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family a sweet and
happy new year!



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On behalf of the professional team of the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo and our lay leaders, we add our prayers and hope that our entire community is inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for a year of good health, happiness, prosperity, and peace.

Mark Greenblatt, President, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

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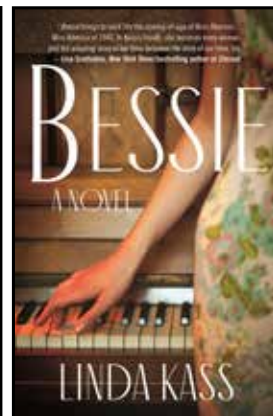
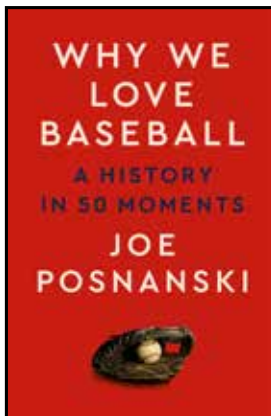
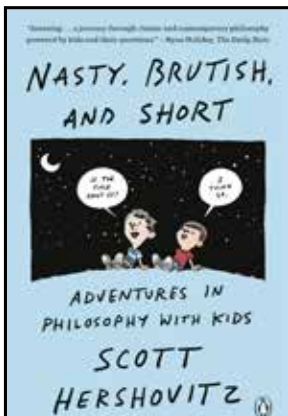
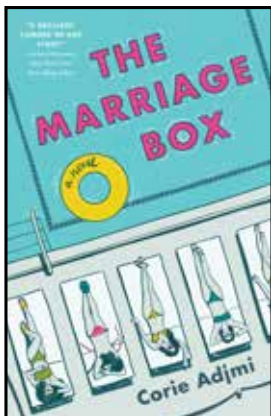
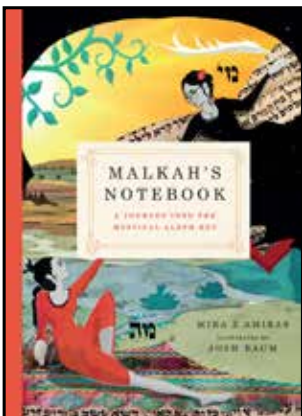


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19th Annual NW Ohio Book Festival

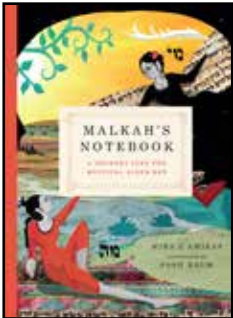


Malkah's Notebook: A Journey into the Mystical Aleph-Bet
by Mira Amiras
Sunday, October 22 at 6 p.m.
LOCATION – STAY TUNED

\$18 per adult – includes author presentation and dinner
\$40 per adult – includes author presentation, dinner, and book

Malkah is a child when her father tries teaching her to read Torah. But they don't get very far. As Malkah studies, her questions multiply. She discovers an earlier, hidden story of creation within the Hebrew Aleph-Bet letters in the first line of Genesis, and a door opens. Malkah's discovery takes her on a lifelong journey in search of her beginnings—into Jewish mystical texts, far-off places, archaeological digs, ancient gods, and ultimately into the nature of existence itself.

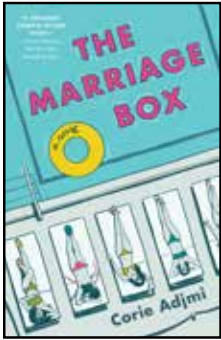
Mira Z Amiras is an anthropologist, author, and award-winning filmmaker of the animated featurette, *The Day before Creation*. She has lived, studied, and traveled throughout the Middle East and North Africa, camped out 7,000 miles through Africa, across the Sahara, heading south from Algiers to Nairobi, and traveled overland from Istanbul to the Nepalese border. She lives in San Francisco with her family.



The Marriage Box: A Novel
by Corie Adjmi
Thursday, October 26 at 7 p.m.
Wildwood Preserve Metroparks,
Ward Pavilion, 4830 W. Central Ave.
\$10 – includes author presentation,
heavy appetizers (vegetarian
charcuterie table, sangria bar, and
sweet treats)
\$25 – includes author presentation,
heavy appetizers, and book

Casey Cohen, a Middle Eastern Jew, is a sixteen-year-old in New Orleans in the 1970s when she starts hanging out with the wrong crowd. Then she gets in trouble and her parents turn her whole world upside down by deciding to return to their roots, the Orthodox Syrian Jewish community in Brooklyn. In this new and foreign world, families gather weekly for Shabbat dinner, parties are extravagant events at the Museum of Natural History, and the Marriage Box is a real place, a pool deck designated for teenage girls to put themselves on display for potential husbands. Casey is at first shocked by this unfamiliar culture, but after she meets Michael, she's enticed by it.

Corie Adjmi grew up in New Orleans and started writing in her thirties. When she is not writing, Corie does volunteer work, cooks, bikes, and hikes. She and her husband have five children and several grandchildren, with more on the way. She lives and works in New York City.

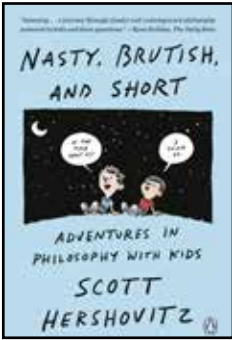


Nasty, Brutish, and Short
by Scott Hershovitz
Thursday, November 9
at 7 p.m.
Inside the Five – 5703 Main
St., Sylvania
\$18 – includes dinner and
author presentation
\$36 – includes dinner, author
presentation, and book

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

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

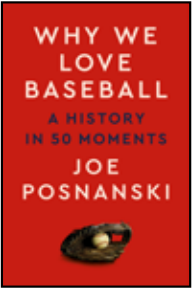
Hershovitz is the Thomas G. and Mabel Long Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy at The University of Michigan. He directs the University's Law and



Ethics Program and co-edits Legal Theory. Before joining the Michigan faculty, Hershovitz served as a law clerk to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the United States Supreme Court and an attorney-advisor on the appellate staff of the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice.

Why We Love Baseball: A History in 50 Moments
by Joe Posnanski
Sunday, November 12 at 6 p.m.
Shorty's Back Forty,
5215 Monroe St.
\$18 – includes author
presentation and dinner (salmon,
Impossible Burger sloppy joes,
green beans, mac & cheese,
salad, and other treats)
\$40 – includes author presentation, dinner, and book

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



Bessie: A Novel
by Linda Kass
Thursday, November 16 at 12 p.m.
Congregation B'nai Israel, 6525 Sylvania Ave.
\$5 – includes kosher luncheon & author
presentation
\$15 – includes kosher luncheon, author
presentation, and book
(Generously funded by Jewish Senior Services
Supporting Organization)

Just days after the close of World War II, Bess Myerson, the daughter of poor Russian Jewish immigrants living in the Bronx, is competing in the Miss America pageant. At stake: a \$5,000 scholarship. The tension and excitement in Atlantic City's Warner Theatre are palpable, especially for traumatized Jews rooting for one of their own. So begins *Bessie*.

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

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



Registering for a Book Festival event is easy!

By phone: 419-724-0351
By email: sherry@jewishtoledo.org
Online: form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/bookfestival23
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
Visit <https://jewishtoledo.org/nwojewishbookfestival23> for full Book Festival information.

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.

2023 Jewish Book Festival Committee

Cynthia Bramson	Lois Levison	Janet Rogolsky
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High Holidays – It’s in the Bag

Sunday, September 10
Kit Pickup: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Federation Campus - Gan Yeladim Preschool parking lot
(please stay in your car and wait to be assisted)

\$18 per kit (includes festive goodie bag with freshly made, certified kosher challah; sweet treats; keepsakes; and more. Gluten-free options are available, please let us know if you would like this option)



Overwhelmed with the
upcoming Jewish holidays?
DON'T BE!

Order your High Holiday survival kit *today*
containing everything you need to get
from Rosh Hashanah to Simcha Torah.

RSVP required by Tuesday, September 5
to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/itsinthebag>
or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or
sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



– SAVE THE DATE – Join us for a Theatre Festival!

Throughout this year and next, visit different beautiful venues,
enjoy great meals, and amazing theatrical performances.

The first live theatre production on
October 11, 2023 is a performance
of *Diva Royale* at the Purple Rose
Theatre Company in Chelsea, MI.

Diva Royale October 11, 2023

Depart from the JCC at 11:30 a.m.
Arrive back in Toledo at 6 p.m.
Purple Rose Theatre Chelsea, MI
\$20 includes transportation and ticket with lunch
RSVP by September 19 at form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors
or to Sherry at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351

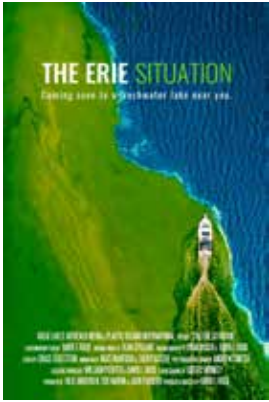
This event is intended for adults 50 and Better who support the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo’s Annual Campaign. A meaningful gift to the campaign is required to attend. Make your contribution today by contacting Wendy Goldstein at 419-724-0362 or wendy@jewishtoledo.org or by visiting: www.jewishtoledo.org/campaigndepartment. Bus ride to and from location with a lunch provided before the event. More information about the 2023/24 Theatre Production Festival to come soon!





JCRC Film Series FALL INTO FILMS

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



The Erie Situation
Thursday, September 7
6:30 p.m.
Franciscan Center of Lourdes University,
6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania
www.theeriesituation.com/

The Erie Situation looks at the numerous factors affecting the water quality (and lack thereof) in Lake Erie. *Featuring a post-film discussion with Tom Henry, The Blade's award-winning environmental reporter, and David Ruck of Great Lakes Outreach Media, producer of the film.*



Under G-d
Thursday, October 12
6:30 p.m.
Main Branch of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, 325 N. Michigan St., Toledo
www.paulaeiselt.com/under-g_d

Under G-d focuses on the Jewish response to the United States Supreme Court's Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision that overturned Roe v. Wade. *Featuring a post-film discussion with legal and medical experts.*



The Red Sea Diving Resort
Thursday, November 16
6:30 p.m.
Franciscan Center of Lourdes University,
6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania
www.netflix.com/title/80240537

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




Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of Life
Thursday, December 14
6 p.m.
Congregation Etz Chayim, 3853 Woodley Rd., Toledo
<https://repairingtheworldfilm.org/>

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

Questions? Contact Mary Bilyeu at 419-724-0405 or mary@jewishtoledo.org.

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As Israelis rejoice in the sound of the shofar,
we're also preparing for the wail of the siren.




With the growing threat of a war with Hezbollah, we can't ensure this Rosh HaShanah will usher in a peaceful year. But with a new campaign to add 300 urgently needed ambulances to MDA's fleet, we can save lives no matter what 5784 brings.

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JFGT Fall/Winter 2023 Holiday Office Closures:

- Monday, September 4 - Labor Day
- Friday, September 15 – Erev of Rosh Hashanah Office Closes at 1 p.m.
- Monday, September 25 – Yom Kippur
- Friday, September 29 – Erev of Sukkot – Office Closes at 1 p.m.
- Sunday, November 5 – Time Change, Office Closes at 3:30 p.m. starting November 10
- Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Break
- Monday, December 25 - Christmas Observance
- Monday, January 1, 2024 - New Year’s Day Observance

Toledo Jewish Community Foundation
Tributes and Memorials

received between July 22 - August 21, 2023

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

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In Honor of Julie Fruchtman-Yakumithis
Barbara Lawrence

Ann & Abe Levine Temple Shomer Emunim Fund
In Honor of Joel Levine's Special Birthday
In Honor of JoAnn Okun's Special Birthday
In Honor of George Glasser's Special Birthday
In Honor of Robert and Lisa Axonovitz's Special Anniversary
In Honor of Joe and Lori Decker's Special Anniversary
Gordon and Marla Levine

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) recognizes and thanks the more than 100 lay volunteers who have donated countless hours of their time in support of our work over the past year. The people identified below sit on one of our many affiliated boards, standing or ad hoc committees, supporting organizations, or parent groups, or volunteer in connection with our programs and services. They have attended dozens of board and committee meetings, volunteered in support of our JSFSS Family Pantry, delivered packages, led programs, consulted, and made phone calls in support of improving Jewish life in northwest Ohio and around the world. Without their selfless contributions of time, experience, skills, expertise, and knowledge, Jewish Toledo would not be the caring and involved community that it is and will always be. We are grateful and honored to thank you for being such an important part of fulfilling JFGT’s mission. We are always looking to add to this list. If you are interested in getting involved in big or small ways, contact Stephen Rothschild at stephen@jewishtoledo.org.

The following people were inadvertently left off the list of JFGT volunteers last month.
We apologize for the oversight.

Jason D. Levine
Andrea Delman
Marci Klumb
Adele Wasserstrom Millman
Ross Chaban
Peter Silverman
Zack Ottenstein



WHAT YOU DO MATTERS



LESSONS FROM THE HOLOCAUST

Monday, October 16, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave

FREE

What You Do Matters: Lessons from the Holocaust is a highly interactive course developed in concert with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), specifically for law enforcement with focus on ethical and bias free leadership. The course is facilitated by law enforcement professionals and utilizes historical images, videos, artifacts, and displays selected by museum historians for engaging conversation for thought leadership. Community members are welcome to attend.

There will be three 4-hour sessions offered. Each session begins with a 3-hour highly interactive and conversive course geared toward criminal justice personnel including police, prosecutors, judges, communications, corrections, victim advocates, and other administrative roles. The last hour will provide an introduction to Judaism and contemporary antisemitism, a tour of a synagogue, and discussion of the importance of reporting hate crimes.

RSVP the Friday prior to each event to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/what-you-do-matters or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

What You Do Matters is generously supported by a grant from the Ohio Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission.



TODD LARSON is the Director of the What You Do Matters (WYDM) Institute focused on training criminal justice personnel across the United States. Prior to this role, he was the Associate Vice President of Workplace and Public Safety for a large Arizona Hospital System and was responsible for Security, Emergency Management, Central Communications, Access Control, Military Partnership, Simulations Training Center, Trauma Outreach, Injury Prevention, and the Forensic Nursing Program across six hospitals and over 100 other locations.

Prior to working in Healthcare, Todd retired from the Scottsdale (AZ) Police Department after 22 years of service. He spent the majority of his career investigating felony crimes within the Special Investigations Section, Violent Crimes Unit, Federal DEA Phoenix Task Force and served over ten years on the Scottsdale Police Department SWAT Team as an operator, sniper, and team leader. Todd has authored numerous court orders and warrants as well as serving as an instructor for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), The Scottsdale Police Department, and The Arizona Narcotics Officers Association (ANO) Annual Conferences.

Todd is a graduate of The Advisory Board's High Performing Leadership Fellowship, The Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, and is a Certified Force Science Specialist. Todd has authored several published articles involving police training, tourniquet research, TBI research, and healthcare technology. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Education from Northern Arizona University, a Master's Degree in Leadership with Emphasis on Crisis Management and Disaster Preparedness from Grand Canyon University, and a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Grand Canyon University.



ELIZABETH ORTIZ has a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics, a Master of Arts in Political Science, and a Juris Doctor. After graduating from law school, Ms. Ortiz clerked at the Arizona Court of Appeals. Ms. Ortiz then joined the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, in Phoenix, Arizona, where she prosecuted cases for sixteen years. During that time, Ms. Ortiz served as a Bureau Chief in Juvenile, Pretrial, Charging, and Appeals. In 2009, Ms. Ortiz joined the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council ("APAAC") as the Senior Staff Attorney and was subsequently named Executive Director. In addition to her APAAC duties, Ms. Ortiz is a sworn special prosecutor in several Arizona counties and continues to carry a criminal caseload.

Ms. Ortiz is co-chair of the Arizona Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women, chair of the State Bar of Arizona Public Lawyers Executive Council, and chair of the State Bar of Arizona Criminal Justice Executive Council. She serves as a board member for the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators, the National District Attorney's Association, the Arizona Forensic Science Academy, the Arizona Supreme Court's Commission of Victims in Court, the State Bar of Arizona Board of Legal Specialization, and the State Bar Professionalism Advisory Council. Ms. Ortiz teaches extensively throughout Arizona, the United States, and Mexico on a wide variety of legal topics, and is a facilitator for the Lessons From the Holocaust: What You Do Matters course.

News

How Jews are joining the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington on Shabbat

By Ben Sales
(JTA) — Six decades ago, shortly before Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his iconic “I Have a Dream” speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Rabbi Joachim Prinz called for racial equality in an address that began with the words, “I speak to you as an American Jew.”

This Saturday, about a dozen Jews will be in the lineup of more than 100 speakers who will return to the memorial’s marble steps for what is being billed as a continuation of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on its 60th anniversary. Alongside the anniversary march, which will take place on Shabbat, an initiative is launching to encourage discussion at Friday night dinners about fighting racism and antisemitism.

The event is being organized by activist groups helmed by King’s son, Martin Luther King III; Rev. Al Sharpton, and other civil rights leaders, and is expected to draw 75,000 people, according to the Washington Post. The 1963 march drew more than 200,000 people.

The roster’s Jewish speakers include rabbis, activists and representatives of Jewish organizations, including Jews of color. Yolanda Savage-Narva, who serves as the Union for Reform Judaism’s assistant vice president for racial equity, diversity and inclusion,

told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the participation of Jews of color indicates that “our country has made progress.”

“Our community understands that people of all backgrounds can come from different faiths, and the fact that there are Jews of color on the podium of the March on Washington speaks to the fact that we’re intersectional beings,” said Savage-Narva, who is Black and Jewish. “We’re not just one thing, we’re not just our racial identity, our gender identity, our religious background, and it gives people an opportunity to see a whole person.”

Savage-Narva said she will be speaking briefly and will deliver the message that people should “be proximate to one another, build relationships so we have more capacity to hear each other’s stories, and see each other b’tzelem elohim, in God’s image. We are all God’s children.”

The 1963 march came during the campaign for the Civil Rights Act, which was passed the next year. At Saturday’s march, King III, a leader of a group called the Drum Major Institute that aims to continue his father’s legacy, will call for strengthened voting rights as well as other measures to protect American democracy, according to the Washington Post.

“It feels like we’ve gone backwards in relationship to civil and human rights. Dad talked about eradicating the triple evils of poverty, racism and violence,” King III told the Post. “So we have to be more vigilant, we have to be more engaged, we have to be more, in fact we are, more determined than ever to actually address these great issues.”

One of the march’s co-chairs is the Anti-Defamation League, and the Jewish civil rights group’s CEO, Jonathan Greenblatt, will also speak. He noted that ADL leaders were at the original march as well, “when standing next to Dr. King wasn’t necessarily easy” because of controversy over civil rights.

“This is a march that’s not just about equality for Black people or just about fighting hate against Jewish people,” he said. “This is about standing up for all people.”

Greenblatt added that he hopes to encourage cooperation between Black and Jewish leaders. “It will be more specifically focused on the need for the Black and Jewish communities to work together and not allow those with ulterior motives to divide us, but instead to focus on the shared experiences and common values that we share with one another,” he said.

In its programming surrounding the Saturday march, the ADL is

marking Shabbat while launching an initiative that it hopes will strengthen Black-Jewish ties.

On Friday night, it will be hosting a Shabbat dinner featuring author Michael Twitty, whose memoir “Koshersoul” charts his work fusing African-American and Jewish culinary histories. It has also reserved hotel rooms within walking distance to the march for participants who don’t drive on Shabbat, and Greenblatt said there will be a morning prayer service before the program begins.

The ADL, the National Urban League and OneTable, which facilitates Shabbat dinners, have also partnered on a new initiative urging people to convene Shabbat dinners to reflect on the March on Washington and on fighting racism and antisemitism. A pamphlet meant to be a guide for the Shabbat dinners includes essays by Jews of color and suggested action items.

“Shabbat is a time of rest and replenishment for Jews, and a way to activate and to be in community, to have other people understand how important a moment like this is,” Savage-Narva said. “Even though it is Shabbat, it’s a sacrifice of sorts to say, ‘Hineni,’ I am here, I’m showing up and this is so important for me and the multiple identities I hold.”

Create & Relate: SESSION FOUR





Sylvania restaurant collects food and toiletry items for JSFSS



As part of regular community outreach, Buffalo Wild Wings on Central Avenue organized a donation drive for the Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS) Family Food Pantry in July. Clifford Nopper, assistant general manager, is pictured holding the donated items that he collected for the pantry.

How ‘Pitching Ninja’ Rob Friedman accidentally became one of the most popular Jewish personalities in baseball

(JTA) — It’s safe to say that few people watch more baseball than Rob Friedman. During the MLB season — which features 30 teams playing 162 games each from April through October — Friedman spends countless hours every day watching as much of the sport as he can from the comfort of a four-screen media center he set up in his home outside Atlanta.

His particular area of expertise is pitching — a complex, crucial and, he believes, underappreciated aspect of the game. His dissection of individual pitches, posted on social media, has made him an authority on the craft.

For nine years, posting as the “Pitching Ninja,” he has built a following of more than a million users across social media platforms. He highlights impressive performances from the mound and has gone on to work as an analyst on multiple TV networks as well as MLB’s own channels. Big league players have been spotted wearing his merchandise — with its recognizable logo of a baseball dressed as a ninja — and learning from his videos.

Dozens of times a day, on the platform popularly known as Twitter, Friedman shares pitching GIFs and edited videos of pitchers throwing multiple pitches, overlaid on top of each other to illustrate their variety. He also has a daily segment where he breaks down his “filthiest” pitches of the day, highlighting sliders, changeups or fastballs that he calls “nasty” or “dirty” — adjectives that all count as high praise in the baseball world.

How did Friedman, a lawyer by trade with only scant amateur baseball experience, become one of the most popular personalities in the sport?

“I have no idea,” he recently told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Friedman, 56, grew up in a Conservative Jewish family on Long Island, had a bar mitzvah and attended Hebrew school, where he fondly recalls melting crayons on the heater in his classroom.

And although he was born the same year Sandy Koufax retired, Friedman was a big fan of the Jewish Dodgers pitcher, saying that he has always admired “the way he carried himself his entire career.”

Friedman played baseball on and off through college. But he said it wasn’t until he coached his son Jack that he discovered his love for the sport.

“That really made me love baseball even more, teaching it to somebody and having to learn the ins and outs of the game,” Friedman said.

Increased level of vigilance needed 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. 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 levels of vigilance. This is especially true during the High Holidays when people know that Jews congregate. Security is not just all up to law enforcement; security is **everyone’s responsibility**. 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 (CASSM), Dave Tullis (419-720-3972 or dave@jewishtoledo.org) 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 Dave Tullis (CASSM) 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!**

We must remember that antisemitism is a serious crime. Any violence against the Jewish community is not to be tolerated, must be reported, and stopped. As such, we encourage community members to do their part to help ensure we create an environment that increases prevention, vigilance, and safety for all.

As a coach, Friedman took a particular interest in pitching. He asked a lot of questions — a curiosity he attributed to his training as an attorney — and began to learn everything he could about the craft.

“It gave me a whole new appreciation for it, and also a way to break down mechanics and really kind of teach what actually pitchers do, as opposed to what coaches say they do,” said Friedman. “I think that was the fun part, delving deep into it.”

He began posting about the finer points of pitching on online message boards around 2007. In 2014, he started tweeting.

“I wanted to share this because not everybody is fanatical like I am,” Friedman said. “So I shared the stuff that I had and just kept getting more and more, a bigger, bigger following, MLB pitchers would start following it, too and asking questions. And it just blew up.”

Before he knew it, Friedman had become the “Pitching Ninja,” a name inspired by his family. Friedman’s wife is half-Japanese, and his son was once told he looked like one of the stealthy Japanese warriors when he wore a bandana while pitching. His son didn’t love the name, so Friedman happily adopted it for himself.

“After a while it was like, you know what, I want to be known as ‘Pitching Ninja’

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Happy Tears #3

By Lauren Sachs

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



I first began writing in earnest almost immediately after my husband Brad died suddenly in August of 2020. My writing at that time was akin to journaling as it was not intended for anyone but myself. When sleep seemed an impossibility during the earliest days, I found myself with pen in hand in the middle of the night, pouring out my feelings while also expressing my love and admiration for my late husband. Even then, I knew that my exposition served a few simple purposes. Writing down my thoughts helped me give voice to some of the intense pain I was feeling but it also allowed me to avoid one of my greatest fears: forgetting. Brad had the most remarkable memory of anyone I had ever met, almost a photographic memory in fact. I knew that my own memory was highly fallible and I was afraid that I would forget our shared history, the essence of what made him who he was, and the incredible stories he used to tell anyone who was willing to listen.

I wrote for myself but I also felt compelled to put pen to paper for the sake of our daughters whose memory of their father would be frozen in time and always seen through the lens of their childhood. I also used this early writing to form the basis of my eulogy for Brad, wanting to honor him with words that truly reflected who he was as he was laid to rest. Words flowed readily onto the page and took very little forethought, like a conversation I was having with an audience of one.

After a few months of writing, I began to realize that examining Brad's remarkable approach to life not only bolstered me through this heart wrenching time but could also offer lessons for others facing loss and hardship. While writing alone could not ease the tragedy of my loss or fully heal me as I struggled to cope with my grief, I began to marvel at the power of the pen and how much it helped me to express my innermost feelings and assuage my pain. As I shifted from scratching out my thoughts on paper to typing out my thoughts on a computer, I also started to learn more about myself and the myriad ways that Brad had impacted my life both during the time he was alive and even after his untimely death. It now made sense that so many who sought to provide support after my loss gifted my daughters and I with journals.

From the darkness of my loss, my writing emerged as a new source of light and a means of artistic expression. Given my experience, I understand that this gift can be an important tool for all those who are facing grief or grappling with life's myriad challenges. While I hope to help others and share the lessons I have learned, I believe that anyone can find strength by writing down their story, even when that story is shared with no one else. As for me, I feel honored to be able to tell Brad's story as I embrace my life and continue to write my own story, too.

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Rolf Hess: A Survivor's Story

Rolf Hess, one of only two known Holocaust survivors in the Toledo area, told his story at a small private gathering last night that included several members of his extended family, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo staff, and community members. Born in Germany, he was deported to Vichy France and was later rescued by Quakers. He was brought to the United States as an 8-year-old orphan in 1942 to live with relatives in Cleveland.

Rolf discussed the terror he experienced as a young boy, beginning at 4 years old when he and his family were taken from their home and soon separated. The trauma stayed with him in America, despite being well fed and cared for (hiding in his own backyard when a plane flew overhead, stealing tomatoes from a neighbor's Freedom Garden).

In a powerful recollection of resilience and hope, he shared many of the personal experiences that brought him to America, to his wife, Marcia, and to the joyful life he has today.

When asked if he calls himself a "Holocaust survivor" today, he responded, "No, I say I am an American Jew."

DISPEL THE DARKNESS

Join us for a Hanukkah lighting

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

SAVE THE DATE
6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14

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

JSFSS offers seniors support and solutions in an ever-changing world

By Mary Bilyeu

The importance of emotional wellness, in addition to mental and physical health, is a central focus of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services (JSFSS) department.

In our daily lives, "little things can become insurmountable over time," said JSFSS Vice President, Ben Malczewski. "We try to resolve that," before the proverbial mole hill becomes a mountain. "At our core, being proactive, adaptable, and able to navigate a field of complex variables and challenging obstacles – that change with each individual – is a must-have skill set of our staff." To that end, JSFSS is "a bridge to – and through – resources" for seniors, he continued. "We meet you at your personal point of need [and] we can help navigate systems to find the best resources and solutions to any problem you may have. We are here for you to stand on our experts' shoulders, so that you don't have to take an emergency crash course in Medicare or assisted living options in order to make the best decision for your family. And we do this with care and through a lens considering the person, their family, their community, and their values."

These issues might include anything from re-establishing equilibrium after the disruption and trauma of the pandemic, an inability to drive to medical appointments or events, not being tech-savvy in an increasingly electronic society, or even just wanting to overcome isolation by being sociable and having fun with friends.

Whatever your need, JSFSS exists to try to meet it through its many different services.

Social Work / Your Compass for Navigating Difficult Circumstances

Case and care management are two of the critical components of JSFSS.

The former involves helping clients and their family members navigate life changes, particularly those that occur with aging, while the latter has more of a medical component. Both are designed to help seniors live more independently, and JSFSS' two social workers make as many as 300 visits to their clients in a year to ensure an exceptionally high level of care. "We work with the individual and their family to keep them living safely in their home as long as possible," said Stacy Willis, LSW,MSW, Family Pantry and Support Services Coordinator. That is, "if this is what they want," she added, and if it's feasible for the client with the establishment of a support system.



Stacy Willis
LSW,MSW

In some cases, that involves finding financial resources or navigating the labyrinthine procedures of insurance companies, Medicare, or Medicaid to cover necessary services. Other times, it requires creating a safe home after a hospitalization, which might involve arranging for therapies, attendants,

housekeeping, meal preparation, or medication reminders.

When mental health services are required, Ms. Willis and JSFSS' other Support Services Coordinator, Liz Witter, LSW, MSW, will offer counseling themselves or connect clients to available resources such as NAMI or other community programs. In one instance, Ms. Willis even brought a laptop to a client visit, enabling a Zoom appointment with a psychiatrist for someone who could not physically get to a provider's office. One of the most essential services JSFSS provides, said Ms. Witter, who manages it, is the Patient Advocate Program for those who are 60 or older. In this innovative initiative, patients are paired up with dedicated volunteers who accompany them to appointments. But there is so much more to it than simply providing a ride or companionship.



Liz Witter

The volunteer meets with the patient ahead of time to review their health status and needs, and then serves as an extra pair of eyes and ears during interactions with medical providers. This person can prompt the patient to ask necessary questions that might be forgotten, or encourage the raising of concerns rather than shying away from issues. Careful notes are taken by the advocate, which are left with the client for review or as a reference point; these can also be shared with family members who are involved with the individual's care, to keep them apprised of their loved one's situation – a particularly valuable service to relatives living out-of-town who would otherwise be more closely involved in the situation themselves.

The advocacy program is designed to "foster autonomy" with volunteer support, Ms. Witter said. "It's really about empowering the client," she emphasized.

Senior Programming / Restoring Joy Through Connection and Community

Creating gorgeous flower bouquets for Pesach. Cruising the Maumee River on the Sandpiper on a summery day, coupled with a trolley ride to get to the boat. Cheering on the Mud Hens as they take on the Columbus Clippers on Sept. 13. Exercise classes for fitness and fun.



Sherry Majewski

These are just a very few of the programs offered by JSFSS for community seniors. Activities are extremely varied, said Federation's Program Associate, Sherry Majewski. Sometimes she chooses themes because they're holiday-related, while others – like making fused glass pieces with Copper Moon Studio – are more artistic. And there's always a nosh, because what's a Jewish event without

food?

There is often an educational component to programs, as well – particularly with Ms. Willis' Create and Relate sessions. July's topic covered questions regarding confusion over Medicare, followed by a colorful craft project: writing inspirational messages on small tote bags, to give as gifts or to use oneself. The session on Sept. 28 will be an expo with representatives from the Area Office on Aging, the Social Security Administration, the Toledo Lucas County Public Library's homebound services, and an expert in elder law.

Why are these social programs such an essential part of what JSFSS offers?

Especially after the pandemic, Mr. Malczewski said, his department has "amplified the focus on mental health," of which human connection is a critical component.

Colette Lundberg, Federation's Events Coordinator, added that after the age of about 50, it's essential to find ways to get people together. Their children are grown and have often moved away, so natural gatherings – like waiting to pick up kids after religious school on Sunday mornings, for example – are no longer an option.

But when these seniors attend events, "they get to laugh. They get to talk about their grandkids. They get to talk about their families," and whatever else is going on in their lives, Ms. Lundberg continued.

Sitting together and sharing a meal and engaging in a fun activity "automatically bonds people together," she said. "It's too important not to do it."

Technology / Exploring Innovative Ways to Engage Hearts and Minds

In 2022, Federation was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) to study whether senior citizens could lead more healthful and engaged lives with support from technology. So Tim Hagen, ODA Project Manager and Technology coordinator, was contracted to develop programs specifically for this purpose.

JSFSS purchased Amazon Echo Shows, which have been placed in 35 homes to help community members with everything from communicating with relatives to setting reminders to listening to favorite songs. Voiced by Alexa, this equipment can serve as anything from an assistant (removing obstacles to independence) to an entertainer.

One of the most popular components of the ODA initiative has been virtual reality programming. It's not just for kids and gamers anymore.

JSFSS now has 18 Virtual Reality (VR) headsets, enabling groups to enjoy immersive, communal experiences that have been held at the JCC/YMCA, the Sekach Building, and off-site at the Kingston Care Center in Sylvania and the West Park Place assisted living facility.

These virtual adventures are an exceptional means to keeping people engaged with others, as they require



Tim Hagen

specialized equipment and personalized assistance from Mr. Hagen. They can be one-on-one, but are even greater fun when shared with others; just imagine everyone in the room squealing and laughing as they get

to experience a roller coaster taking a deep plunge!

Additionally, community members have felt a significant emotional impact from these sessions. One person, Tim noted, has lit up talking about their visits to Disneyland, a favorite place they're no longer physically able to go to. Another woman took a sentimental trip down memory lane to visit Switzerland, where she was raised. A long-married couple was able to look back at the park in which they were wed.

And a resident at Kingston remarked that a virtual visit to Yosemite National Park had particular meaning for him; it had been on his and his wife's "to-do" list for years, though their plans never came to fruition due to health and aging issues. She has since passed away, but he felt very sentimental during the VR session because he was finally able to take the trip, so to speak, and held her in his heart while doing so.

Mr. Hagen's tech tips, offered in *Toledo Jewish News* each month and in Federation's weekly Friday Facts email, also serve to counter isolation, particularly for those who are more homebound. With app suggestions and other hints for maximizing technology usage, community members can connect with relatives or even fellow game enthusiasts. Words with Friends, anyone?

Transportation / Reducing Literal Barriers to Access

You've heard of door-to-door service. But JSFSS strives to provide door-*through*-door service, Mr. Malczewski said, emphasizing the middle word. Because if you're going to facilitate community members' ability to get to appointments or attend programs, the means to getting there is an essential part of the equation.

It's not always enough to just drive someone to a doctor's office, for example, and drop them off. What if that person needs help putting on a coat and then navigating out the front door with a walker or other medical equipment and then has the reverse issues upon returning home? Most transportation services only offer a ride, but not much more.

So, JSFSS contracts with Orange Transport to provide wheelchair-accessible rides to those who require assistance getting to-and-from daytime appointments and events, as well as getting to-and-from the vehicle itself.

"They're really healthcare providers," Mr. Malczewski offered, due to the very high level of dedication that's provided by the company's drivers.

Another excellent transportation option is carpooling to events, especially

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CREATE & RELATE

Open to everyone!

CREATE AND RELATE: EXPO FAIR!

Thursday, September 28 | 12 – 2:30 p.m.
Sekach Bldg.
FREE EVENT | LUNCH PROVIDED

Come nosh, come mingle, and, most importantly, come be together. This event is open to everyone!

We will have community professionals for you to chat with, including:

- Phil Wylkin, Elder Law Attorney
- Merideth Wagoner, Area Office On Aging
- Erin Thompson, Social Security Office
- Toledo Public Library – Homebound Services

There will also be a variety of goods and crafts available for purchase, including:

- Anne Lumbrezer, selling homemade jams and honey from their local bee farm
- Kim Post, owner of Sovereign Soul, LLC, providing services designed for deep relaxation and healing
- Martha Quiroga, owner of The Shaman and the Bear, providing organic, handcrafted, restorative, herbal teas
- Devorah Shulamit, selling her extravagant brownies
- NAMI, Creative Expressions will provide free rock painting for whoever’s interested

Everyone listed will have a table with information and/or goodies and will be available for the entirety of the program. Please stop by Sekach any time between 12p-2:30p for a light lunch and a great expo fair!

RSVP required by September 22 at
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or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org

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Welcome to JSFSS’s new event series: **Create and Relate!** These are unique sessions for seniors to connect with different services by bringing in new and exciting community speakers and activities. People of all ages are welcome as we touch on all-inclusive topics. Come nosh, come mingle and most importantly, come be together.

Any questions, please contact Stacy Willis at 419-724-0407.



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Upcoming Tech Programs:
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Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-noon at the Sekach Bldg
6505 Sylvania Avenue:

All Tech Programs are FREE, and include lunch:
September 5: Tech Tuesday – Using Google Maps
September 12: Virtual Reality - Touring Toledo, Cleveland, and Detroit
September 26: Virtual Reality – Touring National Parks

RSVP with Sherry Majewski at:
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Please let us know of any dietary restrictions in advance

As the start of fall brings cooler temperatures and hints of yellow and orange amongst the foliage, September reintroduces, for many lucky ones, a return to a new school year!

For those of us who aren’t formally enrolled as students, somewhere and somehow, take assurance that you can always remain a lifelong learner. Developing a consistent desire to be curious, to explore, to try new things, to keep an open mind... these efforts can help keep boredom and depression and a slew of negative mindsets at bay.

Please refer to the ideas, listed on the left, as online ways, both tech-related and otherwise, to nourish the active, lifelong learner inside you!

Until next month - Tim

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NWOhio Jewish Film Festival recap

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In July, Jewish Toledo took a trip out west with the second movie of the Toledo Jewish Film Festival, *Jews of the Wild West*. Beforehand, we celebrated our Silver Circle members who have donated to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) Annual Campaign for 25+ consecutive years.



WE ARE THE TROOPERS





Last month was a touchdown at the Toledo Jewish Film Festival finale, featuring the documentary, *We Are the Troopers*. With hundreds of attendees in the audience (including longtime Troopers fans, new fans, and about 20 former Troopers themselves) the event provided a long overdue celebration for the most successful team in the National Women's Football League (NWFL).

Based on author and Toledo native Stephen Guinan's book, *We Are the Troopers: The Women of the Winningest Team in Pro Football History*, the film explains that Ohio is the birthplace of the Women's Professional Football League, and the Toledo Troopers hold the record for the most championship titles in women's football.

Just before the finale of the Toledo Jewish Film Festival last night, our Jewish Federation Major Donors (\$1,000+ to the Annual Campaign) enjoyed a dinner and special speech from author and Toledo native, Stephen Guinan. He read a portion of his book, *We Are the Troopers: The Women of the Winningest Team in Pro Football History*, from which the night's film was based. The film celebrates Ohio as the birthplace of the Women's Professional Football League, and the Toledo Troopers who hold the record for the most championship titles in women's football.

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Any questions? Contact Marnie Younker at marnie@jewishtoledo.org

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

Pre-Rosh Hashanah Stained Glass Honeycomb Workshop with What the Flux Studio plus Cider Tasting

Tuesday, September 12 | 6-9 p.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE)
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.
\$30 per person - includes dinner, activity, and cider tasting

Learn the basics of stained glass, from glass cutting to grinding, soldering, and patina! Beginner friendly, and all materials provided. Let's cheer to the new year! We'll sample various apple and fruit ciders (hard and soft), nosh, chat, and make an amazing stained-glass honeycomb.



RSVP by Wednesday, September 6 at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njg2023> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Beyond the selfie: Professional headshots for the ultimate first impression



Mixer for Next Jewish Generation and JewEL (Jewish Emerging Leaders – Formerly Young Leadership)
Tuesday, September 26
6:30 – 9 p.m.
Photography studio location will be shared upon registration
\$40 - includes professional headshot session in a photography studio, digital images professionally edited and provided to you in a digital format, hair and makeup touchups by a professional stylist, and vegetarian bites and beverages.

Are you ready for your close-up? Refresh or receive your first professional headshot and connect with other young Jewish professionals, peers, and friends. This is going to be a great night - don't miss this opportunity!

RSVP by Friday, September 22 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njg2023> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

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.



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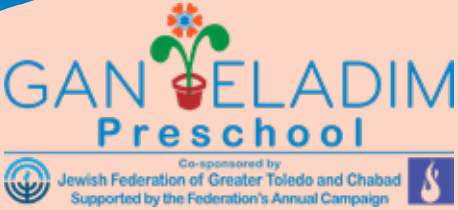

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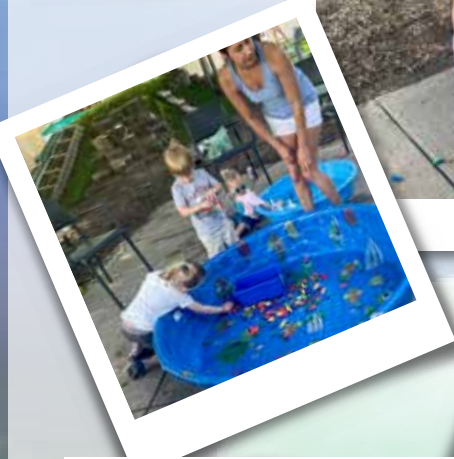



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Our tiniest Gan and PJ® friends enjoyed the last Nature Play Wednesday of July learning about even tinier creepy crawlies.



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A whirlwind of fun at Camp Inspiration 2023

Camp Inspiration 2023 is in the books! We had the BEST time this year with Copper Moon Studio, Amazing Athletes, bubbles, cup stacking, gaga ball, playground fun, and more.


We even had “Hanukkah in the Heat” with a Great Dreidel Drop at the Gan Yeladim playground, Charlie’s for ice cream, a pit stop at Olander playground, and ice skating at Tam-O-Shanter.



Next Jewish Generation came together in an effort to help strengthen our community and put smiles on the faces of young people - one backpack at a time.

NJG purchased and brought backpacks, and the Federation supplied the goodies to go inside them for Sylvania Schools. These backpacks will be distributed to families based on need by Sylvania Schools' social work team.



Doggie Dip at the JCC/YMCA 
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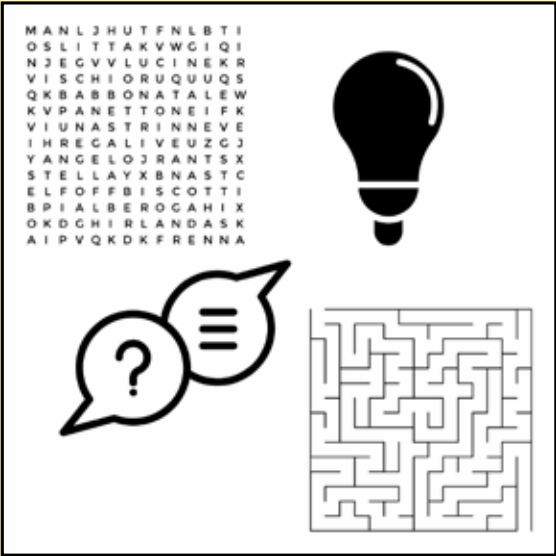


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Celebrating Composer Samuel Adler

Join WGTE Public Media as it presents the one-night special, “Late Night Klezmer with the Berlin Philharmonic” on Thursday, September 7 at 8 p.m. on FM 91. The special is hosted by WGTE FM 91's Brad Cresswell with introductions and commentary from Samuel Adler, who is the composer of two works on the program plus orchestrator/co-composer of Noah Bendix-Balgley's Klezmer Concerto for Violin and Orchestra. The Berlin Philharmonic celebrates the eminent composer Samuel Adler with the concert "Late Night Klezmer." One of the world's top orchestras, the Berlin Philharmonic and German Radio have given special permission to air this program in the United States exclusively on FM 91. Host Brad Cresswell states, "It's wonderful that we have one of the country's most esteemed musical figures right here in our community. Samuel Adler is a direct link

from the great composers of the past to the great composers of today (and tomorrow). We're delighted to be able to present this concert from the Berlin Philharmonic to our listeners, with Sam's invaluable participation ... I am delighted that WGTE received permission from Deutschlandradio to broadcast this outstanding concert by the Berlin Philharmonic led by their American concertmaster Noah Bendix-Balgley." says Samuel Adler. "I was honored to have two original works included on the program plus the Klezmer Concerto which Noah and I co-wrote. I do hope you will enjoy this fantastic performance by what I believe is the finest orchestra in the world." Besides Samuel Adler's and Noah Bendix-Balgley's work, the program includes a piece by the late Hungarian-Israeli violist and composer Ödön Párto, and Traditional Klezmer tunes from members of the orchestra.

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as some older adults may no longer drive at all or might have difficulty with night vision but don't want to miss exciting events like the Toledo Jewish Film Festival. So, “we hook people up” with rides from other members of the Jewish community, Ms. Lundberg said.

Beyond the initial offer of a lift, there's the hope that friendships will blossom, she continued, and that a bond will form between the driver and the rider.

And when that happens, as it so often does, it makes our community stronger.

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In all of these capacities, Mr. Malczewski said, “We come from a place of respect,” considering privacy, personalities, and particular needs while building bridges between those who require some form of assistance and those who strive to provide the necessary service or program. And “we truly care,” he continued, acting with *g'milut chasadim* (loving kindness) while tending to the whole person as a unique individual with distinct physical, mental, and emotional needs.

Everything JSFSS does, in each of its many capacities, is essentially about “building a relationship,” Ms. Witter explained.

Because at heart, there is always one overriding goal at JSFSS: It's all about keeping people “connected to the Jewish community,” she said.



Create and Relate

2023 Bipartisan Ohio House Leadership Trade Mission to Israel

The Bipartisan Ohio House Leadership Trade Mission to Israel organized by our partners at Ohio Jewish Communities (OJC) was held in August. House Leadership, including Speaker Jason Stephens, Minority Leader Allison Russo, and over a dozen additional representatives and staffers participated, including Rep. Michele Grim, whose district includes Ottawa Hills and parts of west and south Toledo. Daniel Pearlman, VP, Community & Government Relations, attended as well.

The Mission included visits to sites and companies that have strategic importance to Ohio's economy, such as Intel, an agricultural research institute, Israel's national water carrier, and a wastewater treatment plant. As Israel is known as the "Start-Up Nation," meetings with Israel's

Innovation Authority to discuss civilian drones and with start-ups focusing on medical devices and clean water technology were particularly useful.

These missions have real impact in Ohio, for our Jewish community, and for the Ohio-Israel relationship. In December 2016, then Senate President Keith Faber ensured the first-time passage of \$7.3 million to fund the Ohio nonprofit security grants. This year, Sen. Theresa Gavarone, the Finance Committee vice chair who participated in last year's OJC Senate Mission, led on providing \$500,000 to an Arab-Israeli owned medical device startup to expand its services more equitably across the state. Similarly, a two-time participant on OJC missions, Sen. Stephanie Kunze, is leading on Holocaust education funding.



Mission participants at Yad Vashem with Dani Dayan, Chairman and former Consul-General of Israel in New York (Ohio is included in this region). Dani visited Toledo in 2018



Mission participants in Beit She'an, in Israel's northeast.

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versus ‘internet geolocation dude,’ which was my company that I started, or ‘lawyer dude,” said Friedman, who co-founded the tech firm Digital Envoy. “I figured it was a better way to spread the love of something in the world. And a good use of social media, because [I’m] generally staying positive on stuff and showing people that social media can be good.”

Fellow baseball analysts have noticed. Jake Mintz, a baseball writer and podcaster who makes up half of the duo behind “Cespedes Family BBQ,” a popular baseball podcast and social media presence, said he first became aware of Friedman’s work back in 2016 or 2017.

“It doesn’t take too much baseball knowledge to understand why what he’s tweeting is awesome,” Mintz told JTA. “Him doing an interview on YouTube with a pitcher is a higher-level thing, obviously. And that is interesting for people who are super into the game. But just for a casual fan, him providing a light-hearted perspective on pitching is incredibly relatable.”

Friedman is part of a group of Jewish baseball experts who have gained a following online. Mintz, who is also Jewish, collaborated with Friedman in 2019 on a baseball show called “Changeup,” where they would break down the top pitches of the week. He said Friedman is “an incredibly nice fella.”

Friedman recalled running into Mintz and his Jewish podcasting partner Jordan Shusterman at this year’s All-Star Game, along with Alex Fast, another Jewish baseball content creator. He said he’s also in touch with Jewish ESPN reporter Jeff Passan from time to time.



Rob Friedman, left, interviews three-time Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw at MLB's 2023 All-Star Weekend in Seattle. (Courtesy of Rob Friedman)

“There’s a camaraderie when you realize, yeah, there are guys that I didn’t know were Jewish that are, and like, ‘Oh, this is cool,” Friedman said. “Like we talk about bar mitzvahs and stuff like that.”

Friedman also said he enjoys seeing and sharing highlights from Jewish pitchers like Max Fried, Dean Kremer and Scott Effross.

“I don’t highlight them extra-special, but I’m like, hey, it’s cool to see these guys succeed and to be carrying on the Jewish brand in baseball,” he said.

Friedman said the current slate of Jewish talent in the major leagues — 18 Jewish players have appeared this season — is an important step toward better representation.

“There were not a lot of Jews playing when I was growing up,” Friedman said. “As a Jewish kid, you always look for somebody because everybody tells you,

‘You should be a lawyer or a doctor,’ or something like that. And seeing somebody succeed definitely gives you a connection to them. I think seeing more Jews in baseball brings more Jews to baseball.”

Though Friedman isn’t a player himself, Mintz said he’s part of the elevated Jewish presence in the game today.

“The thing with him being Jewish is, my guy’s name is Rob Friedman,” Mintz said with a laugh. “He’s carrying that in a way that is unavoidable for him. Just by existing in the baseball internet with the name Rob Friedman makes him a visible Jew in that world.”

Mintz added that there is one thing that sets Friedman apart from most content creators in the sport: his popularity among players.

“You go into any clubhouse on any

given day, and you’re gonna see people wearing the [‘Pitching Ninja’] shirt in the colors of their team,” Mintz said. “And that’s just because in a way, he’s kind of like a central clearinghouse, like a town hall meeting room for pitchers.”

Friedman said he is frequently in touch with MLB pitchers — and has even helped them improve their game.

“I’m lucky enough to have pitchers that follow me, major league guys that learn pitch grips from my account, which is fantastic,” Friedman said. “I’m always excited when I hear stuff like, a guy picked up somebody else’s grip because I interviewed the pitcher.”

Friedman said one key reason that pitchers follow him is that a lot of mainstream baseball coverage places an emphasis on hitting, since a 400-foot home run can be flashier to a casual fan than a whizzing curveball on the inside corner.

“Everybody always focuses on that aspect of the game, not as much on the pitching,” Friedman said. “So [pitchers] view it as their chance to shine. And they love it when they get featured.”

Friedman said Collin McHugh, a veteran pitcher on the Atlanta Braves, once called his account the “ESPN Top 10 for pitchers” because, Friedman recalls him saying, whenever he’s featured on a highlight reel of top plays on “SportsCenter,” “it’s always because I screwed up.”

As his profile rises among players and fans, Friedman said he remains grateful that he gets to spend his days watching, writing and talking about baseball.

“There are days I wake up and I’m like, how the heck did I get that lucky to do this?” he said. “This is so cool.”

Are self-driving cars kosher? San Francisco rabbis weigh in as robotaxis flood streets

(J. The Jewish News of Northern California via JTA) - Ask a rabbi about self-driving cars and you’d better be ready for a long answer.

Self-driving cars — also known as robotaxis, autonomous vehicles or driverless cars — with their whirring sensors and their odd, almost tentative movements, have become a familiar sight on the streets of San Francisco.

Familiar they might be, but not without controversy. With local incidents of self-driving cars trying to drive into active fire zones, stalling en masse and even crashing into a fire truck this month, reports of autonomous misconduct have been plentiful. Regardless, the California Public Utilities Commission in mid-August expanded commercial robotaxi service to daytime hours in San Francisco for GM’s Cruise and Alphabet’s Waymo autonomous vehicle divisions. City officials are opposed to the expansion, citing safety and other concerns.

And yet the all-electric fleets offer intriguing Shabbat possibilities — not least for observant Jews who traditionally refrain from driving and using electricity on the day. So what do local rabbis say?

“As an Orthodox Jew, in order to evaluate new realities, they are going to try and understand how they work and categorize them within already existing

precedent in Jewish law,” said Rabbi Joel Landau of Adath Israel, an Orthodox synagogue in San Francisco.

There is one existing piece of technology that might offer a clue, he said. It’s the Shabbat elevator, which automatically stops and opens its doors at each floor, negating the need to press a button.

It may seem that an autonomous vehicle, if pre-programmed, could possibly meet the same requirements as a Shabbat elevator. But Landau said it’s not that simple.

“Not everyone is happy with a Shabbat elevator,” he said.

Many elevators make adjustments based on the weight of the passenger, he said, which negates their neutrality, so to speak. By contrast, a running escalator or moving walkway might be OK.

If self-driving cars react to a passenger’s weight or position, that alone might rule them out for Shabbat use among observant Jews. The same is true if riders would need to activate anything to start the ride. Landau said he’s sure the technological know-how to make a Shabbat-compliant autonomous electric car could be developed. He’s just not sure it should be.

The issue of driving on Shabbat was addressed in the Conservative movement

back in the 1950s when rabbis allowed driving to synagogue for services as Jews moved into the suburbs and lived too far from shul to walk. Still, the movement does not encourage driving on Shabbat.

“The ideal is that one does not drive on Shabbat and that people live close by to their Jewish communities — to walk to synagogue, share meals, raise families,” Rabbi Amanda Russell of Congregation Beth Sholom, a Conservative synagogue in San Francisco, wrote in an email to J.

But not everyone can reach that ideal, she said. “We know that to be in community on Shabbat, many people have to drive.”

But what about self-driving robotaxis? Would they be better than driving?

“Funny you should ask about this,” Russell said. “These cars have become a small topic of conversation at Beth Sholom, simply because they are taking up precious parking spots in the early morning for daily minyan and on Shabbat!”

Annoyance aside, Russell said the question comes down to the way the cars operate, what they are used for and whether they undermine the spirit of Shabbat. If “pre-arranged and prepaid,” she said, self-driving cars could be “more ideal” on Shabbat than someone driving even an electric car.

Temple Shomer Emunim

<p>September Worship Schedule</p> <p><u>Friday, September 1</u> Shabbat Service 6:00pm</p> <p><u>Friday, September 8</u> Shabbat Service 6:00pm</p> <p><u>Friday, September 15</u> Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 7:30pm</p> <p><u>Friday, September 22</u> Shabbat Service 6:00pm</p> <p><u>Friday, September 29</u> Consecration Service 6pm</p>	<p>High Holy Day Worship Schedule</p> <p><u>Saturday, September 9</u> Havdalah & Selichot 7:00-9:00pm</p> <p><u>Friday, September 15</u> Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 7:30pm</p> <p><u>Saturday, September 16</u> Family Service 9:00am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 10:30am Children’s Program (K-4) 10:30am (Reservations Required)</p> <p><u>Sunday, September 24</u> Kever Avot Memorial Service at Woodlawn Cemetery 10:30am Kol Nidre 7:30pm</p> <p><u>Monday, September 25</u> Family Service 9:00am Yom Kippur Morning Service 10:30am Children’s Program (K-4) 10:30am Gift of Mindfulness 2:00pm Afternoon Service 3:00pm Yizkor Service 4:15pm Neilah 5:15pm Break Fast 6:30pm (Reservations Required)</p>	<p>September Calendar</p> <table><tr><td>Sun 3</td><td>NO Religious School</td></tr><tr><td>Wed 6</td><td>Hebrew School 4:30-6pm</td></tr><tr><td>Sun 10</td><td>Religious School 9:15-11:30am; Temple Tots 9:30-10:40am</td></tr><tr><td>Wed 13</td><td>Hebrew School 4:30-6pm</td></tr><tr><td>Sun 17</td><td>NO Religious School: Rosh Hashanah</td></tr><tr><td>Wed 20</td><td>Hebrew School 4:30-6pm; Tashlich Service 5:30pm (all are invited)</td></tr><tr><td>Sun 24</td><td>NO Religious School: Kol Nidre</td></tr><tr><td>Wed 27</td><td>Hebrew School 4:30-6pm</td></tr><tr><td>Fri 29</td><td>Consecration</td></tr></table>	Sun 3	NO Religious School	Wed 6	Hebrew School 4:30-6pm	Sun 10	Religious School 9:15-11:30am; Temple Tots 9:30-10:40am	Wed 13	Hebrew School 4:30-6pm	Sun 17	NO Religious School: Rosh Hashanah	Wed 20	Hebrew School 4:30-6pm; Tashlich Service 5:30pm (all are invited)	Sun 24	NO Religious School: Kol Nidre	Wed 27	Hebrew School 4:30-6pm	Fri 29	Consecration
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<p>Havdalah & Selichot Saturday, September 9, 7-9pm Join Rabbi Delson & Cantor Roher for discussion about the challenges of forgiveness & what it offers us when we do. After the discussion, we will join together for Havdalah & Selichot service where we will change the Torah covers to white for the High Holy Day season. Please RSVP by September 6 to mkuehnle@templese.com</p>	<p>Men’s Chavurah Wed. September 27 @ 7pm</p>	<p>Erev Rosh Hashanah Dinner Friday, September 15 @ 5:30PM Members Adults \$25 Children 10 & Under \$10 In-town non-members Adults \$36 Children 10 & Under \$15 RSVP to mkuehnle@templese.com by Friday, Sept. 8</p> <p>Break the Fast with your Temple family! Monday, September 25 @ 6:30PM Adults \$18 Children 10 & Under \$9 RSVP to mkuehnle@templese.com by Tuesday, Sept. 19</p>																		
<p>Women’s Harvest Sukkot Brunch Saturday, September 30 @ 10:30am \$10 per per person RSVP to mkuehnle@templese.com By Friday, September 22</p>	<p>Tashlich Join us Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30pm in the temple lobby. We will walk to the lake for our Tashlich service.</p>	<p>Gift of Mindfulness Monday, September 25 at 2pm</p> <p>It can be a moving spiritual practice to spend the entire day at synagogue during Yom Kippur. Join us between morning and afternoon services in the chapel for some quiet meditative time. There will be some light instruction and time to sit in meditative restful silence.</p>																		
		<p>Save the Date! Simchat Torah Service & Brisket/Chicken Dinner! Friday, October 6 at 5:30pm</p>																		

Congregation B'nai Israel

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ALL congregants are welcomed back to in-person programs regardless of vaccine status. Mask-wearing is optional. We ask that if you are feeling ill or are exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 or other illnesses, that you wear a mask to protect others. *If you are not a CBI member and would like to attend programs or services, please contact the office at 419.517.8400.*

CBI High Holiday Services 5784

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

SEPTEMBER

MON 4 LABOR DAY
CBI Office Closed
8:00 AM ZM: Morning Service

SAT 9 SELICHOT
9:30 AM IP/LS: Shabbat Morning Service
12:45 PM IP: Shabbat Mincha Service
8:00 PM IP/LS: Selichot Program & Service

SUN 10 KEVER AVOT
11:00 AM IP: Meet at Beth Shalom Cemetery (graveside weather permitting, otherwise in the cemetery Chapel)

FRI 15 EREV ROSH HASHANAH/ KABBALAT SHABBAT
CBI Office Closed
5:45 PM IP/LS: Evening Service

SAT 16 ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1
8:30 AM IP/LS: Morning Service
10:30 AM IP: Jr. Congregation
5:15 PM IP: **TASHLICH @ JCC Lake** (weather permitting - bring bread)
5:45 PM IP/ZM: Evening Service

SUN 17 ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2
8:30 AM IP/LS: Morning Service
10:30 AM IP: Jr. Congregation

MON 18 FAST OF GEDALIA
8:00 AM IP/ZM: Morning Service
5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

TUE 19 & WED 20
5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

THU 21
8:00 AM IP/ZM: Morning Service
5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

SEPTEMBER

FRI 22 KABBALAT SHABBAT
5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

SAT 23 SHABBAT SHUVAH
9:30 AM IP/LS: Shabbat Morning Service
12:45 PM IP: Shabbat Mincha Service

SUN 24 EREV YOM KIPPUR
6:45 PM IP/LS: KOL NIDRE

MON 25 YOM KIPPUR
CBI Office Closed
9:00 AM IP/LS: Morning Service
10:45 AM IP: Jr. Congregation
11:00 AM IP/LS: YIZKOR
5:15 PM IP/LS: Mincha/N'ilah Service
8:00 PM IP: **BREAK THE FAST AT CBI**

TUE 26
10:00 AM IP: SUKKAH BUILD
5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

WED 27
5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

THU 28
8:00 AM IP/ZM: Morning Service
9:00 AM IP: SUKKAH BUILD - Rain date
5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

FRI 29 EREV SUKKOT/ KABBALAT SHABBAT
5:45 PM IP/ZM: Evening Service (Kiddush in the Sukkah)

SAT 30 SUKKOT DAY 1/SHABBAT
9:30 AM IP/LS: Shabbat Morning Service (Kiddush in the Sukkah)
12:45 PM IP: Shabbat Mincha Service

OCTOBER

SUN 1 SUKKOT DAY 2
9:30 AM IP/LS: Morning Service (Kiddush in the Sukkah)

MON 2 CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT
8:00 AM IP/ZM: Morning Service (Breakfast in the Sukkah)
5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

TUE 3 & WED 4 CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT
5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

THU 5 CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT
8:00 AM IP/ZM: Morning Service (Breakfast in the Sukkah)
5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

FRI 6 HOSHANA RABBAH/ EREV SHEMINI ATZERET/ KABBALAT SHABBAT
8:00 AM IP/ZM: Morning Service (Breakfast in the Sukkah)
5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

SAT 7 SHEMINI ATZERET/ SHABBAT
9:30 AM IP/LS: Shabbat & Holiday Morning Service (Kiddush in the Social Hall)
11:00 AM IP/LS: YIZKOR
12:45 PM IP: Shabbat Mincha Service
7:00 PM IP/LS: **SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION & DESSERT** (Service begins at 7:00 PM)

SUN 8 SIMCHAT TORAH
9:30 AM IP/LS: Holiday Morning Service (Kiddush in the Social Hall)

Parashat Hashavuah:

Torah Portion of the Week with Miriam Beckerman

Friday, September 1, 8, 22, 29
10:00-11:00 AM In-Person at CBI

Selichot

Saturday, September 9, 2023
8:00 PM, In-Person/Live Stream at CBI

DESSERT RECEPTION ~ HAVDALAH
PROGRAM: Leonard Bernstein & His Music
SELICHOT SERVICE 9:30-10:30 PM

NO CHARGE for CBI members however voluntary donations would be appreciated. Please let us know when you RSVP.

RSVP by Friday, Sept. 5, 2023, 419.517.8400.

CBI Break the Fast

Monday, September 25, 2023
8:00 PM, In-Person, after N'eilah
\$20 per person.
Reservations required by Wed., Sept. 18, 2023.
Open to the members of all local congregations.
RSVP by calling 419.517.8400.

Simchat Torah Celebration & Dessert

Saturday, October 7, 2023
7:00 PM, In-Person/Live Stream at CBI

NO CHARGE for CBI members however voluntary donations would be appreciated. Please let us know when you RSVP.

Open to the members of all local congregations.
RSVP by Monday, Oct. 2, 2023, 419.517.8400.

Congregation Etz Chayim

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES TIMES

ROSH HASHANA EVENING SERVICES

Fri., Sat. & Sun., Sept. 15, 16 & 17

Mincha	7:10 p.m.
Ma'ariv	7:45 p.m.

ROSH HASHANA MORNING SERVICES

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 16 & 17

Shachris, Morning Service	8:30 a.m.
Reading of the Torah (Kreeah)	10:00 a.m.
Kiddush/Sermon	10:45 a.m.
Blowing of the Shofar (Sunday)	11:20 a.m.
Musaf	11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Sunday, Sept. 24

Kol Nidrei	7:00 p.m.
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Monday, Sept. 25

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	12:00 p.m.
Mincha	5:00 p.m.
Neila, Conclusion	6:30 p.m.
Blowing of the Shofar	8:10 p.m.

PRE-HOLIDAY ZOOM PROGRAM

We are fortunate to have Rabbi Stephen Belsky present a pre-Rosh Hashana Zoom learning session on Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. It will be an hour of interesting, interactive discussion. The topic is “The Consequences of Sin: An Argument with G-d.” Please register for this session to receive the Zoom link.

POKER/MAH JONG

Poker & Mahj is scheduled for Sunday, September 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. It is a great get-together and everyone has an enjoyable time. Snacks will be served. Come join the fun!!

SAVE THE DATE

On Wednesday, October 4th at 5:30 p.m., there will be Minyan & Appetizers in the Sukkah. Join your Etz Chayim family in the Sukkah for good food and to shake the lulav & etrog. Minyan will begin at 6:00 p.m.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

A glass making class with Ellen Rubin is planned for Sunday, January 21st, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Watch the Hashomer for further details.

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. All are welcome. Please contact Elsa at 419-473-2401 or elsa@etzchayim-toledo.org for the Zoom link if you would like to attend.



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HIGH Holidays

ROSH HASHANA
SEPTEMBER 15-17

ROSH HASHANAH EVE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
Evening Services: 7:15 pm

ROSH HASHANAH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Morning Services: 10:00 am
Rabbi's Sermon &
Torah Reading: 11:15 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
Morning Services: 10:00 am
**Rabbi's Sermon, Torah Reading &
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Shofar on the Lawn: 4:00 pm
Tashlich & Evening Services: 7:00 pm

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SEPTEMBER 24-25

EREV YOM KIPPUR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Kol Nidrei Services: 7:10 pm

YOM KIPPUR DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
Morning Services: 10:00 am
Torah Reading &
Yizkor Memorial Service 11:30 am
Neilah Closing Service: 6:40 pm
Fast Ends at 8:08 pm
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 4:00PM

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FOR MORE INFO:
Call: 419-843-9393
E-mail: Shmouel@chabadtoledo.com
RSVP: www.chabadtoledo.com

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BBYO 1960s and 1970s reunion weekend

By Bob Berkowitz

Members of the 1960s and 1970s shared in a reunion during the weekend of August 4-6. Approximately 50 members from many states came to Toledo to reunite in a weekend that was filled with laughter, smiles, hugs, and friendship. A trip down the Maumee on The Sandpiper highlighted the changes that have occurred in the city over the past several decades.

It was a beautiful day for us all. Eating together at many venues, taking walks, and spending nights in the hotel lobby, we were able to relive our BBYO years, to talk about our experiences, and to see people many of whom we have not seen in years. Sunday morning found all of us at a brunch at Temple Shomer Emunim. Among the guests were representatives of the current BBYO. Following the meal, we ended the weekend with our friendship circle; standing arm in arm, we sang our BBYO songs, like "Friends, friends, we will always be!"

The next reunion is already in the planning stages.

Our BBYO members continue to realize the need to support the current BBYO membership and have made a goal of raising money to support the needs for our younger friends. If anyone would like to help, please contact Hallie Freed at hallie@jewishtoledo.org for information.



BBYO Toledo Fall Kickoff at Sportway

Sunday, October 1
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.



Toledo Sportway – 5950 Angola Rd

\$5 per person – includes go-karts, batting cages, mini golf, and snacks

Kick off the year with BBYO Toledo for an afternoon of fun at Toledo Sportway!

RSVP by Friday, September 29 at 1 p.m. to Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



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Calling all artists! Are you a Jewish artist in the Toledo area?
Do you know a Jewish artist?

Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo is hosting
Handmade Hanukkah, a **community festival of art, food, and music**,
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Sign up for a booth at:

<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/handmadehanukkah>

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



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Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's (JFGT) Annual Meeting last month combined business with inspiration, inclusion, and laughter, beginning with the official agenda of electing new board members, officers, and directors as well as celebrating lay leaders stepping down from current positions.

Annual award winners were also recognized for their dedication and commitment to Jewish Toledo.

The evening culminated in a special presentation by Pamela Rae Schuller who detailed her own experiences of trauma and growth that have led to her successful career in comedy and public speaking.

Safety Tips



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

Best Practices for Responding to Demonstrations and Protests Involving Hate and Extremism

In recent years, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Center on Extremism has tracked an alarming number of demonstrations and protests involving hate and extremism. These events often attract individuals looking for physical or verbal confrontation, including some who may carry firearms. The presence of counter-protesters can increase the likelihood of physical confrontations.

If your institution or community is the target of such a demonstration or protest, these guidelines are what your Community Asset Safety and Security Manager (CASSM) will follow and recommend what our community should follow.

Before a Protest (if it is known)

- Alert your colleagues and community to the event, providing the specific location, time, and information about who may attend.
- Educate your contacts about the event. ADL and the Jewish Federation of Toledo’s security partner agencies, Secure Community Network (SCN) & Ohio Regional Intelligence Center (ORIC), can provide background information on extremist groups, conspiracy theories, symbols and narratives that might be used during the demonstration or protest.
- Share this “Best Practices” resource with your network to encourage a unified community response.
- Connect with law enforcement if you have reason to believe you or your community are at risk of physical harm.
- Consider planning a unity event at a separate location for community members to come together and show support for those who may be targeted.
- Review security procedures - for protests at a building or institution
 - Ensure that safety protocols are in place.
 - Practice procedures and review rules with all staff, especially security staff.
 - Evaluate your security devices, including locks and alarm systems.
 - Check that unused or unmonitored entrances are closed and inaccessible from the outside.
 - Consider whether to close the building during the event if you are concerned about ensuring the safety of personnel or property.
 - Consult with legal counsel - for protests at a building or institution.
- Reach out to a lawyer with First Amendment experience who can help you understand where people may lawfully protest and what rights you have. If your institution does not have legal counsel with relevant expertise, you may be able to find legal assistance through your local bar association.
- Law Enforcement is also a good source of information on the legal limitations that protesters have at a rally.

- Note that hate speech and expression (i.e., distributing flyers and other materials; chanting; holding (signs or photos) is likely legally protected speech.
- Support targeted community members, by sending a message of support to your network, or listening to experiences of affected community members, it is important to show those who are impacted that they are not alone.
- Prepare a media response.
 - Do not alert the media yourself. This often only gives extremists the attention they are looking for.
 - If the media does show up, be ready to speak to the media. If reporters do cover the event, you might wish to have a short, prepared statement to share. The statement should
 - Reject the demonstrators/extremist, hateful or conspiratorial messages without restating their claims.
 - Demonstrate support for targeted members of the community.
 - Reaffirm your community’s values as being inclusive and safe for all.

During a Protest

- Avoid the event area if possible.
- Do not engage directly with individual protestors.
- Contact law enforcement.

After a Protest

- Provide your community with a summary of the event and reiterate your support for impacted community members.
- Only if contacted by the media, share your prepared statement with reporters.
- Review your security procedures to see if any policies need to be updated based on current information/ issues that arose during the event.
- Turn the event into a teachable moment for your community.

Remember: Every protest is different and not every recommendation above applies to every situation.

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