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Sherbondy Records Updated

When Steve Johnson volunteered to update the database for Sherbondy Hill Cemetery, he thought it might take a few hours of work. But the retired engineer found it became a labor of love, spending hours and hours visiting the cemetery and matching up the sections and rows assigned to the actual burial plots.

The result of Johnson’s dedicated efforts means we now have a very usable data base for Sherbondy Hill Cemetery, the largest and most active cemetery the Akron Jewish community owns.

Every year JCBA fields several calls from people looking for loved ones buried at one of the cemeteries owned by the Akron Jewish community. These calls come from all around the country. Sometimes people are curious and conducting genealogical research, but other times they want to visit the gravesite and pay their respects. The most common inquiry from callers is about graves at Sherbondy Hill.

For long into the future, Johnson’s work will be helpful to those in Akron and around the country with loved ones buried at Sherbondy Hill Cemetery.

If you are looking for the location of a grave at Sherbondy Hill Cemetery, Workman’s Circle Cemetery, Farband Cemetery or South Street Cemetery, call 330-853-0005. The Jewish Community Board of Akron offers this free service for the public, but the upkeep of the cemeteries cost the community thousands of dollars each year. You can help support the upkeep of these burial sites with a tax-deductible contribution to JCBA by calling 330-835-0005.



Improv Group to Perform at Jan. 27 Winter Bash

Enjoy a glass of champagne and entertainment by Just Go With It Improv — while supporting The Lippman School and the Mandel Early Childhood Education Center at the same time. This fun and energizing group showcases the talents of local artists. Improv artist Patrick French explains: “We’re professional improvisers who specialize in creating entertaining, entirely original shows on-the-spot based on audience suggestions. We’ll get input from the audience (a word, activity, etc.) and then perform a series of comedic scenes based on it, featuring fun characters and situations. We’ll also periodically involve audience members in the show, with an emphasis on making them look great and getting laughs. Their involvement is entirely voluntary. We won’t be torturing anyone!”

Don’t miss this private performance at the Winter Bash patron event, starting 7 p.m., at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life. Patron tickets are \$75 and include champagne, appetizers, full menu, two drink tickets and program listing. General admission tickets are \$40. Sponsorships are also available. Registration deadline is Jan. 15. Visit jewishakron.org/WinterBash or call 330-836-0419 for more information.



Light It Up

Community Comes Together for Chanukah Event

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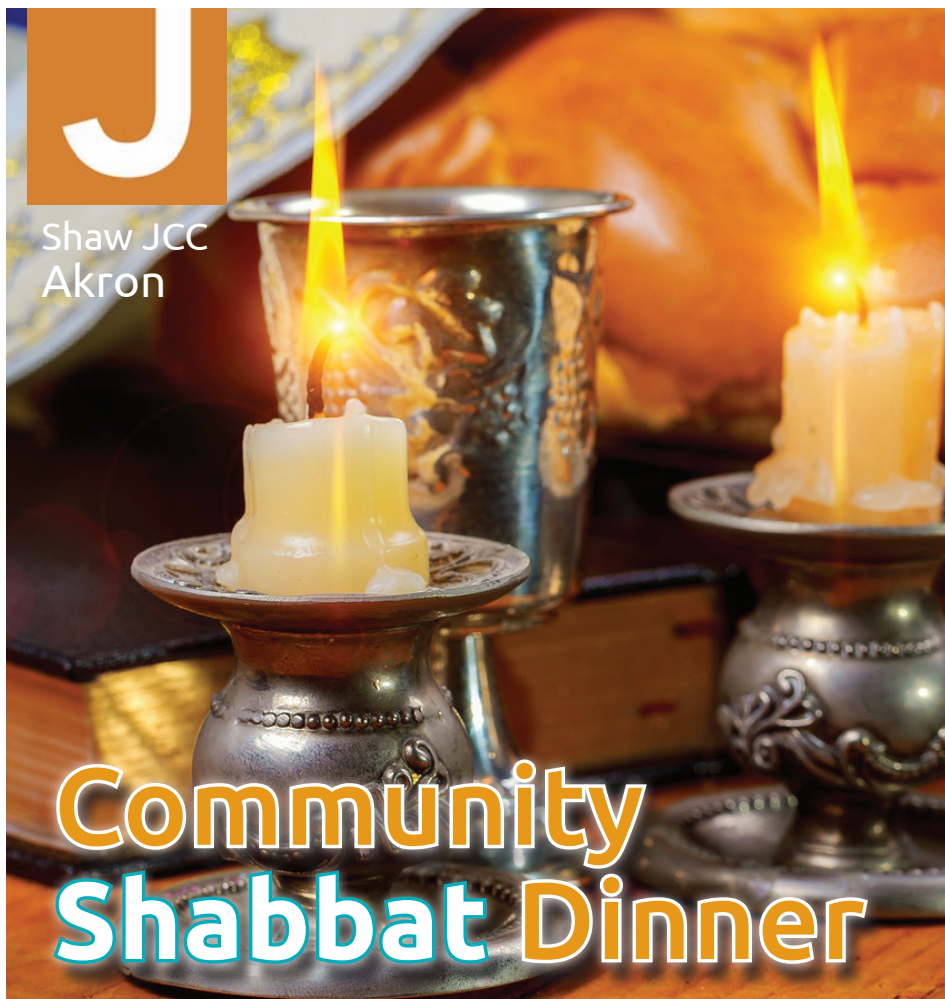


Family Fun Day!

Open House, Activities at the JCC on Jan. 21

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Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 16, 2018

5:30 p.m. at Anshe Sfard

with guest speaker

BERND WOLLSCHLAEGER, M.D.

A German Life: Against All Odds Change is Possible

Dr. Wollschlaeger will share his struggle growing up in Germany in the shadow of his Father, a highly-decorated WWII tank commander and Nazi officer. Bernd eventually converted to Judaism, emigrated to Israel and served in the Israel Defense Forces as a Medical Officer.



Upcoming Community Shabbat Dinners:

• May 25 - Temple Israel • August 24 - Beth El Congregation

Sponsored by the Shaw JCC with Anshe Sfard, Beth El Congregation & Temple Israel & Underwritten by the Jewish Community Board of Akron

Early Deadline is February 9. Register online at ShawJCC.org/ShabbatDinner, call 330-867-7850 or stop by the Shaw JCC's front desk.

PICK UP THE PACE

Make a Difference, for Good

Would you like to make an impact on the Akron Jewish Community...forever?!

If the answer is yes, consider a PACE Fund through the Akron Legacy and Endowment Fund (ALEF). Short for Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment, a PACE Fund lets you support the Akron Jewish Community well beyond your lifetime with an annual campaign gift.

Why should you establish a PACE Fund?

Planning your giving now by creating a PACE Fund imbues your gift with infinite longevity, offering an important legacy for our community. Currently, over 6% of JCBA's Annual Campaign allocation is funded through PACE gifts. Because we are an aging community, more of our allocation dollars will need to come from PACE funds. In other words, PACE funds will maintain the quality Jewish programs and activities we value and enjoy at the current level.

How does a PACE Fund work?

You establish a PACE Fund and then contribute to it— either in your lifetime or after (or both). Interest from your PACE Fund generates a gift to the JCBA Annual Campaign (formerly named the Jewish Welfare Fund. Your named fund is recognized as a donor in the annual Donor Honor Roll in perpetuity. For example, a Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE) is a PACE Fund for women who give \$5,000 or more annually to Annual Campaign. However, a PACE Fund can be established to generate income to fund almost any Annual Campaign amount.

How can you fund your PACE Fund?

Your PACE Fund can be funded during your lifetime and/or after. During your lifetime you can use cash, stocks, or in some cases, real property. After your lifetime, bequests, life insurance policies and real property are ways to create the foundation of your fund. There may be valuable tax benefits to funding your PACE fund. Please contact your tax professional for more details.

How do you establish a PACE Fund?

Simple. Contact Julie Katz at Julie_Katz@jewishakron.org or 330 835-005. She will be delighted to meet with you and/or your tax advisor to answer any questions.



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Upcoming Events

Jan. 4

Yom Ha'atzmaut Planning Committee Meeting

7:00PM - 8:00PM

Jewish Community Board of Akron

Help Shlichim Gili and Uri plan the 70th anniversary celebration of Israel's founding.

Jan. 7

Annual Kids Mega Challah Bake

2:00PM - 4:00PM

Shaw JCC Akron

For children ages 3-13. Cost is \$10 per child/\$25 max per family through Jan. 3.

Jan. 8

Shlichim Program: Women and Orthodox Jews Service in the IDF

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Shaw JCC

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

Jan. 10

Class: A Century of Fiction from the Forward

11:15AM - 12:45PM

Every Wed. through Feb. 14

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Examine translated stories from the Yiddish newspaper the Forward in this class for adults.

Kindergarten Quandary Night

6:00PM - 8:00PM

The Lippman School

Is your child ready for Kindergarten? Parents of children ages 3-6 are invited learn more!

Jan. 21

Family FUN Day & Open House at the J

1:00PM - 4:00PM

Shaw JCC Akron

Facility tours, refreshments, giveaways, bounce houses, face painting and balloon twisting. Plus 15% savings on Camp JCC.

Jan. 23

Shlichim Program: Israeli Movie Night!

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Shaw JCC

Come watch and discuss an Israeli movie with Gili and Uri. Childcare available. Get out of the cold and enjoy a hot drink and some dessert, too.

Jan. 24

Conversations with the Rabbis at Beth El

7:00PM - 9:00PM

Beth El Congregation

The rabbis of Anshe Sfard, Beth and Temple Israel discuss "What is Kosher?"

Maltz Museum Lunch & Learn

9:30AM - 2:00PM

Shaw JCC bus to Maltz Museum

For senior adults. Docent-led tour of exhibit Jews & Medicine in America. Includes catered lunch from Corky & Lenny's.

Jan. 27

3rd Annual Winter Bash

7:00PM - 10:00PM

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Help support The Lippman School and the Mandel ECE Center at the Shaw JCC, as they partner together. Patron event portion of evening includes performance by Just Go with It improv group.

Jan. 30

Shlichim Program: Cafe' Ivrit

Shaw JCC

11:00AM

Come practice your Hebrew, learn some new words, and chat with the Israeli shlichim! Open to beginners to advanced speakers.

The 16th Annual
SHAW JCC Sports Dinner

Thursdays, February 1st | 5:30 pm | Shaw JCC

RSVP Deadline: January 26th
ShawJCC.org/SportsDinner

With
Austin Carr
Former Cleveland Cavaliers Player, 1971-80
Fox Sports Ohio Color Analyst

Campy Russell
Former Cleveland Cavaliers Player, 1974-75, 1979-80 & 1984-85
Cleveland Cavaliers' Director of Alumni Relations &
Fox Sports Ohio Color Analyst for "Cavaliers Live"

Austin Carr

Campy Russell

Shlichim Winter Programs

Women & Orthodox Jews in the IDF



We'll discuss the respective challenges in drafting women and Orthodox Jews (among others) to the Israeli Army. Learn about how the IDF diligently works to include all types of people.

Monday, Jan. 8 • 7 pm

Israeli Movie Night



Get out of the cold and enjoy a hot beverage, dessert— and an Israeli film. Bring the kids, too; we will provide supervision as they watch a separate kids' film.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 • 6 pm

Café Ivrit: Hebrew Practice



Come practice your Hebrew, learn some new words, and enjoy a casual chat with the shlichim! There will be both a beginner's group and an advanced group, so you can find your spot.

Tuesday, Jan. 30 • 11 am

M.O.R.A.K.: Army Stories



Want to hear some (more or less) *super secret* stories about the IDF? We'll share some cool things the Israeli Army did and what role we (and others) played in them.

Tuesday, Feb. 6 • 7 pm

LGBTQ Community in Israel



→ Program with RCJ

Join the shlichim and RCJ for a night out as we hear a guest speaker talk about the Israeli LGBTQ community and his personal story. Location TBA.

Wed., Feb. 7 • 7 pm

National vs. Army Service



What are the differences between army service and national service in Israel? Who usually chooses which course? And we tackle the infamous question: "does Israel really need a mandatory enlistment?"

Tuesday, Feb. 20 • 7 pm

History of Israel-Palestine Conflict



We will talk about the history of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict—its origins and how we arrived at the current situation. We will also talk about peace and co-existence attempts and processes.

Tuesday, Mar. 6 • 7 pm

Secret Shlichim Event!



It's a secret — but we can assure you fun will be in store!
Details TBA

Tuesday, Mar. 22 • 7 pm



Jewish Community
BOARD OF AKRON

Join Gili and Uri for these FREE programs on the Schultz Campus of Jewish Life! Please RSVP to 330-316-5699 or Shlichim@jewishakron.org.

Akron Rep. Brings Home Valuable Souvenir from Israel

REP. EMILIA STRONG SYKES
SPECIAL FOR THE AJN

While walking through the streets of old Jerusalem, Rep. Janine Boyd of Cleveland Heights and I marveled at the beauty of the city and the people who lived and worked there, while at the same time we were typical tourists. We spent much of our conversation discussing what souvenirs we would bring back home to our families.

As we walked through the market, I shared with Rep. Boyd that I planned to purchase a rosary for my niece who attends an Akron Catholic school. I thought she would enjoy sharing with her classmates and teachers a piece of the holiest city in the world. Unfortunately, I never got the chance to pick up a rosary for my niece while in Jerusalem. I figured I would have the chance to do so the next day. However, the chance to buy a souvenir never came.

Hosted by Ohio Jewish Communities, along with Bellefaire JCB and the Negev Foundation, the business trade and mission trip brought together 24 legislators and community leaders from across the state to facilitate lasting relationships between Ohio and Israel. The nine-day tour across the state mixed cultural, educational, business, and recreational experiences; it did not leave much time for shopping. What we lacked in shopping was made up in rich cultural experiences and opportunities to learn about the beauty, perseverance, history, and future of the small but mighty state called Israel.

The word souvenir, according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary means “something that serves as a reminder.” Many of us bring back physical mementoes to help tell the stories of our travels. They serve as gentle reminders of the places we have been and the people we have met along our journey.

I will never forget the Holocaust History Museum (Yad Vashem). The names and ages of children killed, because adults allowed evil and fear to take the place of kindness and the sacredness of life, were recited as we walked through the starlit memorial. I will cherish the opportunity to receive the Sea of Galilee in my hands and immerse myself in the places where my Christian faith originated. The chance to pray at the Western Wall and amazement of floating in the Dead Sea with no effort— what delight and encouragement. In the mission statement of the University of Haifa, I found the following declaration, “commitment to cultivating excellence in research and teaching within an environment of tolerance, openness, and multiculturalism.” What an unmatched spirit of innovation and ingenuity!

Although I did not get a chance to bring back a souvenir for my niece, I did not come back empty handed. The memories and experience of Israel will stay with me for the rest of my life. I know that instead of giving my niece another material possession, the greater gift will be the stories that I tell her and the impression that the people of Israel left on me. They will always serve as a reminder of the need be tolerant, to persevere and serve my community to the best of my ability. That is more powerful and meaningful than any material souvenir that I could ever bring back home.

THANK YOU TO SUPER SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS!



The Akron Jewish community depends on the JCBA Annual Campaign to sustain Jewish programming here in Akron and to support Jews in need around the world.

We also depend on volunteers to assist in raising funds for Campaign. A number of community members came out on Super Sunday on Dec. 3, to call potential donors. Thank you to everyone involved!

If you have not yet made your pledge to the 2018 Annual Campaign, call 330-835-0005 or donate securely at jewishakron.org/campaign.

Rock the Tote

Have you gotten your “Just a Jew from Akron” tote bag yet? When you donate at least \$36 to JCBA’s 2018 Annual Campaign, we’ll send you a tote as a thanks for giving back to the community that raised you.

This offer is only available online, when you donate through the link jewishakron.org/just-a-jew. Limit one tote bag per donation.



A Showcase of What's Interesting in Akron & Beyond

Forum 360 has been busy telling interesting stories with interesting guests!

Forum 360 gives guests in Northeast Ohio twenty-six minutes to tell their respective stories, which is a lifetime in TV time! The shows continue to highlight what makes our area interesting and relevant.

Recent shows have featured the expansion of the University of Akron's Law School; what constitutes uncommon art; Akron's Ronald McDonald House; cardiac care in today's world; a conversation with a state representative; and an introduction to a new app and a new concept in babysitting—KOMAE.

Tavia Galonski, a representative in the Ohio House of Representatives, had an in-depth conversation with host Stephanie York, covering topics from sexual harassment to gerrymandering in this fascinating one-on-one.

Ronald McDonald House of Akron is another often hidden gem in our community. Currently it is undergoing an expansion that will allow the facility to house three times the number of families. Aristeia and Alexis shared with us the importance of keeping a family together while a child is in the hospital.

In another episode, host Leia Love dives into the current opioid addiction crises in our community and country.

Two area women, Amy Husted and Audrey Wallace, recently won a regional Shark Tank contest with their app, KOMAE. KOMAE allows parents to create their own community of people who can babysit their children and in return they will babysit other's children. They talked with Forum 360 on a recent show.

Future shows will highlight companies like Rockwell

International, which is implementing initiatives to hire veterans; how to be a savvy business owner in 2018; and the University of Akron's world-renowned Museum of Psychology.

Next month in this space, learn what it is like to be a volunteer host, how hosts find their topics and how they find their guests.

Each show will air:

- PBS/Fusion channel 45/49 on Monday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 5 p.m.
- WONE FM 97.5 Sunday 6 am WAKR AM 1590 Sunday, 5 p.m., Monday 12:30 a.m.

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Early Childhood
Education Center

Join us for our

Family Fun Day & Open House

SUNDAY, JAN. 21 @ 1 - 4 PM

FREE & open to the public

750 White Pond Drive – Akron, OH



The Kindergarten Quandary

When Will My Child Be Ready for Kindergarten?

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018 @ 6 PM

For more information about The Lippman School call (330) 836-0419 or visit thelippmanschool.org.

Now enrolling Transitional K – 8th





CHANUKAH *at the Mall*

The Akron Jewish community gathered together to celebrate Chanukah at Summit Mall on Thursday, Dec. 14. This annual program was sponsored by Chabad of Akron/Canton, JCBA, Anshe Sfard, Shaw JCC, Beth El Temple Israel, The Lippman School and Jewish Family Service.



Are You Making a Stock Donation to JCBA?

Thank you for your generosity! But did you know that your brokerage company doesn't always tell us who you are? So it is important for you to call or email us to let us know if you are transferring stock to the JCBA. That way, we will know who the gift comes from, what stock you are gifting, and how your gift should be applied. **Contact Julie Katz at 330-835-0005 or julie_katz@jewishakron.org.**

WORSHIP OPTIONS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Young Family Shabbat on Jan. 19 at Beth El

Join young families at Beth El on Jan. 19, for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Mercas 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 Jan. 6

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 Jan. 6, 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!

Next Shabbat in the Round is on Jan. 5 at Anshe Sfard

Anshe Sfard hosts Shabbat in a Round once a month—the next is Jan. 5 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 kailasasonkin@gmail.com.

Wee Sing Shabbat Sing-a-long

Temple Israel hosts a special Shabbat service for families with children ages 0-6. On the fourth Friday of the month at 5:30 p.m., Cantor Kathy leads a sing-along. The next will be on Jan. 26.

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Join AKRON's largest

**NOTE
NEW DATE
JAN. 7, 2018**

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

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













Notice a Housekeeping or Maintenance Issue on Campus?

Now you can directly notify Schultz Campus staff about any Campus housekeeping or maintenance issues by emailing maintenance staff at jmaint@shawjcc.org.

Learn About Kindergarten Readiness on Jan. 10



Psychologist Leads Free Discussion at Lippman

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.

Deadline for JCC Maccabi Games and ArtsFest Sign-up is Jan. 31

Act fast! January will be the last chance to join the Akron/Youngstown and Team Ohio JCC Maccabi teen delegation as we head to the 2018 JCC Maccabi Games and ArtsFest in Orange County, California, Aug. 5-10, 2018. JCC Maccabi is the largest annual Jewish youth event in the world. The JCC Maccabi Games is an Olympic-style sporting competition for Jewish teens ages 12-16; JCC Maccabi ArtsFest is an arts experience for creative Jewish teens ages 13-17, featuring workshops in a variety of specialties with some of the leading artists in each field. The Summer JCC Maccabi/ArtsFest in California expects 2,200 teens from all over the world.

Show your Ohio pride and join our delegation. Space is very limited! Program partially funded. Deadline to sign-up is Jan. 31. For more information, contact Scott at szorn@shawjcc.org.

mommy & me

For children age birth to 3-years old,
with mom, dad, or grandparent.

**Thursdays • 11 am-12:30 pm
at Anshe Sford**

Join us for a fun filled morning with music, crafts, prayers and parsha, snacks and tips on parenting. \$10 per session. Register at akronshul.org or call 330-867-7292.



It's not too early to plan for Camp JCC!

► **Save 15%** when you register for Camp JCC at The J's Family FUN Day & Open House! Sunday, Jan. 21, 1-4 p.m.

Time Travel through Summer 2018! Kids will have a blast with our 11-week summer day camp. This summer we are traveling through a time machine to explore new and exciting adventures!

Summer camp for grades 1-12. **Jun. 4 – Aug. 17 (11 weeks).** Brochures coming mid-January. Enrollment begins Jan. 21 at the Family FUN Day & Open House.

ShawJCC.org/Camp • 330.867.7850
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NA'AMAT Dinner on Jan. 9 Will Feature Discussion about Human Trafficking

NA'AMAT USA, Akron AMAT Chapter invites you to a get-together on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 6 p.m., at Brio (formerly Bravo) in Summit Mall.

At the dinner, we'll discuss topic many of us are unaware of—human trafficking. This problem even exists right here in the Akron area. In fact, Ohio ranks fourth in the nation with the number of cases of human trafficking. Greg Colbeck of Rahab Ministries, will speak and lead the enlightening discussion.

Colbeck's organization reaches hundreds of women and children every month who are victims of sexual exploitation. They provide everything from a hot meal and some new clothes to a safe housing program.

There is no charge to attend this event, but Rahab would appreciate a donation of toiletries, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo or an article of women's clothing, which will be given to women who are trying to escape from life on the street.

R.S.V.P. to Barbara Rosenthal at 330-608-8179 or email her at babzz100@gmail.com. Visitors are welcome.

This is NA'AMAT's last get-together until spring so you won't want to miss it!

Register by Jan. 5 for Fiction from the Forward Class

ESTHER COHEN HEXTER
FOR THE AJN

We are holding a space for you to help us explore the fascinating world of Yiddish stories—all in English translation of course! A Century of Fiction from the Forward, is the Winter 2018 session of Encountering Jewish Culture through Stories, Poetry & Art. Join me as I guide seniors and friends in lively discussion and exploration of a great selection of stories, all of which appeared in the Yiddish newspaper the Forward. At its height the Forward had a circulation of 290,000!!

Class 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—hard back or Kindle versions are available. Have I A Story for You was a finalist for the 2016 National Jewish Book Award. This new anthology gathers a century's worth of fiction. Teeming with life, funny and bittersweet, this collection honors not only a language, but a world itself.

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!

Everyone is welcome to join our conversation. No prerequisite, only a desire to learn. Registration fee is \$25. Please register by Jan. 5, 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

Healios 'Caregiver' Cleanse at the J on Jan. 19

Oftentimes we are defined by our roles as caregivers and occupations, and it is easy to lose sight of ourselves as a person. This one-day event on Friday, Jan. 19, for women only promises to restore your sense of self and honors your self-worth. The day includes a two-hour yoga practice that detoxes your body from the stresses of life; mindfulness activities that honor the beauty of you; a one-hour heart-centered cardio and movement to help restore your passion; and a one-hour water class to add fun and laughter back into your daily routine. The cost is \$120 for members and \$145 for guests. Register at www.shawjcc.org or by calling 330-867-7850.



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www.kent.edu/jewishstudies KENT STATE



MUSLIM/JEWISH DIALOGUE SERIES
LIFE CYCLES: THE MILESTONES THAT UNITE US

Tuesday, January 16th 7:00 pm at ISAK

Tuesday, February 20th 7:00 pm at Temple Israel

Tuesday, March 20th 7:00 pm at ISAK

Tuesday, April 17th 7:00 at Temple Israel



Rubber City Jews Rundown

RACHEL OSHEROW
RCJ PROGRAM DIRECTOR



The Rubber City Jews were truly in the giving spirit this Holiday Season. Together with Young Professionals of Akron (YPA) at our Wags & Whiskers event, we gave a large contribution of pet supplies to Paws and Prayers, a local pet rescue organization. RCJ members volunteered at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore by pricing, shelving, and organizing donated items and enjoyed lunch together after the project.

Many of our young families joined us at Barnes and Noble Booksellers as we collected used books and selected new books to donate to the Battered Women's Shelter. We joined Uri and Gili, our shlichim, at the Haven of Rest to make beds and prepare the shelter on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas Day members of RCJ joined many others from the Jewish and Muslim communities to serve a holiday meal to the homeless at the Second Chance Village.

Our group is committed to helping the community, and we look forward to many more Tikkun Olam opportunities in 2018.

We will also be enjoying the winter months with activities such as ice skating, sledding, a Jewish jewelry-making program, an escape room challenge, and a Purim masquerade. Visit our Facebook page, jewishakron.org/rcj, or the community calendar at jewishakron.org for specific event dates and details in the coming weeks.

RCJ is especially excited to co-sponsor a Musical Shabbat at Beth El with the Meshuganotes, OSU's Jewish A Capella group, on Jan. 26. Tickets to this event will be heavily discounted for RCJ-Ticket holders, so be sure to purchase your RCJ-Ticket at jewishakron.org/RCJ-Ticket or at any RCJ event with cash or check. The RCJ-Ticket gives you access to a whole year of RCJ programs and discounts to many other community events.

RCJ 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.

TOP LEFT: RCJ volunteers helping at Haven of Rest on Christmas Eve

LEFT: After volunteering at Habitat for Humanity ReStore, RCJ members enjoyed lunch out.

BELOW: Young families in RCJ got creative— and maybe a little messy— at the pumpkin carving event in October.





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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.

Why Akron?

The Akron Jewish community has welcomed many families and individuals through its Community Concierge program. Get to know new members of our community and why and how they chose to call the Akron Jewish community home.

Sarah Howell-Pillet was in love with Jason before they even met. After connecting virtually through Sarah's sister seven years ago, the two talked by email, texts and phone calls. Jason was in the thick of his medical residency at Cleveland Clinic/South Pointe, and Sarah was juggling two jobs and finishing school.

When they did finally meet after two months of talking, "I felt like I already knew so much about him," Sarah says. They've been together ever since.

The couple came from different backgrounds. Jason grew up in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. "I was sent to Jewish day school where I was taught Hebrew language and exposed to the culture," he says. He also attended "a Zionist camp in the summers, which was rich with Jewish values, education, and identity."

Sarah, who is from Akron, "grew up in a Christian household, and attended private school."

"Jason and I had talked early on in our relationship about me potentially converting," she explains. "I did not take this decision lightly. It took me about three years, after being exposed, immersed and educated in Jewish culture to make the decision to convert."

Sarah continues: "I actually met with Rabbi Grundfast in 2012 to talk with him about potentially converting; I wanted more information on the process. After meeting with him on several occasions, he felt that Jason and I should embark on this journey together."

Jason had completed his residency and moved back to Manhattan, and Sarah soon followed. There "we met with a rabbi and took Derekh Torah classes together for 30 weeks at the 92nd street Y. It was nice because I was able to receive a better understanding of Jason's Jewish heritage, and after taking the classes, it helped me realize that I truly wanted to enter marriage as a united front, so that we had a solid foundation to start a family on."

"I am a very symbolic person, and the day I went to the mikvah was a day that I will never forget," Sarah says. "The more Shabbatot and holidays we celebrate, the more reading and extended studying I do, the more Jewish I feel and become. The mikvah was a

step on the path, but it really is a life-long adventure."

"My family has been extremely supportive of my conversion; it wasn't easy for them, but they partake in all of our traditions/celebrations," Sarah shares. "They are enjoying learning about Judaism and want it to be an active part of their lives. My extended family is also very welcoming and has been to our home to celebrate Passover, Hanukkah, Shabbat dinners, Rosh Hashanah, and many other holidays/traditions. It has been a wonderful experience for me so far."

"When I met Jason, he kept kosher, so it was not a difficult transition into keeping a

kosher home," Sarah explains. "Prior to converting I kept kosher with Jason, it was just easier that way, and I wanted to respect his beliefs together as a couple. I found (and still find) that I love the meaning behind so many Jewish traditions— particularly the love for family, and that everything is centered around spending time together. Being an emergency room physician, Jason's schedule is all over the place, but when he is off, I love preparing a nice Shabbat dinner for the two of us (and guests) to enjoy. It is such a nice way to wind the week down, and spend quality time together."

Family is clearly important to the Pillets. When Jason saw Sarah was homesick for family and friends in Ohio, they discussed a move back to Ohio. "Jason signed with the group that he did residency with, and shortly after we were married [in 2015], we relocated back to Ohio," Sarah says. They have lived in Richfield for almost two years, adding a Goldendoodle dog named Zoey to their family. The Pillet family will be growing even larger in June because they are expecting twins!

"Sarah and I have been welcomed in with open arms [into the Akron Jewish community]," says Jason. "I'm amazed by the strength of the Jewish community and the amount of shuls in the area."

"Eileen Benson was our wedding planner in 2015, and since our move back, she has been such a wonderful friend. She has invited us to Beth El, her home, and to other special events within the Jewish community," Sarah says. She recently put them in contact with the

Akron Jewish community concierge, Cathy Baer, who enrolled them in the Passport program for newcomers. "We are hoping to continue growing within the community, and now that we have two little ones on the way, we hope to be more involved than we are currently," Sarah says.

"Jason and I attended the Gala in November, and we were so impressed with how the community came together to honor such deserving and incredible people," she adds. "It showed both of us the strength of the community, and we met so many different wonderful people that evening."

Do you know someone new to Jewish Akron? Connect them with Community Concierge Cathy Baer at 330-234-252-0049 or concierge@jewishakron.org.



Sarah Howell-Pillet and Jason Pillet

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Temple Will Host Congregational Dinner on Jan. 26

On Friday, Jan. 26, following the Wee Sing Shabbat, Temple Israel will host a family-friendly congregational dinner. The meal starts at 6:15 p.m., with Shabbat services following at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donations to help offset the cost of dinner is (for advance RSVPs) \$10 per person or \$20 for a family of four. For at-the-door, \$15 per person or \$25 for a family of four. Please RSVP to the Temple Office at 330-665-2000.

Conversations with the Rabbis



NOTE DATE
CHANGE!

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

WHAT IS KOSHER?

Wednesday, Jan. 24 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



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

Friday, Jan. 5	4:54 pm
Friday, Jan. 12	5:01 pm
Friday, Jan. 19	5:09 pm
Friday, Jan. 26	5:18 pm

Beth El Presents a Lunch and Learn on Jan. 9

Beth El will hold a Lunch and Learn on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 12 p.m. It will be at the law offices of Goldman & Rosen, Ltd., 11 South Forge Street, Akron, Ohio 44304. For more information, please contact Karen James at ksj-66@goldman-rosen.com. The cost for lunch is \$12.

'Dual Shabbat' Offers Temple Goers Choice of Services on Jan. 19

On Friday, Jan. 19, Temple Israel offers Shabbat attendees two options for worship. They can attend a service at Kent State University Hillel, led by Rabbi Josh Brown and Lauren Trexler, Temple Israel's director of education. Or they can go to Temple Israel for a service led by Cantor Kathy Fromson. Both services start at 6:15 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES AT ANSHE SFARD

- ➔ Purim Around the World on Thursday, March 1
- ➔ Community Pesach Seder at Anshe Sfard on Friday, March 30

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.

Lev Tahor (Pure Heart) Shabbat Service



A service of the heart, in the round with musicians. At 7 p.m. All ages welcome.

Jan. 12; Feb. 9; March 9; April 13; May 11

REMINDER TO SNOW BIRDS

If you plan to spend the winter away from your Akron address, let the JCBA office know so that you can continue to receive the Akron Jewish News and JCBA communications. Contact Sheri Galat at 330-835-0002 or sgalat@jewishakron.org.

Join us
January 5th
@ 6:15 pm

First Friday with
Cantor Kathy
Fromson & guest
Tenor Tim
Culver, Professor
of Voice at Kent
State University's
School of Music.



The night's D'var Torah will be given by our own accompanist Laura Silverman, who will then entertain us with music of Jewish composers.



Senior Adult Programs at the Shaw JCC

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.

Jan 9: Eye Opener, 1688 W Market St, Akron

Be’Tay Avon Cafe

3rd Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Light lunch served, pay-as-you-are-able, but a \$5 donation is encouraged. RSVP.*

Jan. 16: Welcome back Bill Brauning, pop culture historian, who will share a light-hearted and fun musical program titled Great American Songbook: American Pop Composers.

Movie Matinee at the J

3rd Wednesdays

12:30 p.m.

Come one come ALL! Enjoy a movie in the quiet of the Shaw JCC, plus free popcorn! Closed captions provided. FREE

Jan 17: Fences

Working as a trash collector in 1950s Pittsburgh, Troy Maxson struggles to raise his family while trying to transcend the bitter experience of being a talented baseball player denied the opportunity to play in the majors because of his race.

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. RSVP* to Rachel at least one day in advance.. Meet on your own at 5:30 p.m.

Jan 25: Ido Bar and Grill

1537 S. Main St, Akron

The Power of Posture

Jan. 10

at 1:30 p.m.

Understand why posture is so important to us as we age. Sarah Kapp PT, CIDN, CKTP will teach us techniques to correct posture. FREE. Please RSVP.*

“Right Sizing”

Jan. 23 at Brookdale at 2 p.m.

You can simplify your life simply by downsizing your home. Join Sue Lyons of Angels on the Move for an informative and entertaining presentation. FREE. Please RSVP.*

Fall Prevention at Home

Feb 1

at 11 a.m.

A physical therapist from Menorah Park Home Services will give us safety tips for keeping out of harm’s way from falls in our own homes. FREE. Please RSVP.*



Top 10 Signs of Alzheimer’s Disease

Feb 6

at 11 a.m.

Learn from a specialist from the Greater East Ohio chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association. Early detection of Alzheimer’s disease gives you a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies, and plan for the future. FREE. Please RSVP.*

Holistic Approach to Staying Happy in Winter!

Feb 8

at 10:45

Exercise Teacher Carol Kushkin will show us some very helpful daily motions (exercises) and utilize Laugh Therapy to keep us safe and sane over the winter months. FREE. Please RSVP.*

Maltz Museum Lunch & Learn on Jan. 24

Once again we will head to the Maltz Museum in Cleveland to see the exhibit *Beyond Chicken Soup: Jews & Medicine In America*. This exhibit tells the story of how Jews were forced to create access to their own healthcare in the face of discrimination.

Along with the docent-led tour, we will also be served lunch on-site at the museum, provided by Corky and Lenny’s. Lunch includes chicken/matzoh ball soup, half of a sandwich, potato salad, dessert and a drink. We need a minimum of 15 people to attend this Lunch & Learn. Be the first to sign up today! RSVP to Rachel Williams no later than Jan. 19. All payments must be made in full prior to the event.

COST: \$32 per person, includes cost of lunch and entrance to museum

TIME: Bus will leave at 9:30 a.m. and return before 2 p.m.

*Please RSVP to Rachel Armin Williams at 330-835-0027 or rwilliams@jewishakron.org.



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Please call Rachel Armin Williams at 330-835-0027 or email rwilliams@jewishakron.org for more information.



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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Saturday, January 27, 2018

7:00 - 7:45pm Patron Event

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



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Offline options available:

If you are more comfortable flipping through the program guide and calling us to register that option is still available. Call us at 330-867-7850 or stop by the desk to register. You're always welcome to come see us to learn more about programs and classes or take a tour of our facilities and learn about new membership options. Whether online or in person, become a part of The J, and find out why many consider us their home away from home.



Ready to begin?

- When you joined the J, you received an email with login credentials. If you cannot find that email you will have to create a new login.
- Visit our login page at ShawJCC.org/Online-Registration to create an online account using your Main Member Number, birthday, home address zip code to verify your membership at the log-in screen.
- Not a member? No problem. Click on "Guest Privileges" to create a new account.
- Create a username and password and provide your email address.
- When you have successfully created your online account, click the round home button in the top left corner to return to the landing page and begin registering for programs and services.

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- Livia & Phil Kades’ grandson’s Bar Mitzvah from Esther & Larry Hexter

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In Memory of

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- Lila Marks from Stan & Mary Ann Minster; Richard & Debbie Zelin

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In Honor of

- Our grandson J.D. Kent’s graduation from the University of North Carolina #1 in his class with Honors and Summa Cum Laude from Aline and Mel Kent

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- Lenore Glauberman from Joseph & Renate Lipovac; Michael & Nancy Strick

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In Memory of

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Ronald Penner JCC Memorial Fund for Israel-centric BBYO Programming

In Memory of

- Al Schlossberg from Jack & Harriet Neiman
- Lani Rothstein from Jack & Harriet Neiman

NOTICE TO FRIENDS OF PATTI VIGDER

Patti Vigder has moved and is at a wonderful facility near her daughter, Sharon Richman. She is doing well. Though she is making some new friends, Patti misses the Akron Jewish community that she has loved for so long and would love to hear from you.

Write to: Patti Vigder, Kensington Care Center,
849 N. Aurora Rd., Aurora OH 44202

Phone: 330-954-7709. If unable to reach at this number, call the main line at 330-562-6171. Best times to call are 3-5 p.m. & 7-9 p.m.

Visiting hours: 24 hours, 7 days a week

Thank you,
Sharon Richman (440-552-7757)

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.

IN APPRECIATION FROM THE REGALS

Thank you to everyone who sent us cards, contributions, and birthday wishes fin honor of our 80th birthdays.

- Faye and Ed Regal

THANK YOU FROM THE STEINS

Sincere thanks to members of the community, friends and family who have reached out with affection and prayers. We truly appreciate the warm thoughts.

- Gerry and Mort Stein



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