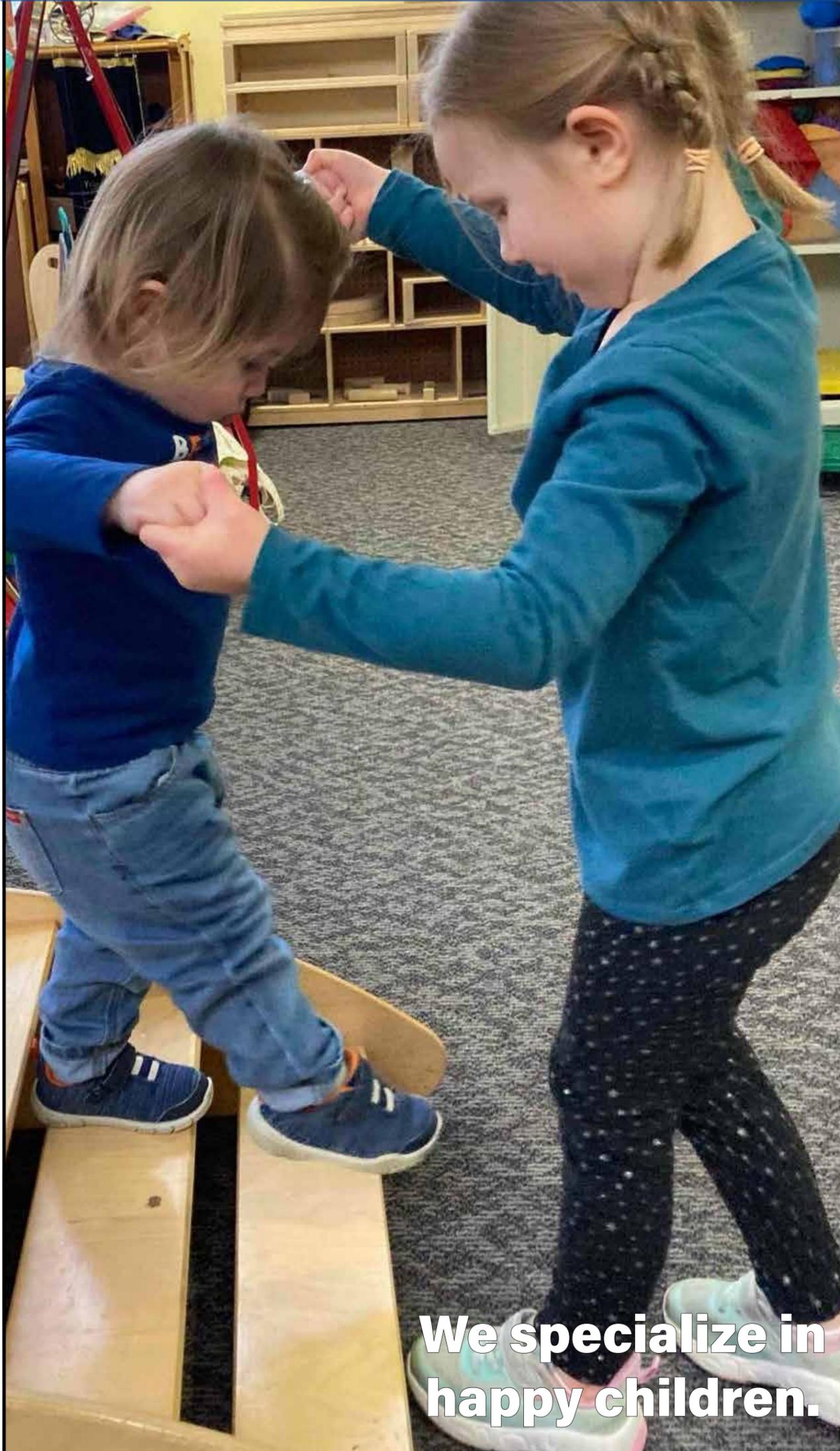


Register:
Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.
Questions?
Marnie at marnie@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0365.

Sun., March 2
Purim
Sun., May 4
Spring is here

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Register:
<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/gan2025-2026>



Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services

TECH TIPS

Minus several short-lived breaks, winter so far this year has returned in a bigger way than what Toledo has grown accustomed to: snow, ice, and sustained frigid temperatures. What better time, then, to spend indoors cozied-up with a favorite book (or three)?

If you're a traditionalist and prefer having a physical book in hand, I certainly understand... But should you like to return to, or try for the first time, the world of digital books, please see the following suggestions to help guide you towards your next tome. Stay warm and happy reading! Tim



(Tech Time with Tim)

Device Advice programs are held on Wednesdays 11 a.m.-noon at the Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Avenue

Upcoming Tech Programs

- Wednesday, March 5: Device Advice** – Exploring mobile device storage
- Wednesday, March 26: Device Advice** – Managing mobile device privacy settings

Tech Tuesday programs are held on Tuesday evening, 6-7:30 p.m.:

- March 11: Tech Tuesday** - Enhancing home network privacy
RSVP with Sherry Majewski, 419-724-0351
or sherry@jewishtoledo.org

Two well-regarded and robust free options, listed below, are available through the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library:

- Libby – Top source for ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines
- Hoopla – A lesser-source for ebooks and audiobooks, but also provides access to comics, music, TV shows, and movies

Other online options exist, but most require a paid subscription. Examples include Audible (Amazon) and Kobo.

Tim Hagen

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WINTER FUN

with Jewish Toledo seniors

In January, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) provided a range of fun and artful programming for Jewish Toledo seniors (60+). Nearly 40 community members traveled to Detroit to see a hilarious stage show, *Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue*, at the Fisher Theatre. Later in the month, a group of seniors spent a relaxing afternoon painting their own ceramic art from Peace, Love, & Pottery.

For information on all upcoming Jewish Toledo senior programming, visit www.jewishtoledo.org/jlc.



Find out more about Jewish Toledo at www.jewishtoledo.org

JSFSS Family Pantry Wish List

While the Food Pantry appreciates food donations, there is a greater need for personal care and paper products. The Food Pantry depends on financial gifts or donations for personal care items. If you'd like to donate items to the Food Pantry, please consider choosing items from its wish list:

- paper towels
- facial tissues
- diapers
- feminine hygiene products
- disposable razors
- shampoo
- soap (bar soap, dish soap,
- liquid hand soap, and laundry soap)
- toilet paper (preferably individual, pre-wrapped rolls)
- Other personal hygiene items of your choice

**Contact Hannah Loeser
(419) 724- 0401**

HOW TO CONTACT JSFSS

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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Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services



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**CREATE &
RELATE
2025**

Save the Date
**Create & Relate 2025 –
Session Three**
May 8 - Yoga and Sound Bath

Create & Relate 2025 – Session Two

Thursday, March 13
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.
\$5 OR bring a donation of personal care item(s) for the JSFSS Family Food Pantry

*****No food will be served at this session due to the Fast of Esther*****

Discover the world through a different lens! Join us for an inspiring afternoon with Tim Tegge, Executive Director of the Sight Center of Northwest Ohio, as he shares insights about the incredible services they provide to empower individuals with visual impairments. But that's not all! After the presentation, experience creativity like never before with Kathy Hannerman, a talented visually impaired artist. Kathy will guide us step-by-step through a painting lesson, demonstrating her unique approach to art. You'll follow along, brush in hand, and create your own masterpiece—proving that art isn't just seen, it's felt. Don't miss this unforgettable afternoon of inspiration, creativity, and connection!



RSVP by Friday, March 7 to
form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors
or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351
or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



56% of American Jews changed behavior in the past year over antisemitism fears, survey finds

By Asaf Elia-Shalev

February 12, 2025 (JTA) — Most American Jewish adults are altering their behavior due to fears of antisemitism, according to a new survey commissioned by the American Jewish Committee and published Wednesday.

When asked in late 2024, about 56% of respondents said they changed their behavior in the preceding 12 months, up from 46%

in 2023 and 38% in 2022.

This figure includes respondents who said they avoided wearing clothing or displaying items that might identify them as Jewish, such as Stars of David; chose not to post content on social media that could reveal their Jewish identity or views on Jewish issues; or stayed away from certain places due to concerns for their safety or comfort as a Jewish person.

The AJC said the survey was designed to capture how American Jews have experienced antisemitism in the year-plus following the outbreak of the war in Gaza. The results largely align with findings from other surveys, further documenting the rise in antisemitism.

The survey was conducted in October and November via a phone and online questionnaire with 1,732 participants meant to be representative of all American Jewish adults, with a margin of error of 3.3%.

Much of the survey focuses on public perceptions and concerns about antisemitism.

Nearly eight in 10 respondents reported feeling at least somewhat less safe in the United States following Hamas' attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, than they did previously. Seven in 10 said Jews are less secure than they were a year ago, and more than 90% believe antisemitism has increased over the past five years.

"Antisemitism has reached a tipping point in America, threatening the freedoms of American Jews and casting an ominous shadow across our society," AJC CEO Ted Deutch said in a statement. "This is an all-hands-on-deck moment for leaders

across the U.S. We must act now to protect Jews — and America — from rising antisemitism."

About a third of respondents said they were the target of antisemitism in the preceding 12 months. This includes people who reported being physically assaulted in an antisemitic attack (2%); targeted with verbal remarks (23%) or social media posts (17%); victims of vandalism or messaging left on your personal property (6%); or subjected to other forms of antisemitism not specifically asked about in the survey (10%).

Of those targeted, 78% said they did not report the incident.

The AJC also conducted a separate survey to assess attitudes about antisemitism among the general U.S. population. Most American adults expressed concern about rising antisemitism, according to responses from approximately 2,100 participants. About seven in 10 said they had heard of the term antisemitism and understood its meaning.

About 95% of American Jewish adults and 90% of all American adults believe that antisemitism is a problem for everyone and that combating it is a shared responsibility.



Demonstrators in support of Israel gather to denounce antisemitism and call for the release of Israeli hostages, on the National Mall in Washington, DC, on November 14, 2023.

(Photo by Roberto Schmidt/AFP via Getty Images)

Active Life for 60+



Passover Floral Arrangements

Thursday, April 10
12 - 2 p.m.

Annual Campaign donors - \$15 per person
Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$30 per person
Includes lunch and floral arrangement instructions and supplies



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RSVP by Friday, March 21 to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors or Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.



Traveling Opera



Tuesday, May 20
12 - 1:30 p.m.
Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave.

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Includes lunch and performance

Why travel to the opera when the opera can come to you? Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of world-class entertainment as the Amazing Toledo Traveling Opera presents a breathtaking performance of *Beauty and the Beast*. Enjoy a delicious lunch surrounded by friends, then sit back and be transported by the magic of live opera, performed up close in an intimate setting.

RSVP by Monday, May 12 to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors or Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.



Jacqueline van Maarsen, Anne Frank's best friend, dies at 96

By Ben Sales

February 14, 2025 (JTA) — On June 15, 1942, days after receiving a diary for her 13th birthday, Anne Frank wrote that a classmate she had only recently met “is now my best friend.”

She and that friend, Jacqueline van Maarsen, promised to write each other goodbye letters if they were forced apart — which came to pass just weeks later. Frank went into hiding in Amsterdam in July, and wrote van Maarsen her farewell letter in the diary in September, wishing that “until we see each other again, we will always remain ‘best’ friends.”

That meeting never took place, as Frank was murdered by the Nazis in 1945. But beginning in 1986, van Maarsen began lecturing on the Holocaust and hate, and writing about her friendship with Frank.

On Friday, the Anne Frank House announced that van Maarsen had

died on Feb. 13, at age 96.

“Jacqueline was a classmate of Anne Frank at the Jewish Lyceum and shared her memories of their friendship throughout her life,” the institution, which is the official custodian of Frank’s legacy, said in a statement that included details about the friendship. “In her books and during school visits, Jacqueline spoke not only about her friendship with Anne but also about the dangers of anti-Semitism and racism, and where they can lead.”

Van Maarsen was the daughter of a Jewish father and a mother who was raised Christian and converted to Judaism. Her mother managed to get her and her sister declared non-Jewish in 1942, which enabled them to survive the war and Holocaust. Most of van Maarsen’s father’s family was killed by the Nazis.

After the war, she got married, had three children and worked as



Jacqueline van Maarsen smiles as she examines the first memorial brick in the Names Monument of Amsterdam, the Netherlands on Sept. 23. (Courtesy of Holocaust Names Monument Netherlands.)

an acclaimed bookbinder. Later in life, she wrote multiple books about Frank, including 2008’s “My Name is Anne, She Said, Anne Frank.”

Van Maarsen stayed in touch with Frank’s father, Otto, and with the Anne Frank House. In 2020, she

laid the first stone of a Holocaust monument in Amsterdam. Last year, she donated a book of poetry from her youth to the institution. It included a poem written by her friend Anne.

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Active Life for 60+

Day trip to Jewish Detroit & Holocaust Memorial Center

Wednesday, April 2
(TIME CHANGES)

Load bus between 9:30 – 10 a.m. in Federation Parking Lot, 6465 Sylvania Ave.

Return approximately 6 p.m.

Annual Campaign donors - \$15 per person

Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$30 per person

Includes lunch, ticket to museum, and bus transportation. Grocery shopping is not included in this price. Make sure to bring your own coolers.

Join us for an inspiring spring adventure as we journey to Jewish Detroit where we will visit the Zekelman Holocaust Memorial Center, experiencing powerful stories of resilience and remembrance. Afterward, we will enjoy a delicious kosher lunch at one of Detroit's beloved eateries, savoring flavors that reflect tradition and culture. Our journey continues with a stop at The Grove metro Detroit's Kosher grocery store, to stock up for Passover.



RSVP by Friday, March 21 to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors or Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.



Oh Shucks! A *Pearl*-fect Senior Necklace-Making Adventure

Tuesday, March 25

10 a.m. - noon **(TIME CHANGE)**

Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.

Annual Campaign donors - \$10 per person

Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$20 per person

Includes lunch and necklace making supplies

Join us for a delightful and unique experience with Stephanie Reidy of Dreaming of Pearls. Enjoy a delicious lunch while diving into the fascinating world of pearl shucking and creating your very own sterling silver necklace.



Whether you're treating yourself or sharing this experience with friends, it's sure to be an afternoon filled with laughter, creativity, and a touch of elegance. Don't miss out on this shuck-tacular event!



RSVP by Monday, March 17 at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



Get Fit Classes

Monday

Prime Movers Early, 9-10am -or- Prime Movers 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

Prime Movers Early, 9-10am -or- Prime Movers Later, 10:30-11:30am

(see description above)

Ballet 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-11am

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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Questions? Contact Marnie Younker
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Young Professionals

Jewish Toledo “YoPros” play pickle ball at Toledo Pickle Co.



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JFGT PJ Library & Youth Programming

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PJ Library is supported by The Inspiration Fund.



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Partnership2Gether: We are Better Together!

Greetings from Des Moines, IA! I am honored to be the new Central Area Consortium Director for Partnership2Gether Western Galilee | Central Area Consortium | Budapest. To those for whom Partnership2Gether (P2G) is not familiar, it is a joint program of the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Jewish Federations of North America, and the Global Partnership Network with the goal of uniting Jewish communities across the globe in people-to-people relationships with a Partnership region in Israel. Our Partnership connects the Western Galilee (lovingly referred to as the WG, which includes the Akko and Mateh Asher municipalities) with 16 small-to-midsize US communities, and Budapest, Hungary. Our Partnership is in its 27th year and was the first of the 43 global partnerships



Tamara Lawson Schuster

to welcome a European city.

Over the years, P2G participants in the Toledo Jewish community

together with our other US and international partners have fostered genuine relationships, vibrant cultural exchanges, and impactful initiatives that have touched many lives in the US, Israel, and Budapest. I am excited to be working with Stephen Rothschild, your talented and caring CEO. Stephen's leadership in Toledo and beyond, which includes being a new addition to our P2G WG Management Team, promises to bring fresh energy and new ideas to an already strong relationship between Toledo and our other P2G communities. I am glad to be working with Stephen and other members of your community as we continue to grow and deepen our connections, both locally and globally.

I look forward to continued Partnership2Gether engagement

with the Toledo community to nurture the connections between your Jewish community and our partners in the US, Budapest, and the Western Galilee. I am excited for my April visit to your community where I hope to meet many of you and explore new ways we can work together to make a positive impact.

Be in the know about P2G WG
 Subscribe to the P2G WG Weekly e-newsletter: www.westerngalilee.org.il/newsletter-signup
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many to engage with Jewish Toledo. His positive influence will be felt for generations, and we wish him a long and healthy retirement from JFGT. We know that he will continue to contribute to the vitality of Jewish Toledo for many years."

According to Paul, some of his favorite memories at the Federation include being a part of community-wide programs like the Rembrandt on Rye Jewish Food and Art Festival in 2019 and annual multi-faith and equality Passover seders. He also fondly recalls lifechanging trips to Israel with Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) marketing and finance, technology, people and innovation (FTPI) groups. Additionally, he takes immense pride in working on *A History of the Toledo Jewish Community 1895-2006* alongside David Noel, Lynn Jacobs,



(clockwise, L to R)
Abby Hoicowitz, Paul Causman, Elizabeth Lane, and Aretha Franklin;
 (Burger King, Toledo, OH, 2012)

and the Toledo Jewish Historical Society of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. "Then there is meeting Aretha [Franklin]" in 2012, Paul continued. "When you (Abby Hoicowitz), Elizabeth [Lane], and I were at lunch, and we heard that she was in the neighborhood and followed her to Burger King. That was hard to beat. Steve Edelstein, the JFGT Executive Director at the time, didn't believe us at first. I mean, who gets to meet the Queen of Soul on their lunch break, right?"

Paul's influence extends far beyond the office, with his warmth and kindness felt in nearly every aspect of Jewish Toledo for decades. Outside of work, Paul's loves include his partner of 40 years, Richard Fortner, their three cats (Ringo, Li'l Mac, and Elsa), and being outdoors, boating on Lake Erie or biking, traveling, and participating in theater. As To-

ledo's renowned Ebenezer Scrooge, he is planning his 23rd year with the Toledo Rep's presentation of *A Christmas Carol* later this year. He is also deeply involved with local synagogues, having served on the board of Congregation B'nai Israel for many years.

"I'll let new opportunities start to present themselves, and then I'll go from there," he concluded. "But that's going to take a little time to reflect. I'm fortunate and blessed to have worked within the Jewish community in a variety of ways—whether volunteering at synagogues or working with the Federation. I've been really lucky in that regard. One of the most significant things for me was being able to work with the people, lay leadership, Federation leadership, and the staff. They have made up a huge part of my life for the last 24 years."

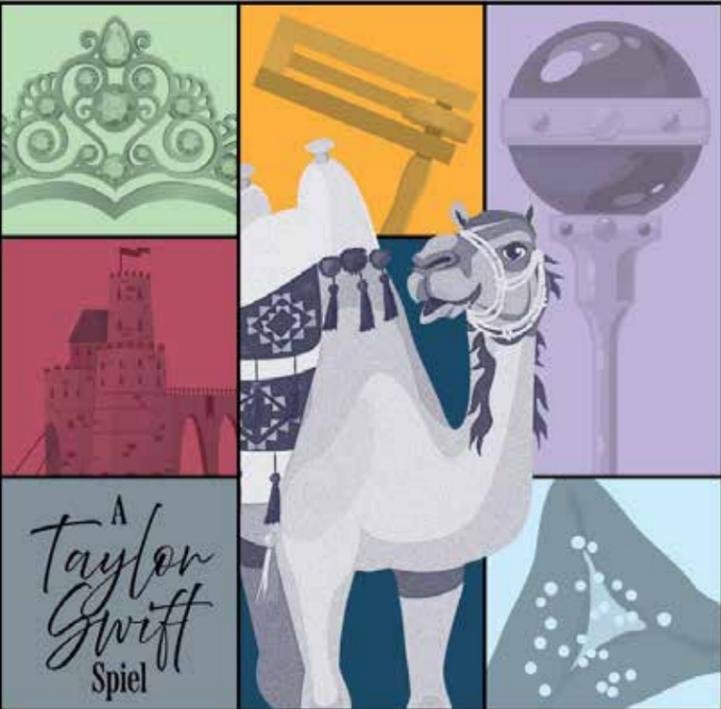


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Congregation B'nai Israel



All CBI programs and religious services are open to the members of all local congregations with RSVP unless otherwise indicated.

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

Mishloach Manot Making! CBI Volunteer Event

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 1:00 PM at CBI
Join us as we assemble Mishloach Manot bags for the CBI Purim Celebration & Dinner and to give to CBI members at local senior living facilities.
RSVP to the office by Monday, March 10. Assemblers and drivers needed.

THE BOOK OF ESTHER ACCORDING TO ABBA: CBI Purim Sing-Along Purim Shpiel Celebration & Seudah Dinner

Thursday, March 13, 2025 5:45 PM at CBI
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RSVP deadline is Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Email kbrody@cbitoledo.org or call the office at 419.517.8400.

Connecting Kids to Meals Volunteer Event

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 10 AM - 12 PM
Cherry Street Mission Building, 1501 Monroe St.
RSVP Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org by March 7.

NOSH & KNOWLEDGE - CBI ADULT ED: "Staying (more than) a Step Ahead of Scammers"

with Tim Hagen, Jewish Fed. IT Coordinator
Sunday, March 2, 2025 10:30 AM at CBI
Learn how to identify, respond to, and report suspicious online communication, whether via email, text message, or phone call.
RSVP to Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org.

NOSH & KNOWLEDGE - CBI ADULT ED: Jewish American Series on Zoom

Led by Dr. Joellyn Kollman of San Diego State University
Wed., March 19 & 26, April 2, 2025 8:00 PM
This new series explores Jewish life in America from the Civil War to the 20th century and will be available by Zoom at home.
RSVP to Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org by March 17.

Parashat Hashavuah: Torah Portion of the Week Discussion

Fridays in March at 11:00 AM at CBI

WCBI CELEBRATES ROSH CHODESH ADAR: Yiddish Bingo Night

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 7:00 PM
at 4704 Park Place Blvd., Sylvania
Join us for a fun-filled evening of Yiddish Bingo with other women from our community.
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Cost is \$10. Checks should be payable to "Women of CBI" and brought to the event. The Tikkun Olam for this program are donations of personal hygiene items for the Jewish Family Service Food Bank.
RSVP to Jan Kasle at jbkasle@gmail.com or call 419-345-6712 by March 18.

OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CONGREGATION ETZ CHAYIM: Walleye Hockey Game

Sunday, March 23, 2025 Puck drop at 5:15 PM
Join us for this exciting outing with our friends from Etz Chayim! Our group will be displayed on the Video Board before the start of the game and during the 2nd intermission.
Cost is \$17 per person.
RSVP to the office or gmallin@cbitoledo.org by March 3. Please provide your email at time of RSVP.

WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

- Monday Morning Minyan: 8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom
- Thursday Morning Minyan: 8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom
- Monday - Thursday Evening Minyan: 5:45 PM - Zoom
- Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:45 PM - Zoom
- Saturday Morning Shabbat: 9:30 AM - In Person/Live Stream
- Sunday Morning Minyan: 9:30 AM - In-Person/Zoom (When Religious School is in session)

Congregation Etz Chayim

HAMANTASCHEN SALE

The synagogue is once again selling hamantaschen. They are kosher and pareve. The flavors available are raspberry, apricot, blueberry, chocolate prune and poppy seed. The cost is \$8.50 per dozen. Also available are chocolate dipped raspberry, chocolate dipped apricot and chocolate dipped chocolate for \$10.50 per dozen. Call the office to place an order or stop in on Monday or Wednesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

WEDNESDAY WITH FRIENDS

The Wednesday with Friends activity is baking hamantaschen at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5th. The hamantaschen will be delivered to members of the synagogue who are unable to get out during these cold months. If you are interested in helping to bake and deliver, please contact Nancy Jacobson.

MAHJ/POKER

One of our favorite Sunday activities, Poker & Mahj is planned for Sunday, March 9th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00. The group of men and women enjoy the time together playing and socializing. Everyone is welcome!!

PURIM FUN

Purim begins Thursday evening, March 13th. Be sure to join us for a Purim breakfast and an abbreviated English Megillah reading on Friday, March 14th at 9:30 a.m. at Etz Chayim. Please R.S.V.P. to Nancy Jaco824@Bex.net or Elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org.

WALLEYE GAME

Etz Chayim invites you to join our friends at B'nai Israel to attend a Toledo Walleye game on Sunday, March 23rd at 5:15 p.m. Tickets are \$17.00. Our group will be displayed on the Video Board before the start of the game and during the second intermission. Come cheer on the Walleye. Please RSVP to gmallin@cbtoledo.org by March 3rd.

ART MUSEUM TOUR

Andrea Delman will be our docent at the Toledo Museum of Art on Sunday, March 30th at 1:00 p.m. Andrea will be sharing an in person tour. Please register with Nancy.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

There will be a glass making class at the home of Ellen Rubin on Sunday, March 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate and make Judaic pieces. Please call Andrea Lublin or Cheryl Berkowitz for information and to register.



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Saturday, March 1, 2025

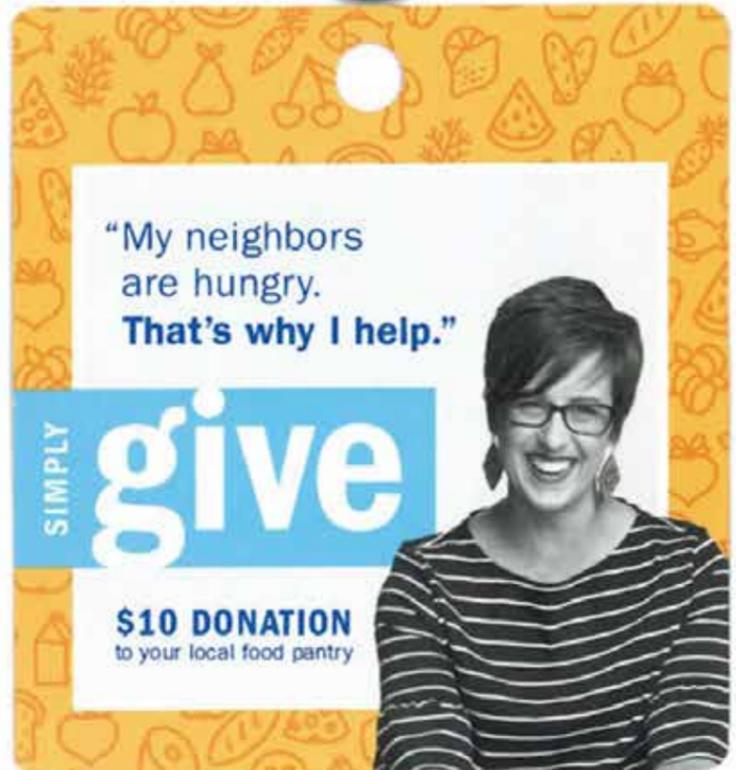
Saturday, March 22, 2025

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Local

B'nai Mitzvah

We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah



Emmett Izsak is in 7th grade at Ottawa Hills and preparing for his Bar Mitzvah in March. Known for his sharp wit and love of comedy, Emmett has a great sense of humor that brightens the day for those around him. He is an excellent student, particularly passionate about science. Emmett is also a true team player on the athletic fields and courts, bringing energy and focus to every game.



Summer is Emmett's favorite time of year, and he spends four weeks at a camp in northern Minnesota. While there, he embarks on exciting adventures like canoe trips through Canada, where he paddles for up to 10 days at a time. Additionally, Emmett is a travel enthusiast who recently visited London with his family and is looking forward to an upcoming trip to Argentina in March. Whether learning, laughing,

traveling, or exploring, Emmett always makes the most of every experience. We are so proud of him and his dedication towards his Bar Mitzvah.

Sophia Madelyn Chernow was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at Congregation B'nai Israel.



Sophia is the daughter of David and Rachel Chernow, and granddaughter of David and Judy Weinberg of Toledo, and Ronald and Susan Chernow of Palm Beach Gardens, FL. She is also a loving sister to Hannah.

Sophia is a 7th grader at Ottawa Hills Junior High School. She enjoys playing piano, horseback riding, and creating art projects. She also enjoys spending quality time with her friends and family. Sophia enjoys welcoming Shabbat on Friday evenings with her grandparents. She looks forward to playing games and singing Jewish songs with her grandfather.

Because of her love of horses and riding, Sophia has chosen as her mitzvah project donations to facilities that focus on Equine Therapy such as The Therapeutic Riding Center of Israel as well as

others in the Toledo/Michigan areas. With these donations, Sophia is hoping to make a difference for people who are in need and can use these contributions to help make better lives for themselves.

Sophia is very excited to be able to share her simcha with all her family and friends.

Simcha

Binyamina Lillian Mann was born on January 31 to Helen Grubb and Kristofer Mann and big brother Meyer Mann. Her grandparents are Barbara Straus (of blessed memory) Blair Grubb and Dena Eber, Deborah Mann (of blessed memory), and Ken and Cindy Mann.






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