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Finding a Place in Jewish Akron

Rubber City Jews Fosters Belonging for Young Adults

When Sandy Ginsburg moved to Medina two years ago for a job, he chose a place to live logically: It was relatively close to Cleveland, Akron and “within walking distance to The Waffle House.”

“Little did I know at the time that the proximity of my apartment to Akron would be arguably the most important feature of its location due to my soon-to-be involvement in the Akron Jewish community,” says Ginsburg.

“After hearing about the Rubber City Jews, I looked them up on Facebook, RSVP'd to an event, and was warmly welcomed to the group,” he notes. “I still remember that first happy hour I went to where

I met some of my soon-to-be close friends. I slowly got involved, and eventually became a regular at most programs.”

Rubber City Jews (RCJ) is an organization for young adults through the Jewish Community Board of Akron. “It helps young adults find a place in Jewish Akron through fun and engaging activities—including cultural, educational and celebratory programs, accessible to those with or without a Jewish background as well,” explains Rachel Osherow, RCJ program director.

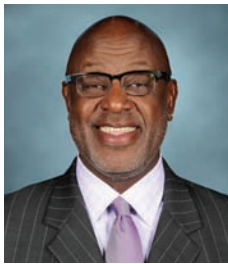
“I think that Sandy really found a niche in RCJ,” she says. “I really believe RCJ is truly welcoming. So that people who are new to the area or are exploring the

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Cavs Legends to speak at Sports Dinner



Austin Carr



Campy Russell

Former Cleveland Cavaliers players and FOX Sports Ohio announcers Austin Carr and Campy Russell will be the keynote speakers for the Shaw JCC's 16th annual Sports Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 1. Monies raised from ticket sales, sports memorabilia auction and sponsorships benefit the Shaw JCC's programs and services offered to the community.

“As a long-time Cavs fan, I'm thrilled Austin Carr and Campy Russell are headlining our dinner this year,” said Shaw JCC executive director Michael Neumann. “There are no other household names with more historical perspective of the NBA and professional

Cleveland basketball, who exemplify the values of the Shaw JCC and what this dinner aims to support. Austin and Campy are sure to be a draw for northeast Ohio sports fans and beyond.”

“Mr. Cavalier” Austin Carr begins his 20th season as a TV color analyst for the Cleveland Cavaliers on FOX Sports Ohio. After a standout career with the Cleveland Cavaliers from 1971-80, Carr rejoined the team in the front office in June 1991 as the Director of Community and Business Development. Beginning in 1997, Carr became the full-time color analyst for the team's telecasts on WUAB and the Cavaliers Television Network.

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Jewish community, or even those who are from here, can find that sense of belonging.”

“Two young adults met through RCJ event and are now married,” Osherow continues. “Another RCJ member has said this is by far the most accepting group in the Akron area for young adults.”

RCJ has experienced an uptick in participation in the past year, especially after the launch of the RCJ-Ticket in June. The ticket offers a year of RCJ programming for just \$18, thanks to funding from the Albert L. and Janet A. Schultz Endowment Fund for Jewish Programming.

In addition to fostering inclusion, RCJ works diligently to offer a well-rounded calendar. There’s a range of social gatherings, activity-based events, volunteer opportunities, educational events, and cultural experiences.

“A lot of times our activity-based events will have a direct Jewish connection, such as our "Shavuot Plant Night" event (where we made terrariums),” says Ginsburg. “At other events we are simply bonding, enjoying ourselves, and building a Jewish



community through friendship. And that's what makes it great— whether we're drinking beer or lighting candles, Judaism is becoming a regular part of our lives in Akron because we are spending time together.”

“RCJ has enhanced participants' connections to Judaism and Jewish culture,” says Osherow. “We also promote local synagogue and JCC events, inviting participants to become involved in other aspects of the Jewish community.”

Some RCJ members have taken on larger roles in the community. Ginsburg joined the board of JFS. Also, “shortly after completing the Jewish Leadership Initiative (JLI), I joined the board of the Rubber City Jews as its first treasurer,” says Ginsburg. “I get to do skill-based volunteering, but I also get a chance to lead. Working with the entire board, I help guide our overall plans and strategy, which is invaluable professional development experience.”

“With continued community support, RCJ can continue to provide consistent opportunities for social networking, volunteerism, religious and cultural activities, helping young adults in Jewish Akron thrive,” says Osherow.

JCBA's Annual Campaign helps support Rubber City Jews, which helps engage and develop young adults in Jewish Akron.

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Upcoming Events

Dec. 3

Super Sunday

Annual phonathon for Annual Campaign.
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Dec. 7

Shlichim Program: Cafe' Ivrit

6:00PM - 8:00PM
Shaw JCC

Want to practice your Hebrew? Come over for a cup of coffee and some Hebrew. FREE.

Dec. 9

RCJ Habitat for Humanity ReStore Project

10:00AM - NOON
Habitat for Humanity ReStore
2301 Romig Rd. Akron

Volunteer project, followed by lunch.

Dec. 10

19th Kislev Women's Gathering

5:00 PM
Anshe Sfard

20th Annual Gathering of Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah, for women and girls.

Dec. 14

Chanukah at Summit Mall

6:30PM - 8:00PM

Annual Community Chanukah celebration at Summit Mall. Free and open to all.

Dec. 19

Muslim-Jewish Dialogue

Every month on the 3rd Tuesday

A dialogue series that alternates between Temple Israel and the Islamic Society of Akron and Kent.

Dec. 25

Feed the Hungry Mitzvah Day

Jews and Muslims in Akron are coming together to prepare a meal for homeless residents. Contact Josh Gippin at joshuatreevideo@gmail.com.

Winter Shlichim Programs



Jan. 8: Women and Orthodox Jews in the IDF

Come hear about the different dilemmas in drafting women and Orthodox Jews (among others) to the Israeli Army.

Jan. 23: Israeli Movie Night

Watch and discuss an Israeli movie with us and enjoy dessert. Childcare available!

Jan. 30: Café Ivrit

Come practice your Hebrew— with both a beginner's group and an advanced group.

Feb. 6: M.O.R.A.K.

Come hear some (more or less) super secret stories about cool things the Israeli Army did, and what role we (and others) had to play in them.

Feb. 7: RCJ special - LGBTQ Community in Israel

Join the shlichim and the Rubber City Jews out on the town, as we hear from a guest speaker talk about the Israeli LGBTQ community and his personal story.

Feb. 20: National vs. Army Service

We will talk about the differences between army service and national service in Israel and discuss the immortal question: "Does Israel really need a mandatory enlistment?"

March 6: History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

The origins of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and how did we get to the current situation. We will also talk about peace and co-existence attempts and processes.

March 22: Secret Shlichim Fun Event!

Programs are FREE and take place at the Shaw JCC, unless otherwise noted.

PATRON TICKET EVENT

Featuring a performance by improv group *Just Go With It*

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENING

Strolling Dinner
Dessert & Coffee
Wine Wall
Teacher Outings
Student Art Projects
Chance Auction
Silent Auction
Giving Tree



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7:30 - 10:00pm Winter Bash

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life
750 White Pond Drive, Akron, Ohio

<http://www.jewishakron.org/winterbash>

Collect Cans for Canorah at Chanukah at the Mall



Join the community for the annual Chanukah at the Mall celebration on Thursday, Dec. 14. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. at the food court at Summit Mall.

There is a canned food drive to build the giant "canorah" at the event. Please drop off cans at any of the three synagogues or at the Shaw JCC. After the event, the food will be donated to the Akron-Canton Food Bank.

The evening includes a chanukah menorah lighting. Lighting honorees are Rabbi Josh and Carrie Brown and shlichim Gili and Uri Hershkovitz.

Chanukah at the Mall is free and open to all. It is a project of Anshe Sfard Synagogue and Chabad of Akron and co-sponsored by the Shaw JCC, Temple Israel, Beth El Congregation, The Lippman School, and Jewish Family Service.



Photos from last year's Chanukah at the Mall

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FIRST NIGHT LIGHTING

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Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m.

Join Shabbat Scott and friends as we welcome in the first night of Hanukkah with songs, dreidels, gelt and lighting the chanukiah for the first night of Hanukkah. FREE.



TIME TO READ

ECE Dedicates New Lending Library

On Thursday, Nov. 2, the Mandel ECE kids at the Shaw JCC participated in a campus-wide Read to Me Day. Guest readers visited classrooms all day long. Parents, grandparents and friends stopped by in the morning while students from The Lippman School came to read to students in the afternoon. Later that evening we celebrated the ribbon cutting of our new ECE Lending Library dedicated in memory of Melissa Nussbaum. It's a cozy space for teachers, children and parents to visit and borrow books and other materials.



Early literacy is an important component of a child's development and opens the door to early academic success. Children in the Mandel ECE program are read to numerous times throughout their day as well as exposed to other literacy-based activities and experiences. Reading at home helps to further strengthen early literacy and is priceless time spent together with our children. A big thank you to all involved in getting this library up and running. Your donations of books, time and talents are appreciated beyond words.



Family FUN Day + Open House

Sunday, Jan. 21 • 1-4 p.m.
750 White Pond Drive in Akron
Admission is **FREE!**

Facility tours, refreshments, giveaways, bounce houses, face painting and balloon twisting. Plus 15% savings on Camp JCC registration and waived registration fee when you join! The J's team of fitness experts will be on-hand to answer questions and demonstrate equipment. You'll also have the chance to meet our Early Childhood and KidSpace staff. This event is FREE and open to the community. Children under 13 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Special Offer: \$18 Registration Fee in January

In the month of January only, you can join the Shaw JCC and pay a reduced registration fee of only \$18. Regular membership dues and sales tax apply. Offer expires January 31, 2017.

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He played the first nine of 10 seasons in the NBA with Cleveland before stints with Washington and Dallas. He ranks second among the Cavaliers' All-Time leaders in field goals made (4,272) and field goals attempted (9,480). Carr is fourth on the Cavaliers' All-Time list in scoring (10,265), fifth in games played (635) and sixth in minutes played (19,003). He was the first player chosen in the 1971 NBA Draft and was named to the NBA All-Rookie Team in 1972. He represented Cleveland in the 1974 NBA All-Star Game.

Campy Russell begins his 11th season providing analysis on the FOX Sports Ohio pregame and postgame show, "Cavaliers Live," after spending three seasons as the team's broadcast analyst on the WUAB TV 43 Cavaliers pregame and postgame show. He is also the Cavaliers' Director of Alumni Relations, helping connect former Cavs players with the organization and fans.

Russell played 10 years in the NBA, including seven with the Cavs (1974-75 to 1979-80 and 1984-85) where he was an NBA All-Star in 1979. Russell was named to the Cavaliers' All-Time Team and remains in the Cavs' all-time Top 10 in five categories. He entered the 1974 NBA Draft as junior under the hardship clause and was the eighth pick of the first round. In 2014, Russell was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in 2014.

"Austin and Campy have worked together and played together, but the best part of their charm is how long they have been friends as well as the bond they share with other players from their era," says Neumann.

For more information, contact Jody Faught at 330-835-0025 or jody_faught@shawjcc.org.



from our shlichim

GILI & URI HERSHKOVITZ
shlichim@jewishakron.org



Laugh It Off, Shake It Off

Hello, everyone! It's getting cold and dreary this time of year, so we thought we'd use the opportunity to lighten up the mood a little (Get it? Light? Hanukkah?) and talk about a grim-turned-funny fact about Israel. Today we're going to talk about Israelis' weird fascination with dark humor. A very well-known aspect of today's society, Israeli dark humor is the child of Jewish humor, the Holocaust, and the hardships in the early years of Israel's founding.

What are we talking about? Well, to give you an example, this is a brief excerpt from a conversation Uri had with one of his best friends concerning celebrating [secular] New Year's Eve:

- "How are we celebrating the Sylvester?"
- "Dude, Sylvester was an anti-Semite!"
- "Yeah...and?"
- "We're going to a party!"

Yes, The Israeli New Year's celebration on Dec. 31 is named after an anti-Semitic Pope from the Roman period. What the heck, Israel? Numerous European countries use the same terminology, but why Israel, too? Apparently, that's just how we deal with things. The same goes for Holocaust humor (which we will spare you)—we hear it all the time, and it doesn't strike people as disrespectful at all! In fact, if you walk up to an average Israeli and tell them that you think it's disrespectful or harmful, they'll probably look at you strangely (but hopefully stop telling these jokes around you). It seems that we've developed humor as a defense mechanism that helps us deal with hardships, unpleasant memories and history—to continue to doing so with a smile.

Digging deeper, you'll find that this dark humor extends to the army, the Israeli wars, and the difficulty of life as Israel was founded as well. We have a set of famous movies called "bourekas films" (bourekas are a traditional Eastern European pastry that became an Israeli symbol and standard) that all poke fun at these topics. One of the most famous ones is called Giv'at Halfon eyna Ona (The Halfon Hill Doesn't Answer) in which the following conversation is held at an army outpost:



ABOVE: Participants at the shlichim's Israel Paint Date

RIGHT: Gili and Uri experience their first snowfall.

- "Mr. Hason, if the Egyptians are coming, what do you do?"
- "The same thing we did in '56"
- "What did you do in '56?"
- "The same thing we did in '48"
- "And what did you do in '48?"
- "It's been 30 years, go figure!"

We think this kind of humor is very telling of Israeli society and has always been a part of our lives. When Uri's grandfather died, his uncle wouldn't stop telling jokes at the shiv'ah (The seven days of mourning of the deceased in Jewish tradition). It was just how he dealt with it, and it was fine. Gili's mom even sent her off to a class trip to Poland and the extermination camps (which most children in Israel visit during 11th grade) with a letter full of Holocaust jokes. (Did you expect anything else?)

We can find this stalwartness not just in Israeli humor, but in Judaism as well – after all, we're celebrating Hanukkah this month, and isn't it, ultimately, a celebration of triumph over adversity and of being able to rebuild after catastrophic events? We take a terrible historical event for the Jewish people: The conquering of Israel and the destruction of the temple, and turn it into a holiday



where we celebrate what we had left, even if it's just a Kad Katan, small jar of oil. We're excited for the chance to celebrate Hanukkah with everyone in the community, for the opportunity to experience Christmas, and living through winter and snow for the first real time. We just hope driving in the snow won't be too bad!

As we know that many people are taking some time off and migrating south to warmer weather for December and the winter break, we'll be having less programs during December, but we'll be back in full swing mid-January, and hope you can join us! Look forward to Café Ivrit on Dec. 7 and on Jan. 30; an amazing new lecture: Women, Orthodox and the IDF on Jan. 11 and a fun movie night (with childcare!) on Jan. 23. We hope to see you there!

WORSHIP OPTIONS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Young Family Shabbat on Dec. 8

Join young families at Beth El on Dec. 8, for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Mercaz followed by a family-friendly service at 6:15 p.m. in the Gross Family Chapel with dessert following. (Vegetarian/vegan options are always available— just let Beth El know.) Grandparents are always invited, too! Dinners are sponsored by the Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation and are always free and open to the public. RSVPs are always appreciated so there is enough food for all.

Mini Minyan on Dec. 2 at Beth El

Mini Minyan is Beth El's Saturday morning service for its youngest congregants and their families (babies up to age 4). The next Mini Minyan is Dec. 2, and begins at 10:30 a.m. It is full of songs, stories, and movement for families and usually lasts about 45 minutes to an hour. Mini Minyan is led in the "Music Together" style. Older siblings are always welcome, too! There is no cost for this program and new friends are always welcome!

Shabbat in the Round on Dec. 1

Anshe Sfard hosts Shabbat in a Round once a month— the next is Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m. The evening is for young families to enjoy a Shabbat experience through food, fun, friends and prayer. It's open to all and sponsored by the Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation. RSVP to 330-606-9876 or kailasonkin@gmail.com.

Teen Volunteer Opportunity with Shlichim on Dec. 3

Teens in 9-12 grades are invited to earn volunteer hours and enjoy some fun with friends. Every fourth Sunday of the month, join shlichim Gili & Uri to volunteer at Haven of Rest homeless shelter. Stick around afterward for a fun activity or meal. Meet at the Shaw JCC at 1:30 pm to drive to the shelter. The next volunteer date is Sunday, Dec. 3. Please RSVP to shlichim@jewishakron.org. Questions? Call Uri at 330-316-5699 or Gili at 234-207-0572.



Is Your Child Ready for Kindergarten?

Discussion on Jan. 10 at 6 p.m.

Parents of children ages 3-6 are invited to participate in a discussion about kindergarten readiness on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Join us at 6 p.m. at The Lippman School. David Steinweg, Ph.D., will lead a panel discussion regarding areas – emotional, behavioral and educational – that parents take into consideration when deciding when their child will be ready for kindergarten. This panel will include educators and parents. Complimentary babysitting will be provided. Please call to reserve a spot. Please RSVP at www.thelippmanschool.org or call 330-836-0419.

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Mamas on a Mission: Two Participants Reflect on Trip, Israel

MICHELLE DICKSTEIN
SPECIAL TO THE AJN

This fall, I left my husband, three young children, my job and local community to travel across the globe and spend 10 days with 200 strangers in Israel. What was I thinking?! Honestly, I saw the chance to travel and jumped on it because my passport was getting dusty. The Jewish Women's Renaissance Project (JWRP) and JCBA presented me with a unique opportunity, and I accepted the gift with both hands wide open.

JWRP organizes trips unique for Jewish mothers, which is both inspiring and thought provoking. I went on BirthRight in 2008 before I was a wife and mother, so I anticipated seeing Israel through fresh eyes. To say it was life changing is a gross understatement. So if you have with the same opportunity (and they do a trip for dads!), it would be a crime to turn it down.

What did I take away from this trip? The first thing that struck me was how differently I viewed Israel as 30-something wife and mother compared to a 20-something gal about town. In my 20s I was running around Israel at warp speed and taking in all the sights while trying to shop and eat as much delicious shawarma as I could stomach. During the JWRP trip we moved at warp speed, and I was trying to shop and eat as much as possible again. But this time I valued Israel in a whole new way.

I grew up with the looming question of "What are you doing for Israel?" in the collective psyche of my Jewish community, and this annoyed me—to be frank. Why do I want to support a country I have never seen and do not plan to live in? Our visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust museum, drove home the fact Jews had no place to go for safety during the Holocaust. I am the granddaughter of four Holocaust survivors and a first-generation American; I am embarrassed to admit it was not until now I see the purpose of Israel is to serve as a safe haven for all Jews in the world. As a mother, I do not want to think this way, but if we ever need a country to flee to, Israel welcomes us with open arms. I do not feel personally called to make aliyah because I am happy to call Akron home, but Israel is a solid Plan B.

Throughout our time in Israel we met many young Israelis in the army or about to enter the army, as well as mothers with children in the Israeli Defense Force (IDF). The maturity and bravery of Israeli youth and families blew me away. I cannot fathom sending my girls into the armed forces, but the IDF is just a fact for Israelis. Furthermore, I realized every soldier protecting Israel is, at the same time, protecting every Jew in the world. By keeping Israel safe, they are effectively keeping my family safe.

My time in Israel was chock full of realizations, new connections and awe. I honestly struggle to elucidate how this trip has affected me. The best I can do is say the experience has humbled me, and I truly hope other moms in the Akron community will be able to follow in the future.



A participant from another city and Michelle Dickstein



Trip participants meet up with former shlichim, Mayana and Shay.

PATRICE LEEDS RICHMAN
SPECIAL TO THE AJN

I was honored to participate as part of Akron's small but mighty contingent on the JWRP Israel Mission Trip (sponsored in part by the JCBA.) Before going, I was interested in seeing how to better incorporate Jewish values in my family and our daily lives, and thought it would be really cool to see Israel through a Jewish mother's lens. I got excited further by the idea that I would have a chance to connect with other Jewish moms in Akron and beyond who were pursuing the same spiritual journey. I also liked the idea that this trip was part of a year-long journey. So it was just the beginning.

Then, reality struck, and I realized that this trip coincided with a difficult time for my family. Luckily for me, my family generously encouraged me to go. I am so glad I did. It was the first trip I had taken without my family that was just for me. It was incredible. I felt myself connecting with moms from other U.S. cities and Israel.

I found visiting the Kotel (Western Wall) in Jerusalem and Beit Haatzmaut in Tel Aviv (Independence Hall) to be the two most meaningful spiritual experiences. I was not prepared for how it felt to hear David Ben Gurion's declaration of independence speech. The pride and emotion that I felt is difficult to put into words. I found myself tearing up as we heard the translation of his words. That experience was very powerful in creating a connection to the State of Israel and was only surpassed by the deluge of feelings released by being at the Kotel. I truly felt a spiritual pull to the wall itself, the need to touch it and pray, that I have never felt before. Seeing so many people at the Kotel all trying to pray was pretty powerful. It was so moving, and tears flowed freely.

For the learning portion of the trip, we participated in a series of videos and interactive lectures/workshops infused with Jewish wisdom and values, all led by dynamic Orthodox Jewish women. At first I was a bit reticent, but it did not take long for me to be excited and anticipate the next experience. The speakers were all so full of insights and wisdom. I am hoping to incorporate some of the things I learned with my family.

On Shabbat I turned off my phone for most of the afternoon and evening. It gave me the gift of being really present while lighting the candles and sharing in the bringing in of Shabbat at the Kotel. What joy to witness and participate in dancing at the Kotel on the women's side. I admit, I even sneaked a peek over the divider to see the men's side. I was able to see the men's side filled with men from a variety of Jewish sects and see them dancing! What a sight. Again, I felt drawn to the Wall to pray. I felt enveloped by the history and with a sense of awe.

The people on this trip were so inspirational. I felt I learned from everyone—whether it was moms from the Akron contingent, our leaders, the amazing tour guides, other moms from the States or Israeli mothers. Their zest for life and joy and passion for Israel and their families inspired me. I can't even imagine what each of them goes through when each of their children is ready for their military service. Yet, they do it.



Melissa Pidhorodeckyj, Carole Lapilleur, and Patrice Leeds Richman

Enjoy the 'Cool' Times at Winter Camp JCC!

When school's out for winter break, Camp JCC is in session! Camp runs Dec. 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 & 29 and Jan. 2, 3, 4 and 5. (No camp Dec. 25 & Jan. 1). There will be traditional and specialty camps that include field trips, daily themed programs, indoor swimming, specialists and guest presenters. A brochure with more information is available at shawjcc.org. For more information, please call 330-835-0052 or email camp@shawjcc.org.

BBYO Updates

BBYO 2017/2018 is off to a great start! Our largest event hosted 14 teens interested in Jewish teen connections. Board elections are coming up in January, so if you're a teen in Jewish Akron, start thinking if you want to take on a leadership position in the community. Membership is required after you have attended two events. Sign up for membership at BBYO.org/membership. All RSVPs can be made to Jenna Baker by calling or texting 330-603-8586 or by email to JMBaker484@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

When you RSVP, please indicate if you/your child will be riding with us.

Dec. 3 – Volunteer Experience

We will pair up with the shlichim and volunteer at the Haven of Rest. There will be teens from other youth groups volunteering with us and this will be a monthly program to help the community we live in. Meet at the Shaw JCC by 1 p.m. for a mini BBYO program first. Transportation provided to Haven of Rest; please plan to be picked up from there around 4:30pm.

Dec. 9 - Parent Meeting

Do you have questions about BBYO? Is your teen interested but you want more information? Are you interested but don't know how to get your teen involved? Please come join us at the Shaw JCC from 2-4 p.m. for coffee and donuts. Ask any questions you have during our Q&A after a small presentation. Teens are welcome to come and participate in a small activity with Becky Rubenstein. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Dec. 14- Chanukah at the Mall

Don't miss out on the fun for all age groups as we light the Hanukkah menorah together at Summit Mall from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Dec. 17- BBYO Hanukkah Party!

Come celebrate Hanukkah with Akron BBYO from 2-4 p.m. at the Shaw JCC.

Jan. 8- BBYO Board Elections

Are you a Jewish teen interested in helping BBYO grow? Are you in 9-12th grades? Do you want to hold a leadership position that connects you with other Jewish teens, plans programs, makes important decisions, and looks great on college applications and resumes? Every member is invited to this meeting as we decide who will lead the Akron BBYO chapters and make important decisions on when/ what programming will happen moving forward. The time and location are TBD. Please contact Jenna Baker for further questions.

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Kids' MEGA CHALLAH BAKE

SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2018 2:00 - 4:00 PM

SHAW JCC AUDITORIUM
the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Ages 3-13 Boys & Girls
\$10 per child / \$25 max per family by December 20
\$15 per child / \$35 max per family after December 20

RSVP:

Lauren Trexler	lauren.trexler@templeisraelakron.org	850-607-1818
Erin Katz Ford	erinkatz125@gmail.com	330-414-2827
Kaila Sasonkin	kailasasonkin@gmail.com	330-606-9876

- Enjoy an afternoon of crafts, games, music & challah baking
- Adult must accompany ages 6 and under
- Volunteer opportunities available for teens and adults

Babysitting for under age 3
Partly funded by the Savage Grant through the JCBA

Logos at the bottom: Jewish Community Board of Akron, The Lippman School, Shaw JCC Akron, The PJ Library, Temple Israel Akron Ohio, and RCJ.

FORWARD THINKING

Study Fiction from Yiddish Newspaper

This winter, explore and discuss a great selection of stories that appeared in the *Forward* and are now translated into English, most for the first time. In the winter 2018 session of Encountering Jewish Culture through Stories, Poetry & Art, educator Esther Hexter will guide seniors and friends through “A Century of Fiction from the *Forward*.”

Classes will meet six Wednesdays in January and February – Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7 & 14 from 11:15 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. at the Shaw JCC. Text for the class is *Have I Got a Story for You: More than a Century of Fiction from the Forward*, edited by Ezra Gliner. Students are to provide own or borrow book.

Class members will read and explore stories from America’s greatest Yiddish newspaper, the *Forward*. This new anthology gathers a century’s worth of fiction. Teeming with life, both funny and bittersweet, this collection honors not only a language, but a world itself. All readings are in English. *Have I Got a Story for You* provides a panoramic view into a vanishing, and irreplaceable, Jewish cosmos.

Former students and Hexter are delighted the Encountering Jewish Culture through Stories, Poetry & Art series has been awarded a grant from the Edward I. Abramson Program Fund of Jewish Community Board of Akron for the 2018 year. This is the tenth year of this program! Many students have been part of this learning community for most of those years, with new members joining all of the time.

Registration fee is \$25. Please register by Jan. 5, 2018, in cash or check payable to Jewish Community Board of Akron at 750 White Pond Dr., Akron 44320. For more information contact Esther at 330-836-0777 or eshexter@juno.com.

PALETTE PALS



ABOVE: Seniors from the Jewish community as well as residents from Schultz Center Towers apartments show off their personal artwork at “Painting With A Twist” in Fairlawn. Jewish Family Service and the Shaw JCC co-sponsored the event, with transportation provided by the Silver J-Ticket.

RIGHT: Rachel Williams, Shaw JCC senior programming coordinator, and Buffy Ramos, director of community education for Jewish Family Service.



J Senior Adult Programs at the Shaw JCC

Hanukkah Program

Dec. 19 • 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.



Join us at Center Towers while Hazzan Matthew Austerklein entertains us with a musical celebration of Hanukkah favorites! This program is sponsored by JFS.



Bridge

Mondays

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

No matter what level of play, join us for bridge. No instruction is provided. Open to All. No RSVP needed. Coffee and desserts served. \$1 donation suggested.

Retired Men’s group

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Join the Retired Men’s Group for open discussion on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. No RSVP needed. Coffee will be served. \$1 donation suggested.

Lunch Bunch

2nd Tuesdays

11:30 a.m.

Once a month join us as we eat at different locally owned, Akron-area restaurants. RSVP to Rachel at least one day in advance.

Dec. 12

Akron Family Restaurant
250 W. Market St., Akron

Be’Tay Avon Cafe

3rd Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Dec. 19 Join our shlichim once again as they discuss the cross-cultural differences in children’s stories! Light lunch served, pay-as-you-are-able, but a \$5 donation is encouraged. RSVP to Rachel.

Mah Jongg

Thursdays

1–4 p.m.

Whether you know how to play, or want to learn, there will be an opportunity! Open to all. No RSVP needed. FREE!

Restaurant Review

4th Thursdays

5:30 p.m.

It’s dinner time! Enjoy food and conversation with us. PLEASE RSVP to Rachel at LEAST 1 day prior to event to ensure seating. Meet on your own at 5:30 p.m.

Dec 28

Waterloo Restaurant

423 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron OH 44319

LEADING THE WAY



This fall, Leadership Akron's Community Leadership Institute graduated five participants that also went through JCBA's Jewish Leadership Initiative (JLI). Clockwise from top right: David Koch (JCBA CEO); Andy Kapp; Sanna Feinstein; Cathy Baer (JLI co-coordinator); Sarah Kapp; Eric Chupack; and Ilona Feinstein.

Merklin Honored as Difference Maker



Marc Merklin accepted a 2017 Difference Maker Award at a ceremony on Nov. 19. Cleveland Jewish News honors 18 Difference Makers, who make invaluable contributions for the betterment of our Jewish community.

A managing partner at Brouse McDowell, Merklin is a longtime and dedicated leader and volunteer in Akron's Jewish community. Last year, he and wife Sharon were honored at the Campus Gala. He currently serves as chair for the Annual Campaign.

“Akron is a very small Jewish community and so it’s hard not to be involved if you want to have an active Jewish life here,” Merklin notes in an article in the Cleveland Jewish News. “It’s just so small that if you don’t take a position and help, I’m not sure there’s a lot of other people who would step up to the plate and do it.”

His community and volunteer involvement extends to the Shaw JCC; Beth El Congregation; United Way of Summit County; Akron Community Foundation; Child Guidance and Family Solutions; Akron Bar Association; Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce; and the Jewish Community Center Association.

Endowment Funds Support Community Programs

JCBA's endowment committee met this past October and granted money from the following funds:

The Harold & Esther Savage JCBA Youth Activities Fund:

- JCrew at Temple Israel
- Macabbi Games scholarships at the Shaw JCC
- Two Tribes One Vision project at The Lippman School
- Winter Shabbaton at Beth El Congregation
- Jewish Family Education Series with Beth El Congregation, Revere Road Synagogue, and Temple Israel
- Kids Mega Challah Bake with Beth El Congregation, Revere Road Synagogue, and Temple Israel

The Harold and Esther Savage JCBA Youth Activities Fund is specifically structured to give support for youth activities, with emphasis on teenage youth. The committee distributed over \$15,000 this year.

The Edward I. Abramson Fund JCBA Program Fund:

- Encountering Jewish Culture with the Jewish Community Board of AKron
- Feeding Body, Mind and Soul, with the Shaw JCC and JFS

The Edward I. Abramson JCBA Program Fund serves the Jewish elderly and the Jews with handicaps. The committee granted over \$3,000 from this fund.

Two scholarships were also granted from the William Mansdorf fund for Orthodox Jewish Education.

Hillel at Kent State Welcomes Four New Staff

Hillel at Kent State University welcomed four new staff to their team this fall: Ethan Krasnow, assistant director; Yotam Elias, Jewish Agency Israel fellow; Holly Sukol, development and marketing associate; and Heather Scarlett, administrative assistant.

They join the Hillel at Kent State veteran staff team of Adam Hirsh (executive director); Kim Montgomery (operations & finance manager); Alana Bandos (student life coordinator); Lisa Rhodes (kitchen manager); and Rabbi Lee Moore (campus rabbi).

“It’s been a terrific semester, launching the school year with our new, vibrant staff team,” Executive Director Adam Hirsh says. “Along with our dynamic student leadership and strong Board of Trustees, we are well positioned to achieve excellence, inspiring every Jewish KSU and UA student to make an enduring commitment to Jewish life, learning, and Israel.”

Hillel at Kent State University is the home away from home for 1,500 Jewish students at Kent State and University of Akron.



New Hillel at Kent State staff Yotam Elias, Heather Scarlett, Holly Sukol, Ethan Krasnow

ORDER NEW MAH JONGG RULES

It’s time to order new mah jongg rules through Na’Amat. The cost is \$9 for large print and \$8 small print. Mail payment to: Debbie Rosen, 835 Sutton Place, Akron, 44313.

Community Shabbat Dinner on Feb. 16

Speaker Will Share His Life Story - The Child of a Nazi, He Converted to Judaism

The Akron Jewish community is invited to come together for a series of Community Shabbat Dinners in 2018. The first will be held on Feb. 16 at Anshe Sfard, starting at 5:30 p.m. with a Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner at 6 p.m.

The evening's speaker will be Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger. He will share his amazing life story, as chronicled in his book *A German Life: Against All Odds Change is Possible*, which describes his struggle growing up in Germany in the shadow of his father, a highly-decorated WW II tank commander and Nazi officer. Dr. Wollschlaeger eventually converted to Judaism, emigrated to Israel and served in the Israel Defense Forces as a medical officer.



Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger

A Man's Journey Towards Peace, highlighting the issue of Jewish-Arab co-existence in Israel.

In Spring 2018 he will release his novel *Samson's Shadow* and his book *Stauffenberg: My Life in the Shadow of a Hero*.

Dr. Wollschlaeger also actively participated in the documentary *The Ghosts of the Third Reich*, which was aired in the US, Europe, Brazil and China. In addition he is producing a documentary titled *Elias' Dream*:

Dr. Wollschlaeger is a board-certified family physician in private practice in Florida. He also serves as a voluntary clinical assistant professor of family medicine at the University of Miami, School of Medicine, the Florida International and the Florida State University College of Medicine.

RSVP and registration information for this event will be forthcoming through AJN, the synagogues, and the ShawJCC.

Save the date for future Community Shabbat Dinners: May 25 at Temple Israel and Aug. 24 at Beth El. The events are co-sponsored by Anshe Sfard, Beth El Congregation, the ShawJCC, and Temple Israel.



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Your gift powers community. When you give to JCBA's Annual Campaign, you help support Jewish services and programs here in Akron, as well as national and overseas beneficiary agencies that deliver critical services to Jews in need. Make your pledge to the 2018 Campaign today at jewishakron.org/campaign or by calling 330-835-0005.

Conversations with the Rabbis



Join the community for the second in the series of Rabbis' Conversations:

WHAT IS KOSHER?
Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at Beth El

FREE but please RSVP to any synagogue:

- Anshe Sfard: office@akronshul.com or 330-867-7292
- Beth El: erinkatz125@gmail.com
- Temple Israel: kylee.burdohan@templeisraelakron.org or 330-665-2000

Local Synagogue Schedules

ANSHE SFARD SYNAGOGUE

646 N. Revere Road, Akron
330-867-7292
www.akronshul.com
Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin

Shacharit
Sunday, 8 am
Monday & Thursday, 7:30 am
Shabbat, 9 am

Mincha & Maariv
Sunday - Friday, 7:30 pm
Shabbat, 7:30 pm

Torah Studies with Rabbi Sasonkin
Tuesday at 8 pm; for men and women

BETH EL CONGREGATION

750 White Pond Drive, Akron
330-864-2105
www.bethelakron.com
Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein
Hazzan Matt Austerklein

Friday Night Services
Will only be held on Friday nights when there is a special program. Check the calendar for details.
Shabbat Morning Services, 9:15 am
Shacharit, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30 am
We will continue to have weekday minyan by request . These can be scheduled at 7:30 am or 7:30pm if evening minyan is preferred.Please send request to rabbi.
Shacharit Sundays, 8:30 am

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

50 Division Street, Hudson
330-656-1800
info@tbshudson.org
Rabbi Jim Egolf

Friday Night Services
Held twice a month at 7:45 pm, normally on the second and fourth Fridays of the month

TEMPLE ISRAEL

91 Springside Drive, Akron
330-665-2000
www.templeisraelakron.org
Rabbi Josh Brown
Cantor Kathy Fromson

Friday Night Services: 6:15 pm
Last Friday of the Month Services: 7:30 pm
Wee Sing Shabbat Sing-a-long
Fourth Friday of the month at 5:30 pm;
for families with children ages 0-6
Torah Study: Saturdays at 9:00 am
Saturday Morning Services: 10:30 am

AT BETH EL
Shabbat Shirah
Jan. 26/27
A Musical Weekend with the
Meshuganotes



Cantor Stephen Stein

Mark your calendars for an exciting weekend of Jewish *a cappella*, featuring OSU's Jewish a cappella group, the Meshuganotes. The group will enhance our services with new Jewish a cappella arrangements of many prayers, as well as perform a mini-concert of their Jewish & secular repertoire. We will also have a special moment on Shabbat morning to honor Cantor Stephen Stein's new status as Cantor Emeritus.

Friday, Jan.26 at 7 p.m.: Musical Friday Night Service with Meshuganotes concert followed by a Shabbat oneg.
Saturday, Jan. 27 beginning at 9:15 a.m., A Cappella-enhanced Shabbat Morning Services, featuring Hazzan Matt and the Meshuganotes (with the premiere of a musical arrangement by Scott Stein), followed by a Beth El. Festive Kiddush to honor Cantor Stephen Stein's new status as Cantor Emeritus.



Candle
Lighting
Times

It is considered a great mitzvah and responsibility to honor the Sabbath by lighting candles 18 minutes before sunset on Friday evening.

Friday, Dec. 1	4:40 pm
Friday, Dec. 8	4:40 pm
Friday, Dec. 15	4:41 pm
Friday, Dec. 22	4:44 pm
Friday, Dec. 29	4:48 pm

Attend or Host a World Cuisine Dinner

Beth El is organizing a "World Cuisine Dinner" on Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. The dinner will take place in homes. Small groups of approximately ten people will go to various congregants' homes to enjoy dinner and a movie.

- **To participate as a guest:** If you wish, you can be placed in a kosher home. If you have other dietary requests, please let us know. Guests will be asked to bring a side dish or dessert or beverages.
- **To be a host family:** You will be asked to prepare a main dish that reflects the world cuisine of a country of your choice. If you do not have a kosher home, please prepare a meal that is vegetarian or fish. Please let us know how many guests you can accommodate and if you have a kosher home. You will also be asked to provide a movie.

Send your RSVP to: The Beth El office at 750 White Pond Drive, Akron, OH 44320.

At the Temple Israel Gift Shop

TIME FOR HANUKKAH!

Hanukkah Menorahs 10% off in Dec.

Hanukkah begins December 12, Tuesday evening, with the lighting of the 1st Hanukkah candle. Chanukah ends the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 20.

The Temple Israel Gift Shop is bursting with:

- menorahs & candles
- dreidels & decorations
- chocolate gelt
- gifts for all

Happy Hanukkah!!

From Your Temple Israel Sisterhood
Gift Shop Volunteers



Hanukkah Hours:

- Sundays-Dec. 3, 10, 17 from 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- Wednesdays 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- Fridays after Shabbat services
- By appointment, please call the Temple Israel office at 330-665-2000

Temple Israel Sisterhood Gift Shop
91 Springside Road, Bath, Ohio 44333



Lunch and Learn
Dec. 12, Noon to 1:00 PM

At the Law Offices of Goldman-Rosen
Located at 11 S. Forge St., Akron, OH 44304

Lunch is \$10 per person.

To RSVP, please contact Karen James at ksj-66@goldman-rosen.com.

B"H

You are invited to a

CHINESE DINNER

at Anshe Sfard

4:30 Cocktails Cash Wine Bar

5:30 Chinese Dinner Movie | Child Care

Monday - December 25, 2017

Adults \$25 by December 18 - \$30 after

Kids (5-13) \$15 by December 18 - \$18 after

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A VETERAN GUEST



During a Veterans Day assembly at The Lippman School, a former Lippman student, Ryan Cohen, spoke to the teachers and students about his experiences in the Marines. He gave the kids lots of information, and they responded with lots of questions! Ryan’s wife, Ellen, and his father, Bob, also came to the presentation. The Lippman School staff and students say, “Thank you for your service, Ryan!”

Daughters of Israel Members Spread Cheer



Members of Daughters of Israel participated in their annual Sukkot Project on Oct. 4. Volunteers gathered at Ellyn Schneier’s home to pick up vibrant colored mum plants from Graf Growers, as well as delicious honey cakes that Phylliss Sugerman baked with special dried cherries from her son’s cherry trees. Volunteers visited nine nursing homes and delivered a plant, sweet treat and some cheery conversation to 25 Jewish residents. The Sukkot project was organized and chaired by Tammy Culp and Renee Pinsky. Linda Levine and Marilyn Groden delivered to Wyant Woods. JoEllen Kodish saw residents at Concordia at Sumner and Village of St. Edwards. Ruthie George and Paula Gross teamed up to visit Rockynol and Sumner on Merriman. Bunny Rose dropped by Renaissance. Nancy Meckler, Micki Wise, Tammy Culp and Renee Pinsky met with many folks at Chambrel at Brookdale. Renee Pinsky stopped by Lorantiffy. Finally, Carolyn Narotsky brought mums and cakes to Brookdale in Montrose. It was a joyful morning of mitzvah for the Daughters of Israel and recipients!

ABOVE LEFT: Phylliss Sugerman
LEFT: Renee Pinsky and Tammy Culp

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enjoyed a well-balanced, meaningful school-age childcare program.

12 children
flourished in a warm & nurturing environment at the Mandel Early Childhood Education Center.

122 families & seniors
in the Akron community enjoyed exceptional services & programming at The J.

23 children
experienced summer camp, learned to swim & played sports.

To make a tax-deductible donation:

Visit ShawJCC.org/Give to make a secure online donation.

Set up monthly payments by calling the office at 330-835-0025.

Stop by The J’s front desk.

Celebrate Local Women's Experiences on Dec. 10

It's the 20th Anniversary of exploring Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism in Akron at the annual 19 Kislev event. The inspiring event aims to bring out a deeper appreciation for the phases of women's lives.

Music and songs weave through personal stories, a fashion show, and a festive dinner.

Music & Singers will be:

- **Rachel Osherow** - a gifted soprano
- **Ranit Drozhinskiy** - 12-year old Solon Middle School student
- **Amy Barlowe** - violinist, composer, Juilliard School of Music graduate, founder of Akron Baroque
- **Alan Bodman** - professor emeritus of violin and viola
- **Julie Zorn** - sing-a-long on guitar

Inspiring Speakers:

- **Michelle Dickstein** – “**How Twins Changed My Life**” Having one baby is quite an experience. When they arrive in duplicate, it's a whole different experience. Michelle is co-authoring a book, *We Do Not Negotiate with Terrorists: Parenting Just Got Real. Positive Parenting Strategies that Work.*
- **Joy Wagner** – “**Phases of an Attorney**” Starting a career as a social worker and the road to becoming an attorney.
- **Dr. Gabriella Wagner** – “**Veterinarian or Wife**” A deep childhood love for animals led her to a career as a veterinarian and promoter of animal conservation.
- **Gili Hershkovitz** – “**Phases of Israel**” Two recent transitions: marriage and move from Israel to Akron to be a shlichah.
- **Lea Schuldiner** - “**Israel to Alaska**” Lea embarked on a journey with her husband, leaving the warmth of family, friends, a fulfilling job, and the holiness of Jerusalem to move to faraway and cold Alaska.
- **Barbara Rosenthal** – “**Weight Loss**” The ups and downs of all women's trials at weight loss
- **Dr. Marina Lazbin** – “**Expecting the Unexpected**” Surprising journey, with many twists and turns. Starts in Russia through Aliyah to Israel and then to Akron, Ohio
- **Robyn Tobias** – “**Vegan Whole Food**” Maintaining a vegan, whole-food diet while keeping kosher is a learning experience in self-awareness.

A commemorative booklet of the women's stories from the past 20 years will be a special souvenir. Much appreciation to Janet Minc who has worked tirelessly as its editor for many years.

- DressBarn fashion show models include: Marilyn Regal, Leora Cohen, Brooke Solitt
- Dinner: Catered by Efrat Ohayon

The evening is open to all women and girls. Invitation will be mailed and will be available at different

congregations. RSVP before Dec. 3: Women, \$20 and girls, \$15 and after Dec. 3: Women, \$25 and girls, \$20. Reservations available online at www.akronshul.com or mail check payable to Women's Chavurah: c/o Magita Willen, 3551 McCrea Lane, Richfield, Ohio 44286

For information please contact Mazal Cohen at mazalc770@gmail.com or at 330-864-0806.

Thanks to JCBA's Jewish Women's Endowment Fund for a generous grant.

Phases of Life: Creating My Unique Journey

Celebrating the Impact of Local Women's experiences

19 Kislev 5778

Musicians & Singers
Amy Barlowe & Alan Bodman, violinists
Rachel Osherow Dr. Gabby Wagner Ranit Drozhinskiy

Dress Barn Fashion Show -Phases of Fashion
Dress smart in Akron with Maven Robin Carnahan
Models: Leora Cohen, Brooke Solitt and Marilyn Regal

This celebration is in honor of the 19th of Kislev.
The 19th of Kislev marks a phase and revolution for world Jewry.
It enabled the secrets of Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism to be accessible to all.
For the past 20 years, we have explored and experienced Kabbalah secrets in Akron.

Dinner catered by Efrat Ohayon

RSVP:
Before Dec 3:
Women \$25 Girls \$15 - Table of 10 \$180
After Dec 3:
Women \$30 Girls \$20 - Table of 10 \$250

Our Evening Speakers
Led by Sheri Glauber

Robyn Tobias
"Way to Vegan"

Rachel Williams
"Surprise"

Barbara Rosenthal
"Battling the Bulge"

Gaby Wagner
"Veterinarian or Wife"

Lea Schuldiner
"From Israel to Alaska"

Gili Hershkovitz
"Phases of Israel"

Joy Wagner
"Phases of an Attorney"

Michelle Dickstein
"How Twins Changed My Life"

Dr. Marina Lazbin
"Expecting the Unexpected"

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3551 McCrea Lane
Richfield, Ohio 44286

For information please contact
Mazal Cohen at mazalc770@gmail.com
or at 330-864-0806.

Sunday, December 10
5:00 pm at Anshe Sfard
646 N Revere Rd.

Jewish National Fund

- In Honor of**
- The Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Kades, from Teri & Michael Segal
 - The Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Ripp, from Mr. & Mrs. Max Rothal
 - The Bar Mitzvah of Noah Zelin, from Teri & Michael Segal

- In Memory of**
- Irving Baron, from Robin Laden
 - Martin Bliman, from Leah Bliman & Family

JCBA Endowment Fund

- In Honor of**
- Gala Honorees Sylvia Lewis, Steve Newman, Debbie Shifrin, & Mimi Surloff

Cemetery Fund

- In Support of**
- This important work, with thanks from Bruce Miller

Jennifer Moss
Outstanding Graduate
Award Fund

- With Well Wishes to**
- Marty Oppenheimer, from Herb & Ellen Moss
 - Dr. Meade Perlman, from Herb & Ellen Moss

Jewish Welfare Fund

- In Honor of**
- Kathi & Roger Marks’ new home, from Dr. Lawrence & Harriet Richman
 - Joel & Linda Stile’s new granddaughter Mira, from Dr. Lawrence & Harriet Richman
 - Danny & Rachel Velasco’s new daughter Mira Joelle, from Dr. Lawrence & Harriet Richman

Rose & Lawrence Schwartz
Holocaust Education Fund

- In Honor of**
- The wedding of Steve & Bonnie Wachter’s daughter, from Alan & Irene Adler
 - The birth of Michael Neumann’s new granddaughter, Sloan Helen, from Alan & Irene Adler and Alyse & Andy Smith

- In Memory of**
- Rose Schwartz, from Mark & Tammy Gersman; Eddie & Marla Schwartz; Tom & Gloria Treiber;xs Steve & Bonnie Wachter
 - Marilyn Kent, from Alan & Irene Adler
 - Louise & Walter Cohen, from Alan & Irene Adler
 - Al Schlossberg, from Alyse & Andy Smith

- With Wishes for a Speedy Recovery**
- To Marty & Joyce Oppenheimer, from Alan & Irene Adler

Kerry Migdal Memorial Fund

- In Honor of**
- Sue & Gary Klausner’s 50th Wedding Anniversary from Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Bellowe

- In Memory of**
- Marilyn Kent from Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Bellowe; Shirley B Century
 - Kaylette Jaffe from Shirley B Century
 - Libby Rosenblatt from Shirley B Century
 - Charlie Stein from Shirley B Century
 - Hyman Potrock from Robin & Kyle Migdal

Lila Marks Music Performance
& Education Fund

- In Memory of**
- Lenore Glauberman from Lila Marks

Murray Glauberman
Young Leadership Fund

- In Memory of**
- Lenore Glauberman from Gloria & Tom Treiber; Jodi, Rich & Jonathan Eisengart; Arlene Penner; Michael & Tracy Pilo; Mark & Tammy Gersman; Dennis & Melanie Springer & Family; Mr. & Mrs. Alan Siff; Leona Pollock; Charles Schotzinger; Morton Sobel; Martin Belsky & Kathleen Waits; Linda & Michael Osherow; Phil & Livia Kades; BDO USA, LLP; Susie, Barry, Andrew, Marion & Lauren Haberman; Joan Eigner; Leonard & Ruth Sweet; Diane & Bill Caplan; Karin Allen; Linda & Michael Jacobs; Eisenberg & Associated, Inc.; Esther & Larry Hexter; Mike & Teri Segal; Larry & Shelley Kaye; Dr. John & Patty Saks; Janet & David Minc; Sally Ekus; Lawrence Haberman; Malco Employees Independent Union

Randy Recht Sports Camp Fund

- In Memory of**
- Lenore Glauberman from Marjorie & David Recht; Lauren Weinstein

- In Honor of**
- Beverly & Leonard Bernstein’s Special Anniversary from Marjorie & David Recht
 - Meir Ohayon’s Special Birthday from Marjorie & David Recht

Ronald Penner JCC Memorial
Fund for Israel-centric BBYO
Programming

- Speedy Recovery for**
- Martin & Joyce Oppenheimer from Sandy & Mort Emerman

- In Memory of**
- Lenore Glauberman from Harriet & Jack Neiman; Sally Ekus
 - Hyman Potrock from Harriet & Jack Neiman

Sol Wagan Youth Maccabi
Scholarship Fund

- In Memory of**
- Sybil Lowry from Stan & Harriet Schneiderman
 - Marilyn Kent from Stan & Harriet Schneiderman
 - Dr. Lawrence Rothstein from Stan & Harriet Schneiderman
 - George Miller from Stan & Harriet Schneiderman

- Speedy Recovery for**
- Mort Stein from Stan & Harriet Schneiderman

Stewart Surloff Memorial Fund

- In Honor of**
- Mimi Surloff receiving the Tikkum Olam Award at the Campus Gala from Marlen & Jeff Spector

Jewish Family Service Tributes

- In honor of**
- Special Birthdays of Ed & Faye Regal from Max and Beverly Rothal



Visiting Our Jewish Cemeteries

The Jewish Community Board of Akron is responsible for maintaining four cemeteries: Sherbondy, South Street, Workman’s Circle and Farband.

South Street and Sherbondy are always locked. Occasionally, someone forgets to lock up after they leave. Workman’s Circle and Farband are open year round. You may stop at the Shaw JCC front desk and sign out a gate key. Be sure to return the key to the front desk on your way home from the cemetery. Please phone the JCBA at 330-869-2424 if you notice any maintenance issues that should be addressed.

Burial Lots Available

The Jewish Community Board of Akron (JCBA) has lots available at Sherbondy Hill, Workman’s Circle and Farband. The purchase price of each lot is \$950, plus perpetual care at \$500. NOTE: Perpetual care does not include opening and closing a grave, removing excess soil, leveling and seeding the area surrounding the grave after the ground has settled. That responsibility remains with the family. Contact the JCBA at 330-869-2424.

Make a Tribute in Memory

Make a tribute to the Cemetery Fund in memory of a loved one. Contact the JCBA at 330-869-2424.



Joe Kanfer presents the Community Spirit Award to Sylvia Lewis.



Herb and Dianne Newman present Campus Gala honorees Steve Newman and Debra Shifrin.



Michael Wright, Abby Surloff, Michael and Shelby Detrick, Irene Kellerman, Mimi Surloff and Allan Tolchinsky



Community Spirit Award honoree Sylvia Lewis, Campus Gala honorees Steve Newman, Debra Shifrin, and Tikkun Olam Award honoree Mimi Surloff at the "Light up the World" Campus Gala on Nov. 4 on the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life.



Scott and Meghan Newman, Steve Newman, Debra Shifrin and Matthew Newman



Rich Zelin, Steve Swedler, and Art Benson offer comic relief.



Alan Tochinsky, gala attendess, and Ilene Shapiro



Laura Fink, gala co-chair Cathy Baer, and Renee Scherick



Gala co-chair Eileen Benson and Steve Swedler

~ Thank You ~

Our Deepest Thanks to

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**THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SERVICE
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**TO DEBBIE, STEVE, MIMI AND SYLVIA
FOR THE WELL-DESERVED HONORS!**



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is responsible for continuing the soup kitchen; After
three months, the charity box; After six months, to the
clothing fund; After nine months, to the burial fund;
And after 12 months, that person is responsible to the
repair of the town walls.*

(Talmud) Baba Batra 8a

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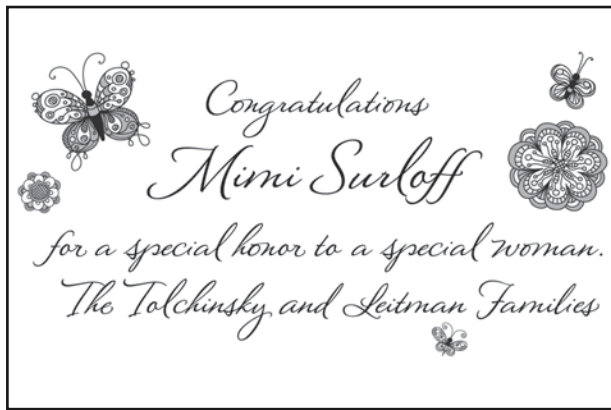
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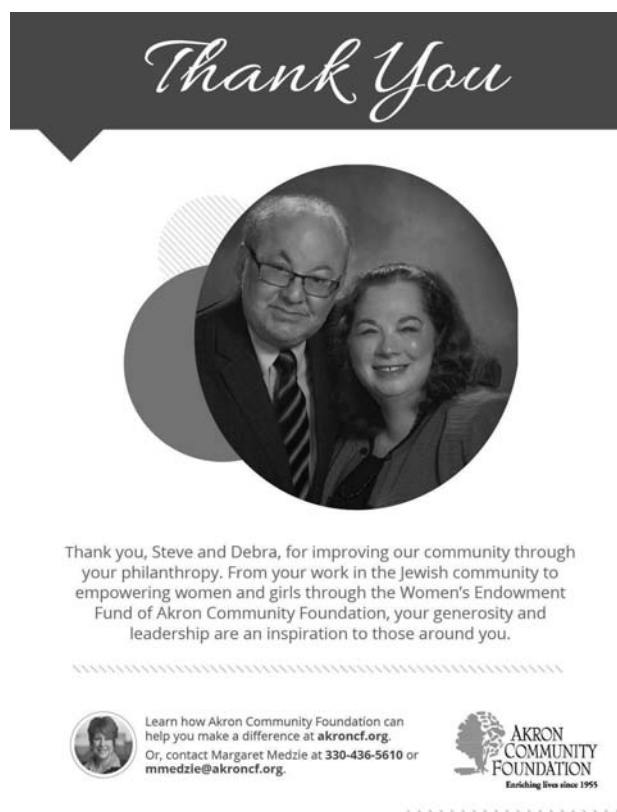
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Thanks for your leadership,
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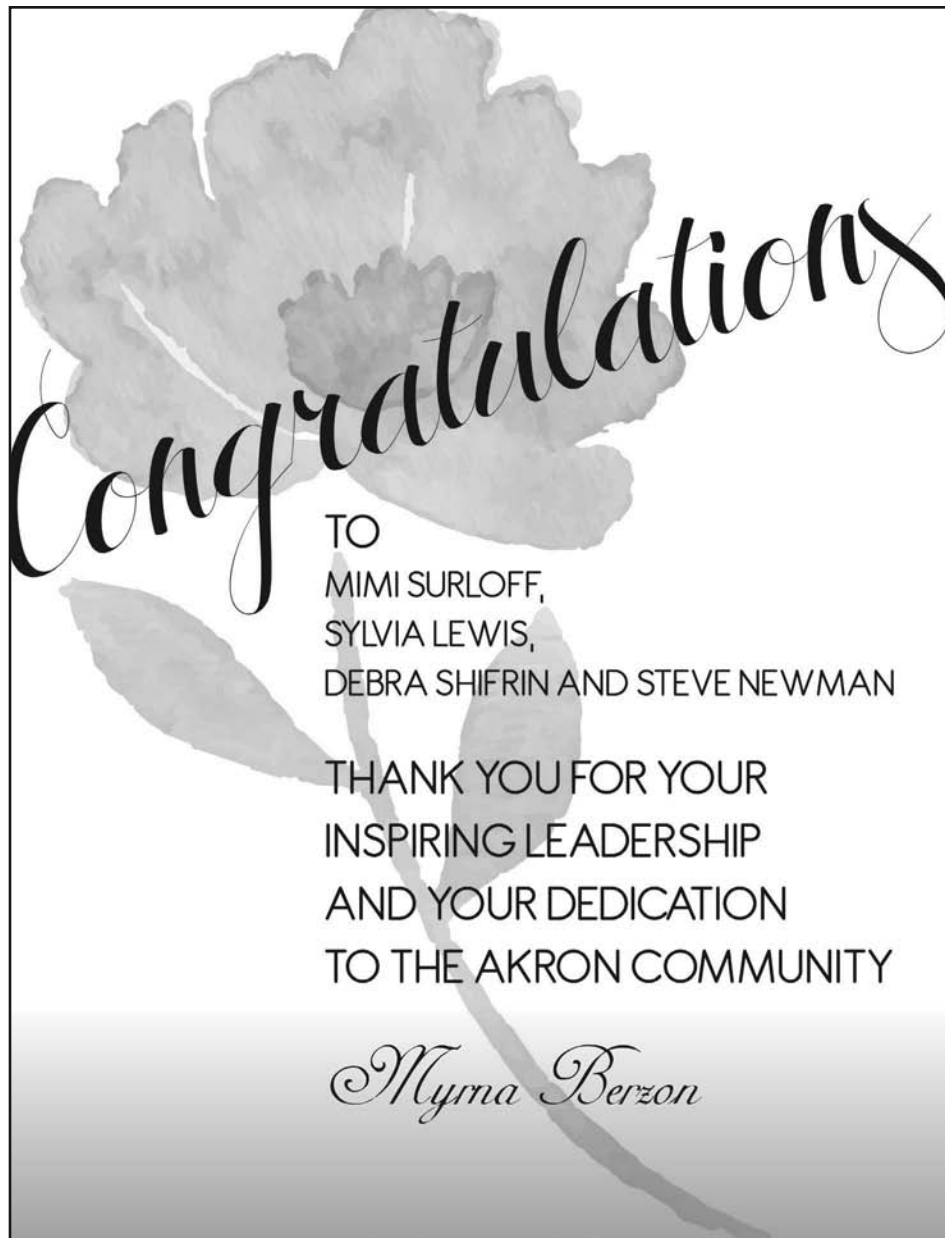
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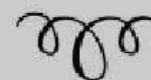
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Mimi

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Congratulations on your well-deserved award!

Love,
Irene, Shelby, Michael, Mason,
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