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Jewish Federation OF GREATER TOLEDO

2019 SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DEPARTMENT
May 5	Yom HaShoah   Yom HaZikaron   Yom HaAtzmaut	Jewish Community Relations Council
May 7	Next Jewish Generation Trivia Night	Next Jewish Generation
May 14	Lives Well Lived	Jewish Living Center
May 19	Rembrandt on Rye	Department of Jewish Programs
June 1	Next Jewish Generation Axe-cuse me	Next Jewish Generation
June 6	Anniversary Luncheon	Jewish Living Center
June 7	Foodology Fresh Pasta Class	Jewish Living Center
June 13	Next Jewish Generation Trivia Night	Next Jewish Generation
June 18	JFGT Annual Meeting	Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo
July 1	Toledo Jewish Film Festival begins	Department of Jewish Programs
July 9&10	Wooster Theatre Getaway	Jewish Living Center

Dates are subject to change. Events will be added monthly as information becomes available.

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11:00 a.m. registration and doors open

11:30 p.m. luncheon

12:15 p.m. film: *Lives Well Lived*

**followed by live Q & A with filmmaker Sky Bergman**

*\$10.00 per person – registrations required by Monday, April 29  
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Nora Romanoff and Dr. Eli Abramson



# Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

## JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TOLEDO

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**TODAY AND  
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### Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo 2019 Leadership Awards

**Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award**  
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**Margie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award  
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Paul Goldner and Sandy Soifer  
Gary and Andrea Delman

**Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award**  
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Monsignor Michael Billian,  
Marge Lubiatowski,  
Laurie Neary

**Ben and Shirley Shall Spirit of Competition  
Award**  
Murray Guttman

**TBJE Ben Solomon Outstanding Trustee Award**  
Presidents of Gan Yeladim  
Hallie Freed, Sharon Lapitsky,  
Erin Riley, Alison Kripke

**Shining Light Award**  
Janet Rogolsky  
Judy Weinberg

**Young Volunteers of the Year Award**  
Adam Davis, Congregation B'nai Israel  
Harriet Theise, Congregation Etz Chayim  
Madison McQueen, Temple Shomer Emunim  
Harriet Theise, BBYO  
Jordan Slutsky, Friendship Circle

## Women’s Philanthropy chooses happiness

“Happiness is a choice” was the message for Federation’s Lion of Judah, Pomegranate, and Pearl societies women at Federation’s April women’s philanthropy event. We were thrilled to welcome speaker Dr. Deitra Hickey, owner of Serenity Health & Wellness Center. Incorporating audience participation, Hickey focused on techniques for finding peace and contentment

through eliminating negativity and finding more happiness and gratitude in our lives. Look for more women’s program opportunities throughout the year. For more information regarding women’s philanthropy and giving opportunities through the Annual Campaign, please contact Campaign Director Wendy Goldstein at 419-724-0360 or [wendy@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:wendy@jewishtoledo.org).





# Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo



## Yom HaShoah

We Mourn



## Yom HaZikaron

We Remember



## Yom HaAtzmaut

We Celebrate



FROM CBN ISRAEL  
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IN OUR HANDS AND THE HOPE  
TO  
**L I F E**  
HOW ISRAELI VOLUNTEERS  
ARE CHANGING THE WORLD

On May 5 you are invited to join us in observance of Yom HaShoah, remembrance of Yom HaZikaron and the celebration of Yom HaAtzmaut.

**Yom HaShoah | we mourn | our community observance**  
**Yom HaZikaron | we remember | Israel's fallen**  
**Yom HaAtzmaut | we celebrate | Israel's independence**

and the CBN documentary *To Life: How Israeli Volunteers are Changing the World*

On display: Holocaust Art Exhibit created by the students of McCord Junior High School

**Sunday, May 5 | 3 – 6 p.m. | Congregation Etz Chayim**

*To Life: How Israeli Volunteers are Changing the World* is an amazing look at five Israeli organizations dedicated to helping people across the globe. This is a story about Israel you won't see in the news. In keeping with the Jewish tradition of tikkun olam ("repairing the world"), Israel has been at the forefront of humanitarian and disaster relief work since the 1950s, less than a decade after becoming a nation. Since then, the Jewish state has provided humanitarian aid to millions of people in 140 countries around the world.

Featuring stunning cinematography and moving interviews, *To Life* follows Israeli volunteers in Uganda, Nepal, Greece, Kurdistan, and the Palestinian territories to find out how and why, with so many security challenges of their own, they reach out so effectively to help other nations.



## Jewish Federation & Foundation

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## Impressions from a Visit to the Physician Assistants Program in Toledo, Ohio (17-23/1/2019)

Our delegation from the Galilee Medical Center visited Toledo, Ohio with the aim of becoming acquainted with the work of physician assistants in America whose professional role is well established and significant and, at the same time, to reinforce our connection to the local Jewish community. Immediately, we were moved by the warm welcome that awaited us and the efforts made to make us feel at home and an integral part of the Jewish community.

The staff that we met at the Toledo Medical Center included physicians, nurses, physicians' assistants,

nurse practitioners and residents in emergency medicine. During our stay, we witnessed firsthand the differences between the definition of professional roles, delegation of responsibilities and work protocols in the United States in comparison to ours here in Israel.

The responsibility and autonomy granted to physician assistants in the United States is very similar to that granted to full-fledged physicians. In the emergency room, with the help of the nursing staff, physician assistants work in roles parallel to those of the doctors and independently oper-

ate the department where less serious cases are brought after triage, similar to what we call the "walking emergency ward."

Physician assistants take medical histories, perform physical examinations, and oversee lab tests, imaging and whatever other diagnostic procedures are necessary. In addition, they prescribe medication (their prescriptions are recognized in pharmacies) and in unusual or particularly difficult cases, are able to consult with the doctors in the emergency room. This protocol reduces the immense pressure placed on the full-fledged physi-

cians who are then available to treat the more urgent cases.

Additionally, we saw that physician assistants in the United States also work in additional hospital departments. They may be responsible for admitting patients prior to hospitalization or for performing intake on patients such as stroke victims while they are still in the emergency room before accompanying them to the department. We met physician assistants in outpatient clinics who performed surgical follow-ups and were responsible for rehabilitation programs.



# Toledo Jewish Community Foundation

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## Experience a Memorable Overnight Jewish Initiative



In 2016, Experience a Memorable Overnight Jewish Initiative (EMOJI) was established by Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Toledo Jewish Community Foundation. Funded by Foundation's Long-term Community Needs Fund, the EMOJI program was created to make attending Jewish summer camp an option for all Toledo Jewish community children. EMOJI allows Jewish children in the Toledo area to attend Jewish summer camp **FREE OF CHARGE** for first-time campers, or at a very reduced cost for children who are returning to a Jewish camp.

Attendance at Jewish summer camp has been shown to strengthen participants' connection to their Jewish identity. As a result, they are more likely to value their Jewish heritage, support Jewish causes, and take on leadership roles within their Jewish communities as adults.

So, you're probably wondering...how does this work? To be eligible for the EMOJI program, the child must live in the greater Toledo area and be in second through tenth grade. The child's immediate family must also be current donors in good standing to Federation's Annual Campaign.

**What do you need to do to be accepted? Have more questions? Contact Hallie Freed at [hallie@Jewishtoledo.org](mailto:hallie@Jewishtoledo.org) or 419-724-0362 or fill out the EMOJI application online at [www.jewishtoledo.org/emoji](http://www.jewishtoledo.org/emoji)**

The future of our Jewish community lies within our children. Federation and Foundation hope to connect you and your children to pivotal Jewish camp experiences that will help create positive and lasting memories for the rest of your lives.

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# Jewish Family Service

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## SUMMER FOOD FOR KIDS



### KICK-OFF EVENT

● **June 2nd, 2019**  
**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

● **Sekach Building**  
**6505 Sylvania Ave**

Join us for breakfast to learn how the  
Summer Food for Kids program is helping  
with the challenges that grandparents  
face while raising their grandchildren.

**This event is for all ages!**

Donations are greatly accepted. Please RSVP by selecting a donation to  
bring to the event from the link below.

**RSVP:** [www.jotform.com/jfstoledo/summerfoodforkids](http://www.jotform.com/jfstoledo/summerfoodforkids)

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## Thank You, Jewish Family Service Board Members!



JFS board members from left to right: Michael Leizerman, Debbe Skutch, Dewey Miller, Jay Margolies, Tom Kasle, Dr. David Zack, David Berland, and Ross Chaban. Not pictured: Anita Levin, Chad Kripke, Rena Leizerman, Sarah Taub, and Jeff Green (JFS Marketing Committee).

In April, for National Volunteer Month,  
Jewish Family Service recognized its board  
members for all the time, energy, and  
resources they generously donate to JFS  
as volunteers throughout the year.

*Thank you for working hard to better Jewish Toledo.*

### Why volunteer for JFS?

*"I volunteer because I believe in the mission of JFS. I am inspired by the other volunteers who are all committed to the mission and work diligently and creatively. I hope that my efforts, along with everyone else's contributions, will leave this community a better place." – Anita Levin*

*"Because I make the world a bit better deed by deed." – Tom Kasle*

*"Volunteering at JFS is an honor as an opportunity to give back. It is apparent to me every day that the services and programs are impacting many lives. I have learned from the agency leadership, staff, and clients, and I hope my efforts help spread the word about JFS." – Debbe Skutch*

*"I learned to be a volunteer from my mother. She was always active in Jewish organizations and taught me that it is important to give back to the community." – Ross Chaban*

*"I chose to get involved with the JFS because of the great, unsung work the organization is doing. I enjoy playing a small part in a hard-working team that is really making an impact in our community. I challenge more people to experience the many positive aspects of the JFS and to understand what role the organization plays in not only Jewish Toledo, but our community at large." – Jeff Green*



Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo 7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
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July 1 – July 22



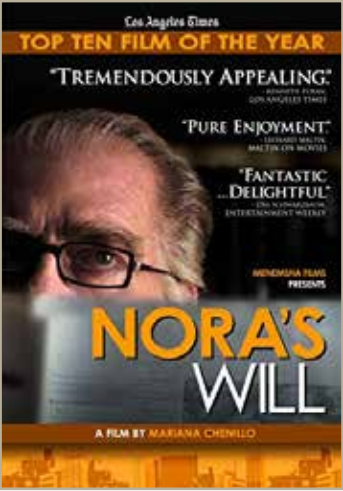
**OPENING NIGHT**

**Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel**

Monday, June 24 at 7 p.m.

Running time: 91 minutes | English

A stirring story of sports, patriotism, and personal growth, *Heading Home* charts the underdog journey of Israel's national baseball team competing for the first time in the World Baseball Classic. After years of defeat, Team Israel is finally ranked among the world's best in 2017, eligible to compete in the prestigious international tournament.

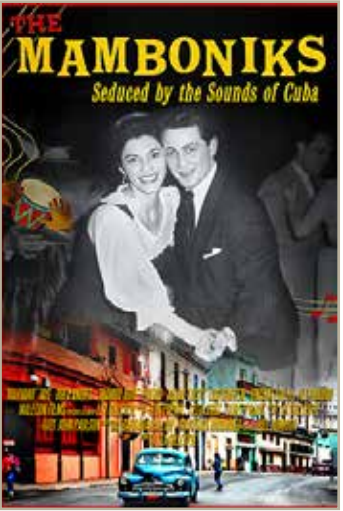


**Nora's Will**

Monday, July 1 at 7 p.m.

Running time: 90 minutes | Spanish with English subtitles

When his ex-wife Nora dies right before Passover, José (Fernando Luján) is forced to stay with her body until she can be properly put to rest. He soon realizes he is part of Nora's plan to bring her family back together for one last Passover feast, leading José to reexamine their relationship and rediscover their undying love for each other. *Nora's Will* is a comedy like nothing you've seen before, a truly unique tale of lost faith and eternal love.

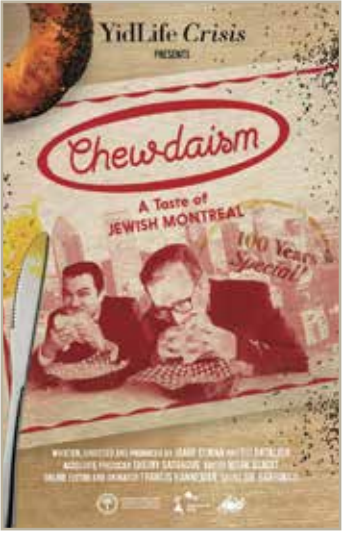


**The Mamboniks**

Monday, July 8 at 7 p.m.

Running time: 90 minutes | English

Bagels meet bongos in *The Mamboniks*, a 90-minute documentary film that tells the little-known story of the Jewish love affair with Latin music. Set in Havana, Miami Beach, New York, and the Catskill Mountains, this fun, uplifting film features a lovable, somewhat zany collection of dancers from the 1950s. Now retired yet still dancing in Florida, they share their passion for the mambo.



**Chewdaism – A Taste of Jewish Montreal**

With special guests Eli Batalion and Jamie Elman, creators and co-stars of *Chewdaism* and *YidLife Crisis*

Monday, July 15 at 7 p.m.

Running time: 62 minutes | English and Yiddish with subtitles

Canadian funnymen and best friends return to their hometown to explore their heritage by eating their way across the city in the noshumentary *Chewdaism: A Taste of Jewish Montreal*. Comedy duo Eli Batalion and Jamie Elman are creators and co-stars of *YidLife Crisis*, a successful Yiddish language web series exploring, with charm and jocular snark, the burning

questions and absurdities of contemporary Jewish life. They traveled the world with their show, documenting Jewish food cultures from New York to London to Tel Aviv.



**CLOSING NIGHT**

**Shoelaces**

Monday, July 22 at 7 p.m.

Running time: 90 minutes | Hebrew with English subtitles

*Shoelaces* tells the story of a complicated relationship between an aging father, Reuben, and his special-needs son, Gadi, who Reuben abandoned while Gadi was still a young boy. Through the film's portrayal of a relationship full of love, rejection, and co-dependency, it manages to shed some light and question the importance of human life, human connection, and if life is even possible without either one of them.



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**Location -All movies**

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Visit [www.jewishtoledo.org/filmfestival](http://www.jewishtoledo.org/filmfestival) or buy at the door on a first come, first served basis. Seating is limited.

**Concessions**

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

**Parking**

Free parking is available outside of the Franciscan Center.

**Additional information and policies**

Festivalgoers are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes prior (unless noted) to the film program. All screenings are general seating. Seats are occupied on a first-come, first-served basis. All cell phones and other electronic devices inside the auditorium must be turned OFF prior to the introduction of the film. Please do not text or otherwise check devices during screenings. The lighted screens on electronic devices are distracting to others. The use of cameras or recording devices of any kind is strictly prohibited during the screenings

**Questions**

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# Local

## JFS Family Pantry debuts with new signage, dedicated parking area

By Emily Gordon



Visitors to Jewish Family Service this spring may have noticed its food pantry's recent name change and new signage. JFS Food Pantry has been renamed JFS Family Pantry to reflect the dignity in service clients receive, said Nancy Newbury, former JFS executive director.

New signage bearing "JFS Family Pantry" is just one of the enhancements the pantry received this year, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor. To increase clients' comfort and to maximize privacy,

the Sekach Building's west entrance and new parking area were created solely for the use of pantry clients.

In addition, a video doorbell system was installed, allowing staff to monitor the area and welcome only those who have an appointment. Known for its quality of food, fresh produce and perishables, and caring staff who treat each client with dignity and respect, the pantry's new name comes two years after a major expansion.

The expansion doubled the pantry's space and the acquisition of a commercial refrigerator and freezer allowed for a more "supermarket-esque" experience for clients, allowing them to receive fresh produce and have more choice in their food items.

The anonymous donor said they value the many services JFS provides to the community and were

inspired to help make the vision of the Family Pantry a reality. "I believe this organization exemplifies the values of Tikkun Olam, making the world a better place, by providing resources to help people in need," they said. "This particular project, to create a separate, more private entrance and waiting area that would allow for a more confidential and comfortable experience for JFS clients, was in keeping with these values, and I wanted to be a part of making it happen."

Donor generosity made the pantry's transformation possible, Newbury said. "The client experience doesn't get any better. In addition to getting the food that they need, people also receive community resource information, guidance, and support," Newbury said. "Being a case management pantry enables staff to spend time with each per-

son, learn about their situation, and guide them to other resources for additional help. They appreciate the time that we spend with them."

One client has since said that their experience at JFS Family Pantry gave them confidence and encouraged them. Another client agrees. "You are treated like a real person. You don't have to stand in line and you don't look down on us as a lower class just because we need help," they said. "I appreciate the dignity shown to me in this difficult season of my life."



## Mentoring for literacy

Mentors in Toledo Schools is a program that is offered by Partners in Education, to help students in grades K-3rd strengthen their literacy skills. We provide qualified volunteers to work 1 on 1 with students with quality activities provided by their teachers.

Volunteers can work with students for 30 minutes a week, up to 8 hours a week. We are flexible with scheduling. We currently need 40+ volunteers as we just expanded into two more schools. To volunteer, or for more information, please email me at [hhenson@partnerstoledo.org](mailto:hhenson@partnerstoledo.org)

## Men's duplicate bridge relocating

For many years, Allan Miller and Dave Shall have organized a men's Duplicate Bridge game on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. hosted by a rotation of players in their homes. As of this month, Steve Moskowitz and Bobby Kripke are assuming their duties. They will begin on February 12 and play every Tuesday at the Sekach building on the Federation campus at 7 p.m.

If you are interested in playing men's Duplicate Bridge and joining in on the game, please e-mail us at [robert.kripke@gmail.com](mailto:robert.kripke@gmail.com) and [mosko1950@yahoo.com](mailto:mosko1950@yahoo.com). Experienced players only, please. The game has a minimal cost and is an opportunity to be with your friends and test your bridge skills. Refreshments and snacks are provided. We ask that whoever wishes to play to e-mail Bobby and Steve a week in advance so we can plan how many tables we need to have set up. We currently have between 4-8 tables depending on the snowbirds and we would like to see this game grow. Thanks, and a happy, healthy new year to all!

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The role of physician assistant is a new one in the Israeli medical system. Currently, there are only a few dozen registered physician assistants who work only in emergency rooms in various hospitals around the country. Today the goal is to significantly increase their numbers in the coming years, to expand their roles to areas beyond the emergency room and to transform their professional status

to one similar to what exists today in the United States.

In Toledo, we also met with members of the local sheriff's office and were introduced to their D.A.R.T (Drug Abuse Response Team) Program aimed at combating the high mortality rate as a result of drug addiction in the local population in coordination with the staff of the medical center we visited.

We would like to sincerely thank the Galilee Medical Center's administration and the Foreign Affairs Department as well as our valued friends from the Western Galilee Midwest Consortium Partnership program for the opportunity, for their assistance and for their support in ensuring the success of our visit to the United States.

We also extend our heartfelt

thanks to all the dear members of the Toledo Jewish community and the amazing staff of the Toledo University Medical Center who so warmly welcomed us into their midst.

Raviv Avraham, David Fisher, Gil Gorbud



# Active Life for 60 and Better



## Anniversary Luncheon

Thursday, June 6  
12 Noon

*Luncheon and  
Entertainment*

Congregation B’nai Israel –  
6525 Sylvania Avenue  
\$5.00 per person  
*Registration & payment  
required by Friday, May 24*



Join us for a delicious lunch as we take the time to get together and catch up! We are pleased to welcome Frank & Dean to the anniversary luncheon as they capture the music and fun of the era. These Rat Pack fan favorites will bring the timeless music and comedy for a fun-filled tribute!

**Deterra Drug Disposal Pouch Distribution Day**  
Friday, May 10  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Sekach Bldg., 6505 Sylvania Ave.  
Free

Jewish Living Center is proud to take part in the new Ohio Safe Rx Collaborative and their campaign for safe medication disposal. Sometimes you may not be able to participate in a Drug Take Back Day or know where the local drop-off site is located. This initiative allows you to safely dispose of expired or unused medication at home. The process renders the medication ineffective and the packaging is safe and biodegradable. Stop by the Jewish Living Center on May 10 to pick up your bag.



**MAKE & TAKE: Ceramic Trinket Box**  
Monday, June 17 and 24  
2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.  
Sekach Bldg., 6505 Sylvania Ave.  
\$5  
*Limited space. Registration required  
by Monday, June 3.*



We’re kicking off our summer session of Make & Take with a ceramic trinket box. It’s the perfect size for rings and small treasures. The lid is three inches across and the base measures 1 ¼ inch tall. This project will take more than two weeks to complete.

**Active Learners Series:**  
**Foodology Fresh Pasta Class**  
Tuesday, May 7  
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
2059 West Laskey Road  
\$15 per person  
Class size limited to 12 registrations  
*Please register for presentation by  
Friday, April 29*



We should call this class Make & Eat – you will prepare and enjoy two courses of food. First course consists of preparing fillings and the salad. Second course, we will be creating made-from-scratch pasta and tiramisu dessert. Chef Andi says the flour will flying in this fun class! The class will also feature knife skills and knife safety. The 3-hour class is held at the Foodology kitchen with a classically trained chef. Class will be vegetarian – coffee and water will be provided. You may bring your own beverage. *Class will not be gluten-free or dairy-free.*

*To register for a Jewish Living Center Program,  
please call Stephanie Hinamon at 419-531-2119 #2 or email  
registration@jewishtoledo.org. For questions about a program, please call  
René Rusgo at 419-531-2119 #1 or email  
rene@JewishToledo.org. For complete itinerary, check out  
www.jewishtoledo.org/60andBetter/out-and-about*

## Healthy Living

Our approach to aging includes promoting a healthy lifestyle. By offering a series of wellness programs, the JLC helps those in our community achieve their health goals.

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. AND 11 a.m. - noon

**Get Fit...It's Never Too Early**

Your favorite class kicks off your day with a comprehensive workout featuring cardio, strength, and flexibility. Balls, bands, chairs, and light weights are used in this class. Join us for great moves and great music.  
*All supplies are provided. Free.*

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

**Drumming**

A full-body workout for any fitness level that anyone can do. Drumsticks are pounded on exercise balls and clinked overhead and side-to-side to upbeat music that will have you moving in step and around the circle. This class keeps you active and gives your core a great workout. *All supplies are provided.*

**WEDNESDAY**

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. AND 11 a.m. - noon

**Get Fit...It's Never Too Early** (see above for description)

**WEDNESDAY**

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

**Ballet Ball Fusion**

This is a great combination class that brings together basic ballet, Tai Chi, and drumming to give you a complete and fulfilling workout unlike any other with music to guide you. It focuses on your core for balance and strength and offers a full range of motion to help you work on your stretching and breathing.

**FRIDAY**

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. AND 11 a.m. - noon

**Get Fit...It's Never Too Early** (see above for description)

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Poker & More...**

Big and Little Vegas, Stretch, and Red and Black - those are just a few of the games you can expect to play in this lively get together for all. Nickels and dimes are what you will need to make this an afternoon of fun.

*To use any of the above services, just fill out a simple and quick Client Registration Form. To learn more about the Jewish Living Center, call 419-531-2119 #1 or visit JewishToledo.org. The Jewish Living Center is supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Jewish Seniors Services Supporting Organization.*





# Jewish Living Center

**Beyond the Homepage: Meet the Library Tech Team**

Thursday, June 27  
1 p.m.  
Sekach Bldg., 6505 Sylvania Ave.  
Free  
*Registration required by Friday, June 21*

Toledo Lucas County Public Library has created Tech Team, a group of tech-savvy librarians who will help you use your technology easily and safely. We have partnered with the library to bring the Tech Team to the JLC. Come meet them and learn about what they have to offer you. They will also get you registered for their eCard, which allows access to books, magazines, movies, and more. We will continue to host the Tech Team to discuss specific topics throughout the year.

**Israel at Your Doorstep presents:**  
**Celebrating Israel’s Birthday Through Music with Tal Madyuni**  
Sunday, May 5  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Jewish Living Center/Sekach Bldg. – 6505 Sylvania Ave.  
*Registration requested by May 3*

The Jewish Living Center of Greater Toledo in conjunction with the Jewish Agency for Israel is proud to present singer-songwriter Tal Madyuni. Madyuni is in her third year as a shlichah (Israel emissary) at Camp Tamarack in Michigan. Her dream is to touch as many hearts as she can through her work and to connect people through music. Madyuni is excited to help us celebrate Israel turning 71 years old. Come enjoy a nosh or two and listen to some beautiful music with us.

## Travel Guidelines

1

Very leisurely pace, minimal physical activity.

2

Requires average physical activity. Participants should be in good health, be able to climb stairs, and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven terrain.

3

Requires moderate physical activity with walking and standing. May include a few flights of stairs, uneven terrain, and walking slightly longer distances.

4

Requires physical activity such as longer walking tours, climbing stairs, and periods of standing. Tour days may be longer, with select activities in the evening.

5

Very active tour requiring guests to be physically fit. Includes extensive walking, high altitudes, early mornings, late evenings.

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## Jewish Living Center

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René Rusgo, Director

*Jewish Living Center for 60 and better*

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

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

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

Call us at 419-531-2119 # 2 or email [Stephanie@JewishToledo.org](mailto:Stephanie@JewishToledo.org) with your payment information, as payment is due at the time of registration.

VISA, MasterCard, AMEX, and Discover are accepted.  
Personal checks can be mailed to: Jewish Living Center 6505 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, OH 43560

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

### Scent-free space

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

**For more information about the Jewish Living Center or its programs**, please call Director René Rusgo at 419-531-2119 # 1 or email [Rene@JewishToledo.org](mailto:Rene@JewishToledo.org).

The Jewish Living Center (JLC) and all of its programs are open to those who are 60 and better and are supported through a generous grant from the Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization (JSSSO) and through your campaign dollars.



**Connect with us on Facebook!**  
Join the Jewish Living Center online here:  
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# Jewish Living Center

## Out and About

### WOOSTER THEATRE GETAWAY

Tuesday, July 9 and  
Wednesday, July 10

Join us for a quick night away. Enjoy travel via motor coach to a lovely Ohio destination to see some of our state's best theatre from the Ohio Light Opera's 41st season. We will arrive for lunch and then go see *Girl Crazy*, the 1930 musical that made Ginger Rogers an overnight star. After our afternoon of theatre, we will go check into our hotel, rest and refresh, and then head out for a lovely dinner.

Rise and shine the next morning with breakfast at the hotel at a more relaxing pace. After checking out, we will board the bus to go explore the Pine Tree Barn, where we can shop for trinkets and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Following lunch at the charming Granary Restaurant, we will head over to enjoy *The Pirates of Penzance*, the 1879 comic opera

featuring the song, "I Am The Very Model of a Modern Major-General." After the show, we will board the bus and head back to Toledo.

#### TRIP INCLUDES:

Modern Motor Coach transportation  
1 night at The Hampton Inn – Wooster

Includes: Free Wi-Fi, hot breakfast,  
pool, and fitness center  
2 lunches/1 dinner /bus snacks  
Tax and tips on included meals  
Tickets to *Girl Crazy* and *The Pirates of Penzance*

#### COST PER PERSON:

**\$260.00 Double Occupancy\* +  
Driver Gratuity**

**\$325.00 Single Occupancy\* +  
Driver Gratuity**

\*Member fee is for those in good standing with a current 2018-19

pledge and no unpaid gifts to the Annual Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Campaign.

*A non-member will pay an additional \$75 per person. Full payment due at time of registration, no places will be held without payment. Registration with payment and dietary restrictions are due Monday, May 13.*

#### NOTES:

- Driver gratuity is strictly voluntary. Suggested amount is \$5 per day, per person, and may be given directly to the driver at the end of the trip.
- It is your responsibility to arrange roommates.
- Travel insurance may be obtained by contacting your insurance agent.
- A current 2019 emergency form needs to be on file.
- The JLC is a scent free space. Participants are asked not to wear per-

fume, cologne, or strong-smelling fragrances while participating in classes, programs, and trips. Your co-operation in this effort will allow all of our participants to take part in our programming.

- This trip has moderate walking/standing, and will include a few flights of stairs and/or uneven terrain. Unsure? Please call and ask.
- If you have any dietary restrictions or need special accommodations, please notify us at time of registration.
- Travel itinerary subject to change.

2

*This trip is a 2: It requires average physical activity. Participants should be in good health, be able to climb stairs, and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven terrain.*

### Stratford, Ontario

Tuesday, September 24 & Wednesday, September 25

September in Stratford is beautiful. The hustle and bustle of the summer has dissipated. We want you to enjoy the beauty of the theatre and calm air in Stratford, Ontario, Canada.

We will dine in this lovely little town and see some of the best productions that Stratford has to offer.



**Little Shop of Horrors**  
at the Avon Theatre: Skid Row florist's clerk Seymour Krelborn is too

shy to declare his love for his co-worker Audrey – until a mysterious exotic plant brings him unexpected fame and fortune. There's only one problem: the plant has ambitions of its own, and it thrives on only one food – human blood.



*Billy Elliot the Musical* at the Festival Theatre: Dreams don't come

easy in the hardscrabble mining town, riven by a bitter national strike, where eleven-year-old Billy lives with his bereaved family. But Billy's discovery of his talent for dance awakens in him a passion that will transform his life and win the hearts of his whole community.



**The Merry Wives of Windsor** at the Festival Theatre: Pursuing two respectable married women at the same time, a would-be seducer fails to anticipate that his targets will, quite literally, compare notes. Nor has he reckoned on the mischievous spirit in which the wives will use their wits and wiles to teach him the error of his ways.

The Arden Park Hotel will be where you will rest your weary head at night and have a lovely breakfast at in the morning.



#### TOUR INCLUDES:

Modern Motor Coach transportation  
1 Night at The Arden Park Hotel, Stratford, ON  
1 Breakfast, 2 Lunch & 1 Dinner  
Tickets to *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Billy Elliot the Musical*, and *The Merry Wives of Windsor*  
Bus Snacks  
Tax & Tip on Included Meals

#### COST PER PERSON:

**\$425.00 Double Occupancy\* +  
Driver Gratuity**

**\$550.00 Single Occupancy\* +  
Driver Gratuity**

\*Member Fee is for those in good standing with a current 2018- 19 pledge and no unpaid gifts to the annual Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Campaign.

*A non-member may pay an additional \$75.00 per person Full payment due at time of registration, no places will be held without payment. Registration and payment deadline are Friday, August 9 -limited tickets!*

#### NOTES:

- Driver Gratuity is strictly voluntary, suggested amount is \$5 - \$10 per day, per person and may be given directly to the driver at the end of trip.
- It is your responsibility to arrange roommates.
- Travel insurance may be obtained by contacting your insurance agent. A current 2019 emergency form needs to be on file.
- Trips are sent free - please consider the amount of perfume, cologne, and other fragrances that you wear.
- If you have any dietary restrictions or need special accommodations, please notify us at the time of registration.
- Travel itinerary subject to change.

You MUST have a current passport with the recommended 6 months from travel date.

3

*This trip is a 3: This trip includes moderate physical activity with walking & standing and does include a few flights of stairs, uneven terrain especially at the theatre.*



Stratford  
FESTIVAL



# Jewish Living Center

## Out and About

**Chautauqua**  
**LIVE, LAUGH, LEARN**  
**July 28 – July 31**



Join us for a beautiful excursion to the lake resort region of Chautauqua, New York. The birthplace of the Chautauqua Movement of educational and cultural centers, we will embrace all the area has to offer.

**LIVE** – Experience a local winery for a tour and tasting, summer dining on a dinner cruise around Chautauqua Lake, lunch at the historic Anthaneum Hotel, and relaxation time at the new Harbor Hotel.

**LAUGH** – We’re going to tickle your funny bone with a fun-filled day touring the Lucy-Desi Museum and the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, NY. You’ll tour the memorabilia and sets from I Love Lucy, then a customized tour of the NCC. And we can’t visit Lucy and Desi without a themed lunch in the Tropicana Room, a recreation of Ricky Ricardo’s famous Manhattan nightclub.

**LEARN** – Founded in 1874, the Chautauqua Institution is a 750-

acre educational center. We will enjoy a walking tour of the grounds and a lecture by the Interfaith Amigos at the outdoor Hall of Philosophy. There will be time to shop and explore the area. We will also be touring the Everitt Jewish Life Center located by the Institution.

We will enjoy accommodations at the new Harbor Hotel on Chautauqua Lake. The hotel features an indoor/outdoor salt water swimming pool, firepits, beautiful views of the lake, and a putting green. Stroll along the boardwalk to the Lucille Ball Memorial Park featuring statues of the icon.

**TOUR INCLUDES:**

- Modern motor coach transportation
- Three nights at The Harbor Hotel in Celeron, NY
- Three breakfasts, four lunches, and three dinners
- Tickets to Chautauqua Institution, National Comedy Center, and Lucy-Desi Museum

- Bus snacks
- Tax and tip on included meals

**COST PER PERSON:**  
**\$875 double occupancy\* + driver gratuity**  
**\$975 single occupancy\* + driver gratuity**

\*Member fee is for those in good standing with a current 2019 pledge and no unpaid gifts to the annual Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Campaign.

A non-member may pay an additional \$125 per person

**Full payment due at time of registration, no places will be held without payment. Registration and payment deadline are Friday, June 7 – limited tickets!**

**NOTES:**

- Driver gratuity is strictly voluntary; suggested amount is \$5 -\$10 per day, per person, and may be given directly to the driver at the end of trip.

- It is your responsibility to arrange roommates.
- Travel insurance may be obtained by contacting your insurance agent.
- A current 2019 emergency form needs to be on file.
- Trips are scent free; please consider the amount of perfume, cologne, and other fragrances that you wear.
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**4** Requires physical activity such as longer walking tours, climbing stairs, and periods of standing. Tour days may be longer, with select activities in the evening.



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# Next Jewish Generation

## NextJGen Next Jewish Generation

Programs especially for post-college to young families.



**Next Jewish Generation Trivia Nights**  
Tuesday, May 7 –  
Sidelines Sylvania (6060 Renaissance Pl.)  
Thursday, June 13 –  
The Casual Pint (3550 Executive Pkwy)

RSVP the day prior each trivia night to Hallie Freed at [hallie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:hallie@jewishtoledo.org) or 419-724-0362

Appetizers on us, drinks on you! Test your skills and pub knowledge by joining NJG for a night of trivia. Trivia starts at 7 p.m., make sure to arrive by 6:45 p.m. Reservation will be under “Next Jewish Generation.”

**Axe-Cuse Me, Next Jewish Generation?**  
Saturday, June 1  
Axe 419 (9851 Meridian Ct., Rossford - inside Hero's Toledo)  
Axe throwing starts at 7:15 p.m., please arrive by 7 p.m.  
\$20 per person by 5/24, \$30 after  
Includes 2 hours of axe throwing, appetizers, and one adult beverage.

Limited spots, no walk-ins. RSVP required to Hallie Freed at [hallie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:hallie@jewishtoledo.org) or 419-724-0362

Ever thrown an axe before? Come out and join us for a night of throwing, noshing and drinks at Axe 419! No experience necessary, just make sure to wear closed-toe shoes.

RSVP to any or all events to [Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org](mailto:Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org) or 419-724-0362.



**Young Jewish Toledo** is a staple of Jewish life in the Toledo area, existing to draw wonderful, dynamic, young Jewish people together for the greater benefit of the community. From Hebrew Happy Hours to date nights to volunteer opportunities, Young Jewish Toledo provides a range of opportunities for young Jewish professionals 21-40. These future leaders of Jewish Toledo are continuously strengthening personal connections while participating in – and perpetuating – Jewish life in Toledo.

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

## NJG cooks!

Next Jewish Generation had a great time learning how to make several types of pierogi this month at Foodology Toledo. Chef Julie taught participants knife skills, how to make fresh pierogi dough, how to fold the pierogi,

and how to fill them with yummy vegetarian fillings, from savory to sweet. Everyone got to eat their creations together after the class and take some home for later.





# PJ Library



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

## PJ Playdates

Don't Pass Over our winter PJ Playdates with Gan Yeladim Tiny Treasures! Playdates offer creative movement, Jewish songs, interactive and hands on activities, recipe sharing, baking, story time, snacks, and free play. Playdates are a great opportunity for Moms, Dads, Bub-bies, Zaydes, and guardians to meet other young families. More details about each Playdate to come.

All Playdates will be at the Jewish Federation Leonard Lounge (6465 Sylvania Ave.)

Suggested donation - \$10 per class

RSVP required the day prior to each Playdate to Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or [Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org](mailto:Hallie@Jewishtoledo.org). Please notify us in advance of any dietary restrictions.



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## PJ Passover





Makes & Takes



JLC members make their own Makes & Takes coasters

Israel at Your Doorstep



Israel at Your Doorstep with Udi Shaham, former Jerusalem Post editor and reporter, on April 8

On April 8, one day before Israel’s election, JLC in conjunction with Jewish Agency for Israel welcomed Udi Shaham, former The Jerusalem Post editor and reporter. Shaham discussed Israel’s political parties, the diverse opinions in Israeli society, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Ohio Association of Senior Centers



Stephanie passed certification test as a Certified Senior Center Program Planner

Rene was recognized for 15 years with Ohio Association of Senior Centers

Birdhouse Project



Participants painted and decorated wooden birdhouses to help welcome spring and our feathered friends into their yards.

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Stephanie Hinamon and Rene Rusgo at Jewish Community Centers of America



# B'nai Mitzvah

## We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah



**Aiden Jules Bielefeld** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Shomer Emunim on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

Aiden is the son of Michael Bielefeld and Cynthia Okin and brother to Ethan and Taylor. Proud Grandparents are Louise and Mike Okin, Myra and Mike Ryan, and the late Helen and Ken Bielefeld.

Aiden is a seventh grader at Perrysburg JH. He is a Mathlete, competed in the recent Blade spelling bee, plays Cello and Piano. He also enjoys tennis, soccer, and whiffle ball with his friends.

He would like to thank the Cantor and Rabbi for helping him prepare for this special day. He is looking forward to celebrating with family and friends.



**Mason Alexander Greenblatt** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Temple Shomer Emunim. Mason is the son of Mark and Stephanie Greenblatt and brother to Spencer and Nolan. He is the grandson of Judie and the late Barry Greenblatt and David and JoAnn Bell.

Mason is a seventh grader at Arbor Hill Junior High, where he is on the honor roll, plays french horn in the band, and is also a member of the choir. His favorite sports to play are baseball and basketball. In his free time he loves to play video games and spend time with his friends. Mason loves his dogs, Stella and Maverick, so he volunteered his time to help get donation items for the Toledo Humane Society. Mason is looking forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with family and friends.



**Samuel Thomas Himmel** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Temple Shomer Emunim. Sam is the son of Bill & Terri Himmel and brother of the late Lily Himmel. He is the grandson of Barry & Cheryl Himmel of Sylvania and Tom and the late Delphine Kosek of Lambertville, Michigan.

Sam attends 7th grade at McCord Junior High where he is a member of student council and an honor roll student. He is an avid hockey and lacrosse player and also loves to snow ski and golf. Sam volunteers his time with Gliding Stars, helping people with disabilities learn how to ice skate. During his free time he loves hanging out with his friends, playing video games and swimming.

Sam is looking forward to sharing and celebrating this day with his family and friends!



**Noah Charles Hamilton** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Temple Shomer Emunim. Noah is the son of Maara Fink and Chris Hamilton and brother to Adam, Sara and Sophie. He is the beloved grandson of Howard and Sondra Fink of Columbus, Ohio and Gene and Sharon Hamilton of Estero Florida.

Noah is a 7th grader at Ottawa Hills Junior High. He is a dedicated student and athlete who enjoys his time on the Ottawa Hills basketball team and LineDrive baseball team. Noah is also active in his school music and theater programs. Outside of school, Noah enjoys traveling, skiing and spending time with his friends. Noah is passionate in his support of the ALS Society in honor of his Aunt Michelle. He is truly looking forward to celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with family and friends.



**Allison Lily Sachs** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Shomer Emunim on Saturday, June 15, 2019. Allison is the daughter of Bradley and Lauren Sachs and loving sister to Skylar. Proud grandparents are Maida Genser of Tamarac, Florida, Kathy Green of West Bloomfield, Michigan, and Herbert Korn of Lexington, Massachusetts.

Allison is a seventh grader at West Side Montessori School where she was a 2018 recipient of the Leadership Scholarship. Allison has participated in the Middle School Choir and Pen Ohio writing competition. In addition, Allison is a member of Daryl Jervis Dance Studio's High Voltage Dance Company. In the summer, Allison swims with the St. James Club Dolphins Swim Team and was a VolunTeen last year for the King Road Branch Library.

In her free time, Allison enjoys reading, drawing, knitting, listening to music, and spending time with friends. Given her love of reading, Allison decided to collect new and gently used books for the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio for her mitzvah project. With the help of family, friends, and the Temple, Allison was able to donate over 1,000 books. Allison is looking forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her family and friends.

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# Simcha

## Maccabi Team



**Harriet Theise**, 17, is proud to represent team USA at the 14th Pan American Maccabi Games in Mexico City, Mexico, this summer. She will be a defensive player on the indoor volleyball team and one of two players on the sand team. Harriet previously represented team USA in beach volleyball in 2017 at the 20th World Maccabiah Games in Israel. One difference this time around is that there will be absolutely no practice time before the games.

Harriet considers competing in the games to be the most incredible

thing she’s ever done. “Going cross country to compete in a competition solely for Jewish people is something I couldn’t even have dreamt of. No matter the sport, or outcome of the game, we are all family in the end,” Harriet said. The Southview junior is the daughter of Kate and Michael Theise and sister of Hillary Theise. She feels very lucky to have the support of the Jewish community behind her as she competes. “Every time I tell people I am going or have done this in the past, the entire Jewish community knows about this

and is behind me 100 percent. Volleyball is one of my favorite things and pairing that with my Jewish heritage is so fulfilling,” she said.

Those who wish to donate to help Harriet achieve her fundraising goal to get to the games can make a direct donation to [tinyurl.com/HarrietTheise19](http://tinyurl.com/HarrietTheise19) or send a check with “Harriet Theise” in the memo line directly to the Maccabi USA office: 1511 Walnut Street, Suite 401, Philadelphia, PA 19102

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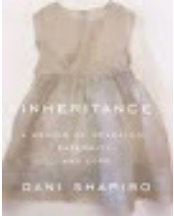
David and Lisa Cowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lauren to Andrew Kresnye of Cleveland. Lauren and Andrew are both graduates of Cincinnati University, where they were best friends throughout college until romance bloomed after graduation in 2014. They currently live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they are planning a November wedding.

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The book is available at the Toledo Lucas County Public Library and its affiliates on Search Ohio, through Amazon.com, and Barnes & Noble.

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# Local

## Lives Well Lived celebrates the wit and wisdom of age

By Emily Gordon



Grandmothers have a knack for *kvelling* over their grandchildren's successes.

Sky Bergman turned the tables by making and sharing a short video *kvelling* over her 99-year-old grandmother, Evelyn Ricciuti, working out at the gym.

Little did either of them know, this short, on-the-fly recording would be the catalyst to a much bigger project: Bergman's directorial debut *Lives Well Lived*.

*Lives Well Lived* is a documentary film exploring through Bergman's interviews how 40 people ages 75 to 100 have lived their lives to the fullest.

"My inspiration for the *Lives Well Lived* project was my 103-year-old Italian grandmother who enjoyed exercise, making the best lasagna you've ever tasted, and being with family. She showed me by example that age is truly just a number," she said in her director's statement. "I filmed her at the gym because I thought 'No one will believe that my grandmother is still working out at 99.' I asked her if she could give me a few words of wisdom and that was the beginning of this adventure."

With a combined 3,000 years of experience, the film's participants share their insights on their personal journeys into old age. Through their family histories, triumphs and tragedies, loves and losses, their accounts of resilience and personal perspectives leave viewers uplifted, Bergman said.

On Tuesday, May 14, at The Premier Banquet Hall, all age groups are

invited to the Jewish Living Center's luncheon and screening of *Lives Well Lived*, after which Bergman will answer questions from the audience.

A professor of photography and video at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California, she started the project thinking it would be a web series collecting wise words and advice from people 75 and older who were as inspiring as her grandmother was to her, Bergman told the Toledo Jewish News in a phone interview.

She wrote a mass email to family, friends, coworkers, and former students, about 1,000 people total, with a link to the video of her grandmother and asked "Do you know someone as inspiring as my grandmother and over 75? If so, please nominate them for this project."

Soon, Bergman was inundated with heartwarming nominations of go-getters, she said, role-models people of all ages could look up to and emulate.

"It was all word of mouth," she said. "I believe the more personal a project, the more universal it becomes, and this film's message became so universal."

Once Bergman started interviewing some of the nominees, she realized the project needed to be much bigger than what it started out as.

"The moment I realized this project would be more than just a web series is when I was interviewing Marion Wolff and her husband Paul Wolff. They are both Holocaust survivors and, being Jewish, growing up Jewish, I knew many things about

the Holocaust, but there's a lot that I did not know about the Kindertransport," she recalled. "Marion vividly remembers Kristallnacht through the eyes of an eight-year-old. She had been on the Kindertransport. In fact, she had signed herself up for it. When she was telling me her story I was mesmerized. The moment she took out her cardboard number that she kept from the Kindertransport I realized 'this project has to be a feature film.'"

Bergman began seeking out specific stories that she thought needed to be told to an audience in order to learn from society's mistakes and hope not to repeat them.

"For example, it was important to tell the story of the Japanese internment during World War II. I feel with history, especially World War II, people think 'That happened long ago and over there in Europe.' Well, this happened not so long ago and right here. The Japanese internment is something I didn't learn about until I moved to California," Bergman said. "Looking back at our history gives us all an opportunity to look inward and reflect on what we've done in our own country so we can learn from our mistakes."

For four years, Bergman listened as 40 older adults invited her, and eventually viewers, into their lives.

Older adults are often overlooked and dismissed by society, Bergman said.

*Lives Well Lived* gives them a platform to share all they can offer to a wide audience.

They have much they can give in terms of advice and life lessons, such as how they stayed optimistic through adversity.

"The last 100 years is the first time in human history that we haven't looked to our elders for advice. Before this time, they were revered, held the history of our culture, were looked to for help with big decisions. Now that's been replaced by Googling. That's simplistic, but there's huge value you're really missing out on if you don't connect with your elders," she said. "I believe that everyone has at least one amazing story to tell and that everyone has something to teach. What a gift it is to sit down with people and really

listen. It is a golden opportunity for us to learn from our elders."

It's an especially meaningful opportunity for viewers who were never able to talk in-depth with their grandparents about their lives, Bergman added.

In fact, the film has sparked several intergenerational collaborations at high schools, colleges, and senior centers, including one between students in professor Sara Bartlett's Psychology of Aging class at Bergman's university and residents of The Villages of San Luis Obispo to share their life stories.

"I see it as the next phase of this project. After spending time together, the students and the residents realize they have much more similarities than differences, and age is the only real difference," she said.

The filmmaker knows this well.

Her grandmother used to call her and ask "How is your project going with all the old people?" Bergman recalls. "I'd laugh and say 'Grandma, you're the oldest of the old people.'"

Her grandmother continued to live the expression "Age is just a number; you are only as old as you feel."

Bergman's grandmother did get to see an early cut of the film on the big screen in 2016 at the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival sneak preview screening.

Of the 40 participants in the film, 27 attended, and she greeted everyone at the door, Bergman said.

"It was a big party. She was a very proud grandma."

Evelyn Ricciuti passed away six weeks later at 103-and-a-half years old.

"She literally said 'I'm done.' She was very clear. She stopped eating and drinking and taking pills, she would spit them out if someone tried to give them to her. She had lived her life. She had done and seen all she wanted," Bergman said.

However, her grandmother's lessons live on, and so will those of the film's participants.

"Your stories, your advice, your perspective, your input matters and is wanted by others," Bergman said. "That's what *Lives Well Lived* teaches us."

### Share the story of your well lived life with Sky Bergman

The filmmaker is collecting inspiring stories about lives well lived to share on the film's website. A questionnaire is provided for those who would like to participate and the submission of photos is encouraged. Participants may share their own stories or share a story on behalf of others with their permission.

"I wanted to be as inclusive as possible, and one of the ways to do that is by providing the questions I used with the people I interviewed in the film for others to use in sharing their stories. The most difficult thing in collecting stories is where to start. By sharing the questions with everyone, it gives people a starting point to begin the conversation," Bergman said.

If you or someone you know would like to be considered for inclusion in her online gallery, visit [www.lives-well-lived.com/add-your-story](http://www.lives-well-lived.com/add-your-story)



# Temple Shomer Emunim . . . . .

**May Worship Schedule**

**Friday, May 3**  
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Special Israel Program by  
Miki Plotkin & Tal Madyuni

**Friday, May 10**  
“Kid”dish Club at 5:00PM  
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Rabbi Weinstein will speak  
Cantor Roher & Rabbinic Intern Alicia  
Harris will co-officiate

**Saturday, May 11**  
Bar Mitzvah of Aiden Bielefeld  
at 10:30AM

**Friday, May 17**  
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Rabbi Weinstein will speak  
Cantor Roher will co-officiate

**Saturday, May 18**  
Bar Mitzvah of Noah Hamilton  
at 10:30AM

**Friday, May 24**  
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

**Friday, May 31**  
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

**Saturday, June 1**  
Bar Mitzvah of Sam Himmel  
at 10:30AM

**May Religious School Calendar**


Wed. May 1	Hebrew School 4:20PM
Thur. May 2	Confirmation Rehearsal 4-5:30PM
Sun. May 5	Religious School 9:15AM; Temple Tots 9:30AM Picnic 11:00AM
Tues. May 7	Tuesday Tutoring 4PM & 5PM
Wed. May 8	Hebrew School 4:20PM
Thur. May 9	Confirmation Rehearsal 4-5:30PM
Tues. May 14	Tuesday Tutoring 4PM & 5PM
Wed. May 15	Hebrew School Graduation 5:00PM

**Temple Book Club**  
Thursday, May 9 at 10:30AM  
**Promised Land** by Martin Fletcher

**Coffee with the Clergy**  
**Wednesdays, May 1 & 15 at 11:00AM**

**“The Bible in Music” with Dr. Samuel Adler**  
May 12 from 9:30-11:30AM

**Join us for pre-Shabbat Yoga**  
**Friday, May 17 at 5:00PM**  
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Join us for services after yoga class!




**Men’s Chavurah**  
**Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00PM**

**Congratulations to our Hebrew School**

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**MAY**

1	Wednesday	RS 4:30 - 6:00
4	Saturday	9:30 AM

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL END OF YEAR SHABBAT  
& YOM HAAZMAUT PROGRAM

5	Sunday	RS 9:30 - 12:00
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LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
CONFIRMATION - 10:30 AM

**Attention: Families with students  
graduating this spring**

We will be featuring our CBI family graduates in the June bulletin. Please send us the student’s name, parents’ names, where they are graduating from and what they will be doing next. We need all information by Wednesday May 8, 2019. Please email your info to [gmallin@cbitoledo.org](mailto:gmallin@cbitoledo.org).

**Sisterhood Book Club:**

**“The Vilna Vegetarian Cookbook:  
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by Fania Lewando

Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 10:30 a.m.  
at the home of Cathy Sperling

This book is NOT available in the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library; 15 copies SearchOhio, 1 copy OhioLink.  
This will be an off site program with bookclub members preparing recipes from the cookbook. **Space is limited to the first 16 people who RSVP by May 12th.** Contact [carolrichman@msn.com](mailto:carolrichman@msn.com) or [ssstein100@gmail.com](mailto:ssstein100@gmail.com).

**CBI Events**

**On Saturday, May 4, 2019, 9:30 a.m.**

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Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.  
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\*when Religious School is in session

**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE EVENTS**

**CBI Incoming Board of Trustees,  
Annual Meeting  
& Congregational Picnic**

Sunday, June 2, 2019

11:00 a.m. - Annual Meeting  
12:00 p.m. - Family Cookout Lunch

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7:30 p.m. - Delicious Dairy Dinner	9:30 p.m. - Maariv
8:30 p.m. - Shavuot Guest Lecture by Rabbi Mizrahi	10:00 p.m. - Kiddush & Dessert

Cost is \$9 per person • Please RSVP to the office by Friday, May 31st.

**SHAVUOT SERVICES**

<b>Shavuot Day 1</b> Sunday, June 9, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Service Mincha after Kiddush	<b>Shavuot Day 2</b> Monday, June 10, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Service 11:00 a.m. - YIZKOR Mincha after Kiddush
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# Congregation Etz Chayim .....

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

Etz Chayim Sisterhood is no longer charging membership dues. All ladies who are members of Etz Chayim are invited to participate in all of THE wonderful activities throughout the year.

Plan to attend the annual closing luncheon, honoring Andrea Lublin, our Woman of the Year. The date has been changed to Sunday, June 2, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. In honor of Andrea, her son Stephen, who trained at the Cordon Bleu in Paris, will prepare the dessert. The cost for the luncheon will be \$10.00.

Please RSVP to Andrea Lublin at (419) 450-3754 or Diane Treuhaft at (419) 283-8363 by May 29th.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Sisterhood’s annual Mahjong Tournament is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Get all your mahj friends together to make up your tables. More information on this special day will be coming soon.

The next Sisterhood Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 10:15 a.m. in the Shul Library. All Sisterhood members are invited to attend.

## KNITZVAH PROJECT

This exciting project continues as ladies come together to make afghans for Breast Cancer patients. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st at 1:00 p.m. in the synagogue library. If anyone needs assistance in learning to knit, helpers are always available.

## POKER/MAH JONG GAMES

Everyone is invited to play poker or Mah Jong on Sunday, May 5th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Refreshments will be served. Come and have a good time with friends.

## COMMUNITY OBSERVANCE TO BE HELD AT ETZ CHAYIM

On Sunday, May 5th, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the community is invited to attend the commemoration of Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha’Atzmaut at Congregation Etz Chayim. There will be a CBN documentary “To Life”: How Israeli Volunteers are Changing the World”.

## BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

Everyone is invited to a Kiddush Luncheon following Shabbat service on Saturday, May 11th to honor members who are observing a birthday and/or anniversary during the month of May.

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# Local

## The Mystique of Mikvah with Miriam Lipskier at Chabad House



Co-founder and director of the Chabad Student Center at Emory University and expert in the Jewish tradition of Mikvah, Miriam Lipskier, joined over 40 women for a Jewish Women's Circle event at Chabad House March 31. The event featured tours of the Chabad House women's mikvah, artwork created by Gabi Mallin and Helen Grubb, and an inspirational message about the spiritual nature of mikvah and how it can empower women and enhance rela-

tionships. The Mystique of Mikvah was sponsored by Yakov & Sheryl Weingrow and Mikvah USA.



## Letter to the Editor

President Trump and the Toledo Blade are correct in calling for the Golan Heights, occupied by Israel in the 1967 war, to be recognized as part of the state of Israel. Some people still call for that land to be returned to Syria, but it is time for them to accept the reality that nations are created largely through the use of military force.

Before World War I, there were no independent countries named Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, Iraq and Israel. That territory was all part of the Ottoman Empire with its capital in Istanbul. The Ottomans allied themselves with Germany in the war, so when the conflict ended the victorious allies of France and Great Britain carved up the empire to create the countries that now make up the Middle East.

The United States of America was created through the use of force against the various indigenous tribes that were here and then against France, Great Britain and Mexico. If a United Nations organization had existed in the 1840's, it no doubt would have condemned the U. S. for going to war against Mexico and seizing Texas, California and their adjacent territories. Would anybody today argue that we should return that land to Mexico?

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## Hillel inspired by alternative spring break experience

By Sarah Kuljian, *BGSU Hillel Jewish Student Life Coordinator*

Give Kids the World really means it when they say their village is a place “where happiness inspires hope.” Co-leading Bowling Green State University Hillel’s alternative spring break at Give Kids the World Village is an experience I will not soon forget. Shayna Swerdlow, my coworker at Toledo Hillel, and I brought five BGSU Hillel student leaders to the village and volunteered there for four days. GKTWV is a nonprofit resort in Kissimmee, Florida, that provides weeklong, cost-free vacations to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. They often partner with children who make wishes to visit attractions in central Florida. Since 1986, more than 167,000 families from all 50 states and 76 countries have come to this amazing place and had their dreams fulfilled. I have heard about this village and spring break experience over the years from students who have gone, but this year, I was finally able to be a part of it. Now I know why students return year after year to participate in this amazing spring break.

Henri Landwirth, z”l, founder of GKTW, wanted to ensure that every child wishing to visit attractions in central Florida would have that wish granted. Landwirth was a Holocaust survivor and knew what it was like to not have a childhood. He spent much of his teenage years in concentration camps, including Auschwitz and Mauthausen. Landwirth miraculously survived, made his way to NYC on a freight ship, was drafted into the army, and eventually landed a position in a hotel. He had a successful career in the hotel industry and upon retirement he devoted himself to improving the lives of those in need. In 1986, Landwirth started a project to provide magical experiences through vacations for critically ill children and their families. By 1989, this project had turned into GKTWV and his dream became a reality. Today, the village is an 84-acre resort with 168 villas, daily entertainment, activities, and




whimsical venues and characters. Everything is accessible to children of all abilities, and if they are not feeling up to leaving the village, there is plenty to do on site.

I had the privilege to help carry out Landwirth’s vision through my daily shifts at the village. These included serving drinks in Café Clayton, recruiting participants for Village Idol, and becoming a character in the holiday parade. One shift that stands out to me is when I helped run Disney character day. One morning a week, several Disney characters come to GKTW to meet and take photos with families. I worked with Mary Poppins, who was a delight, and everyone was so excited to meet her. I held coats for families, took their photos, and engaged them while they waited to see Mary Poppins. These interactions, whether they were a wave, a smile, or full-on conversations, were my favorite part of volunteering. GKTW staff reminded us to treat every person in the same, kind way. Often siblings of the “wish kid” feel left out. Also, sometimes non-verbal children visit the village, and they need to feel included as well. It seems intuitive, but this advice resonated with me. I took it to heart and tried to have genuine interactions and conversations with each and every person that I met.



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