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Open D'Or Networking Event Will Be on March 7

What is Open D'Or?

Open D'Or is the answer to the question emerging leaders have been asking: "I am interested in becoming more involved in the community, but how do I do that?" For experienced leaders, it's a way to connect with passionate members of the community who want to be more involved. At its core, Open D'Or is a fun way to meet other community members in a speed dating style, while furthering the creation and development of relationships between emerging and experienced leaders in the Akron Jewish community.

How does JLI fit into this?

JLI is the Jewish Leadership Initiative. The Jewish Community Board of Akron launched JLI in fall 2016 to engage and connect adults under age 45 in Akron's Jewish community. The program offers professional and leadership development and the chance to learn from and connect with community leaders. The objective of JLI is to identify and foster emerging leaders in the Jewish community. Please note: Open D'Or is not just for JLI graduates; it is open to anyone interested in making community leadership connections.

Why a speed-dating networking event?

One of the obstacles to becoming a leader in any community is building relationships to allow for opportunity and growth. There are a large number of lifelong Akronites, but there are also a significant number of Akron transplants who do not

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A WINNING STREAK



The Lippman Blue Streaks girls basketball team, won its conference championship this February. Three years ago, The Lippman School re-established a girls team, led by Coach Kirk and Assistant Coach Reinbolt.

Helping Lippman Students Travel to Israel

Each year The Lippman School raises funds for its international partnerships: Israel, Montana and China. This year, the school is sending 15 students to Israel this spring.

The two-week trip includes a wealth of experiential Jewish learning. They will visit sister city Kiryat Ekron, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and other significant cities and sites. The trip comes "at a time in a child's life when their identity is really being formed," says Sam Chestnut, head of school.

Two endowment funds are now helping to make this trip a possibility.

In 2015, Michael Zalob established the Jeanette Zalob Israel Scholarship Fund in memory of his mother. Once it accumulated, the fund was intended to distribute all its balance at once (this is called a sunset fund). Its purpose is to help subsidize a trip to Israel for Jewish youth in the Akron area. The fund will help underwrite Lippman's trip to Israel trip this year.

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have a lifetime of Akron connections to draw upon for leadership opportunities. Open D’Or was created to help build those relationships among Akron lifers and transplants in the hope of stimulating the creation and development of our next generation of leaders.

Why is this so important?

Emily Prioletti: As a fourth-generation Akronite, I grew up going to JCC daycare, summer camp and other programming throughout my youth. It was not until I became a parent that I truly understood the important role the Akron Jewish community played in my development. My parents worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep this community going and keep programming fresh and relevant. Without knowing it, we all benefited from their hard work. Now, as I watch my son growing up in this same community, I want him to have access to the same opportunities I did as a child that helped shape me as an adult. So, it is my turn to take the torch and work together to lead this community for future generations. As I have said for years, you can’t make a community if you don’t first make a friend. That is where the concept of Open D’Or comes in. Let’s meet each other, build relationships and even build friendships. That is how we will build a community.

Michelle Dickstein: As an Akron transplant, I value our community as an extended family of sorts for my three young daughters. The fact they feel loved, supported, and safe running around Schultz Campus with abandon is something I cannot create at home or on my own. Our community is incredibly special in how we create a network of trust and familiarity while working towards the same goal of continuing to grow what has been built for future generations. My family and I personally benefit from everything the Jewish community has to offer; I want to support this and now play a larger part in helping shape the future too.

Program Details:

Open D’Or will be held on Thursday, March 7, at the Shaw JCC from 5-7 p.m. Childcare drop-off begins at 4:45 p.m., and the program begins promptly at 5:15 p.m. Must RSVP online at www.jewishakron.org/all-meetings/open-dor by March 1. Facilitated by Leslie Ungar. Sponsored by the Jewish Community Board of Akron.

Israel Trip from page one

Ellen and Herb Moss established the Jennifer Moss Outstanding Graduate Scholarship Award in 2002 for graduates of Lippman who are heading to college. They are now shifting the fund’s focus to help support Lippman students who take a capstone trip to either the Northern Cheyenne nation or Israel.

“The school is really thrilled that Jennifer Moss’ legacy lives on at the school that she went to,” Chestnut says. “Instead of a competitive scholarship in which we had to choose among recipients, this feels more in the spirit of helping a kid or kids who all participate in something together.”

To make a contribution to the Jennifer Moss Scholarship Fund, call 330-869-2424. To learn more about supporting The Lippman School’s trip to Israel, contact Sam Chestnut at schestnut@thelippmanschool.org or 330-835-0071.

Building Community the LEGO Way

TODD POLIKOFF
CEO OF JCBA

As a parent, I have experienced one of the greatest moments of shock and pain. Like other parents, I have employed, unsuccessfully, several strategies to ameliorate the source of this pain: the dreaded “middle of the night random LEGO” attack!

Since the toy’s introduction in 1932, parents have tried through lecturing, yelling, PowerPoint presentations, and Venn diagrams to train their children to put away ALL of their LEGOs. Yet in 2019, the sharp rectangles remain lying in wait for parents’ unsuspecting bare feet. This is a war that probably won’t be won as LEGOs are, first and foremost, fun, and they are nearly as ubiquitous in a house with children as is laundry...they both seem to magically regenerate! Yet, there was a time when this nemesis of parents nearly disappeared.

In the late ‘90s, LEGO posted its first loss as a publicly-traded company. After some intense introspection, the company realized that it had moved away from its core principles. It put most of its efforts into the LEGO-set basket. They were focusing on selling sets that once fully constructed had no other use for the builder. LEGO strayed from its most attractive attribute – that you could make virtually anything that came to your imagination. It wasn’t until a few people at MIT built a power pack for LEGOs that could turn creations into moving robots. This created a new and ever-expanding set of options for LEGO.

There are lessons for our Akron Jewish community in the near-collapse of LEGO. We are not and should not become a community that is unwilling or unable to look for new and inventive ways to grow and become stronger. Like a box of random LEGO parts, the limits of our community should only be governed by the imagination of our community members. We, as Jewish Akron, always need new ideas and concepts that are inclusive of the entire community to not unintentionally cut off idea-streams. Additionally, our Jewish community is a constantly changing entity. One does not need to be a sociologist to understand that our geographical distribution, demographics and needs are not the same as they were 50 years ago or even five years ago. That is why we are on a near-constant search for the next best way to accomplish our goals of growing and strengthening our community.

To this end, the Jewish Community Board of Akron (JCBA) will be expanding the number of committees of the board of trustees. Our goal is to have more than 100 members of the community serving on committees by the end of 2019. These groups will fulfill the core criteria of the work of the JCBA and the agencies on the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life. Our staff will also be engaging with community members on a much more regular and intentional basis. We currently have terrific professionals and lay leadership serving on behalf of our community, but we/they do not have all of the best ideas, nor do they have the perspective of someone not completely immersed in the daily process of providing for our community. Sometimes a set of “fresh eyes” can identify an area that many of us have missed.



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Upcoming Events

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March 1

Community Shabbat Dinner

5:30PM - 7:30PM
Anshe Sfarad

Kabbalat Shabbat Services followed by Shabbat Dinner with Comedian Modi.

March 7

Open D'Or - Jewish Leadership Networking Event

5:00PM - 7:30PM

Networking opportunity for emerging and experienced leaders in the Jewish community.

March 10

PJ Library at Brookdale Montrose

1:30PM - 3:00PM
Brookdale at Montrose

Make Mishlach Manot bags for Purim at Brookdale at Montrose and distribute to the residents.

March 14

Israel 201: Israeli Wonder Women

7:00PM - 8:30PM
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Shaliach Mor will talk about Israeli women who changed Israeli history and had a big impact on the Israeli community.

March 17

PJ Library Baby & Toddler

10:00AM - 11:00AM
750 White Pond Drive

A PJ library play group for babies and toddlers.

March 17

Jewish Women Singing

7:00PM - 8:45PM
home of Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein

Akron Women Singing. Open to all women and girls.

March 18

Musical Mindfulness Workshop with The Jolly Lollies

6:30PM-8:30PM
The Lippman School

Session explores supporting the whole child through music. Geared toward preschool & kindergarten educators. \$15 per person.

March 20

Purim Shpiel

5:30PM - 9:00PM
Beth El Congregation

A Disney Purim, pizza, and parody.

March 21

Purim Celebration

5:00PM - 10:00PM
Anshe Sfarad

Disney-themed Purim celebration includes Megillah reading, dinner, Disney parade, cocktail hour.

Lippman Palooza

Benefiting The Lippman School

Saturday, March 16, 2019 / 6:30 - 11:30pm



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This February, The Lippman School students — from transitional kindergarten through eighth grade — performed in the annual school play *Neverland*, a version of *Peter Pan*.

B'nai B'rith President Kaufman Will Speak on April 14

B'nai B'rith is celebrating its 175th anniversary of the organization's service to the world. On Sunday, April 14, at 10 a.m., The Aaron Grossman Lodge #339 in Youngstown will present Charles O. Kaufman, B'nai B'rith International president, who will speak about B'nai B'rith and vital issues in the world today. Brunch will follow the event. Neighboring lodges and units from Pittsburgh and Northeast Ohio are invited to join them for this special event.

It takes place at the JCC of Youngstown, 505 Gypsy Lane. Seating is limited. RSVP required by March 15. To RSVP, call Alan Samuels at 724-658-8223 and leave your name and the number of guests who will attend. Or email this information to: bootman55@aol.com.



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Funds for College: Options for Jewish Students

It's that time of year when families with children heading to college may be figuring out how to finance their education. For Jewish students, there are a spectrum of opportunities.

Locally, Akron-area teens can apply for the Barbara Pollock Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship for local, Jewish high school students who have excelled in sports and in the classroom. The deadline for applications is May 20. Contact the JCBA at 330-869-2424 for an application.

The Akron Jewish Student Loan Fund provides low-interest loans to area Jewish residents. Those wishing to attend undergraduate or post-graduate programs at a university or college, as well as students of community colleges or accredited technical schools, are welcome to apply. Applicants must be Jewish and reside in Summit County and can be any age. For further information or to request an application, please call Sheila Gottlieb at 330-836-9276.

At Temple Israel, local Jewish students who intend to attend a four-year Ohio public university can apply for the George and Lois Epstein College Scholarship Fund. Applicants should have demonstrated academic excellence and a passion for various pursuits. There's a strong preference for those attending Miami University or The Ohio State University and intending to pursue a career in math, science or business. Contact Temple Israel at 330-665-2000 for more information.

In addition, JFSA of Cleveland awards need-based grants, interest free loans and scholarships to full-time college students in Greater Cleveland (including Summit County). Applications are open, and the deadline for submission is April 10. Applicants must self-identify as Jewish either by ethnicity or practice. The family income listed on 2017 taxes must be less than \$150,000 and the applicant must be attending a four-year accredited university or college as a full-time student. Students attending online schools are not eligible for aid at this time. All new applicants who qualify will need to interview with the Manager of the College Financial Aid Program. For more information, visit www.jfsa-cleveland.org/cfap/ or call Jessica Rosenblitt at 216.378.3429.

Hillel recently launched a Jewish Scholarship portal at hillel.org/college-guide/jewish-scholarships. Using different search criteria, applicants can find suitable scholarships to apply to. It features hundreds of undergraduate, grad school, and Israel travel scholarships just for Jewish students. Scholarships range from \$500 all the way to full tuition.

Mitzvah Meal Chesed Friends Offer Kindness to Community

As a community, we help each other in need through *chesed* – random acts of kindness.

Women's Chavurah Sisterhood of Anshe Sfard has been Mitzvah Meal Chesed Friends for the past 25 years— whether it's providing a hot meal, making a friendly call, or making a visit to the hospital, nursing home, a housebound individual, or a shiva home. Its volunteers have also been *shomrim* and assisted the *Chevra Kadisha* for the deceased. Please consider joining these acts of *chesed*.

Email office@akronshul.com to learn more or let them know of someone who can benefit or how you can help.



From Our Shaliach

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Holon, the dragon and the Shnat Sherut

Purim! The fun holiday of costumes, Ozney Haman (hamentashen—in Israeli we say “Hamen’s ears”), and everything nice. Purim is a big deal in Israel. Every school and workplace celebrates the holiday with a Purim party, costume competitions, and giving each other Mishaloch Manot (literally, “sending of portions” or Purim baskets that are full of candies, fruits, some toys and cards for the holiday). In addition, many Israelis find themselves driving to Holon, a city not far from Tel-Aviv, which holds the biggest Purim parade in Israel every year. Its name: Adloyada!

But Holon is more than just Adloyada or a Purim parade for me. A lot of people ask me about my military service, and I tell them about working with teenagers in Haifa. I also explain that before that I was in a youth movement and took part in something called “Shnat Sherut,” or community service year. What does that mean? And what is the connection to Holon?

“Shnat Sherut” is the “year of service program” that offers Israeli high school graduates an opportunity to delay mandatory army service in the IDF and serve in Israeli communities or in Jewish communities around the world for up to 10 months. People participating in the program are known as Shin-shinim. There are even Shin-shinim who are shlichim! In 2017, 113 service-year shlichim served in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, and other countries, and we expect that number to grow.

I did my Shnat Sheirut in the youth movement

that I was in since I was a child, “Hano’ar Ha’oved Ve’halomed.” The concept of the Shnat Sheirut in the youth movements is similar: You live in a shared apartment with other friends from your group (or Gar’in, which means seed in Hebrew). You’re in charge of one of the youth movement centers, which includes going into schools, creating fun programs, and overseeing programs that high schoolers create for younger kids. You might be sent to a center totally operated by teens or to a new center that needs to be established.

My Shnat Sheirut was in Holon. I was mostly in charge of the seventh-twelfth grade students and was being part of their school and after-school activities in the youth movement center. It helped me to understand the importance of formal and informal education and the love I have for both. Being in Holon taught me a lot of things, and I’m so happy for the opportunity I had to move to another city and be part of the life there.

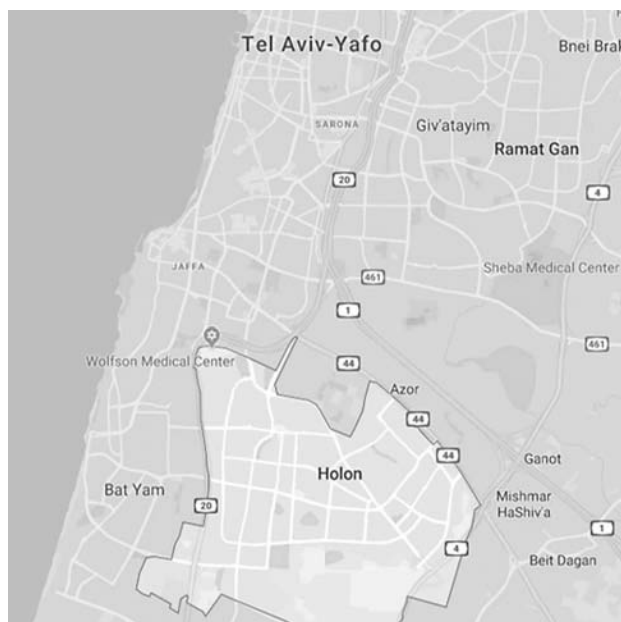
Living in Holon and being part of the community, we got a unique job opportunity. As group, we got the chance to operate the decorated floats of the Purim parade! So, during the parade surrounded by music



Another ordinary day for Mor, riding on a giant dragon float during a Purim parade.

and dancers, I rode on a giant moving dragon or lizard. (I like to say it was a dragon—that sounds way cooler!)

If you get the chance and are in Israel on Purim, go to Holon. The parade might be smaller than the parades here in the U.S., but this kind of Purim parade is unforgettable!









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Get to Know Ashley Garson

Director of Camp and Youth Programs for the Shaw JCC

What do you want campers and families to know about you?



My love for camp started when I attended JCC Rainbow Camp in my hometown of Milwaukee and later Camp Agawak, where I was a camper, counselor-in-training and camp counselor for 10 years. I'm a licensed speech-language pathologist with eight years of school experience, and while I loved my job, my heart was always at camp. During the last five years, I've worked at the Mandel JCC J-Day Camps, most recently as the director of J-Sports Camp. I live with my husband Alex in Solon, and I look forward to getting to know the Akron community and to growing and strengthening the Camp JCC program.

What is your favorite experience working at Camp?

Camp offers such an incredibly unique sense of community and belonging for campers. I love how excited the campers are to see their friends and how their faces light up to learn new skills from their counselors. I really love Shabbat and the joy of bringing Jewish experiences – songs and prayers – throughout the camp day.

When is the best time for families to investigate camps for their kids?

The sooner, the better. I encourage parents to secure their spot in the Camp JCC program to get the best discounts. Our early-bird savings deadline ends March 31. Depending on capacity, many camps fill up quickly. If your camper is a first-time camper, signing up early allows time for parents to prepare their kids for an experience of a lifetime.

What should parents look for when choosing a summer camp for their kids?

Safety with a proven track record should be the highest priority, followed closely by the facility and quality programming. At Camp JCC, kids are able to explore, develop, and grow without the pressures of school and academics and in a safe environment supported by professional counselors. Parents can feel good knowing that their kids are having fun outdoors on our beautiful campus with the use of outdoor fields, indoor and outdoor pools, full-size gym and our large, covered pavilion space.

Why should parents choose Camp JCC?

As someone who's grown up in the JCCA Camp network and camping industry, parents can expect the same best practices at Camp JCC. Schedules are strategically planned to keep kids active and to bring out the best in their creativity and unique characters. We also include activities designed to help others, part of positive values such as Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) and Gemilut Chasidim (acts of love and kindness).

What do think of this year's theme: "Rock Away with Camp JCC"?

I'm by no means a professional singer, but one of my favorite things about camp is the music and songs. When I was a kid, I could sing camp songs all day long. My family would learn the songs and sing along, and that really enhanced the camp experience. Camp JCC is special in that it makes meaningful connections for both parents and their kids all year long.

It's All about Connections

Each year we try to add one or two hosts to the rotating Forum 360 hosts. The most important qualities in a host are an inquisitive mind, the ability to think on your feet, flexible schedule and the desire to do "homework" for each show. Plus, hosts should be able to develop a topic or interview into an entire show. The TV part can be learned.

A topic might be interesting, but can you make a whole show about it? A person may be noteworthy, but can you talk with them for 26 minutes? One of the challenges of being a host is to CONNECT: connect a person or a topic to a bigger theme.

Perhaps you are at the dentist's office and you hear about an area high school senior hoping to go to The Naval Academy. In itself that is not a show. But two or three high school seniors, who have selected different post high school paths, could be a show.

One of the shows taped in January was about the 2020 census. While the idea of counting people might seem boring, our Forum 360 guest helped us understand how important it is to the future to have everyone, even children, counted. For school systems to be able to prepare for the future they need to know what enrollment will look like five and ten years from now.

On another show, guest Rachel Whitehawk Day connected her unique life story to challenges and self-esteem issues that young girls face today. She has developed a program using horses to empower young women.

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 a.m. WAKR AM 1590 Sunday, 5 p.m., Monday 12:30 a.m.

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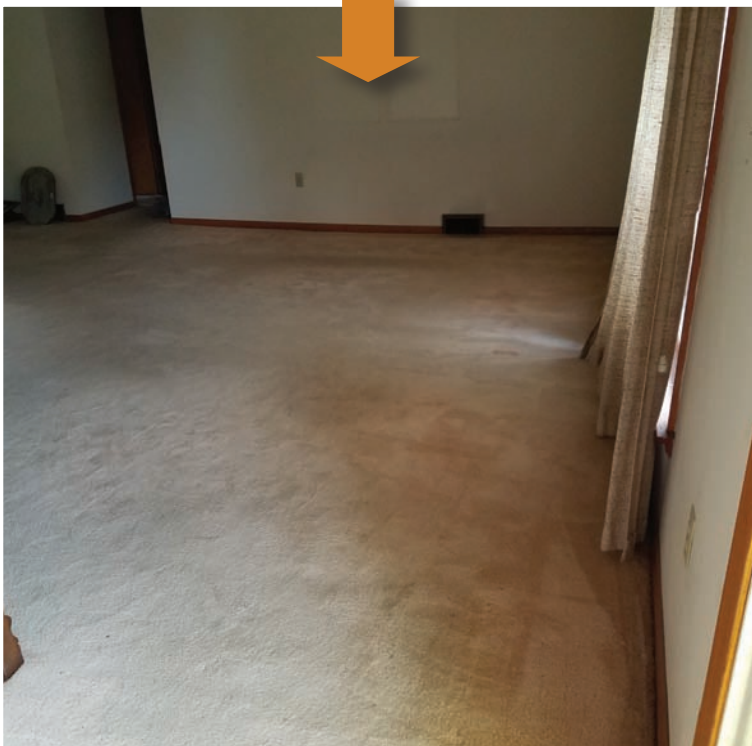
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OPEN D'OR

NETWORKING EVENT

Thursday, March 7 • 5-7 p.m. • Schultz Campus

Want to get involved but don't know how? Currently involved and looking for new leaders? Just looking to make some new friends in the community? Open D'Or is a new event designed to further the creation and development of relationships between **emerging** and **experienced** leaders in the Akron Jewish community.

Facilitated by Leslie Ungar, President, Electric Impulse Communications

- **Make new connections and discover common interests and goals.** Open D'Or is like speed dating for networking. Come find your match!
- **Learn tips and tricks for good networking.** Facilitator Leslie Ungar will show us what to do and, more importantly, what not to do at networking events.
- **Build relationships and strengthen our community.** Walk away with new connections to people and areas of interest in the Akron Jewish community.
- **Find your passion.** Discover what you're passionate about and learn how to transform your passion into action.
- **Appetizers and drinks provided.**
- **Childcare** at no charge. Drop-off beginning at 4:45 p.m.; program starts promptly at 5:15 pm.
- **FREE and open to the community. Must RSVP** online at www.jewishakron.org/all-meetings/open-dor by March 1st.

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Bat Mitzvah: Allison Shkolnik

Allison Shkolnik will become a Bat Mitzvah at Beth El on March 23. She is the daughter of Josh and Jen Shkolnik and the sister of Samuel, Emily, and Jacob. She is the granddaughter of Steve and Bobbie Shkolnik, Carol Shkolnik and Andy Myers, Ray, and the late Marlene Ott.

Ally currently attends Hebrew School at Beth El and is in eighth grade at The Lippman School. She is a proud member of the Lippman Blue Streaks women's basketball team, which just won its first championship. Her other hobbies include softball and cooking. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Allison donated baking items to ACCESS and camp supplies to the Boys & Girls Club and is sponsoring a softball player for WABL.

Notice a Housekeeping or Maintenance Issue?

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

Celebrate Purim with RCJ



RACHEL OSHEROW
RCJ PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The festive Purim holiday is fast approaching! Celebrate with other Jewish young professionals at the RCJ Purim Party on March 23 from 6-8:30 p.m. at High St. Hop House/Uncorked Wine Bar. Mix and mingle with live music, great food, and beverages in this hip, downtown spot. Dress up as your favorite character from a story, movie, TV show, or comic. Prizes will be awarded to the best costumes! This event is free for RCJ-Ticket Holders and \$10 for guests.

Need to purchase or renew your RCJ Ticket? Purchase online or at any RCJ event.

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.

RCJ Member Spotlight

Nathan Fox

► **How long have you been involved in RCJ?**
Since August 2017

► **Where are you from/live?**
I was born in Cleveland, grew up in Milwaukee, WI, moved here from Highland Park, NJ, and have lived in the Akron area (Wooster) since July 2017.

► **Job:** Math/computer science professor at The College of Wooster.

► **Favorite food:** Eggplant Parmesan

► **Hobbies:** Bicycling, baseball fandom

► **Favorite thing about Akron:** The welcoming Jewish community.

► **Favorite thing about RCJ:** That it exists and is so active/affordable.

► **Favorite RCJ program:** The RubberDucks game



Bernath to Speak at Yom HaShoah on May 2

The Shaw JCC and the Jewish Community Board of Akron invite the entire community to remember the Holocaust on Thursday, May 2, from 7 to 8 p.m., at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life.

This year's Yom HaShoah Commemoration – or Yom HaShoah Ve-Hagevurah which literally translates as the Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and Heroism – will feature testimony from Holocaust survivor and Lyndhurst resident Stanley Bernath. He is a Romanian native who was liberated from a concentration camp in Ebensee on May 6, 1945, when he was 17 years old.

Bernath will share his story of survival and the challenges of living in a Nazi prison camp as inmates scrambled for food in a world where starvation and torture were daily occurrences. When he was liberated in 1945, he weighed only 65 pounds. When he came to the United States at age 19, he didn't know English but felt strongly he should enlist in the military as a way to give back to the country that freed him. After two failed attempts to join the army, he tried again and was finally accepted. He was sent to Germany where he served four

years with the intelligence unit, according to the Cleveland Jewish News.

Bernath volunteers his time at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, where he speaks about his experiences which have been preserved through an interactive visual recording that appears as a hologram-like projection. After 40 years of speaking and appearances, he continues to pass on the lessons he has learned: "Never give up, no matter how bad it seems, always believe in yourself, and no one is any better than I am – and I'm not better than anyone else," he said. "Hatred is off my shoulder. You can't live with hatred because that is like a parasite infecting your brain."

The Yom HaShoah commemoration on May 2 will include a memorial service and candle-lighting ceremony. As is the custom in Israel, the commemoration will begin with the sounding of a siren. Mor Roffe, Akron's shaliach, will lead the community by asking all in attendance to stand during the one-minute blast of the siren.

The commemoration is free and open to the public. For more information please contact the Shaw JCC at 330-867-7850.

Educators from China Visit Lippman

Three Chinese educators spent two weeks in residence at The Lippman School as part of an exchange program with Lippman's Chinese sister school The Dali Experimental School in Guangzhou, China.

During the visit, Lippman students in transitional kindergarten through eighth grade learned about Chinese culture with a special emphasis on traditional art forms. The Dali School's lead art teacher worked with students to create individual artwork based on traditional Chinese art forms and displayed the artwork in The Lippman School's Woll Family Center for Innovation for the community to enjoy.

As part of this annual cultural exchange, three teachers from Lippman spent two weeks teaching and learning in The Dali School. Additionally, Dali School students will travel to the Akron community this summer as part of its annual Cultural Immersion Camp. Approximately 20 students will travel from China with their teachers to participate in this academic cross-cultural camp. Campers will explore Chinese and American cultures. Afternoons will include a variety of recreational opportunities, including swimming and hiking in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. For more information call the school at 330-836-0419.



Mommy & Me

On Thursdays from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Anshe Sfard hosts "Mommy & Me" for children age birth to three-years old and their mom, dad, or grandparent.

Kaila Sasonkin leads sessions that include music and movement, Jewish songs and prayers, hands-on activities, outdoor fun, snacks, and more. Register at akronshul.com or call 330-867-7292. Suggested donation: \$10 per session.

Liz, Holly, & The Jolly Lollies Children's Concert

Sponsored by The Lippman School and The Lisa and Thom Mandel Early Childhood Education Center

Sunday, March 17, 2019 / 4:00 - 5:00pm
Shaw JCC / 750 White Pond Drive, Akron



Liz Corwin and Holly Johnson are both singer-songwriters who teamed up to create Liz, Holly, & The Jolly Lollies. Based in Charlotte, NC, they are known around the Queen City for teaching early childhood music in preschools and for leading music programs for Music Together of Charlotte. Many of their songs guide children in imaginative play, encourage them to find alternative ways to self-regulate, and get them up and moving. Above all, Liz and Holly enjoy being silly and providing a magical experience for both adults and children to let their hair down and cut a rug! This concert is recommended for children up to age seven.

\$10 per family

Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite or on the event Facebook page



CHERYL CARTER BETH EL UNIVERSITY

Sports as American Jewish History

Adults are welcome on Sunday, March 17 for a light breakfast and lecture. Scholar-in-residence Lex Rofeburg will discuss The History of American Sports as American Jewish History. Minyan is at 8:45 a.m., and the lecture and breakfast will run from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

In the early 20th century, Jews represented one in seven boxing world champions. When the NBA was founded, Jews made up approximately 10 percent of the league. In recent decades, Jews have been over-represented in Olympic sports such as figure skating, gymnastics, and swimming, but far less prominent than they once were in boxing or basketball. In 1934, boxer Max Baer wore a Magen David on his shorts while fighting (and defeating) Germany's Max Schmeling. In the early 2000s, NFL Lineman Igor Olshansky wore a Magen David also— but as a tattoo! What might all these things reflect? What can the world of sports teach us about Jewishness, Jewish history, and even Judaism?

This program is sponsored by a grant from Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation. There is no cost to attend, but please RSVP to Robynne at the Beth El office at 330-864-2105, ext. 118.

2019 Interfaith Justice Series

From HATE to FORGIVENESS: A Journey of Conversion

How Shame Leads to Hate

March 13 at St. Hilary Catholic Church
Tony McAleer, co-founder of "Life After Hate"

How Fear Grows Hate

March 20 at Temple Israel
Dr. Michael Levin, University of Akron

How Compassion Changes Hate

March 27 at New Hope Baptist Church
Panel including Dr. Geraldine Nelson, NAACP

How Forgiveness Heals Hate

April 3 at Faith Lutheran Church
Video: Homeboy Industries Gang Ministry

- 6:00 p.m. Gathering/Sign in
- 6:15 p.m. Meal
- 7:00 p.m. Worship
- 7:30 p.m. Presentation & discussion

Please mark your calendars for this opportunity to make a difference in our larger community and remember to RSVP by calling your congregation's office or registering on-line: <https://bit.ly/2QMYHTq>



WINTER BASH





Senior Adult Programs at the Shaw JCC

Bridge

Mondays 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Fridays 10:30 a.m.– 1 p.m.

Retired Men's group

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Bunch

2nd Tuesdays 11:30 a.m.

Once a month come and join us as we eat at different locally owned, Akron-area restaurants. PLEASE RSVP* at least one day in advance. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 on your own.

Feb. 12: Leah's Kitchen

1867 W. Market St. (behind Acme #1)

Monthly Health Talks

3rd Tuesdays 10:45 a.m.
March. 19

Local healthcare professionals will provide information on a variety of subjects. Great information, and a healthy snack will be served. This month, Derik and Gina from Brookdale will present The Importance and Impact of Being a Caring Neighbor.

* Please RSVP to Julie LeFever at jlefever@shawjcc.org or 330-835-0027. Visit www.shawjcc.org for a complete listing of programs.

Movie Matinee

3rd Wednesdays 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy a movie on the big screen at Center Towers— plus free popcorn. Closed captions provided. FREE.

March 20: The Shape of Water

From master storyteller Guillermo del Toro, come an other-worldly fairytale set against the backdrop of Cold War -era America circa 1962. In the hidden high-security government laboratory where she works, lonely Elisa (Sally Hawkins) is trapped in a life of silence and isolation. Elisa's life is changed forever when she and co-worker Zelda (Octavia Spencer) discover a secret classified experiment.

Mah Jongg

Thursdays 1–4 p.m.

Pots & Pans Cooking Class

3rd Thursdays 1:30 p.m.

Learn seasonal recipes and techniques in this hands on, relaxed, and fun class. No experience necessary, and you get to eat what we prepare. Reservations to Julie* are a must for this one. Cost: \$10 for members and \$12 for guests.

March 21: Easy Summer Appetizers

Art Fridays

2nd Fridays 10:30 a.m.

The second Friday of the month finds us dabbling in all kinds of art mediums, from pottery to painting, paper cutting to planting. No experience is required, but reservations are a must so that we can have the proper amount of supplies for each artist.

March 8 Miniature Succulent Bowl

Join us at nearby Graf Growers (1015 White Pond Dr.) for a succulent garden workshop. Buy a bowl there, or bring one from home and create your very own garden in one of the greenhouses. Please RSVP* to Julie by March 5. Cost: \$10 plus cost of bowl.

Be Tay Avon Café

***Usually on the 4th Friday* 11:30 .am.**

Thursday, March 28

Usually on the fourth Friday of each month, but it's on a Thursday this month, and it's not brunch, it's lunch. And it's not at the Shaw JCC, it's at Shady Hollow Lodge in Sand Run Park. Bring a salad to share. Hot dogs, fixings and beverages will be provided, as will fun conversation, and maybe even a walk in the park! Cost: Free-will donation, but reservations are a must by Tues., Jan. 22. This program is supported by a grant from the Edward I. Abramson Program Fund.

Koffee and Kibbutz with Carol and Julie

Friday, March 15 10:45 a.m.

Join Carol and Julie in the Shaw JCC lobby after your workout to relax with friends, enjoy a cup of coffee and light nosh, find out what's going on in the senior adult world, and give us suggestions about future programming you might like to see. Reservations are not necessary.

Laughter and Breathing Workshop with Carol

Tuesday, March 26 11 a.m.

Breathe. Laugh. Be happy. Laughter and breathing exercises can improve your mental and physical health. Carol Kushkin will lead us through our second informational and entertaining class as we learn more about the healing power of laughter and the benefit of certain breathing exercises. Free and open to the community.

Passover Shopping

Thursday, April 11 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

We have secured a bus to make a trip up to Heinen's and Boris' to pick up any kosher-for-Passover (or other) foods you might like to purchase. If you would like to order ahead and pick up that day, by all means, do so. This is always a really fun trip, and you don't have to be Jewish to enjoy the experience! Includes lunch on your own at either market. Reservations are a must by April 5. Cost: \$8. Coolers welcome!

Volunteer Opportunity

The Mitzvah Crew at the Shaw JCC is looking for volunteers to help the Granny Group with an activity with the children from the Mandel ECE Center on March 13 from 8:30 a.m. to around 12:30 p.m. Any amount of time you could give would be appreciated! You can contact Julie if you are interested.

Grief Support Group Held Monthly

On the last Shabbat of the month from 12:15-1:15 p.m., there will be an open grief support group held at Beth El. All are welcome. Sessions are facilitated by a professional grief counselor in coordination with Jewish Family Service. The funding for this program is made possible through a grant from the Edward I Abramson JCBA Programing Fund.

Temple Israel
Sisterhood Gift Shop

Why is this month,
March 2019, different
from all other months?

SEDER PLATES ARE 10% OFF!



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

- Wednesdays, from 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- After most Friday evening Shabbat Services
- By Appointment: 330-665-2000

Save the Date

TRUNK SHOW

of Native American-inspired jewelry
by Elia Meltzer

Sunday, April 14 • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

'We are many, yet we are one'

Temple Israel Sisterhood invites all women to a multi-generational seder Thursday, April 11, at 6 p.m.

This spiritual journey will celebrate women with uplifting music led by Cantor Kathy, inspirational readings, and an original Haggadah written and recited by women of all ages. It takes place in the Temple Israel Social Hall.

Cost is \$18 through April 5. After that date, cost is \$25. Make checks payable to: Temple Israel Sisterhood, Attn: Women's Seder, 91 Springside Drive, Akron, Ohio 44333. Include number of attendees. For online reservations with credit card only, visit www.templeisraelakron.org/event/womens-seder.html. A credit card processing fee will apply. This project was made possible by a grant from The Jewish Women's Endowment Fund (JWEF) of Akron.

Women's Pre-Passover Gathering Includes Drum Circle

All women and girls are invited to a Pre-Passover Gathering on Sunday, April 7 (Nissan 2, 5779) at 6:30 p.m. The theme for this event is Women's Music of Freedom.

Enjoy the women's drumming circle, songs, stories, and a dessert buffet. Mazal Cohen hosts the event at her home, 600 San Moritz Dr. Attendees will receive a handmade Shmura matzah (food of faith). The evening is in honor of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's birthday, a spiritual leader who encouraged personal and spiritual freedom through Torah, Kabbalah learning and community involvement.

There is a \$10 suggested donation. To become a partner in planning or for more information, contact Mazal Cohen at 330-864-0806 or mazalc770@gmail.com. Sponsored by Women's Chavurah, Anshe Sfard, and the Cohens.

REMINDER TO SNOW BIRDS

If you plan to return to Akron after the winter away, let the JCBA office know so that you can continue to receive the Akron Jewish News and JCBA communications. Contact Sheri Galat at 330-835-0003 or sgalat@jewishakron.org.

B"H

1st Night of Pesach

COMMUNITY SEDER

ANSHE SFARD SYNAGOGUE | 6:30PM | FRIDAY, APRIL 19

**SPIRITED &
ENGAGING SEDER**

led by The Sasonkins & Ohayons

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GOURMET DINNER

catered by Efrat & Kaila

Schedule:

6:45 pm - Appetizer, fish, salads & soup
7:30 pm - Evening Services
8:15 pm - Kiddush, Haggadah & Dinner

Fee: by April 9 \$36 / Adult \$18 Child (3-13)
after April 9 \$54 / Adult \$36 Child
(Includes Grape Juice for the 4 cups)

Optional:

A. Bring your own Kosher for Passover wine.
B. Wine available for sale in advance at the Shul.

RSVP
330-867-7292
www.akronshul.com



WORSHIP OPTIONS FOR YOUTH

Mini Minyan at Beth El: March 2

Beth El hosts a Shabbat service geared towards its youngest congregants and their families on the first Saturday of every month. Full of songs, stories, and movement, the service starts at 10:30 a.m. and usually lasts about 45 minutes to an hour. Older siblings are always welcome. No cost.

Wee Sing at Temple Israel: March 31

Once a month, Temple Israel hosts Wee Sing for families with children age five and under. Enjoy schmoozing, stories, and songs on Sundays at 10 a.m. Bagels and coffee provided.

Beth El Jr. Congregation: March 2

On the first Saturday of every month at Beth El, Sarah Greenblatt leads a service open to all school-age students. It begins at 10:15 a.m., and parents are welcome to attend it or attend the main service.

Young Family Shabbat: March 15

Join young families at Beth El for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by a family-friendly service at 6:15 p.m., with dessert following. (Vegetarian or vegan options available— just let Beth El know.) Grandparents are welcome! Sponsored by the Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation. Free and open to all. RSVPs appreciated.

Young Family Shabbat: March 8

Anshe Sfard hosts Shabbat in the Round once a month on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. It's a young family Shabbat experience through food, fun, friends, and prayer. Open to all. RSVP to 330-606-9876 or to office@akronshul.com. Sponsored by the Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation.

SYNAGOGUE SCHEDULES

Anshe Sfard Synagogue

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

Shacharit: Sunday, 8 a.m.
Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.
Shabbat, 9 a.m.

Mincha & Maariv: Sunday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, sunset

Torah Studies with Rabbi Sasonkin:
Tuesday at 8 p.m.; 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:
2nd Friday of the month at 7 p.m.

Shabbat Morning Services: 9:15 a.m.
Shacharit: Wednesdays & Fridays, 7:30 a.m.
Sundays, 8:45 a.m.

Additional weekday minyans by request, either 7:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. Please send requests to the rabbi.

Temple Beth Shalom

50 Division Street, Hudson • 330-656-1800
info@tbshudson.org
Rabbi Michael Ross

Friday Night Services:
Held twice a month at 7:45 p.m., 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 p.m.
Torah Study: Saturdays at 9 a.m.
Saturday Morning Services: 10:30 a.m.

CANDLE-LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, March 1	5:59 p.m.
Friday, March 8	6:07 p.m.
Friday, March 15	7:15 p.m.
Friday, March 22	7:22 p.m.
Friday, March 29	7:30p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRIBES



Anshe Sfard, Beth El, and Temple Israel held a final combined session of Sunday School on Feb 10. Students spent the morning learning about what it means to be a scribe and even had the chance to practice writing with a quill and ink! This series was sponsored by a grant from the JCBA's Esther and Harold Savage Youth Activities Fund.



Orders for Kosher Hamantashen due March 10

\$12 a dozen. Pre-paid orders due by Sunday, March 10. Mail orders to Hamantashen c/o Wendy Macher, 2688 Olentangy Drive, Akron, OH 44333. Make checks out to Women's Chavurah. For more information, call 330-330-873-1499 or visit www.akronshul.com.

Pick up at Anshe Sfard on Sunday, March 17 from 11 am-1 pm (or call for an appointment).

HAMANTASH ORDER FORM

I would like to order a total of _____dozen hamantashen in the following flavors:

_____ Dozen Prune	Enclosed is \$_____
_____ Dozen Apricot	Buyer's Name_____
_____ Dozen Raspberry	Phone#_____
_____ Dozen Poppy Seed	Email _____
_____ Dozen Chocolate	
_____ Dozen Assorted	
_____ Dozen Cherry	

Proceeds to benefit Women's Chavurah Sisterhood Community Programs.

A Mitzvah for Purim: Send Mishloach Manot

In celebration of the Purim miracle that the Jews were saved from Haman, they celebrated with acts of kindness to each other. We commemorate that time with the same gestures. On Purim day it's a mitzvah to send Mishloach Manot, a gift of at least two kinds of foods to a friend.

Women's Chavurah will be organizing the 21st Annual Community Purim Gift Box Project. If you have never received a Purim Box in the past and would like to receive one, please call 330-606-9876 as soon as possible.

Forms will be mailed, or you can order online. We are grateful to the Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation for their annual sponsorship.



At Beth El

A DISNEY PURIM,
PIZZA & PARODY

Purim Shpiel
Wed. March 20

Beginning at 5:30pm
Dinner is open to the
entire Synagogue,
followed by the Megillah
reading & Purim Shpiel
~ 6:15pm.

Please bring Sealed, new,
LOUD non-perishables
to use as Groggers
& donations to the
Akron Canton Foodbank!

Contributions

Jennifer Moss Scholarship Fund

Speedy recovery to

- Alan Kay from Herb & Ellen Moss

Happy Birthday to

- Beth Feffer from Herb & Ellen Moss

In Memory of

- Pam Taub from Herb & Ellen Moss
- Elliot Azoff from Herb & Ellen Moss
- George Miller from Herb & Ellen Moss

Mazel Tov to

- Hunter Bernhardt on your Bar Mitzvah from Herb & Ellen Moss
- Alan & Patsy Siff on the Bat Mitzvah of your granddaughter from Herb & Ellen Moss

The Rose & Lawrence Schwartz Holocaust Education Fund

In Memory of

- Rose and Lawrence Schwartz from Ed & Marla Schwartz

Shaw JCC Endowment Fund

In Memory of

- Jerry Rothal from Beverly & Max Rothal

Lila Marks Music Performance & Education Fund

In Memory of

- Marge Kambrich from Shelley & Larry Kaye
- Beatrice Cohen from Shelley & Larry Kaye

In Honor of

- Bart & Dianne Oldenburg for being a warm and generous couple from Annika Mito

Randy Recht Sports Camp Fund

In Memory of

- Pamela Taub from Marjorie Recht; Scott & Paula Gross

Speedy Recovery for

- Rivie Zimmerman from Marjorie Recht

In Honor of

- David Koch’s retirement from Bernard Haberman
- Jason & Rachel Lichten and the B’Nai Mitzvah of their children Jacob & Sophia from Marjorie Recht
- Marilyn Serelson’s Special Birthday from Marilyn Recht
- Dr. Leonard Bernstein’s Special Birthday from Marilyn Recht; Lauren Weinstein; Paula & Scott Gross

Ronald Penner JCC Memorial Fund for Israel-centric BBYO Programming

In Honor of

- Marty & Joyce Oppenheimer’s Special Birthdays from Mort & Sandy Emerman

In Memory of

- Pam Taub from Mort, Sandy & Scott Emerman; Harriet & Jack Neiman

Stewart Surloff Memorial Fund

In Memory of

- Leslie Moss Weber from Marlen & Jeffrey Spector

Scott Zorn Scholarship Fund

In Memory of

- Scott Zorn from Janice & Steve Epstein; SR Miller; Marla & Larry Levine; Linda & Michael Jacobs; Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona and the Tucson JCC; Michael & Madeline Turk; Dana, Adam, Sam & Sarah Hutter; Caryn, Brian Evan & Lauren Snerson; Irene Ross; Janet & Wayne Rice; Carly Regal; Michael & Carolyn Stelman Philanthropic Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona; the Granny Group; Dale & Beth Frost; Faye & Ed Regal
- Fran Lieberman from Linda & Michael Jacobs
- Sybil Willen from Linda & Michael Jacobs

Make a Contribution

Celebrate or honor a loved one or friend with a contribution to one of the many funds we manage, which support various programs and expenses. See the lists of the funds below Tributes are a minimum of \$10.

- **Funds at the JCBA**
Call 330-869-2424
- **Funds at JFS**
Call 330-867-3388
- **Funds at the Shaw JCC**
Call 330-867-7850

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.

Save the Date!

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
26th Annual Shaw JCC
Golf Outing

www.shawjcc.org/golf-outing
330-835-0025



Buy a sleeve of matzah



Invite Aunt Ruth



Make a brisket



Clean the oven



Change lives...by pledging to
JCBA's Annual Campaign

There's still time to do it all before Passover.

Every year at your Seder table, you and your family find new meaning in an age-old story. And every year you each experience the joys of Passover anew. But this year while you renew the meaning of Passover with friends and relatives at your own table — you can also make a difference in lives throughout our community. Any size of gift to JCBA's Annual Campaign can go a long way in making this Passover different and more meaningful from all others that have gone before — for the entire Jewish family. Give today: www.jewishakron.org or call 330-835-0005.



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