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Calling All Mitzvah Makers!

There are strong traditions in our faith that encourage us to perform acts of kindness, caring, compassion and support to those in need. Many opportunities exist for those who have time to assist the workings of the Shaw JCC. Whether you have many or just a few hours a month, your help is needed and valuable. Plus, volunteering may help you build stronger social connections, and don't be surprised if you find yourself benefiting from a big dose of happiness in the process. Join us Monday, April 15 at 11 a.m. when Mitzvah Crew co-chairs Marvin Shapiro and Marilyn Regal will be on-hand to share how you can make a difference. Bring a friend, too! There are plenty of bagels and coffee to go around. Please RSVP to Membership Director Jaclyne Sesock at 330-835-0049 or jsesock@shawjcc.org.



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REMEMBER



the Holocaust

YOM HASHOAH

Sunday, April 15 at 7 p.m.



*Guest Speaker
Ingrid Kennedy*
Child Survivor
of the Holocaust



Behind the Mask

RCJ draws large crowd for its Masquerade Party

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APPLY FOR Program Grants for Jewish Women BY JUNE 1, 2018

Programs that directly benefit— or are of great importance to— Jewish women can receive funding through The Jewish Women's Endowment Fund, a restricted fund of the Akron Legacy & Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Board of Akron.

Approximately \$7600 is available this year. Interested applicants seeking grant support are invited to submit an application by the deadline of **Friday, June 1, 2018 at 5 p.m.**

For an application or more information, visit jewishakron.org/jwef or contact Julie Katz at 330-835-0005 or julie_katz@jewishakron.org.



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Endowment



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2018 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The Donor Honor Roll for the 2018 Annual Campaign will be printed in the May and June issues of AJN. If you have not yet given a gift, but want to be listed in the donor roll, please do so by April 15. If you wish to remain anonymous and did not tell us when you make your gift, please call the JCBA office at 330-869-2424.



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JFS Casts a Safety Net for Seniors in Need

Jim* had been feeling depressed for several months after falling and injuring himself. He just couldn't do the exercise he used to love. In fact, Jim was so depressed he was not even attending physical therapy. A concerned neighbor encouraged him to contact Jewish Family Service for counseling. Jim contacted JFS, and a social worker provided counseling in his home. JFS worked with him to reduce his depression symptoms and encouraged Jim to seek appropriate medical care. JFS even helped Jim look for physical therapists in the area. Now, Jim can go for daily walks again and has even started going to an exercise class for senior adults.

Jim is but one example of the many older adults that Jewish Family Service of Akron serves. JFS plays an instrumental role in reducing barriers seniors face accessing health care due to mental health or financial reasons. Whether it is through counseling services, educational programming or community outreach, JFS treats older adults in the Akron community with dignity and respect, consistent with Jewish teachings and regardless of that person's ability to pay.

Client contributions comprise only two percent of Jewish Family Service's revenue. The agency relies on individual donors, as well as grants, to make essential services available to everyone who needs the help of JFS. This month begins the annual Friends' drive to provide essential services to the older adults served by JFS. Consider making a gift to Jewish Family Service by calling 330-867-3388 or securely online at <https://jfsakron.org/donate-now>.

** Name changed to protect privacy.*

Volunteers Needed for Spring Cemetery Clean-up on April 29

JCBA will hold a spring cemetery clean-up at Sherbondy Cemetery on White St. on April 29 from 10-11:30 a.m. We will be clearing fallen branches, raking leaves and pulling weeds. Please bring gardening gloves and tools. Call Julie Katz at 330-835-0005 to volunteer. High School volunteer hours available, and any volunteers will receive free tickets to the Akron Jewish Music Festival that evening at Beth El.

Shaw JCC Yearbook Listing Corrections

- Beverly & Max Rothal, 845 Shullo Drive, 44313, 330-836-7447
- Daughters of Israel, Esther Cooper, President, 330-670-0568
- Memorial Listing:
Beloved Husband, Dr. David
Lillian Betty Savage
Sidney Savage
-Nancy Meckler

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Upcoming Events

April 8

BBYO Bowling Bash/ Break Passover

6:00PM - 9:00PM
Riviera Lanes
20 South Miller Rd

FREE for all BBYO members and prospective members in grades 7-12.

April 11

A Century of Fiction from the Forward

11:15AM - 12:45PM for six weeks
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Explore Yiddish fiction from the *Forward*, with educator Esther Cohen Hexter.

April 15

Drum Workshop for Women

11:00AM - 2:00PM
Beth El Congregation

'A Drum in Her Hand' Workshop led by Christin Green. Jewish teachings led by Rabbi Elyssa Joy Austerklein. (Part of Drumming Weekend at Beth El.)

Mitzvah Crew

Volunteer Bagel Brunch

11:00AM - 1:00PM
Shaw JCC of Akron

Learn how you can make a difference by volunteering at the Shaw JCC.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

7:00PM - 9:00PM
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Remember the Holocaust. Survivor Ingrid Kennedy will speak.

April 21

Faith, Trust & Pixie Dust

Temple Israel

Afternoon children's concert, dinner and evening performance.

April 22

Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration

12:30PM - 3:30PM
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Activities and fun for the whole family, as we celebrate Israel's 70th Anniversary.

Teen Pool After-Party

4:00PM - 5:30PM
Shaw JCC of Akron

Teens (grades 8-12) are welcome to join the shlichim at the indoor pool.

April 29

Cemetery Clean Up

10:00AM - 11:00AM
Sherbondy Hill Cemetery

Do a mitzvah and lend a hand with a spring clean-up at Sherbondy Hill cemetery.

Akron Jewish Music Festival

4:00PM - 6:30PM
Beth El Congregation

Beth El Cantorial Concert featuring University of Akron Chamber Choir and special guests.



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FREE & open to all!

Monday, April 9
5:00-9:00 p.m.

ESCAPE ROOM ISRAEL

Unlock Israeli knowledge & try to escape as we celebrate Israel's 70th birthday!

Join us for a fun evening of brain-wracking, creativity-testing puzzles that are sure to leave even Sherlock Holmes bamboozled! Pre-registration requested to reduce waiting times. Groups of 2 to 5 are welcome! Ages 15+. Adults will enjoy a wine & cheese tasting while they wait.

Revere Road Synagogue
646 N Revere Rd, Akron, Ohio

Can you solve this riddle?
Two camels were facing in opposite directions. One was facing due East and one was facing due West. They were in the desert so there was no reflection. How can they manage to see each other without walking around or turning around or moving their heads? **Unlock the answer - and more - at the Escape Room on April 9!**



JOIN US!
Uri & Gili Hershkovitz



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FOR ISRAEL

Please contact Uri & Gili at
shlichim@jewishakron.org
or 330.316.5699 to reserve
your spots!

Schultz Campus Holiday Hours

- Erev Passover: Friday, March 30**
Facility CLOSES at 4 p.m. (including ECE & SACC)
- 1st Day of Passover: Saturday, March 31**
Facility OPEN 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 2nd Day of Passover & Easter: Sunday, April 1**
Facility OPEN 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Modified Group Exercise Schedule.
No Childcare Services Offered
- 7th Day of Passover: April 5**
Facility OPEN regular hours. JCBA offices are CLOSED.

SAVE THE DATE

24TH ANNUAL

SHAW JCC OF AKRON | GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018

SILVER LAKE COUNTRY CLUB



All proceeds benefit the Shaw JCC of Akron

For additional info check our website:
ShawJCC.org/Golf-Outing

Please contact Jody Faught for registration & sponsorship info: Jody_Faught@shawjcc.org or 330-835-0025

Using This Year’s IRA Distributions for Long-Term Benefit

If you are at least 70 1/2 years old, you must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA. That sum is taxable. However, if you donate that amount directly to a charity, it is not considered taxable income. You are allowed to contribute up to \$100,000 annually per person from your IRA to a charity. Proceeds from your IRA need to come directly to a non-profit organization to be free from tax.

If you have a significant RMD, consider setting up a PACE fund at the Jewish Community Board of Akron. PACE stands for Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment. This named fund will pay a yearly disbursement from interest to the JCBA Annual Campaign, beginning with the year you establish the fund. Not only will you not owe taxes on that portion of the RMD, you will be making an impact in your Jewish community forever and recognized yearly forever in our donor roll.

Given the new tax laws, giving to charity from an IRA is one of the most tax advantageous ways to make a charitable gift. By establishing a PACE fund, your gift today will impact the Jewish community for years to come.

Contact Julie Katz at the Jewish Community Board of Akron at julie_katz@jewishakron.org or 330-835-0005 for more information.

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.

Nine High Schoolers Honored at Purim Ball

'Queen Esthers' Impressive Service and Participation in Community Recognized

The Shaw JCC hosted the 62nd Purim Ball held on Saturday, March 10. Jen Alder and Nicki Embly chaired the event, which honored Jewish high school senior and junior young women for their service and participation in the community. Introducing this year's Queen Esthers:

Natalie Cutler is a junior at Revere High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society. She enjoys being a volunteer coach for the self-esteem building program, Girls on the Run, as well as her work as a reading tutor for young children, for which she was trained through the Purim Ball Mitzvah Project. Natalie has been involved at the JCC for as long as she can remember. From preschool to Lippman through third grade, she loved performing in the Lippman plays. Natalie realized what an unforgettable experience Purim Ball has been for her sisters, Rebecca and Caroline, and for her as well. She thanks her mom, Robyn, for her sense of style in choosing the perfect gown. Natalie is deeply grateful to her dad, David, for his patience and devotion, especially considering this is his third Purim Ball.

Alexandra Goldman is a senior at North Canton Hoover High School where she is editor-in-chief of the school newspaper and a summa cum laude scholar. She is currently the regional sh'lichah for BBYO. This fall, Alex will attend the University of Toledo and major in pharmacy. As an active member of Shaaray Torah Synagogue, she started religious school at age two and continued through confirmation. She is now giving back through volunteering as the preschool and kindergarten aide. Alex thinks that growing up amid such a supportive community helped to shape her into the young Jewish woman she has become. She feels that all of her experiences have now culminated in this event, where she can have a final father-daughter dance before going away to college. This is not unlike the dance she and (dad) Adam shared at her elementary school many years ago.

Olivia Kern is a senior in the International Baccalaureate Program at Firestone High School and is deciding on a college where she can major in psychology or pre-med. She has enjoyed tutoring through the J-Reads program at the Shaw JCC and is currently a youth class instructor for the Heartbeats Competitive Jump Rope Team, where she is a national gold medalist. Olivia attended The Lippman School



from kindergarten through the eighth grade, which provided her opportunity to travel through Israel. She also has visited Israel with her family, who are members of Beth El Synagogue. Olivia is happy to continue a family tradition of participating in Purim Ball, joining her aunts Tamar Kern and Michelle Mostow, and cousins Jackie and Daniella Mostow.

Caroline Kimberly is a junior at Copley High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society and recipient of both math and science student of the year awards. There, she enjoys being a member of Key Club, Honors Choir, golf team and swim team. All of these involvements have taught her the importance of responsibility, giving back within her community, and self-discipline. Caroline attended preschool here at the JCC. As a member of Temple Israel, she went to Hebrew School and became a Bat Mitzvah. Her favorite memories include baking hamantaschen with her Hebrew school class and taking part in the Hanukkah celebration at Summit Mall. She notes, "It is important to me to participate in Purim Ball, to celebrate being involved in the Jewish community and carry it on into my adulthood."

Nathalie Marks is a senior at Revere High School where she is news editor of The Lantern, co-president of the Ecology Club, a member of the National Honor Society, and is an appointee to the Teen Ambassador

Board for the Ohio Attorney General. Nathalie also enjoys coaching the Revere fourth grade cheer team. This fall, Nathalie will major in journalism at The Ohio State University. Nathalie loved being in the annual plays at The Lippman School. She also enjoyed the Hanukkah celebrations at both the JCC and Summit Mall, where she used to sing, a talent she likely inherited from her grandmother, Lila Marks. Nathalie was able to have two Bat Mitzvah services, one at Temple Israel and the other in Israel! She is happy to honor Grandma Lila by joining her aunts, Shelley Marks Kaye and Janet Marks Silverman, as well as her cousin Jennifer Kaye, by becoming a Queen Esther for this year's Purim Ball.

Natalie Mastrantonio is a senior at Copley High School. Natalie has been a ballet dancer with the Dance Institute at the University of Akron for fun, and for work she has a position in the Shaw JCC Babysitting Room. Her hobbies include reading, watching Netflix, and seeing her friends. This fall, Natalie will attend The Ohio State University, along with Nathalie Marks. She is considering a psychology major with a minor in either French or Italian. (Her dad, Steve Mastrantonio, is pulling for Italian!) Natalie and her family are members of Beth El Synagogue, where she went to Saturday School and made many friends. Natalie has been participating in J Reads, the tutoring program through the Purim Ball Mitzvah project. She likes continuing the family tradition of participating in Purim Ball, as her mother was also a Queen Esther. Natalie also enjoyed this time with her father.

Elia Meltzer is a senior at Copley High School and will attend the University of Akron to major in business administration. She wants to start her own non-profit, working with Northern Cheyenne friends, creating and selling beaded jewelry for which the tribe is known. While at Copley, Elia has organized different charity drives, including one to help the Northern Cheyenne in Montana. Elia also participates in Copley's art club and volunteers at the One of a Kind Pets rescue shelter. While participating in The Lippman School's annual school plays, Elia not only learned how to feel comfortable in front of an audience, but discovered a place where she could be herself. Lippman's class trip to Israel, helped to make her, as Elia states, "a better Jew." Participating in Purim Ball is a logical extension of her Judaic experiences.

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Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday, May 25, 2018

5:30 p.m. at Temple Israel

with guest speaker

Rabbi Geoffrey A. Mitelman

Rabbi Geoffrey A. Mitelman is the Founding Director of Sinai and Synapses, an organization that bridges the scientific and religious worlds, and is being incubated at Clal – The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership.



Upcoming Community Shabbat Dinners:
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 May 18. Cost: \$18 for adults, \$12 for children & FREE for children under five.

Register at ShawJCC.org/ShabbatDinner, call 330-867-7850 or stop by the Shaw JCC desk.

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Morgan Mirman is a junior at Copley High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club and student council. She has played on the varsity soccer and track teams for the past two years. Community volunteerism runs in Morgan's family, and she has volunteered with both the Akron Canton Foodbank and Family Promise. Morgan has been part of this Jewish community since she was a baby. She attended preschool at the JCC, spent a few years at Lippman, and attended Hebrew School at Temple Israel. Morgan had the experience of a lifetime when she, along with Nathalie Marks, became a Bat Mitzvah while traveling with their families in Israel. Morgan's family precedes her in Purim Ball participation. Aunts Candy Mirman and Leslie Lapidus, cousins Stacy Mirman Cohen, Carly Weintraub, Lindsey Weintraub, Jessie Robbins, Cathy Weintraub Robbins and Ellyse Weintraub Gilbert. Purim Ball has always been one of Morgan's favorite Jewish celebrations. She is so excited to finally have her turn while wearing the same dress worn by her cousin, Stacy Mirman Cohen.

Kaya Sandel is a junior at Copley High School. She is a member of Honors Choir. Kaya has also successfully stage managed three shows, which to Kaya is just the beginning; her goal includes touring with a Broadway show as a stage manager. Kaya has spent hundreds of hours volunteering with the Copley High School Drama Club. In the words of her teacher, Mrs. Steffen, "It is no exaggeration to say that without the time, effort and dedication of Kaya Sandel, Copley High School's Drama Club would not run half as efficiently as it does. She is a key member of the club and I could not be more grateful for all that she does." Kaya's parents couldn't be prouder of her commitment. Kaya enjoyed reconnecting with her friends in the community through Purim Ball. More than anything, Kaya has immensely enjoyed this time with her father.

Congratulations to all the Queen Esthers of the 62nd Purim Ball. Donations in honor of a Queen Esther may be made to the Purim Ball Fund c/o the Shaw JCC.

Reduced-cost Home Services Through JFS

Jewish Family Service is now offering homemaker services at a reduced cost through the Silver J Ticket. Lily's Home Care has partnered with Jewish Family Service to serve the senior Jewish community through providing the homemaker services. Please contact Buffy Ramos, Jewish Family Service, at 330-867-3388, for more information.

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.**

Holocaust Commemoration for City of Akron will be April 10

The City of Akron Holocaust Commemoration Committee invites the community to the 30th City of Akron Holocaust Arts & Writing Contest Awards Ceremony and 32nd City of Akron Holocaust Commemoration on Tuesday, April 10, at the Main Library of the Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 S. High St., in downtown Akron.

The awards program begins at 6 p.m. Winning students and their work will be recognized with the commemoration presented at 6:30 p.m. In recognition

of our 30th anniversary there will be a special performance of "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" cantata by Miller South School of the Arts choir directed by Paul Stewart. The commemoration will feature Barbara Turkeltaub, a Holocaust survivor, who will share her testimony. She was a hidden child who was hid in a Catholic convent with her sister. After the war Turkeltaub was reunited with her mother who she didn't even remember.

Students from Akron and Summit County were invited

to submit entries to the contest in Division I [Grades 6-8] or Division II [Grades 9-12] - in art or writing categories. This year's contest and commemoration theme is "Lessons of the Holocaust: The Lives of the Children."

In addition to Chairman Susan Yingling, the City of Akron Holocaust Commemoration Committee includes community leaders, former teachers, experts in art and writing, librarians and specialists in history and resources of the Holocaust.

Summit County Invests \$1.5 Million in Israel Bonds

Summit County, Ohio invested \$1.5 million in Israel bonds, increasing its total Israel bond holdings to \$5.4 million. Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise on behalf of the Fiscal Office of Summit County made the announcement in late February.

In making this increase, Summit County joins the Ohio Treasurer and several other Ohio counties that have not only invested in Israel bonds but increased their holdings when their authorized capacity allowed them to do so. To date more than 90 state, municipal and public employee pension funds and treasury funds have invested over \$3 billion in Israel bonds.

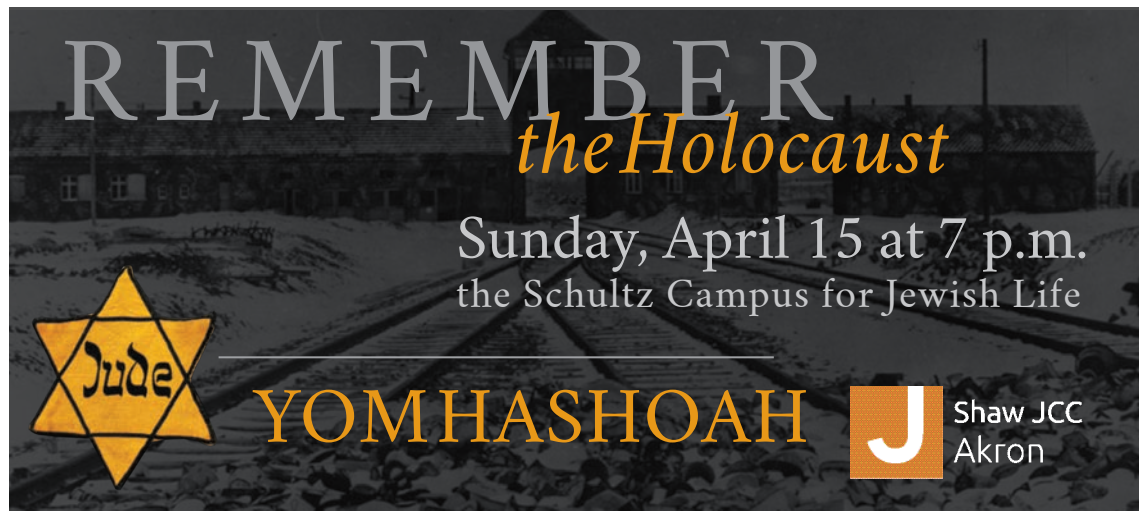
Although Israel bonds are not rated, Israel's foreign currency debt has investment grade ratings. Moody's recently declared, "Israel's economic growth has outpaced that of other advanced industrial countries over the past decade, driven by its high-tech export niche and a diversified economic base that now includes its status as an energy exporter."

The Summit County Israel bond investment was coordinated by the Ohio Israel Bonds office. Executive Director Thomas Lockshin, says, "Israel bonds provide strong interest rates and help strengthen every aspect of Israel's economy. We commend Fiscal Officer Scalise for making an outstanding investment for the citizens of Summit County."

Holocaust Arts & Writing Contest Art Reception on May 3 at the J

The Shaw JCC will host the 2nd annual art reception honoring the winning selections from the City of Akron's Holocaust Arts & Writing Contest on Thursday, May 3. The wine and cheese reception will be from 5 -7 p.m. Free and open to the community.

The Shaw JCC will display the winning selections from May 3 through May 7.



REMEMBER
the Holocaust

Sunday, April 15 at 7 p.m.
the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

 YOM HASHOAH  Shaw JCC
Akron

**This Yom HaAtzma'ut,
celebrate red, white, and blue.**



Magen David Adom, Israel's largest and premier emergency medical response agency, has been saving lives since before 1948. And supporters like you provide MDA's 27,000 paramedics, EMTs, and civilian Life Guardians — more than 90% of them volunteers — with the training, equipment, and rescue vehicles they need. So as we celebrate Israel's independence, make a difference in the health, welfare, and security of the Israeli people with your gift to MDA. **Please give today.**

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The 'Yoms' – When Solemnity Turns to Merriment

It's a too-hot April morning. A minute before 11 am. You are standing in a crowded plaza in the middle of the cemetery waiting, dreading. There's a stillness, a silence unlike anything you can express. It is like there's a hidden spectator that decided to mute the scene on his T.V. Not even the background noises that you are used to register in your brain. Then it starts – A siren wailing over your head, reverberating into your core. The plaza is suddenly filled with mannequins shaped into the same position: head down, body taut, eyes filled with sorrow.

After what seems like forever, the wailing slowly dies down. Cars remember how to drive through the street again, soldiers return to their duty, factory workers turn on their machines, and children sit down at their desks for the rest of the lesson. You start the trying process of recollecting the lives lost through the families and friends that still remember, even though it was two decades ago.

They still come – friends from the army, who share all the ridiculous stuff they remember doing. Family that still has fading photos they take out every so often so that the pain never gets too dull. Sometimes a commanding officer or a new recruit from the same unit, who want to hear about the person that is no longer there or offer condolences for a loss that cannot be described.

This is Yom Hazikaron in Israel. It's a day where we remember the fallen Israeli soldiers and victims of terrorism, a day etched into the collective heart and mind of a nation. Music stations have a special playlist with songs you never hear on "regular" days, nothing funny is on TV, and flowers are sold out for all the wrong reasons. Uri's father was a commanding officer in the Israeli paratroopers for many years, and to this day, Uri goes with him every year without fail to meet the families of soldiers

who died fighting for a country they can call their own. Only once in his life did Uri's father miss this event, when he was stuck in Europe after a volcano erupted in an ash cloud over Iceland in 2010, and he is still pained by missing it today. It really is a solemn day unlike anything else in the Israeli calendar.

Then, only a few hours later, everything changes. It's like a magic spell was cast, and suddenly the pain and bitterness are gone and are replaced with rejoicing. Yom Ha'atzmaut — Israel's Independence Day, which starts on the evening that follows Yom Hazikaron is upon us, and we are mandated to drink, laugh, celebrate and enjoy the fireworks. Kids run down the streets with

spray can full of biodegradable foam and hammer-shaped inflatables, food carts roll into every corner of the venues especially outfitted for the occasion, and the whole town is out being merry. If you didn't come early and find a parking spot several miles away, you're out of luck, and you may as well find a nice hill somewhere and enjoy the show.

This transition is amazing and sometimes scary. How can we go from such solemnity to merriment? Many parents who have lost children voice an opinion that it's just too much to handle emotionally, and many have called Israel a "bipolar nation" with regard to this seemingly incomprehensible transition, but in our eyes it is no less than extraordinary. As we go to gravesites to visit our deceased family every year, we find ourselves turning to the things that made us the happiest when they were there, turning the bitter occasion into a chance to appreciate what we have and to call up memories that are precious. We want to believe that this is how they would want to be remembered and that they would want us to be happy. Maybe by celebrating, we can help deal with the loss of so many.

It is also a celebration of loss that was not in vain. As we fully open ourselves to the magnitude of the loss, we also allow ourselves to bask in the immensity of the achievement that came with such a heavy cost. Israel is country! A nation among nations! For many centuries, people did not believe this day will come anytime soon. For many decades, we lived on the verge of war with overwhelming odds, and yet we're still here. In a land that means so much to us and our history, and we can enjoy it to the fullest only because we understand what it cost us to get to this place. A celebration that does not forget the people who lived to make a dream come true. This is the essence of Yom Ha'atmaut.

We hope you've enjoyed our introspective look into "The Yoms" coming up and their meaning for the people of Israel! We look forward to seeing you at our Yom Hashoah and Yom Ha'atzmaut events coming up on April 15 and April 22. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at shlichim@jewishakron.org.



FREE &
open
to all!

Sunday, April 22 | 4:00-5:30 p.m.

TEEN POOL after party

Israel has never been (b)wetter!

Following the Israel Festival, teens (grades 8-12) are welcome to join us at the indoor pool for an awesome pool party featuring music, drinks and lots and lots of water fun! So, break out your swimwear - and we'll see you there!





**FREE &
open
to all!**



Sunday, April 22 | 12:30-3:30 p.m.

ISRAEL

festival

at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life
750 White Pond Drive in Akron

JOIN US!

*Uri & Gili HersHKovitz
Israeli Emissaries*



**Yom HaZikaron & Yom Ha'atzmaut,
12:30-1:00 p.m.**

Remembering Israel's Fallen Soldiers
Prayers & songs by Akron's clergy

Israel Celebration, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Celebrate Israel's Independence Day

Israeli community art project, Israeli & Jewish artist marketplace, Israeli music, kids' bouncy house, photo magnet booth, complimentary snacks, kids' activities & face painting, Israel souvenirs, short Israeli film & history exhibit, raffles & prizes and Israeli meal catered by Efrat's Café & Catering for only \$5.

**Teen Pool After-Party for grades 8-12,
4-5:30 p.m.**

ISRAEL CELEBRATES 70 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

J 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. 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.

**April 10 Fred's Diner
930 Home Ave, Akron 44310**

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.*

April 17: Join us as Steven Osterow, a renowned Cleveland area Jewish musician and entertainer, performs just for us! Known for his Klezmer music and fun, he will perform both sing-a-long music as well as old classics like *Tumbalalaika*, *Bashana Haba'a*, and *Shalom Alechem*. He leads song in both Yiddish and Hebrew.

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

April 18: Girl with a Pearl Earring

In this adaptation of the best-selling novel, a young housemaid with a hidden appreciation for art becomes the muse of Dutch master painter Vermeer. Starring Colin Firth and Scarlett Johansson.

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.

**April 26 Spaghetti Warehouse
510 S. Main Street, Akron 44311**



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

FRIDAY ART CLASS:

Upcycled Recycled Yarn Wrapped Button Flowers

Friday April 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Join local artist/crafter Mary Bethel in creating upcycled button flowers and vases. These flowers stay in bloom year round! No experience required. You will get to take home a beautiful and creative button flower arrangement of your own! Please RSVP to Rachel Williams @ 330-835-0027 by April 10 in order to ensure we will have enough supplies! Cost: \$5.

Top 10 Habits of Healthy People

Wednesday, April 11 at 11 a.m.

Happiness is a choice and a way of living that anyone can learn. Discover how you can find more joy in every part of your life. You'll also learn tips for staying positive during life's challenges. Sponsored by Tivity Health. FREE.

Jeopardy with AETNA

Wednesday, April 18 at 10 a.m.

After your Silver Sneakers class, come play trivia with John from Aetna! Have fun, stimulate your brain, and win prizes playing a game of Jeopardy. John will host the game and be available afterward to answer general questions about Medicare and Aetna. FREE and open to the public.

Power of Posture

Wednesday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m.

Sarah Kapp, PT, CIDN, CKTP will once again grace us with her knowledge of how and why good posture is so important. Understanding why posture is important to us as we age is imperative to a healthy lifestyle. Sarah will teach us techniques to correct posture and continue to be active. Please RSVP to Rachel Williams at 330-835-0027. FREE and open to the public.

Upcoming Musicals

Beehive: The 60's Musical!

Wednesday, May 16

An exuberant jukebox celebration of the women musicians who made the 60s truly memorable, Beehive transports audiences on a nostalgic musical journey back in time. Featuring forty classic chart-toppers (and Aqua Net-glistening coiffures, of course), this groovy retro-revue highlights hits that range from the Supremes' memorable melodies to Janis Joplin's heart-rending rasp to Aretha Franklin's soul and more. So, break out your vintage best...and prepare to sing along, dance in the aisles and relive one of music's truly golden eras.

We will depart The J at 12:30 p.m. to the Hanna Theater. **MUST HAVE RESERVATION AND PAID IN FULL NO LATER THAN April 11.** Please call Rachel Williams with any questions or to arrange payment at 330-835-0027. Please note: these seats are on the second floor balcony and the Hanna Theater does not have an elevator. Cost: \$18 for Shaw JCC members/\$23 for guests.

Hershey Felder as Irving Berlin

Sunday, June 10

It is the musical story of an immigrant boy who gave a country its voice. In a virtuoso performance, award-winning showman and Cleveland favorite Hershey Felder (George Gershwin Alone, Maestro: Leonard Bernstein) brings to life the remarkable story of Irving Berlin, long thought of as America's Composer. We will go to dinner prior to and across the street from the Theater.

We will depart The J at 4:15 p.m. to Cleveland Playhouse. **WE MUST HAVE YOUR RESERVATION PAID IN FULL NO LATER THAN May 2.** Please call Rachel Williams with any questions or to arrange payment at 330-835-0027. Dinner not included in cost. Cost: \$35 for members/\$40 for guests.



Stories for the Seder: Women's Impact on the World

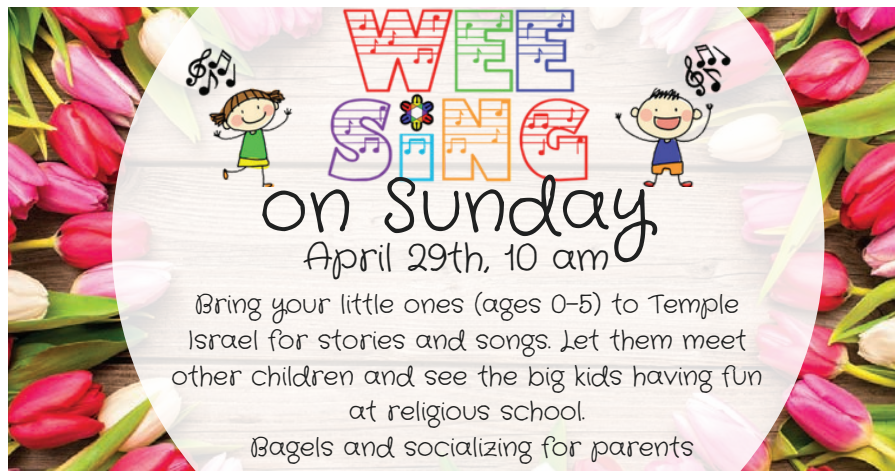
MAZAL COHEN AND COMMITTEE
FOR THE AJN

On March 18, we held the 21st Annual Women's Pre-Pesach Gathering. We would like to thank the hostess, Dr. Regina Dorman. We heard stories from eight women that demonstrated the power, faith, and optimism of Jewish women and their impact on the world now and during the time of the Exodus. These stories answered why it says in the Midrash, "By the merit of righteous women we were redeemed from Egypt." We learned that our generation has a strong connection with these "righteous women" of long ago. We share the same genes as our ancestors as well as their vision, devotion, and faith. It was through their positive attitude and self-sacrifice that the Jewish community has persevered through so many centuries.

We were honored to hear stories from Rachel Williams, Melissa Pidhorodekyi, and Regina Dorman of their exciting trip to Israel, sponsored by the Jewish Community Board of Akron and Jewish Women's Renaissance Project. They related how they were inspired to act upon Jewish women's empowerment to make a difference — starting with their families and, ultimately, their community. Beautiful Pesach songs by the talented singer, 12-year old Ranit Drazinsky of Solon, accompanied by pianist Dr. Regina Dorman, brought out the emotions of many attendees. Kaila Sasonkin and Bracha Fraser shared stories of women's impact on the world today. The Lubavitcher Rebbe always spoke of women's empowerment. He taught that "it will be in the merit of the righteous women of our generation that we will be redeemed."

Each woman received a gift of handmade shmurah matza for the Seder. The evening concluded with a sweet and dessert table. The Cohen family coordinated and co-sponsored this event with joy and is very appreciative of all participants, helpers, and performers. Happy & Kosher Passover to all.





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Upcoming BBYO Activities

Bowling Bash/Break Passover

April 8, 6-9 p.m.

FREE for all BBYO members and prospective members in grades 7-12. Come bowl at Riviera Lanes with other Jewish teens. Includes pizza, shoe rental, and bowling! Please RSVP by March 28.

JCC Hang Out for Grades 7-12

April 9, 5:45-8:30 p.m.

Free, including access to the gym and "teen lounge" being set up in ECE Room 12. Please RSVP.

Roller Skating Party

April 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

With Canton and Youngstown. Following Israel Festival at The J. For grades 7-12. Cost: \$20 will cover transportation to the skating rink, skates and games. Please RSVP.

Regional Convention

April 26-30

For grades 9-12 (8th graders may attend if they went to AIT/MIT).

JCC Hang Out for grades 7-12

May 7, 5:45-8:30 p.m.

Free including access to the gym, pool and "teen lounge" being set up in ECE Room 12. Please RSVP.

Memorial Day at Shaw JCC Camp Pavilion

May 28, Noon-2 p.m.

Cost: \$10 includes pizza, drinks and snacks. Please RSVP.

For more information about any of these events or to RSVP, email Jenna Baker at jmbaker484@gmail.com.

Beth El Young Family Shabbat on April 20

Join young families at Beth El on April 20 for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Mercaz followed by a family-friendly service at 6:15 p.m. in the Gross Family Chapel with dessert following. (Vegetarian/vegan options are always available—just let Beth El know.) Grandparents are always invited, too! Dinners are sponsored by the Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation and are always free and open to the public. RSVPs are always appreciated so there is enough food for all.

Cheerio!

Anshe Sfard's annual Purim celebration took its cues from across the pond this year, with a British theme. In addition to the Megillah reading, community members mingled with "royalty" and "visited" Abbey Road.



'We All Have Stories' – Forum 360 Shares Them

When Frances McDormand received the Oscar for Best Actress for *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*, she gave a rousing acceptance speech. She set her Oscar on the ground, planted her feet and got all the female members of the audience on their feet.

She began with the sentiment "We all have stories to tell." At Forum 360 we believe all of you have stories to tell. That is why Forum 360 exists—to give people, causes, events, ideas and organizations the opportunity to tell their stories.

The internationally-acclaimed chef, Jose Andres, has a saying printed on the front of the menu at Zaytina: "Food is about interacting with ingredients. If you talk



Host Leia Love

to them, they will always tell you a story."

Our goal at Forum 360 is to create a bridge between the people who have incredible stories to tell and listeners and viewers eager to hear their stories. Our goal is always to feature people, places, issues and ideas with a global outlook or a local view.

Topics that we recently taped for future shows are:

- The Center for the History of Psychology at The University of Akron with David Baker
- The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- The role of the highway patrol
- What is special about the Kenmore neighborhood
- How to know your pharmacist

Future topics will be:

- Start-Up businesses
- The Ohio and Erie Canal way
- Akron Children's Museum
- Downtown Akron and Lock 3
- Momentum: Creating effective, engaging and enjoyable meetings

Guests range from the new executive director at the Children's Museum, Traci Buckner, to Mamie Kanfer Stewart, former Akron resident and now New York-based author.

We welcome 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, 5:00 p.m., Monday 12:30 a.m.



Rubber City Jews Rundown

RACHEL OSHEROW
RCJ PROGRAM DIRECTOR

RCJ’s Purim Masquerade was a great success, bringing 50 young adults together at the Akron Art Museum— our biggest event ever! Guests enjoyed the art exhibits, plentiful food and beverages, homemade hamantaschen, games and prizes, and entertainment by DJ (and RCJ-Ticket Holder) Zack Hendler.



Member Spotlight: Rebecca and Adam Lieb

How long have you been involved in RCJ?

Rebecca: Three years

Adam: Three years

Where are you from?

Rebecca: I’ve been in Akron for five years and am originally from the San Francisco Bay area

Adam: Los Angeles and have been in Akron for five years

Occupation:

Rebecca: Clinical psychologist at Akron Children’s Hospital

Adam: Consultant, artist (unrelated to each other)

Favorite food:

Rebecca: Mexican/Indian/Thai

Adam: Mexican

Favorite music:

Rebecca: Oldies

Adam: The Beatles

Hobbies:

Rebecca: Reading, singing

Adam: Volunteering, baseball, basketball, guitar

Favorite thing about Akron:

Rebecca: It’s family-friendly

Adam: Cultural diversity

Favorite thing about RCJ:

Rebecca: The ability to connect with other Jewish members in Akron

Adam: Community engagement



Saturday, April 7 at 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Join Rabbi Elyssa, Hazzan Matt, and your friends for the end of Passover and a return to bread! Pizza, pasta, and yummy treats (plus some healthy ones as well). We join the Austerkleins in their home for an official end to Passover. This is a FREE & kid-friendly event.



ABOVE: Hazzan Matt and Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein with Mike Rzepka



LEFT: DJ Zach Hendler



ABOVE RIGHT: Gili Hershkovitz and Katie Poorman

BELOW: Some of the Purim Masquerade attendees on the Akron Art Museum steps



At the Temple Israel Judaica Gift Shop

April Brings 10% Off Gifts for the Bat Mitzvah and the Bar Mitzvah



We are glad to help you with your selection of a yad (Torah pointer), talit and kippah, jewelry, jewelry boxes, special picture frame with a small Torah open to the appropriate portion, mezuzah or other items.

Temple Israel Sisterhood Gift Shop Hours

- Wednesdays: 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- After most Friday Shabbat Services
- By Appointment. Please call Temple office, 330-665-2000.

Temple Israel, 91 Springside Road, Bath, Ohio 44333

BAR MITZVAH:
Meyer Rolnick

Meyer Paz Rolnick will become a Bar Mitzvah on April 28 at Anshe Sfard. His parents are Marcella Kanfer Rolnick and Josh Rolnick and his siblings are Heshel Rom, Lev Beari & Pella Ruti.

Meyer attends Hannah Senesh Community Day School in Brooklyn, New York. His mitzvah has been weekly tzedakah.

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

Tuesday, April 17th 7:00 at Temple Israel

Zuckerman Receives
Judith A. Read Tribute Award

Laurie Zuckerman, president of Zuckerman Consulting Group Inc., received the 2018 Women's Endowment Fund's Judith A. Read Tribute Award for Service & Advocacy for Women through the Akron Community Foundation. She received the award on March 6, at the fund's annual dinner.

Zuckerman, who co-founded the Women's Endowment Fund in 1993, has been a lifelong champion of women and girls in Greater Akron through her leadership in both the business and nonprofit communities. As president of Zuckerman Consulting Group, she has been coaching and consulting to organizations for more than 30 years.

As a volunteer, Zuckerman developed and co-facilitated Akron's successful Jewish Women's Leadership Initiative. She has served on boards and committees for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Western Reserve, Women's Network, Women's Entrepreneurial Growth Organization, Greater Akron Chamber, Mental Health America, Planned Parenthood, The Lippman School, Temple Israel, Stewart's Caring Place, Leadership Akron, and the Women's Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH 2018 - 4:30PM AT BETH EL CONGREGATION

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TICKETS ARE \$18; CHILDREN & STUDENTS ARE FREE

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THIS CONCERT IS GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY THE ALEXANDER AND LILLIAN MEDOFF MEMORIAL MUSIC FUND

Beth El Congregation



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THURSDAY, MAY 3, 5:30 P.M.
at Anshe Sfard
Family BBQ & Entertainment for all
Please RSVP to www.akronshul.com



Shavuot
Dairy Kiddush Luncheon
& Ice Cream Social at Anshe Sfard
Sunday, May 20 at 9:30 a.m.
Hear the Ten Commandments at this community celebration and enjoy the ice cream social!
RSVP to www.akronshul.com

Join us April 6th @ 6:15 pm



TEMPLE ISRAEL - AKRON, OHIO

First Friday

A CASUAL SHABBAT EXPERIENCE

First Friday with Cantor Kathy Fromson, the Rock Shabbat Band

Lev Tahor
(Pure Heart)
Shabbat Service



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

April 13; May 11

Local Synagogue Schedules

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330-867-7292
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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**
Lev Tahor, 2nd Friday of the month at 7 p.m., August–May. Contemporary service in the round with ecstatic chant and musical instruments.
Young Family Shabbat, 3rd Friday of the month at 5:30 p.m. - Family Shabbat dinner followed by musical service & oneg. Please RSVP for dinner.
Shabbat Morning Services, 9:15 am
Shacharit: Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30 a.m.
A hearty breakfast is provided on Fridays. Additional weekday minyans by request, either 7:30 a.m. or 7:30pm. Please send requests to the rabbi.

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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



Candle Lighting Times

Thursday, April 5 (Eve of 7th Day of Passover)	7:38 pm
Friday, April 6 (Eve of 8th Day of Passover)	7:39 pm
Friday, April 13	7:46 pm
Friday, April 20	7:54 pm
Friday, April 27	8:01 pm

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

Holocaust Education Workshop in Columbus on June 12

The Ohio Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education presents its annual day-long workshop for educators. Why the Holocaust Matters Today will take place Tuesday, June 12, at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus, 1125 College Ave., in Columbus. The workshop is from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with optional visits to Holocaust memorials and a special evening presentation.

The workshop instructs middle and high school teachers (and interested learners) throughout the state of Ohio in the history and pedagogy of the Holocaust and genocide.

Presentations include:

- **Echoes and Reflections** - Sarah Weiss, executive director of The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education.

- **A Brief History of Genocide** - Dr. Bradley Beach, professor of philosophy at Walsh University
- **Using the Diary of David Sierakowiak in the Classroom**- Dr. Mark B. Cole, associate history lecturer at Cleveland State University
- **The Miracle of Survival** - Roman Frayman, Holocaust Survivor
- **Introduction to Judaism** - Marilyn W. Feldman, educator

Teachers will receive access to the Echoes & Reflections web resources. Echoes & Reflections prepares educators to teach the Holocaust in ways that stimulate engagement and critical thinking. There is also a special evening presentation, Dates of Remembrance – and the Stories that Make Them

Matter by Dr. Karen Shawn, professor of Jewish education at Yeshiva University.

The \$40 registration fee includes workshop, materials, continental breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. Registration deadline is May 31. Space is limited, so register early at ochge.org/columbusworkshop.html. Or make a \$40 check payable to CHHE to Sarah Weiss, Executive Director OCHGE, 8401 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45236. For more information, contact sweiss@holocaustandhumanity.org or call 513-487-3091.

Ohio Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education thanks the Frances and Lillian Schermer Charitable Trusts for helping to underwrite this day of learning.

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SATURDAY
APRIL 21, 2018

5:30 PM WINE AND CHEESE

6:00 DINNER

7:30 PM SHOW

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Moses: A Human Life

With world-renowned author & scholar

May 6, 2018 @ 7pm

Moses' fundamental sense of himself as 'not a man of words' comes to a poignant consummation in the long speeches he makes to the people before he dies. What does it mean to learn to speak?

Desserts and coffee included

\$10 in advance/ \$15 at the door

Books will be for sale and signed



Beth El
Congregation

Lotsa Matzah

Children explored Pesach traditions, like making matzah, at the Jr. Matzavh Chef event in March.



'Faith, Trust & Pixie Dust' to be April 21 at Temple Israel

Please join Temple Israel's Cantor Kathy Fromson presents and stars in an original musical comedy, Faith, Trust & Pixie Dust, written by Sheri Gross, on Saturday, April 21. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for Temple Israel Music Funds.

Temple Israel's two-part event begins with a special meet-and-greet with magical characters. Children and families will have an opportunity to have photos taken with performers, enjoy cookies and refreshments, receive gifts and participate in a creative activity. A concert of familiar tunes sung by Cantor Kathy Fromson and the magical characters, enhanced by dazzling images on backdrop screens, will culminate the activities for youngsters. Children are welcome to sing along!

The evening portion will begin with a tapas style Patron Dinner catered by Taste of Excellence held in the social hall at 5:30 p.m. The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Following dinner attendees will head to the sanctuary to enjoy Faith, Trust & Pixie Dust a musical comedy starring Temple Israel's Cantor Kathy Fromson, featuring talented congregants Kristin Leuchtag and Max Winer, and special guests, Leslie Frye and Arthur Haynam. Pianist Laura Silverman will accompany the cast.

After the performance, all are invited to a grand dessert reception where they can meet the cast members. A raffle prize drawing is also planned.

Cost for the Meet and Greet and Children's Concert is \$36 per family. Patron levels are \$500, \$250, and \$150 per person; it includes the Patron dinner, performance and dessert. The cost to attend the performance and enjoy dessert is \$50 per person (or \$60 after April 10).

Check www.templeisraelakron.org for information and updates or contact the Temple office at 330-665-2000.

Explore Yiddish Fiction - Register Today!

"A Century of Fiction from the Forward, Part 2" is the Spring 2018 session of Encountering Jewish Culture through Stories, Poetry & Art. Esther Hexter, will guide seniors and friends in lively discussion and continued exploration of a great stories, all of which appeared in the renowned Yiddish newspaper the *Forward*, and now translated into English, most for the first time. Classes meet six Wednesdays in April and May – April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, from 11:15 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. at the Shaw JCC. This is a program of the Jewish Community Board of Akron.

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. Class members will read and explore stories from America's greatest Yiddish newspaper, the *Forward*. This new anthology gathers a century's

worth of fiction. Teeming with life, both funny and bittersweet, this collection honors not only a language, but a world itself. All readings are in English. *Have I Got a Story for You* provides a panoramic view into a vanishing, and irreplaceable, Jewish cosmos.

Encountering Jewish Culture through Stories, Poetry & Art is supported by a grant from the Edward I. Abramson Program Fund of JCBA. This is the tenth year of this program! Many students have been part of this learning community for most of those years; with new members joining all of the time.

Registration fee is \$25. Please register by April 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.

Jennifer Moss Outstanding Graduate Award Fund

In Memory of

- Ruth Ackerman, from Herb & Ellen Moss
- Judy Finkel, from Herb & Ellen Moss
- Shirley Bellowe Century, from Herb & Ellen Moss
- Dahna Fox, from Herb & Ellen Moss
- Gerald “Jerry” Woodling, from Herb & Ellen Moss
- Jean Warner Baer, from Herb & Ellen Moss
- David Lockshin, from Herb & Ellen Moss

In Honor of

- The birth of Stan & Mary Ann Minster’s great-granddaughter, from Herb & Ellen Moss
- The birth of Richard & Debbie Zelin’s granddaughter, from Herb & Ellen Moss

Edward I Abramson Fund

In Memory of

- David Lockshin, from Alvin & Rochelle Lieberman

Jewish National Fund

Thank you

- Phyllis Butters for her friendship, from Faye Gerber

Jewish Welfare Fund

In Honor of

- The engagement of Blake Gross and Maggie Dolensky, from Herb & Ellen Moss

JCBA Unrestricted Endowment

In Memory of

- Jean Warner Baer, from Phil and Livia Kades
- David Lockshin, from Phil and Livia Kades

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In Memory of

- Evelyn Goldsmith Gross from Leona Pollock
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In Memory of

- Irene Kellerman from Jackie Derrow & Steve Kutnick
- Evelyn Goldsmith Gross from Jackie Derrow & Kutnick

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In Memory of

- Dorothy Schankler from Arthur Schankler
- Dahna Fox from Marv & Judi Shapiro
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- David Lockshin from his “Many Friends”

Speedy Recovery for

Kerry Migdal Memorial Fund

In Memory of

- Evelyn Goldsmith Gross from Stan & Rhoda Migdal
- Shirley Bellowe Century from Stan & Rhoda Migdal
- David Lockshin from Stan & Rhoda Migdal

Lila Marks Music Performance & Education Fund

In Memory of

- Lila Marks from Stan & Harriet Schneiderman; Shirley Lowy; Ken & Heidi Regal; Harriet Udelson; Mitzi Mild; Lee & Cheryl Sternberg; Mark & Sandra Auburn; Dr. Tom & Debbie Turner; Fay Wish
- Lenore Glauberman from Fay Wish
- Cynthia Wein from Fay Wish
- Helene Sternberg from Fay Wish
- Mort Stein from Fay Wish
- Angela Meles from Janet & David Silverman
- Joan Schweiger from Janet & David Silverman
- Jean Baer from Debbie Rosen
- Evelyn Goldsmith Gross from Debbie Rosen
- David Lockshin from Debbie Rosen

Speedy Recovery for

- Stan Minster from Fay Wish

Murray Glauberman Young Leadership Fund

In Memory of

- Lenore Glauberman from Stan & Harriet Schneiderman; Marcella Kanfer Rolnick
- David Lockshin from Stuart & Sheri Glauberman

Purim Ball Fund

In Honor of

- Natalie Culter's presentation at Purim Ball from Sandy & Al Moses
- Alexandra Goldman's Presentation at Purim Ball from Sandy & Al Moses
- Olivia Kern's presentation at Purim Ball from Sandy & Al Moses
- Caroline Kimberly's presentation at Purim Ball from Sandy & Al Moses
- Nathalie Marks' presentation at Purim Ball from Sandy & Al Moses
- Natalie Mastrantonio's presentation at Purim Ball from Sandy & Al Moses
- Elia Meltzer's presentation at Purim Ball from Sandy & Al Moses
- Morgan Mirman's presentation at Purim Ball from Sandy & Al Moses; Barry & Kimberly Horvitz; the Haber Family
- Kaya Sandel's presentation at Purim Ball from Sandy & Al Moses; Judith Krasnof; Marcella Grande & James Martin; Marie & Mark Nemeth; Tom & Phyllis Grande
- Sandy & Al Moses for their dedication and work for the Purim Ball from Jen Alder

Randy Recht Sports Camp Fund

In Memory of

- David Lockshin from David & Marjorie Recht
- Irene Kellerman from David & Marjorie Recht
- Shirley Bellowe Century from David & Marjorie Recht

Ronald Penner JCC Memorial Fund for Israel-centric BBYO Programming

In Memory of

- Evelyn Goldsmith Gross from Arlene Penner
- Irene Kellerman from Arlene Penner
- Jean Baer from Harriet & Jack Neiman
- David Lockshin from Harriet & Jack Neiman; Maurice & Lillian Neiman

Sol Wagan Youth Maccabi Scholarship Fund

In Memory of

- Cynthia Wein from Stan & Harriet Schneiderman
- Emory Geller from Stan & Harriet Schneiderman; Shirley Lowy
- Mort Stein from Stan & Harriet Schneiderman
- Emory Geller from

Stewart Surloff Memorial Fund

In Memory of

- Evelyn Goldsmith Gross from Marv & Judi Shapiro
- Irene Kellerman from Marv & Judi Shapiro; David & Janet Minc; Shirley Lowy; Ken & Heidi Regal; Janice & Steve Epstein; Fay Wish
- Jean Baer from Mimi Surloff & Family

William Weintraub Fund

In Honor of

- Doug Weintraub being chosen CEO of Bounce

Mort Stein Forum 360 Fund

In Memory of

- Mort Stein from Ronald & Luanne Fisher

Loans Available for Akron Jewish Students

For over 50 years, the Akron Jewish Student Loan Fund has been providing low-interest loans to area Jewish residents. Applicants must be Jewish and reside in Summit County and can be any age.

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.

Payment of the loan begins six months after graduation. For further information or to request an application, please call Sheila Gottlieb at 330-836-9276. Deadline to apply for the 2018-19 school year is May 1, 2018.



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Pickleball

Come play the game that is sweeping the nation! Join us as we watch, learn and play. Pickleball is a racquet sport which combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. Show up on Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Fridays at 10 a.m. for league style play. Outdoor courts available starting mid-April.

Play Days and Times:

- **Mondays: 9-11:30 a.m. (one in-door court)**
- **Wednesdays: 9:30-11:30 a.m. (instruction 10-11 a.m.) with three indoor courts**
- **Fridays: 10-11:30 a.m. (one indoor court)**
- **Saturdays: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (one indoor court)**

Weather permitting, outdoor tennis courts available for Pickleball during regular business hours. For Pickleball equipment, stop by the Sports Fitness Service Desk.

Cost: Free M/\$5 G

For more information or sign-up, contact szorn@shawjcc.org or (330) 835-0052

Men's Basketball

(Ages 18+) 12-Week Sunday League

April 15 – Registration deadline

April 22-July 8, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Call Rick Davis at 330-835-0053 with questions. Call 330-867-7850, stop by the desk or visit ShawJCC.org/Online-Registration to register.

Cost: \$100 M/\$135 G. 602.109

See page 11 for Youth Basketball League information.

Ping Pong League

Join the Thursday ping pong league, 6-8:45 p.m., where the entire family can enjoy friendly matches, meet new friends, win weekly prizes and be eligible for the \$500 League Finals Night!

Cost: \$12/person or \$20/family. Shaw JCC members receive a 20% discount. Register at www.OhioPingPong.com.