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The Akron Jewish Community is hosting a Zoom Panel Discussion: "Conversation on Racial Injustice"

AUGUST 4, 12-1:30 P.M.

Register in advance at <https://bit.ly/3fx1kaE> or through Jewish Akron's Facebook event

PANELISTS






The Jewish Community Board of Akron presents:
A Conversation on RACIAL INJUSTICE

Throughout the history of the Greater Akron Jewish Community, we have always fought for and advocated on behalf of those for whom justice is blind. The institutional racism, xenophobia, and disintegration of civil discourse we have witnessed in our country as of late demands that we redouble our efforts. In our generational efforts to actively protect the aspirations, the hopes,

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AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE SCHULTZ CAMPUS FOR JEWISH LIFE ANNUAL MEETING

At the Campus joint annual meeting on June 7, 2020, the following awards were presented (via Zoom):



The Shaw JCC Doctor Stewart Surloff President's Award was presented to Janet Minc and Jon Golden by Mark Baer.



The Barbara Pollock College Scholarship Award was presented to Rachel Simonton by Sam Chestnut.



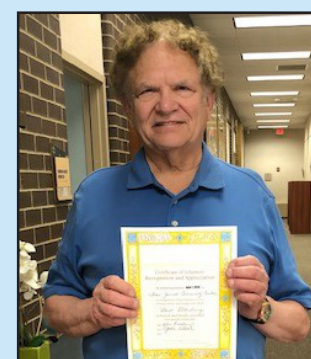
The Jewish Family Service Gloria Reich Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Rubber City Jews (Rachel Osherow) by Buffy Ramos.



The Lippman School Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Livia Kades by Sam Chestnut.



The JCBA Emmanuel Isroff Leadership Award was presented to Molly Stock by David Minc.



The Shaw JCC Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Bart Oldenburg by John Keverkamp.

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and the potential of every human, **The Akron Jewish Community is hosting a Zoom Panel Meeting: “Conversation on Racial Injustice” on August 4th from 12pm - 1:30pm. Register in advance at <https://bit.ly/3fxlkaE> or through Jewish Akron’s Facebook event.**

Our Jewish values and principles are rooted in justice (tzedek), loving kindness (chesed) and repairing the world (tikkun olam). The Torah teaches acceptance of all people, without prejudice or bias. Organizing as a community to achieve social justice lies in the foundation of Jewish values. Our aim is to educate ourselves, become better allies and activists and highlight specific anti-racist action steps, with a greater mission to ensure freedom and justice for all People of Color. We will come together to create a space for healing and justice.

Todd Polikoff, CEO of Jewish Community Board of Akron, explains, “Our Jewish traditions and values compel us to stand up for the rights of all people without prejudice or bias. As both Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. recognized over 50 years ago in Selma, Alabama; we have a collective responsibility for the fate of mankind and we collectively have the authority and power to determine our fate. We call upon leaders of all parties and upon every American

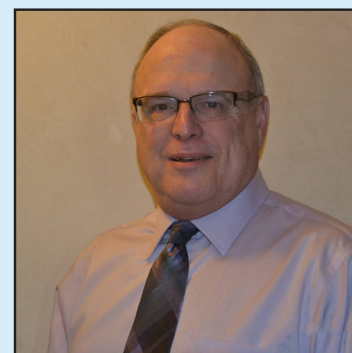
to be moved to act to build understanding and better relationships between people of all races and all faiths.”

We are calling on our community to join in our efforts to do better and play a greater role in repairing this world. Please join our Zoom Panel Meeting: “Conversation on Racial Injustice” on August 4th from 12pm - 1:30pm. Join us as a community to come together in the fight against racial inequality and discrimination. Take this opportunity to learn from our Black colleagues and community members.

We are extremely proud to host an esteemed group of panelists, including Andre Lessears, Director, Diversity & Inclusion for the Cleveland Clinic Akron General, Representative Emilia Strong Sykes, Minority Leader of the Ohio House of Representatives, Judi Hill, NAACP President for Akron and Robert DeJournett, Vice President, Opportunity & Inclusion for the Greater Akron Chamber.

Our Jewish community cannot remain silent and must act, in tandem with our community partners, by learning, marching, and standing shoulder to shoulder against systemic racism and sanctioned hatred. We must also make it known that Black Lives do, and always have, Mattered. We thank you in advance for taking part in this program and helping to move the world toward greater justice, empathy, and peace.

The Jewish Community Board of Akron extends its thanks to Ron Lederman for his many dedicated years as the JCBA’s Community Relations Director. Ron retired at the end of May after more than five years of service. As head of the Community Relations Committee, Ron made sure the Jewish Community played an active role in the greater Akron community through programs, panels, and Elected Officials Receptions. One notable program was back on May of 2019, “When Hate Goes Mainstream”, when the Schultz Campus hosted Cynthia M. Deitle, of the Matthew Shepard Foundation.



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Sunday-Thursday, 7:30pm

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THURSDAYS, 12-1 PM

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Bagels & Lox will need to be self-provided...

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750 White Pond Drive, Akron
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Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein
Hazzan Matthew Austerklein

Shabbat morning Prayers at 10:00am on Facebook Live

Lay Led Shabbat Service 8/22 at 10:00am on ZOOM

Morning Prayers Sunday mornings at 8:45am on Facebook Live with Hazzan Matt
Wednesday and Friday Morning Prayers at 8:00am on ZOOM

Jewish Shakespeare Week 8/2-9. Email Hazzan Matt or see website for details
Lunch & Learn 8/11 at NOON on ZOOM

Kabbalat Shabbat 8/14 at 6:00pm Drive-in to JCC camp pavillion

Yiddish Concert 8/16 at 2:00pm on ZOOM

Jews & Brews 8/24 at 8:15pm on ZOOM



SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

August 7	8:17pm
August 14	8:08pm
August 21	7:57pm
August 28	7:47pm

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Sundays 11:00am Sunday Self-Care 

Mondays 10:00am Musical Meditation 

Tuesdays 10:00am Morning Message 

Wednesdays 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 

Thursdays 11:00am Coffee & Conversation with the Congregation 

Fridays 8:30am Wee Sing on the Web 
6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 

Saturdays 9:00am Torah Study 
7:00pm Havdalah at Home 



Zoom



Facebook Live



NEW TO THE AKRON JEWISH COMMUNITY OR LOOKING FOR WAYS TO CONNECT TO JEWISH LIFE?

Contact Erin Katz Ford,
Community Concierge
330.835.0005 or
ekatzford@jewishakron.org

Erin can provide assistance with job and house searches, options for Jewish community life, and more!

 Jewish Community
BOARD OF AKRON

ALL SHOULD CONTRIBUTE IN THE STRIVING FOR JUSTICE



Todd Polikoff, JCBA CEO

On Sunday, June 7, 2020 the agencies of Schultz Campus for Jewish Life held their joint annual meeting (via zoom). The leadership of the Jewish Community Board of Akron (JCBA), The Shaw JCC of Akron, and The Lippman School presented on the tremendous efforts of our community's lay and professional leadership in the face of extraordinarily trying times. In closing the

event, JCBA CEO, Todd Polikoff, delivered the following remarks on our community's responsibility to fight on behalf of those for whom justice is blind.

I want to address what I believe to be our role the continued fight for Civil Rights in our country. Throughout our country's history of advocacy on behalf of those for whom justice is blind, it has been the faith-based community that has stood on the front lines. The institutional racism, xenophobia, and disintegration of civil discourse we have witnessed in our country as of late demands that faith-based communities once again step forward. Collectively, we must work to actively protect the aspirations, the hopes, and the potential of every human.

As Jews, we are guided by the directive "Justice, Justice, you shall pursue." Rabbi Harold Kushner interprets this phrase as not merely respecting or following justice; we must actively pursue it. Each of us should contribute in our own way in the striving for justice. Even if our system of justice often seems to be incomplete, or sometimes even unfair, each of us must do our part to bring the ideal closer to reality.

The Jewish community has an additional imperative to not only help Jews in need, but to help all people in need in a Jewish way; to be Or Lagoim – a light unto nations. In the words of Rabbi David Wolpe, "If you

only have your light on at home, nobody else sees it... Nowhere in any Jewish scripture that I'm aware of will you see, 'Jews must only help other Jews.' It doesn't exist. Some Jews will tell you that, but Judaism doesn't tell you that."

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are the people who actively seek justice. We are the people of the Golden Rule. We are the people of Heschel, Printz, Rosenwald, and others who fought and died in pursuit of equality. In Akron, we are the people who maintain a community campus that is a North Star for diversity and inclusion in Northeast Ohio.

We are also the people who lean on the actions of transformational Jewish leaders, like Rabbi Heschel marching with Dr. King in Selma. This is the moment when we must come to terms with the fact that Selma happened over fifty years and two generation ago and that we must write a timelier story. Many of us have been in this fight for a while, relatively quietly, either individually or through an organization. Now is the time for our Jewish community to loudly and publicly create new historic moments in the fight for Civil Rights by standing, marching, calling, and shouting, shoulder to shoulder against systemic racism, and sanctioned hatred.

Archimedes said, "Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it and I can move the world." Ladies and Gentlemen, our community's collective influence and power are the lever. Our teachings, traditions, and values are the fulcrum. We must now take action, in tandem with our community partners, to move the world toward more justice, more empathy, and more peace.

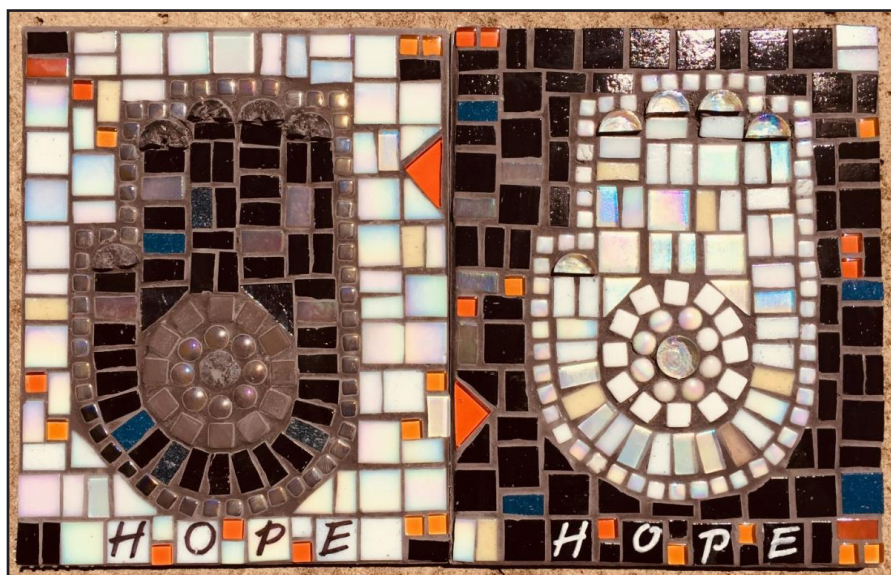
The JCBA has been actively reaching out to the Akron chapter of the NAACP, The Urban League, Churches, and our local government to create meaningful opportunities for our Jewish community to leverage our collective power in the fight for equality and justice. We will be calling on our community to join in those efforts and I look forward to your participation.

BETH EL CONGREGATION'S RABBI AND ARTIST WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A VIRTUAL MOSAIC "HANDS OF HOPE" WORKSHOP

On July 30, Jews observed the holiday of Tisha B'av, to remember many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people throughout history, and to reflect upon the suffering that still occurs in our world. This message of suffering and loss resonates with us today, as we experience difficult times and hope for a better future, where we can begin to put all the pieces of our lives back together again.

Beth El Congregation enhanced the meaning of the day with a virtual observance and workshop to create individual mosaic "Hands of Hope." Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein asked Bonnie Cohen, Beth El member and award-winning mosaic artist, to create a project with the theme of "hope" for this holiday observance. "We knew that this is a time when, even for the holiday of Tisha B'av, we needed to do something that would focus on hope. We are told and promised many times in the Torah that our sadness can be transformed. Today we struggle as a nation, as individuals and in communities, for a plethora of reasons. Our desire is to piece together the brokenness and out of it create connections and beauty. Bonnie has been a wonderful partner for developing this idea into something we can do with our hands!" said Rabbi Austerklein.

"These extraordinary times challenge us to confront today's racial injustice with great empathy and hope for a better future. While we are piecing together these tiles to create a symbol of hope, we will try to talk about our differences and embrace all that we have in common", said artist Bonnie Cohen.



Bonnie has been creating mosaic art for over 25 years and believes mosaic art is a metaphor for life. She often tells people, "Every piece of tile, no matter how small, has a place in the big picture and every piece can be enhanced and made more beautiful by the pieces around it."

Bonnie created the pattern for black and white mosaic hands with many colors, shapes, and sizes of tiles to represent our diverse backgrounds and histories.

Hands have been a symbol of blessing, creativity, redemption, divine protection, and unity in the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traditions. Hands are used to make oaths and form alliances. As children, we learn to raise our hands to ask for permission to speak. We also raise our hands to vote, to protest, and to surrender.

With the help of the volunteers from Beth El, Bonnie created mosaic art kits that were delivered to participants' doorsteps before the workshop. The kits contained everything needed to create one black or white hand, including the pattern, directions, pre-cut tiles, adhesive and grout.

A photo montage of all the completed mosaics will be printed on note cards. The proceeds from the sale of the kits and cards will all be donated to the local chapter of the NAACP.

Volunteers from Beth El, pictured below, assemble mosaic art kits for Hands of Hope workshop. Left to right are Sarah Greenblatt, Leora Cohen, Bonnie Cohen, and Andrea Steinberger.



CSI Comes to Forum 360

By Leslie Ungar

Crimes really cannot be solved in forty-five minutes! That is the biggest misconception about solving crimes, a recent guest shared with our Forum 360 audience.

Noreen Charlton is a Field Applications Engineer and Crime Scene Expert. Born and raised in the Cleveland area, she worked with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for ten years, searching for the “HOW” and/or “WHO” committed a crime.

Noreen worked on the Las Vegas music festival shooting, where a gunman opened fire from his room at the Mandalay Bay Hotel. She was one of the first at the crime scene. If you watch or listen to her show, she will share how that tragedy could have been averted.

The desert air keeps a crime scene more protected than the snow and rain in NE Ohio! Who would have thought that the weather could make a difference as to whether or not a criminal was caught!

Noreen moved from pre-med to forensic science during her academic career. Presently, the world of forensic science has more women than men actively working in the field.

Forum 360 is a jewel in the fabric of NE Ohio. Noreen Charlton and her expertise is one of those jewels!

College and entering the “work force” have taken on different meanings during the pandemic. Overnight, classes went from in-person to online. Interviews went from in-person to online. Opportunities went online.

You will hear from one recent college graduate and one non-traditional college junior as they share the experience of shelter at home while a college student.

Our goal is always to feature people, places, issues and ideas with a global outlook or a local view. Our listeners and viewers are eager to hear their stories. We welcome ideas for topics and guests.

Other upcoming topics are:

Stay Safe in the Age of COVID 19
Goodyear and the Blimp
Healthcare and the Pandemic
Cleveland Urban Farming

Each show will air:

PBS/Fusion channel 45/49 on Monday
at 8:00pm and Saturday at 5:00pm

WONE FM 97.5 on Sunday at 6:00am

WAKR AM 1590 on Sunday at 5:00pm
and Monday at 12:30am

SCHULTZ CAMPUS FOR JEWISH LIFE NEW CODES OF CONDUCT

FOR YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY AND THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS, WE ARE REQUIRING THAT YOU:

- Participate in our health screening process upon arrival – you will have your temperature taken and answer a few health questions*
- Use only facility-provided hand sanitizer or wash your hands thoroughly for a minimum of 20 seconds upon entering and when transitioning between spaces
- Wear a face mask at all times, unless otherwise specified
- Maintain a social distance of 6’ or more
- Abide by posted signage and area-specific codes of conduct
- Do not congregate
- Do not wander throughout facility

***We have a zero-tolerance policy. If you have an elevated temperature or answer “yes” to any of our health questions, you will be required to leave the facility.**

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the first month of our return!

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Wishing everyone good health,

Marsha Krieger

Renee Pinsky

Chrisie Levey

and all Gift Shop Volunteers

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RUBBER CITY JEWS RUNDOWN

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL OSHEROW

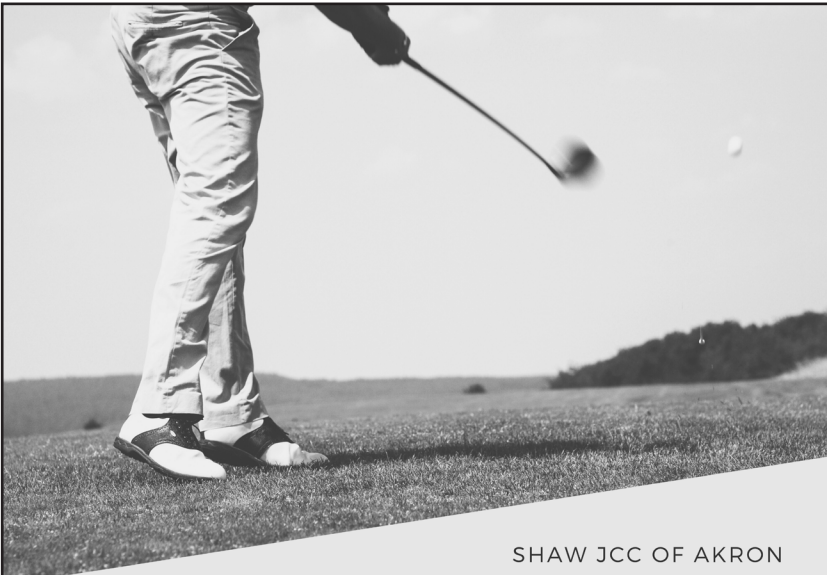
This summer the Rubber City Jews have enjoyed a “Show and Tell” Happy Hour, a Jewish Cooking demo, and a hike in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (wearing masks and at a safe distance, of course). We are currently looking for volunteers to help the Mitzvah Crew deliver meals to seniors in our community, for as little as one hour a week or as much as you choose. Email us if you would like to participate. We will continue hosting virtual programs about once a month to stay connected, though we may try to organize another distanced outdoor activity later in the summer, depending on the public health climate.

Our next program is a workshop on Eating Psychology and Nutrition. After Tu B’Av, a holiday more recently celebrated as a day of love, we will be focusing on self-love and learning how to take better care of our bodies, especially during the stress of a pandemic. Join us on Zoom on Thursday, August 6th from 7-8:30. Contact us at rubbercityjews@gmail.com or check our Facebook page for details. Stay healthy, everyone!

THE RCJ-TICKET Gain unlimited access to an entire year of RCJ programs and collaborative events, and receive exclusive discounts to many other community events. RCJ-Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$50 per couple, and can be purchased online or with cash or check at any RCJ event. For just \$25, attend our regular programs and receive discounts to many community events for a whole year!

Please note: RCJ-Ticket memberships are currently on hold until physical gatherings are safe to resume, though we will continue to offer virtual programs through various online platforms.

Our organization works in partnership with and in support of the Jewish Community Board of Akron, the Sands-Rogovy Fund, and the Albert L. and Janet A. Schultz Endowment Fund for Jewish Programming.



SHAW JCC OF AKRON
PRESENTS THE 27TH ANNUAL

GOLF OUTING

SILVER LAKE COUNTRY CLUB | SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND HEALTH PRECAUTIONS WILL BE
TAKEN TO KEEP ATTENDEES SAFE

CALL 330.835.0025 OR VISIT SHAWJCC.ORG/GOLF-OUTING
FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE SCHULTZ CAMPUS FOR JEWISH LIFE
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Virtual Campus Gala

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SAVE THE DATE

October 18th | 7:30 P.M.

Need help during the COVID-19 crisis?

Jewish Family Service of Akron is working hard to help individuals and families face the challenges of living safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Keep this list handy if you or someone you know needs help:

- Free rides for seniors to medical appointments
- Home health care and home cleaning through our *Silver J Ticket** program
- Friendly calls to seniors who are isolated and want someone to talk to
- Food Pantry: non-perishable food items and household items available free of charge with contact-free delivery
- Mental health counseling, case management, and community resources information.

Call **330.867.3388** or visit **jfsakron.org** for details.



Jewish Family Service
of Akron

*The Silver J Ticket program is made possible through a grant provided by the Albert L. and Janet A. Schultz Endowment for Jewish Programming and the Jewish Community Board of Akron.

A division of Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF AKRON LAUNCHES “DRIVEWAY CONCERT SERIES”

One of the ways that Jewish Family Service of Akron is adapting its Arts and Culture programming for seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic is through the recently launched “Driveway Concert Series”. Since June, local musicians volunteer their time to sing or play instruments in the driveways of homebound seniors for a private concert. Volunteers observe social distancing and wear masks in the presence of all clients.

Local senior high school student Sarah Biggs (on right) plays her cello for seniors, traveling from home to home. She’s been playing for seven years and is the Concert Master of the Stow High School Orchestra.

If you are a local musician and would like to perform in a driveway concert for a homebound senior, call Buffy at 330-867-3388.



WANT TO HELP?

HOW

WHY

WHERE

DROP OFF: MONDAY-FRIDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

HOW

Donate to Jewish Family Service's nonperishable food pantry. Your donation will help Akron's Jewish Family Service (JFS) individuals and families who are most in need here in our community.

WHY

A number of people are either homebound or do not have the means to purchase essential, nonperishable staples.

WHERE

Please drop donations off at the JCC Fitness/JFS entrance to the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life.

WHAT

New, reusable grocery bags containing the listed household staples.

QUESTIONS?

Contact: Buffy Ramos, LSW at 216-372-1860

ITEMS MOST IN NEED

- 1 box of cereal
- 2 boxes of granola or cereal bars
- 2 cans of canned fruit
- 1 box of dry pasta
- 1 jar of spaghetti sauce
- 1 jar of peanut butter
- 1 jar of jelly
- 1 jar of applesauce
- 4 cans of veggies
- 4 cans of hearty soup
- 4 cans of tuna
- 1 bar of body soap
- 1 container of hand soap
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 bottle of shampoo

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FOR JEWISH LIFE
Jewish Community BOARD OF AKRON

SOUP FOR THE SOUL COMMUNITY PROJECT

By Esther Hexter

Soup for the Soul is a special project designed by Julie LeFever, Senior Adult Coordinator for the Shaw Jewish Community Center. It began in April 2020 and serves about 90 seniors.

Esther Hexter interviewed Julie to find out how this project started.

Julie related, "It started in order to try to keep in touch with my seniors. I decided to make soup to keep in touch." Julie asked John Keeverkamp, Executive Director of Shaw JCC, if they could cover the cost of the ingredients, and he immediately said yes.

Julie continued, "Around 50 people pick up containers of soup Tuesday at the JCC. Pick-up started because some seniors, who rarely got out of the house, were delighted to come. They can see their friends at a safe distance. 'Soup for the Soul' provides socialization which otherwise would not be part of their lives now."

All the soup is prepared in the Shaw JCC kosher kitchen. Julie does it all. She plans the menu; does the shopping; and does all the cooking and packaging. Julie, along with JCC Volunteer of the Year Bart Oldenburg, and Siomara Malott from JFS are ready on Tuesday to put soup in cars. Julie is currently looking for volunteers to help deliver soup on Fridays.

Julie continued, "Soup for the Soul is a community project now. Shaw JCC, Jewish Family Service and Shelia Rosenthal, Director of Sales and Marketing at Brookdale Montrose, provide handouts every week. These include tips, exercise ideas and entertaining stories."

When asked where she got the idea for the program, Julie replied, "I thought of this because my father started the Soup for Hospice Program at the Hospice on Ridge-wood Rd. in Copley."

LeFever, a skilled chef, was formerly chef at the Shaw JCC kitchen for seven years and learned to adapt her years of cooking experience to the needs of a kosher kitchen. She has prepared the JCC kitchen for Passover and prepared all Passover food in recent years for the community mobile meals participants and more. She has added a "cooking club" activity for senior adult members too.

To participate in Soup for the Soul, or to help with soup delivery, contact Julie LeFever at 330-835-0027 or jlefever@shawjcc.org.

RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

Now Meeting OUTDOORS at the JCC (by the pool)

August 11 & 25, September 8 & 22,
9:30 to 11:30am

Bagels and coffee will be served

\$1 donation suggested

Please RSVP to Julie at 330-835-0027. Social distancing will be observed

Please bring your own lawn chair!



SOUP FOR THE SOUL

In an effort to keep the Senior Adult population at the JCC connected and involved in the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be providing homemade soup to those requesting the service. For Senior Adult Members, SilverSneakers Members, and any member in need from JFS and the temples.

PICK-UP & DELIVERY

10:30 A.M.-NOON

PICK-UP

ONLY on
Tuesday at the
JCC main
entrance

DELIVERY

ONLY on
Friday (provide
address &
phone #)

One order per week per household. Place order by:

Monday, 10 A.M. for Tuesday Pick-Up
Thursday, 10 A.M. for Friday Delivery

If requesting a delivery, leave address and phone number

To order call Julie at 330-835-0027 or
jlefever@shawjcc.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers for contactless delivery of Mobile Meals and soup for the "Soup for the Soul" Program from the JCC kitchen to the homes of seniors. The following is a brief overview of the need:

Mobile Meals

Kosher meals are delivered to Seniors Monday through Friday. Pick-up is at the JCC at 11:00am and all deliveries are local. It takes approximately one hour to deliver all the meals for the day.

We are looking for a bi-weekly or monthly commitment.

Soup for the Soul

A weekly delivery of homemade soup every Friday to seniors participating in our program. It takes about one hour each Friday to deliver the soup.

These are both wonderful programs that fill a great need in the community, and we greatly appreciate your consideration. Please call Julie LeFever, Senior Adult Coordinator, at 330-835-0027 or email jlefever@shawjcc.org with questions or if you would like to volunteer.

KENT STATE CHABAD GAINS NEW CO-DIRECTORS, CONTINUES SASONKIN FAMILY LEGACY

By McKenna Corson | Staff Reporter | Cleveland Jewish News



It was a whirlwind of emotions for Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin when he was appointed to take his late father's place as director of Chabad of Akron and rabbi at Anshe Sfard Revere Road Synagogue in Bath Township in October 2018.

What made the appointment so difficult for Sasonkin, on top of the loss of his father, was that he and his wife, Mussie, had just founded their own Chabad center at Kent State University in Kent in 2017.

Together, the couple served as co-directors at Chabad at Kent State, and planned on establishing roots for their center and their family in the campus community.

"It was kind of inevitable I took over my father's place because I was the sibling that was there, and we'd been helping him out already with the Chabad program," Moshe Sasonkin said. "If you're familiar with Chabads around the world, you don't move to a position to leave ever; you're there for life. It was a situation we didn't want to be in, but there was no choice in the matter. There was a community in Akron that had been taken care of for so many years (that was now in need)."

For the remainder of the school year, the Sasonkins continued to travel back and forth between Akron and Kent, spending half a week in each city so they could perform each job. People aware of their situation covered for the couple if they were unable to make it to a location.

"It was challenging of course, but we didn't want to leave our students either," Moshe Sasonkin said. "But eventually, we realized we had to do something."

Then, for the 2019-20 school year, Moshe's cousin and his wife, Rabbi Moshe and Chavie Kalmenson, came in as the center's temporary co-directors, while a permanent decision was discussed. The temporary co-directors meant Moshe and Mussie Sasonkin could permanently move to Akron.

While considering who would be the perfect couple to run the Kent State Chabad, Moshe Sasonkin came up with a solution. He'd ask his younger brother, Rabbi Berel Sasonkin, who'd also grown up under multiple generations of Chabad rabbis, carried the same passion for the lifestyle and had been to Kent State Chabad before.

"My dad would have really appreciated seeing him there, as well continuing in our work that we'd started," Moshe Sasonkin said.

The first time Moshe Sasonkin asked, Berel said he'd get back to him with an answer once he got married and discussed it with his new wife. And soon after Berel Sasonkin got married — to Mussie Sasonkin's sister, Rochel — in February 2019, he was asked again.

Just like Mussie, Rochel grew up under Chabad shluchim, or emissaries, on college campuses.

Berel informed his older brother he and Rochel would love to be the new co-directors of Chabad at Kent State.

"It was a great and exciting offer, especially because I know my father wanted the position to be taken over by someone he knew and felt has been there before," Berel said. "My wife and I really have a passion for helping out in this situation. I've been wanting to do (a job like this), but haven't known where. This is a perfect opportunity."

Leading Chabad at Kent State is Berel Sasonkin's first time officially leading a Chabad, aside from leading as a student-in-training.

He and Rochel began the position in May, having moved into the center and started planning for the school year. They've also met with a few students still in the area.

Their goal for Chabad at Kent State is to create a home for the university's Jewish students — one where they feel excited and comfortable with their Jewish heritage.

"In the coming future, I see a beautiful, flourishing student Jewish base that really will have an excitement and good feeling," Berel said. "A lot of times, you have students that just don't feel at home or they don't feel that they have someone to talk to. That's what we're there for; that's what we see and look forward to all the time, just to be able to be there for the students as a helping hand, an exciting hand, a home."

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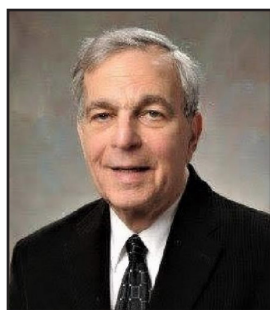
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IN MEMORIAM



Professor Alvin H. Lieberman, born on November 17, 1937 in Cleveland, Ohio, passed away on April 15, 2020 after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease and dementia. He is preceded in death by his parents, Blanche and Joseph Lieberman and his late in-laws, Theona and William Solomon. He is survived by his wife, Rochelle; sons, Robert and Joseph Lieberman; and sister, Roberta Seifert (Robert).

Alvin's tireless work ethic and dedication to serving others was evident throughout his life. He was devoted first and foremost to the wellbeing of his family including his parents, wife, children, sister and brother-in-law. He taught for 49 years at the University of Akron and worked in two family businesses, The Summit Leather Company and The City News Agency.

Professor Lieberman earned a BS in Accounting (1960), a JD (1964), and an MBA (1969) at The University of Akron as well as his CPA prior to starting his academic career in the Fall of 1967. A beloved and highly respected professor, he taught taxation and accounting principles courses during most of his tenure. He was the creator, along with Professor Dennis Gordon, of the University's Master of Taxation program (MTax) in 1979. Lieberman also created the National Tax Conference, an outreach activity of the MTax program in 1979 and managed that conference for more than four decades. The conference is now named in his honor, The National Tax Conference in Honor of Al Lieberman. He also founded the International Tax Conference which he managed for over a decade. He retired as an associate professor in 2016 after a long and distinguished career.

Alvin was known as a kind, generous, humble, patient, and loving person. Though he also had a wonderful sense of humor, he would be less than thrilled with the amount of detail provided here. A true gentleman, he did not seek nor relish in any attention focused on him personally but rather wanted those around him to flourish. He was a blessing in the lives of so many.

The family thanks the staff of the Village of St. Edward for the kindness and care given to Alvin the past three years. The family also thanks Alvin's personal caregivers for the love and care they provided for his journey as well. Private services were held and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. If one so desires, contributions can be made to the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank or the charity of your choice.



Raizel bat Chaya passed away on June 9, 2020.

She was born on August 7, 1961 in Mexico City. She was the beloved wife of Benjamin Miller, beloved mother of Erick (Liz) Jacob &

Karen (Gary), beloved grandmother of Jack, beloved sister of Miri Kogan and Roni Zajdman, and beloved daughter of Manuel & Clara Zajdman of Mexico City.

The Kogan Family would like to sincerely thank the Akron Jewish community, most of all the Anshe Sfard Chavurah and The Lippman School for their love and support. They are so grateful to have wonderful, caring people in their lives during this difficult time, especially because they can't be in Mexico with their family.

Mildred P. Kattan, 90, of Copley, Ohio, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, June 18, 2020.

Born in New York, Mildred moved to California where she met and married Arthur, her husband of almost 64 years. The family moved to Akron in 1969. Mildred and Arthur enjoyed spending winters in Hawaii, gardening and entertaining visitors to "their island."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur and daughter, Ellen Butorac. Mildred is survived by her children, David (Susan), Diane Swinehart and son-in-law Tom; grandchildren, Justin (Tricia), Lindsay, Kevin and Scotty; great-grandchildren, Brady and Allie.

The family suggests donations to be made to the charity of your choice.

Joan Kretchmer passed away Thursday, June 25 in Sarasota, Florida.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Henry E. Kretchmer, M.D., and sister Marle Abramson. She is lovingly survived by son Kenneth Kretchmer, M.D (Janet) and daughter Kathy Kretchmer (Harold Mann), grandchildren Emily Winthrop (Philippe), Lisa Barber (Willard) and Daniel Kretchmer (Nina Rosche), and great-grandchildren Aviva Winthrop, Willard Barber, Sawyer Barber, and Charlie Kretchmer.



David Sokol passed away a month shy of 78 years old on July 4, 2020 in Columbus, Ohio.

Preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Cheryl Sokol, David was the 2nd-generation owner of Sokol's Furniture in Akron until he decided to close the 76-year-old business in 1998.

David was very involved in the Akron Jewish Community for over 50 years, serving in leadership roles with the Jewish Federation Men's Division, Lippman Day School and other local and national organizations.

David is survived by his children Brian Sokol, Marla (Larry) Levine, Jay (Shana) Sokol, grandchildren Ari and Lea Sokol, Sari, Talia and Gabriella Levine, Beckett, Cooper and Cassidy Sokol and step grandchildren Jason (Marissa) and Jared Levine, as well as his brother Richard Sokol, brothers-in-law Dale & Jerry Rosenblum, companion Arlene Markey, many nieces, nephews, and countless friends of up to 70+ years. He was preceded in death by his parents Abe J. & Gussie Sokol, and brothers Harry Sokol & Alvin Sokol.

Sara Doris (Freid) Horvitz passed away peacefully July 13, 2020, in Coconut Creek, Florida after a brief battle with breast and bone cancer.

She is survived by her children, Barry and Kim Horvitz, Jay and Robin Horvitz, Jodi (Horvitz) and Andrew Mirman; grandchildren Eric and Allison Horvitz, Megan (Horvitz) and Andrew Palmer, Morgan Mirman, Haylie Mirman, Adam Horvitz, and Rachel Horvitz. She leaves behind 2 beautiful great grandsons James and Matthew Horvitz.

She is preceded in death by her parents Jack and Irene Freid, her daughter, Jan, her husband, Harold, and sister and brother-in law Marilyn and Irving Weissman. May her memory be a blessing and we remember the beautiful woman she was. Thank you to everyone for your love and support through this difficult time.

Any donation can be made to the American Cancer Society in her memory.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lauren Skalina and Matthew Zelin, along with big sister Sylvie, welcomed Naomi Sara on April 20, 2020. Grandparents are Debbie and Richard Zelin and Mel and Stefan Skalina. Great grandparents are MaryAnn Minster and Gilda Zelin.

On May 18, 2020, David and Allyson Neumann welcomed Spencer Levi Neumann. Grandparents are Michael and Elaine Neumann and Michael and Susan Cohen.

Amanda Fiorito and Michael Ehrenberg welcomed Atticus Robert Ehrenberg on May 19, 2020. Grandparents are Andi and Mitchell Ehrenberg and Pola and Bob Fiorito.

Rachel and Trevor Oliff and big sister Nora welcomed Lennon Agnes Oliff on July 4, 2020. Grandparents are Debbie and Richard Zelin and Barbara and Reed Oliff. Great grandparents are MaryAnn Minster and Gilda Zelin.

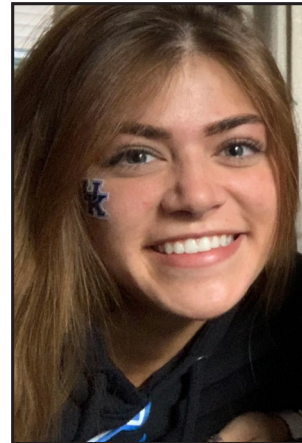
On July 5, 2020, Adam and Sydney Josephson celebrated the birth of Jeri Willamina Josephson. Grandparents are Lori and Richard Josephson and Amy and Michael Barron.

Proud parents Laura Cohen and Micah Shapiro are very happy to announce the arrival of Noah Benjamin Shapiro, seven pounds, eight ounces, on July 6, 2020, in Chicago, Illinois. Grandparents are Elaine and Marty Cohen and Jane and David Shapiro.

Mazel Tov to Larry and Julie Geller on the birth of grandson, Parker Finn. Proud parents are Heather and Chad Clink. Big brothers are Sawyer and Holden.

Mazel Tov to Alex and Diana Rakhkin on the birth of grandson, Alfie Jason Yakov Grieve. Proud parents are Yana and Jai Grieve. Big brother is Maxwell.

MAZEL TOV!



Rachel Hilton, daughter of Lee and Elyssa Hilton, earned a 3.8 GPA at the University of Kentucky and was placed on the Dean's list for the Spring 2020 semester. Rachel is majoring in business communications and is on a pre-law track.



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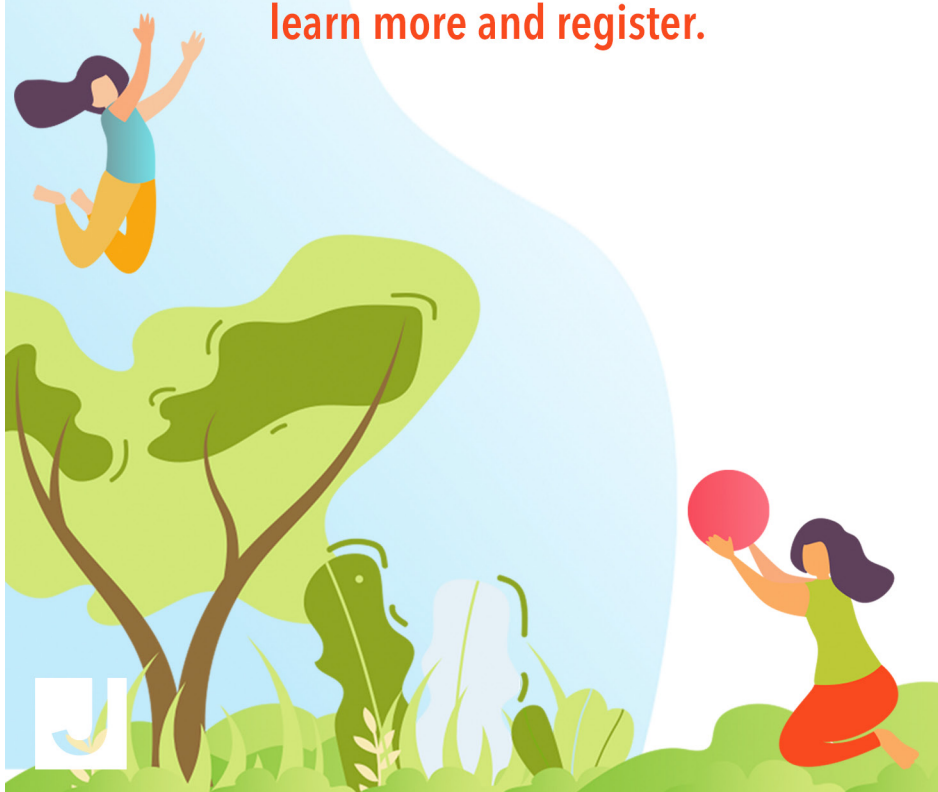


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