

ISRAEL AT WAR



Israel launches military response — ‘Operation Swords of Iron’ — in the aftermath of the deadly, Hamas-led, October 7 terrorist attacks

Dear Friends,

Our community has been rocked with a reality that antisemitism of the worst kind has burst forth around the world with ferocity. We are anguished knowing that Holocaust survivors have lived to again witness the mass murder and atrocities committed against our Jewish brothers and sisters in Israel, our homeland, by terrorists whose charter calls for Jewish annihilation. October 7 was the worst single day massacre of Jews since the Shoah. We promised *Never Again*, and it is a promise that must be kept today and for all time.

Since October 7, antisemitic posts online have increased by 1,200%. As reported by the *Jerusalem Post*, the Antisemitism Cyber Monitoring System found that in the three days after the attack, at least 157,000 online posts called for violence against Israel, Zionists, and Jews.

Al-Qaeda Central called on all Muslims worldwide to join a “jihad to liberate Palestinian land” and asked Muslims to attack Jewish and Western assets. The response from most of the world— a deafening silence. Nationally and locally, protests do not call for peace or coexistence but instead continue demands to “Free Palestine from the River to the Sea,” which means destruction of Israel as a country under any borders and the eradication of Jews from between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea.

It is way past time for people of conscience to say ENOUGH. Let us be clear--CALLS FOR THE FORCIBLE REMOVAL AND MURDER OF JEWS FROM AND IN ISRAEL IS

ANTISEMITISM. That these calls are permitted and cheered in American cities and on its college campuses will forever be a stain on this country and cannot be forgotten. These are not American values. Jews are just 0.2% of the world’s population—less than 18 million people. A third of this amount were exterminated during the Holocaust and driven from their homes where they had lived for centuries, never to return. After centuries of persecution, they merely sought the opportunity to join with other Jews in Israel, their ancestral home, to create an oasis in the desert—a land flowing with milk and honey—where all faiths could live in peace. They brought with them 4,000 years of connection to the land, a return to their origin. They made holy sites available and accessible to all.

For 75 years, Israel has tried, in good faith, to negotiate, with the Palestinians for peace. The answer has time and time again been—no peace. As complex and nuanced as that analysis and discussion can be, this time is different. The war initiated by the terrorist organization Hamas, the government elected by the Palestinians in Gaza, targeted civilians across the life span to fulfill its commitment to drive Jews from the land and exterminate Jews from the earth.

There are virtually no chants for peace. Since October 7, the protestors against Israel are not denouncing murder, rape, decapitation, the burning of human beings, and hostage taking. No one is saying “Hamas did not act in my name.” The protestors aren’t “pro-Palestinian;” they are anti-Israel. Pro-Palestinian protestors would advocate to free Gaza from

Hamas. Anti-Israel protestors blame Israel for the war that Hamas started.

We cry out for an end to the violence, to the provocations, to the despair, but we will not give up on Israel. Antisemitism in this world is a problem for the Jews, but it is not our problem to solve alone. We will continue to tell the truth. We will continue to call out and mourn senseless hate crimes in America and the loss of civilian lives in the conflict. There is, however, a difference between the deliberate slaughter of human beings and rape of women and the inevitable and unavoidable death of civilians who are being held captive by their elected leaders and used as human shields. We cannot lie down and allow the Jewish state to be annihilated. The Jewish people have no choice other than to protect themselves.

Jewish Toledo stands with Israel every day. We have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to Jewish Federation of North America’s Israel Relief Fund and continue to raise funds including from non-Jewish donors. We have informed the community and the press and spoken to educators at our schools and universities to ensure that Jewish students are safe and respected. We have received messages of support and concern from elected officials. We have maintained programs and continued to live our Jewish lives. Do not despair. We have been here before. Together, we shall survive and thrive. *S’iz shver tzu zein a Yid*. It is hard to be a Jew. But, *s’iz gut tzu zein a Yid*. It is good to be a Jew.

Stephen Rothschild, CEO, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

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Handmade Hanukkah



Music | Kids Art & Activities
Delicious Food | Fabulous Art

Sunday, November 19 | 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Congregation B’nai Israel, 6525 Sylvania Ave.

Admission is FREE

Food price per adult (in advance): \$10
Food price per adult (at the door): \$15
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All of Toledo is
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Handmade Hanukkah will feature local Jewish artists (ranging from textiles and photography to jewelry, pottery, and more), kosher food, music, children’s activities, and more.
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RSVP to: form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/handmade23
For more information or questions, please contact Sherry Majewski
at 419-724-0362 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Hey kids!

Tell your parents you want to go to the
Jewish Federation’s
Handmade Hanukkah!

We are so excited to celebrate Hanukkah together! This event is for all ages, and we have so much fun planned for the kids!

- “Waddle N Move” soft play area (ages 6 months - 5 years)
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- Make your own painted canvas tote with “Spin and Splat”
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Basketball!
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Judaica and Holiday
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Holiday Items



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The Jane Petitjean
Studio

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Local



Israel vigil

Last month at Temple Shomer Emunim, more than 350 Jewish Toledo community members - from 3 months old to nearly 100 years old - stood in solidarity with the people of Israel in these dark days.

Stephen Rothschild, CEO, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo; Rabbi Lisa Delson, Temple Shomer Emunim; Cantor Ivor Lichterman, Congregation B'nai Israel; and Rabbi Yossi Shemtov, Chabad House of Toledo addressed the room and led prayers for our Israeli brothers and sisters.

Now, more than ever, the people of Israel need our support. Please donate, if you are able, to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Israel Relief Fund 2023 at the following link: https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=JKPP7Z2DPN6HE (or scan the included QR code).

We stand with Israel, always. Am Yisrael chai.



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JFGT Fall/Winter 2023 Holiday Office Closures:

- **Sunday, November 5** – Time change, office closes at 3:30 p.m. on Fridays starting November 10
- **Thursday, November 23** - Thanksgiving
- **Friday, November 24** - Thanksgiving Break
- **Monday, December 25** - Christmas Observance
- **Monday, January 1, 2024** - New Year's Day Observance

Toledo Jewish Community Foundation
Tributes and Memorials

received between September 20 - October 20, 2023

Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (TJCF) gratefully acknowledges the following Tributes and Memorials to TJCF funds. Tributes and Memorials can be made by contacting Anna at 419-724-0386, anna@jewishtoledo.org or Barb at 419-724-0357, barb@jewishtoledo.org.

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Join us for a Hanukkah lighting

SHINE
A LIGHT
on Antisemitism



Antisemitism is a darkness that threatens not only the Jewish people, but all of us, no matter identity or background. Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo is hosting a rally inspired by the powerful story of Hanukkah to shine a light on antisemitism.

SAVE THE DATE
6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14
at Congregation Etz Chayim
3853 Woodley Rd.

The film screening of **Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of Life** (see **JCRC Film Series** on previous page) will be part of our 2023 Shine a Light on Antisemitism program and includes a full Kosher dinner and candle lighting for the last night of Hanukkah.

DISPEL THE DARKNESS

News

American Jewish giving to Israel spikes as a ‘tangible’ way to express grief after Hamas attack



People call for the release of Israelis held hostage by Hamas militants in Gaza, outside the Ministry of Defense in Tel Aviv, Oct. 17, 2023. (Yossi Zamir/Flash90)

By Ron Kampeas
(JTA) — Herbert Block’s phone has been buzzing nonstop with messages from people he doesn’t know who want to give him money.

He doesn’t mind the unsolicited callers, all of whom are asking the same thing: How can they donate to Israel right now?

“People from all parts of the country, people who say, ‘I tried to get on the website and I couldn’t figure it out,’ or, ‘I’m not good at technology, how do I make the donation?’” said Block, the executive director of the American Zionist Movement.

Block isn’t alone. Jewish officials say the level and intensity of incoming cash for Israel since Oct. 7, when Hamas invaded the country and killed and injured thousands, is unprecedented in their adult lifetimes.

Recently, the Jewish Federations of North America announced that it had raised \$388 million, just five days after setting an overall goal of \$500 million. The JFNA money is mostly going to medical and psychological relief. Other groups, like the Friends of the IDF, are raising money to meet urgent military needs.

Julie Platt, JFNA’s chairwoman, said she remembered similar periods when she was a child and her parents were active in pro-Israel fundraising — during and after the 1967 Six-Day War and the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Then as now, American Jews feared for Israel’s survival and opened their pocketbooks in response.

“For me as an adult, I’ve never experienced a day like today,” Platt said in an interview.

“Since the Hamas attack it doesn’t feel like a trickle of support,” she said. “It feels like a flood.”

It’s not just the intensity of the giving but the amounts, said Gil Preuss, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. “People are giving 10, 25, 50,000 dollars,” he said.

Preuss said he was approaching a local total haul of \$10 million as of mid-October, an amount that was included in the \$388 million that JFNA announced.

While the sums raised now are a

spike when compared to recent years, they are so far dwarfed by previous crises. In the week following Oct. 7, New York’s UJA-Federation raised \$75 million. The week after the 1967 war, it raised the equivalent of \$180 million in today’s dollars. (That \$75 million, like the money raised by the Washington Federation, is part of the total JFNA announced.)

But the current fundraising drive comes after years of fraught relations between Israel and American Jews, as well as longstanding anxiety over a growing subset of Jewish Americans who feel increasingly distant from Israel. This year, another subset of American Jews expressed their ties to Israel through sympathy with the hundreds of thousands of Israelis who protested Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his effort to weaken the courts.

Now, American Jews who weeks ago might not have paid attention to Israel, or even felt alienated from it, were turning up and opening their wallets, Preuss said.

“We had two couples, probably around the age of 40, convene their network of friends, some who had been involved with Federation, but most who weren’t involved and didn’t give previously to the federation,” he said, recalling an event that took place five days after the attack. “And that night, they raised a million dollars.”

Platt said that giving was the most immediate and convenient thing a Jew could do in the face of the helplessness they felt when confronted with images and accounts of Hamas terrorists murdering families in their homes and young adults at an outdoor party.

“You’re able to express your emotions in this way,” she said. “It’s the one very concrete and tangible thing that we can do. It’s a way for us to express our deep grief and fear and love for the people of Israel.”

One big difference from 1967 and 1973 is that U.S. Jews can now donate with relative ease directly to Israeli charities and to research a wide array of possible destinations for their financial support. That means the fundraising totals reported by JFNA are likely to



The Red Sea Diving Resort
Thursday, November 16

6:30 p.m.
Franciscan Center of Lourdes University,
6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania
www.netflix.com/title/80240537

The Red Sea Diving Resort, inspired by true events, tells the story of a Mossad-run fake hotel that enabled the rescue of Jewish-Ethiopian refugees from Sudan to Israel. *Featuring a brief presentation about Ethiopian Jews after the film.*



Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of Life

Thursday, December 14

6 p.m.
Congregation Etz Chayim,
3853 Woodley Rd., Toledo
<https://repairingtheworldfilm.org/>

Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of Life documents Pittsburgh’s collective response in the aftermath of the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history, at the Tree of Life, New Light Congregation, and Congregation Dor Hadash synagogues. ***This film screening will be part of our 2023 Shine a Light on Antisemitism program and includes a full Kosher dinner and candle lighting for the last night of Hanukkah. (See ad next page)***

All films are FREE, though registration is highly recommended.
To sign up for some or all of the films, visit
<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jcrc-film-festival-registration>
or contact
Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Questions? Contact Mary Bilyeu at
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reflect a smaller proportion of the total transfer of resources from the United States toward Israel.

Still, traditional fundraising venues, including synagogues and federations, were proving durable. And some of their appeals have been dramatic: The Forward reported that New York City’s Park Avenue Synagogue set a goal of \$18 million; six days after the war broke out, the synagogue had reached \$16 million. Rabbi Elliott Cosgrove, citing the Jewish imperative to save a life, asked congregants to break their Sabbath observance and scan a QR code on their programs to reach the goal, and two days later they were within striking distance.

Included in the \$75 million UJA raised is \$22,000 brought in by New

York University students who came together to read psalms as they learned of the carnage and decided they needed to do something more tangible.

Block said his organization was edging close to \$100,000 at that time — not a huge amount compared to the millions others are pulling in, but a significant sum for a group that focuses more on advocacy than fundraising. The money will go to the World Zionist Organization’s crisis response efforts.

The appeal, he said, is immediate gratification of the need to do something.

“Here’s something that I can do, you know, at my desk,” he said. “The uniqueness of this situation, it’s something that is unprecedented in every way.”

Kristallnacht

Thursday, November 9
5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Congregation B’nai Israel, 6525 Sylvania Ave.
Free event

Join **Hazzan Ivor Lichterman** at Congregation B'nai Israel for minyan and for a special and meaningful commemoration of the 85th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, during which 91 Jews were murdered and more than 900 synagogues throughout Germany were set ablaze. Community member, **Alex Groth**, a survivor of the Warsaw Ghetto, will be the featured speaker.

RSVP by Monday, November 6 to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/kristallnacht

Any questions? Contact Mary Bilyeu, Community Relations Programming Specialist, at 419-724-0405 or mary@jewishtoledo.org.

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I thought the law school where I teach had my back. Then came the Hamas attacks on Israel.

By Roberta Rosenthal Kwall

CHICAGO (JTA) — I have been a law professor at DePaul University College of Law for several decades. DePaul is an urban, Vincentian, Catholic university that has long been a school of choice for First-Gen students, including law students. As a First-Gen college and law school graduate, I identify with the mission of the school and have always taken great pride in my professional affiliation.

In recent years, people often ask me about the climate at DePaul, specifically in the context of antisemitism facing Jewish students. Personally, I have not encountered any negativity or hostility from any of my students or colleagues, despite being openly Jewish and observant. In fact, several of my Muslim students have talked to me about Judaism and my faith. We have compared notes and shared perspectives. One of my most recent research assistants, a Palestinian man with extended family living in Israel, came across my book “Remix Judaism,” and we had a great conversation about whether and how its concepts could apply to his religion. We also talked about Israel and what life is like for his family living there. This is the model of what

education should be: open conversation and communication that broadens one’s horizons and viewpoints.

Still, like almost all universities, DePaul has hopped onto the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion train and that ride often is tone-deaf to antisemitism. At my law school, despite a multitude of DEI trainings over the past several years, not one faculty program dealt with antisemitism or the challenges facing Jewish individuals in our current reality (despite my suggesting we make this a focus of one program). This past summer, another research assistant who was helping me edit a law review article about the Holocaust and “ghetto art” told me that of all the programs required for students focusing on tolerance and inclusivity, not one even touched upon Jews or antisemitism.

Thankfully, however, my law school has been spared the type of ugly incidents that have plagued other law schools such as Berkeley, where student groups pledged to block speakers who held pro-Israel views, and CUNY, where a law student used her graduation speech to denounce Israel and its supporters.

But at DePaul’s undergraduate campus several miles north, things are different. Last December, an article in

the Wall Street Journal reported that students at DePaul University “ejected Jewish students who support Israel from clubs and study groups,” citing affected students. When the president of our university communicated to us about this article, he emphasized his desire to fight antisemitism in our community and asked for our input. I wrote to him emphasizing that if schools are funding clubs that exclude students simply because they are pro-Israel, that is a cause for concern unaddressed by his community letter. To my surprise, he never responded to me, even when I sent the letter again a month later. I took note but still wanted to give the benefit of the doubt.

But the university’s communication to us on the Monday after Israel was attacked by Hamas was a wake-up call. Our president and three other high-level administrators opened their message to the DePaul community with the following words: “Our hearts ache to see the horrific violence and tragic loss of life taking place right now in Israel and Gaza. We pray for peace.” Later on, it called for “an immediate de-escalation of the current situation.”

I sat with this grossly inadequate and maddening communication overnight,

and the following day I once again reached out to our president to express my deep disappointment with the letter’s failure to call out, and explicitly condemn, the barbaric terrorism perpetrated upon Israel. I pointed out that, by comparison, the university spared no effort in the past in calling out other bad actors in connection with racial and other injustices. In contrast, the university’s pleas for de-escalation in this context not only diminished the suffering of those who were so brutally attacked, but also compounded the pain for Jewish students, staff and faculty, all of whom were already feeling isolated and fragile.

Again, no response. And to the best of my knowledge, none of the other faculty I know who wrote to the president received a response. It is almost as though the entire DePaul Jewish community had become invisible in the academic home I had cherished for so long.

In recent years, higher education in the United States has become the target of well-deserved criticism regarding not only an absence of educational rigor but also a troubling lack of viewpoint diversity in most universities. Too many vitally important conversations on matters

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News

Israeli rabbis are issuing guidance about how to adjust Jewish law during wartime

By Jackie Hajdenberg (JTA) — On a normal Shabbat, Orthodox Israelis turn off radios, silence cell phones and — if they have one — lay down their gun. Saturday, a week in to wartime was not a normal Shabbat. At this time, Israelis had special dispensation from the country’s top rabbis to bear arms. They were told to leave communication devices on, albeit at low volume. And synagogues were instructed to make sure someone brought a phone. The decree from Israel’s Chief Rabbinate in advance of Shabbat offered a striking window into how war is changing the religious strictures that are typically baked into the cadences of Israeli life. In keeping with centuries of Jewish tradition, a wide range of rabbis are issuing opinions on everything from kosher food to transportation to the laws of how husbands and wives relate to each other. The opinions are almost all rooted in the core Jewish idea that *pikuach nefesh*, or the preservation of life, overrides nearly every other religious law. That principle is what made it not only possible but obligatory for Jews who are observant of *halacha*, or Jewish law, to break the laws of Shabbat in order to respond to Hamas’ deadly attack Oct. 7 — and to continue to depart from traditional halacha in certain circumstances. All of the Chief Rabbinate’s Shabbat decrees about keeping radios and phones on were meant to ensure that Orthodox

Jews were able to hear safety alerts and instructions from Israel’s Home Front Command, which is responsible for civil defense. Israel is being barraged nonstop with rockets from Gaza, and is in the midst of the largest military reserve call-up in its history. The Chief Rabbinate also permitted departures from the country’s regular restrictions on public transportation. Most Israeli cities have never had public transit on Shabbat or Jewish holidays due to opposition from haredi Orthodox lawmakers and voters. Its national carrier, El Al, also does not operate on Shabbat. So when Hamas attacked, on Shabbat and a holiday, public transportation across the country was not functioning. That meant reservists had to make their way to their bases on their own. Trains ran on Shabbat the week after, through select stations across the country due to the ongoing emergency situation, the Transportation Ministry announced. The trains stopped only in Tel Aviv, at Ben Gurion Airport and Haifa — where the United States had sent a ship to retrieve its citizens starting at 9 a.m. the next day. Rabbis in Israel also granted permission for El Al to fly on Shabbat, marking the first time the airline has operated on Shabbat since the 1982 Lebanon War. The airline said in a statement that it had received permission from “relevant halachic authorities” to operate flights — two from the United

States, one from Bangkok and one from Madrid — to carry reservists, rescuers, medics and members of the security forces “whose arrival into the country is vital.” Wartime has also, in some cases, prompted more stringent observance of Jewish law. Food prepared and served by the Israeli army must be certified kosher by the military rabbinate, so after 2,000 meals that it donated to Israeli soldiers were thrown away, the Tel Aviv hotspot Ha’achim asked Israeli president Isaac Herzog to help it get kosher certification. After retraining staff and overhauling its kitchen, the restaurant now produces and distributes meals to soldiers full-time. “I don’t eat kosher food, but I respect it,” co-owner Yotam Doktor told Israel Hayom. “Leaving our soldiers begging for food before they go into battle is an impossible situation.” While the interaction with Jewish law has been most stark in Israel, where the crisis is acute and where rabbinic authorities have influence over state law and policy, rabbis in the Diaspora have also issued opinions related to the war. In the United States, Rabbi Herschel Schachter, one of the leading Modern Orthodox rabbis, ruled that worshippers should insert *Avinu Malkeinu* into their Shabbat liturgy. The plaintive prayer is typically recited only during the High Holidays and considered at odds with the joyous tenor of Shabbat, when it is generally not recited. Notably, when

Yom Kippur falls on Shabbat, *Avinu Malkeinu* is still omitted from nearly all services. Within Israel, in addition to state rabbis issuing national decisions, respected rabbis with smaller public pulpits have begun considering wartime questions as well. Several of them have weighed in on the issue of kosher food for the armed forces. Rabbi Avraham Stav has authored books on Jewish law and is also an army reservist in the 439th artillery battalion, which is now called up for duty in Israel’s south. He has continued to answer questions from the front, including about the kosher status of homemade donated food sent to the army bases. Whether homemade food is kosher can be hard to ascertain, since there is no kosher certificate attached to a home kitchen, Stav wrote on Facebook. But he said that according to Jewish law, if a person attests that their food is kosher, even with just a handwritten note, the food should be considered kosher, so long as there is no reason to suspect that the person was saying so out of ignorance or disdain. All the more so, he wrote, “out of sincere concern for observant soldiers.” Turning to another rabbi for a second opinion, Stav asked Rabbi Asher Weiss, one of the leading halachic authorities in Israel, who replied, Stav says, “Of course.” Another rabbi who has drawn

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CHANUKKAH GIFT BAG DROP OFF!

As we prepare for the coming festival of lights, and as a thank you to the community, I will be personally delivering free Chanukkah Gift Bags. Each bag contains Kosher Gelt, Dreidels, and more to brighten your holidays! To receive your free bag, please email, call or text me.

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What is MVP?

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The curriculum includes an overview of Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, and others. The program also features an Anti-Bullying Program, called “Upstander - Be an Upstander, not a Bystander.”

Friendship Circle’s training practices ensure that participants learn through many different formats, including games that make it possible to glimpse what the world looks like through the lens of having special needs.

Alongside a Senior FC Mentor (current volunteer), participants will get to create and plan their very own program for The Friendship Circle participants, and the 6th (final) MVP Session will be facilitating the event.

You’re Invited!

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involving hotly contested political and cultural issues can only be held behind closed doors rather than in classrooms or at faculty meetings.

But when terrorists kill over 1,400 Jews, the choice to refrain from explicitly condemning those who perpetrated these unimaginable atrocities cannot be justified. I have no clue as to why DePaul, and so many other universities, failed to condemn explicitly the terrorism. Some might attribute it to the academy’s love-affair with the concept of “intersectionality,” which almost always

results in a negative stance toward Israel, even if not Jews as a whole. Or could it be just plain old antisemitism dressed up in a more “intellectually respectable” exterior?

Whatever the reason, by making this choice in the wake of Oct. 7, DePaul University has sent a clear message to its Jewish students, faculty, staff and alumni. I can no longer give the benefit of the doubt.

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Happy Tears

By Lauren Sachs

Lauren holds a bachelor’s degree in English and Psychology, and a Master’s Degree in Social Work, from the University of Michigan. After completing advanced clinical training at Yale University, Lauren worked as a therapist and consultant in a variety of settings. During her time in Jewish Toledo, Lauren has received the Harry Levison Young Leadership Award and the Shining Light Award, and is currently a board member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. Lauren is also the author of a forthcoming book about her late husband, his joyful approach to life and work as an oncologist, and how examining his life helped her better cope with her grief.

After losing my husband early in the pandemic, I experienced a profound sense of isolation and loneliness. While the pandemic and related restrictions designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 surely contributed to this sense of being alone in my grief, I have come to understand the ubiquity of this metaphorical quarantine. Indeed, as I have subsequently heard the stories of countless people coping with loss, I have learned that this sense of seclusion is not unique to those of us who lost our loved ones during the dark days of the pandemic. It seems a great irony that one of the most universal aspects of being human should feel like such a singular experience. As we are all mortal beings who will eventually face death in one way or another, I find it incomprehensible that the experience of loss and mourning should be one of desolation. Over the past three years, I have pondered my loss and reflected further on how our society addresses those of us who are bereaved. Through this process of introspection and examination, I have come to understand that a good deal of the loneliness of loss stems from the false belief that we will be unable to find community in our time of bereavement.

When someone experiences a great loss, friends and family of the bereaved seem to follow a very typical pattern. People who care for the person in grief typically take time to show their love and support in the earliest months following the loss. While many others may wish to provide aid, not everyone comes forward to address the griever as so many feel uncomfortable and ill-equipped to openly address a person coping with loss. Moreover, even amongst those who are able to overcome their fears of stepping forward, the window of time that would-be supporters show up to check on the bereaved is very narrow. Indeed, most people who take the time to show up shortly after a loss quickly return to their normal lives while the bereaved person must try and grapple with a new and heart-wrenching reality. Though the intentions of those who care for the bereaved are certainly good ones, these common dynamics further exacerbate the grieving person’s sense of abandonment.

Despite what may seem like an unavoidable reality in the wake of intense loss, I have come to believe that finding community is not only possible – but is actually an indispensable element in healing from loss. In my particular circumstance and given my strong connection to my Jewish identity and community, I have come to characterize this search for fellowship as “Finding My Tribe.” While I gained a great deal from the outpouring of support from my local Jewish community, over time I found other essential outlets and built an even broader network in my grief. With a professional background in mental health, I was keenly aware of my need for emotional support following my husband’s death and, therefore, started seeing a therapist shortly after my loss. At that time, I recall my therapist encouraging me to consider joining a spousal loss support group and directing me toward our local hospice for this purpose.

Once I got over the initial nervousness of sharing my story in a group setting, I discovered a powerful sense of kinship amongst my fellow support group members. While the meeting participants had incredibly diverse backgrounds and histories of life and loss, the sense of affinity and connection I felt with my fellow widows and widowers was unmistakable even from my initial sessions. Indeed, I soon developed a deep bond with members of the group and looked forward to the sessions as a place to feel seen, heard and understood. While the timeline and nature of each person’s grief journey is unique, I feel compelled to share about my experience of finding a bereavement community as it has been such a key element to my healing. Just like the title of this column refers to the broad range of feelings experienced in grief, I have also found that our meetings encompass the full range of human emotions. As odd as it may sound, in this newfound community of grief, I have laughed just as heartily as I have cried and found a unique sort of acceptance and peace. I now know that expressing my genuine feelings with other mourners has been one of the most cathartic and healing parts of my loss and has led me down the path toward a higher love which can only be found through shared life, love and loss.

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As the temperature turns cooler, leaves change colors, and fall weather settles in, many of us tend to turn indoors in preparations for the coming winter.

With Thanksgiving holiday approaching quickly, what better time to take stock of our technology at home that helps us enjoy the closeness and comfort of family and friends? Please see the list at right for basic reminders of commonly used, and often taken for granted, tech that helps make our lives more connected and better fed. Here's wishing for a safe and secure November.

Until next month - Tim

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Ian Kinsler wears Team Israel jersey to throw out first pitch at Texas Rangers playoff game

(JTA) — Ian Kinsler, the Jewish former MLB All-Star and Team Israel manager, wore a Team Israel jersey while throwing out the first pitch of the playoff game between the Texas Rangers and the Houston Astros.

As both a player and a manager, Ian Kinsler has worn the jersey many times and in several different stadiums. But the choice to wear it at the game, along with a Texas Rangers hat — he played the first eight years of his 14-year MLB career with the Rangers — appeared to be a stand of solidarity with Israel as it deals with the fallout of Hamas’ Oct. 7 attacks.

<https://twitter.com/Rangers/status/1714794567839748470>

The clip of the first pitch was shared widely across social media, with fans and Team Israel players commending Kinsler for his show of support.

“Ian Kinsler, in his own quiet way, has given the supporters of Israel a reason to feel very proud and have great respect,” Team Israel general manager Peter Kurz, who had recruited Kinsler to join the team, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency via text message. “There is no bigger platform today in America than the baseball playoffs, and by taking advantage of that platform to so proudly wear his Team Israel jersey as he got the honor of throwing out the first pitch, Ian has said to the world: ‘Israel means a lot to me, Israel is fighting a bitter and barbarian enemy, and I support the people of Israel in this war!’”

Kinsler played for Team Israel in the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo — for which he obtained Israeli citizenship — and managed the club at the 2023 World Baseball Classic in Miami.

Ahead of Team Israel pitcher Dean Kremer’s emotional playoff appearance just days into the war, Kinsler told the Dallas Morning News that he has been



Ian Kinsler played for Team Israel at the Olympics in Tokyo after 14 MLB seasons. (Courtesy of JNF-USA)

following the situation in Israel.

“It’s a tough time, and something that is hard to understand,” Kinsler said. “I stand in solidarity with the people of Israel, especially the IDF who are fighting to defend the country and its people. I know people who have been recalled to service and pray for their safety and their family’s peace of mind daily. Innocent lives are being lost on both sides and I pray for a quick resolution.”

Kinsler’s display of support in the playoffs follows similar acts by Astros star Alex Bregman, who drew a Star of David on his hat during the previous series, and Kremer, who wore a Star of David necklace as he became the first Israeli-American to pitch in the postseason. Last week, the Philadelphia Phillies held a moment of silence for Israel prior to their playoff game against the Atlanta Braves.

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attention for his wartime legal opinions is Yoni Rosensweig, an Orthodox rabbi who leads a synagogue in Beit Shemesh and has built a substantial following both due to his legal opinions and his mental health advocacy. Rosensweig, too, ruled that soldiers and others in need should be lenient when assessing the kosher status of homemade, donated food. But a ruling on another topic ignited a backlash.

On the first day of the war, Rosensweig received a question about whether a man heading into battle could hug his wife goodbye if she was at a point in her menstrual cycle when touch would otherwise be prohibited under traditional Jewish law.

Rosensweig’s answer, posted on Facebook, was clear: Yes, provided that the embrace was for comfort only.

“There is no greater emotional need — both for the husband and for the wife — than this hug before embarking on a military operation to defend the people and the land,” he wrote.

The backlash was swift. For days, Rosensweig fended off criticism and responded to questions about how he could rule in contravention of mainstream opinions about Jewish law. After several days, he sought to put an end to the fighting with a new post.

“The reality is that I’m impressed that most of the public didn’t wait for me for this ruling at all. They did what they thought was right,” he wrote. “Those who wanted gave a hug, and those who didn’t — did not. And that makes sense. Because when you are right there, at that very moment, you do not call the rabbi, but do what you think is right.”

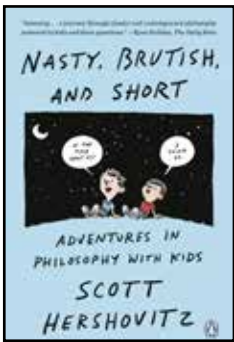
NWOhio Jewish Book Festival

19th Annual NW Ohio Book Festival



Nasty, Brutish, and Short by Scott Hershovitz Thursday, November 9 at 7 p.m.

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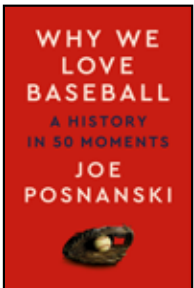
Scott Hershovitz has two young sons, Rex and Hank. From the time they could talk, he noticed that they raised philosophical questions and were determined to answer them. They recreated ancient arguments. And they advanced entirely new ones. That's not unusual, Hershovitz says. *Every kid is a philosopher.*

Following an agenda set by Rex and Hank, Hershovitz takes us on a fun romp through classic and contemporary philosophy, powered by questions like, Does Hank have the right to drink soda? When is it okay to swear? and, Does the number six exist? Hershovitz and his boys take on more weighty issues too. They explore punishment, authority, sex, gender, race, the nature of truth and knowledge, and the existence of G-d. Along the way, they get help from professional philosophers, famous and obscure.

Hershovitz is the Thomas G. and Mabel Long Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy at The University of Michigan. He directs the University's Law and Ethics Program and co-edits Legal Theory. Before joining the Michigan faculty, Hershovitz served as a law clerk to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the United States Supreme Court and an attorney-advisor on the appellate staff of the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice.

Why We Love Baseball: A History in 50 Moments by Joe Posnanski Sunday, November 12 at 6 p.m.

Shorty's Back Forty, 5215 Monroe St.
\$18 – includes author presentation and dinner (salmon, Impossible Burger sloppy joes, green beans, mac & cheese, salad, and other treats)
\$40 – includes author presentation, dinner, and book



A love letter to baseball, and the follow-up to last year's runaway bestseller *The Baseball 100*, Joe Posnanski's new book, *Why We Love Baseball*, is equally essential reading, now about the game's top 50 moments. Willie Mays's catch. Babe Ruth's called shot. Kirk Gibson's limping home run. Moments like these have been described again and again, and in *Why We Love Baseball*, they are looked at anew, told from unique perspectives. **Joe Posnanski** is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of six books, including *Paterno* and *The Secret of Golf*. He has written for *The*

Athletic, *Sports Illustrated*, *NBC Sports*, and *The Kansas City Star* and currently writes at JoePosnanski.com. He lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, with his family.

Bessie: A Novel
by Linda Kass
Thursday, November 16 at 12 p.m.
Congregation B'nai Israel, 6525 Sylvania Ave.
\$5 – includes kosher luncheon & author presentation
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Just days after the close of World War II, Bess Myerson, the daughter of poor Russian Jewish immigrants living in the Bronx, is competing in the Miss America pageant. At stake: a \$5,000 scholarship. The tension and excitement in Atlantic City's Warner Theatre are palpable, especially for traumatized Jews rooting for one of their own. So begins *Bessie*.

Drawing on biographical and historical sources, *Bessie* reimagines the early life of Bess Myerson, who, in 1945 at age 21, remarkably rises to become one of the most famous women in America. This intimate fictional portrait is a tender study of a bold young woman living at a precarious moment in our cultural history as she searches for love and acceptance, eager to make her mark on the world.

Linda Kass is the author of two previous historical novels, *Tasa's Song* and *A Ritchie Boy*. Linda began her career as a magazine journalist and correspondent for regional and national publications. She is the founder and owner of Gramercy Books, an independent bookstore in Columbus, Ohio.

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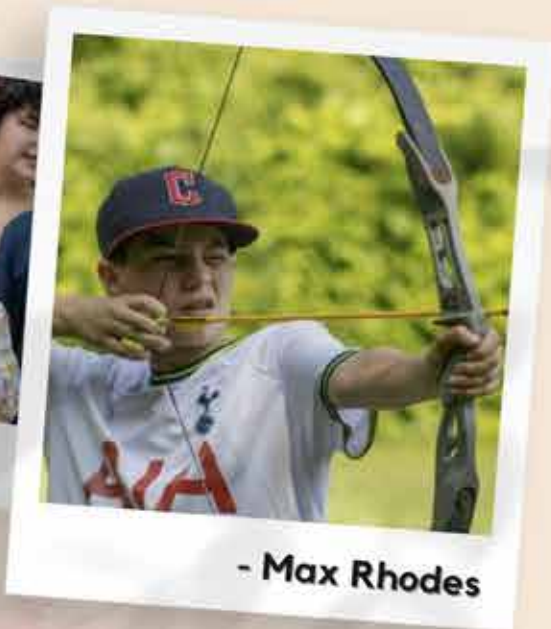
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— Julia Rhodes



- Ellery Freed & Julia Rhodes



- Max Rhodes



"I love camp because I get to meet so many new people and create long lasting bonds with other campers and counselors. I get to also embrace the Jewish culture during Shabbat. At camp I get to be the most authentic version of myself, and that is what I love most."

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(clockwise from front left) Max Rhodes, Myles Freed, Ruby Freed, Julia Rhodes, Ellery Freed, and Madelyn Freed

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- Tyler Kogan

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— Mushka and Shmouel Matusof



- Chana Matusof (right)

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"The EMOJI program has helped Tyler connect with his Judaism. Coming from a community where there are very few Jewish families, attending GUCI has helped Tyler build his own community of Jewish friends."

— Marc Kogan

Active Life for 60 and Better



DIVA ROYALE WITH JEFF DANIELS

In mid-October, local seniors traveled to Chelsea, Michigan for lunch and a show and even met a celebrity, actor and Chelsea-native, Jeff Daniels (*Dumb & Dumber*, *The Squid and the Whale*, etc.). Daniels wrote and directed the production of *Diva Royale* the group traveled to see and followed the showing with a Q&A for the audience.




Senior gathering at Gathered Glassblowing Studio

Wednesday, December 13
11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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Thursday, December 7
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Temple Shomer Emunim
\$10 per person

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Active Life for 60 and Better

Terrariums for TuB'shevat

Thursday, January 25
Sekach Building,
6505 Sylvania Ave.
12 – 2 p.m.

\$5 per person, includes lunch and terrarium supplies



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RSVP by Thursday, January 18 to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



Wedding Anniversary



Phyllis and Sandy Horwitz celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on October 19. They were married on this date at Collingwood Avenue Temple in 1952. They knew from the beginning they were destined for each other. They met in February, engaged in May, and married in October. Reflecting on 71 years of marriage, Sandy said, “I went home after our first date and told my parents I met the girl I was going to marry. After 71 years, she is still my beautiful bride.”

Never a man of few words, Sandy, age 100, also expressed his love for Phyllis, age 92, and talked about the “secrets” of a happy marriage. “Never go to bed

angry, always forgive, and to have a sense of humor.” Phyllis said “We don’t have any secrets; we just always love each other. Although, what he thinks is funny is questionable.”

Their family has been lucky to witness their enduring love. They share children, Shelley Horwitz and Andy Green, Laurie and Sandy Cohen, Denise and Steve Horwitz; grandchildren Emily Cohen, Gabi and Tyrell Paxton, Dr. Amy Horwitz, Jess and Ben Connor; and great granddaughter Ivy Paxton. It is a blessing to be able to celebrate a happy occasion with family, especially during a time of heart-break for Israel and the Jewish people.

Perhaps you or a family member are in need of help with senior social services. Maybe you know someone in need of support from a family pantry. Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services offers a range of services to benefit our community. JSFSS has a knowledgeable and caring staff waiting to help you.

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Healthy Living

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Get Fit Early, 9-10am

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Get Fit Later, 10:30-11:30am

Join us for this upbeat and energetic dance/exercise program designed to improve your fitness level safely and effectively. This is a comprehensive workout that includes strength, flexibility, balance, posture-improvement, and more. All moves can be modified to meet specific needs.

Cardio Drumming, 12-1pm

A high-energy workout that also includes some dance moves. This can also be done seated.

Wednesday

Get Fit Early, 9-10am

-or-

Get Fit Later, 10:30-11:30am

(see description above)

Ballet Ball Fusion, 12-1pm

A special blend of ballet warm-up, cardio drumming, and a Tai Chi/yoga cool-down. Ballet shoes are not required.

Friday

Zumba, 9-10am

Foundation Fitness, 10am-11pm

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Thanks for giving to the JSFSS Food Pantry

By Mary Bilyeu, Community Relations Programming Specialist

Thanksgiving is a time to express appreciation for blessings in our lives and, at the end of the year's growing season, for the harvest that has nourished us.

For the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services department (JSFSS), that gratitude particularly extends to the farmers and gardeners who've generously donated produce to its food pantry all summer long, ensuring that clients have had freshly-harvested fruits and vegetables even into the fall.

The bounty was an abundant mix of culinary basics and heirloom varieties. Deep, dark red beets. Sweet and hot peppers in glorious shades of gold, radiant orange, burgundy, and green. Bright, crisp tomatillos. Sweet yellow and zesty purple onions. Tomatoes – both red and yellow – ranging from one-bite cherry and grape options to those that were hefty, hearty, handful-sized.

"That you can take the produce and use it, that's what's important to me," said Jerry Lumbrezer with a big smile, as he dropped off tomatoes and assorted peppers one August morning.

"You're doing us a favor"

About 10 years ago, Jerry and his wife Ann had been seeking a place with which to share the overflow from their garden in nearby Berkey, and happened to find JSFSS through the recommendation of a friend. They've been bringing in donations regularly ever since, and pantry clients coming to pick up their monthly allotments of groceries have been the lucky beneficiaries.

As far as Ann is concerned, "you're doing us a favor," she said of JSFSS, by accepting bushels and boxes full of produce. "I don't have to figure out what to do with it." (She does still make lots of jams, salsas, and pickled vegetables with some of what's grown.)

The Lumbrezers have a three-acre property with approximately a half-acre dedicated to gardening, plus 20 assorted fruit trees: peach, pear, and apple. They also have 12 hives of bees.

"I'm trying to go all organic," Jerry mentioned, but says the trees need to be treated. As for the beautifully ripe tomatoes he'd brought to the Sekach Building that day, though, "these guys have never been sprayed."

"I was happy to share"

Penny Smith, who lives near Secor Park, has also brought in gorgeous fresh produce, including tomatoes, peppers, and sweet, ripe, end-of-season watermelons. She just started donating to the JSFSS food pantry in July, having searched online to find a place close to her home.

"I drive right by the [Federation] campus on my way to our vet's day boarding before going to work," she explained. So "it's just really, really convenient" to stop by with goodies after dropping off her dog at daycare.

She and her husband Jeff have "been blessed with about seven acres of land," she said, "so we have a very large home vegetable garden. We really can't eat all



the produce we grow," although Penny does make her own tomato sauce and puts up lots of other items for the winter. Expert advice and a weekly assist with all the work – the organic garden is run with "all hand-done labor," she shared proudly – comes from the Smiths' friend Melissa Sharpe, and this was a particularly productive year for them.

"I had a lot of beautiful fruit," Penny said, "so I was happy to share."

After reaching out to Pantry Manager Hannah Loeser for more information, Penny was impressed by how generous the JSFSS facility's hours are (open Tuesday through Friday), so fresh items don't sit around awhile before someone can access them.

Even more importantly, she was glad to know that if clients can't utilize all the fruits and vegetables that are offered, the pantry donates extras to other entities such as SAME Café: a pay-it-forward restaurant in downtown Toledo that ensures everyone can eat, whether by paying money, by volunteering time, or by donating produce.

"If I've harvested this," Penny said of the proceeds from her garden, "I want to

be sure it gets onto someone's plate."

It made her happy, this summer, to stop by the pantry on Monday or Tuesday mornings to bring in whatever she'd most recently harvested. "It's very challenging to find a place to take the fresh produce," she explained, and she didn't want anything to go to waste if it could help to feed someone.

"Our service model is different"

Food pantries often rely heavily upon shelf-stable, long-keeping groceries for their clients, because refrigerators and freezer space are commodities that not all facilities have room or a budget for. Therefore, items like meat, dairy, and produce are not available at every location, as they are at JSFSS.

"Many pantries just don't have the means," said Ben Malczewski, Vice President of JSFSS, though the ideal is to offer "fresh ingredients, fresh produce, the least-processed food. Unfortunately, it is easier to eat poorly. Processed foods are often cheaper and more available, but they further remove the consumer from the preparation and cooking process, and they are associated longer term with obesity and health risks. But this said, offering perishable items does take extra work and extra attention – all of which comes at a premium."

How can you support the JSFSS food pantry financially?

Pay online at jewishtoledo.org/jfs/jfs-friends-campaign

- Write a check made out to Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services, designating that your donation is for the food pantry. Mail the check to Hannah Loeser, 6505 Sylvania Ave., Sylvania, OH 43560.
- Call Hannah at 419-724-0401 to pay by credit card without going online.

Receipts and letters acknowledging donations for tax purposes are available upon request.

Do you need assistance from the JSFSS food pantry?

The Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services food pantry is located at 6505 Sylvania Avenue in Sylvania. It serves anyone who is a Lucas County resident; you don't have to be Jewish. Need is self-determined, with no income requirement.

Call the pantry directly at 419-376-0175 for information and to schedule a private appointment. The pantry is open Tuesday-Friday each week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please bring a valid photo ID to your appointment and as much information as you can about monthly expenses and your household members (i.e.: ages, dietary needs). Documents are not required, but they are helpful in order to serve clients better.

Clients may receive groceries from the JSFSS food pantry once per calendar month.

That's why having such generous gardening friends as Penny, Ann, and Jerry "fits in perfectly with why our service model is different than other pantries," he said proudly.

Being the grateful recipient of "fresh, ripe, nutritious" produce, Ben said, allows JSFSS to provide a farm-to-pantry-to-client model. It's a means of "connecting people directly to the food source, building a relationship, and respecting the process of growing and harvesting."

Just as importantly, "we tend to the individual," Ben emphasized. "All clients have unique needs and unique circumstances," and being able to select fruits and vegetables based upon their families' preferences is another way to affirm people's dignity – a critical component of JSFSS' mission.

"I'm glad that we can help them"

"You shouldn't have to give up dignity just because you need food," Hannah said emphatically. "You deserve a dignified experience. And you deserve it with a smile," which she always graciously offers to clients with her warm welcomes.

To engage respectfully and confidentially, Hannah schedules individual appointments for the pantry; this allows for privacy and enables her to work directly with each person. Because the number of clients needing services each week is a known entity, this policy also ensures that supplies aren't depleted and that there's time to re-stock the shelves – anyone coming for groceries will find a full complement of items to choose from. Many other pantries, Hannah said, have open hours during which multiple families will stop by; those who arrive later can often find it was "first come, first served" and a meager selection is left.

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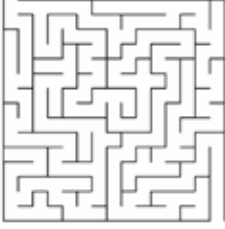


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Cultural

Wilco singer Jeff Tweedy offers Jewish prayer for healing amid Israel-Hamas war

By Shira Li Bartov
(JTA) — The Israel-Hamas war has elicited a chorus of celebrity responses, from Bono’s in-concert callout to Pete Davidson’s somber monologue on “Saturday Night Live.” Now one Grammy-winning songwriter and his wife have offered a Hebrew prayer for healing.

Susan Tweedy posted a video to Instagram on Oct. 10 of her husband Jeff Tweedy, frontman of the beloved rock band Wilco since 1994, strumming his guitar in his yard as his sons sing “Mi Shebeirach.” The Jewish prayer for physical and spiritual healing was popularized as a folk tune by Jewish musician Debbie Friedman, who wrote her Hebrew-English version in 1987 as the AIDS crisis ravaged gay communities.

In the video, which Susan noted in a comment was recorded “a while ago,” 27-year-old Spencer Tweedy and 23-year-old Sammy Tweedy take vocals. The song asks for the blessing of “r’fuah sh’leimah” (“complete healing”) and “the renewal of body, the renewal of spirit.”

The most recent photo on Sammy’s Instagram page, posted Sept. 30, indicated that he was in Israel. His Instagram bio suggests that he lives between Chicago and Tel Aviv.

Sammy has been vocal about the conflict on his account on X, the platform formerly known as Twitter. On Oct. 14, he wrote: “Cutting anyone and everyone out of my life who supported or celebrated the attacks on Saturday, who mocks Jews in our time of pain. Your hatred deserves no place in our lives.”

Jeff Tweedy, whose wife is Jewish, converted to Judaism in 2013. At the time, Sammy was struggling to study for his bar mitzvah and begging to stay home from Hebrew school. So Jeff proposed a deal: They would attend temple every week together, and while Sammy worked on his Torah portion, his father would study to convert.

“[I]t seemed to work. He ended up getting bar mitzvahed and I ended up converting,” Tweedy told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in 2019.

The Wilco singer and guitarist, who has released over 20 studio albums through his various bands and projects, also sang at both of his sons’ bar mitzvahs. He even brought the legendary gospel singer Mavis Staples on stage for Sammy’s ceremony.

Tweedy has collaborated with his sons for years. In 2020, while the family quarantined together in Chicago, he released the solo album “Love Is the King” with contributions from Spencer and Sammy. The trio also live-streamed their jam sessions at home on Instagram, calling these evenings “The Tweedy Show.”

Adam Sandler, Amy Schumer and long list of celebs ask Biden to keep pushing for release of Israeli hostages

By Gabe Friedman
(JTA) — A strikingly long list of celebrities launched a campaign called #NoHostageLeftBehind recently, aimed at pressuring President Joe Biden to continue to work to secure the release of the more than 200 hostages taken captive by Hamas on Oct. 7.

Some of the dozens of stars involved include Amy Schumer, Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Jerry Seinfeld, Madonna, Gwyneth Paltrow, Katy Perry, Bradley Cooper, Justin Timberlake, Jordan Peele, Michelle Williams, Orlando Bloom, Kirsten Dunst, Will Ferrell and Paul Rudd.

The group signed an open letter addressed to Biden, which thanks the president for his “unshakable moral conviction, leadership, and support for the Jewish people, who have been terrorized by Hamas since the group’s founding over 35 years ago, and for the Palestinians, who have also been terrorized, oppressed, and victimized by Hamas for the last 17 years that the group has been governing Gaza.”

The letter also mentions the four hostages that Hamas has so far released. But the note adds “our relief is tempered by our overwhelming concern that 220 innocent people, including 30 children, remain captive by terrorists, threatened with torture and death.”

“We all want the same thing: Freedom for Israelis and Palestinians to live side by side in peace,” the letter continues. “Freedom from the brutal violence spread by Hamas. And most urgently, in this moment, freedom for the hostages.”

Since the violence began on Oct. 7, many Hollywood stars — Jewish and non-Jewish — have taken to social media to voice support for Israel and grieve the over 1,400 victims of Hamas’ attacks. Amy Schumer, who has over 13 million followers on Instagram, has been one of the most vocal, posting about the conflict more than two dozen times over the past weeks.

Meanwhile, the Writers Guild of America, which recently ended a months-long strike, said its members could not reach a consensus on issuing a statement on the attacks and their aftermath.

Taylor Swift’s bodyguard returns to Israel to fight in the war



By Jacob Gurvis
(JTA) — An Israeli bodyguard who has been working for superstar Taylor Swift on her global “Eras” tour has returned to Israel to fight in its ongoing war against Hamas.

Eran Swissa, an entertainment reporter for the Israeli newspaper Israel Hayom, conveyed the news. “I have a pretty great life in the U.S., a dream job, great friends, and a comfortable home,” said the guard, who chose not to share his name. “I didn’t have to come here, but I couldn’t stand by while families were slaughtered and burned alive in their homes. Don’t stand by and do nothing. Don’t be on the wrong side of history.”

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The guard had gone viral over the summer for his attentiveness while protecting Swift. Clips of him closely watching the crowd while escorting Swift into and out of her concerts were the subject of several videos and posts across social media.

“That man just scanned a thousand people in the crowd in six seconds, six seconds flat. Whatever Taylor Swift’s paying him, it’s not enough,” one user said in a TikTok video in July that received 1.3

million likes.

In his statement to Swissa, the guard strongly condemned Hamas, writing that “those are not human beings.” He went on: “I’m not only standing here with Israel and actually standing here. I’m standing here with humanity. Don’t be on the wrong side of history!! Don’t stand on the sidelines and say nothing... Stand with Israel, stand with HUMANITY!!!!”

Swift, who has spoken out on political and current events in the past, has as of publication not publicly commented on the war in Israel. That silence has elicited criticism from some of her fans, especially as she promotes her new concert film, “Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour,” which opened in theaters on Friday, Oct. 13 and set a box office record.

Nicole Rose, a Jewish jeweler with 150,000 Instagram followers, wrote: “Terrible timing. Kids are getting raped. Innocent people are dying on both sides. Hamas!! a terrorist organization is slaughtering Israelis... but it’s ‘launch day’??? I’m super disappointed in her.”

While presale tickets for the “Eras” film had been selling quickly in Israel, all movie theaters are currently closed due to the war, according to the Jerusalem Post.

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While some JSFSS pantry clients receive Social Security benefits, most work at least one full-time job and still can’t make ends meet. Between shift hours, kids’ activities, health issues, possible dependence upon others (such as buses or friends) for transportation, and other complicating factors, it can be difficult to come out to Sylvania for appointments. But Hannah does her best to be flexible and accommodating because “I feel for my clients,” she said, who try so hard to care for their families.

“It’s a double-edged sword,” she continued, noting that she loves seeing clients when they visit, having befriended them as they work together to gather groceries and other household and hygiene items. “I’m glad that we can help them,” but having people need the pantry “means everyone is not doing so well.”

“I put a smile on your face”

Unfortunately, “we’re seeing a lot more clients now,” Hannah said with emphasis, than the pantry had cared for even two years ago when she was hired at Federation; she has been working with 30 clients each month lately versus 26, on average, just last year. Inflation, the loss of pandemic-related benefits,

and many other socioeconomic factors are contributing to that steep increase.

Although there’s greater demand upon the pantry these days, Hannah insists “we’re not turning anyone away. It shouldn’t be a luxury to have food and personal care [items]. I want to get help to as many people as we can.”

It’s definitely a team effort to keep so many clients who depend upon the pantry nourished, with hard-working and compassionate staff members, volunteer shoppers who keep the shelves stocked, donors who provide critical financial resources, and gardeners who share so much produce all playing essential roles. Without each of their contributions, JSFSS couldn’t do its job to help combat food insufficiency in Lucas County.

“I have a great feeling when I go home,” Jerry said to Hannah that August morning, after dropping off his produce donation that would soon be shared with pantry clients. “I put a smile on your face.”

“You put a smile on about 22 families’ faces last week,” she replied, letting him know how grateful she was for the tremendous impact of his and Ann’s generosity.

Jerry had no words for a response. He simply beamed with joy.

News

Antisemitism reportedly spikes and US Jews face violent threats amid climate of fear over Israel-Hamas war

(JTA) – A top lawyer in Illinois’ state government told a Jewish person, “Hitler should have eradicated all of you.” An Israeli student was assaulted at Columbia University. And Jewish schools and synagogues in at least three different states have been subjected to violent threats.

Those are a few incidents that have occurred during what, according to the Anti-Defamation League, is a 21% spike in antisemitic activity in the United States since Hamas invaded Israel on Oct. 7, killing and wounding thousands. Israel’s ensuing war on the terror group in Gaza has killed thousands and has sparked both pro-Palestinian and pro-Israel activity across the globe.

That reported increase in antisemitism has put Jewish communities — and the U.S. government — on guard as the war in Gaza and Israel dominates the headlines, even as Jewish security agencies have not warned of any credible threats of violence. Hillel International is providing new funding for armed guards on college campuses, and other Jewish institutions are also bolstering security. Last month, Attorney General Merrick Garland announced that the Justice Department was monitoring an increase in reported threats to Jewish, Muslim and Arab communities.

“What we knew even before the massacre that occurred on October 7 is that whenever there is conflict in that region we tend to see antisemitic incidents spike in this country, and in other countries as well,” Oren Segal, vice president of the ADL’s Center on Extremism, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The ADL has tracked a total of 193 incidents it classifies as antisemitic in the period following Hamas’ Oct. 7 attack on Israel, an increase of more than 20% from the same time period last year, although reports of antisemitism are still coming in. Such incidents cover a wide range of activities and do not include participation in pro-Palestinian rallies. But Segal said any incident that “ascribes blame to the entire Jewish community for what is happening in Israel” would be counted.

The period after the Oct. 7 invasion has also seen attacks and threats targeting Muslims in the United States, including the murder of a 6-year-old Palestinian-American boy in the Chicago area.

Amid all of this, nonprofits focused on Jewish security have, so far, not sounded the alarm. One such organization in New York, the Community Security Initiative, has advised Jewish institutions to “keep calm and carry on,” according to The New York Times. Jewish security agencies also said weeks ago they were not aware of any credible threats ahead of what Jews feared was a Hamas-inspired day of violence on Oct. 13.

“People are calling the NYPD bomb squad because they got a package from Gaza that turns out it’s olive oil,” said Mitch Silber, director of the Community Security Initiative and a former intelligence official for the New York Police Department. He added that Hamas has no known formal capacity in the United States.

“It feels like pure panic mode the community is in, and part of our job is to do a little anxiety alleviation,” Silber said.

The Secure Community Network, a nationwide security organization for Jewish institutions that operates a “command center” in Chicago, did not respond to multiple

requests for comment.

And some high-profile suspicions of antisemitism have not necessarily borne out. In the moments after the murder of a young Detroit synagogue president was reported, rumors swirled that the crime was linked to the Israel-Hamas war. But police say they have not seen any sign of antisemitism so far in their investigation.

Yet there has indeed been a string of violent incidents and threats against Jews in cities across the country. In New York City, police say a man told a woman that he was punching her because she was Jewish. On Oct. 17, in Charlotte, North Carolina, the FBI announced it had arrested a man who had sent a threatening email to an area synagogue in which he vowed “public execution”; the threat came weeks after a rash of other emailed and phoned threats to synagogues across the country. That same day, police in Miami Beach, Florida, arrested a homeless man who approached a local Jewish day school security guard, said, “I’m with Hamas,” and falsely claimed he was carrying explosives.

Other threats against Jews this month have come from working professionals. A professor at the University of California, Davis posted online that “all these Zionist journalists who spread propaganda and misinformation” could be targeted, and concluded the post with machete, ax and blood drop emojis. The university’s president announced recently that the school had placed the professor under investigation, and her name is no longer listed on the faculty page.

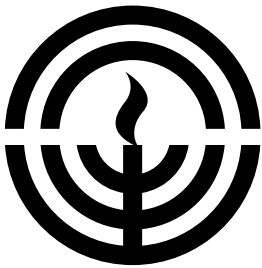
And the Illinois comptroller’s office fired one of its legal counsels after the attorney was found to have left threatening comments on the anonymous Instagram page of a lawyer who identified as Jewish, including “Hitler should have eradicated all of you” and “all you Zionists will pay,” according to reports.

The attorney, Sarah Chowdhury, also served as president of the South Asian Bar Association; the legal group announced it had terminated her as well and apologized “for any harm” caused by her remarks.

Beyond threats of violence, American Jews have contended with antisemitic graffiti and vandalism over the past weeks. Some of these incidents have occurred on university campuses. At Cal Poly Humboldt, in northern California, two days after the attacks, graffiti reading “Free Palestine F**k Israel” was found on a sukkah set up by the university’s Chabad-Lubavitch center. Graffiti reading “The Jews R Nazis” was also found next to a Jewish fraternity at the University of Pennsylvania on Oct. 20, according to the campus newspaper.

A spokesperson for Hillel International, the umbrella organization for Jewish life on campus, told JTA it was providing unrestricted “emergency grants” to all its chapters, including to address security concerns and expanding staff “in this moment of crisis.”

Other Jewish institutions have been targeted as well. The day after the Humboldt incident, a synagogue in Fresno, California, had its windows smashed by a perpetrator who also left a note reading, “All Jewish businesses will be targeted.” A suspect has been taken into custody and charged with a hate crime, reported J. the Jewish News of Northern California.



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Torah Portion of the Week

with Miriam Beckerman

Friday, November 3rd, 10th, 17th

11:00 AM In-Person at CBI

THIS PROGRAM IS FOR CBI MEMBERS ONLY

The CBI office will be CLOSED

Thursday Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day
 Friday Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Wknd

NW Ohio Jewish Book Festival:

Bessie: A Novel by Linda Kass

Enjoy lunch and meet the author

Thursday, November 16, 2023 12:00 PM

at CBI Cost \$5 lunch, \$15 lunch/book

RSVP online at form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/bookfestival23. Any questions contact Sherry Majewski, at sherry@jewishtoledo or 419-724-0351

Community Event:

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Sunday, November 19, 2023

11:30 AM - 3:00 PM, at CBI

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023

HAZZAN IVOR LICHTERMAN & JAN LACKER-LICHTERMAN AND FAMILY AND THE OFFICERS AND STAFF OF CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL DEEPLY APPRECIATE OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AND WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY THANKSGIVING.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sisterhood 2.0: Yoga & Dinner

Sunday, December 3, 2023

4:30-5:30 PM at Toledo Yoga

Dinner will follow at Paddy Jack's on Central Avenue

This is a Sisterhood 2.0 program for Women of CBI aged 60's and under only. Program limited to 18 women.

Cost is \$10 for Yoga. Each attendee will pay for their own dinner at Sidon.

RSVP by Monday, November 27th by contacting Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org.

WCBI BOOK CLUB:

The Wind Knows my Name

by Isabel Allende; translated by Frances Riddle

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 10:30 AM

In-Person at CBI

RSVP to Ellen Federman at efederman@sbcglobal.net by Sunday, December 3, 2023.

OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

Hanukkah Begins on the Evening of

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Hanukkah candles, gelt, menorahs, wrapping paper, and gift items are available for purchase at the CBI Gift Shop. To see the full Hanukkah gift assortment, please call 419.517.8400 to make an appointment. The gift shop is open on Sundays during religious school from 9:30 - 11:30 AM.

Congregation Etz Chayim

BREAKFAST & MOVIE PLANNED

Everyone is invited to a Sunday morning movie with a light breakfast on November 5 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The movie is titled "Tiger Within." This is a story featuring an unlikely friendship between a homeless teen and a Holocaust survivor, sparking larger questions of fear, forgiveness, healing and world peace, starring multiple Emmy Award-winning actor, Ed Asner, in his final performance.

ZOOM PROGRAM SCHEDULED WITH RABBI JASON MARK

We are fortunate to have Rabbi Jason Mark lead a Zoom program on Sunday, November 12 at 10:30 a.m. His sessions are interesting, meaningful and interactive. The topic is: "Talking and getting a deeper understanding about 'Sacrifices'." Register with Nancy Jacobson or Elsa Leveton so you are able to receive the link.

MAHJ/POKER GAMES

Mahj & Poker are planned for Sunday, November 19 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Etz Chayim. Please let Nancy Jacobson know if you are interested in joining the group. Refreshments will be served.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS & AWARD LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE- On Sunday, December 3rd at 12:30 p.m. Etz Chayim will host a catered luncheon to install its new officers and board of trustees. In addition, the Harry Levine Service Award will be presented to Sharon for her hard work and dedication to the synagogue. Reservations are required and must be received by November 27th by emailing Elsa Leveton at elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org or calling the synagogue, 419-473-2401.

SPEAKER & CHANUKAH LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE- On Sunday, December 10th at 10:30 a.m., Congregation Etz Chayim welcomes Aviva Panush from Ann Arbor who will speak and lead a discussion on Chanukah. Following the presentation, a delicious Latke lunch will be served. Everyone is invited. There is no charge, but reservations are required.

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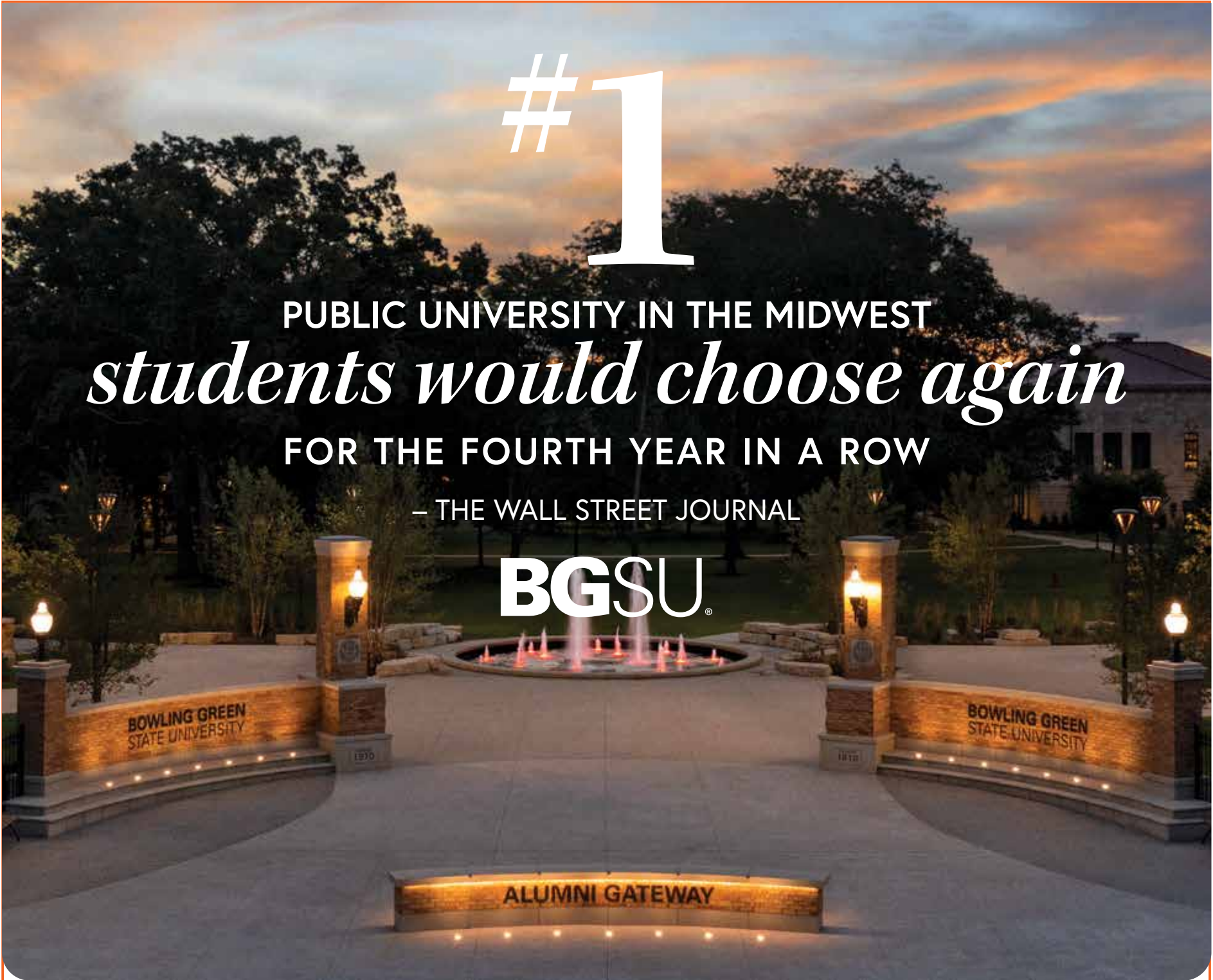
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Joshua Michael and Harlie Samantha Kerper will be called to the Torah as a B'nai Mitzvah on December 9, 2023 at Temple Shomer Emunim. Josh and Harlie are the son and daughter of Kenn and Erica Kerper and brother and sister of Joey.

Proud grandparents are Sheldon and Helen Kerper of Boynton Beach, FLA, and Jane and Larry Markwood of

Toledo, Ohio.

Josh and Harlie both enjoy going to Camp Wise each summer where they connect with their friends from all over the midwest and beyond. For their Mitzvah project, they have been volunteering their time at Food for Thought making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for those who are hungry in the Toledo area.

In their free time, Josh plays soccer and bowls for St. Francis. He enjoys playing Pokemon Go, telling jokes, and playing card games. Harlie plays volleyball for St. Ursula Academy, enjoys spending time with family and friends, babysitting, and taking care of her two guinea pigs named Mookie and Hank.



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Dave Tullis, Jewish Federation Community Asset, Safety and Security Manager helps us stay protected with valuable safety tips.

Imposter scams



Imposter scams are on the rise, now’s the time to get informed and help protect yourself against common scams with these helpful tips.
At the height of the pandemic, scammers were focused on trying to access money that was flowing from government programs. But this year, they’ve moved their focus away from these scams, targeting more individuals instead.

Latest Scams and Frauds

- 1. **Depositing Checks from Unknown Sources:** Fraudsters may ask you to deposit a check into your personal account and promise you can keep a portion of the money. These checks are often counterfeit and may be returned or sourced from illegal activity — you could lose money or even become unknowingly involved in a crime.

Requests for Donations: During times of geopolitical events, fraudsters exponentially increase their efforts to take advantage of your interest to support specific causes. Funds or personal information provided to unverified charities could ultimately not reach their intended audience and could put your account information at risk. [FTC.Gov](#) provides guidance to help donate wisely and ensure your contributions reach their intended targets.

Requests for Account Info: Fraudsters may pose as your bank employee and ask for information which allows them to access your account — they may email, text, or call you.

- 2. **Paying with Gift Cards:** Scammers pretend to be someone they’re not to convince you to pay with a gift card. Legitimate companies or government agencies would not make this request.

Tips to help keep your money accounts safe.

- If you receive a one-time passcode you didn't request, don't give the code to anyone who contacts you for it.
- Never open or use a personal bank account to deposit or transfer funds for someone else.
- Be wary of "get rich quick" or "easy money" schemes, especially if unsolicited.
- Use known links to access businesses online.
- Verify any phone, text or email contacts are legitimate before sharing information such as your account number, security word, PIN, User ID or password.
- Be leery of requests to download apps to fix issues or that allow access to your device.

Government Imposter Scams

How they work:

A fraudster pretends to be a government agency staffer or law enforcement officer advising you of a past-due balance for a warrant, pending arrest or other police activity. By text, email or phone call, the “officer” instructs you to pay immediately via wire, peer-to-peer payment app or gift card to resolve the issue.

What you can do:

- Be wary of any correspondence that doesn’t provide valid contact information or urges you to act immediately.
- Never click on unknown links because they could install malware or lead to a spoofed website with a scammer-run chat feature.
- Keep in mind that government entities will never require a specific form of payment.
- You can check whether this notice is valid by using the phone number or email address listed on the agency’s official website instead.

Grandparent Cons

How They Work:

Someone posing as a relative (like your “grandson or granddaughter”) sends an email or calls you saying he or she is in trouble and needs you to wire money right away. The scammer asks you not to tell anyone and directs you to a neighborhood location to transfer or send funds.

What Can You Do:

- No matter how convincing it sounds, do not fall for this tale of woe.
- Notify the police immediately and provide them with the details for wiring or sending money, if you have it.
- Call your family members.

Keep your personal information personal!

With data breaches and identity theft in the news practically every week, you may be wondering what you can do to secure your finances. Here are 10 of the best measures you can take, according to experts. If you’re not already doing these, it’s easy to make them a part of your routine to safeguard your accounts.

- Keep crucial numbers secure.
- Create strong passwords or pass phrases.
- Be mindful with mail habits.
- Monitor your credit.
- Beware of fake websites
- Avoid phishing scams.
- Shred sensitive documents
- Share cautiously on social media.
- Be diligent with your devices.
- Stay vigilant!

Additional Safety Tips

- Question and verify all requests for information regarding payments, especially through unexpected calls, emails, or texts. If you have any doubt, contact the company directly..
- Set up 2-factor authentication with the companies you do business with to help keep your device and money secure.
- Review your accounts, and if you suspect your account has been compromised, change your user ID and password for your online access to your bank and other important accounts.
- If you notice you no longer have control of your phone, immediately contact your cell phone provider. Phone takeover (SIM swap) can put your money at risk.

Whenever you deal with currency, please be diligent and suspicious of fraud or scams.



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