

## L'Shana Tova U'metukah

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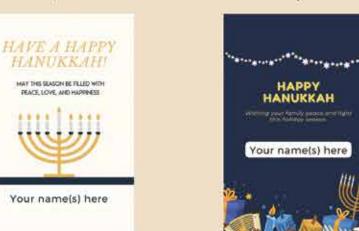


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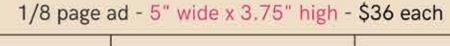
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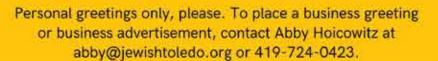
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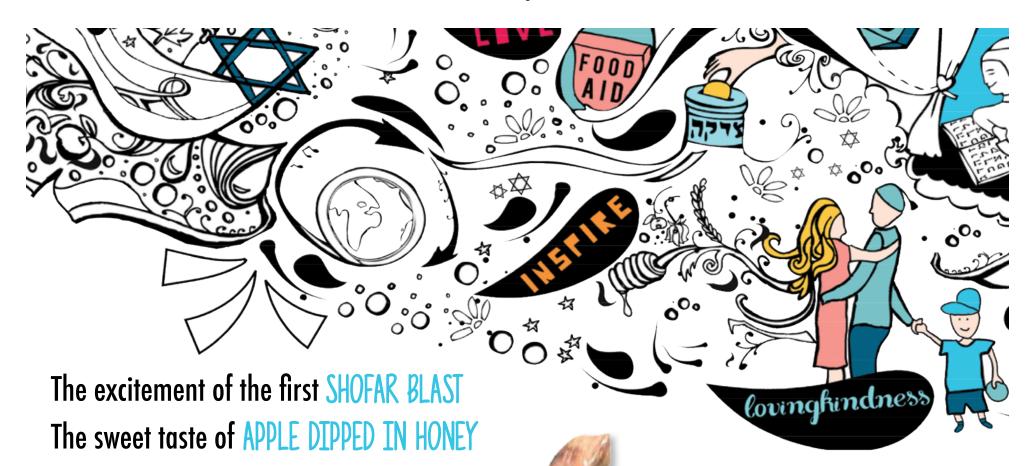
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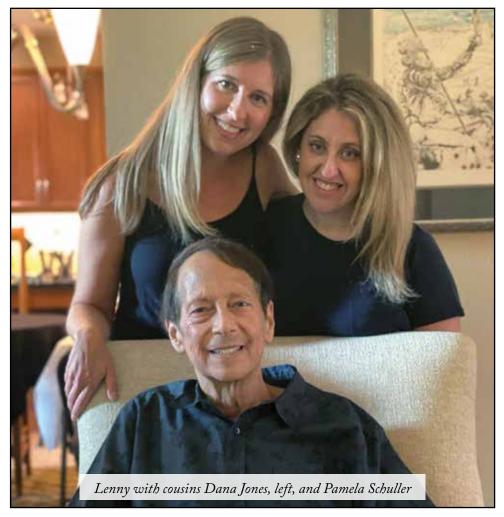


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## \$431,000 Leonard H. Rosenberg Endowment Fund to support JSFSS programs and services

## 'Lenny' remembered by friends/family as a true 'mensch'

By Abby Hoicowitz



Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services (JSFSS) has received a permanent endowment gift of approximately \$431,000 from Leonard ("Lenny") Rosenberg (z"l) to support its programs and services. The gift will be managed by the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (TJCF) and will be restricted to the support or enhancement of the wellbeing of those in need who live in the Greater Toledo Jewish community and are financially challenged. Funds will support a wide range of individual needs and human services to people in the community at every stage of the life cycle. Examples include, but are not limited to, assisting those facing a financial or health crisis, providing emergency food, rent or utility assistance, day/overnight camp scholarship support, and enrichment for those with disabilities.

A dedication ceremony is being planned and will include a plaque in the JFSSS Sekach Building reading, "The support and enhancement of the well-being of those in financial need in the Greater Toledo Jewish community and who receive human services offered through the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo are generously supported by the Leonard H. Rosenberg Endowment Fund."

Lenny passed away at home in May 2022 from cancer. Born February 13, 1953, to Sam and Jean Rosenberg, Lenny grew up in Old

Orchard and attended Old Orchard Elementary School, DeVilbiss High School, and The University of Toledo. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Murry.

A skilled swimmer, Lenny swam competitively from the age of five, excelling in butterfly and freestyle and setting many pool records with over 500 first place wins. He placed third in the butterfly in the State of Ohio for DeVilbiss High School's swim team in 1970 and ended his career with Glass City Aquatic Club, ranking in the top 20 in the United States in the National YMCA championship meet in Fort Lauderdale Florida.

In 1975, Lenny and Murry purchased Toledo Academy of Beauty Culture on St. Clair Street in downtown Toledo. In 1993, Lenny (with longtime friend and employee "Miss Georgia") bought out Murry so he could pursue other interests and continued to operate the schools until the last one was sold in 2019, culminating a 43-year career.

"Lenny was a charming, gentle, and delightful human being who was obviously charitably inclined," said his cousin, Mickey Rosenberg. "Healthwise, he had a very difficult life, having suffered from cancer at approximately age 20. He had multiple surgeries as a result of the cancer and his radiation treatments caused damage to his kidneys; he suffered from issues the balance of his life. He never complained about those issues, simply continued to work through those difficulties and built a lovely business with his brother, Murry... Len was a genuine mensch. He had very long-term friendships with people, even from elementary school, who still live in Toledo as well as many professional people and people from all walks of life. He was not ily all these years... someone who you could pigeonhole. the endowment is a reflection of who he truly was."

Lenny lovingly prepared much of his own obituary, expressing his affection and gratitude for those who cared for him across many decades.

"To my best friend, Jim Anderson: We had a wonderful relationship since fifth grade. Many, many laughs and good times along the way. You are everything a good friend possesses, kind, caring, thoughtful, respectful, honest, and supportive. In Jewish, we call this a "mensch," a person of the highest integrity and honor. Stay well my friend."

Anderson shared that his 60-year friendship with Lenny began with their mutual love of swimming and blossomed once they became fifth grade classmates at Old Orchard Elementary School.

"I'm a good swimmer. He was a great swimmer," Anderson said. As adults, "we would go on great vacations every winter. That was our friendship. He was a great friend. He would call on every birthday and I would call him on his."

Anderson, also Lenny's lawyer, explained that his best friend's charitable legacy also includes sizable donations to Toledo Humane Society, Metroparks Toledo, Lucas County Canine Care & Control, The University of Toledo Department of Accounting (in honor of his father, Sam Rosenberg), the City of Toledo swimming services, and more.

"If I'm a mensch, he's a super mensch," he stated. "He was all about his family, his friends, and his faith, that was Lenny. He was a serious believer, and he wanted to leave a

Lenny's cousin, Mitzi Schuller, added, "Whenever I have had difficult times in my life, Lenny has always been there for me. He has talked me off the ledge and made me laugh harder than anyone I've ever

known since we were kids... It was Lenny that accompanied my daughters to every father/daughter event after their dad died. It was Lenny that came to [Pamela Schuller]'s boarding school parent's weekend in Burlington Vermont every year, and it was Lenny that walked my daughter Dana down the aisle. [He has] quietly [been] a mensch for our fam-

"He was one of the finest men I He was a kindhearted soul. I think have ever known in my life and always so humble and quick to laugh at himself. Our hearts are broken that he is gone, but we are taking solace in knowing that his gifts to the community will continue his legacy for so many years to come."

> Pamela Schuller further noted, "From parents' weekends at my boarding school in Vermont to our hour-long phone calls every three weeks - where Uncle Lenny always reminded me to get enough sleep, eat a good meal, take some time off, and call him when I got wherever I was going... All our calls included a lot of advice from him. I loved those calls, and I have learned so much from them. Uncle Lenny was funny. Like, had me laughing out loud funny...

> "Lenny always took the time to hear how somebody's day was going. Not just his family, literally everyone. Lenny gave to a lot to great causes and organizations he cared about, he volunteered with animals and always took in the stray animals he found; after [our cat, Jerry Richard] was found as a stray, Lenny made sure we fell in love with that cat and took him home. He loved his dogs so much and his cat Simcha and honestly, every animal he met. Especially ones who had had a hard beginning; he loved a good underdog story."

> In his final written words, Lenny conveyed his love for many of his furry friends (Whippets, Diamond Jim, Penn Dragon, Shayna Punim, and Simcha).

> "Hey kids, get ready, as your dad has crossed the 'Pet Rainbow Bridge' with all your favorite toys and treats. Can't wait to be all together again. And to my beloved cat, Simcha, I'm so sorry to leave you so soon. I loved you dearly."\*

> \*Editor's note: Jim Anderson, Lenny Rosenberg's best friend and lawyer, has confirmed that a new home has been found for Simcha.

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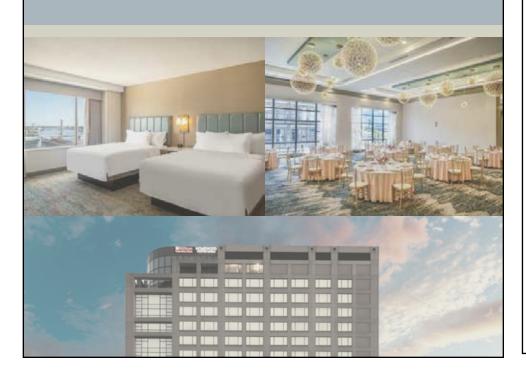
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Preferred maximum obit length is 500 words contact paul@JewishToledo.org. (Toledo Jewish News reserves the right to edit obituaries as necessary).

Email completed obituaries to: paul@JewishToledo.org You may include a photo of the deceased if you wish (optional).

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Toledo is fortunate to have been selected as the first stop on their American tour. The women will be in town November 6-9, 2022.

The Jewish Federation is looking for community members who are willing to host groups of two or more Israeli women at their homes and to provide them with breakfast each morning. At least one woman in the group would be Jewish and at least one woman would be Arab. The women can share a room, but they will need their own beds for sleeping.

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## Congressional candidates address Jewish Toledo with discussion of key issues













Caption for collage: (top left) Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur shakes hands with Howie Beigelman, Executive Director, Ohio Jewish Communities; (top right) J.R. Majewski speaks to attendees; (bottom right) Kevin McQueen asks Congresswoman Kaptur a question; (bottom center) Marcy Kuehnle, Temple Shomer Emunim representative, asks J.R. Majewski a question; (center) Charles and Phyllis Wittenberg and Helen Grubb listen to the candidates speak; and (bottom left) Daniel Pearlman, JCRC Director, right, leads the candidate discussions beside Stephen Rothschild, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo CEO

In late August, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) hosted individual meetings with Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur and with J.R. Majewski, who are both running for Congress.

The newly redistricted 9th Congressional District includes all of Lucas County, a slice of northern Wood County, as well as several counties to our west and east. As such, it includes all of the Jewish institutions in Greater Toledo: the Jewish Federation, Temple Shomer Emunim, Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, Toledo Hillel, Chabad, and all of the Jewish cemeteries. This district will last for one term (two years), at which point a new map will be drawn.

At the meeting, candidates and attendees discussed rising antisemitism, community safety and security gaps, Toledo-Israel partnerships, the Abraham Accords, Jewish Federations' support for Ukraine, and more. Over 20 lay and professional Jewish community leaders attended these private meetings.

If you would like to learn more, please contact Daniel Pearlman, JCRC Director, at daniel@jewishto-ledo.org.

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## News

# The sky's no limit for this Jewish 14-year-old who broke a national high jump record

By Tom Tugend

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — JJ Harel, newly 14 years old and standing at 6-foot-2, expects to face some tough competition when the Olympics return to Los Angeles in 2028 and the starting pistol for the track and field events sounds off.

But his first decision will be whether to march into the Olympic stadium under the American, Australian or Israeli flag.

In any other family, such musings would be taken as the fantasies of an over-stimulated adolescent mind. However, to skeptics JJ need only unveil the array of 27 international medals he won over the past year as a 13-year old, including at the Maccabiah Games in Israel, where he placed first in high jump and second in triple jump in the under-18 category

after needing to receive special permission to participate since he was underage.

Then there's the record-breaking high jump that earned him a profile in the Los Angeles Times this week.

Last month, Harel participated in the American Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympics, one of the largest youth track and field competitions in the world, where he won three gold medals and cleared 6 feet and 5 inches in the high jump — breaking a record for the 14-and-under age group that had stood for 42 years (he was still 13 at the time). Harel won gold in the triple jump and javelin as well, and he was the only athlete to achieve All American status in five events, a title awarded to only the top eight athletes in the country for each event.

JJ (Joshua Jayden) inherited his triple citizenship through his father, Oren, 47, born in Houston, and his mother Lucy, a native Australian. Oren Harel spent his formative years in Israel and served in the Israel Defense Forces, afterwards attending Cornell, where he met Lucy who was participating in an exchange program from Sydney University. After two years in Manhattan, and following Sept. 11, the couple moved to Sydney for 10 years, where all three of their children were born. They relocated as a family to Israel for two years before moving to Los Angeles in 2013.

JJ is now a freshman at the Catholic Chaminade High School in the Los Angeles suburb of West Hills. When asked why his parents didn't place their son in a public

Please join us Monday, November 7 for an interactive luncheon with our Israeli and Arab sisters from Akko.

## Women Leading a Dialogue: A multi-cultural women's empowerment program

In collaboration with the Young Adults Centers of Akko and the Mateh Asher Regional Council, Partnership2Gether Western Galilee has joined a group of Arab and Jewish women from Akko and Mateh Asher (ranging in age from 30-55) to start a dialogue.

The group is designed to find mutual ground and strengthen the bond between Arab and Jewish women from the Western Galilee, exposing and involving our partnered communities to the complexity and diversity of the Western Galilee region.

The women, with the help of a professional facilitator, discuss mutual issues pertaining to their lives as women and mothers in Israel and in the Western Galilee. They meet, learn about each other, go on field trips, celebrate special holidays together, and more. While strengthening their bonds, they also enhance their leadership, project building, and development skills.

As part of this collaboration, the group visits Jewish communities in the United States, meeting with a variety of audiences. They attend synagogue, church, and mosque services, aiming to inspire attendees to form their own dialogue groups.

Monday, November 7
12 – 2 p.m.
Temple Shomer Emunim
Cost: \$18 per person

All women who contribute to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo annual campaign are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP with payment by November 1 to Sherry Majewiski at 419-724-0351 or form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/partnership.

Women Leading a Dialogue programs are funded through the generosity of the Susan & Steven Kaufman and Levine Family Philanthropic Funds of the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation.



or Jewish school, Harel replied that Chaminade, noted for its outstanding sports program, offered a high level of track training, while Jewish schools offered none. However, his father consulted with school authorities beforehand to make certain that his son would not be compelled to participate in Catholic morning services.

JJ said that his being Jewish never comes up—even though he occasionally wears a Star of David necklace and does not eat non-kosher types of meat (like his father, he will eat non-kosher beef and other things in certain situations, but never pork).

When he was too young to know the names of non-Jewish faiths, and when he wanted to know whether another kid was Jewish like him, JJ would ask "are you Jewish or are you pork?"

JJ seems to be as focused on his academic studies as he is on his athletic pursuits, as the only freshman in his current school taking pre-calculus mathematics. Oren Harel noted that JJ's grandfather worked for NASA for about 20 years starting in the early 1970s, contributing research to the Voyager 2 and Galileo space exploration projects.

"Sometimes I say a joke when people ask me about [JJ's] ability: I tell them his grandfather worked for NASA, maybe that's how he learned the secret on how to defy gravity," Oren Harel said.

# Pulitzer and Tony Awards winning author, Tony Kushner, interviewed at University of Toledo event.



Tony Kushner - Pulitzer Prize and Tony-winning playwright, author, and Oscar-nominated screenwriter of "Angels in America," "Lincoln," and "West Side Story" - appeared at The University of Toledo's (UT) Annual Edward Shapiro Distinguished Lecture last month. In a moderated conversation, he discussed growing up Jewish in Louisiana, some of his most celebrated works, his views on the future of democracy, and his working relationships with notable figures such as Steven Spielberg, Stephen Sondheim, and Daniel Day Lewis.

Kushner is perhaps best known for "Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes," his two-part epic about the HIV-AIDS epidemic in the late 1980s which received the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and Tony Awards for Best Play in 1993 and 1994. He also received a Spirit of Justice Award from the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders and a Cultural Achievement Award from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

The annual lecture at UT is made possible by the Shapiro endowment left by Dr. Edward Shapiro, professor emeritus of economics who retired in 1989, to provide opportunities for the University to bring world-renowned speakers to Toledo. Past Shapiro Distinguished Lecture speakers include Elie Wiesel, Toni Morrison, Audra McDonald and Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

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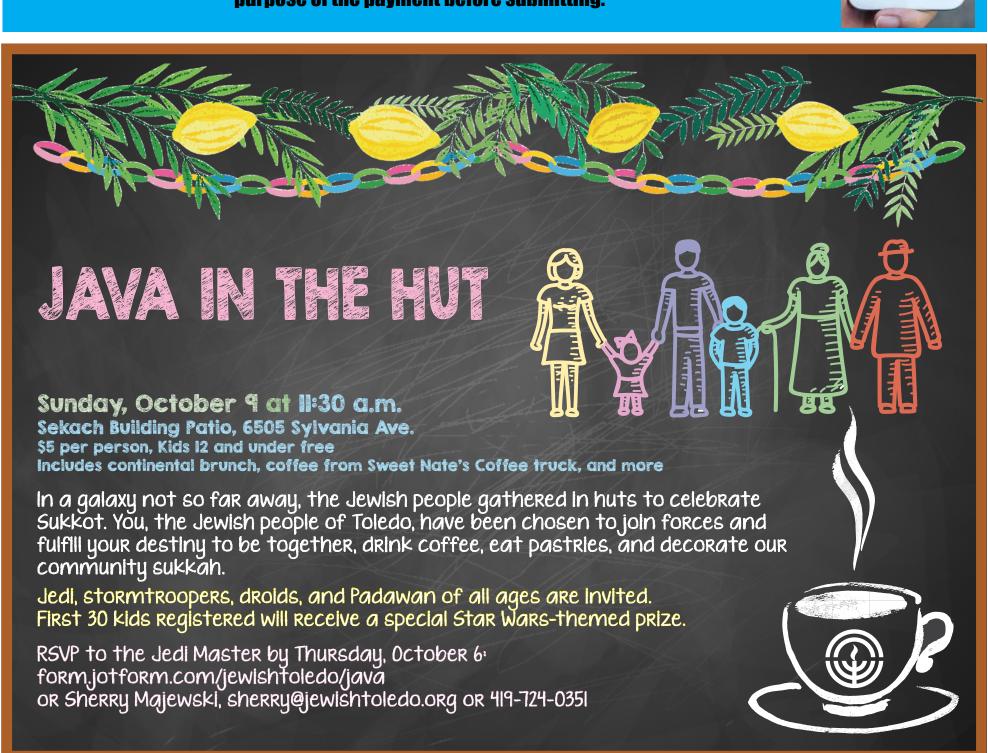
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## Jewish Community Relations Council

## Partnership2Gether Summit in Budapest Brings Together Americans, Israelis, and Hungarians

Last month, Jewish Toledoans Deborah Orloff, Fagie Benstein, Hallie Freed, and Daniel Pearlman attended a Partnership2Gether Summit in Budapest, Hungary with almost 90 participants from 3 countries. Below is a summary written by Daniel.

Partnership2Gether (P2G) is a program of the Jewish Agency for Israel and Jewish Federations of North America that connects American Jewish communities with communities in Israel and Europe. Jewish Toledo is part of a consortium of 17 American communities that are paired with the city of Akko and the regional council of Matte Asher in Israel's Western Galilee region. Together, we are also paired with the Jewish community of Budapest, Hungary.

P2G promotes people-to-people relationships through cultural, educational, social, medical, and economic programs. Our Partnership consortium offers committees, youth leadership programs, school twinning connections, women's empowerment programs, and so much more. In total, there are over 40 pairings between American and Israeli communities.



A renovated synagogue in Budapest

On the first day of the Summit, we visited the Budapest Jewish University and met with professors for an introduction to Jewish life in Hungary. We then went on an interesting walking tour of some major historical sites including the "Shoes on the Danube" memorial honoring the Jews who were massacred by Fascist Hungarian militia belonging to the Arrow Cross Party in Budapest during World War II. We ended the day with a concert at the Israel Cultural Institute (ICI).

On the second day, we had a walking tour of the Jewish District of Budapest led by fantastic tour guides who taught us about the rich and long Jewish history of the city. We visited a few synagogues including the Dohány Street Synagogue, the largest synagogue in Europe and the third-largest in the world. We ate at the Mazal Tov Restaurant and had educational sessions about Partnership2Gether with a group of nine American, Israeli, and Hungarian artists who collaborate in a Partnership program called Create2Gether. Deborah Orloff, Professor of

Art and Associate Chair of the Department of Art at the University of Toledo, presented her photography project, and there was an exhibit opening.

On the third day, we went to the Rumbach Synagogue where we visited a Jewish nonprofit startup accelerator before walking to the Ghetto Wall Memorial. We ate at a Kosher restaurant and then had more educational sessions, including a session about the SlidingDors program for second generation Holocaust survivors led by Fagie Benstein. We ended the day with dinner on a Danube River cruise with breathtaking views of the city.



Deborah Orloff smiling in front of her exhibit with Tanja Ronen, Partnership volunteer in Israel

We started the fourth day with more educational sessions about Partnership, this time focusing on shared society organizations working to bring Jewish and Arab residents of our Partnership region together. One of the presenters of this program was Mirit Sulema from the Akko Educators' Kibbutz, which I had visited the week prior. We ate lunch at a different Kosher restaurant before touring the Jewish day school and the Jewish hospital – the only Jewish hospital in Europe – which just opened a new wing. Our final dinner together was joined by the Israeli Ambassador to Hungary, H.E. Yacov Hadas-Handelsman, and other dignitaries.

Our last day included a visit to the Obuda Synagogue and some bittersweet goodbyes to new and old friends alike.



A remaining section of the Budapest ghetto wall, built in 1944 even as the Nazis knew they would lose the war

Reflecting on this Summit, I have a few takeaways. First, the ties of Jewish Peoplehood are stronger than national borders or the oceans separating us. Despite our different passports, we were all passionate about connecting Jews in America, Israel, and Hungary. Second, Budapest is a fascinating city filled with lots of history, culture, and excellent food.

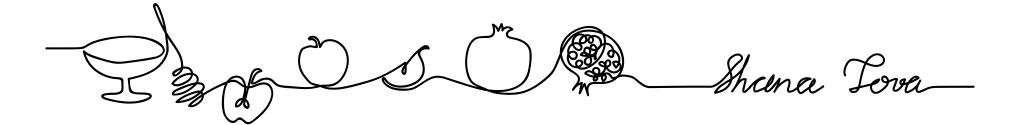


The inside of Budapest's Jewish day school

But what was, to me, perhaps the most meaningful aspect of this Summit was experiencing Jewish life in Hungary today. Jewish life in Europe is not "dead" as I've heard people claim before. The Holocaust did unimaginable damage to the continent that once had the largest Jewish community in the world. And rising antisemitism across Europe is leading to more Jewish emigration from Europe. But the claim that Jewish life no longer exists in Europe, or that it is small and weak, cannot be further from the truth. Budapest has over a dozen active synagogues, an Israel Cultural Institute, two Kosher restaurants, a Jewish day school, and the only Jewish hospital in Europe. Hungary also has its own Jewish denomination called Neolog, which in American terms is perhaps most like the Conservative Movement but is distinct in many ways. Budapest is not necessarily representative of Jewish life in Europe, but it would be disingenuous to conflate the situation of Jews in France with those in Hungary.

Partnership2Gether helps bring people together to highlight our similarities and celebrate our differences. When people meet one another, they learn more about them and dispel any stereotypes or misconceptions about them. This trip was educational for me, as it helped teach me about a thriving Jewish community in Europe and about how Jewish Americans and Israelis in the Western Galilee continue to prioritize building relationships with one another and with other Jewish communities around the world.

You can visit our Partnership region of Akko and Matte Asher in Israel's Western Galilee by participating in the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's November 2023 Community Mission to Israel! On this nine-day mission, we will visit Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, the south, and the north of Israel. To learn more, please complete a short interest form at form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/mission. More information coming soon.





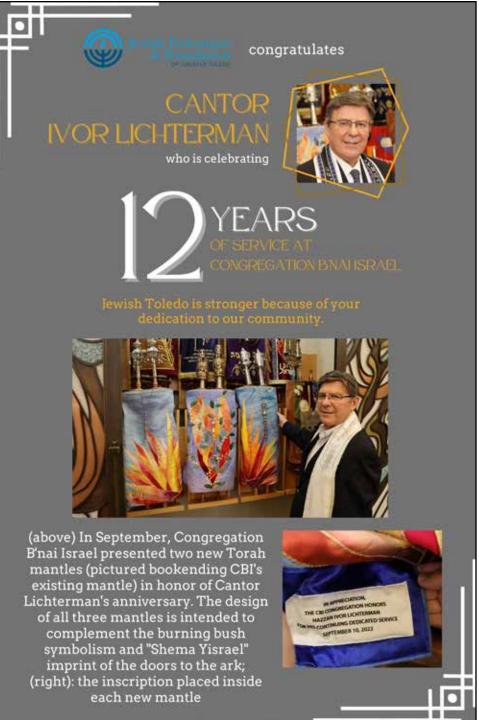


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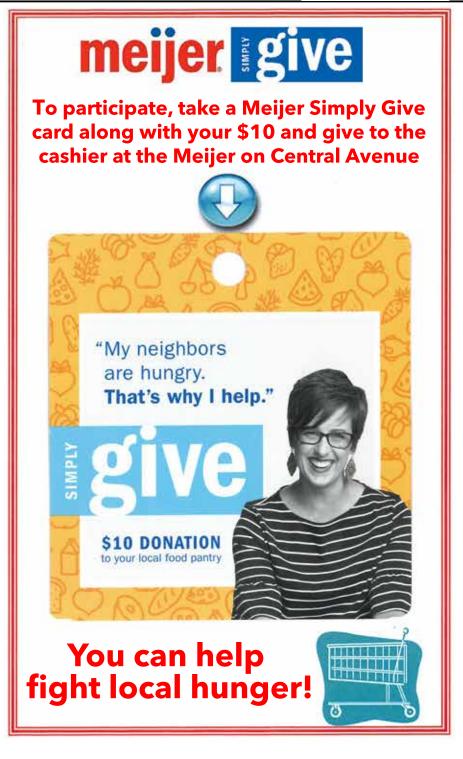
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## Jewish Community Relations Council

## Recent visit highlights Jewish Toledo's impact on underprivileged in Israel

Last month, JCRC Director Daniel Pearlman traveled to Israel for site visits to organizations that receive allocations from Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's annual campaign He then joined Jewish Toledoans Fagie Benstein and Deborah Orloff in Budapest, Hungary, for a Partnership2Gether Summit. Hallie Freed, JFGT's Vice President, Innovations and Programs, attended the Budapest Summit as well, continuing to Israel for Partnership-specific programming in the Western Galilee.

Read more about Daniel's trip to Israel below.

On September 5, I visited Kfar Silver, a youth village and school run by ORT in Israel's south. Kfar Silver is spread out over significant land and looks almost like an American liberal arts college campus combined with a farm. There are over 1,000 students enrolled in junior high and high school; 260 students live in dorms and the rest attend for the day. Like other youth villages in Israel, most of the students at Kfar Silver are considered "at-risk." Some have behavioral or psychological issues, and many are from low socioeconomic backgrounds. This school provides necessary services and a quality education to these students who would otherwise struggle in a conventional school environment.

I met with Amos, the CEO of the village, who came to this position in 2019 after 25 years serving in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), and Monique, who works in international donor relations. They presented me with an introduction to the village before taking me in a golf cart on a personal tour of campus. We spoke with some students, saw the academic buildings and sports fields that were funded by donors, and more. Despite coming from an important position in the IDF, Amos explained that running the youth village keeps him busier and can often be more stressful. But he is doing a phenomenal job. Upon ORT's takeover of the school from the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) in 2016 and Amos' creative vision, the school has almost doubled its enrollment while graduation rates increased from 74% to 95%.

Kfar Silver is a public school, so students follow the normal Ministry of Education curriculum. But Kfar Silver also offers more courses and opportunities than a normal school can provide, thanks in part to philanthropy. The school requires students to choose two or three "tracks" to follow throughout their high school career, to learn how to specialize in what they are passionate about. There are 12 choices of tracks, ranging from different languages (in addition to English, which is required for all), to sports, to chemistry, and more. Being in a rural setting, they also have a working farm with animals and greenhouses, all for educational purposes. They are becoming solar-powered and plastic-free. They have a pool, a sports center, a soccer team, and more. But perhaps the most unique part of the village is their therapeutic animal center. They have turtles, rabbits, small horses, a camel, an emu, donkeys, various birds, snakes, lizards, and more to help students improve their mental health. In the future, they want to build bee and ant shelters and a greenhouse for birds to use for educational purposes.

There is a strong sense of community at this school and the students are in great care. Students represent the diversity of Israeli society – Jews, Christians, Muslims, and more – and all religious holidays are celebrated. They also have 23 students from Ukraine who have enrolled since the war began. I left feeling amazed by the quality of this ORT school and touched by the power of our campaign contributions.



Bomb shelter at Kfar Silver



Amos, Daniel, and Monique Kfar Silver

On September 6, I visited JDC-Israel (the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, sometimes called "the Joint") in Jerusalem, where I met Avigayil Benstein, the granddaughter-inlaw of Fagie Benstein. Avigayil planned an incredible day highlighting the amazing work of JDC-Israel. Outside of Israel, JDC provides essential humanitarian assistance for Jewish communities in 70 countries around the world, and they have existed for over 100 years, well before Israel was established in 1948. JDC, along with the Jewish Agency for Israel, are two of the Jewish Federations' major international partner organizations. But inside of Israel, JDC operates very differently.

JDC-Israel works as an innovation hub to test out creative pilot programs that can help ensure that Israel's most vulnerable residents are cared for and supported. If these programs are successful, they are integrated into services provided by the government of Israel and implemented on a national scale. JDC-Israel works with all sectors of Israeli society: the elderly, youth at risk, people with all types of disabilities, and more. They even operate a leadership development program for public sector

employees to solve systemic challenges. The department that Avigayil works in, and that JFGT supports, is called Tevet, which helps to solve the chronic challenges incorporating certain populations into the Israeli workforce.

Our first meeting of the day was with three rabbis who lead the largest Haredi (ultra-Orthodox) Jewish charity and social services organization, called a Kupah, in a neighborhood of Jerusalem that has 40,000 people. Roughly half of all Haredi families in Israel live below the poverty line, and many more are just above the poverty line but are still struggling financially. JDC-Israel partners with this organization and many others in a pilot program funded in part by JFGT campaign contributions called Derech Eretz, which seeks to add a new model to the traditional way that tzedakah (charity) is given in the Haredi community. We first discussed what welfare generally looks like at these types of organizations. When a family comes to a Kupah and asks for money to pay for necessary expenses that they otherwise cannot afford (for food, utility payments, rent, etc.), the Kupah will give each family 1,000 to 1,500 shekels (roughly \$300-\$500). At this specific Kupah, there are 200 families that receive this non-governmental welfare every week, and even more before Jewish holidays. Some of these recipients also receive government assistance, depending on their needs. When you consider that the average Haredi family in Israel has six to seven children, these 200 families mean that around 2,000 people are supported by this Kupah each week and there are 250 of these types of Kupot nationwide doing similar work.

The problem with this typical structure is that it "gives a man a fish" rather than "teaches a man to fish." There is also a waiting list to receive this welfare assistance, demonstrating the need for finding creative solutions. So JDC-Israel's Derech Eretz pilot program partners with select Kupot nationwide to offer a coordinator position embedded into the Kupah. This coordinator is responsible for assessing the needs of every new client to determine what, if anything, they can do to improve their financial situation. They help people learn time management, budgeting, and more. They also help them market what they can offer to others. Often, they both "give" and "teach" fishing at the same time. One woman needed 2,000 shekels to enroll in a course to help her improve her trade. As a result of the woman receiving 2,000 shekels from this program, she most recently made a profit of 9,325 shekels in one day. Now, she no longer needs welfare support and is so happy to be able to support herself.

Of course, not everyone who requests assistance will be able to improve their financial situation due to their health, mental health, or other factors, so this pilot program is not meant to replace traditional *tzedakah*. Instead, it is meant to complement it. This partnership hopes to help everyone who comes

through their door in a way that works best for them, regardless of their needs or personal situation. On top of "giving" and "teaching" a man to fish, they also work on preventing people from needing assistance in the first place, by proactively offering financial literacy support classes and other resources to Haredi families.

Next, I went to the JDC-Israel office to discuss some of the chronic issues in Israel that affect employment in general, but especially in certain populations: Arab-Israelis, Haredim, people with disabilities, Ethiopian-Israelis, people who live in the periphery regions (north and south, including our Western Galilee Partnership region), and those with low income. My last meeting was with Sa'eed, an Arab-Israeli who specializes in programs that seek to raise levels of Arab employment. Arab-Israelis make up 21% of Israel's population, but many are struggling to obtain quality employment for various reasons. After high school, Jewish-Israelis go to the army or do national service, which gives them connections, skills, and references to help them get better jobs after attending university. Arab-Israelis, meanwhile, do not do any of those activities and thus are often unemployed, under-employed (working fewer hours than they want to), or have menial jobs. Combined with the unfamiliarity of the dominant Jewish-Israeli culture and a lack of suitable Hebrew, it creates a cycle that is hard to break.



Daniel, Avigayil, and Israel Yom-Tov from the Derech Eretz program



Daniel and Avigayil Benstein at the JDC-Israel office

One of JDC-Israel's most recent successes in helping to break this cycle was the addition of a Hebrew language course for Arabic-speaking job seekers. While it only began in 2019, it has already impacted over 5,000 people. A major project they are working on now is the creation of a gap year program for Arab-Israelis. It is unrealistic for many Arab-Israelis to join the IDF, but a gap year program would provide Arab-Israelis with connections, skills, references, and more familiarity with Jewish-Israeli culture and Hebrew language. This program could also benefit our Partnership region, Akko and Matte Asher in the Western Galilee.

I left with a greater understanding of the challenges facing Israel's most vulnerable populations but with a renewed sense of appreciation for organizations like JDC-Israel that are working hard to create lasting positive change.

On September 7, I visited our Partnership region. I started the day meeting with Heidi Benish and Tanja Ronen from Partnership at the Ghetto Fighters' Museum. Created in 1949, it was the first Holocaust museum in the world and was founded by fighters of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

I then met with Mirit Sulema from Dror Israel's Akko Educators' Kibbutz. The Akko Educators' Kibbutz, part of a national movement called Dror Israel, is a group of young educators living in Israel's most mixed city trying to instill leadership skills to people of all backgrounds, turning Akko from a mixed city to a shared city where people choose to live near one another. Unlike a traditional kibbutz, which is an agricultural community, the Akko Educators' Kibbutz is an urban kibbutz. Members of the kibbutz live in a building in one of Akko's poorer neighborhoods and work in local schools while running educational programming for the community. The first floor of the kibbutz building has classrooms for activities for youth and elderly populations they work with, while the upper floors are shared apartments for kibbutz members.

We started with a tour of Akko with Tamir, another member of Dror Israel and the kibbutz. We walked to the top of the Old City walls for a view of most of the city (new and old) and discussed the fascinating past and present of Akko. Then, we went to the newer part of the city to walk along the coastal promenade and visit two extremely diverse, poorer neighborhoods. We discussed the issues from the past that continue to impact the issues of the present, and we walked along a much-loved pedestrian and bicycle path that connects these two neighborhoods. Along this path, which connects Haredi Jews, Arabs, and secular Jews who all call these neighborhoods home, the Akko Educators' Kibbutz runs a bike repair stand that brings these groups together to work together to find solutions to mutual problems.

Next to this path is a beautiful community garden that another kibbutz member, Noam, helps to run. They are growing over a dozen types of organic vegetables, fruits, and herbs, led by community volunteers who want to be contributing members of society. Most do not speak Hebrew fluently, even though many immigrated 20-30 years ago from the Former Soviet Union (FSU). I met Igor, an immigrant from Russia who, along with other FSU Olim (immigrants) are also active in the program that JFGT helps fund, Chofesh Bitui ("Freedom of Expression"), which offers Hebrew instruction and meaningful social opportunities for these lonely and elderly community members who otherwise do not feel a part of greater

I learned about a Hanukkah program that these elderly Russian and Ukrainian *olim* ran for a local kindergarten,

complete with foods that they made for the children and a skit they performed in Hebrew. Seeing the smiles on the faces of these children did so much to instill confidence, joy, and meaning in these elderly immigrants. Also, the Chofesh Bitui program participants created selfportraits using materials significant to each of them and then discussed with the other participants, in Hebrew, their personal life stories and the stories of their families and the places that they are from. These stories were then translated into Arabic and hung up (in Hebrew and Arabic) in public places around the city, such as outside of the community garden, so that all residents (Jews and Arabs, religious and secular, young and old) can learn more about their neighbors. The Chofesh Bitui participants also go on educational trips together outside of the city to places like the Hula Valley, one of the world's best places to view migrating birds (something impossible for them to do without the Kibbutz, since most do not have cars and do not leave Akko). Some of these trips and other activities are collaborations with women's groups and other language groups that the Akko Educators' Kibbutz or Dror Israel organizes, again to emphasize that they work to bring diverse communities together rather than keeping them separate.

From language instruction to social programming to community gardening for people of all ages, the Akko Educators' Kibbutz works in so many seemingly different fields to provide meaningful educational programs and services to the community. But after experiencing it firsthand, I realized that all of these different pieces relate to one another. Igor is a member of Chofesh Bitui and a volunteer in the community garden because it helps him learn Hebrew, feel part of Israeli society, and ultimately create a stronger sense of community among all of Akko's residents. I left feeling inspired for the future of Akko and its diverse population.



The community garden with Noam, Mirit, and Tamir

On September 8, I met with staff and recipients of Youth Futures, a program of the Jewish Agency for Israel that JFGT helps to fund, at the Weizman School in Akko. Youth Futures works to empower disadvantaged children between 8 and 12 years old. Each child in the program gets individualized support tailored to them, and this plan is discussed with the child and the parents rather than just with the parents. Parents commit to this process, which can include home visits from the mentor, workshops, meetings, and more. By sixth grade, the child is often leading the meetings and can explain their own growth goals.

I first met with Danor, Shoval, Meital, and Elada who gave a background of Youth Futures at this school and at the other schools in Akko. Youth Futures works at five schools in Akko: two Arabic-speaking elementary schools and three secular Jewish elementary schools. At each of these schools, they pair Jewish students with an Arab mentor and Arab students with a Jewish mentor. Elada, an Arab-Israeli woman, is the mentor at the Weizman School. I visited the Youth Futures room - each school that partners with Youth Futures devotes a classroom exclusively for Youth Futures - and learned that because of less funding resulting from COVID-19, the number of mentors in the program decreased from ten to five across Akko. This means that each school used to have two mentors but now only has one, so fewer kids can be impacted since each mentor works with 16 students. Youth Futures is unique because it is holistic - the mentors are in touch with the students in school, after school, during vacation... all the time. To a teacher, the mentor is their "eyes at home." And to parents, the mentor is their "eyes at school." During the worst days of the pandemic, the mentors were designated as "essential workers," so they had permission to visit the students at home even during strict national lockdowns.

Soon, the school's principal, Yuta, joined us and explained how thrilled she is to work with Youth Futures. She also discussed more about the population of the school. The Weizman School, which serves grades one to six, is in the center of the new city, close to the Old City walls, in a working-class neighborhood. It is a Jewish public school in what is now a predominantly Arab neighborhood, so students attend this school from across the city rather than just from that specific neighborhood. Akko has a lot of new Olim (immigrants) from Ukraine and Russia, but at this school specifically, 40% of the students are olim from these countries. Between the olim and Arab students in the city, 70% of students in Akko speak a language at home that is not Hebrew. As such, Hebrew instruction is also part of Youth Futures. The principal explained that there is a growing need for Youth Futures at her school.

I then met with a parent of a child in the program. Shiran explained that her son, Neharai, who is in sixth grade, has been in the program for three years and has had tremendous growth thanks to Youth Futures. In third grade, he wanted to join Youth Futures. Surprisingly, the program does not have a negative stigma; on the contrary, many students want to participate because of the special Youth Futures classroom and the opportunity to have a mentor. Because of this, there is always a waiting list. Neharai was able to join the program during Hanukkah that year, which he called his own Hanukkah miracle. The pandemic began a few months later, but he continued to receive support from his Youth Futures mentor. Shiran explained that the program has greatly improved her son's self-confidence. She said that Elada, his mentor, also has brought other adults involved in his life, such as his tennis coach, into the Youth Futures picture to help him achieve his personal

goals. Elada led a workshop series with a social worker about controlling emotions, and it was so impactful that Neharai refused to miss a single meeting, even after breaking his arm. She said that Neharai is more mature, more social, and more confident, and that Elada is always there to advocate for him. Shiran has another son, who is in second grade, and he wants to join Youth Futures when he is eligible next year.

Then, I met with Neharai. He spoke so eloquently, well beyond how the average child his age would speak, and I was very moved by what he said and how he said it. He expressed that before this program, nobody attended his tennis matches, but now he has Elada to support him and help him grow. He was so happy to be a part of the program, and he appeared so confident and wellmannered. He also presented us with a gift that he made, a piece of art that says "love," "health," and "success." I returned the favor by giving him some Jewish Toledo items, as I gave the other allocation recipients. He was really surprised and grateful to receive a gift.

Moving forward, Youth Futures wants to continue to grow their impact in Akko. There is clearly a need for their important work. I left feeling grateful for this opportunity to meet with Neharai and witness the positive impact of this program.



The Youth Futures classroom at the Weizman School in Akko



Daniel Pearlman meeting with Neharai, Shiran, Yuta, Elada, and Shoval

At each of these site visits, I was thanked for the Toledo Jewish support for these life-changing programs and services. Collectively, we can create such a positive impact on Israeli society because of the generosity of our Jewish Federation's campaign contributors.

You can witness these amazing programs for yourself by participating in the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's November 2023 Community Mission to Israel! This will be our first Community Mission to Israel in over 15 years. Experience rich history, breathtaking scenery, and sacred places in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. This mission is intended for first-time visitors to Israel and returnees alike. To learn more, please complete a short interest form at form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/mission. More information coming soon.

## Northwest Ohio Jewish Book Festival

## **OPENING WEEKEND!**

## PJ Playdate

Tía Fortuna's New Home: A Jewish Cuban Journey by Ruth Behar

Friday, November 4 | 10:30 a.m.

Sekach Building – 6505 Sylvania Avenue

FREE – author presentation and snacks

\$15 – author presentation, snacks, and book

Open to all baby to preschool-aged children and their caregivers

A poignant multicultural ode to family and what it means to create a home as one girl helps her Tía move away from her beloved Miami apartment. A lyrical book about tradition, culture, and togetherness, Tía Fortuna's New Home explores Tía and Estrella's Sephardic Jewish and Cuban heritage. Through Tía's journey, Estrella will learn that, as long as you have your family, home is truly where the heart is.

Born in Havana, Cuba, Ruth Behar grew up in New York, and has also lived in Spain and Mexico. Her memoirs, An Island Called Home and Traveling Heavy, explore her return journeys to Cuba and her search for home as an immigrant and a traveler. She was the first Latina to win a MacArthur "Genius" Grant. She is an anthropology professor at the University of Michigan and lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

## **Sunday Morning Children's Author Corner**

The Button Box by Bridget Hodder and Fawzia Gilani-Williams

Sunday, November 6 | 10 – 11 a.m. Temple Shomer Emunim – 6453 Sylvania Avenue \*\*\*Pre-register for a FREE Book\*\*\*

Bridget Hodder will be available for book signing after presentations

For children ages 8-13 FREE – author presentation

This lively middle grade adventure has two young protagonists, cousins Ava and Nadeem. Ava is Jewish while Nadeem is Muslim, and a school bully torments them due to their religious backgrounds.

Bridget Hodder is a Sephardic historian, reading specialist, and learning disability specialist. She can bring history to life for any audience, from children to adults.



## **Family Event**

Dear Mr. Dickens
by Nancy Churnin -andI Love my Kids, But I Don't Always Like Them:
Expert Advice for Parents of Challenging
Children
by Franki Bagdade (M. Ed.)

Sunday, November 6 | 4 p.m. Gan Yeladim Preschool (children) and Sekach Building (adults) – 6505 Sylvania Avenue

\$5 per child – author presentation, dinner, and childcare \$10 per adult – author presentation and snacks

\$18 per adult – author presentation, snacks, and one book \$30 per adult – author presentation, snacks, and both

\$30 per adult – author presentation, snacks, and both books

Childcare and dinner will be provided

## Calling parents and children of all ages

Adults will hear from Franki Bagdade, author of *I Love my Kids*, *But I Don't Always Like Them*, and children will hear from Nancy Churnin, author of *Dear Mr. Dickens*.

#### Dear Mr. Dickens

In *Dear Mr. Dickens*, Nancy Churnin and Bethany Stancliffe tell the story of one Jewish reader, Eliza Davis, who was a fan of novelist Charles Dickens but not of his antisemitic caricature in Oliver Twist. Davis felt that the character of Fagin represented a dangerously misleading portrayal of her people, so she wrote to Dickens in hopes of a response. The small drama of this interaction between a famous author and a woman seeking change makes for an inspiring story.

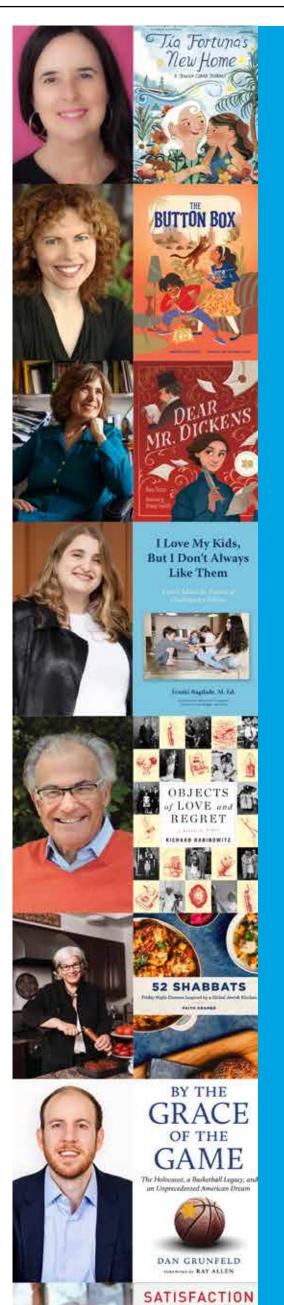
Nancy Churnin is an award-winning children's book author who writes books about people who have made the world a better place and inspire children to be heroes and heroines. She won the 2021 National Jewish Book Award and 2022 Sydney Taylor Honor for Dear Mr. Dickens, a true story that is the subject of an educational program offered by The Charles Dickens Museum in London.

#### I Love my Kids, But I Don't Always Like Them

Focuses on behavioral challenges in children, *ILove my Kids*, *But I Don't Always Like Them*, serves as a guide for parents on how to improve their child's behavior. Franki Bagdade provides a new approach with simple steps that establish new structures, systems, and strategies to empower your child to take responsibility for his or her own behavior and allows you to enjoy your child once again. Bagdade's recommendations have been praised by parents, educators, and readers.

Franki Bagdade (M. Ed.) is is an academic, behavioral, mental health, and inclusion consultant; parenting expert; author; and speaker through her company FAAB Consulting. She is an expert with 20 years of experience in observation and study in the classroom and recreational programs.





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## Northwest Ohio Jewish Book Festival

## **BOOK FESTIVAL CONTINUES!**

Objects of Love and Regret: A Brooklyn Story by Richard Rabinowitz

Thursday, November 10 | 12 p.m. Congregation Etz Chayim 3853 Woodley Drive

\$10 – kosher luncheon and author presentation

\$20 – kosher luncheon, author presentation, and book

(Generously funded by Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization)

At a pushcart stall in East New York, Brooklyn, in the spring of 1934, eighteen-year-old Sarah Schwartz bought her mother, Shenka, a green, wooden-handled bottle opener. How could that unremarkable item, and others like it, reveal the untold history of a Jewish immigrant family, their chances and their choices over the course of an eventful century? By unearthing the personal meaning and historical significance of simple everyday objects, Richard Rabinowitz offers an intimate portrait connecting Sarah, Shenka, and the rest of his family to the twentieth-century transformations of American life.

Richard Rabinowitz, a noted historian and museum curator, is the president of American History Workshop. For decades, he has been instrumental in developing new museums and creating lively exhibitions across the nation, including the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, and the New-York Historical Society.

52 Shabbats: Friday Night Dinners Inspired by a Global Jewish Kitchen by Faith Kramer

Sunday, November 13 | 6 p.m. Chabad House of Toledo – 2728 King Road

\$18 – author presentation and dinner

\$40 – author presentation, cookbook, and dinner

52 Shabbats: Friday Night Dinners Inspired by a Global Jewish Kitchen invites everyone to honor Shabbat with a special meal on Friday evenings. It has more than 90 modern recipes (including many vegetarian options) that add flavor and meaning to the Shabbat or holiday table. Add dishes to your Jewish repertoire such as Pomegranate Molasses Brisket, Matzah Ball and Pozole Soup, Falafel Crust Pizza with Feta and Herbs, Sweet-and-Tart Silan-Roasted Carrots with Lentils, and Mango and Cardamom Mini Cheesecakes. The book explores Shabbat traditions, the Jewish calendar, the symbolism of foods in Judaism, descriptions of Jewish communities around the world, and the global Jewish pantry.

Faith Kramer is a food writer and recipe developer concentrating on the food ways, history, and customs of the Jewish diaspora. Faith has taught cooking classes on food from around the world, presented programs on Jewish customs, celebrations, and holidays, and led food-related walking tours that explore the economic, geographic, and political underpinnings of the food as well as how to use international ingredients in other contexts. She lives with her family in the San Francisco Bay Area.



By the Grace of the Game: The Holocaust, a Basketball Legacy, and an Unprecedented American Dream by Dan Grunfeld

Monday, November 14 | 7 p.m. Grogan Room, Savage Arena, 2025 N. Douglas Road Free Parking – Lot 4, off Douglas Road

\$18 – drink ticket, author presentation, and game day snacks

\$30 – drink ticket, author presentation, game day snacks, and book

Interviewer – Justin Feldkamp

When Lily and Alex entered a packed gymnasium in Queens, New York in 1972, they barely recognized their son. The boy who escaped to America with them, who was bullied as he struggled to learn English and cope with family tragedy, was now a young man who had discovered and secretly honed his basketball talent on the outdoor courts of New York City. That young man was Ernie Grunfeld, who would go on to win an Olympic gold medal and reach previously unimaginable heights as an NBA player and executive. In By the Grace of the Game, Dan Grunfeld, once a basketball standout himself at Stanford University, shares the remarkable story of his family, a delicately interwoven narrative that doesn't lack in heartbreak yet remains as deeply nourishing as his grandmother's Hungarian cooking, so lovingly described.

Dan Grunfeld is a former professional basketball player, an accomplished writer, and a proud graduate of Stanford University. An Academic All-American and All-Conference basketball selection at Stanford, Dan played professionally for eight seasons in top leagues around the world, including in Germany, Spain, and Israel.

Justin Feldkamp (interviewer) joined Buckeye Broadband's BCSN and BCAN in November 2020. He is the host of Inside Out with Justin Feldkamp, a 30-minute interview-style show seen monthly on BCSN. He also helps to select the high school games and the special programming that is aired on BCSN.

Satisfaction Guaranteed: How Zingerman's® Built a Corner Deli into a Global Food Community by Micheline Maynard

Thursday, November 17 | 7 p.m. Location-TBD

\$18 – author presentation, Zingerman's® appetizers, and drinks

35 – author presentation, Zingerman's appetizers, drinks, and book

Interviewer – TBD

Founded in 1982 by Paul Saginaw and Ari Weinzweig, Zingerman's Deli in Ann Arbor, Michigan built on its mission of good food, good service and good finances to become a company whose reach spans all corners of the gourmet food world. As Zingerman's approaches its 40th anniversary in 2022, *Satisfaction Guaranteed* tells how readers they did it, and how other businesses can adopt their methods and philosophies.

Micheline Maynard is a journalist, author, and professor. She is a contributing columnist at The Washington Post, where her essays on business and culture appear in Voices Across America. She has been a senior editor at NPR's Here & Now and was a senior correspondent and Detroit bureau chief for The New York Times. She lives in New Orleans and Ann Arbor.

## **Northwest Ohio Jewish**



## **Book Festival**

## Registering for a Book Festival event is easy!

**How to register for events:** By phone: 419-724-0351

*Dy* phone: (1) 72 (00)1

By email: sherry@jewishtoledo.org

Online: https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/bookfestival22

At the door: on a first come, first served basis. Seating is limited.

Questions? Contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org

All programs are subject to change or cancellation without prior notification due to schedules and commitments of our authors. Refunds will be available.

All featured author books will be available for presale. Limited books will be available for sale at and after all in person events.



## Local



## What do you know?

## Multi-Generational Trivia Night

Wednesday, November 30

5:30 p.m.

Shorty's True American Roadhouse (outdoor patio),

5111 Monroe Street

\$18 per person – includes trivia, vegetarian buffet dinner, dessert, and more

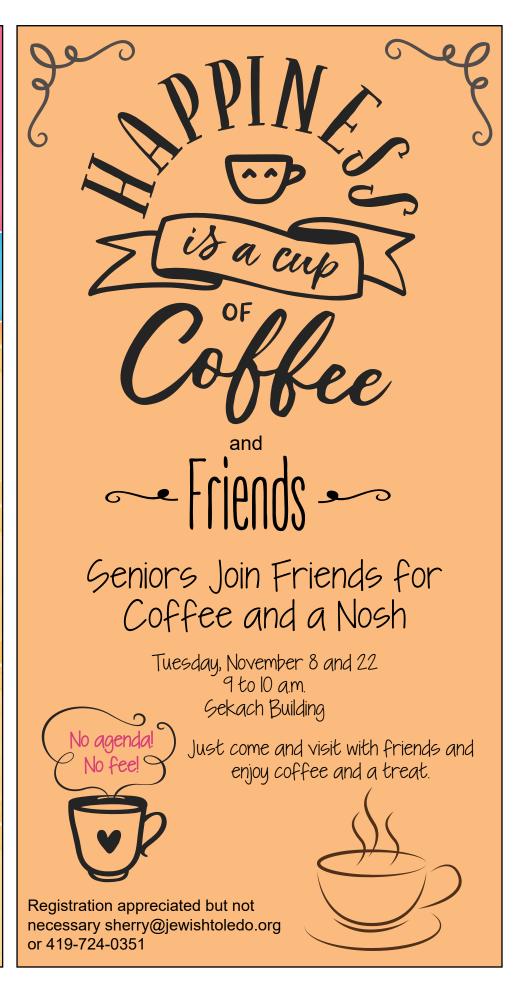
What is an EGOT? Can you name that tune in just a few notes? What is pi to the 10th digit?

Get ready to test your knowledge at Jewish Toledo's own trivia night. This event is open to adult community members from baby boomers to Gen X to Millennials and everyone in between. Bring a group of friends and be the "smarty pants" of your age group. The top three teams will win prizes.

#### RSVP by November 18 to:

Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351or sherry@jewishtoledo.org or form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/trivia





# Healthy Living

## **Get Fit Classes**

## Monday

# Get Fit Early, 9-10am -orGet 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

Get Fit Early, 9-10am -or-Get Fit Later, 10:30-11:30am

(see description above)

## Foundation Fitness, 11am-12pm

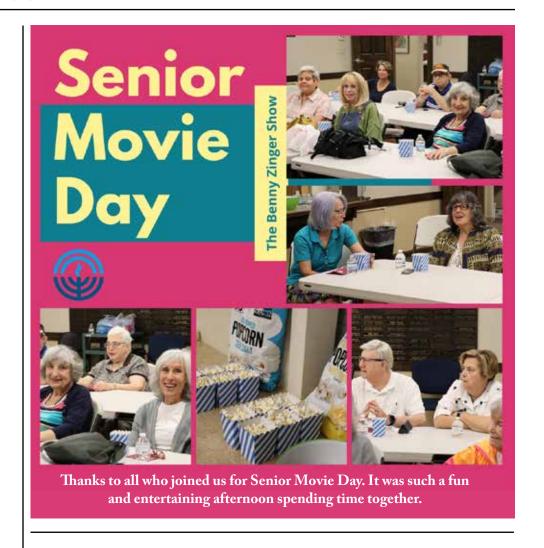
Designed to improve mobility, core strength, and stability from the ground up. Focus will be on foot and ankle strength, mobility, healthy posture, pelvic floor, and breathing. Exercises can be done in chairs and/or standing.

In-person classes at JSFSS Sekach Building 6505 Sylvania Ave. Sylvania

Can't join us in person?
Tune in on YouTube at Jewish Toledo









Ahoy Me Senior Mateys - Toledo Opera on Wheels,

The Pirates of Penzance Thursday, October 27 12-1:30 p.m.

Lunch provided Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave. Cost: \$15 per person



Come and enjoy lunch and the Toledo Opera on Wheels with *The Pirates of Penzance*. There's nothing like food, friends, and fun with a special performance.

RSVP by Friday October 21 to Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.

# Seniors SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, December 15 Hanukkah Latke Luncheon



## PJ Library



## The Art of Parenting with Morah Raizel & Miss Colette

Mondays: October 24, November 7, November 14

9 - 10 a.m.

Gan Yeladim Preschool -6505 Sylvania Avenue

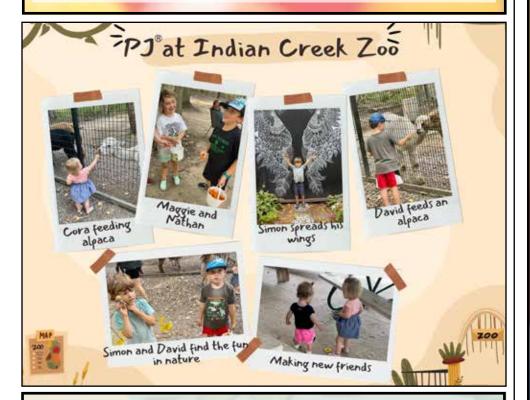
Open to parents with children of all ages. Babysitting will be available.

FREE – beverages and snacks will be provided.



Morah Raizel will be sharing her expert advice on Jewish parenting topics while Miss Colette teaches mindful art journaling.

RSVP to Sherry at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org. Please let us know of any dietary restrictions.





# FREE books and CDs - Are you getting YOURS?

PJ Library® is completely FREE for participating families in the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo region.

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.

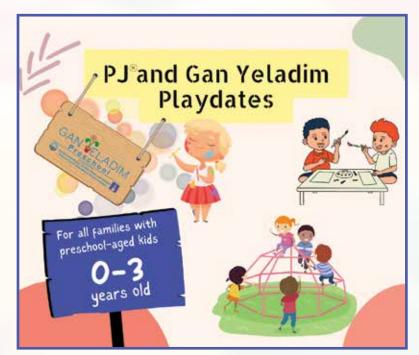
To learn more about PJ Library® and to ensure your child receives this wonderful gift, please contact *Marnie at marnie@jewishtoledo.org*.

PJ Library<sup>®</sup> is supported in part by The Inspiration Fund and Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.





RSVP for all programs by contacting Marnie at marnie@jewishtoledo.org.



Open to our preschool-aged friends (0-3) and their parents, grandparents, nannies, siblings, and friends.



## Pre-Sukkot Playdate

Sunday, October 9 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Gan Yeladim Preschool - 6505 Sylvania Ave FREE – snacks will be provided

Join us for a fun morning of playing, crafting, noshing with friends and a special circle time with Morah Raizel! Meet and make friends with other PJ parents and their kids. Head to Java in the Hut on the Sekach Building patio after!

RSVP to Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351. Please let us know of any dietary restrictions.

To learn more about PJ Library® and to ensure your child receives this wonderful gift, please contact Marnie at 419-724-0365 or marnie@jewishtoledo.org

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## Welcome to Jewish Toledo free welcome bags

Are you new to Toledo? Contact Marnie Younker at 419-724-0365 or marnie@jewishtoledo.org for your free welcome bag!



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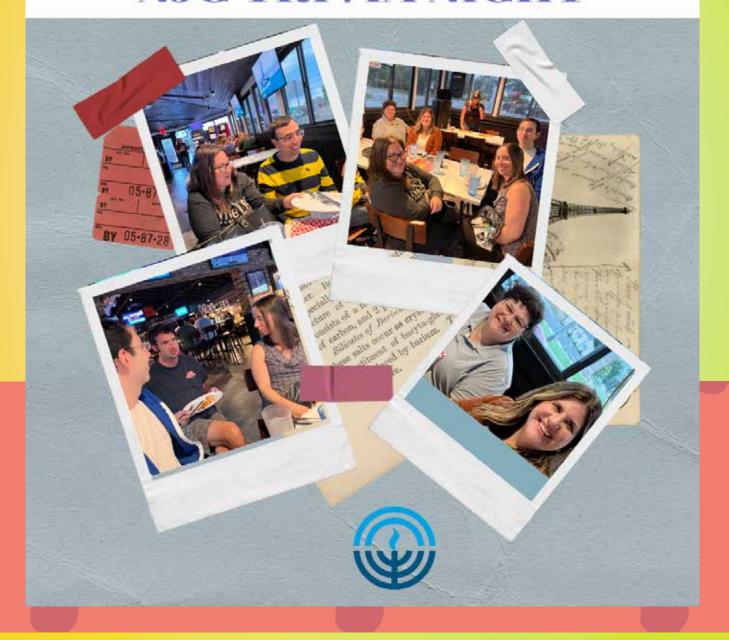
Programs especially for post-college to young families.

For more information about Department of Jewish Programs or to register for virtual events, please contact Marnie at marnie@jewishtoledo.org.

Register for all upcoming NJG events at: https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njg2022
Any questions? Contact Marnie Younker at marnie@jewishtoledo.org

For all NJG programming information, visit jewishtoledo.org/nextjewishgeneration.

## NJG TRIVIA NIGHT



Next JGen 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 *Marnie at marnie@jewishtoledo.org*.



## News

## All the Jewish NFL players to watch this season

By Jacob Gurvis

(JTA) — The 103rd season of the National Football League kicks off on Thursday, and there are a number of Jewish players to keep an eye on this year.

These are all of the Jewish players on NFL rosters entering Week 1 (listed in alphabetical order) and a few free agents who hope to return to the action soon.

Did we miss anyone? Give us a shout at sports@ jta.org. And to keep up with our coverage of these players, be sure to subscribe to our weekly Jewish Sport Report newsletter here.

## Jake Curhan, Seattle Seahawks offensive tackle



Jake Curhan of the Seattle Seahawks looks on before the game against the Chicago Bears in Seattle, Dec. 26, 2021. (Abbie Parr/Getty Images)

This Jewish summer camp alum and self-described "Bear Jew" — possibly a reference to "Inglorious Basterds," or his 6-foot-6 and 315-pound frame, or both — is starting his second season with the Seahawks, who signed Curhan as an undrafted free agent last year. The 24-year-old appeared in 15 games in his rookie season, starting five at right tackle. Curhan will be an important piece on Seattle's offensive line this season.

## A.J. Dillon, Green Bay Packers running back



Running back A.J. Dillon of the Green Bay Packers celebrates after rushing for a first half touchdown against the Baltimore Ravens in Baltimore, Dec. 19, 2021. (Rob Carr/Getty Images)

The former Boston College star is entering his third season in the NFL, where he is the second-string running back for Green Bay. Dillon rushed 803 yards last season with five rushing touch-downs and two receiving touchdowns. He spoke about his Jewish identity at the BBYO Jewish teen movement convention earlier this year — mentioning the time his mother joked that he "better be really good at this football thing," to justify how much Hebrew School he had to miss. Dillon has also made viral TikToks about being Jewish.

## Michael Dunn, Cleveland Browns offensive lineman



Cleveland Browns offensive guard Michael Dunn leaves the field following a game between the Cincinnati Bengals and Cleveland Browns in Cleveland, Jan. 9, 2022. (Frank Jansky/Icon Sportswire via Getty Images)

Dunn begins his third season with the Browns as a backup lineman after playing at the University of Maryland — which has one of the largest Jewish student bodies in the country. Prior to his time in Cleveland, Dunn bounced around with other NFL teams, the now-defunct Alliance of American Football and even the XFL. Dunn has appeared in 20 NFL games, including two starts.

## Anthony Firkser, Atlanta Falcons tight end



Atlanta Falcons tight end Anthony Firkser runs with the ball during a game between the New York Jets and the Atlanta Falcons in East Rutherford, N.J., Aug. 22, 2022. (Rich Graessle/Icon Sportswire via Getty Images)

After four years with the Tennessee Titans, Firkser heads to Atlanta this season, where he slates in as the second-string tight end. The Harvard alum — who had a bar mitzvah growing up in New Jersey and loves latkes — has started one game in each of the last three seasons and has scored five career touchdowns. Firkser is close with Greg Joseph (see below), a fellow Maccabiah Games alum, from their time together on the Tennessee Titans in 2019.

#### Greg Joseph, Minnesota Vikings kicker



Greg Joseph of the Minnesota Vikings kicks against the Pittsburgh Steelers during a game at in Minneapolis, Dec. 9, 2021. (Cooper Neill/Getty Images)

The South African-born Jewish day school grad is in his second season as the Vikings' starting kicker. Joseph has sought out Jewish communities in each city he's called home throughout his career, and last season he enjoyed an 87% field goal percentage, punctuated by a game-winner against the Packers in November.

#### Josh Rosen, Cleveland Browns quarterback



Josh Rosen of the Cleveland Browns throws a pass during the Cleveland Browns training camp in Berea, Ohio, July 30, 2022. (Nick Cammett/Diamond Images via Getty Images)

The former UCLA star and 10th overall pick in the 2018 draft — the first great Jewish quarterback star hope in decades — has spent most of his young career behind high-profile QBs on the depth chart. This season, Rosen begins the season on the Browns practice squad, after failing to earn a roster spot during the preseason — despite an opening on the team after its starting quarterback Deshaun Watson was suspended for 11 games over sexual misconduct allegations. In 24 career games, the 25-year-old Rosen has not shined when given his chances: he has a measly 54% completion percentage and more interceptions (21) than touchdowns (12).

## Free agents — and one wild card

Two additional players — veteran Nate Ebner and Sam Sloman — are currently unsigned free agents.

Ebner, a safety and special teams player, is a threetime Super Bowl champion who spent eight years with the New England Patriots before joining the New York Giants in 2020. He wrote an essay about his experience visiting Israel for the first time in 2019.

Sloman, a placekicker who was drafted by the Rams in 2020 and has also played for the Titans, was waived from the Pittsburgh Steelers practice squad in May. While at Miami University in Ohio, Sloman's teammates called him the "Kosher Cannon."

There's also Julian Edelman, the retired Patriots star wide receiver who continues to drop hints about a possible comeback. The Super Bowl LIII MVP recently said he feels "extremely better than I did the last year-and-a-half of my career."

Finally, two Jewish Super Bowl champions fans will not see this season: Mitchell Schwartz and Ali Marpet, who both retired this offseason.



quality programs, get involved with the community, and help their chapters to reach their full potential. Our advisors serve as positive Jewish role models by sharing observations with the teens, exploring problems and potential solutions, and encouraging them to strive for excellence. With advisor oversight, chapter programming is the responsibility of chapter members, allowing the teens to make some mistakes while helping them to learn and grow.

Advisors also work with teens to develop the character and confidence they need to handle the challenges of the high school years. Must be 21 years of age or older.

For more information, please visit bbyo.org/support/volunteer/.
Interested in applying or finding out more? Please contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewshtoledo.org.

## BBYO cheers on the Mud Hens











Join us for a scintillating hibachi experience under the sukkah with a private chef.

## Saturday, October 8 7 p.m.

Sekach Building – 6505 Sylvania Ave. \$25 per person – includes hibachi dinner, sushi, sake, and more

RSVP by Friday, October 7 at form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njg2022 or to Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.



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Jewish Summer Camp Program

## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER 2023!

The EMOJI ("Experience a Memorable Overnight Jewish Initiative") program was developed summer 2017 to help develop Jewish identity for our children, one camper at a time. EMOJI is designed to make camp affordable, accessible, and meaningful to families in our community through scholarships.

This past summer, 34 campers attended Jewish summer overnight because of the EMOJI program. The Toledo Jewish Community Foundation invested over \$71,000 in ensuring future generations' connections to their Judaism, our Toledo Jewish community, Israel, and beyond.

To find out more or to apply, visit jewishtoledo.org/emoji.



## Safety Tips



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

## Increase Level of Vigilance During the High Holidays

Many Jewish communities are seeing an alarming rise in antisemitism across the U.S. including here in Ohio. Both law enforcement and the ADL are reporting that antisemitic activity targeting individuals and Jewish facilities are increasing at a very alarming rate. Experts attribute this spike in violent attacks targeting Jews to the national news cycle reporting on the May 2021 conflict between Israel and Hamas, and the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. Even prior to these recent events, the FBI's Annual Hate Crime reporting indicates threats and violent attacks had already been on the rise in the past several years.

While there are no specific threats to U.S. Jewish institutions or individuals — out of an abundance of caution the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo recommends that the Jewish community increase its levels of vigilance. This is especially true during the High Holidays when people know that Jews congregate. The Jewish Federation of Greater has a positive partnership with our local and federal law enforcement agencies and we appreciate all that they do for our community.

We have sent out correspondences to our local law enforcement leaders reminding them of the high holidays and have asked, for **increased patrols and visibility in and around our synagogues**, **Jewish institutions**, **and school.** This just helps them with their awareness and vigilance.

Security is not just all up to law enforcement, security is <u>everyone's responsibility</u>. If you are a member of the community, you need to be alert. Do your part in helping to keep our Toledo Jewish community safe by reporting abnormal or threatening behavior to law enforcement and our Community Asset Safety & Security Manager -Dave Tullis, immediately for appropriate action. In doing so you will help to keep our community protected and safe from those who might seek to cause us harm.

Here are recommendations from Secure Community Network, (SCN), Ohio Regional Intelligence Center (ORIC) and your Community Asset Safety & Security Manager (CASSM) our Federation's security providers – on how you can help keep our community safe:

#### **Safety Recommendations**

- For all emergencies, call 911 immediately. Do not hesitate or delay. Emphasize the severity of the problem and be sure to report if it is happening near a Jewish facility.
- Remain on the telephone and report as many details as possible to the dispatcher. Tell the call taker what happened and the exact location, time, vehicle license, description of individual(s) of where it occurred. If you can do so safely, take a photograph and/or record the incident and provide to law enforcement upon arrival.
- If you see something or someone that is of concern, ensure you act as quickly as possible. In doing so, your quick action may help in keeping potential problems away from the community.
- Always be on heightened alert and maintain situational awareness to identify potential danger.
- If possible, always walk in pairs, especially after dark.
- Know how you should react to problems and emergencies.
- Be alert to unknown individuals acting outside the norm and vehicles that seem out of place driving or parking near Jewish facilities.
- Talk to your children and teens about safety. It is important to encourage children and teens to trust their own instincts. Teach them that if someone or something makes them feel uncomfortable or if they feel like something is just not right even if they cannot explain why they need to walk away immediately and alert an adult.
- SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING!





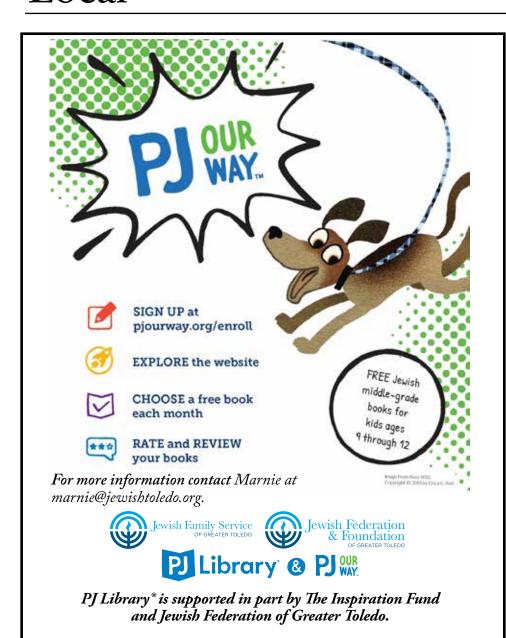


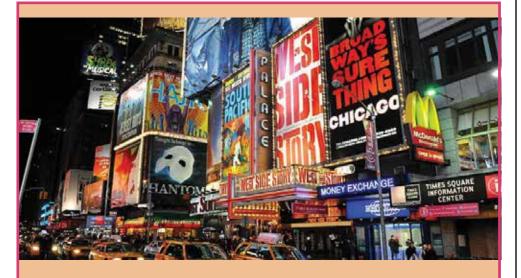


Peace Love and Pottery Studio brought the fun to us last month, leading our seniors in a program of painting, noshing, and kibbitzing.



## Local





In-Person Cultural Arts Trip

## The Best of Broadway: Mostly Musicals

May 23-(29), May 30-(June 5) & June 6-(12), 2023

Give your regards to Broadway with a musical journey to the "city that never sleeps!" Head to NYC, which is bustling with the excitement of countless shows and with the anticipation of the Tony Awards. Join in this trip to see seven – yes, seven! – of Broadway's hottest shows – mostly musicals! Three exclusive discussions with Broadway professionals not only offer personal insights into the lives of those in the theater community, but also are sure to be a highlight of trip!

Enjoy sumptuous meals in some of the Theater Districts culinary gems.

Come for the delightful musicals! Leave with memories of great shows, interesting "behind the curtain" discussions, delicious meals, and more!

For details & pricing, email James at alliance@marinjcc.org

# B'nai Mitzvah e Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah





**Owen Michael Rapino Kruse** will be called to the Torah on Saturday, October 29, 2022 at Temple Shomer Emunim. Owen is the youngest son of Stacey Rapino and the younger brother of Cooper Kruse. He is the beloved grandson of Norman & Eloise Rapino of Sylvania, Ohio.

Owen is an eighth grader at Toledo School for the Arts, where he completes college preparatory studies and explores his many artistic talents. Owen has found that Martial Arts is a class he really loves and where he can perform to his potential. Owen has been part of the Boy Scouts of America since first grade, starting as a Cub and working steadily to achieve the rank of Second Class. Since joining Swan Creek Troop 210, he has earned many merit badges and made many new friends. In Scouts, Owen has grown and matured while having a great time. He loves going on campouts and participating in Scouting activities. He frequently performs service projects and volunteers for activities like Scouting for Food. Owen always seems to walk a little taller and have a bigger smile when he is finished with these types of events.

Over the course of his life Owen has had many names. This started with his Hebrew name, Dov, which means bear. Since then he has been called many names: Owie, Monkey, Omen, O-Man, Snacks, Monkey Snacks, Sir Chats-A-Lot, Sleep Ninja, Short Stack (one he is quickly outgrowing!), and Mini Me. And while we still call him these names from time to time, his family is most excited to add his new name of Bar Mitzvah to his repertoire.

Among his other talents are drawing, learning to play multiple instruments, and making new friends. He does not play for any teams but loves many sports, particularly swimming, tennis and bike riding. With his leisure time he enjoys, video games, animals, rollercoasters, making movies, science, history, city explorations, museums, and listening to music.

Owen always has a smile and lends a hand when he sees a need. He is conscientious but loves to be comical to bring joy to others.

Owen's Bar Mitzvah is given by his family with love. We are eager to see what the next chapter in his book of life will bring. Please join us in congratulating this remarkable young man.

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## Temple Shomer Emunim •

#### **October Worship Schedule**

#### Friday, October 7

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

#### Friday, October 14

Consecration Service 5:15PM Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

#### Friday, October 21

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

#### Saturday, October 22

Shabbat Service at 10:30AM Bar Mitzvah of Joseph LaPlante

#### Friday, October 28

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

#### Friday, October 29

Shabbat Service at 10:30AM Bar Mitzvah of Owen Kruse

#### **Consecration Class 2022**

Olivia Baumhower

Jack Foster

Carter Frankel

Leni Heuerman

**Henry Grinberg** 

Sasha Grinberg

Ben McInnis

Penelope Meridieth

Simon Younker

Jacob Schwartz

Elliot Weatherford

David Shaulskiy

Odin Leach

**Emma Tipping** 

Consecration is Friday, October 14

at 5:15PM

#### **High Holiday Worship Schedule**

#### Sunday, October 2

**Woodlawn Cemetery Memorial Service** 10:00AM

#### Tuesday, October 4

Kol Nidre Service 7:30PM

#### Thursday, October 5

Family Service 9:00AM

Yom Kippur Morning Service 10:00AM-Noon Children's Programming 10:00AM

#### (Reservations Required)

Afternoon Service 2:00PM Yizkor Service 4:30PM Concluding Service 5:15PM Break Fast 6:30PM

## (Reservations Required)

## Monday, October 10

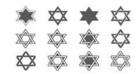
Sukkot Morning Service 10:30AM

#### Sunday, October 16

Simchat Torah Service 5:00PM Followed by Brisket/Chicken Dinner

#### Monday, October 17

Yizkor Service 10:30AM



#### Men's Chavurah

Wednesday, October 26 @ 7PM

#### October Religious/Hebrew School

Religious School 9:15-11:30AM

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> No Hebrew School

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

Wed 12th Hebrew School 4:30-6PM

Sun 16th Simchat Torah Family Participation 5:00PM

Wed 19th Hebrew School 4:30-6PM Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Religious School 9:15-11:30AM

Wed 26th Hebrew School 4:30-6PM Sun 30th Religious School 9:15-11:30AM

#### Temple Tots

Sunday, October 30 @ 9:15AM "A Challah Day"



#### Break the Fast with your Temple family! Wednesday, October 5 @ 6:30PM

Adults \$18 Children 10 & Under \$9 RSVP to <a href="mkuehnle@templese.com">mkuehnle@templese.com</a> by Sept. 21

#### Simchat Torah Service & Brisket Dinner Sunday, October 16 @ 5:00PM

This is a Family Participation Event in place of morning Religious School! March with the Torah, enjoy a delicious meal,

participate in children's activities and more! Followed by our Brisket & Chicken Dinner

> Adults \$14 Children 10 & Under \$7 RSVP to mkuehnle@templese.com by Wednesday, October 12

## **Congregation B'nai Israel**

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ALL congregants are welcomed back to in-person services regardless of vaccine status. Mask-wearing at in-person CBI services and programs is OPTIONAL. however, un-vaccinated attendees are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to wear a mask while in the building. If you are not a CBI member and would like to attend, please contact the office at 419.517.8400.

#### CBI High Holiday Services 5783 - October 2022

KEY: IP - In Person LS -Live Stream ZM - Zoom

SAT 1 9:30 AM 12:45 PM	SHABBAT SHUVAH IP/LS: Shabbat Services IP: Mincha Service
SUN 2	
8:30 AM	IP: SUKKAH BUILD
10.00 414	(Rain day is Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022)
10:00 AM	IP: *TASHLICH @ JCC Lake (weather permitting - bring bread)
11:00 AM	IP: **KEVER AVOT
	meet at Cemetery
	(graveside weather permitting, otherwise in the cemetery Chapel)
TUE 4	EREV YOM KIPPUR
	9:30 AM 12:45 PM SUN 2 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM

6:30 PM IP/LS: KOL NIDRE WED 5 YOM KIPPUR

9:00 AM IP/LS: Morning Service 10:45 AM IP: Jr. Congregation 11:00 AM IP/LS: YIZKOR IP/LS: Mincha/N'ilah Service 5:00 PM 7:45 PM IP: BREAK THE FAST AT CBI (RSVP by 9/28/22)

**SHABBAT** SAT 8 9:30 AM IP/LS: Morning Service 12:45 PM IP: Mincha Service

**EREV SUKKOT** SUN 9 5:45 PM IP/ZM: Evening Service SUKKOT DAY 1 MON 10 9:30 AM

IP/LS: Morning Service (Kiddush in the Sukkah) 5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

SUKKOT DAY 2 **TUE 11** 9:30 AM IP/LS: Morning Service

(Kiddush in the Sukkah) 5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

**THU 13** 8:00 AM 5:45 PM

IP/ZM: Morning Service **ZM: Evening Service** 

SAT 15 **SHABBAT** 9:30 AM IP/LS: Morning Service (Kiddush in the Sukkah) 12:45 PM IP: Mincha Service

SUN 16 HOSHANA RABBAH/ **EREV SHEMINI ATZERET** IP/ZM: Morning Service 9:00 AM IP: SUKKOT & SIMCHAT 5:00 PM **TORAH DINNER** 

in the Sukkah **MON 17** SHEMINI ATZERET IP/LS: Morning Service 9:30 AM 11:00 AM IP/LS: YIZKOR ZM: Evening Service 5:45 PM SIMCHAT TORAH **TUE 18** 

IP/LS: Morning Service

ZM: Evening Service

**SAVE THE DATE:** 

9:30 AM

5:45 PM

Join us as we Introduce & Dedicate

#### New Lev Shalem Siddurim

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022 9:30 AM In-Person & Live Stream

#### **CBI Office HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre 12:00 PM Tuesday, Oct. 5

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 5 Sukkot - Day 1

Monday, October 10 Sukkot - Day 2 Tuesday, October 11 Shemini Atzeret

Monday, October 17 Simchat Torah Tuesday, October 18

#### **EVENTS:**

## WCBI Book Club Selection: "This is How it Always Is"

by Laurie Frankel

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022 9:30 AM at CBI

Contact Ellen Federman at efederman@sbcglobal.net to register. This program is open to the women of all local congregations.

## **HIGH HOLIDAY EVENTS:**

#### CBI NEW Sukkah Build

Sunday, October 2, 2022 8:30 AM at CBI

Join us to help construct the NEW larger CBI sukkah on the back patio.

Please bring ladders if you are able. Refreshments will be provided. If you are able to help, please contact the office at 419.517-8400.

## Tashlich at the JCC Lake

Sunday, October 2, 2022 10:00 AM - bring your own bread

## **Kever Avot**

Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Beth Shalom Cemetery, Oregon

## Sukkot/Simchat Torah **Dinner & Celebration**

Sunday, October 16, 2022 5:00 PM Dinner in the Sukkah then Simchat Torah & Hakafot to follow

\$7 Per Person - RSVP by Oct. 7, 2022

The dinner and program are open to the members of all local congregations. Additional details in the Sept. & Oct. bulletins.

## Congregation Etz Chayim · · · ·

#### YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Kol Nidrei 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Shachris, Morning Service 8:30 a.m. Reading of the Torah (Kreeah) 10:30 a.m. Memorial, Dedication Service

and Sermon 11:15 a.m.

Musaf 11:45 p.m.

Mincha 5:00 p.m.

Neila, Conclusion 6:20 p.m.

Blowing of the Shofar 7:50 p.m.

#### **SUKKOT SCHEDULE**

Sunday, Oct. 9

Erev Sukkot 6:45 p.m. Candlelighting

Monday, Oct. 10

Sukkot 7:42 p.m. Candlelighting

Tuesday, Oct 11

Sukkot 7:41 p.m. Havdalah

Wednesday, Oct. 12

Chol Hamoed 6:00 p.m. In person Services

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Oct. 13, 14, 15

Chol Hamoed Sunday, Oct. 16

Hoshana Rabbah 6:33 p.m. Candlelighting

Monday, Oct. 17

Yizkor 5:30 p.m. In person services Shemini Atzeret 7:31 p.m. Candlelighting

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Simchat Torah 7:30 p.m. Havdalah

#### **HOLIDAY ZOOM PROGRAM**

We are fortunate to have Aviva Panush come back for another learning session on Zoom Sunday, October 2nd at 10:30 a.m. Aviva's session in September was meaningful and fabulous. Her sessions are inspiring and informative. The sessions are open for the participants to respond & ask questions. Please register with Elsa Leveton at elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org or Nancy Jacobson at Jaco824@bex.net.

#### FALL FOLIAGE WALK

October is the perfect time of year to enjoy the outdoors and the beautiful fall colors. Let's plan to meet for our annual "fall foliage walk." This year we will meet at Olander Park on Sunday, October 9th at 1:00 p.m. We will walk around the park and enjoy time together. Please register.

#### MAHJ/POKER

In person Poker & Mahj is planned for Sunday, October 23rd from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 in the Etz Chayim Social Hall. Bring your friends. Snacks will be served.

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Book Discussion & Art Tour: Wednesday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m.

We are so excited that Naomi Baron and Andrea Delman will be doing their next Book Discussion & "Art Tour" on Zoom. The book being discussed is Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks. This is a historical novel about a small English town 100 miles outside of London. The year is 1666, and the town has been struck by plague. Published in 2001, the book explores how ordinary people respond to catastrophe.

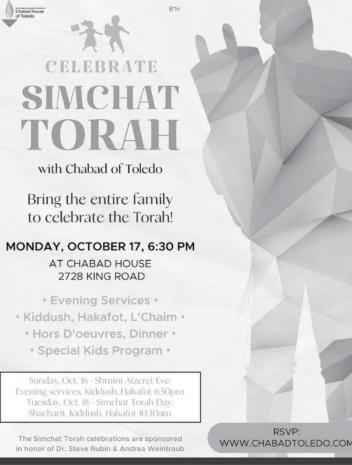
#### SISTERHOOD NEWS

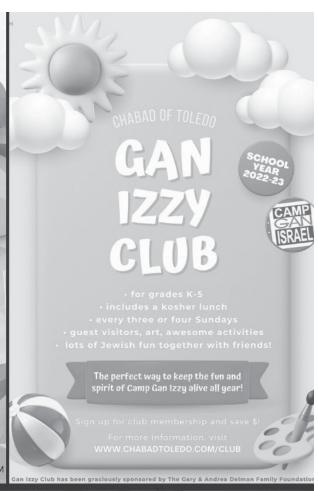
The Sisterhood will be hosting a Dessert Get-Together on Thursday, October 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the Sukkah. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be no charge for this event. Reservations are requested by Friday, October 7th by calling the synagogue office at 419-473-2401 or emailing Elsa Leveton at elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org. Delicious desserts and a fun activity are planned for the event.

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. All are welcome. Please contact Elsa for the Zoom link if you would like to attend.

## Chabad House







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## YOM KIPPUR TUESDAY, OCT. 4

Light Candles at 6:53 pm Fast Begins at 7:06 pm Kol Nidrei Services: 7:00 pm

#### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5

Morning Services: 10:00 am

Rabbi's Sermon, Torah, Yizkor Memorial Service: 11:30 am

Afternoon Service: 5:20 pm Neilah Closing Service: 6:20 pm

Fast Ends at 7:51 pm, followed by a break-fast meal

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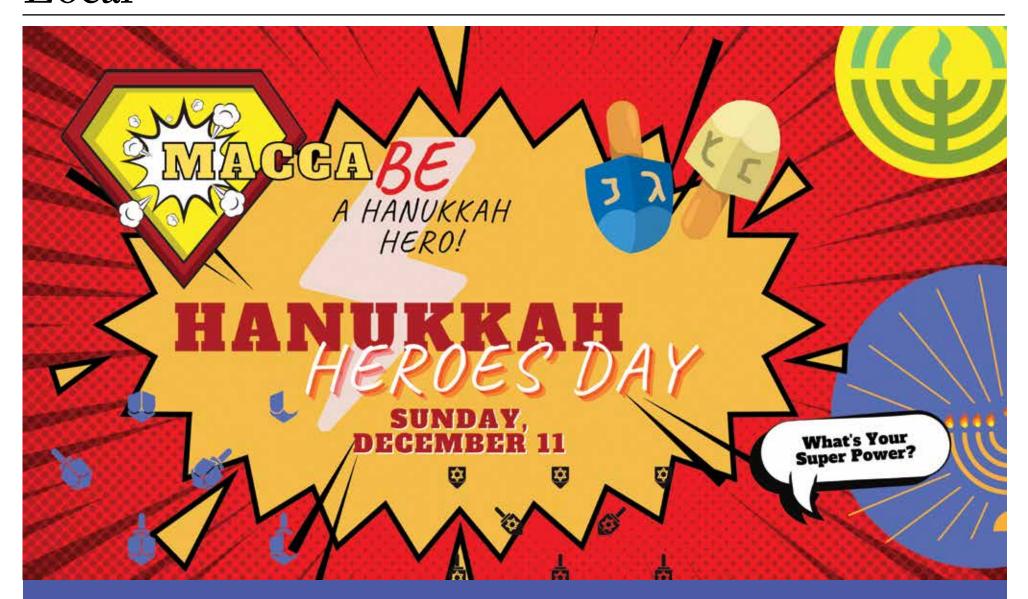
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## Local



## Hanukkah Heroes Day – MaccaBE a Hanukkah Hero! Sunday, December 11

Crosby Conference Center (Toledo Botanical Gardens), 5403 Elmer Drive 12 p.m. (come right after Sunday School!) \$5 per person – includes lunch, activities, etc. Kids 5 and under FREE

#### THIS EVENT IS FOR HEROES OF ALL AGES.

Kapow! Boom! Oy Vey! Celebrate the holiday of Hanukkah by giving back to those in need this season. Heroes of all ages are invited to come perform different service project that will help provide comfort to seniors, foster care children, and homeless individuals, to name a few. One person can make all the difference. Put on your cape and join us because there is a JEWPER hero in all of us!

#### RSVP by Friday, December 2 to:

Sherry Majewski, 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org or form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/hero



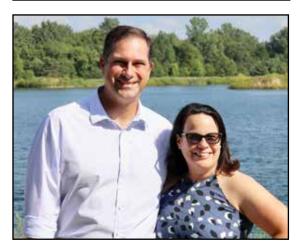
## Toledo Jewish Community Foundation











The Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (TJCF) Donor Recognition Event was held in late August at The Sanctuary in Delta, Ohio, hosted by Paul Goldner and Sandy Soifer. Nora Romanoff received the Legacy Award (accepted by Arleen Levine), Joe Wittenberg received the Endowment Award, and Service Awards were presented to Arleen Levine, Dan Steinberg, and Fred Treuhaft.

Thank you to all who joined us in honoring some of Jewish Toledo's most inspirational individuals.



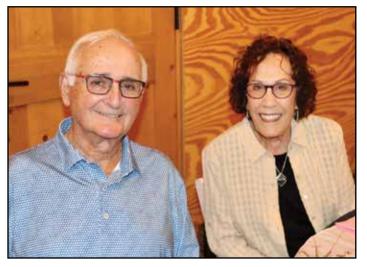






















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