



Dear Jewish Toledo

A note from your CEO

Dear community,

One of the most famous principles of Judaism is to love your neighbor as yourself. It appears in Leviticus 19:18. What is not discussed in the same light are the following sentences a few lines down:

"When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not wrong him.

The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I Adonai am your G-d."

(Leviticus 19:33-34)

I would argue that there is a reason

why these two principles are mentioned in the Torah so close together. Loving your neighbor as yourself makes the assumption that we know our neighbors and that we should respect their property and treat them the way we want to be treated.

The sentence dealing with loving strangers as yourself is more poignant to us today as we are all connected through technology, and issues far and wide can be brought into our homes and onto our computers at a click of a button. Our neighborhood boundaries are extending beyond our streets and city limits, into other states and countries.

Then something like Flint happens, and we combine the two lessons realizing that it is our duty to not only help our neighbors but to help and

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Joel Marcovitch, CEO



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(clockwise from top left) Jordan Killam and David Becker represent Young Jewish Toledo; 273 cases of bottled water ready to head up to Flint; Gan Yeladim Preschool students (Josh, Julia, Jonathan, Noah and Harlie) show their excitement for the water collection project; Jeff Green lends a hand; Hallie Freed and David Becker help load the truck; and Jason Levine joins in the heavy lifting

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Local News



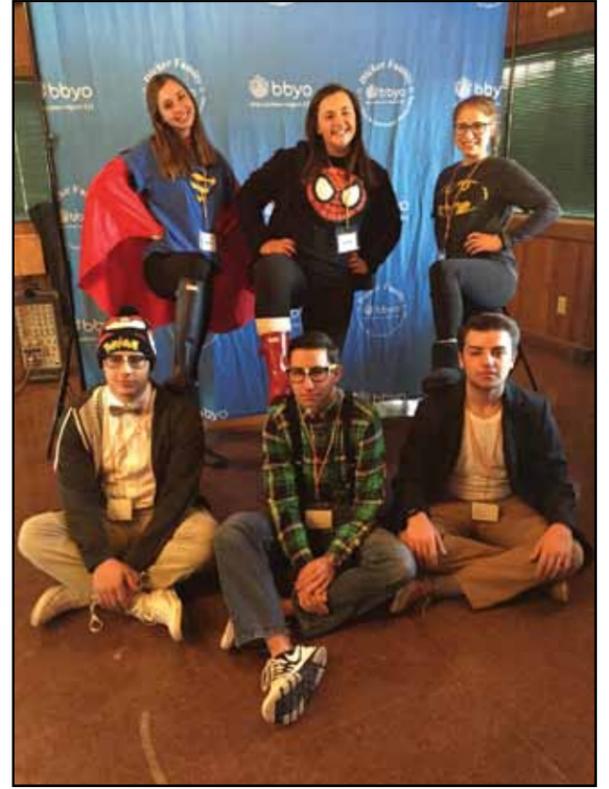
Toledo BBYO update

Toledo BBYO has had a busy, exciting and fun start to 2016. The year began with Regional Exec v2, where the executive boards of B'not Shalom and BSN received training from the Regional Board and then had time to plan out calendars for the rest of the spring. On Sunday, January 24, both chapters worked together to host a Murder Mystery program at the Baders' home. To earn a clue, the teens had to participate in team building activities, BBYO trivia and finally a dance off.

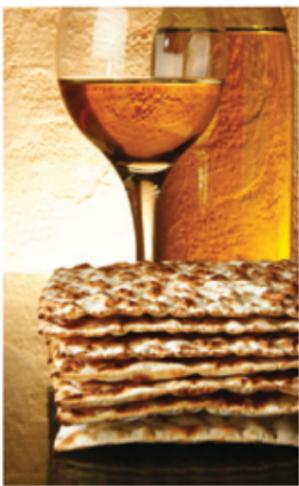
During the last weekend of January, six teens attended Regional Kallah at Hiram House. The teens participated in many different activities inspired by Jewish learning, such as Jewish values, Jewish Scattergories, "What Does

Being a Jew Mean to You?", and Israel themed programs. Saturday night concluded with a Judaism panel where the teens were able to ask questions to a rabbi, his wife and other members of the Jewish community. B'not Shalom's Mollie Groth was also announced as one of the three coordinators for Regional Convention coming up in April and Alexa Bader was announced as a member of the steering committee.

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Jewish Passover Seder for the Interfaith Community

Would you like to share the Seder with your non-Jewish friends? Here is your chance!

Rabbi Samuel Weinstein of Congregation Shomer Emunim will lead an informative and hands-on experience of the Seder. Participants will partake in a sampling of the ritual foods.

This is not a dinner.

There is no charge for this event. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Jewish Family Service Food Bank. All are welcome to attend this program.

Thursday, April 14, 2016
7 - 8:30 p.m.
Congregation Shomer Emunim
6453 Sylvania Avenue
Sylvania, OH

RSVP by Tuesday, April 5 to Colette at 419-724-0361 or Colette@JewishToledo.org

You and your friends will delight in the meaning and beauty of the Passover Seder in a warm, enjoyable atmosphere. Rabbi Weinstein, of Temple Shomer Emunim, reveals the wisdom of the Seder with his insight and even some wit.

We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information, please contact Sharon Lapitsky at 419-724-0360 or Sharon@JewishToledo.org.

Musings

Submissions from Jewish community members reflecting on Jewish life.

Submit items (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, art, etc.) for consideration in Toledo Jewish News to Abby Hoicowitz at abby@JewishToledo.org or 6465 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, Ohio 43560.

Heart & Soul

By Margie Kohler

You always reminded me that I was good
Not always what you said
But the way you said it
It was not always a special subject
Nor where it came from or if you said it before
Every time I heard it was something new
Sometimes when we talked together
And I could see it in your face
I just knew it was true
And in the sound of your voice
The way you articulated it
Let me know peace
Peace of soul and mind were so available
And I need not ask for more or better
You sent me your gift in so many ways
And so many times
From top
From under
All the way around
Immeasurable ups and downs
From where the love abounds
From here to there

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love strangers.

I was so proud that our community rallied and came to the Federation to donate a total of 273 cases of water that we then delivered to Flint. It was an amazing moment to see parents with their children coming to donate water, teaching them the lessons of loving your neighbor as yourself and to love the stranger. We were thankful for the coverage in *The Blade* and on 13ABC News for their generosity toward our

efforts.

As the situation continues to evolve, we will stay in contact with the Jewish Federation in Flint to see if there is anything more we can do as their community continues to recover from this terrible situation.

Thank you all for your support,

Joel



Joel Marcovitch, CEO



Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

2016 SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DEPARTMENT
March 2	Gan Yeladim Tiny Treasures	Gan Yeladim
March 9	Gan Yeladim Tiny Treasures	Gan Yeladim
March 11	PJ Library® Pre Purim Party	Department of Jewish Programs
March 12	YJT Pre-Passover Painting	Department of Jewish Programs
March 16	Gan Yeladim Tiny Treasures	Gan Yeladim
March 18	YJT Fridays: Calvino's	Department of Jewish Programs
*March 22	YJT Volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House	Department of Jewish Programs
March 23	Gan Yeladim Tiny Treasures	Gan Yeladim
March 30	Gan Yeladim Tiny Treasures	Gan Yeladim
March 31	Out and About: <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> - Springboro, OH	Seniors
April 4	Toledo Jewish Film Festival: <i>The Art Dealer</i>	Department of Jewish Programs
April 6	Gan Yeladim Tiny Treasures	Gan Yeladim
April 7	Spring is Here Luncheon with Mary Bilyeu	Seniors
April 13	Gan Yeladim Tiny Treasures	Gan Yeladim
April 14	Kosher Shopping & Lunch in Detroit	Seniors
*April 14	Interfaith Seder	Jewish Community Relations Council
April 16	Out and About: Crowell Opera House - Adrian, MI	Seniors
April 18	Toledo Jewish Film Festival: <i>Rosenwald</i>	Department of Jewish Programs
*May 1	Community Yom HaShoah event	Jewish Community Relations Council
May 2	Toledo Jewish Film Festival: <i>Once in a Lifetime</i>	Department of Jewish Programs
May 9	Toledo Jewish Film Festival & Yom Ha'Atzmaut: <i>Israeli Cuisine</i>	Department of Jewish Programs
*May 11	Yom HaZikaron program	Jewish Community Relations Council
May 16	Toledo Jewish Film Festival: <i>Dough</i>	Department of Jewish Programs
May 17	Your Toledo Zoo with You	Seniors
May 20	YJT Fridays	Department of Jewish Programs
June 2	Annual Anniversary Luncheon Celebrating 11 Years!	Seniors

Dates are subject to change. Events will be added monthly as information becomes available.
 * Newly added or revised event

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Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

4th Annual

toledo jewish film festival

April-May 2016

All films will be shown at:
 Maumee Indoor Theatre
 601 Conant St., Maumee, OH 43537

7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)

How to purchase your tickets:
 By phone: 419-724-0362
 By email: hallie@JewishToledo.org
 At the door: on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating is limited.

Bus transportation:
 Transportation will be available for all movies shown at the Maumee Indoor

Theatre. A bus will depart at 6:15 p.m. from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo campus parking lot (6465 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania) with service to the Maumee Indoor Theatre and will return to the Federation campus after the end of the film. Seating is limited, so reservations are a must. Reserve a spot by contacting Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@JewishToledo.org

Additional information and policies:
 Film Festival attendees are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes prior (unless noted) to the film program. All screenings are general seating. Seats are occupied on a first-come, first-served basis. All cell phones and other electronic devices inside the auditorium must be turned off prior to the introduction of the film. The use of cameras or recording devices of any kind is strictly prohibited during the screenings.

The Art Dealer

RED CARPET NIGHT

(red carpet opens at 6:30 p.m.):
 Get your picture taken on opening night of the festival (no dress code)

Monday, April 4
Running time: 95 minutes
French with English subtitles
\$5 per person

This new drama from renowned French director François Margolin (*The Flight of the Red Balloon*) follows a Jewish woman who embarks on a journey to recover family paintings stolen by the Nazis. During her investigation, she discovers some family secrets are best kept hidden.



In Search of Israeli Cuisine

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION

(celebration begins at 6:30 p.m.):

Monday, May 9
Running time: 97 minutes
English

\$10 per person (includes noshes of savory Israeli snacks and Israeli-flavored ice cream specially created by Rachel's Handmade Ice Cream)

In Search of Israeli Cuisine is a portrait of the Israeli people told through food. It puts a literal face on the culture of Israel, profiling chefs, home cooks, farmers, vintners, and cheese makers drawn from the more than 100 cultures that make up Israel today. From these Jewish, Arab, Muslim, Christian and Druze profiles, a rich, complex and human story emerges.

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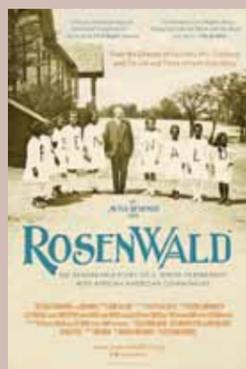
Rosenwald

Monday, April 18
Running time: 100 minutes
English
\$5 per person

Aviva Kempner's *Rosenwald* is the incredible story of Julius Rosenwald, the son of an immigrant peddler who never finished high school, but rose to become the President of Sears. Influenced by the writings of the educator Booker T. Washington, this Jewish philanthropist joined forces with African American communities during the Jim Crow South to build over 5,300 schools during the early part of the 20th century.

Inspired by the Jewish ideals of *tzedakah* (charity) and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and a deep concern over racial inequality in America, Julius Rosenwald used his wealth to become one of America's most effective philanthropists. Rosenwald also built YMCAs and housing for African Americans to address the pressing needs of the Great Migration. Because of his modesty, Rosenwald's philanthropy and social activism are not well known today. He gave away \$62 million in his lifetime.

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Through scenes that are mostly in the cinema verité style – interviews, farms, markets, restaurants, kitchens, landscapes and history – audiences will discover that this hot, multi-cultural cuisine has developed only in the last 30 years. In that short time, Israel went from being one of the poorest countries in the world to one of the most advanced. Its sophistication mirrors the current state of the Israeli people and their food: secular, outward looking and innovative.

The chef/guide of *In Search of Israeli Cuisine* is Michael Solomonov, the James Beard award winning chef/owner of Zahav and a number of other restaurants in Philadelphia. His book, *Zahav: A World of Israeli Cuisine*, was recently released and is on *The New York Times* bestseller list.

Once in a Lifetime

Monday, May 2
Running time: 105 minutes
French with English Subtitles
\$5 per person

A dedicated history teacher at a French high school taps lessons of the Holocaust in an effort to motivate her troubled students in *Once in a Lifetime*, an uplifting schoolhouse drama based on a true story.

A teacher with 20 years of experience, Anne Gueguen (portrayed by Ariane Ascaride) is determined to give the best education she can to her underprivileged inner-city pupils. Overcoming their apathy, however, is proving to be more difficult than expected. Frustrated but undaunted, Anne tests her multicultural classroom with a unique assignment: a national competition on the theme of child victims of the Nazi concentration camps. The project is initially met with extreme resistance, until a face-to-face encounter with a Holocaust survivor changes the class's attitude dramatically. Despite their long-shot odds of winning, these once-rebellious teens soon begin to see one another – and themselves – in a whole new light.



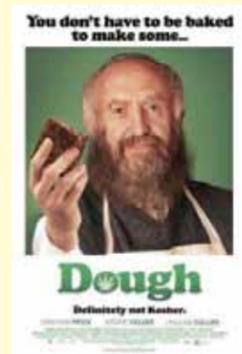
Dough

Monday, May 16
Running time: 94 minutes
English
\$5 per person

Jonathan Pryce stars as an old Jewish baker whose faltering business is inadvertently saved by his young Muslim apprentice in the British dramedy, *Dough*.

Widowed and down on his luck, Nat Dayan (Pryce) is desperate to save his London bake shop. His customers are dying off, his sons have no interest in keeping afloat the family business, and hostile businessman Sam Cotton (London Film Critics' Circle winner Philip Davis) has his own greedy plans for the property. In a pinch, Nat reluctantly enlists the help of teenager Ayyash (Jerome Holder), a refugee from Darfur. The Muslim boy assists with the bakery's daily chores, while selling cannabis on the side to help his struggling mother make ends meet. When Ayyash one day accidentally drops his stash into the dough, the challah starts flying off the shelf, and an unlikely friendship forms between the old Jewish baker and his young Muslim apprentice.

Directed by John Goldschmidt, *Dough* is a warmhearted and gently humorous story about overcoming prejudice and finding redemption in unexpected places.



Toledo Jewish Community Foundation

Sandy Romanoff: A commitment of giving

Sandy Romanoff believes in our community. Her enthusiastic commitment and dedication is felt in everything she does. *Toledo Jewish News* recently spoke to Sandy about why she gives to the Foundation.

“I have been so blessed in my life, blessed to be able to raise my family in a Jewish community of warmth and caring,” she said. “While none of my children or grandchildren are still living in Toledo, their Jewish upbringing could not have been any better, because of Jewish Toledo. Things like Sunday school, community Hebrew School, JCC basketball leagues, Hebrew Academy, Federation art programs, Young Judea, Gan Yeladim preschool, JCC day camp, swim lessons; I could go on forever.”

Sandy moved from Kankakee, Illinois (a very small Jewish community of 70 families) to Toledo as a young, married woman. Her inspiration and commitment to our Jewish community came from the people sur-

rounding her. “My examples and people I looked up to as I was growing up were my mother, father and brother,” she explained. “In Toledo, my inspiration came from my Toledo family, my husband, Noel (z”l); my wonderful mother-in-law, Honey Feingold (z”l); and sisters, Thelma Lobert (z”l), Sharon Abramson (z”l) and Marla Levine. Their example of giving was not only monetary, but giving of time and effort. Motivation to give feels good; I feel it’s my responsibility. We all need to keep our Jewish heritage alive and well.”

Likewise, Sandy is proud of her children who carry on her families’ strong tradition of giving and stated, “I am so pleased that my children, Matthew Romanoff, Cyndi Rosenthal and Pamela Romanoff, are involved in philanthropic causes in their respective communities of Columbus and Phoenix.”

Sandy has held many leadership positions in the Jewish community. She has

been active in ORT, where she served as vice president of special projects and chairman of many activities; has assisted the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo’s Annual Campaign as special gifts co-chairman and with other programs; has served as a member of the first Young Leadership program started in Toledo; is a Lion of Judah philanthropist; and is a member of Temple Sisterhood and Hadassah. Her family involvement within the Toledo Jewish community includes the establishment of the Noel & Sandra Romanoff Philanthropic Fund, the Noel & Sandra Romanoff PACE Fund and the Sandy Romanoff Lion of Judah Endowment.

Although Sandy and her husband, Joe

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Scholarship opportunities

Toledo Jewish community provides assistance for

- undergraduate college scholarships
- overnight Jewish camping experiences, and
- Israel travel

For more information or to apply for a scholarship, please contact Arleen R. Levine, Director, at 419-724-0355 or arleen@JewishToledo.org.



Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE)

Endowing your gift allows you to be there for the Jewish community forever.

A *Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE)* is a permanent fund dedicated to endowing your gift to the Jewish community through the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. A PACE fund is not intended to take the place of any part of an annual gift; it is instead a lasting legacy that will continue to make an annual gift to the campaign in perpetuity in your name.

To determine the estimated amount you need to endow your entire campaign gift, simply multiply your current annual gift by 20. Alternatively, you may endow a portion of your gift by establishing a PACE fund with a lesser amount, perhaps building up the fund through subsequent contributions.

Establishing a PACE

There are several ways to fund your PACE:

Gift of Cash/Assets

An outright gift of cash or appreciated assets like stocks or bonds is the easiest way.

Bequest

A simple bequest in a will is the most common technique for creating a PACE.

Gift of Life Insurance

A gift of a life insurance policy is particularly appealing for younger donors because of its reasonable cost and tax benefit. By naming the Jewish community owner and beneficiary, the donor may be able to deduct the premiums.

IRA or Pension Plans

IRA and pension plans are subject to high testamentary taxes. That makes them ideal for transfer in whole or in part to a charity to create a PACE. The IRA Charitable Rollover provisions make this a particularly attractive way to establish a meaningful gift.

Charitable Income Plan

A Charitable Remainder Trust offers life income payments with the benefit of a current tax deduction. The remainder of the trust or annuity can be dedicated to create a PACE.

At a glance

- Enables your annual gift to be made in perpetuity
- May be structured in a variety of innovative ways
- Offers tax benefits for you and/or your estate
- Provides resources for organizations that are important to you

Live generously.

Let your name be remembered as a blessing.

For additional information about establishing a legacy gift, please contact Arleen R. Levine, Director, Toledo Jewish Community Foundation at arleen@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0355.

Jewish Family Service

JFS community Passover drive

Passover begins this year on April 22 at sundown. Once again, Jewish Family Service (JFS) is sponsoring a community-wide Passover drive for the Food Pantry. We are focusing primarily on paper and personal care items, as these types of items cannot be purchased with food stamps. The following list includes urgently needed items for this year's drive. It is vitally important that our pantry be fully stocked to help those in dire need.

All items may be dropped off at JFS Monday, April 11 through Friday, April 22, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thank you so much for your support!

Any questions may be directed to Barbara Levison at 419-724-0407.

Items needed:

Deodorant
Shampoo
Feminine hygiene items
Bar Soap
Liquid hand soap
Dish soap (not dishwasher soap)
Laundry detergent
Baby wash/shampoo
Baby wipes
Diapers and pull ups
Toothpaste
Facial tissue
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Paper napkins

Events made extra special with mitzvah baskets

Does your son or daughter have a bar or bat mitzvah coming up this year? If so, have you been thinking about what kind of centerpieces you want for the special occasion? Well, ponder no more! Consider renting attractive JFS mitzvah baskets while supporting the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry at the same time.

These beautifully wrapped wicker baskets are filled with packaged items representing our Food Pantry. Baskets are decorated with ribbons and bows in your choice of colors. They make a real splash and have been very popular. JFS also includes tent cards acknowledging the name of the person who is being honored and an explanation of the Mitzvah Basket.

A reasonable tax deductible "rental fee" structure allows several choices in order to accommodate your budget. Your "rental fee" enables Jewish Family Service to purchase critically needed food and personal care items for our Food Pantry to assist families who desperately need our help.

Ordering Mitzvah Baskets from Jewish Family Service will help to relieve you of time consuming details and will put your mind at ease. We will take care of all the arrangements including delivery of your baskets to any one of the three synagogues.

A lead time of four to six weeks is desired. For more information, please contact Barbara Levison, Jewish Family Service, at barbara@JewishToledo.org or 419-724-0407.

Patient Advocate Program provides seniors, loved ones with important service

The Patient Advocate Program, offered through Jewish Family Service, has been providing services to Jewish individuals 60 and older for the last year and is committed to serving more clients and their families. This valuable service is offered free of charge.

How effectively you and your doctor communicate is one of the most important factors in getting good health care. This is true at any age, but for seniors, who are likely to have multiple chronic conditions and complicated treatments to discuss, it can be especially challenging. Considering the impact health problems can have on other parts of your life, including your independence, good communication with your physician is crucial.

The Patient Advocate Program connects trained volunteers with individuals who meet the program criteria. These volunteers ensure the participating seniors get the most out of their routine medical appointments by accompanying them to the doctor and by providing services that make them more than just an escort.

Patient Advocate Volunteers will:

- Help prepare for upcoming medical appointments, review concerns and identify and frame questions one may have for their doctor;
- Provide transportation to the appointment if necessary;
- Provide support, act as an advocate and facilitate communication between patient and doctor;

- Provide the individual with notes of what transpired during the appointment

Benefits to those who participate:

- Empowers individuals by encouraging active involvement in their medical care;
- Improves health care outcomes;
- Supports caregivers and family members by helping relieve the pressure of trying to attend all appointments;
- Helps individuals keep out of town/state family informed of their medical care

What participants are saying:

"I am more confident and less anxious when I see my doctor, because I know someone is there to help me understand and remember what I'm told. The volunteer makes sure my questions are answered by the doctor before I leave his office."

"My volunteer was wonderful. I couldn't have done it without her."

"I have bragged about them to many others. I make sure I mentioned JFS to the doctors and introduce them to the advocates."

"My parents could use this program."

Do you know an older adult who might benefit from having a trained and trusted volunteer accompany them to the doctor?

Are you a volunteer seeking engaging and rewarding work that offers flexibility?

Find out more by calling Liz Witter at 419-724-0406.

NOW RECRUITING volunteers for the new "phone buddy" program

Would you like to "visit" someone without ever leaving your home? Would you like to volunteer but feel you don't have the time to commit to visiting someone in person? If so, we have a program that's just right for you!

As an extension of our Friendly Visitor Program, we are now implementing a program called "Phone Buddy," and here is how it works. A volunteer will be given a few names of Jewish individuals who are homebound and desire a connection to the community. Your weekly phone call can be as long as the two of you desire to chat. By staying in touch on a regular basis, you will be providing individuals with much needed interaction.

In inclement weather, your phone call will serve to check on their welfare



so a family member can be alerted if their loved one is without heat or low on medication or food.

The beauty of a "Phone Buddy" is that you are still in touch with another Jewish community member and providing a valuable link to the outside world. If you would like to be a special "Phone Buddy," please contact Barbara Levison at barbara@JewishToledo.org or 419-724-0407.

Jewish Family Service volunteer opportunities

Volunteers serve in many important roles in and out of our Jewish community. They ensure success and continuity of our agencies, programs and services. Listed below are some volunteer opportunities that enhance the lives of our Jewish seniors.

Friendly Visitor Program

Provide companionship and much-needed socialization through regular visits to someone who is homebound and lonely.

Patient Advocate Program

Provide advocacy and support for an elderly person during his/her doctor's appointment.

Music and Memory Program

Assist in putting together customized musical playlists and identify community members who might benefit.

Phone Buddy Program (details above)

Check on elderly clients' welfare through regular phone calls.

Food Pantry

Assist with food drives, grocery shopping or organizing pantry shelves.

Senior Assistance Program

Technology assistance
Simple home maintenance
Temporary grocery shopping
Light gardening/watering plants
Temporary leaf raking
Organizing and sorting mail
Temporary dog walking
Moving small boxes

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these much-needed programs, please contact Barbara Levison, JFS Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator, at 419-724-0407 or barbara@JewishToledo.org.



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Senior News



Free services and events at the



TOP 10 JFS SENIOR ADULT CENTER FACTS:

- 1 The JFS Senior Adult center is open to anyone 60 and older
- 2 The JFS Senior Adult Center offers wonderful classes at NO CHARGE to participants
- 3 Transportation services for grocery store and banks are FREE
- 4 Outings include mystery lunches, day trips and much more
- 5 Wellness checks are provided weekly – FREE
- 6 Informative presenters speak regularly
- 7 Laughter is contagious
- 8 Assistance is available for Golden Buckeye Card applications
- 9 Community is a focal point
- 10 Participants meet, mix and mingle regularly

Mondays

Wellness Checks 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Have a registered nurse from Senior Independence help you keep your blood pressure and sugar under control with a FREE weekly check!

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Prime Movers 11 a.m. – Noon

Prime Movers is a basic all around strength and movement class. A mix of cardio, strength and flexibility. All levels welcome. Walk-ins welcome.

Mondays

Drumming 1 – 2 p.m.

Any fitness level, anyone can do this! Come give it a try and be your own rock star!

Tuesdays (dates and explanations below)

Craft Time 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Come create, socialize and have fun in a no judgement zone. All skill levels are welcome. Please call Emily Harel at 419-531-2119 #2 or sign up in the lobby one week before the event, and please arrive promptly at 1 p.m. for instructions!

Tuesday, March 1: DIY Sharpie Painting

Join us to learn a new technique that looks like we used watercolors we really used Sharpies! We will learn how to make a tie-dye effect, faux crayon art and watercolor paintings.

Tuesday, March 8: Make Your Own Tumbler

Join us as we create beautiful designs and pictures on a template that will later turn into a treasure! First you design, then we send it out to be put on your own customized tumbler mug!

Wednesdays

Balance Class 1 – 2 p.m.

Take your workout to the next level and focus on your core and balance.

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Local News



Local teens reflect on P2G Mega Teen Mission to Israel

By René A. Rusgo

Israel ... Oh what a feeling! I will expand on that in a minute. Mega Teen Mission, oh my goodness, so many people with so many comments, so many looks and so many teens together for over a week, what an experience, one that I will never forget! Put it all together and you have the Partnership2gether (P2G) Mega Teen Mission. **This mission wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Campaign department, the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation and The Jewish Experience Fund.**

I was privileged and honored to be asked by my colleagues in the partnership to chaperone the P2G Mega Teen Mission and thrilled to lead the Toledo 6 delegation of Macey Feldstein, Julian Liber, Libby Morse, Ben Morse, Rochie Rubin and Ben Yaffe. Our Toledo delegation was joined by Youngstown, Ohio; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Indianapolis, Indiana; South Bend, Indiana; Northwest, Indiana; Louisville, Kentucky; and Omaha, Nebraska, bringing our grand total delegation to 72 teens!

Our delegation was diverse, with teens ranging from 14 -18 years old. A few had been to Israel before, but most had not. Some spoke Hebrew, most knew a few basic words and many knew none. Some knew a lot about Israel

and its history and many knew nothing. Some had a day school education and others only had a weekday/weekend religious school education. What they all had in common? They were teenagers and they all spoke the same language with each other, and that is what mattered in the end.

This was their individual journey to have. I was along to offer guidance, love, support and hugs when being home sick set in (and it did). I have been blessed that I have been able to travel to Israel before, but never like this. To be able to observe and participate in moments in time that are so impactful and life altering when that feeling or aura just comes over them and they look at you with wide open eyes. You can just see a glow about them, and they tell you that something has clicked for them and they "get it"; and Israel has a different meaning to them than it did before, one that they can't explain. You just look at them and gently shake your head with a smile on your face and tears in your eyes; the connection has been made.

Israel is beautiful! Our weather was outstanding, with no rain, blue skies, calm winds. Our days were filled with early mornings and late nights. Not only did our teens really get to know each other and develop friendships that will last a lifetime (through FaceTime, Snapchat, Twitter and more), they got to meet and develop friendships with Israeli teens as well as reconnect with some who had come to the states previously through other teen programs.

Some of the activities that the delegation participated in and places they visited were:

School visits at Sulam Tzor, Ort Akko; Rosh Hanikra Grottos; Activities with Aharai; The Ethiopian House; Western Galilee Medical Center; Ghetto Fighters Museum; Tour Old City of Akko; Saving the Stones; Kibbutz Kfar Masrik; Disco Party; Druze Village; Host Family Shabbat; Palmach Museum; Old City of Yaffo; Masada; Dead Sea; Bedouin Tent Lunch and Camel rides; City of David and the Western Wall.

This mission was very special to me for many reasons, but I am only going to share two of them. For one, the Toledo 6 is a very special group of young adults; they are all seniors in high school and will be graduating in June of this year. More importantly, I have known them since they were infants, and to see them now as kind, caring



René Rusgo and Ben Yaffe at the Western Galilee Medical Center

and connected to Israel is just wonderful. They may not attend the same schools or hang out in the same group of friends, but now they are connected together again and have a bond that is very special and priceless; they have Israel together!

The second reason was that this was the first time that I ever traveled to Israel with a family member. My son, Ben Yaffe, was a delegation member and this was his second time to Israel. I was allowed to be on the sideline of his energy for 10 days and survey his excitement as he traveled through his homeland, and it was a beautiful experience for both us. A pinnacle moment in time for me was watching my son daven at the Western Wall with his tefillin and tallit; my eyes filled with water out of pure love and joy at that moment that only a mother could have, until I looked around and saw other members of our delegation joining me in that moment because they could feel what I was feeling too.

I think everyone can understand the importance of why we need to get our teens to Israel and why I said "YES" to travelling with so many teens. Our teens are our next group of Hillel members, Greek life members, on-campus members, voices of the future, philanthropists, donors, leadership presidents and board members, and if they don't feel connected to and understand Israel, who will? We have started the next generation of networking and connecting through the P2G Mega Teen Mission; what a difference 10 days can make.



Group photo at Rosh Hanikra

By Macey Feldstein

My trip to Israel was far from what I expected. Everything from the hostels we stayed at, to the museums we went to, to the lectures given to seeing and exploring the beautiful country was amazing. Although we did have a lot to do in one day everyday, which was exhausting



Ben Yaffe and Macey Feldstein on a camel ride

at first, because of the time change, we took a lot in and had a lot of fun doing it. I made a ton of memories with a great group of people. I went from not knowing anyone from the other groups to bonding with them and making dates to visit them in the future. The trip was outstanding and "sababa" (cool in Hebrew) and I hope to visit Israel again in the near future!

By Ben Morse

Typing this article secretly under a desk in my senior algebra class transports me away from repetitive trigonometry functions and back to the land I call home. Just weeks ago, I found myself far away from the dreary streets of Sylvania and discovered my feet walking the ancient streets of Israel with an unforgettable group of people.

After a plane ride that flew by, thanks to a scratchy airplane blanket and limited options of movement, I landed in Tel Aviv. It was as if the universe had shifted and my own little world had just gotten a lot bigger. The air even seemed to smell different. With an excited mind I was ignorant to that fact that in just days I would partake in a religious experience that will remain resonant for years to come.

With our day off to a gloomy start, clouds hung over the Israeli sky and light pellets of rain hit the edges of my cold cheeks. My tour of the streets for the day was just beginning. I stepped off the bus, walked through a long line of security and reached the Western Wall. Having

only heard stories regarding this beautiful piece of history, I was shocked stepping into its physical presence. I saw men davening and women pressed up against the cold stone. The two groups separated by barrier yet all so connected through spirituality.

It was my turn to face the wall and I was forced to split from my twin sister, Libby. One may expect my moment of religious clarity to have come while pressed against the structure, but G-d had a different plan.

I sauntered back to the main standing area and thought of all that I said to myself and G-d while facing the cracked brick filled with hopeful notes. I looked up from my moment of remembrance and saw Libby standing feet away from me. She walked towards me and threw her arms around me faster than she ever had before. Tears strolled from her wind-blown cheeks and pressed their way onto my shoulder. Instantly, I felt a lump in my throat swell up to an unimaginable size. With a shaky voice, Libby said, "G-d spoke to me. I'm going to be ok. I really am." I hugged her even tighter and felt a bond unlike any other.



Libby and Ben Morse

Local News



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By Libby Morse

A trip of a lifetime, that is how I describe my trip to Israel. The food, the people and the experience changed my life. I was introduced to a completely different culture and loved every second of it.

The part of the trip that impacted me the most was the other teenagers we met up with on the trip. I still communicate with lots of them almost every day. I connected with them on a very high level, and they soon became a very important part of my trip and every day life.

The trip gave me a whole new insight on how I look at every day things. My love for the country has expanded to even greater heights and I saw the different people who mesh together only wanting nothing more but peace. My heart has a special place for the trip I took. I still think about the journey every day and am thankful I was able to go on such a beautiful trip.



Libby Morse at a Shuk



Macey Feldstein and Rochie Rubin

By Rochie Rubin

The experiences I gained in Israel were unreal and once-in-a-lifetime. I gained so many new friends, not only from the other communities on the program but also in Israel. I learned about the history of the country and the cultures within it.

My most impactful experiences from the trip were our first night when we arrived and our last day spent there.

As we got closer and closer to landing in Israel,

By Julian Liber

At a Shabbat dinner, in the beautiful and ancient city of Akko, I realized the magnitude of our connection to the people of Israel. Excellent food, extended family and lively conversation are universal to all cultures, and these staples made me feel at home 6,000 miles away. Our trip allowed a human bond like few others could, embodying the purpose of a partnership.

We spent two days with host families, with whom we experienced the life of the locals, from trips to the Shuk, a market in the old city where we ate hummus claimed to be the best in the whole country, or walking the Mediterranean beach at sunset. We became friends with Israeli teens. We learned that they are not so different than us, with the same interests, anxieties and passions.

Before I left, I was unsure of what to expect from the experience. Would I suddenly become enlightened or religiously touched? Would I begin keeping strictly kosher? While I can't answer "yes" to either of these, I can say that the diversity of the people I met, all who love their country, inspired that same love in me. They appreciate Israel as a country of many religions, traditions, and opinions, where anyone can live in peace and participate in a democratic society.



Julian Liber saving stone

As representatives of this partnership, we experienced Israel for what the country truly is, a summation of its people, in its communities. I now have lifelong friends half a world away, to preserve this link long into the future.

By Ben Yaffe

Sababa. That word has many meanings and was thrown around probably one too many times by me. Besides meaning "great, cool awesome ...," to me it summarizes the trip. The trip was **Sababa**; it was full of so many different meaningful experiences for everyone that, just like the word, if you ask what it means you will get a different answer.

Because this was my second trip to Israel, I kind of knew what to expect, I knew what the food was like, what the culture was like and I was ready to help others experience the country that I love. I realized quickly that each trip is a new experience and should be treated as if it were your first.

My favorite part of the trip was being in Akko and staying with our host, Shira, who was extremely hospitable. I had so much fun immersing myself in the culture of my host family at Shabbat dinner, just as my fellow house guests Ben and Julian did. I ate the best meal of my life, no exaggeration.

Another phrase I threw out there way too much was **Yala Balagan**, which means "let's go crazy"; I went crazy, that is for sure. I made so many new friendships and connections with people and Israel, I was a mad man. I was beyond lucky to have been able to go on this trip and create the friendships I did.

The Toledo crew included my favorite kids on the whole trip, and I was privileged to have been able to travel with such an awesome group! Most of all I



Ben Yaffe at the Western Wall

got to experience Israel with my mom, and that I am forever going to remember. That was the best part for me without question. I had a **Sababa** time and I will surely never forget it.

the energy of the plane was hyped. The excitement was buzzing in the air. When we finally reached the airport and everyone on the flight began clapping, I couldn't wait to get off and start our journey. As we were exiting the airport and I saw the huge semicircle of people waiting for arrivals, it felt more welcoming and homey than anywhere else. When we boarded our bus and drove up to our first hostel, I spent the whole time staring out the window in awe.

Our last day was bittersweet. That was the day we went to the Western Wall. Growing up, I was

always told about the wall, and it's the one place I've wanted to visit for years. When I finally got my chance I was overwhelmed. The feelings rushing through you as you walk down to this big stone wall are so intense it's indescribable. On the other hand, having to leave this beautiful place and depart from all my new friends was saddening. No one wanted it to end.

The things I saw and went through on my trip in Israel are my favorite memories. It made me realize Israel really is my home and I can't wait to go back.

Senior/Local News



The Senior Adult Center and Senior Adult Programs of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo are open to all who are 60 years old and above and are supported in part through your campaign dollars and through a generous grant from the Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization.

All events are part of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and occasionally take place at the various synagogues. Please note registration deadlines for all programs! To register for a Jewish Federation Senior Program, please call 419-531-2119 #2 or email registration@jewishtoledo.org. For questions about a program, please call René Rusgo at 419-531-2119 #1 or rene@JewishToledo.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

**Jewish Senior Services Presents:
Of Feasts, Festivals, and Faith –
Spring is Here Luncheon
featuring, Mary Bilyeu,
Food Editor at *The Blade***

**Noon
Congregation B'nai Israel, 6525
Sylvania Avenue
\$5 per person (includes lunch and
lecture)**

Pesach is coming, along with its traditional foods: gefilte fish, charoset, matzah pizza, and more. But there are many other springtime holidays being celebrated by a variety of faiths. Find out why Italians will be eating special pasta dishes sprinkled with bread crumbs, why noodles are important in a hearty Persian soup served at the New Year, why many Muslims break the Ramadan fast at sundown with three dates and more. Inquiring - and hungry - minds want to know ... and taste samples!

Mary Bilyeu is the Food Editor at *The Blade*. She also writes about food for the *Washtenaw Jewish News* and the Food Floozie blog, and she has contributed to publications of the Culinary Historians of Ann Arbor. Food and religion are among her favorite topics to study and to discuss.

This event is supported by Jewish Senior

Services.

**Registration and payment required by
Monday, March 28**

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

**Kosher Shopping & Lunch in Detroit
9 a.m.: Depart Senior Adult Center, 2700
Pelham Road
4 p.m.: Approximate return time to
Senior Adult Center**

It's that time again to get ready for Passover! So let's go north and bring a cooler to One Stop Kosher Grocery Store, Zeman's Kosher Bakery, Kroger and Harvard Row Kosher butcher shop! Lunch will be on your own at our mystery location. Please call ahead to Harvard Row (248-539-8806) to place your order for pick up.

**Registration is required by
Monday, April 4.**

TUESDAY, MAY 17

Your Toledo Zoo with You!

**9 a.m.: Depart Federation Campus,
6465 Sylvania Avenue
4 p.m.: Return to the Federation
\$35 per person (includes transportation,
private tours and encounters and lunch)**

We will venture to the best zoo in the United States (as voted by *USA Today*). Prepare for a unique and different experience at the zoo and the new

aquarium personalized just for us. Before the zoo opens, we will start with a private, behind and in front of the scenes tour of the new aquarium. We will touch and feed the animals in the pacific reef aquarium. We will see an animal show, then enjoy a catered lunch just for us at the Lodge, and there we will have an interactive animal demonstration brought to us! We will have time in the African safari and ride the train, and you will have free time to journey throughout the rest of the zoo. This is a not to be missed day of fun and new experiences just for YOU at YOUR Toledo Zoo!

This outing has moderate walking/standing, and could include a few flights of stairs and/or uneven terrain.

**Registration and payment required by
Friday May 6. Limited Seats.**

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

**Annual Anniversary Luncheon
Celebrating 11 Years!**

**Noon
Congregation B'nai Israel, 6525
Sylvania Avenue
\$5 per person (includes lunch and
entertainment)**

Get your friends and family together for an afternoon of visiting and delightful time together. Sit back and relax and let us offer a delicious luncheon with exceptional

Jewish Federation SENIOR PROGRAMS Calendar

entertainment and a gourmet plated lunch that will tingle taste buds. This not-to-be-missed event is always the talk of the town, so register early and be sure to call your friends to join you!

The New Fashioned is a breath of fresh air to both pop & jazz music, bringing the traditional styles and articulation of jazz, blues, swing, and rock 'n' roll to the forefront of mainstream pop. The goal is to bridge the gap of generations by combining the gritty shadows of old speakeasies with the high-energy neon dance clubs of today.

**Registration and payment required by
Monday, May 23.**

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Congregation Etz Chayim presents: **Elliot (Elly) Lasson, Ph.D.**



Elliot (Elly) Lasson, Ph.D. will present a workshop at Congregation Etz Chayim on **Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m.** on "Lay Leadership Development in the Jewish Community: The Small and Not-So-Small Stuff."

Dr. Lasson is a Human Capital Consultant and President of Lasson Talent Solutions, based in Baltimore, Maryland. He is the former Executive Director of Joblink of Maryland, a non-profit organization supporting the employment objectives of individuals in the local and national Jewish community. He is also a Professor of Psychology at the University of Maryland where he teaches in the graduate Organizational Psychology program.

Dr. Lasson's work in the Jewish community has included working with the Orthodox Union, National Council of Young Israel, Yeshiva University, Sister to Sister, Touro College, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Avi Chai Foundation.

Saturday Morning Shabbat Bus Service

Seniors may board the bus at 9:30 a.m. at Pelham Manor and 9:35 a.m. at West Park Place and neighborhood residences. Passengers are dropped off first at Congregation Etz Chayim, then Congregation B'nai Israel, Temple Shomer Emunim and the Chabad House. The return trip begins at 12:30 p.m., in the reverse order. Congregants who need rides from their homes may arrange them by calling the JFS Senior Adult Center at 419-531-2119 # 2.

Every participant is required to have a client form on file to use this service. Participants must call 419-531-2119 #2 by Friday at noon **each week** to reserve a spot on the bus, as seats are limited. Please be sure to leave your name and phone number and which shul you want to attend.



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Senior News



THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Fiddler on the Roof at La Comedia Dinner Theatre, Springboro, Ohio (Matinee performance)
7:30 a.m.: Depart Federation Campus, 6465 Sylvania Avenue

6 p.m. (estimated): Return to Federation
\$45 per person (includes transportation, lunch buffet and theatre show)

Fiddler on the Roof has touched audiences around the world for over 50 years with its humor, warmth and honesty. The original production won ten Tony Awards, including a special Tony for becoming the longest-running Broadway musical of all time.

Fiddler's celebrated score features songs loved the world over, such as "Sunrise Sunset," "If I Were a Rich Man," and "Matchmaker," just to name a few.

La Comedia Dinner Theatre has been southwest Ohio's greatest entertainment value since 1975, featuring six Broadway-style shows a year, their famous mouth-watering buffet and, of course, their famous sweet potato soufflé.

Registration and payment required by Friday, March 4 – LIMITED TICKETS!

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Croswell Opera House - Arts Midwest World Fest presents **Baladino, Adrian, Michigan**
5 p.m.: Depart Federation Campus, 6465 Sylvania Avenue

10:30 p.m. (estimated): Return to Federation
\$45 per person (includes transportation, dinner and concert)

Join us for a lovely evening out as we head a bit north for a night of Israeli folk music. First, we will dine at Sauce Italian Grill and Pub and then walk over to the Croswell Opera House.

With its members hailing from Berlin and Tel Aviv, Baladino is a Mediterranean folk band that offers fresh, yet deeply authentic interpretations of Sephardic and Ladino melodies and brings this tradition back into full, fresh dialogue with its trans-Mediterranean past, using extended technique, subtle electronics and improvisation to dust off the predominant heavy-handed approach to Ladino music. With stunning vocals, unexpected instruments, and a pitch-perfect sense of arrangement, the Israeli group melds everything from Egyptian darbuka to Armenian duduk, from Ladino classics to rarely heard tunes, into a sonically vibrant, organic whole. During Baladino's live performances, songs often form a jumping-off point for instrumental improvisations driven by Mediterranean-Gypsy grooves, yet embracing rock and electronic influences.

Registration and payment required by Friday, March 11.

The talents of the JFS Senior Adult Center art class, under the direction of Anjelika Manakhimova, will be displayed at the **50+ Shades of Grey: An Adult Art Exhibit**. We would like to invite everyone to support these local artists and attend the exhibit. The works will be displayed **until March 3 at the Wood County Senior Center (305 N. Main St. Bowling Green, Ohio 43402)**. Congratulations to all those whose pieces were accepted!

Young at Heart at the JFS Senior Adult Center



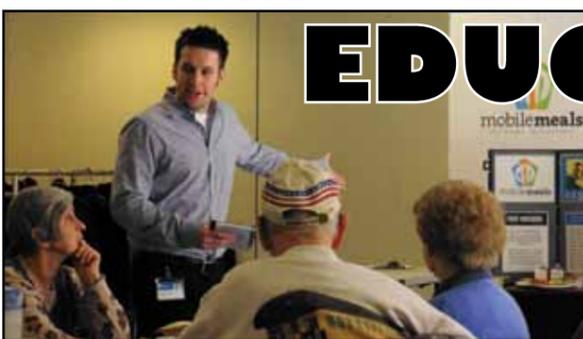
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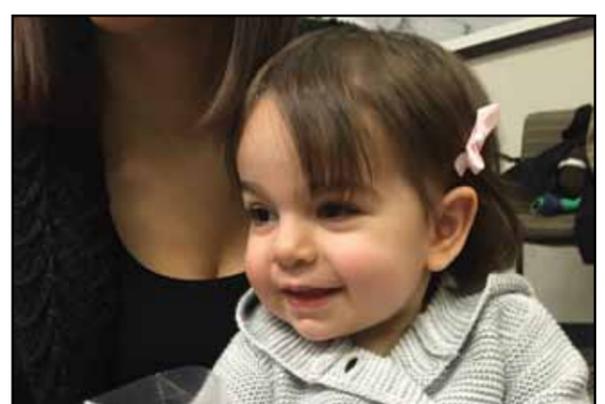
Local News

Fun with friends at PJ Playdates

Jewish Toledo's young families came together recently for PJ Playdates that focused on music and how to have a heathy smile!

Our next PJ Playdate is Friday, March 11 at 10 a.m. at the Federation. Contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@JewishToledo.org for more information.

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Local News



Programs especially for post college to young families.

Young Jewish Toledo is a staple of Jewish life in the Toledo area, existing to draw wonderful, dynamic, young Jewish people together for the greater benefit of the community.

From Hebrew Happy Hours to date nights to volunteer opportunities, Young Jewish Toledo provides a range of outlets for young Jewish professionals 21-40. These future leaders of Jewish Toledo are continuously strengthening personal connections while participating in, and perpetuating, Jewish life in Toledo.

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

YJT Fridays

Get inspired with other young Jewish professionals at our NEW Shabbat dinner program. Socialize, nosh on some great eats and bring in Shabbat with new friends.

Friday, March 18
7 p.m., Calvino's (3143 W. Central Avenue), \$10 per person (includes dinner and non-alcoholic drink)

Friday, May 20 (location TBD)



YJT Pre-Passover Painting

Saturday, March 12
7:30 p.m.
Peace, Love & Pottery, 6750 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania
\$20 minimum donation per painted plate (includes painting and appetizers)

Get in touch with your inner artist! Design and paint your own Seder plate to adorn your own Seder table. You don't have to be a professional to paint!

Space is limited; RSVP requested by Thursday, March 10 to Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or Hallie@jewishtoledo.org



YJT Volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House

Tuesday, March 22
3:30 p.m.
Ronald McDonald House, 3883 Monroe Street
Donations accepted

The Ronald McDonald House provides a home-away-from-home for families who travel to Toledo for their children's medical care. YJT will be preparing and serving dinner to guests at the house and provide a bit of comfort during a difficult time.

Space is limited! You must RSVP by Friday, March 18 to Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@JewishToledo.org



PJ Playdates
10 a.m.
Federation Campus,
Leonard Lounge.
6465 Sylvania Avenue
FREE

• **Friday, March 11** – PJ Pre-Purim Party! Stories, snacks, songs, crafts and more!

***Please bring a baby item (i.e. diapers, wipes, baby food) to donate to the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry)

Join us for a new program designed for you and by you! PJ Library® will be hosting bi-weekly playdates in the Leonard Lounge on the Federation Campus. Playdates will offer story time, snacks, and free play. Some playtimes will have themes and crafts! PJ Playdates are a great opportunity for moms, dads, bobbies, zaydies and more to meet other young families!

All PJ® Playdates will start at 10 a.m. in the Leonard Lounge and are free to attend, unless otherwise noted.

RSVP requested the Thursday prior to each event to Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@JewishToledo.org

Please notify us of any dietary restrictions

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

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Gan Izzy Club learns about Havdalah

Gan Izzy Club got together in early February to learn all about Havdalah. They created havdalah candles and Besamim - Spice balls and learned about astronomy with Andy, Mark and Sam Richards. Every had a great time.



Organizations

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Submitted by Hindea Markowicz

Moving into the future: Hadassah dedicates tower's new operating room complex

The long-awaited operating room complex for the Hadassah Medical Center's Sarah Wetsman Davidson Hospital Tower was dedicated on January 10. Built to allow Hadassah's high-level surgical teams to carry out complicated surgeries under optimal conditions, with a level of technology used by the world's top-tier hospitals, the complex took eight years to complete at a cost of \$30 million. Most of the funds were contributed by Hadassah supporters in America and Hadassah International.

The OR complex is located deep underground, fortified to provide a safe operating space, even in the event of chemical and biological warfare. From atypically large rooms to stainless steel walls for a more sterile environment to special lighting affixed to the ceiling, from sophisticated computerized imaging devices to flexible operating tables that rotate to various positions, a myriad of high-tech innovations allow the surgical team a larger breadth of choices in operating.

The most unusual OR is the "hybrid room," a breakthrough concept in which an approximately 900 square foot meter room contains both a special radiology scan as well as an operating table. Dedicated for the most complex surgery—especially life-saving trauma cases—the room's design allows for many staff members from diverse specialties to do different surgical procedures in parallel.

According to Senior Surgeon Prof. Ofer Gofrit, "When there is a complex injury, there is always debate over whether to do imaging first to determine exactly where the injury to the blood vessels is or to operate immediately. The hybrid room allows the staff to do the imaging right away, to get a CT scan, and to start surgery without moving the patient from one place to another."

"This is the public's hospital," added incoming Director General Professor Zeev Rotstein. "With this new surgery complex comes the highest quality of technology that complements the high quality of Hadassah medicine and patient care."

On hand with Professor Rotstein for the dedication were Minister of Health Yakov Litzman, Mayor of Jerusalem Nir Barkat, and National President of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Ellen Hershkin, along with other dignitaries.

How my Jerusalem hospital gives a glimpse of what coexistence could look like

By Lamis Shibli Ghadir, an Arab social worker in the Ein Kerem Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem

I'm an Arab social worker at Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem, which models co-existence. I work with Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Druze children, whether they live in East Jerusalem, West Jerusalem, Settlements, Bethlehem, Ramallah or Gaza. Our school, for instance, is 40% Arab, 60% Jewish. Children cook together, listen to music together and celebrate each other's holidays.

At the hospital, I shield patients from the conflict and build trust, but communication can be difficult. Half the children speak only Arabic. We have three Arab social workers in the pediatric wing (two of us in oncology, where 30% of patients are Palestinian). We teach nurses and doctors basic Arabic, and have translators, too, but they are only a partial solution; a Jewish social worker talking through a translator still cannot understand the child's culture as an Arab social worker can. A nurse recently called me saying, "This father won't hold his child. I don't think he wants his baby." I said, "This is an Arab man. Maybe he isn't used to taking care of a baby at this age. It's not unusual."

Security can be an issue too. Children must be accompanied. I help secure the permit, liaising with the army and advising the parents. For children from the West Bank, it is easy; everyone can come. But for Gazan children, security concerns mean young parents cannot enter Israel, so the child is accompanied by one grandparent. To get any others, they must first go back to Gaza. Sometimes, if a Palestinian child from the West Bank needs urgent attention, the parents come in the

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ambulance without a permit, so I must arrange it. Some come illegally, with no arrangement. It's an issue, given our money problems, but we cannot say to a father or a mother, "Give us money, or you cannot enter." Hadassah is not a bank, it's a hospital. For Palestinians, access is very important. West Bank hospitals are not at the same level. They lack plastic surgery and brain surgery. If they come to us through the Peres Center for Peace, they do not have to pay. It's fantastic for them.

Security is a concern for families, too. Yousif, 9, from East Jerusalem, had heart surgery here during the last Gaza war. His mother cried constantly, even when he improved. The nurses asked me why. I spoke to her. She told me she had a relative in Gaza and asked me not to tell the staff, saying, "I'm afraid that if they know, they won't treat Yousif like they do the Jewish children." I reassured her that our staff would never do that, and over time, she had more and more conversations with the nurses and developed a very close relationship with them. Together, they celebrated Yousif's birthday, and on his first day out of bed, a nurse took him to the mall and bought him gifts. Finally, his mother told them, "I'm sorry, I have a relative in Gaza." It didn't matter. They gave her a big hug.

At Hadassah, we try to separate health from politics. Half our team is Arab, half Jewish. We don't discuss politics with patients because we don't want to impact the quality of care we give. A Jewish girl, aged 8, came in. A falling kettle had burned almost half her body. Her father had been killed by terrorists during the Second Intifada. Her mother, 43, an Orthodox woman living in a settlement, was widowed with six children. Our policy is that, in such situations, it must be a Jewish social worker, but she couldn't understand this and asked for me, because I had experience in plastic surgery. I went with her to the doctor. After, she asked to talk with me every day. She was there for six weeks. We developed a wonderful professional relationship. We never talked about the father. On the last day, she gave me a hug and said "thank you for everything".

Sometimes we see children who have been arrested for throwing stones. They come to us from jail or the police. Parents must consent to surgery, but the police may not want the family to contact the child, so we talk to our lawyers. Once, we had a ten year old boy who had been shot with rubber bullets. He was in pain and could not see. We told the police: "Sure, do your investigation, talk to the child, but we need the parents, because he is a child!" They consider what we say, but it is complicated.

Recently, an ultra-Orthodox woman, 39, had her tenth child here, but the baby had a severe heart defect. The mother was suffering from depression and was on anti-depressants while her baby was in intensive care. She wanted to be near her baby, but she was afraid because the other families in there were Arab, and the Har Nof synagogue attack had just happened. I said, "I know all the mothers in there. They are facing the same difficulties as you. They are concerned about their children, just as you are. They cry all the time too. I promise to come and talk with you every day." It was a long and difficult

conversation, but finally she came. Like many Jewish people, she didn't recognize me as Arab, and told me her difficulties. People bring the outside world to Hadassah and as a social worker I have to deal with what they bring. I have to understand each individual. This mother was suffering from depression and she was afraid. But now she has a wonderful relationship with the other mothers in the ICU.

We also worked with Musa, a baby boy born with a heart defect, whose mother had seen a Palestinian doctor in Ramallah and been told her son would die after he was born. She got a second opinion at the Islamic Hospital in East Jerusalem, where doctors advised her to give birth here, where the child could be operated on. It was very complicated surgery and he spent the first year of his life in pediatric ICU with us. I remember the first time he smiled. The doctor took a picture and ran down the hall shouting, "Musa smiled! Musa smiled!" He has just celebrated his second birthday at home with his family. He needed a feeding machine and ventilator, so the Palestinian Authority gave us the money to buy this.

So, at its best, I think Hadassah gives a glimpse of what co-existence can look like. I also think medical crises can help people overcome their fears and preconceptions.

Membership Campaign Hadassah – Lock in for Life

Hadassah members make a personal impact at home and on the local, national and global community—every day. As a member, you enrich the lives of American Jewish women by focusing on vital issues and making tangible connections to Israel and Zionism through education and supporting the Hadassah Medical Organization and Israel projects.

In honor of our Centennial Year, Hadassah continues to offer Life Membership and Associate enrollment for \$212. The strength and support of Hadassah's members and donors sustain the extraordinary work of Hadassah. As an incentive to enroll new Life Members, National will give internal Fundraising Goal Credit to the units for each new Life member and Associate enrolled.

Life Members and Associates can give an unlimited number of free annual memberships as long as they complete an enrollment form for each individual. The Gift Enrollment form is available in the Gifting Campaign folder on the Intranet.

A very special welcome to the more than 50,000 women, men and children who showed their support for the extraordinary work of Hadassah by becoming new Life members and Associates. Our collective strength will continue to make a difference in the United States, Israel and around the world for the next 100 years.

Let's continue to enroll women and men in Hadassah and Lock in for Life.

Become a Member. Be a Supporter Hadassah – Lock in for Life.

Member-Get-A-Member Campaign DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

If every Hadassah member enrolled a new member, imagine the IMPACT

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DOUBLE THE SCOPE of medical research in Israel
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Gift a Life Membership for \$212 and receive a multi-generational pin.
Hadassah Contributions**

Hadassah is always grateful for the many contributions it receives throughout the year from members and friends. Beautiful cards and certificates are sent to acknowledge the donor's gift and the donation is listed in the Hadassah bulletin. To make a donation or send a tribute card, contact Selma Master at 419-841-4936 and/or Yvette Levin at 419-536-1703.

Change of Address

Calling all members: if you have a change of address, please contact Shelli Plosscowe at 419-841-4311 or SPlosscowe@aol.com.

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Jewish Community Relations Council update

By Sharon Lapitsky, JCRC Director



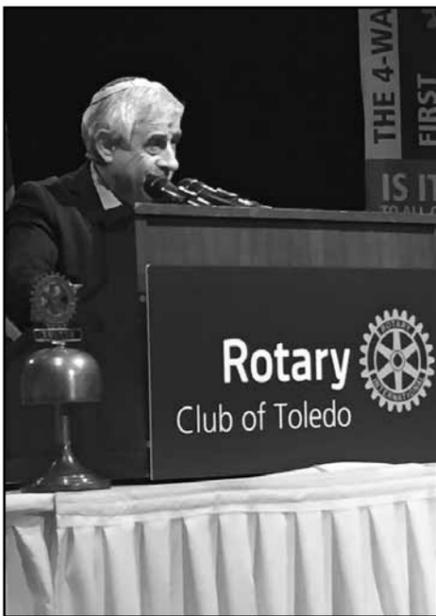
More than six months ago I was asked if I had heard about Dr. Mordechai Kedar and if we could bring him to our community; so, I had to start my research. The JCRC committee met and requested that Dr. Kedar speak on the subject of *Israel and Palestine: Possible Solutions*.

I was so glad to see the amazing turnout of 120 people who came to Congregation B'nai Israel on a Sunday afternoon to hear Dr. Kedar's presentation. Representatives from different communities around

Toledo attended, and there was great participation from our community, as well. Dr. Kedar presented a thought-provoking talk and suggested a fresh approach to the Israel-Palestine situation. His solution to the situation in the Middle East is a culmination of many years of research and a deep understanding of the Arab world, culture and history. To read more about his ideas, please visit <http://palestinianemirates.com>.

Dr. Kedar also had the opportunity to visit the Rotary Club of Toledo where approximately 200 people heard his presentation on the role Israel plays in establishing peace in the Middle East. His talk made it quite clear that the situation in the Middle East cannot be blamed merely on Israel's existence.

Many people were involved in making Dr. Kedar's lectures and visit such a success. I would like to thank the JCRC committee for making Dr. Kedar's visit possible, for choosing a topic that drew in an amazing crowd and for taking the time to meet with him prior to the talk. Thank you Bruce Post for driving Dr. Kedar from the airport. A special thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Buz Romonoff who went above and beyond to host Dr. Kedar and ensure he was at the right place at the right time. Thank you to Congregation B'nai Israel for allowing us to use their space and accommodating the large audience that arrived. Thank you to Yuval Zaliouk for arranging Dr. Kedar's lecture at the Rotary Club of Toledo.



Dr. Mordechai Kedar speaks at the Rotary Club of Toledo

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Greenberg, winter in Arizona, Toledo remains first and foremost their home community. "Joe and I have a deep concern for our Toledo Jewish community and are thrilled to see the many meaningful educational, social service and outreach programs and services offered. We have so very much to be proud of in our community," Sandy noted.

Daniel N. Steinberg, Chairman of the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (TJCF), said, "Sandy's gift is a testament to her commitment and dedication to the Toledo Jewish community. Her desire to ensure the well-being and vibrancy of our Toledo Jewish community inspired her to establish a PACE Fund, which provides a permanent gift to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Annual Campaign. This gift guarantees present and future support for critical programs and services. We are blessed by Sandy's vision and commitment to our community."

"I'd like to be remembered as someone who cared about the future of the Jewish people in Toledo and around the world. My hope is to keep the Toledo Jewish community vibrant, educated, creative and strong," said Sandy.

Individuals and families, younger generations and elders, from a variety of economic backgrounds have chosen to give through the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation. Each of our donors has care-

fully chosen to fund projects and causes that are near and dear to them through their funds at the Foundation.

Arleen R. Levine, TJCF Director, stated, "The Foundation helps people support the causes and organizations they care about, remember those they love, and give back in the ways that matter most to them. Sandy's generous legacy commitment provides that a gift will be given in every year in perpetuity to the Federation's Annual Campaign making a gift that lives forever."

A PACE Fund can be created through current giving as well as future giving. It's a gift that can be established by anyone who has a passion for perpetuating one's annual campaign gift into the future. Gifts of any size can be perpetuated through this type of fund and will provide a safety net for the community. For example, a donor who makes a \$1,000 Annual Campaign contribution can create a PACE fund in the Foundation by making a gift, lifetime or bequest, of \$20,000. To calculate, you take your annual Campaign gift and multiply by the number 20. A fund bearing their name will exist forever.

Donors can give through the Foundation in so many creative ways. When thinking about your legacy in the Toledo Jewish community, please consider how the Foundation can help you achieve your goal.

B'nai Mitzvah

We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah



Haley Smith will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at Congregation B'nai Israel. Haley is the daughter of Steven and Michelle Smith and Andrea Mitchell, sister to Madison and Samuel, and granddaughter to London and Debra Mitchell, Tracy and Linda Clark, the late Howard and Betty Smith, and Jim and Cindy Scherley.



Haley attends Timberstone Junior High in Sylvania. She is in the seventh grade and is an honor student. Haley enjoys being a part of the Timberstone seventh grade band, where she plays the baritone. She will participate in Solo and Ensemble this spring. She enjoys listening to all types of music and making everyone laugh. For her Mitzvah project, Haley is collecting needed items for the Toledo Area Humane Society

and volunteering her time there. Haley is looking forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with family and friends.

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Local News

S'machot



Mazel Tov to **Harry and Leeta Nistel** on their 65th wedding anniversary. Pictured above left: Harry and Leeta Nistel



Wedding night February 11, 1951 as Elsa Nistel looks on; pictured above right, celebrating their anniversary in Florida.

Linda and Joel Beren are thrilled to announce the engagement of their daughter **Stephanie to Jeremy D. Nathaniel**. Jeremy is the son of Dr. Sharon Diamond and Dr. Roger Nathaniel of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.



Stephanie is a 2008 graduate of Indiana University and Jeremy is a 2008 graduate of Tufts University. They met while participating in a semester abroad program in Prague during their junior year of college. The couple currently lives in Manhattan where Stephanie is a Development Manager with the Young Women's Leadership Network and Jeremy will be a spring 2016 graduate of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai.

Their wedding will be at Congregation B'nai Israel in Toledo on September 4.

Joel Rudinger, a member of Temple Shomer Emunim, has released a book, *Symphonia Judaica: Jewish Symphony and Other Poems*.

"In this collection of beautiful and painful vignettes of Jewish history, Dr. Joel Rudinger's moving poems take us on a spiritual journey capable of transforming our own search for meaning in life," said Rabbi Samuel Weinstein, Temple Shomer Emunim. "In his work we find an 'old soul' that has the unique ability to make us ponder and help answer the questions that lead to reassessment and renewal."



The Jesup W. Scott High School Alumni Association plans to recognize and induct 12 outstanding Scott Alumni and friends of Scott to the Alumni Association Hall of Fame. The inductees include **Stanford Odesky** ('55), who is being honored for Outstanding Business Achievement.

The Scott High Hall of Fame was established in 1981 to recognize graduates of Scott who have distinguished themselves

in careers in business, the professions, arts, community leadership, government, and athletics. It also recognizes individuals who have served Scott or the Alumni Association as teachers, administrators or leaders. The 2016 Inductees are the first class in over 25 years since the reorganization of the Scott Alumni Association in 2005. They will be honored at a special recognition luncheon at the Pinnacle Banquet Hall in Maumee on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

Have something to kvell about?

Send us your wedding, engagement, graduation, baby, job or other news for consideration in *Toledo Jewish News* today!

Submit your simcha to Abby Hoicowitz at 419-724-0363 or abby@JewishToledo.org.

JFGT Annual Leadership Awards

The Leadership Awards Review Committee meets in April of each year to review nominations received and to decide who will be honored in that year. Any member of the community is able to nominate an individual for the Harry Levison Young Leadership Award, Silver Circle Leadership Award and the Young Volunteer Award. Business and corporate nominations are made by Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and its affiliated agencies.

National Young Leadership/ Harry Levison Young Leadership Award

Created in 1962 to recognize young adults of outstanding promise and leadership ability who exhibit an active interest in Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Jewish Federation Fund Campaign, this award rewards exceptional service from these young adults. The award is open to young adults between the ages of 25 and 45 who reside in the greater Toledo area.

The recipient(s) is honored at Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Annual Meeting and receives a cash award to be used for participation, expenses paid, either at the General Assembly of Jewish Federations of North America or National Young Leadership Conference. The award can also be applied to participation on an Israel mission, particularly the National Young Leadership Mission.

Bob Wick

Jewish Community Service Award

Established in 1998 to recognize Robert Wick, a great friend and supporter to the Jewish community, the award is restricted to businesses, corporations and companies that provide exemplary support to the Jewish community.

Young Volunteer Award

Established in 1999, the award recognizes one student under the age of 17 who has shown exception service to the Toledo Jewish community. The award winner will receive \$250, which must be used for a Jewish seminar or leadership program in the year following the recognition.

Silver Circle Leadership Award

Established in 1998, nominees for the award must be 60 years of age or older, be active in Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo or one of its agencies, have a 25-year giving history to the Jewish Federation Fund Campaign, preferably in Toledo, and be a current resident of the greater Toledo area.

Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award

Each year, in its role as the social services and safety net for Toledo's Jewish community and residents of Pelham Manor, Jewish Family Service recognizes a volunteer who embodies the spirit and compassion of the JFS mission.

TBJE Ben Solomon

Outstanding Trustee Award

Ben Solomon, z"l, was a lifelong supporter of Jewish education. His philanthropic legacy includes the establishment of a generous fund to benefit Toledo Board of Jewish Education. The Solomon award was established by TBJE to honor Ben's memory by recognizing a board member or parent volunteer who gives time and energy to benefit the Toledo Board of Jewish Education.

Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (TJCF) Legacy Award

This important award is presented to individuals who create permanent and lasting community legacies in the form of a planned endowment gift to the foundation.

Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence

Established to recognize an outstanding Jewish communal employee or volunteer for their leadership in promoting Jewish values and improving Jewish life, the award acknowledges valuable contributions of the recipient and the deep appreciation of the Board of Directors and staff of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

Please use the form below pertaining to the award(s) for which you wish to submit a nomination(s).



Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Nomination for Leadership Award

Award Nomination (check one)

- National Young Leadership/Harry Levison Young Leadership Award
- Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award
- High School Leadership Award
- Silver Circle Leadership Award
- Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award
- TBJE Ben Solomon Outstanding Trustee Award
- Toledo Jewish Community Foundation Legacy Award
- Dr. Louis Ravin Memorial Emerging Leader Award
- Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence



NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

Nominated by: _____

Address _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

Please fill out all applicable areas on a separate sheet of paper:

1. Leadership activity in Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and/or affiliated agencies (current/past)
2. Leadership in the Annual Campaign (current/past)
3. Leadership activity in affiliated agencies and/or synagogues (current/past)
4. Other leadership activities
5. Why are you nominating this person/corporation?

Nominations should be sent by Friday, April 15 to: Leadership Award Review Committee, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, 6465 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Temple Shomer Emunim

March Worship Schedule

Friday, March 4th

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

Friday, March 11th

Tot Shabbat "Kid-dish Club"
at 5:00PM

Kabbalat Panim Service at 6:00PM

Friday, March 18th

Shabbat Service at 6:00PM

Friday, March 25th

Healing Service at 6:00PM

Fundamentals of our Faith Class

Thursdays at 5:00PM

March & April Schedule:

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st

April 7th, 21st & 28th

Coffee with the Clergy

Wednesdays, March 2nd & 16th at
11:00AM



Bible & Bagels

Sundays, March 6th & 13th at 9:30AM

Adult Beginning Hebrew Class

Thursdays, March 3rd, 10th & 17th at 5:30PM

Temple Book Club

Thursday, March 10 at 10:30AM
The Rosie Effect by Graeme Simpson
will be discussed

Come to the Blazing Shtetl's Celebrity Wait Night

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Sunday, March 20th

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9:30AM Megillah Reading
10:00-11:30AM Purim Carnival
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Pre-order tickets by emailing
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Friday, March 11th from 5:00-5:30PM
"Kid-dish Club" Tot Shabbat



Rabbi Weinstein & Cantor Winter will lead a special service for the youngest members of our congregation!

RSVP to wpayne@templese.com by March 9th

March Religious School Calendar

2nd: Hebrew School 4:20PM
6th: Religious School 9:15-11:30AM;
Temple Tots 9:30AM
9th: Hebrew School 4:20-6:00PM
13th: Religious School 9:15-11:30AM
16th: Hebrew School 4:20-6:00PM
20th: **Megillah Reading 9:30AM; Purim Carnival 10-11:30AM**
23rd: Hebrew School 4:20-6:00PM
27th: **NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**
30th: **NO HEBREW SCHOOL**

Congregation B'nai Israel

MIDWEST SIDE STORY SPIEL

(Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Election)

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

5:45 PM Dairy Dinner
6:45 PM Service and Purim Spiel
There is NO Charge, but please RSVP to the office by March 16.

March Religious School Calendar

Wednesday, March 2:
Religious School
Sunday, March 6:
Religious School;
Parent and Tot Class
Wednesday, March 9:
Religious School
Sunday, March 13:
Religious School
Wednesday, March 16:
Religious School
Sunday, March 20:
Religious School; Purim Carnival
Wednesday, March 23:
Purim/Purim Spiel
3/27, 3/30, 4/3:
No Religious School

Adult Education

10:30 a.m. – noon
Congregation B'nai Israel Library
Sunday, March 13
"Anti-Zionism and Anti-Semitism in Contemporary Europe"
Presenter: Dr. David Weinberg

Hire a Mensch

B'nai Israel Confirmation Class Fundraiser for Israel Trip
Do you need yard work done, a garage cleaned, computer help or small projects done around the house?
Hire a Mensch to help you out!
Donations will be put toward the Menschs' trip to Israel summer of 2016.
Contact Kim Brody at 419-517-8400 (kbrody@cbitoledo.org) or Stephanie Mahoney (stephaniekaplan@hotmail.com) to set up a date and time.

Save the Date

A spectacular, celebratory family-friendly 150th anniversary weekend
September 16 – 18, 2016
We need you to be involved!
Call the office at 419-517-8400 to join a committee.

Purim Carnival Setup

All of our students in grades 7 and up are invited to a **Havdalah/Pizza party** at Temple Shomer Emunim on Saturday March 19, from 6-9 p.m. Set up for the Purim carnival on Sunday March 20.
No charge, but please RSVP by March 17 to Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org.

Sisterhood Shabbat Service and Kiddush Lunch

March 19

We'd love to have YOU participate!
Please contact Diane Perlman at 419-297-7945 or Judy Scheinbach at 419-345-0285.

Sisterhood Book Club

The Paris Architect
by Charles Belfoure
Tuesday March 22
10:30 a.m. – noon
Congregation B'nai Israel



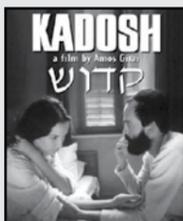
Save the Date

SHABBAT LUCK 2016
FRIDAY, MAY 13

6:30 p.m.
For more information or to volunteer to host, contact Rena Leizerman at rena@leizerman.com
ALL ARE WELCOME!

CBI Film Festival

KADOSH
Sunday March 6
2:30 p.m. (doors open at 2 p.m.)
Two sisters become victims of the patriarchal, ultra-orthodox society.

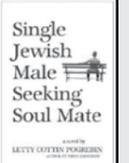


S.O.A.P.

Every Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. in the B'nai Israel Library
Join Hazzan Lichterman for a lively discussion of Jewish current events. Light refreshments served.

Sisterhood 2.0 Book Club

Single Jewish Male Seeking Soul Mate By Letty Cottin Pogrebin
Wednesday, March 2 7 p.m.
Panera Bread on Central Avenue



Congregation Etz Chayim

Purim Holiday Service Times

FAST OF ESTHER/PURIM EVENING

Wednesday, March 23

Shacharit: 6:30 a.m.

Mincha: 7:25 p.m.

Ma'ariv: 7:55 p.m.

Megillah reading: 8:30 p.m.

PURIM DAY

Thursday, March 24

Shacharit: 6:30 a.m.

Megillah reading: 7:15 a.m.

Mincha/Ma'ariv: 6 p.m.

Save the Date

On Thursday evening, April 7, Congregation Etz Chayim is happy to welcome to Toledo Dr. Elliot Lason, father of Rabbi Yaakov Lason. Dr. Lason, is the Executive Director of Joblink, of Baltimore, MD, a non-profit organization which assists individuals in obtaining employment. His topic will be "Lay Leadership Development in the Jewish Community: The Small and Not-So-Small Stuff." Everyone is invited. There is no charge.

Hamantashen Sale

The hamantashen sale is going strong and supplies are limited! The cost is \$7.50 per dozen for raspberry, apricot, prune, poppy seed and chocolate flavors. The cost is \$9.50 per dozen for chocolate dipped raspberry, chocolate dipped apricot and chocolate dipped chocolate flavors. Call the synagogue office at 419-473-2401 to place an order, or stop in during office hours to pick some up.

Post Purim Celebration

On Sunday, March 27, the Month of Adar, Post-Purim celebration continues! Beginning at 3 p.m., everyone is invited to enjoy scrumptious desserts while hearing from our very own Trees of Life, who will be performing Purim Hits and more!

Then, a special guest all the way from the Big Apple, Comedian Eli Lebowicz, will perform at 4:30 p.m. for adults. There will be simultaneous entertainment starting at 4:30 p.m. for children as well.

Please call the synagogue office at 419-473-2401 for reservations!

Ohr Chadash Religious School

We teach our children to do kind things for others. This year, the Ronald McDonald house will be the recipients of our kindness. Ohr Chadash students & parents will gather together at shul on March 5 for a Havdalah service to conclude Shabbos. Then we will begin working on a very special project.

Everyone will work together to make several lap fleece blankets to donate to the Ronald McDonald House, which provides temporary homelike accommodations and a caring environment to families in need of medical care for children. During Sunday's session the next morning, the older students, teachers and parents will deliver blankets and volunteer their time working at the Ronald McDonald House. Our younger students, teachers and parents will go to Pelham and visit with the residents and do a fun art project together. It is important to take time to spend with others. Just a smile and a little time together will brighten one's day!

Sunday Classes

3/6: Visit to Ronald McDonald House; Visit to Pelham Manor

3/13: Class 10 a.m.-noon;

Hebrew 12:45-1:45 p.m.

3/20: Purim Carnival

Temple Shomer Emunim

3/27: No classes;

3:30 p.m. Post Purim Celebration

Thursday Classes

3/3: Class 4:15-6 p.m.

3/10: Class 4:15 p.m.

3/17: Class 4:15-6 p.m.

3/24: Purim 4:15 p.m.

3/31: No class

Men's Club

Everyone is cordially invited to Etz Chayim Men's Club Annual Kishka dinner on Wednesday, April 13 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$36 per person. The guest speaker will be Michael Beazley, city manager of Oregon, Ohio. Please contact the synagogue office at 419-473-2401 for tickets.

Zumba Gold Class

All ladies are invited to participate in a Zumba Gold class each Thursday in March (excluding Purim day, March 24) with instructor Lauren Sachs. The class is held in the Etz Chayim Social at 11 a.m. and the cost is \$5 per session.

Sisterhood News

Purim is quickly approaching, and it's time to purchase Shaloch Manot bags for all your loved ones and friends this year. If you did not receive a letter in the mail, please contact the synagogue office at 419-473-2401. Your response with your check may be sent to the synagogue office by Thursday, March 10. The cost of a bag is \$3 for each Etz Chayim member and \$5 for each non-member. Bag pick-up dates are Sunday, March 20 through Wednesday, March 23, from 9 a.m. until noon. They may also be picked up before and after the Megillah reading on the evening of the 23rd and on Thursday morning, March 24 (Purim Day) from 9 a.m. until noon. Residents of Pelham Manor and West Park Place will have their packages delivered.

The next Sisterhood Board meeting is Tuesday, March 1, at 10 a.m. in the Shul Library. All Sisterhood members are welcome to attend.

Ladies Class on "The Book of Ruth"

Join the discussion with Rabbi Yaakov Lason for a study session each Thursday morning at 10 a.m. in the synagogue library. He will be delving into "The Book of Ruth" with interesting commentary and perspective.

Gift Shop News

It's time to think about your Passover shopping needs. Treat yourself, a family member or a dear friend to one of our beautiful gift items. Our gift shop has a wonderful selection of colorful Seder plates, ornate Matzo plates, decorative Matzo covers and gleaming silver wine goblets.

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Bowling Group

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Obituaries

Clara Rona (1920-2016)

Clara Rona, 95, died January 30 at Swan Creek Retirement Village. A Holocaust survivor who moved to Toledo in the late 1950s, she taught music and art to preschool children and later operated a cosmetology business.



bear children and attributed it to her treatment in the camps.

Mrs. Rona taught music and art to preschool children at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Toledo on Collingwood Boulevard. She also studied cosmetology and after leaving the JCC opened a hair-removal business in her West Toledo home.

Mrs. Rona was born in 1920, in Pecs, Hungary, to Mary and Joseph Schlesanger. In 1944, after the Germans occupied Hungary, the family was put on a train and sent to Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland. Her parents were sent to the gas chambers and she later worked as a forced laborer.

From Auschwitz she was moved to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, where she was forced to work at a German aircraft factory, hauling coal. The camp was evacuated on April 13, 1944, and she and another woman escaped the guards by hiding in bushes.

After the war's end, an uncle in Palestine brought her to Haifa, where she went to school and opened a sandwich shop.

She met her future husband, Carl Rona, in Haifa and they were married in 1953. The Ronas never had children. Mrs. Rona had said she found out after the war that she could not

Her husband, Carl, died in 2007. There are no immediate survivors.

Memorial contributions can be made to Temple-Congregation Shomer Emunim.



Clara Rona (right) with a friend at a Federation Yom HaZikaron/Yom HaAtzmaut event in 2014

Toledo Jewish News is now accepting obituaries for the Toledo Jewish community, immediate family members of the Toledo Jewish community, and former residents of the Toledo Jewish community.

There is no charge to submit an obituary, but we encourage donations to Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (www.jewishtoledo.org).

Maximum obituary word length: 500 words (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).

NOTE: Only obituaries submitted to paul@JewishToledo.org (at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo offices) will be printed in Toledo Jewish News.

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Adar 1/Adar 2 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Young Families: Tiny Treasures</i> 9:30 a.m. Federation Campus	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <i>Young Families: Tiny Treasures</i> 9:30 a.m. Federation Campus	9	10 <i>Young Families: PJ Playdates - Pre-Purim Party</i> 10 a.m. Federation Campus	11	12 <i>Young Jewish Toledo: Pre-Passover Painting</i> 7:30 p.m. Peace, Love & Pottery
13	14	15 <i>Young Families: Tiny Treasures</i> 9:30 a.m. Federation Campus	16	17 <i>Young Jewish Toledo: YJT Fridays</i> 7 p.m. Calvino's	18	19
20	21 <i>Young Jewish Toledo: YJT Volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House</i> 3:30 p.m. Ronald McDonald House	22 <i>Young Families: Tiny Treasures</i> 9:30 a.m. Federation Campus	23	PURIM 24	25	26
27	28	29 <i>Young Families: Tiny Treasures</i> 9:30 a.m. Federation Campus	30	31 <i>Seniors: Fiddler on the Roof at La Comedia Dinner Theatre</i> 7:30 a.m., depart Federation Campus	<p><i>Note: All dates, times and locations are subject to change. Call 419-885-4461 for more information.</i></p>	

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Toledo Jewish News: *What factors led to your decision to join Hillel at The University of Toledo (UT)?*
Ben Whitney: I was very involved in my temple's youth group throughout high school, and I wanted to continue my involvement in a Jewish organization for religious, cultural, and social aspects. Hillel has provided me with numerous opportunities to grow as young Jewish student.

TJN: *Can you describe some of the most valuable experiences you have had with Hillel at UT?*
BW: My most valuable experience (thus far) was going to Give Kids the World Village over spring break last spring. I had no expectations before arriving at GKTW, but spending a short time volunteering with the kids and their families had a huge impact on me.

TJN: *What is your major, and what are some of your goals for after graduation?*
BW: I am a Doctor of Pharmacy Student. I will graduate next spring with my Bachelor's of Science and Pharmaceutical Science, then I will receive my PharmD degree two years later. After graduation, I plan on getting a residency to specialize in some form of clinical pharmacy ... Maybe? ... I have a few years to decide.

TJN: *Do you intend to stay in the Toledo area after graduation? What opportunities are you looking for?*
BW: If I get a job in Toledo, absolutely!

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