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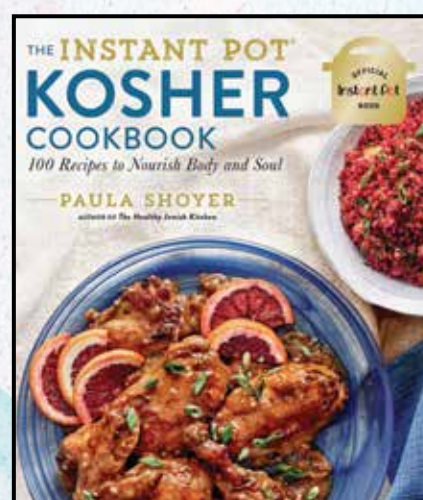


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POPSICLES & POSTCARDS

JUNE 13 1 - 2 P.M.



**Popsicles & Postcards**  
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**1 - 2 p.m.**  
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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

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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.

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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.

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## 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

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# Toledo Jewish Community Foundation



## Toledo Philanthropists Help to Build Global Jewry One Book at a Time

By Jessica Endy

A new partnership between passionate local community members and an international initiative that enriches Jewish families is demonstrating the true meaning of Klal Yisrael, we all belong to the larger Jewish community.

PJ Library, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation that sends free Jewish children's books in seven different languages to more than 680,000 subscribers in over 30 countries each month, had a parent interested in starting a PJ Library program in Japan, but a funder was needed. Toledo Jewish Community Foundation donors, who wish to remain anonymous and are referred to as the Inspiration Fund, were "interested in funding a project that was truly meaningful to us." Thanks to Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo and PJ Library staff, the perfect shidduch was made.

"Arleen Levine [Foundation Director] communicates with us frequently about PJ Library and the wonderful way that Hallie Freed [Federation Community Program Director] organizes, coordinates and executes the many activities for PJ Library in our local community," said the Inspiration Fund. "We often ask if there are other programming activities that Hallie or Arleen would suggest to further enhance the program."

The Inspiration Fund noted that Levine frequently sends them articles about various PJ Library programs, and one article detailed how PJ Library has gone global and is empowering Jewish children around the world. "As a result of that article, we inquired if there was an opportunity to help launch PJ Library in a country that had not yet been involved with the program. Japan was just such a country, and we are excited to be able to help bring PJ Library to the children and families of Japan."

"The PJ Library program could not have the impact and reach we're having without people like the Inspiration Fund," said Rachel Kozupsky, Director of International Programs for the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. "Without their generosity, and willingness to look outside their community, we would not have the global footprint we have. We're incredibly grateful to have the Inspiration Fund as our partners."

Now, 37 families in Japan are receiving PJ Library books in English. "This gift of children's books helps create Jewish identities and family traditions," said Kozupsky. "In a time of such isolation, it also reminds families they are still part of the global PJ family."

Kozupsky also noted the "little taste of home" PJ Library brings to expats who had participated in PJ Library in their home countries.

While PJ Library traditionally has encouraged smaller communities to distribute materials in person at events when possible to further build connections, due to the pandemic, families in Japan currently either pick up their books or have them mailed to their homes.

"I'm very excited about the PJ Library program launching in Japan after experiencing it in Singapore," said Yoko Hisamichi Cisinki, the PJ Library coordinator in Tokyo. "It is a fun and creative way for the children to learn about Jewish life and nurture their cultural identity and my kids love it. On behalf of our community in Tokyo, we are so happy and grateful for this wonderful opportunity."

"We are pleased that PJ Library Japan is off to a great start," said the Inspiration Fund. "Rachel has been fantastic to work with in helping to put this program together in Japan. Yoko has excellent experience and we are confident that PJ Library



Japan will be a great success."

Here in Greater To-

ledo, 133 children are enrolled in PJ Library and 43 are registered for PJ Our Way, a program for youth ages 9 to 12 that enables them to choose their own books. "PJ Library Toledo has always been an amazing place for Jewish families to meet one another and for kids to engage and live more Jewishly," said Freed. "During this past year of pandemic living, we have had an amazing outpouring of support from our PJ Library and PJ Our Way families through drive-by and virtual programming. We have had pizza parties, Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations, shema slumber parties, baking challenges and so much more. PJ Library Toledo is stronger than ever."

"The Inspiration Fund donors have been inspired by the success of Toledo's PJ Library program since its inception and were thrilled to know that the joys of this program could be shared with the global community," added Freed. "They saw the amount of joy it brought local Toledo families and wanted to spread this joy to others around the world. They are truly inspirational funders."

"We believe that PJ Library greatly enhances young Jewish lives," said the Inspiration Fund. "PJ Library creates the opportunity for Jewish children to come together with other Jewish children for group readings and play dates. Children learning about Judaism, coming to events and being involved in Jewish activities at an early age will engage them and inspire them to participate in their Jewish community throughout their lives."

"We look forward to soon being able to connect the children of PJ Library in Northwest Ohio with the children of PJ Library Japan," continued the Inspiration Fund. "It is exciting that soon Jewish children

will be learning about, meeting and interacting with Jewish children all around the world."

"The Inspiration Fund had been exploring new means by which to build on the strength of the Toledo PJ Library program, a community jewel that had been funded for many years by the Gary and Andrea Delman Family Fund," said Levine. "Upon learning of the international PJ Library program, I communicated this exciting initiative to the Inspiration Fund and within record time conversations were flowing, linking together the Inspiration Fund, the international PJ Library program and PJ Library Toledo."

"It's so rewarding to serve as a resource in this new and special relationship," continued Levine. "One of the greatest joys as Director of the Foundation is creating opportunities for donor engagement. The Foundation's stewardship services provide donors with research and meaningful data to help align their philanthropic passions with programs and services. The Foundation is honored to play a role in connecting donors with charitable organizations and making dreams come true."

"The entire staff of the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo make it extremely easy to be involved to whatever extent one desires to be involved," said the Inspiration Fund. "It is a delight to be involved with them, and to do so with this exciting and important program dedicated to the youngest members and future of the world's Jewish community."

*For more details on PJ Library, contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or [Hallie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:Hallie@jewishtoledo.org).*

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When your pledge card arrives in the mail, please consider your gift. We ask for your support so that we may continue our present programs while we prepare to meet the future changing needs of our community.





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# Jewish Family and Social Services

## Letters TO Josephine



Since late March I've been getting a little spring in my step every time I head to the mailbox. Anticipating my latest Amazon order? No. That government stimulus check? Nope. I'm waiting for a letter from Josephine. Allow me to explain. Josephine is my pen pal. We were paired through Jewish Family and Social Services to unite people during the coronavirus pandemic through the lost art of letter writing.



Do you enjoy writing letters?

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CONTACT SHARI BERNSTEIN 419-724-0408 OR SHARIB@JEWISHTOLEDO.ORG

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## MIDWEST JEWISH CHAT

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

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Through Ahava, Federation awards families an annual scholarship of up to \$1,500 for each child, no matter their age, to put toward the cost of therapies such as speech therapy and music therapy, equipment, medical supplies, continuing education for parents on raising children with special needs, and other resources that help positively impact individuals and their families.

For more information about Ahava, please contact Shari Bernstein at shari@jewishtoledo.org or 419-885-2561.

## JFS Family Pantry DONATION WISH LIST

JFS Family Pantry is always accepting donations of personal care and hygiene products such as: Facial Tissue, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper (individually wrapped/small packages), Hand Sanitizer, Disinfecting Wipes, Liquid Hand Soap, Dish Soap, Deodorant, Disposable Razors, Detergent, Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Soap. To arrange a drop-off time, please contact our office at 419-724-0401.





# Jewish Family and Social Services

## Genuinely, A Guten Neshama

By Shari Bernstein

In February, I received a phone call I didn't want to get. It was Lee Johnson informing me that Art Brecher had passed. I kinda wondered what happened to him since he didn't respond to my last letter about Harry the opossum I raised.

Getting to know Mr. Brecher started for me at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. I was "Up North," and Lee sent me a letter that accompanied a small donation that was sent to Jewish Family Service. I wrote a personalized thank you note and included my circumstances: What was to be a weekend had turned into an eight-week journey, potty training and chasing my three-year-old grandson through the snow.

Mr. Brecher wrote back, "Take him for ice cream every opportunity you get and enjoy every minute of it," and thus began my rapport with this thoughtful man. In any case, the relationship that built between Art Brecher and Jewish Family Service had nothing to do with me. It started way before my time, but I still I had a small part to play in this story, fortunate as I am in my role here.

I took over as JFS Director from Nancy Newbury in May 2019. I didn't touch much in the office space, especially in the file cabinets, as I didn't know what would be relevant or not. Also, it felt like I needed to pay some sort of respect to my remarkable forerunner and to the space from which she directed.

Nancy's files were organized in a way that made sense, and she had cleared out a number of older files before she handed me the keys. Ahava stuff was in one cabinet, JFS history files and completed programs were in another cabinet, and then the significant and important stuff that pertained to the daily operations were in another. At some point, it became clear I needed to begin the reorganization of these files to my own process. It also became evident that Nancy saved paperclips from 1973, but I digress. I started digging through when a strange file revealed itself.

Hmmm. Why was it in the "important" cabinet?

I opened the file and began to read the pages of hand scribed letters, and notes, some written on scrap paper, some on stationary... all signed "Art B."

So, who was this Art B.? This is what I summarized from his obituary:

Arthur Seymour Brecher was born in NYC in 1929 and grew up in the Bronx. He studied at UCLA and Purdue University and worked for the FDA and George Washington

Medical School in Washington D.C. where he met the love of his life, wife Laura of 47 years. He was a professor in the chemistry department at Bowling Green State University. He loved to teach and talk with his students about life and philosophy and to explore and collaborate on lab research. And he continued to publish and teach, not stopping, until he was 87 years old.

He loved his wife, his children, and his grandchildren. He loved all kinds of music and the arts and he often attended the opera and symphony, also regularly visiting museums and zoos, always curious and ready to learn. He was an amateur gemologist and traversed the country collecting gems, rocks, and fossils and continually made jewelry from these collections. He gave away presents of his makings to others for their acts of kindness, which he highly valued. He was cherished for his sense of humor and his heartfelt kindness and was a voracious reader with a witty gift of gab that he shared with family, friends, and strangers alike.

Unmistakably, this was an exceptionally diverse guy who loved well and, it appears, was well-loved.

I wasn't sure if the first communications from Art came earlier than 2014, but I do know that all of the written items were saved by Nancy. Most, if not all, came with a check attached. Donations to Jewish Family Service to take care of those who might not be able to do so themselves, from a beautiful soul who felt so blessed in his own realm that he wanted to share with others.

Art's first letter read thusly:

9/12/14

Dear Friends,

*This is a special check, although it is only \$50.00, for the indigent and their needs. It is in honor and in memory of my wife, Laura, for whom we are having the "unveiling" of her tombstone on Sunday, 9/14.*

*When she died she took my heart with her. What she left me was her love and a lot more...*

*So, in her honor, please don't spend these dollars on toilet paper. Spend them on facial tissues!!! And give the indigent a smile!!! A Lyman smile... (Laura's maiden name.)*

*Best wishes and, Oops! Happy New Year!*

*L'shana Tovah!*

- Art B.

And oddly, I sit here and write this for you a couple of months after his own passing.

I was not fortunate enough to have a lot of time to get to know him. But clearly, perusing the file with his letters, Art Brecher was one of those souls that just shine. I called Nancy once I heard of his passing and we

discussed how we both would like to find a way to pay reverence to this man, and hopefully share his essence with you.

Nancy penned the following thoughts:

*Art Brecher was a giant in his professional life, in his family life, and in the community. His heart overflowed with passion, love, empathy, compassion, and gratitude.*

*Art became part of the Jewish Family Service "family" while he was caring for his dear wife, Laura. After she passed away, he would stop in to chat with me and other staff. I was honored to attend his 90th birthday celebration. The attendees were quite diverse as one would expect as Art celebrated diversity and could relate to anyone. It was clear that he was loved and respected in many segments of community life. Often his reason to come to JFS was to bring a donation, which was always intended to be used for the 'less fortunate' among us. He told stories that provided new information, a different perspective, and lessons learned about life.*

*Art would also mail donations to JFS with notes that would explain why he was doing so. His notes were usually not brief and would be written on notepads from various organizations that he supported. I saved every one of them because they were written from the heart and gave insight into this gentle giant.*

*There were times when he made a donation simply because he was feeling grateful for the many blessings that were bestowed upon him and his family. Other times he would donate because his heart ached for individuals and families who were facing significant financial difficulties and felt compelled to help JFS provide assistance to them.*

- Nancy Newbury

I reached out to Art's daughter, Sharon Spencer, and I sent everything Nancy and I wrote above. I was asking for permission, making sure I was not taking liberties in summarizing Art's obituary, and seeing if she wanted to tighten and tidy up those two paragraphs. She returned to me what I can only describe as the real heart and substance of what I want to share about Art Brecher with all of you. With her permission I share excerpts from her eulogy...

Dear Dad,

*... I wanted to thank you for a few very important things you have taught me...*

*You and mom not just taught me, but showed me, compassion for those in need as long as I can remember... even back to family bike rides in Bowling Green when we would visit the horses along that fence and feed them the ends of our ice cream cones... or the time you stopped in a torrential downpour to help those ladies not only fix a tire*

*but providing shelter in our car and a ride to safety when the car couldn't be fixed. Most people just drove by. It was at a time of such racial divide, but that didn't matter to you, because people are people, and they were in need.*

*It may have seemed like just what you were supposed to do, but after all, that is exactly the point. The lesson in helping others isn't by our pleasure, but by our obligation in sharing this planet with other people, all people, each and every day. We must care and do everything we can to make a difference in the lives of others... I still remember the sights and sounds, but especially the hugs from the migrant families we used to take clothes to in Bowling Green or the trunk of clothes and food we trekked across country to the reservation in South Dakota. I so learned in these moments that giving and sharing with others isn't about how much you have, but how willing you are to help others, even when you don't have much at all. It's about connecting with people, all people, of different backgrounds, different interests, religions, nationalities, ethnicities, abilities, races, shapes and sizes, and creating community together.*

*If only the world could sit on a fence and feel the simple joy of feeding those horses, if only the world could feel the love of helping even a family... but the thing is Dad, I wasn't the only one you and mom shared those lessons with. You shared them with the folks at the soup kitchens every Christmas you served meals so the regular Christian workers could be with their families. You shared them with your students and faculty at BGSU... with neighbors as you taught Ben and I to shovel and rake their drive and yard first ... with every person you have ever given a gift to... giving a piece of you to others to say, "I appreciate you" or "you are loved". People need to know they are seen and heard and loved, and you Dad, always found a way to love and appreciate everyone around you. You, Dad, made a difference. and that is the lesson of loving life, to love others, to laugh much and to always make a difference.*

Sharon's words speak for themselves; and in summary, I know we have given due diligence to the original intent. I will say this, and how apropos: it is quite evident that I found some gems in a treasure chest masquerading as a manila folder titled, "Brecher Notes." And then digging deeper, I found all the riches of what it means to live an actualized life, full of love and kindnesses.

Clearly, Art Brecher was an amazing man. A guten neshama, if you will.

I say this warmly and wholeheartedly: may his memory be a blessing to all who knew him.

Indeed.

It is.



# Jewish Community Relations Council

The Jewish Federation is proud to be part of the V Project, a regional initiative to educate, motivate, and vaccinate the entire Northwest Ohio corridor, with the goal of dramatically reducing spread of COVID-19 in our community. It includes industry, government, non-profit, healthcare, education, and religious leaders. The organization works to amplify the Toledo Lucas County Health Department's message on the importance of getting the COVID-19 vaccine. You can learn more at [www.vproject.org](http://www.vproject.org).

## COVID-19 VACCINE CALL CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The VProject is launching an outbound call center to help get the word out about the vaccine and to help individuals schedule.

Using the most up-to-date data, we will reach out to areas of Lucas and Wood counties with low response rates. This effort is being coordinated with a large-scale marketing and advertising effort as well as neighborhood canvassing and community vaccination pods.

We would love to have you volunteer at the call center! We can have up to 10 volunteers per shift. The call center is located at:

**Emergency Operations Center**  
2411 Monroe St. Toledo, Ohio 43604

Current hours are:

**Thursdays** 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
**Saturdays** 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
**Sundays** 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



We would love to have you volunteer!  
**Sign up now at [vproject.org/volunteer](http://vproject.org/volunteer).**

### WHAT YOU'LL NEED


- 2.5 hours of free time.
- Ability to use a landline phone.
- Basic understanding of the internet and simple spreadsheets.
- Basic understanding of the vaccination process and how to schedule. We will also provide training and resources.
- You **do not need** medical knowledge or experience. All medical questions will be referred to the health department or the resident's primary care doctor.

### WHAT YOU'LL DO


- Report to the Emergency Operations Center, 2411 Monroe St. Toledo, Ohio 43604.
- Be assigned a socially distanced call station with a phone, computer, call list, call script, and FAQ sheet.
- Attend a 15-minute welcome and training.
- Begin calling through your list! Compassionate, kind, and polite volunteers are needed.
- You will get a meal and your choice of a \$20 gift card for spending 2.5 hours with us!

For more information, please contact Gretchen DeBacker at 419-297-7210 or [gretchen.debacker@toledo.oh.gov](mailto:gretchen.debacker@toledo.oh.gov). If you would rather be outside, door-to-door volunteers are also needed! Please contact Kwinlyn Tyler at [ktlyer@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:ktlyer@co.lucas.oh.us).






**Now you can use Venmo to make a donation to Federation and pay for programs, classes, and events! Just send to @Toledo-Federation in your app or on the Venmo website at [venmo.com](http://venmo.com) and please make sure to state the purpose of the payment before submitting.**



## Meet the Israelis



Yuval Ben Ari

Boaz Ibbetson

Smadar Taspai

Mayer Unterberg

Around 60 community members, including 35 religious school students in grades 6 and up, participated in the JCRC's Meet the Israelis program on April 18. Through Zoom, we met six different Israelis of diverse backgrounds who represent different communities and viewpoints in Israeli society. Participants had fascinating conversations discussing culture, ethnicity, personal life, politics, religious views, thoughts about Zionism, Judaism, life in Israel, discrimination, and more. The program was a taster of the diversity and complexities of Israeli society, and future JCRC programming that will build on this topic will be announced soon.

Featured in the photos are, clockwise from top left, Yuval Ben Ari from the Meet the Israelis organization, left-wing peace activist Boaz Ibbetson, Ethiopian-Israeli Smadar Taspai, and IDF soldier and Cleveland native Mayer Unterberg, who made Aliyah (moved to Israel) with his family seven years ago. Other speakers included an Arab-Israeli elementary school teacher, a Haredi-Israeli native to Los Angeles, and a settlement community leader.



# In Your Living Room

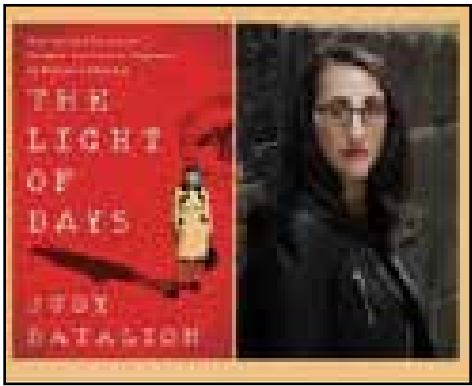


## The National JCC Literary Consortium presents In Your Living Room

You can easily find these events on [JewishToledo.org](https://www.jewishtoledo.org) and just click on the link  
and it will take you directly to showclix to purchase your tickets!

*All books include shipping to the US and Canada only.*

*Books will be shipped after the event and can take 7 - 10 business days to receive due to Covid-related USPS delays!*



Mon. May 10 at 8:00 p.m. EST  
Book Fest In Your Living Room  
Presents  
Judy Batalion, *The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos*  
In Conversation with Dr. Catherine M. Lewis, Exec. Director, Museum of History and Holocaust Education and Professor of History, Kennesaw State University

Zoom Author Talk & Q + A

**Tickets: Free for one virtual ticket or \$36 for one virtual ticket and copy of the book (includes shipping to the US and Canada only)** <https://www.showclix.com/event/judy-batalion-light-of-days/tag/toledo>

One of the most important stories of World War II: A spectacular, searing history that brings to light the extraordinary accomplishments of the brave Jewish women who became resistance fighters, a group of unknown heroes whose exploits have never been chronicled.

*The Light of Days* has been optioned by Steven Spielberg for a major motion picture.

"A remarkable portrait of young Jewish women who fought in the Polish resistance during WWII . . . pays vivid tribute to 'the breadth and scope of female courage.'"  
—*Publishers Weekly*

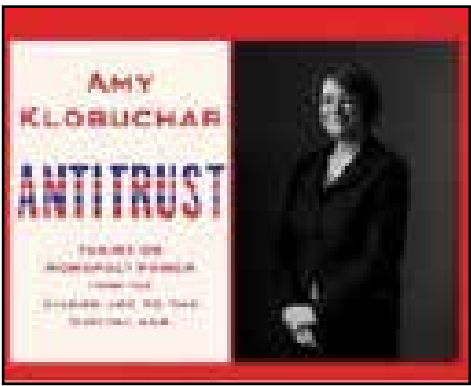
Of the legions of stories of World War II and the Holocaust that shape our understanding of those history-changing events, one of the most extraordinary has remained hidden until now: the daring resistance efforts of Jewish women in the ghettos of the Nazi occupation. In *The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos*, Judy Batalion shares the acts of defiance and rebellion of women who saw and acknowledged the truth of their time, worked together, and risked their lives in the fight for justice and liberty. *The Light of Days* is a meticulously researched and grippingly told David-and-Goliath history that sheds light on the invaluable role these unsung heroines played in fighting against and surviving Hitler's Final Solution.

A gripping, poignant tale of extraordinary female agency, *The Light of Days* reminds us of the importance of recognizing the control we have over our own selves even during the darkest times.

**Judy Batalion** is the author of *White Walls: A Memoir About Motherhood, Daughterhood and the Mess in Between*. Her essays have appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Forward, Vogue, and many other publications. Judy has a BA in the History of Science from Harvard, and a PhD in the History of Art from the Courtauld Institute, University of London.

**Dr. Catherine M. Lewis** is Assistant Vice President of Museums, Archives & Rare Books, Executive Director of the Museum of History and Holocaust Education, and Executive Director of Museums, Archives & Rare Books at Kennesaw State University. She is the author, co-author, or co-editor of fifteen books.

*Presented in partnership with Books & Books, Coral Gables.*



Wed. May 19 at 8:00 p.m. EST  
Book Fest In Your Living Room  
Presents  
Senator Amy Klobuchar, *ANTITRUST: Taking on Monopoly Power from the Gilded Age to the Digital Age*

Zoom Author Talk & Q & A

*Book purchases support your local JCCs! A Cappella Books is the official bookseller of the National JCC Literary Consortium.*

**Tickets: \$11 for one virtual ticket or \$36 for one virtual ticket and copy of the book (includes shipping to the US and Canada only)** <https://www.showclix.com/event/amy-klobuchar-antitrust-book/tag/toledo>

*ANTITRUST* is important, urgently needed book from the much-admired senior senator from Minnesota, and former candidate for president of the United States--a fascinating exploration of antitrust in America and the way forward to protect all Americans from the dangers of curtailed competition, and from vast information gathering, through monopolies.

From Standard Oil, and the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, to the Progressive Era's trust-busters, Amy Klobuchar, in this large, compelling history, writes of the fight against monopolies in America.

She writes of the breakup of Ma Bell, the pricing monopoly of Big Pharma, and the future of the giant tech companies (Facebook, Amazon, Google).

She begins with the Gilded Age (1870s-1900), when builders of fortunes and rapacious robber barons such as J. P. Morgan, John Rockefeller, and Cornelius Vanderbilt were reaping vast fortunes as industrialization swept across the American landscape, with the rich getting vastly richer and the poor, poorer. She discusses President Theodore Roosevelt, who, during the Progressive Era (1890s-1920), "busted" the trusts (breaking up monopolies); the Clayton Act of 1914; the Federal Trade Commission Act of 1914; and the Celler-Kefauver Act of 1950 (it strengthened the Clayton Act). She explores today's Big Pharma and its price-gouging; and tech, television, content, and agriculture communities and how a marketplace with few players, or one in which one company dominates distribution, can hurt consumer prices and stifle innovation.

As the ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights, Klobuchar is at work on, among others, issues raised by giant tech companies, such as Facebook, Google (it reportedly controls 90 percent of the search engine market), and Amazon, and puts forth her plans, ideas, and legislative proposals designed to strengthen the antitrust laws and antitrust enforcement.

**AMY KLOBUCHAR** is the senior senator from Minnesota, the first woman from that state to be elected to the U.S. Senate. She was born in Plymouth, Minnesota, and graduated from Yale University and the University of Chicago Law School. She lives in Minneapolis, MN.



# Active Life for 60 and Better

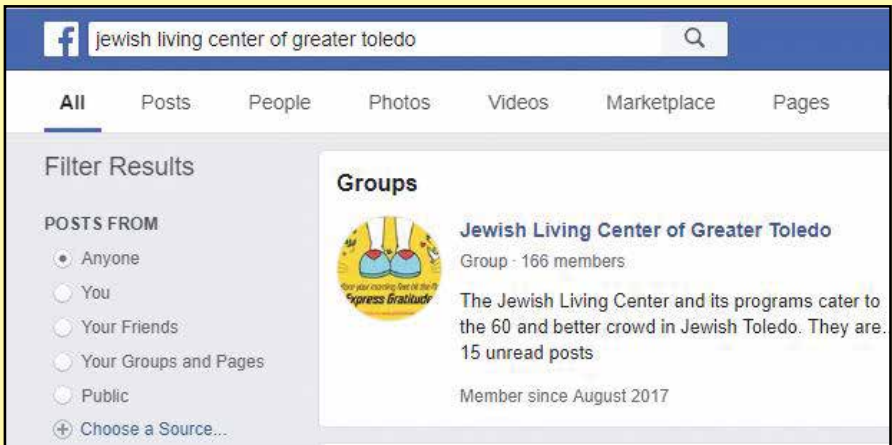


For the safety of participants during the pandemic, Jewish Living Center programs and events have moved to a virtual format using the Zoom platform. To RSVP for a JLC event, please email Rene at [rene@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:rene@jewishtoledo.org). You will receive by return email a password protected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

## Jewish Living Center Facebook group

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

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



## Contact the Jewish Living Center

Please contact the Jewish Living Center if we can be of assistance to you during these extraordinary times. The JLC has exercise videos and other resources available to help make your stay at home more enjoyable and productive.

We will all get through this together!

*For more information, please contact the Jewish Living Center at 419-531-2119 or email [rene@JewishToledo.org](mailto:rene@JewishToledo.org).*

## Healthy Living

JLC is pleased to announce the virtual return of our popular exercise classes

**NO VIDEOS/CLASSES ON MONDAY, MAY 17 IN OBSERVANCE OF SHAVUOT AND MONDAY, MAY 31 FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

## JLC Exercise Now on Jewish Toledo YouTube Channel!



Missing all your favorite exercise classes because you don't have Facebook? Now you can simply go to YouTube anytime you want and not have to deal with Facebook at all. Love Facebook, all your classes will still be on Facebook! We are now offering two platforms where you can get your exercise classes from, YouTube and Facebook!

You can exercise when you want, YouTube is open to everyone who wants to keep moving and stay healthy!

Here is how you can find the Jewish Toledo YouTube Channel: Just go to the [www.jewishtoledo.org](http://www.jewishtoledo.org) website, then click on **Get Involved** at the top of the page, click on **60 and Better** and then look for the button that says **Exercise Videos** – it will take you directly to YouTube. Once on the page you can bookmark it.

### What classes can you expect to find on our Jewish Toledo JLC YouTube Channel:

**Ballet Fusion**  
This combination class brings together basic ballet and Tai Chi to give you a complete workout. Focusing on your core for balance and strength and full range of motion to increase flexibility and breathing.

**Foundation Fitness**  
This challenging, calisthenic-style workout is designed to develop your muscular strength and endurance from the ground up. Focus will be on foot and ankle strength and mobility, healthy posture and pelvic floor tone, and core strength and breathing.

**Get Fit**  
This exercise class offers you great music and great moves that will give you a comprehensive workout that includes cardio, strength, and flexibility. Balls, bands, chairs, and light weights are used in the class.

**Zumba**  
Featuring various dances from flamenco to samba, Eileen will get those hips shaking and feet moving. Dance routines are customized for our 60 & Better participants by our very own licensed Zumba instructor.

**Drumming**  
A full body workout for any fitness level. You will need: drumsticks or wooden spoons and an exercise ball. The upbeat music keeps you moving and gives your core a great workout!

*All our exercise classes are taught by Eileen Seegert. Eileen has been an integral part of the health & wellness program at Jewish Living Center for 28 years. Eileen has degrees in Dance Therapy and Kinesiotherapy. She also has a certification in Corrective Exercise and is licensed to teach Zumba. Eileen stays active by participating in local runs and spending time with her grandchildren.*

If you have any questions about our classes, please feel free to call us at 419-531-2119 or email [rene@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:rene@jewishtoledo.org).

<b>MONDAYS</b>	<b>FRIDAYS</b>
10 a.m. Get Fit	10 a.m. Zumba
1 p.m. Foundation Fitness	1 p.m. Drumming
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	
10 a.m. Get Fit	
1 p.m. Ballet Fusion	

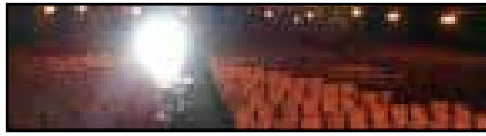


# Active Life for 60 and Better

## JLC & National JCC Adult & Senior Alliance

The Jewish Living Center is thrilled to announce that we are now a partner in the National JCC Adult & Senior Alliance. This alliance allows us to bring you cutting-edge, exciting, and relevant programs – to the comfort of your home. Through this new effort, we can select the programs and events that best fit our community, allowing us to provide the most diverse programming possible. Look at these phenomenal new offerings below:

### Still Traveling: Haunted Broadway Monday, May 3 5-6:15pm on Zoom



On National Paranormal Day, let our JCC colleague James Sokol zoom you to Times Square for a truly spooky adventure. After the thousands of audience members leave the 41 Broadway theaters, a nightly ritual takes place unseen by most: the setting of the ghost-light. Join our guide, a “walking encyclopedia of Broadway,” to explore this, and other superstitions rooted in days gone by, but still held by theatre folk everywhere. Learn stories of spirits that still lurk in the shadows backstage and some truly spooky sightings: acrobats, costume designers, playwrights, actors, and even a priest! See how the haunted of Broadway's present brings Broadway's past back to life!

To hear more about our virtual travel program, go to <https://vimeo.com/491710444>

For details & tickets, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/still-traveling-haunted-broadway-tickets-140568890335?aff=JLCtoledo>

### Songs & Stories: Jewish Jazz Wednesday, May 19 4:00-5:00pm on Zoom

Let singer and storyteller Gilda Solve transport you back in time with a special program featuring some of the most brilliant Jewish Jazz composers ever! Learn stories that give insights into these beloved songs; enjoy Gilda her performance of favorites from Benny Goodman to Irving Berlin, Artie Shaw to Jerome Kern.

For details & tickets, click here. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/songs-stories-jewish-jazz-tickets-145961124653?aff=JLCtoledo>

### Terrific Tastings: Distinctively Delicious (Baked!) Donuts Sunday, May 30 4-5:15pm on Zoom Order by May 16th!

What happens when a donut fanatic meets a flavor-obsessed pastry chef? Pure bliss! Imagine intense, full-bodied layers of flavor on small donuts that are baked, not fried, which allows the flavors to bloom without being weighed down by oil; almost like mini-Bundt cakes, but, better ...way, Way, WAY better! A perfectly sized mini indulgence! Real fruits, nuts and spices are chopped, squeezed, zested and roasted to create delicious, evocative flavors!

Let us deliver a curated collection of 12 mini-donuts to your front door, then pour yourself a cup of tea/coffee (or maybe a glass of champagne?!!) and join culinary host James Sokol for an interesting, delicious, and fun guided tasting & discussion with Dan Stevens (Founder) and Tarran Hatton (Pastry Chef) of BlissBomb Donuts.

For details & tickets for this tasting, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/terrific-tastings-distinctively-delicious-donuts-tickets-145957588075?aff=JLCtoledo>

### Coffee & Schmooze with JLC Tuesday, May 4

11:00 a.m. Zoom Chat

Registration requested by emailing [registration@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:registration@jewishtoledo.org) at least 2 days prior to the schmooze



No need to fret about missing your friends at the Jewish Living Center ... we are here and bringing the coffee chat to you! How are you feeling? Just want to chat and catch up! Share how you are staying active and busy? Just feel like talking and seeing people that you have not seen in a bit.... this is an open space to grab a beverage and say hello. We would LOVE to see you because we miss you.

### Terrific Tastings: Tropical Tastes, Tropical Pastes Sunday, June 6 5-6:15pm on Zoom



Often, cheese boards are set out with a few cheeses & plain crackers; nothing wrong with that (it is cheese after all)! Fortunately, in recent years, the wonderful Spanish *membrillo* (re: quince paste) has found its way onto many a cheese board. But why not catapult your cheese board to the next level? Say “Adios” to membrillo and let us help to tsuj up your cheese board by delivering to your home a curated collection of fabulous tropical fruit pastes!

Pick up some recommended (and easy to find) cheeses and join culinary host **James Sokol** to zoom off to Hawaii to meet **Chris & Lin ter Horst** creators of delicious specialties which fresh local fruits, traditional French culinary techniques, and personal passion.

As winners of a “Good Food Award” and finalists of the sofi Award (Specialty Outstanding Food Innovation), they offer an array of tropical treats which add interesting deliciousness to your repertoire of flavors. Come for the flavors; stay for the fun!

To allow for shipping, “Collection” tickets must be ordered by Sun, May 16th  
For details & tickets, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/terrific-tastings-tropical-tastes-tropical-pastes-tickets-148818176171?aff=JLCtoledo>

### Terrific Tastings: Tropical Shortbreads Sunday, June 13 4-5:15pm on Zoom



What happens when a supply chain expert and an investment-banker-turned-pastry-chef, both from the West, meet in China? Of course, they move to Hawaii and create award-winning products with local ingredients! (Wasn't that your first guess?).

Let us deliver – to your home! – a curated collection of rich shortbreads flavorfully flecked with tropical fruits (say that 10-times fast!), then pour yourself a cup of tea/coffee, sparkling water, maybe a glass of champagne, and join culinary host **James Sokol** to zoom off to Hawaii to meet **Chris & Lin ter Horst**, who are the heart, brains and passion behind these lovely culinary delectables!

Learn about their journey in creating these special cookies and launching their family business. Enjoy a guided tasting of five shortbread cookies, each featuring a different tropical fruit including passion fruit, mango, guava, pineapple, and papaya.

As winners of a “Good Food Award” and finalists of the sofi Award (Specialty Outstanding Food Innovation), they offer an array of tropical treats which add interesting deliciousness to your repertoire of flavors.


Come for the flavors; stay for the fun!

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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... ARE BACK

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Monday, May 10**  
Gan Yeladim Playground – Please park in Jewish Family Service Parking Lot and enter through fence gate.  
**FREE** – please bring in toilet paper, paper towel, or tissues to donate to the JFS family pantry

For children ages 0 – 2 and their parents, grandparents, nannies and friends. Playtime, craft time, snack and circle time! Meet and make friends with other PJ parents and their kids. Playdates are outside and weather dependent. Please check our Facebook page “JFGT PJ Library & Youth Programming” for updates.


Masks and proper safety protocols will be enforced. Families will be required to complete an on-site health screening and to adhere to appropriate safety measures which includes social distancing and mask wearing for all individuals over the age of two years old. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

RSVP by the Friday before to Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or [hallie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:hallie@jewishtoledo.org)

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To learn more about PJ Library® and to ensure your child receives this wonderful gift, please contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or [hallie@JewishToledo.org](mailto:hallie@JewishToledo.org)

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Bring Jewish stories home

## FREE books and CDs - *Are you getting YOURS?*


PJ Library® is completely FREE  
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PJ Library® seeks to engage Jewish families with young children. Each participating child in our community from age six months through eight will receive a high-quality Jewish children's book or CD every month.

Each book and CD comes with resources to help families use the selection in their home. The book and music list has been selected by the foremost children's book experts and includes a wide array of themes related to Jewish holidays, folktales and Jewish family life.

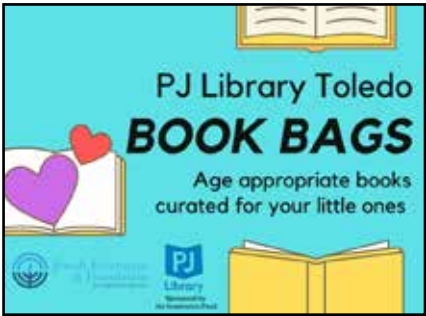
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### PJ Library book bags available!

Sign up for an age appropriate bag filled with PJ library books for little ones. Feel free to keep the books, return them to us or pass them on to another friend.  
<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/bookbags>  
Any questions? Contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or [hallie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:hallie@jewishtoledo.org)










Art at home with a Jewish Twist  
PJ LIBRARY & PJ OUR WAY  
SUNDAY, MAY 2  
OPEN TO ALL KIDS IN KINDERGARTEN TO FIFTH GRADE



**Sunday, May 2 at 2 p.m.**  
**Free – kids K – 5**  
Registration required by Friday, April 23 to:  
<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/artathome>  
Zoom link will be emailed to participants





-  SIGN UP at [pjourway.org/enroll](http://pjourway.org/enroll)
-  EXPLORE the website
-  CHOOSE a free book each month
-  RATE and REVIEW your books

FREE Jewish middle-grade books for kids ages 9 through 12

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For more information contact Hallie Freed at [hallie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:hallie@jewishtoledo.org).



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Next Jewish Generation

Programs especially for post-college to young families.

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



Next JGen Zoom Trivia

Join us for a night of zoom trivia fun!


Win prizes and more.

Wednesday, May 19 at 8 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84881776971>

RSVP to Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org

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.



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# Local



Concert Connection

Our Concert Connections were a great way to bring live music right into your home. The live performances were a wonderful way to just relax and enjoy the music -- something we have all longed for. It was a chance to sing along, allow yourself to move to the music and be taken away for an hour.

Rebbekah Vega-Romero

On Tuesday, April 13, Concert Connection audiences tuned into *A Broadway Love Affair*

Gina Morgano

On Tuesday, April 20, Concert Connection audiences tuned into *American Songbook*



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# Jewish Foundation of Greater Toledo

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Director of Philanthropic Services

**POSITION SUMMARY**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) is seeking a Director of Philanthropic Services (DPS) to be part of its Endowment team. Reporting to the Director of the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation, a division of JFGT, the DPS will provide operational support to the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation in the key areas of board and committee staffing, stewardship of fund distributions, marketing of needs and opportunities, and planning and development of donor events. The successful candidate will be an innovative leader and a team player, with strong interpersonal skills and a desire to cultivate relationships at all levels.

The DPS is a full-time, non-exempt employee of JFGT. The DPS in coordination with the Director of the TJCF and the JFGT Executive Director.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Bachelor’s degree required; law degree or other advanced degree in finance, tax or accounting preferred.
- Minimum 3-5 years’ experience in public foundation operations or management, fundraising and planned gift development.
- Knowledge of fundraising database systems and the use of technology in prospect identification and research.
- Effective at forging strong interpersonal alliances at all levels both within and outside the organization.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Knowledge and understanding of Jewish customs, traditions, the Jewish community, and the Federation field.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A COMPLETE JOB DESCRIPTION, PLEASE CONTACT TINA STIEBEN AT [TINA@JEWISHTOLEDO.ORG](mailto:TINA@JEWISHTOLEDO.ORG).



### Summer Intern Wanted

The Toledo Jewish Historical Society, under the auspices of Jewish Federation of Toledo and with generous support from Lynn and Frank Jacobs, is seeking an interested student (16 or older) to work approximately sixty (60) hours this summer on a project involving interviews of members of our community to preserve their Jewish Toledo stories. Interviews will be recorded either on Zoom calls or on cellphones (depending on applicable COVID restrictions in place). The interview questions will be provided to the student. Students will need to have their own cell phone and computer. The student will earn \$12 per hour. Interested students should submit a letter explaining their interest in journalism, marketing, history or communications along with a resume or curriculum vitae to Stephen Rothschild at [stephen@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:stephen@jewishtoledo.org). Preference will be given to candidates with prior experience in conducting interviews or who have public speaking/speech and/or debate experience.



# Help us Celebrate Miss Carol's Retirement

Sunday, May 23, 2021 • 3:30 – 4:30 pm.  
6465 Sylvania Ave. (Outdoor Event)

Join us as we honor Miss Carol's years of dedication to Early Childhood education. Celebrating 19 years of teaching at Gan Yeladim Preschool!



Carol has always inspired the artist in us.  
We are raising funds to create two art installations at the preschool. One will be a flower sculpture garden on the playground, the other will be a mini replica to hang in our entryway.  
**This will be a Work of HeART.**  
Please help us by donating in Carol's honor.  
\$18, \$36 or \$54 or Sponsor \$180  
**Mail check to:**  
Gan Yeladim, 6505 Sylvania Ave., Sylvania, OH 43560  
or go online to  
[jewishtoledo.org/about-us/gan-yeladim-preschool](http://jewishtoledo.org/about-us/gan-yeladim-preschool)  
or send by Venmo to @Toledo-Federation

**Share your memories of Miss Carol with us:**  
**Send pictures of years past • Write messages • Send a video message**  
**Send pictures of art created with Miss Carol's inspiration**  
**Send all memories, photos, text, and videos to**  
**ganlovescarol@gmail.com. Please send by May 8.**

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hard to find... difficult to part with... impossible to forget...  
We will miss you Miss Carol!*

A COVID safe event! Individually packed refreshments will be served.

## Hummus at Home bags ready for pick up!

All the delicious and fun goodies inside the Hummus at Home bags.



## Passover Party with a Purpose

Passover with a purpose brought more than 70 families together to pick up a kit filled with Passover goodies. Families donated paper products to the JFSS Family Pantry. Sand art kits were available for purchase and the artist, Gail Rosenbloom Kaplan, taught the group over Zoom tips and tricks on making a beautiful sand art matzah tray.



Sand art work in progress

Zoom Call with artist Gail Rosenbloom Kaplan showing participants some tips and tricks



Jerusalem sky finished product!



# Temple Shomer Emunim .....

May Worship Schedule

Friday, May 7

“Kid”dish Club at 5:00PM  
Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Cantor Roher will officiate

Saturday, May 8

For our **most vulnerable congregants**, we will have a **Shabbat Service at 10:30AM**. You must be at least 2 weeks from your last shot. Vaccination cards will be checked at the door.

Friday, May 14

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Sunday, May 16

Confirmation Service at 7:00PM

Monday, May 17

Shavuot Yiskor Service at 10:30AM

Friday, May 21

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Shabbat Unplugged  
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Friday, May 28

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM  
Healing Service  
Rabbi Weinstein will speak

Coffee with the Clergy

Wednesdays, May 12, 19 & 26 @ 11AM

Torah Time

Fridays, May 14, 21 & 28 @ 11AM

Religious School Family Picnic



Sunday, May 23 at 11:00AM

(Religious School Classes will meet from 9:15-11:00AM)  
The Temple will provide kosher hot dogs, buns, chips and drinks.  
Please RSVP to [wpayne@templese.com](mailto:wpayne@templese.com) **no later than Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** with the number of family members joining us.

Camp Kayitz is coming...

June 14-June 18<sup>th</sup> \$160 grades PreK-5



Contact Wendy Payne for more information!

May Religious & Hebrew School Schedules

Religious School

Sundays, May 2, 9, 16 & 23 9:15-11:30AM

Hebrew School

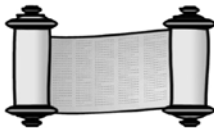
Wednesdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26 4:20-6:00PM

Wednesday, May 26 @ 5:00PM

Hebrew School Graduation

2021 Confirmation Class

Esther Goldstein	Zach Kalniz
Noah Hamilton	Jude Ligan
Marnie Nusbaum	



Hebrew School Graduates

Rafi Berns	Skylar Sachs
Clint Ligan	Colin Thaler
Jacob Payne	Becca Weingarden
Max Rhodes	Mira Weingarden

Temple Book Club

The **Temple Book Club** will meet Thursday, May 13 at 11AM at Temple.

**The Book Of V.** by Anna Solomon will be discussed.

# Congregation B’nai Israel

May CBI Zoom programs and services are open to the members of all local congregations. If you are from another congregation and would like to attend, please contact the office at 419.517.8400.

Chag Shavuot Sameach!

חג שבועות שמח



TIKKUN SHAVUOT WITH

Fagie Benstein & Judy Weinberg

“A Conversation Between the Biblical Naomi & Ruth”

Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Erev Shavuot Services will precede the Tikkun presentation and a dramatic reading of the “Book of Ruth” by Cantor Ivor Lichterman will follow.

SHAVUOT SERVICES

Day 1: Monday, May, 17, 2021 at 9:30 AM

Day 2: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 9:30 AM  
Yizkor at 10:45 AM

Shavuot services will be In-person and on the CBI Live Stream. In-person attendance is limited to members only who have adhered to the CBI attendance guidelines. Please contact the office at 419.517.8400 for the full list of guidelines. If those guidelines preclude you from in-person attendance, you can access the services online through the CBI Live Stream at [cbitoledo.org](http://cbitoledo.org). Just click on the Live Stream tab to join.

WOMEN OF CBI PRESENT:

A Women's Day of Learning

Please join us as we explore and discuss the many aspects of “RESILIENCE”

Sunday, May 23, 2021 via Zoom  
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Keynote Speaker: Rabbi Joan Friedman

Assoc. Professor of History & Religion, College of Wooster

Guest Speakers:

Rabbi Aura Ahuvia

President of the Board, ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal

Rav Lisa Stella

Director of Religious Life and Education,  
Hillel, Univ. of Michigan

Guest Presenter: Sharon Kripke

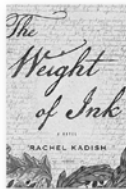
The cost for this day is \$18, which includes a box lunch delivered to your home. Watch your email and the May CBI Bulletin for more details.

Please RSVP to Miriam Beckerman at [mesb@bex.net](mailto:mesb@bex.net) by Friday, May 14, 2021.



THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS.

WOMEN OF CBI MAY BOOK CLUB SELECTION



“The Weight of Ink”

by Rachel Kadish

Tuesday, May 25, 2021  
10:30 AM via Zoom

Linda Beren will lead this program. It is not necessary to have read the book to join the discussion.

This book is available through the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, as well as online through Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Please RSVP to Sharon Stein at [sstein100@gmail.com](mailto:sstein100@gmail.com) by Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS.

Jewish Lives, Jewish Learning:  
CBI Adult Education Series

“Great Jewish Composers of the Enlightenment”

Hosted by Hazzan Larry Josefovitz



Wednesday, May 26, 2021 7:30 PM via Zoom

The 18th century gave birth to some of the greatest figures in modern history. At the end of the 18th century and the beginning of the 19th, three Jewish composers were born who made enduring contributions to Western music. We will explore the story of their Jewish identity at a confusing time of social change and also enjoy some of their outstanding music.

SAVE THE DATE:

Join us as Author & Professor, **Kirsten Lise Fermaglich** discusses her book, “A Rosenberg By Any Other Name”

Sunday, June 6, 2021 10:30 AM via Zoom



# Congregation Etz Chayim .....

**SHAVUOT CANDLELIGHTING  
TIMES AND SERVICES:**

**SUNDAY, MAY 16TH**

Erev Shavuot, Mincha services at 6:00 p.m.;  
Candlelighting at 8:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 17TH**

Candlelighting at 9:37 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 18TH**

Mincha services at 5:30 p.m.  
with Yizkor service; Havdalah at 9:38 p.m.

**PRE-SHAVUOT WEEKEND GET TOGETHER**

**SHABBAT SERVICES ON SATURDAY, MAY 15TH  
LUNCHEON PLANNED FOR EREV SHAVUOT -  
SUNDAY, MAY 16TH AT 12:30 P.M.**

With the Covid vaccine becoming available to more and more people, everyone is looking forward to getting back to some sort of "normal". With this in mind, the synagogue is planning it's first in person Shabbat service on Saturday, May 15th at 9:00 a.m. Jason Mark, a rabbinical student from New York will lead services on Shabbos. On Sunday, May 16th, the Sisterhood in conjunction with the synagogue is planning a special dairy luncheon on in celebration of Shavuot, which falls this year Sunday evening, May 16 through Tuesday, May 18. The cost is \$10.00 per person and reservations can be made by calling the synagogue office, 419-473-2401 or emailing Elsa Leveton at [elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org](mailto:elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org). Please R.S.V.P. by May 10th. Guidelines from Ohio and Lucas County health departments will be strictly followed. Social distancing will be enforced and masks will be mandatory. Be sure to watch for further information and details as we get closer to the date.

**SISTERHOOD NEWS**

Sunday May 16th the Sisterhood and Etz Chayim will be hosting a joint luncheon for Shavout. Jason Mark, a rabbinical student, will be the guest speaker. Social distancing will be practiced and reservations are required. Reservations need to be in by May 10th along with the \$10.00 charge for the luncheon.

Also planned for June is the Sisterhood Woman of the year get together. It will be held June 22nd at 1:00 p.m. It will be an Ice Cream/desert social and is open to all women of Etz Chayim. It is being planned to be an outdoor event with the ability to move indoors if needed. Bingo will be included as the social activity (with prizes) in addition to enjoying each other's company. It will be held at the home of Carol Van Zile 5630 Balfour Rd., Sylvania, Ohio.

The next Sisterhood board meeting will be May 4th at 10:00 via Zoom. All members are welcome to join in. Please let Elsa know if you would like the link.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**SYLVANIA SENIOR CENTER MORNING FIT CLASSES**

The Sylvania Senior Center has offered an invitation to Etz Chayim members to join their Morning Fit Virtual Classes on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 11:00 a.m.. If you are interested, please contact [susan@sylvaniaseniorcenter.org](mailto:susan@sylvaniaseniorcenter.org) for the link. There is NO Charge for this class.

**VIRTUAL BINGO NIGHT PLANNED**

There will be a virtual bingo night on Wednesday evening, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. Prizes will be

awarded to the winners! Please contact Nancy Jacobson at [jaco824@buckeye-express.com](mailto:jaco824@buckeye-express.com) or Elsa Leveton at [elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org](mailto:elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org) to register and receive the link.

**BOOK REVIEW/ART PRESENTATION**

Naomi Baron and Andrea Delman will be leading another Book/Art Discussion on Sunday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. The book that they will be sharing & discussing is *The Lady in Gold* by Anne-Marie O'Connor. (There is also a movie based on the book, "Woman in Gold", which is available from the Toledo Public Library.) This is a history of Gustav Klimt's portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer and it's 60-year journey from pre-World War II Vienna to the United States. Please be sure to register for this outstanding program.

**WEEKLY MAHJ JONG CONTINUES**

The Sunday Mahj group will continue during the month of May at the following times:

May 2nd, 1:00 -3:00 p.m.  
May 9th, 1:00 -3:00 p.m.  
May 23rd, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
May 30th 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Please register with Nancy Jacobson if you are interested in playing.

**PLEASE NOTE: All Zoom and virtual programs require registration. Please contact either Nancy Jacobson at [jaco824@bex.net](mailto:jaco824@bex.net) or Elsa Leveton at 419-473-2401 or [elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org](mailto:elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org) for further information and registration.**

# Chabad House .....

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# Local Simcha



## Mazel Tov! Birth Announcement

Alex and Alyson Levy are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Leo Benjamin Levy. He was born at 4:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17. Alex is happy to report that mother and baby are doing well.



## Mazel Tov! Graduate

Noah Sperling, son of Matthew and Dana of Irvine, California is looking forward to graduating from University High School and furthering his education at Columbia College in Columbia, Missouri where he has accepted a scholarship to continue playing baseball. Noah is the grandson of Cathy and Steve Sperling and Corky and Howard Parmet also of Irvine.

## Have something to kvell about?



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

Cemeteries are closed every Saturday for Shabbat

#### Jewish Holiday Closing Schedule for Shavout 2021

Sunday, May 16, 2021	Erev Shavuot	Close at 4p.m.
Monday, May 17, 2021	Shavuot	Closed
Tuesday, May 18, 2021	Shavuot	Closed

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