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The Sounds of the Shofar



Children and parents gathered on Sept. 17 for a unique "Shofar Factory" at the Shaw JCC. See more photos on page 8.

WHY AKRON?

Building a Life in a New Country

Five years ago, the Kogan family peered out the window of their new home—a house fully furnished by donations from people in Akron's Jewish community. They looked in awe at the yard, the neighborhood and exclaimed, "There's no fences here!"

Paul, Miri, Joshua, Ariel, and Tzvi Kogan had just moved to Akron from Mexico City, where security issues produced walls, fences and police.

"The [lack of] security was difficult in Mexico," Miri says. "We wanted new opportunities for our kids. Of course it was a hard decision to leave our family and friends. But we decided if God opens the door, we will take it."

The Kogans had grown up in a strong, tight-knit Jewish community, where "people stay there forever." Miri explains that people don't move around as much as North Americans do. "That doesn't happen in Mexico City, especially in the Jewish community."

The Jewish community in Mexico is concentrated in Mexico City, with about 45,000 Jews there. Along with other Jewish immigrants, "our grandparents came from Eastern Europe in 1925 because the doors closed to the U.S."

Sectors of the Jewish community there formed according to the origin of the immigrants: Ashkenazi, Sephardic, Syrian, and Damascus/Lebanon. Jews in

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A Great Mitzvah

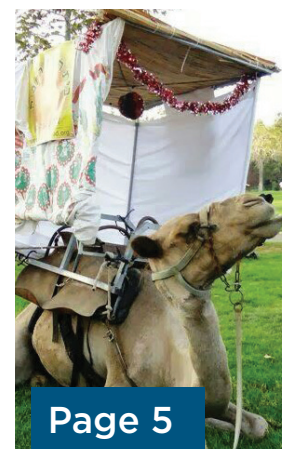
Volunteers Clean Up Sherbondy Hill Cemetery



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A Sukkah United

Our shlichim tease out the meanings of Sukkot

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Sherbondy Hill Cemetery Clean Up



On Sunday, Sep. 10, a small but mighty crew worked diligently at Sherbondy Hill Cemetery to clear it of weeds and overgrown bushes that were obscuring headstones. Within only an hour and a half, these people cleared of 80% of the graves whose headstones were covered up.

Thank you to: Jen Bernard, Michael Clar, Nadine Clar, Sanna Feinstein, Marge Perlman, Katie Poorman, and Sid Steinberger. A special thanks to Esther Hexter, who helped coordinate the event.

Caring for the dead is one of the most important mitzvot (commandments). Thank you to all those who heeded the call.

Honoring Lions and Poms

JCBA recognizes women who individually give \$1800+ to its Annual Campaign as Pomegranates and \$5000+ as Lions of Judah. In late August, there was a reception to honor these donors.



About 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 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 for details.

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 for details.



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Oct. 7

**Lippman/ECE/Northern Cheyenne
Bonfire and Havdalah**

7:30PM - 9:00PM
Shaw JCC Akron

The evening will include Northern Cheyenne drumming, singing, dancing, and camp-out. Admission is free and open to the community. All ages welcome.

Oct. 8

Generational Reflections-Share Your Love Story

1:00PM - 3:00PM
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Older adults are invited to share their love story or wedding story with younger adults over a casual lunch—free of charge. A collaboration between RCJ, JFS, and Shaw JCC’s adult programming department.

Oct. 9

Holocaust Seminar: Children During the Holocaust

4:00PM - 8:00PM
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Educators and interested learners are welcome at this annual seminar. Historian and professor Dr. Mark Cole will provide the keynote "A Childhood Vanquished in the Łódź Ghetto." Event includes survivor testimony and educational resources.

Oct. 29

Annual Kids Mega Challah Bake

2:00 - 4:00PM
Shaw JCC Akron

Children ages 3-13 are invited for an afternoon of games, crafts and challah baking. Cost is \$10 per child / \$25 max per family by Oct. 22. Babysitting available for children under age 3.



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*Join Shlichim
Gili and Uri!*

All Programs include hot
beverages and dessert and are
FREE, unless otherwise noted.

Please RSVP to:
Shlichim@jewishakron.org
or 330-316-5699.

Keep the Wheels Moving

**Oct. 17
at 7 p.m.** **How Israeli Tech Improves the World**

Let’s discuss some of the amazing technological advances Israel has given the world and what other technology is moving forward.

Aniye Ircha Kodmim (The Poor of Your City First)

**Nov. 2
at 7 p.m.** **Welfare and Immigration in Israel**

We’ll talk about legal and illegal immigration to Israel and how the state deals with it. We’ll also discuss poverty and the official and unofficial poverty line.

**Nov. 9
at 6 p.m.** **Cafe’ Ivrit**

Want to practice your Hebrew? Feel a little rusty on the R’s and L’s? Come over for a cup of coffee and some Hebrew with us! Every other month, we’ll meet for both beginner and advanced levels.

Muchrachim Lehiot Sameach (We Must Be Happy)

**Nov. 14
at 7 p.m.** **Paint Date**

Bring your friends to a colorful night of making Israeli art. No talent required! This program includes beer, soft drinks and snacks. \$10. Ages 21+.

**Nov. 28
at 7 p.m.** **Reach Out and Touch Someone**

Let’s discuss of Israel and its relations with Jewish communities abroad. Do you think Jewish communities should play a role in Israeli politics? What about how donations to Israel are used?

Building a Life *continued from page one*

Mexico are comparatively more connected to Judaism than other diaspora communities. Approximately 95% of the families are directly affiliated to a community or the Jewish Sport Center.

When Paul was offered a job opportunity in Akron and his employer agreed to sponsor him for a work visa, the Kogans made the decision to move.

“When I googled ‘Jewish community in Akron,’ Cathy Baer popped up,” Paul says. At the time, she was Shaw JCC membership director, but Baer responded to the Kogans’ interest in settling in Akron as she currently does in her role as Akron Jewish community concierge. She assisted them with finding a house and making introductions and connections to Akron and the Jewish community.

“The community opened their arms and hearts,” Paul says. “Since before we came they helped us.”

Members of the Akron Jewish community donated household items and furniture so the Kogans would feel at home right away when they arrived. “We had everything from dishes to towels...everything,” Miri remarks. “A Shabbos meal was ready for us. We were so impressed and wowed.”

“We are very, very thankful for the community,” Paul says. “The list of people who have touched our lives is endless.”

The Kogans jumped right into the Jewish community here. Their youngest son Tzvi attended The Lippman

School, and Miri started out volunteering there. Now, she is a teacher at the school. They actively participate in community and synagogue events. Their sons Joshua and Ariel now attend Kent State and are involved with Hillel and Chabad there.

Their transition was not without challenges. Even though they spoke English well, language was still a barrier. A cultural difference is that in Mexico, children live at home until they get married. When the Kogans moved, their sons were concerned they’d have to move out right after high school graduation. But Paul and Miri reassured their sons that they didn’t have to give up traditions from Mexico. So, Joshua and Ariel commute to Kent State.

The Kogans stay connected to their Mexican heritage in other ways, too— often through food. “At Rosh Hashanah, we eat gefilte fish in Mexican sauce,” Paul says.

“Every year for the Winter Bash auction, we donate a Mexican dinner,” Miri explains. “It gives us an opportunity to meet people and show people our traditions. It’s nice.”



The Kogan Family in front of the White House in Washington, D.C.

The Kogans became permanent residents a year ago. That’s when Paul decided to open his own dental restoration lab. Previously a lab owner for 17 years in Mexico City, Paul opened Denko Dental Lab in June, where he works with dentists (and their patients) to craft custom dental prosthetics (like crowns).

“We have met absolutely wonderful people here,” Paul says. “We still miss home and our family and friends, but we have made our way in this community.”

SUSHI

in the Sukkah

FOR
TEENS!

Oct. 11 • 7 p.m.

Shlichim Gili and Uri welcome teens in grades 9-12 to celebrate Sukkot at the Chestnut family residence (471 Bastogne Drive, Akron) and eat their fill of delicious, homemade sushi! No cost.



RSVP to shlichim@jewishakron.org.



Community Bonfire/Havdalah on Oct. 7

Join The Lippman School, Mandel ECE at the Shaw JCC, and Northern Cheyenne nation tribal members at the Shaw JCC pavilion for a bonfire and Havdalah service on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The evening will include Northern Cheyenne drumming, singing, dancing, and camp-out. Admission is free and open to the community. Bring the whole family!



from our shlichim

GILI & URI HERSHKOVITZ
shlichim@jewishakron.org



Love Your Neighbor('s Sukkah) as Yourself

Hello, everyone! We hope you've had a chance to rest and enjoy the Holy Days and start the new Jewish year with a smile. We wanted to dedicate this article to the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. It is widely known that during Sukkot we build a temporary structure known as a "sukkah," and the Holy Day's mitzvah includes eating and sleeping in it. This is a homage to the temporary homes our forefathers lived in while wandering the desert in search for the land of Israel. In Israel, many people don't have backyards, so we build sukkahs on balconies, on the porch, or even in the living room! We host friends, family, and sometimes strangers in the sukkah. We also have annual contests to find the most beautiful or most original sukkah, and the bar just gets raised every year!

Surprisingly, there are some sukkah-building regulations that many people don't know. For example, did you know that (by Jewish Halacha) it can be built on a camel?!

The words "sukkah" or "Sukkot" appear several times throughout the Torah, meaning different things. Sometimes it refers to the structure and/or Holy Day we know of today, but sometimes it's used to mean "city." The root word of "sukkah" means to cover something, like a building covering the people inside it. This also references one of the most famous prayers in Judaism: "Spread over us the sukkah of shalom / spread over us the shelter of Your peace."

So it seems there is some vagueness to the actual meaning of sukkah—is it an actual, physical structure or something more spiritual or metaphysical? On one hand, it's a mitzvah to decorate the sukkah and treat it as your home in (almost) all regards. On the other hand, we reference the Sukkah as an idea. In our eyes, this is an interesting and non-obvious concept that the physical and spiritual ideas can be two avenues to the same understanding of basic truth.

Sukkot has a theme: Unity. It's shown the mitzvah of bringing together the lulav (closed frond from a date palm tree) and etrog (citron fruit) to symbolize



A sukkah on a camel? Ok by Jewish Halacha!

the unity of the Jewish nation. It also shows in inviting the homeless or needy to your sukkah for a meal (as is demanded of us in the Torah to help the widow, the orphan and the foreigner). Building the "World of Peace" sukkah in Montreal and sharing together visions of peace demonstrates the unity in Sukkot; we are all seeking Kiruv Levavot (The nearing of hearts to one another).

This theme, so pronounced this time of year, makes us proud to be Jewish. Whether we're helping the victims of the hurricanes, supporting our community through the JFS, funding the "Aharai" project for better futures for Israeli youth, or welcoming new people to our community, we're all helping spread this sukkah of peace and harmony. We're engaging in what must be the single most important sentence and demand in

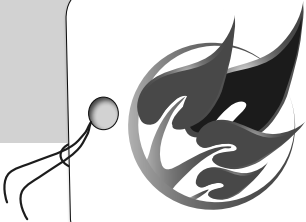
our entire religion—The Golden Rule: "Ve'Ahavta Lereacha Kamocha" – "Love your fellow as yourself" (Leviticus 19:34).

This idea has spread across the entire world, showing up in the American Declaration of Independence, the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and so many more. It is truly an enormous, magnificent "thumbs up" for all of humankind. From the moment we've arrived here, we've felt as welcomed members of Akron and Canton communities' sukkahs, and we hope to spread the joy and love to as many as we can together. We hope to see you all in our upcoming programs and have a chance to meet and talk to you about the things you are interested in and find important, and share with you our family's sukkah and stories. Feel free to contact us in any way! emails, phone calls, texts, or Facebook!

The overarching theme for our shlichim programs this year will be "spheres." Every two months or so, we'll be looking at a different sphere regarding Israel and discuss some of the more complex ideas, conflicts and issues that are related to it. We'll also take a good look at the bright side of things and how it relates to our lives here. Join us for the months of October-November for the first sphere: Israel In & Out, in which we'll talk about immigration, welfare and technology, and connection to Jewish communities abroad. (See page 3 for more details about these programs.) It's going to be fascinating!



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University of Akron Students Invited to Cohens' Dinners

Mazal, Ruvi, and Yudi Cohen welcome Jewish students from the University of Akron for the upcoming High Holidays and Shabbat. Dinners will be at the Cohen's home, 600 San Moritz Dr. in Akron:

- **Sukkot: Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m.**
- **Simchat Torah: Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m.**

There is no fee—these dinners are free. However, we ask to RSVP. Please RSVP to mazalc770@gmail.com.

**SUKKOT
BASKETBALL & BBQ**
for the guys



Sunday, Oct. 8
5:30-7:30 p.m.
at Anshe Sfard

*Food, Fun, Plus Bless
the Lulav and Etrog*
RSVP to Joel Recht,
Chair, at 330-730-8295.

HIGH HOLIDAY SYNAGOGUE SCHEDULES

Anshe Sfard Synagogue

646 N. Revere Road, Akron
330-867-7292
www.akronshul.com
Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin
Everyone is welcome – regardless of affiliation.

SUKKOT

Wednesday, Oct. 4
Mincha & Maariv, 6:45 pm
Thursday, Oct. 5
Shacharit, 9 am
Mincha & Maariv, 6:45 pm
Friday, Oct. 6
Shacharit, 9 am
Mincha Maariv, 6:45 pm

SHEMINI ATZERET

Wednesday, Oct. 11
Mincha & Maariv, 6:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 12
Shacharit, 9 am
YIZKOR, 10:30 am

SIMCHAT TORAH

Thursday, Oct. 12
Mincha & Maariv, 6:30 pm
Family Simchat Torah Celebration, 7 pm
Friday, Oct. 13
Shacharit, 9 am
Maariv, 6:30 pm

Beth El Congregation

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

SUKKOT

Sunday, Oct. 1
Decorate Beth El Sukkah and Brunch, 10 am- 12 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 4
Erev Sukkot Service and Potluck, 6:30 pm

Thursday, Oct. 5
Sukkot Holiday Service with "Deli Sermon"
and Deli Lunch, 9:15 am

Friday, Oct. 6
Sukkot Service with the Northern Cheyenne, The
Lippman School, and the Mandel ECE

SIMCHAT TORAH

Thursday, Oct. 12
Service and Yizkor, 9:15 am
Dinner & Simchat Torah Celebration, 6:15-8 pm
Friday, Oct. 13
Services, 9:15 am

Temple Beth Shalom

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

SUKKOT

Thursday, Oct. 5
Sukkot & Family Service, 7:45 pm

SIMCHAT TORAH

Thursday, Oct. 12, 7:45 pm

Temple Israel

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

SUKKOT

Thursday, Oct. 5
Sukkot Service, 10:30 am

SIMCHAT TORAH

Wednesday, Oct. 11
Dinner, 5:30 pm
Service & Consecration, 6:30 pm
Thursday, Oct. 12
Sukkot Yizkor Service, 10:30 am



Candle
Lighting
Times

Wednesday, Oct. 4	Sukkot	6:44 pm
Friday, Oct. 6	Sukkot	6:40 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 11	Shemini Atzeret	6:32 pm
Thursday, Oct. 12	Simchat Torah	8:01 pm
Friday, Oct. 13	Shabbat	6:29 pm
Friday, Oct. 20	Shabbat	6:19 pm
Friday, Oct. 27	Shabbat	6:09 pm

'Round the Horn

A Hands-on Lesson about the Shofar



Simchas Torah

THURSDAY, OCT. 12

7 p.m. at Anshe Sfar

Dinner, Singing, L'chaim,
Hakafot, Dancing

Please RSVP at www.akronshul.com.

We are grateful to our Simchat Torah sponsors:
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For families and kids Ages 3-12

Sunday Oct. 8

10-12:30

Anshe Sfar Synagogue

Fee: \$10 per child

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330-867-7292

Lippman Opens Woll Family Center for Innovation

The Lippman School is excited to announce the grand opening of the Woll Family Center for Innovation. An evening ribbon-cutting celebration, in honor of the Wolls, took place on Sept. 11. The unique transformation of Lippman's library was made possible by a generous gift from the Alan and Janice Woll family. Lippman students will experience a variety of cutting-edge technologies including 3-D printers, robotics, coding curriculum, and a library of more than 11,000 books. This new space is designed to accommodate a variety of meetings and functions with flexible seating and enhanced technology and will benefit our entire community. Please stop by and see what's new at The Lippman School and follow its innovations at www.wollfamilycfi.org.

BELOW LEFT: The Woll family includes Janice & Alan, Jerrod and Andrea Woll (children - Jovie and Bodhi); Rachel and Scott Arnopolin (daughters Raleigh and Cori). Not pictured Michael Woll and husband Gregory Orenstein.

BELOW CENTER: Andi Ehrenberg learns about Ozobots from Lippman student Matthew Hite.

BELOW RIGHT: Lippman student Charlie Hite demonstrates to Renee Pinsky how he programmed a Sphero Sprk+.



MOMMY & ME

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



**Thursdays • 10:30 am-12:30 pm
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Music and movement; Jewish songs and prayers;
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Register online at www.akronshul.com
or call 330-867-7292.

November 4, 2017

Light Up the World

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

The CAMPUS GALA

2017

Honoring



Campus Gala Honorees

Debra Shifrin & Steve Newman

Few couples in Akron have created such a giving legacy of volunteerism and community impact as Debra and Steve. The impact of their work can be seen in many organizations across Jewish Akron and the community at-large. Their proudest achievement is that the next generation understands the importance of being involved in the Jewish Community.



Tikkun Olam Award

Mimi Surloff

Most of Mimi's 40-plus years as a social worker have involved work in child welfare, specifically adoption and foster care. Her proudest community involvement is the establishment of Stewart's Caring Place Cancer Wellness Center, in memory of her late husband Stewart. She remains involved as a lifelong board member, committee member and volunteer.



Community Spirit Award

Sylvia Lewis

Sylvia has an amazing and exhaustive list of accomplishments and involvement in Akron and beyond. She put Akron on the map as national president of NA'AMAT USA where she is currently a member of the advisory board and has been active in the organization since 1947.

RSVP Today!

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See Jody Faught at the main office or visit:
www.jewishakron.org/campus-gala
Gala tickets are \$125 before Oct. 16 and \$150 after



Rubber City Jews Rundown

RACHEL OSHEROW
RCJ ADMINISTRATOR

L'shana Tova from the Rubber City Jews!

It's hard to believe that a new year is upon us. RCJ has seen many exciting changes in the past year, including more frequent and novel programs, a significant increase in participation, higher attendance at community events, and, of course, the launch of the RCJ Ticket, which now has over 50 members!

The High Holy Days are always a time of reflection and introspection. Looking back on the past year, I am grateful for all of the memories made with the Rubber City Jews: we have celebrated together, tried new things together, volunteered in our community, explored our Jewish roots and connections, and have shared our faith and traditions with many non-Jewish friends.

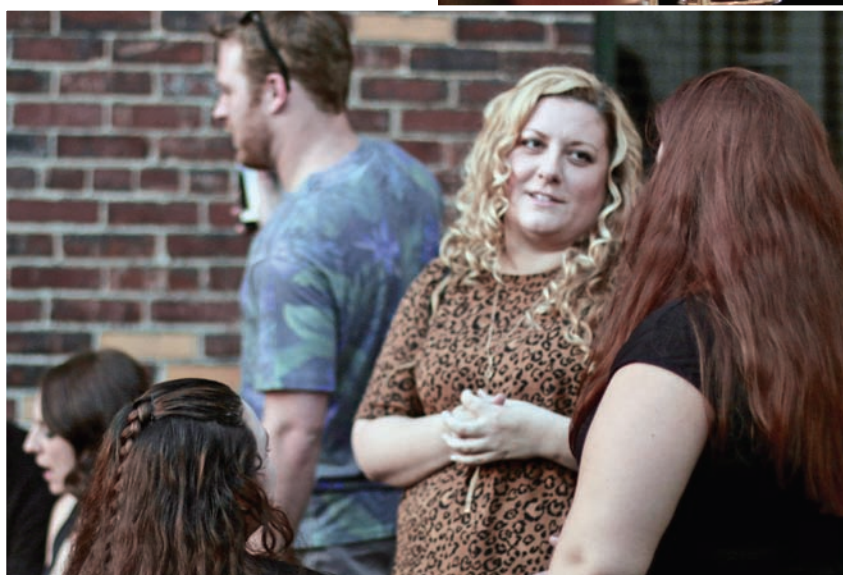
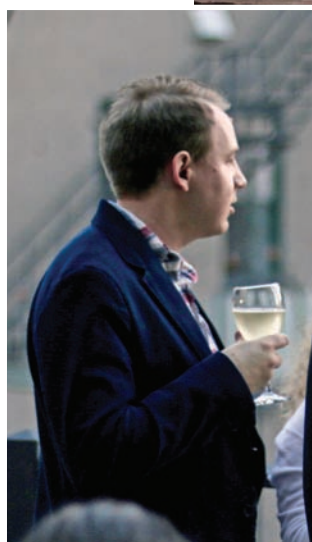
Now is also a time to think about what we can do better in the coming year, so RCJ is (always) open to suggestions, comments, and any ideas about the program. Please contact us at rubbercityjews@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

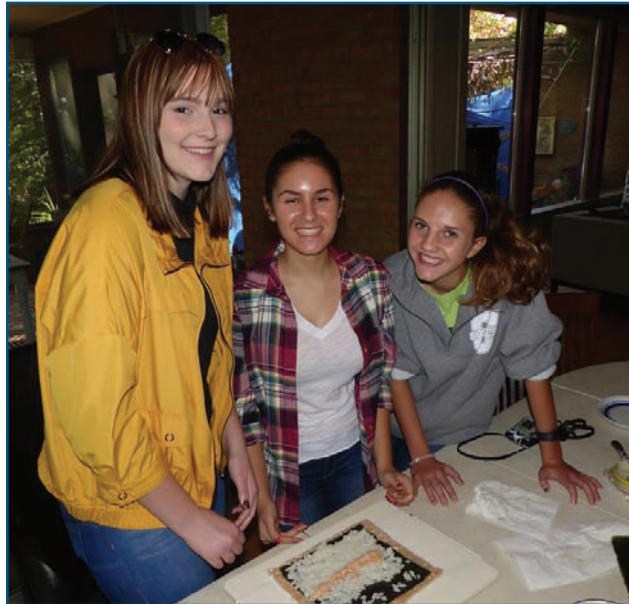
On October 8, RCJ, JFS, and Shaw JCC's adult programming is proud to present "Generational Reflections-Share Your Love Story" from 1-3 pm at the Shaw JCC. We invite older adults in our community to share their love story or wedding story with younger adults over a casual lunch—free of charge. We hope this will be the first of many story sharing experiences honoring our elders' memories and creating connections through the generations. Feel free to bring photos to complement your story. No need to share if you don't want to—every story needs an audience too! We hope you'll join us for this very special event.

October Programs:

- **Oct. 8 - Generational Reflections: Share Your Love Story**, 1-3 p.m. at the Shaw JCC. Includes lunch. Free.
- **Oct. 10 - Sushi in the Sukkah**, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Cohen home. Free for RCJ Ticket Holders, \$5 otherwise.
- **Oct. 21 - Pumpkin Carving**, 2-4 p.m. at the Nature Realm. Free for RCJ Ticket Holders, \$5 otherwise.

RCJ Tickets are always available for \$18 at www.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.





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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.

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.

Spaghetti Dinner

**SUNDAY, OCT. 22
5 p.m. at Anshe Sfar**

Raffle Prizes, Kids' Crafts,
Gluten-Free Option Available,
Volunteer Opportunities.

\$15 by Nov. 8; \$20 after.

Under age 5 is FREE.

RSVP to Carrie at 330-867-7292
or www.akronshul.com

A Women's Chavurah Fundraiser

Are you a senior adult who needs some extra help with personal activities around the house?



In partnership with Menorah Park Home Health Services, JFS now offers home health services at a reduced rate. The personal care duties could include: caring for a client's hair; bathing; meal preparation; changing bed linens; helping the client in and out of bed; exercises and/or walking; and administering medications. 3-hour visit for one client: \$28.50; or two clients in one home: \$38.25

For more information please contact JFS directly at 330-867-3388.



Know Someone New to Jewish Akron?

**Let Community Concierge
Cathy Baer Know!**

As Akron Jewish Community Concierge, she can help newcomers take advantage of the Passport program, which offers free membership to a synagogue and the Shaw JCC for one year. In addition, she can assist with job and house searches, options for Jewish community life, and more!

**234-252-0049 • jewishakron.org
concierge@jewishakron.org**

NA'AMAT Donor Luncheon is Oct. 15

NA'AMAT USA, Akron's Ada Marks – Anna Talisman (AMAT) Chapter will hold its annual Donor luncheon on Oct. 15 at 11:30 a.m., at Rosemont Country Club. Cost of the luncheon is \$25, plus a donation.

Donor donation categories are: Gold, \$50; Platinum, \$75; Ruby, \$100; Sapphire, \$125; and Diamond \$150.

Laurel Gress is reservations chairperson. To make a reservation, call her at 330-336-8342 or email her at laurelgress@juno.com. Shlomit Antopolsky is luncheon chair and Mary Ann Minster is coordinator of donors.

The funds raised by the donor campaign grant scholarships that provide Israeli women and youth a second chance in life by giving them an opportunity to

learn a skill and become productive citizens. NA'AMAT's technological schools are a symbol of progress towards an Israeli society with equal opportunities for all. Donors help make this dream a reality.

Entertainment for the event will be presented by lyric tenor Gary Gelender, who has performed around Northeast Ohio. In the past 30 years, he has served as cantor for various congregations. In addition to his cantorial position, he has worked as a music specialist in the Cleveland-University Heights school district. Gelender will perform melodies from various musicals including Fiddler on the Roof, West Side Story, Oklahoma, and Cabaret. He also performs Yiddish and Hebrew songs.

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19th Kislev



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

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Jewish Family Service honored Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh at a special reception Sept. 7 at the Fairlawn Country Club for her dedication to protecting older adults. Gary Rosen presented her with the first-ever Dr. Harvey L. Sterns' Award for Distinguished Service to Seniors. Proceeds benefit the specialized programs offered by JFS to include counseling, case management and education for seniors (age 45 and older) and the adults who care for them. Special thanks to our event sponsors: Kelly & Ferraro, LLP; Belenky Inc.; Bevan & Associates; Gary M. Rosen; Oriana House Inc.; Debra Shifrin & Steve Newman; Judge Kathryn Michael; Mature Services and Judge Annalisa S. Williams.



TOP LEFT: JFS Executive Director Gizelle Jones & Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh

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ABOVE RIGHT: J.J. Mesko-Kimmich & JFS Past President Richard Zelin

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J Senior Adult Programs at the Shaw JCC

Conservancy in CVNP

Tuesday, Oct.3 10 a.m.

Let's take a bus ride through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and enjoy the autumn trees and colors! Then, we can possibly take a tour of the Conservancy in the National Park, and we will finish off the great day with a lunch in Peninsula at Fishers Café & Pub. Bus should leave at 10 a.m. and we will return no later than 2 p.m. Free transportation, lunch is on you! Please RSVP to Rachel no later than Sept 28.

Myths of Aging

Friday, Oct. 13 2 p.m .at the Shaw JCC

In This is a Health and Wellness Presentation by Brookdale Montrose. In it we will discuss ten myths and realities of aging, discuss the concept of ageism, and understand the fifteen benefits of daily activity. Program will take place at the Shaw JCC. Please RSVP to Rachel at 330-835-0027 by Oct.10. Part of a two-part series with Brookdale Montrose (Chambrel); the second part will be held in November.

AARP Safe Driving Course

Tuesday, Oct. 24 9 a.m.

By taking this four-hour course, you will not only gain confidence in your driving, but you may earn a discount on your car insurance once you receive the certificate of completion. You will receive materials to keep and learn some very helpful and insightful pointers to keep you and your loved ones safe on the road. You MUST call to register for this course by Oct. 16 by contacting Rachel at 330-835-0027. Cost: AARP members: \$15. Non-AARP members: \$20. Check payable to AARP.

Painting with a Twist

Thursday, Oct. 26 3:30-6 p.m.



Join us for an afternoon of painting with instruction, wine and light apps! You get to learn how to paint and take it home at the end of the day. Must register by Oct. 3 to ensure seating and, if needed, free transportation from the Shaw JCC. To register and/or to sign up for transportation, call Rachel @ 330-835-0027.

Space is limited! If you would like to meet us there, call for the address! Cost: \$10 cash at the door.

Memoir Writing Class

Friday, Oct. 27 2- 3:30 p.m.

Studies have shown that memoir writing increases emotional, psychological, spiritual, and social well-being. It's a way to record and share family history, life lessons, and accomplishments. But how do you begin? Writer Deanna Adams will help you glean the memories of your life and put them in chronological order to preserve personal history. Deanna will share the key elements of storytelling, then have attendees write the first scene of their story using those elements. She'll also show you how to write dialogue that enhances your story, and how to utilize the five senses to bring your writing alive. If time, there will be several writing prompts to get you well on your way. Bring a pad of paper, and family photos to spark memories!

Be'Tay Avon Café

3rd Tuesdays 11:30 a.m.

Join the fun, fellowship and conversation. Light lunch served. Pay as you are able, but \$5 donation is encouraged. Please RSVP.*

Oct. 17 Program with Rabbi Elyssa and Hazzan Matt Austerklein

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.*

Oct. 10 BJ's Brewhouse
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at Summit Mall

Movie at the J

3rd Wednesdays 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy a classic or current, first-run movie, plus free popcorn! Closed captions provided. Free & Open to community

Oct. 18 20th Century Women

The story of a teenage boy, his mother, and two other women who help raise him among the love and freedom of Southern California of 1979. Starring Annette Benning, Elle Fanning and more.

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.

Enjoy food and conversation. RSVP to Rachel at least one day in advance*

Oct. 26 Mr. G's Pizzeria,
2955 W Market St, Akron

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

Merging the Global and Local

Attention Deficit Disorder, gerrymandering, teen confidence, and a photo trip to Cuba are featured in upcoming Forum 360 shows. Each show features a global outlook with a local Northeast Ohio view of our communities.

Imagine a place where children's services professionals, concerned citizens, international photographers, and political volunteers all convene for the same reason: to highlight the North Coast.

Dawn Carter, director of clinical services, and Dr. Steven W. Jewell, vice-president and medical director at the non-profit organization Child Guidance & Family Solutions weigh in on children and the disorders they may face.

Kenny Smith and Gloria Terry from Ladies First Akron talk about building teens' confidence.

Fixing congressional district gerrymandering is the topic when guest Jackie Derrow, volunteer with League of Women Voters and Fair Districts, visits Forum 360.

Photographer Aimee Lambes will share her experiences in Cuba through the lens of her professional eye.

Forum 360 gives guests, issues and stories in our area a spotlight larger than any other format is able to give. Twenty-six minutes offers a more in depth spotlight on the diverse interests in the Jewish community and in greater Northeast Ohio. Our shows continue to highlight what makes our area interesting and relevant beyond our borders. The program welcomes ideas for topics and 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 a.m. WAKR AM 1590 Sunday, 5 p.m., Monday 12:30 a.m.



Guest Aimee Lambes, professional photographer, shares her photo journey of Cuba with host Leslie Ungar.

Raffle Tickets Available for Anshe Sfard's Annual Event

Anshe Sfard will hold its Annual Raffle Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 10:30 a.m. For a \$150 donation, you have the chance to win the grand prize of \$3,000. Tickets may be purchased from Art Taub, Robert Taub, Katie Gruber, Dan Sutter, Joel Stile, David Recht, Meir Ohayon, David Kloner or the Shul. Proceeds benefit the synagogue.

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Cohen-Shapiro Wedding



Elaine and Marty Cohen of Fairlawn and Jane and David Shapiro of Skokie, Illinois happily announce the marriage of their children, Laura Stefanie Cohen to Micah Gabriel Shapiro. The wedding was performed by Rabbi Lauren Werber in the Cohen's backyard on Sept. 3. Laura is the granddaughter of Beatrice Cohen of Akron, formerly Youngstown, the late Dr. Irwin Cohen, and the late Rose and Leon Rudnick of Cleveland. Laura earned a Bachelor of Science degree at The Ohio State University and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Chicago and is an intake specialist and licensed clinical social worker at Thresholds. Micah earned a Bachelor of

Arts degree from Northwestern University and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Chicago and is a licensed clinical social worker and staff therapist at Community Counseling Centers. The couple resides in Chicago.

In Memory of Larry Rothstein

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, messages, contributions, dinners, phone calls, and all you did for so many years to support Larry and our family.

Love from Lani

Sass Competes in World Rowing

Akron native Leah Sass competed in the world rowing competition in Sarasota, FL in late September. She made aliyah one year ago and is the coxswain for the Israeli ParaOlympic rowing team. She is the one able bodied team member.

Add a Leaf to the Simcha Tree

Celebrate the birth of a baby, baby naming, special birthday, wedding, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, confirmation, graduation or special anniversary or memorialize your loved ones— with a leaf on the Simcha Tree. When you purchase an engraved plaque, it will be displayed on the Shaw JCC Martin

and Jenne Meltzer Simcha Tree. The purchase benefits the Shaw JCC's senior adult programming.

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



Lewis Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

The Marquis Who’s Who Publications board has recognized Sylvia Lewis as a recipient of the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award, an honor reserved for Marquis biographees who have achieved career longevity and demonstrated unwavering excellence in their chosen fields.

Lewis is a member of the advisory board of NA’AMAT USA, has been active in the organization since 1947. From 1993 to 1997, she served as its national president

She also served as president of The Presidents’ League of Jewish Women’s Organizations, the Jerome Lippman Jewish Community Day School, and the Women’s Division of the Akron Jewish Community Federation. Lewis was also vice-president of the Federation, chair of the Akron Jewish Community High School, and chair of the Federation Education and Continuity Committees. From 1999 to 2001, she served as president of Planned Parenthood of

Summit, Portage and Medina Counties. She was a founding member of the government affairs committee of Ohio Jewish Communities.

In 1995, Lewis was inducted into the Ohio Women’s Hall of Fame. In 1999, she received the YWCA’s “Women of Achievement Award” and in 2001, she was honored by the YWCA again as one of 100 outstanding women in Summit County. In 2003, she was one of 200 women selected for inclusion in

the book, “Profiles of Ohio Women, 1803 -2003” in conjunction with Ohio’s Bicentennial celebration.

She is listed in “Who’s Who in America,” “Who’s Who of American Women,” “The World Who’s Who of Women,” “Madison’s Who’s Who” and was included in the Millennium English edition of “Who’s Who in Israel,” and is included in IBC’s “Outstanding People of the 20th Century.”

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