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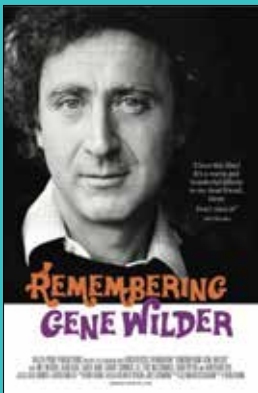
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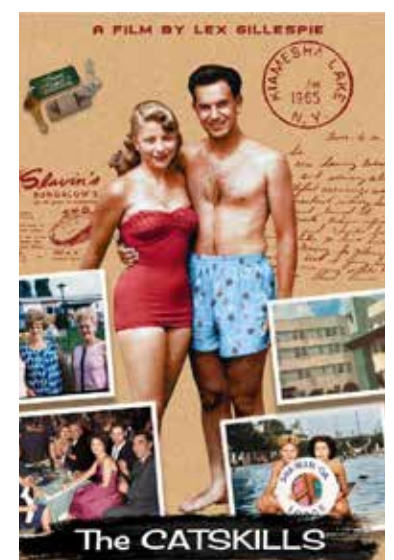
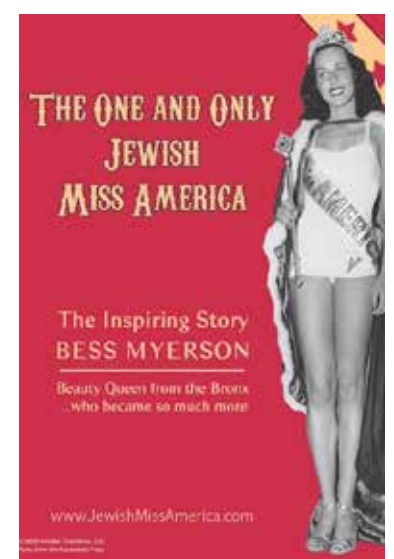
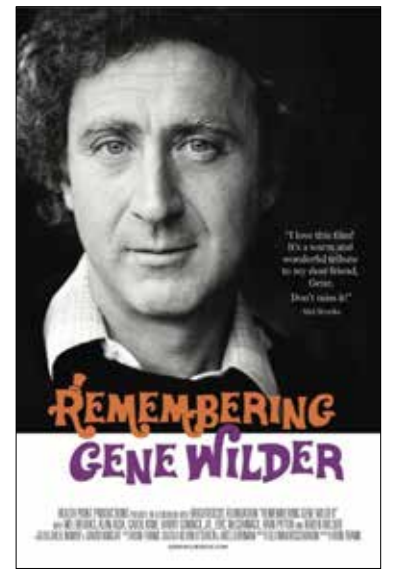
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at Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave.

FREE event, dinner included

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OPENING NIGHT

Remembering Gene Wilder

Monday, June 17 at 7 p.m.

This loving tribute to Gene Wilder celebrates his life and legacy as the comic genius behind an extraordinary string of film roles, from his first collaboration with Mel Brooks in *The Producers*, to the enigmatic title role in the original *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, to his inspired on-screen partnership with Richard Pryor in movies like *Silver Streak*. It is illustrated by a bevy of touching and hilarious clips and outtakes, never-before-seen home movies, narration from Wilder's audiobook memoir, and interviews with a roster of brilliant friends and collaborators like Mel Brooks, Alan Alda, and Carol Kane. Remembering Gene Wilder shines a light on an essential performer, writer, director, and all-around mensch. **Running time: 92 minutes | English**

iMordechai

Monday, June 24 at 7 p.m.

A heart-warming movie based on a true story, *iMordecai* stars Academy Award-nominated and two-time Emmy-winning actor Judd Hirsch (star of the Emmy-winning sitcom *Taxi, Ordinary People, Independence Day*) as Mordecai Samels and Academy Award-nominated actress Carol Kane (*Hester Street*) as his wife, Fela, both survivors from Poland, who are now living in Miami. Their son, Marvin (Academy Award-nominated actor Sean Astin, *The Lord of the Rings*), is an ambitious cigar maker trying to support his own family while still being there for his aging parents. But when Mordecai's ancient flip phone breaks, he starts to take lessons from Nina (newcomer Azia Dinea Hale), a young employee of Ultratech. She tutors Mordecai on his new iPhone, opening him up to all kinds of novel experiences and adventures, which makes him feel like a kid again. An uplifting comedy and a love letter to the city of Miami, *iMordecai* urges us all to live the one life we have to the fullest. **Running time: 102 minutes | English**

Vishniac

Monday, July 1 at 7 p.m.

Roman Vishniac is best known for having traversed Eastern Europe from 1935 through 1938, on assignment for the American Joint Distribution Committee, to photograph Jewish life in Eastern Europe. The purpose of the photographs was to raise funds for impoverished Jewish communities. Few predicted that, less than a decade later, these communities would be wiped out and that Vishniac's photographs would provide the last visual records of an entire world.

After the war, Vishniac's documentation continues with photographs of Berlin in ruins and children in displaced persons camps before he shifts his focus to groundbreaking scientific work. Directed by award-winning filmmaker Laura Bialis (*Refusenik, Rock in the Red Zone*), Vishniac goes behind the images and beyond the myths to portray a man who took those closest to him to the brink of rejection, yet gave the world a collection as diverse and beautiful as the eye can see. **Running time: 93 minutes | English**

The One and Only Jewish Miss America: The Inspiring Story of Bess Myerson

Monday, July 8 at 7 p.m.

In September 1945, Bess Myerson, Miss New York City, made history at the most famous beauty pageant in the world. In spite of anonymous phone calls to judges, threats from sponsors, and growing antisemitism, the daughter of struggling immigrants from Russia became the first Jewish Miss America. The judges could not change the point count, the beauty queen from the Bronx won the swimsuit competition, tied for first place in talent and top-ranked in interview and evening gown categories. But was the country ready for a Jewish Miss America? **Running time: 51 minutes | English**



FEATURING Q&A with director David Arond
David Arond has directed and produced over a dozen documentaries in his career as a journalist and filmmaker.

The Catskills

Monday, July 22 at 7 p.m.

The Catskills is a feature-length documentary film on the rise and fall of the Borscht Belt.

With a trove of lost-and-found archival footage and a cast of characters endowed with the gift of gab, *The Catskills* journeys into the storied mountain getaway north of New York City that served as refuge for Jewish immigrants fleeing poverty as well as a lavish playground for affluent Jewish families.

Stand-up comedians share their best shtick while former waiters, entertainers, and dance instructors recount tales of the family-run resorts and bungalows that inspired films like *Dirty Dancing*. **Running time: 85 minutes | English**

information

Location and time for all films:

NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR:

Southview High School Auditorium, 7225 Sylvania Ave.

All films begin at 7 p.m.

Ticket prices

General admission: \$10 per film, per person

Series package: \$45 all 5 dates, per person

Please check in at our registration table the day of each film for all pre-purchased tickets and passes

How to purchase your tickets

By phone: 419-724-0351

By email: sherry@jewishtoledo.org

Online: form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/films24

At the door: first come, first serve



Concessions

Snacks and beverages will be available at all screenings (unless otherwise noted). This is included in your ticket price.

Parking

Free parking is available on the west side of the building.

Questions:

Please contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@jewishtoledo.org



The Film Festival is generously funded in part by the Jack, Jr. and Nora Romanoff Donor Advised Fund and the Stu & JoJo Goldberg Donor Advised Fund at the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation

Eat, Drink, Dance, & Chaiim!

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Summer Bash



Sunday

August 11 | 1 - 4 p.m.

Federation campus - grassy area between Temple Shomer Emunim and Congregation B'nai Israel

Open to the entire Jewish community featuring music, food trucks, the Ladder 419 Beer Firetruck, fresh squeezed lemonade and funnel cakes!

Fun activities for the kids: bounce houses, 9-hole mini-golf, toddler zone, face painting, lawn games, and more!

JOHN MORTON BAND
The *Band*
50's 60's 70's
Good Time Oldies
Rock'n'Roll



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Fun for KIDS, too!

FACE PAINTING



BOUNCE HOUSE

\$5/person
before 8/1
\$10 after 8/1
\$18 per household
before 8/1
\$36 after 8/1
includes Kona Ice, beer, lemonade or root beer. Purchase funnel cakes, food trucks items and more, on your own.



WIN PRIZES

PLAY GAMES



RSVP required by Friday, August 9 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

FEDTalks



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Tuesday, August 6

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m.

at Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave.

FREE event, dinner included



Join us for an unforgettable evening of inspiration and empowerment as Toledo's own Jewish leaders take the FedTalk stage to share their own personal stories. In this captivating event, our lineup of dynamic speakers will delve into a wide range of topics, all centered around the enduring spirit and resilience of Am Yisrael Chai, the eternal message that the Jewish people live on, thrive, and endure against all odds.

Explore the rich tapestry of our speakers' Jewish identities, their connection to Jewish Toledo, and why their voices resonate with us today now more than ever.

RSVP by Friday, August 2 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



Play Ball! Community Mud Hens game

Sunday, September 8

Game starts at 2:05 p.m.

Campaign Donors: \$15 per adult, \$5 per child (3 – 12 years old), FREE for children 0 – 2 years old

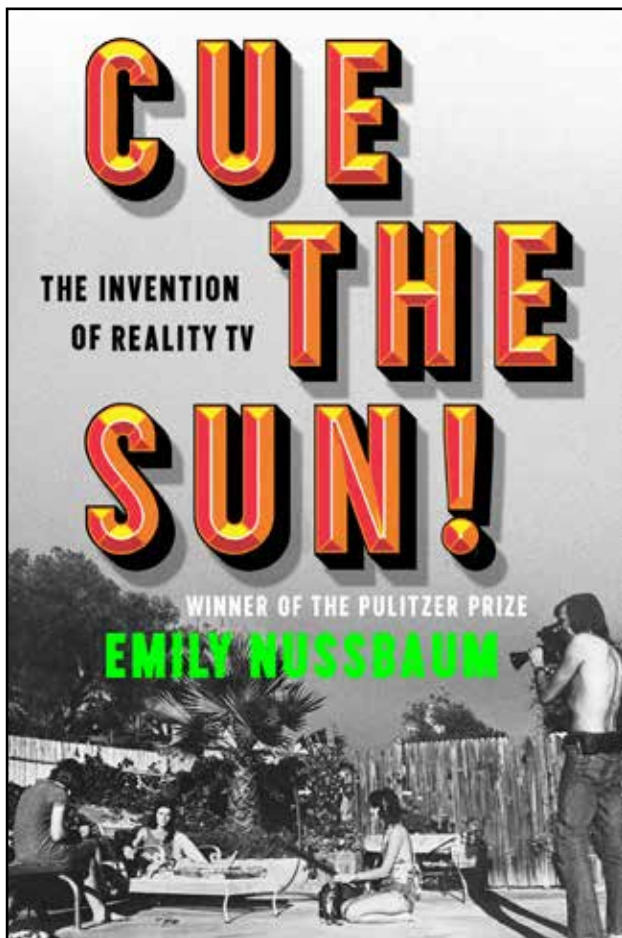
Non-Campaign Donors: \$25 per adult, \$15 per child (3 – 12 years old), FREE for children 0 – 2 years old

Includes game ticket, lunch and soft drinks



Join us in the party suites at Fifth Third Field for a Sunday Funday as the Toledo Mud Hens take on the Indianapolis Indians! This event is for the entire Jewish community of all ages and stages.

RSVP by Monday, August 26 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



Join Us for An Evening with Pulitzer Prize-winning and New York Times best-selling author,

Emily Nussbaum

from *The New Yorker*

Wednesday, July 10

7 p.m.

Lourdes Franciscan Center, 6832 Convent Blvd.

\$10 per person; a FREE, signed copy of Emily's new book will be given to the first 50 registrants. Additional copies will be available for purchase at the event.

Who invented reality television, the world's most dangerous pop-culture genre? And why can't we look away from shows like *The Bachelor* and *Survivor*? Award-winning, *New York Times* best-selling author Emily Nussbaum will talk about her revelatory new book *Cue the Sun!* that explores the rise of the "dirty documentary," from its contentious roots in radio to the ascent of Donald Trump. Emily will share stories of the real characters who built the reality genre and explore the morally charged, funny, and sometimes tragic consequences of the hunt for something real inside something fake.

Emily Nussbaum is a staff writer at *The New Yorker*, where she's worked since 2011, originally as the magazine's television critic. In 2016, she won the Pulitzer Prize for criticism. Previously, she was the culture editor for *New York*, where she created the Approval Matrix. She is the author of *I Like to Watch: Arguing My Way Through the TV Revolution*, which was a finalist for the PEN/Diamonstein-Spielvogel Award for the Art of the Essay. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband, Clive Thompson, and their two children.

The author's presentation and Q&A will be followed by a book signing.



Register by Tuesday, July 9 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org

This event is coordinated through a community partnership by Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Lourdes University, and Finch & Fern Book Co. Thank you for supporting arts and culture!



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Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo Tributes and Memorials

received between April 20 - May 20, 2024

We gratefully acknowledge the following Tributes and Memorials to JFGT and TJCF funds. Tributes and Memorials can be made by contacting Barb at 419-724-0357, barb@jewishtoledo.org, or Anna at 419-724-0386, anna@jewishtoledo.org.

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Make your contribution to the Annual Campaign online at www.JewishToledo.org

JFGT Summer 2024 Holiday Office Closures:

Date	Day of Week	Holiday	Office Hours
May 27, 2024	Monday	Memorial Day	Closed
June 11, 2024	Tuesday	Erev SHAVUOT	Close at 1:00 pm
June 12, 2024	Wednesday	SHAVUOT	Closed
June 13, 2024	Thursday	SHAVUOT	Closed
July 4, 2024	Thursday	Independence Day	Closed
September 2, 2024	Monday	Labor Day	Closed

Time Change • Office closes at 3:30 pm Fridays starting November 9, 2024.

JFGT financial assistance and cancellation policies for programs

Financial assistance for programs

Discreet financial assistance available for Jewish Toledo activities

We understand that each person's financial situation is different, and cost can be a barrier for participation in various activities. We don't want program fees to be an obstacle for you or your family to attend our events or participate in our programs. Assistance is available and confidential. For more information, please contact Ben at 419-724-0408 or ben@jewishtoledo.org.

Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo's Cancellation Policy

The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) cancellation policy is established to ensure a fair and transparent process for participants who need to cancel their registration for JFGT events. Our primary goal is to accommodate all participants while managing the logistical aspects of each event efficiently. This policy will generally apply to JFGT events unless otherwise stated in connection with the registration for the event.

Policy:

Participants who wish to cancel their registration for any events must do so by 48 hours prior to the event. Cancellations made after this date may result in forfeiture of the registration fee.

To cancel your registration for any event, please send an email to sherry@jewishtoledo.org with the subject line "Cancellation: [Your Name]". Include your full name, registration information, and a brief reason for the cancellation in the email.

Make sure to send the cancellation request before the 48-hour deadline. Cancellations made on or before the 48-hour deadline are

eligible for a full refund of the registration fee.

Cancellations made after the 48-hour deadline may not be eligible for a refund. However, Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo may consider exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

If you are unable to attend any Federation sponsored event after the cancellation deadline has passed, you may nominate a substitute participant at no additional cost. Please notify Sherry Majewski (sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351) of the substitution at least 24 hours before the event.

Participants who do not attend events without providing prior notice will not be eligible for any refunds or substitutions.

If any event is canceled by the Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo due to circumstances beyond our control, such as a natural disaster, pandemic, or other unforeseen events, we will make every effort to reschedule. If rescheduling is not possible, participants will receive a full refund of the registration fee. The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo is not responsible for any additional costs incurred by participants, such as travel or accommodation expenses.

The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo reserves the right to amend this cancellation policy at any time. Participants will be notified of any changes via email or through our official website.

By registering for any events sponsored by the Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo, participants acknowledge that they have read and understood this cancellation policy and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.



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AWARDS**

Recipient of the 2023 Toledo Community Foundation Northwest Ohio Nonprofit Excellence Award

Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo



COMMUNITY DINNER WITH Chef Uri Arnon



More than 100 community members were treated in May to an exquisite kosher meal prepared by renowned Israeli chef Uri Arnon - owner of Arnolds, a restaurant in Moshav Netiv HaShayara, and Roots restaurants. Roots, in Acre, is a partnership between Jewish, Christian, and Muslim individuals who opened a Kosher Middle Eastern restaurant with a modern twist. A real coexistence on the plate.

Dinner began with a spread of more than a dozen traditional Israeli salads and appetizers, followed by lamb stew and chicken stew then desserts including a halva parfait and Malabi.

Chef Uri was born and raised in Tel Aviv to a father who converted to Judaism and immigrated from Switzerland and a mother who immigrated from Egypt. Chef Uri has always been involved in multicultural culinary initiatives and is a founder of The Tourism Association in the Western Galilee; he recently opened a consulting, branding, and marketing company, Umami, to help culinary, tourism, and lifestyle businesses mainly in the Western Galilee and Northern Israel.

JFGT announces new JCRC Director



Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) is pleased to welcome Amichai Stout as Director, Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) beginning June 3, 2024.

Amichai is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, summa cum laude. He also has a Master's Degree in Political Management from Carleton University in Ontario, Canada. He grew up in Port Huron, Michigan.

Most recently, Amichai served as Policy Director for the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs; prior to that he worked as Government Affairs Manager for the City of Philadelphia. He also served as Chief of Staff for Greg Vitali, a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He brings with

him an extensive background in strategic communications and planning, project management, and inter-organizational relationship building as well as a personal passion for Jewish observance and advocacy.

Amichai comes to Jewish Toledo from Philadelphia with his fiancé, Debbie Sacks, who he will be marrying this July.

NJG beer brewing and tasting

Next Jewish Generation got together recently to brew then (about a month later) taste their own beer at Patron Saints Brewery. The special concoction, named Miriam's Mosaic, is a SMASH (single malt and single hop) IPA using Pilsen malt and Mosaic hops.



Find out more about Jewish Toledo at www.jewishtoledo.org



Active Life for 60+

Senior Dinner Cruise on the Maumee!



Tuesday, July 30

Load bus at 4:20 p.m., return at 9 p.m.

Meet in Jewish Federation parking lot, 6465 Sylvania Ave.
 Annual Campaign Donors - \$15 per person
 Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$25 per person
 Includes bus ride, vegetarian dinner, and river cruise

We'll embark on a delightful, 3-hour Glass City Pearl boat cruise, immersing ourselves in the breathtaking scenery while savoring a delicious vegetarian dinner.



RSVP by Wednesday, July 24 to
<http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors>
 or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or
sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



Senior trip to New York, New York

Monday, September 16 - Friday, September 20, 2024

This trip includes moderate physical activity with walking and standing and does include a few flights of stairs and uneven terrain.

\$750 per person - Double Occupancy
 \$1,000 per person - Single Occupancy

Travel to New York City and stay at Times Square, our home for four days and three nights. Highlights of our trip will include:

- Sightseeing tour of New York City
- Guided tour of a Tenement Apartment and a walking tour of a Tenement Neighborhood
- Ferry ride and visit to the Statue of Liberty Museum
- Ellis Island's National Immigration Museum
- Visit to the 9/11 Museum & Memorial
- Some free time or shopping on Fifth Avenue
- Tour of the Museum of Jewish Heritage
- Broadway Musical - TBD

Tour Price Includes:

- Motor Coach Transportation
- 3 nights at Hampton Inn, Times Square
- 1 Night in Scranton, PA
- 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- All tour and museum admissions
- Broadway theater ticket
- Luggage handling
- Tax & tips on included meals

This event is intended for community members who support Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Annual Campaign. A meaningful gift to the campaign is required to attend. Make your contribution today by contacting Wendy Goldstein at 419-724-0362 or wendy@jewishtoledo.org or by visiting www.jewishtoledo.org/campaigndepartment.



RSVP required by Monday, August 5 to
<http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors>
 or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Sound Bath with Sovereign Soul Thursday, August 15

1 - 2 p.m.

Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.

Annual Campaign donors - \$5 per person or donation to food pantry
 Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$10 per person or donation to food pantry

Please join us as we bring back Kimberly Post, RN and Sound Healer for another incredible sound bath experience. We invite you to bring a yoga mat, blanket, or your favorite chair to be comfortable. The sound bath will include crystal quartz sound bowls, drums, chimes, and other instruments to create a beautiful relaxing experience. Clients have reported less pain and anxiety and more restful sleep after attending a sound bath.



RSVP by Monday, August 12 to
<http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors>
 or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



News

Israel's Jewish humor show offers a serious message for a dark time: We will survive

By Ben Sales

(JTA) — Israelis have long taken pride in two things: the long arc of Jewish history, and their relentlessly dark humor in the face of unspeakable tragedy.

For about a decade, the synthesis of those two qualities has been “The Jews Are Coming,” a sketch comedy show now in its sixth season on Kan, Israel's public broadcaster.

Nearly every sketch in the show satirizes an event from millennia's worth of Jewish and Israeli religious texts and history. Its guiding principle is irreverence.

So the show's catalog includes spoofs of the story of Purim and the invention of the mezuzah, but it also features joke after joke about the Nazis, the Spanish Inquisition, the Yom Kippur War, the destruction of the Second Temple in ancient times and any number of other lachrymose episodes of the Jewish past. In the opening credits and between sketches, the show displays the tools used in a ritual circumcision.

So after Oct. 7, the program confronted a question: What to do when the tragedy isn't historical but current and — for many Israelis — ongoing?

Last month, we got our answer: In unprecedented times, “The Jews Are Coming” did something unprecedented: It got serious.

In two segments posted online, which opened and closed out a recent episode, the comedy show hardly aimed to elicit any laughs, but gave viewers a window into where Israelis' heads are at more than seven months after Oct. 7.

Both sketches take place in what look like typical “Jews Are Coming” settings. In the opening video, the biblical Moses, a recurring character on the show, praises Israelis for their spirit of generosity after the attack.

“I saw how you're volunteering, how you're hosting guests, how you pile into vans to go and cheer up evacuees, or to dance with soldiers, to bring some happiness to this sad time,” he says. “You really surprised me. You're a great nation, and you deserve to hear it.”



Characters on the closing skit of the first episode of the new season of Israel's "The Jews are Coming" tell a story of Jewish trauma and perseverance that spans thousands of years. (Screenshot)

The closing video begins with Yael Sharoni, one of the show's actors, dressed in robes indicating ancient times in front of what looks like a wall from the Old City of Jerusalem. Text on screen reads, “Jerusalem, 70 CE.”

“It was the morning of the ninth of Av,” she begins, looking troubled, in a reference to the day when the Second Temple was destroyed by the Roman Empire. “We were awakened by a terrifying noise. We didn't know what was happening, until we understood that the Romans had started burning the temple.”

Second later, looking terrified, Sharoni's character says, “Then we heard shrieking from the house next door.”

The scene shifts to a man in medieval garb, from Cologne in 1096, during the crusades, who picks up the narrative where Sharoni's character left off. He is followed by Jewish survivors of the 1903 Kishinev pogrom, the 1929 Hebron massacre, Kristallnacht in 1938 and the Farhud, an antisemitic pogrom in Baghdad. Each describes witnessing the murder of Jews and their own fears of their families getting killed by violent antisemites.

Finally, the narrative shifts to a woman in contemporary clothes and full color, alongside the text, “Kfar Aza, 2023.” The community was one of the sites hit hardest by the Oct. 7 attack.

“Everyone asks if we can go on living with this,” she says. “We have no choice. We must carry on, step by step, and start rebuilding from scratch.”

The message is clear: With global attention increasingly turned to devastation in Gaza, the video relays the Israeli perspective that Hamas' attack — which killed approximately 1,200 people, destroyed Israeli communities and took some 250 people hostage — is just the latest in a long line of antisemitic massacres that the Jews have overcome. It also reflects that Israelis' focus remains on the tragedy of the Hamas attack and its aftermath rather than on the tens of thousands of Palestinian casualties.

“In October we got a slap in the face not just from Hamas but from all of history — from Pharaoh, Amalek, Haman, the Cossacks, the Mufti, Hitler — those who in every generation rise up against us,” Natalie Marcus and Asaf Beiser, the show's creators, posted in a statement online. “At difficult moments, when the present is intolerable and the future is clouded with fog, the past has a special power: It's a source of comfort, guidance and, above all, a sense of proportion.”

Both videos, uploaded with English subtitles, are directed at an Israeli audience as well as a global one. And both, aiming for a unifying tone, come from a show

that has divided Israelis in the past. Its premiere a decade ago was delayed for months after a promo clip satirizing right-wing extremist murderers from Israeli history drew charges of political bias.

Orthodox rabbis have complained about depictions and invocations of Jewish tradition, and critics staged a protest against the show in 2020 that drew thousands of people. The show includes a disclaimer at the beginning of each episode that says “We apologize in advance” if anyone is offended.

The show's creators appear wise to the fact that messages of shared destiny may ring hollow at a time when their country is both deeply traumatized and deeply divided. In the Moses segment, he cautions Israelis not to yield to the forces pulling them apart.

“Remember what you've been like in this time, without fighting or shouting or civil wars. And decide what kind of generation you want to be: a generation that destroys or a generation that builds. The future generations of the Jewish people are watching you now,” he says.

(Because it is, after all, a comedy show, he adds, “Past generations are watching too, but that's because there's nothing better to do. We don't have Netflix.”)

Still, he ends on a hopeful note: “I know this is a tough time, but remember, I got past Pharaoh — you can get past this.”

Whether the message of Jewish endurance will register in today's Israel and around the world is unclear. But online, where the segments took off as soon as they were posted, in part because of the addition of English subtitles, there were signs that they were hitting their mark.

“I love the way your team have made us laugh,” one commenter wrote on YouTube. “Now you deserve also my gratitude for your tribute to our reality.”

You can view segments of this episode of “The Jews are Coming” at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjwrV0wG9E0&t=28s>



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Happy Tears

By Lauren Sachs

Lauren holds a bachelor's degree in English and Psychology, and a Master's Degree in Social Work, from the University of Michigan. After completing advanced clinical training at Yale University, Lauren worked as a therapist and consultant in a variety of settings. During her time in Jewish Toledo, Lauren has received the Harry Levison Young Leadership Award and the Shining Light Award, and is currently a board member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. Lauren is also the author of a forthcoming book about her late husband, his joyful approach to life and work as an oncologist, and how examining his life helped her better cope with her grief. To learn more about Lauren's journey and her work on living well after loss, visit www.literally-lauren.com.



Even as a little girl, I was aware that I saw life just a bit differently than most of my peers. Despite being the younger child in my family of origin, my big brother nicknamed me “Little Mother” at a young age because of my tendency to nurture. Looking back, I believe I was attempting to adopt some of the parental responsibility in our single-parent home. During those early years and throughout my life, I was told that I had the makeup of an “old soul.” I did not assume a parentified role on a conscious level, but am sure it served an important purpose. Surely, one of the most significant purposes was to allay the anxiety I felt about many things, which were beyond my control. I carried these habits into adulthood, along with a related perfectionism, setting me on

a path of achievement, but also one still full of fear of the unknown. My late husband was an anchor in my life. He provided love and stability, and also allowed me to relinquish some of my desire for control. Still, it was not until he died that I realized how much more I had to learn.

Losing my husband so suddenly in the midst of the pandemic truly forced me to re-evaluate my approach to life. As time has passed following his untimely death, I started to think about what words of wisdom I would want to share with my younger self, if only I had the chance. In an odd bit of serendipity, as I was writing and pondering this question at a local cafe, the song “Hey Jude” started to play. Though the ballad is purported to be a song of comfort for John Lennon's son, Julian, in the wake of his parents' divorce, it dawned on me that the lyrics echo some of the themes of my own evolution.

As Paul McCartney famously sang: “Hey Jude, don't make it bad. / Take a sad song and make it better.” Through living with grief, I can relate to the idea that the pain we experience in life can help us to grow and learn to make hard times better. In fact, while I strongly believe that we should not deny the pain of our lived experiences, I also know that coping with heartache can help us more fully appreciate the beauty of life, allowing us to find greater gratitude

for the happy times. I certainly wish I could have learned this vital lesson without my heartbreaking loss and would want to share these thoughts with a younger version of myself.

Along these same lines, McCartney also sings: “Hey Jude, don't be afraid.” For me, fear of the unknown was such a large part of my modus operandi in my young adult life that I did not realize it was constantly at work in my psyche. Coping with grief has taught me that change is a constant and inevitable part of life. It has also allowed me to keep my heart open to this natural metamorphosis, listening to the universe for guidance when I felt unsure of my next steps. After about two years of coping with grief, I was able to take stock of how this life-altering loss had shaped me. To my surprise, I found that I had not fallen apart in its wake, and realized how strong and capable I truly was.

Another powerful piece of advice I could apply to my younger self comes midway through the song's lyrics. “And anytime you feel the pain, hey Jude, refrain, / Don't carry the world upon your shoulders.” While I initially considered that perhaps McCartney was advising young Julian to avoid feeling his painful emotions, upon further reflection, I imagine it has a more nuanced meaning. Instead of the idea that pain should be avoided, I believe that

the line that immediately follows (to avoid carrying “the world upon your shoulders”) suggests the concept of attenuating the hurt. In my life, I can say that my early attempts to avoid the torment of my loss only made it harder to cope. Over time, I found I could feel and acknowledge the heartache, but also find ways to soften it. By striking this balance, I could coexist with the pain, but not allow it to destroy me. Moreover, as I used to believe I was fully in charge of my future, the idea of lifting the weight off my shoulders is akin to learning to let go. Having that realization is freeing since it means that one can release the desire to fix things in life, and simply live more peacefully and openly.

As I edge closer to the four-year anniversary of my husband's passing, I know for certain that the way I see life now has been shaped by my path through grief. While it feels almost inhumane to say I am grateful for my grief, I do have gratitude for the lessons it has taught me and the perspective I have gained. Through happy and sad times, I now understand how much we benefit from accepting change, as well as nurturing and being kind to ourselves as we adjust to our new realities. I also know that, like “Jude,” I really can deal with all the hard things that come my way...and somehow make them better, better and better.

First year of Toledo Jewish Men's Club a success

At breakfast in February of 2023, Dick and Mark Greenblatt and Joel Beren met to discuss what could be done to develop a program that regularly promoted Toledo Jewish men to meet. Later, Matt Rubin, a Toledo transplant from Detroit, graduate of University of Toledo, and local real-estate developer, joined the planning committee.

From that initial conversation, the Toledo Jewish Men's Club was formed. A little over a year later, the “Club” regularly welcomes 50 or more friends at monthly luncheons, usually on the first Tuesday of the month at The Beirut. “At the last meeting we had over 50 men ages 33 to 96 in attendance, this is truly a multi-generational fraternity of Jewish men,” said Matt Rubin.

Joel Beren commented, “growing

up in Toledo's Jewish community brought with it many male mentors and regular opportunities to “rub elbows” with generations of male Jewish friends. Some of those are the last members of the generation that built our Jewish community. Many are lifelong contemporaries, and yes, there are young Jewish men in Toledo to meet as well!”

Dick Greenblatt commented, “most of the social activities that brought Jewish men together in Toledo have gone by the wayside or are close to inactive - the Toledo Bath House (the original “Shorty's”), Glengarry and Twin Oaks Country Clubs, the Town Club, synagogue-based “kishke dinners” and men's clubs, the Raggedy Ass Cadets annual reunion, JCC sports banquets, and B'nai Brith bowling and softball.

All either no longer exist or organize a fraction of their former activities.”

There are no dues, no officers, no Federation giving or congregational affiliations necessary, no community funds allocated or solicited for the operation of the “Club,” no charter no constitution, and no meetings (other than lunch). It functions completely on the energy of a handful of dedicated volunteers, its success and growth fueled 100% by the word of mouth of its participants. According to Beren there are nearly 250 men who have asked that their names be added to the contact list.

The format is simple - kibbitz, have lunch, listen to an occasional guest speaker, kibbitz some more, and then leave. “We're usually in and out in just over an hour,” said Mark Greenblatt.

Guest speakers throughout the first year included a special appearance of long-time Toledo JCC Sports Director Murray Guttman and former Federation Executive Director Steve Edelstein. Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, Ohio Jewish Communities President and CEO Howie Beigelman, UT head football coach Jason Candle, and Adam Levine, President and CEO of the Toledo Museum of Art.

June's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 11th at noon (at The Beirut). The speaker is Brandon Sehlhorst, Director of Economic Development at the City of Toledo. Couvert is \$25, which includes a generous buffet lunch, tax, and tip.

To add your name to the email and/or cell phone invitation list, please email Joel Beren (joel@bereneq.com).

News

Rainbow Equality Seder celebrates freedom

The 2024 Rainbow Equality Seder, sponsored by Equality Toledo and Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's (JFGT) Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), followed the customs and order of a traditional Passover seder and focused on chronicling collective liberation as LGBTQ+ people, as Jews, as LGBTQ+ Jews, and others. All who attended the seder came together to commemorate emancipation from oppression, to celebrate the freedoms that have been achieved, and to explore freedoms not yet gained, remembering that none of us are free until all of us are free.



Jewish American Heritage Month



Stephen Rothschild, CEO, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, accepts the Lucas County Board of Commissioner's proclamation declaring May Jewish American Heritage Month.



Two IDF soldiers recently met with different groups of Jewish Toledo community members to discuss their experiences in Israel pre- and post-October 7. Daniel is a combat driver for a brigade commander in a co-ed brigade, and Ron, who was lightly injured during his service in Gaza, is in the armored corps. On Yom HaZikaron, Daniel and Ron addressed an audience at Congregation B'nai Israel following introductory remarks with Ben Malczewski, VP, Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services and Temple Shomer Emunim's Rabbi Lisa Delson about their post-October 7 trips to Israel. Shirel Hanan, the Jewish Agency for Israel's Midwest representative based in Chicago, joined them throughout their time in Toledo.



Volunteers needed for upcoming Maumee Valley Habitat build



Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, Temple Shomer Emunim, and Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's (JFGT) Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) are sponsoring this year's Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity Faith Build.

All builds take place from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 2801 Piddock Road, Toledo
Lunch will be provided by JCRC.
Up to 8 volunteers are needed for each day.

Monday, July 8
Monday, July 15

Work to be completed is part of Phase II interior finish: Painting walls and trim, vinyl plank flooring, interior doors, trim, insulating attic and crawl space, bathroom accessories, and wire shelving.

Volunteers should wear old clothes and sturdy shoes/boots.

Registration and signed waiver required at: <https://vhub.at/jewishfed>

Any questions? Contact Mary Bilyeu at mary@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0405.

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Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services



You can help fight local hunger!

The Meijer **Simply Give** campaign runs

Sunday, March 31 through
Saturday, June 29

at the Central Avenue store which benefits the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry!

You can help by purchasing a \$10 card (or multiples of \$10) at Meijer during those days.

Make your dollars go ever further!

Double Match Day

Saturday, June 15

On this day, purchasing a \$10 card will result in a \$30 donation!
Cards also available at Meijer!

You can be a hero to those who are hungry. We can serve MORE when you give MORE!



HOW TO CONTACT JSFSS

Perhaps you or a family member are in need of help with senior social services. Maybe you know someone in need of support from a family pantry. Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services offers a range of services to benefit our community. JSFSS has a knowledgeable and caring staff waiting to help you.

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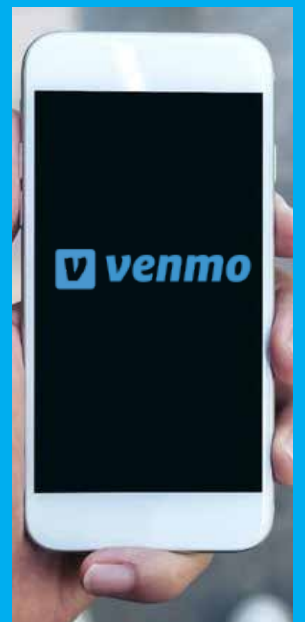


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TECH TIPS

It may be hard to believe, but summer is nearly here! Whether you plan to travel or stay close to home, you can be active outdoors in so many ways:

- Biking
- Gardening
- Camping
- Swimming
- Bird Watching
- Walking...



All programs are held on Wednesdays
11 a.m.-noon at the Sekach Bldg
6505 Sylvania Avenue:

Upcoming Tech Programs

All Tech Programs are FREE:

1. June 5: Device Advice – Exploring eBooks
2. June 19: Device Advice – Exploring cloud storage
3. July 3: Device Advice – Using Calendar and Reminders apps
4. July 24: Device Advice – Exploring a free movie and TV show streaming service, Kanopy

RSVP with Sherry Majewski at: 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org



Infusing small doses of tech into outdoor activities like these can run the gamut, of course. If you think using tech may help nudge you outside, please see the following music-themed suggestions for a (very) non-comprehensive list of ideas to spur you into action!

- Try out and use a new music app
- Use a portable radio (decent ones can be found that are small, reliable, and inexpensive)
- Invest in Bluetooth-capable headphones and/or portable speakers

Until next month - Tim

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Local

Etz Chayim Torah finds a new home

A synagogue flourishes because of its members and their love of Torah.

Last year, the newly organized Maui Jewish Ohana (family) made a request to Ed Finkel, Managing Director-Network of Independent Communities of the Jewish Federations of North America, to match them with a congregation that would be willing to gift them a Torah.

Steve Edelstein of the Jewish Community Legacy Project has been advising Congregation Etz Chayim on the process of downsizing and made

the synagogue aware of this request. Etz Chayim's board of trustees enthusiastically chose to send one of our beloved Torahs to the Maui Jewish Ohana. Through the effort, coordinated by Sharon Ravin, Danny Becker oversaw the packaging of the Torah and he and Mel Siegel drove it to Chicago on December 7. From there, it would fly to Maui with the son of one of the Hawaiian congregants. How fitting that on the same day that Danny and Mel were the *shomrim* and *shamashim*, the guardians and helpers of the Torah

on the first leg of its journey, they would come home and with Jews from Toledo to Maui, light the Hanukkah *shamash* to begin the celebration of the holiday. And, how interesting that on that same day, we were all remembering the attack on Pearl Harbor, an attack on our democracy, just as Hanukkah recalls an attack on the right of the Jewish people to exist.

A Hachnasat Sefer Torah ceremony, the welcoming of a Torah, was held in Maui on Sunday, January 21 with a number of Etz Chayim members attending through

Zoom. Former Toledoan, Greg Rosenbaum, who has a winter home in Maui, represented Etz Chayim at the ceremony and spoke eloquently about his maternal grandparents taking him with them to services at Sherey Zedeck, one of the three congregations that merged in 1974 to form Etz Chayim. The Etz Chayim Torah, the name that it will always be called in Maui, could well have been one of the Torahs that his grandfather carried and blessed.

A synagogue flourishes because of its members and their love of Torah. As The Etz Chayim Torah was carried around, the Maui congregants kissed it, wept tears of joy, and danced with it under a chuppah. Their children observed and learned. The tree of life was planted. Through the congregation, the roots will grow. And to and through the children, the branches of knowledge will spread the significance of this Torah, *l'dor v'dor*, for generations to come.

It is a tree of life for those who grasp it and all its paths are peace.



Charles Wittenberg holding the Torah



Dan Becker (left) and Toby Pechner



Torah is carried through congregation



Four young members of Maui congregation



Maui congregants after Havdallah



Rabbi Sandra Razieli, center, between Greg Rosenbaum, center left, and Ed Finkel, center right

Finding inner peace with author, Simone Knego



Last month, more than 50 of Jewish Toledo's women donors enjoyed dinner at Kyoto Ka in Sylvania and a presentation by Simone Knego, author of *The Extraordinary UnOrdinary You*. Simone Knego spoke about her unique journey and the extraordinary moments which have shaped her life and defined her mission, including her family life with husband Rob and

their six children (three adopted from South Korea and Africa).

For more information on how you can contribute to Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, please visit www.jewishtoledo.org/ways-to-give or contact Wendy Goldstein at 419-724-0360 or wendy@jewishtoledo.org.



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Any questions? Contact Marnie Younker at marnie@jewishtoledo.org

For all NJG programming information, visit jewishtoledo.org/nextjewishgeneration.



Summer Takes Flight

Sunday, June 9
2 – 4 p.m.
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.
\$10 per person, children 12 and under are free



Join us as we celebrate Shavuot and kick off the summer season with a festive gathering! Indulge in ice cream flights from Charlie's Homemade Ice Cream with a variety of delectable toppings, followed by a delightful bouquet-building experience with Stellar Blooms Flowers and Gifts and activities for the kids.

Open to all ages 59 and under and their households; children welcome.

RSVP by Thursday, June 6 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njg2024>
or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



Next JGen is a staple of Jewish life in the Toledo area, existing to draw wonderful, dynamic, young Jewish people together for the greater benefit of the community. From Hebrew Happy Hours to date nights to volunteer opportunities, Young Jewish Toledo provides a range of opportunities for young Jewish professionals 21-40. These future leaders of Jewish Toledo are continuously strengthening personal connections while participating in – and perpetuating – Jewish life in Toledo. To find out more about how you or someone you know can get involved with Young Jewish Toledo, contact Marnie at marnie@jewishtoledo.org.



Partner Portrait Painting Party

Sunday, July 14
4 – 6 p.m.

Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.
\$36 per pair - includes sushi dinner, drinks, and painting supplies
Open to all friends, partners, and couples 59 and under

Embark on an artistic adventure unlike any other at our Partner Portrait Painting Party! Unleash your creativity as you capture the essence of your fellow partner on canvas.

No portrait painting experience? Even better! Get ready for a memorable evening of creativity and connection! Join us for an evening filled with laughter, snacks, and boundless fun. Reserve your spot today.



RSVP by Tuesday, July 9 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/njg2024> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



Next Jewish Generation



NJG trivia night is intended for individuals in their 20s, 30s, and 40s.

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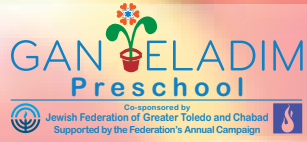
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Please let us know of any dietary restrictions when registering.



PJ gets STRONG at KidStrong Toledo

Sunday, July 21

3 – 5 p.m.

KidStrong Toledo, 5203 Monroe St. Suite 100-B

\$5 per child - includes, snacks, beverages, and activities

Ages 2-11 welcome

KidStrong is a science-based kids training program incorporating movement and fun! Your child will have a blast with their friends getting a ton of physical activity while being guided by KidStrong's certified coaches. Kids get to test their own strength as they hang from bars and ropes and rings, jump on BOSU® balls and Plyo boxes, forward roll, forward flip over bars, and so much more!



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**PJ Library goes
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**Sunday, June 30
10:30 a.m.**
Indian Creek Zoo, 2744 Consear Rd.,
Lambertville, Michigan
**\$18 per household - includes zoo admission,
snacks, and fun**
**Open to all families with children ages 0 – 10
(older siblings are welcome)**

Join with other PJ Library® families and go WILD at the Indian Creek Zoo. We'll meet up at the party pavilion for snacks and crafts before checking out all the zoo has to offer.



RSVP by Friday, June 28 to
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DEBBIE'S SONG

It was a joyful morning at our community concert to celebrate the music of Debbie Friedman with special guest, author of the book *Debbie's Song: The Debbie Friedman Story*, Ellen Leventhal. Thanks to Cantor Jen Roher, Lauren Sachs, Risa Cohen, Kayla McQueen, Maddie McQueen, Cole Helfman, Max Rhodes, Tom Meyers, Jane Petitjean, and all who joined us.

Summer PJ Playdate/Meetups

For littles ages 0-4 and their favorite grownup. Be on the lookout for summer dates sent to your inbox.

Questions? Contact Marnie at marnie@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0365.

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Active Life for 60+



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**CREATE &
RELATE
2024**

Create & Relate – Session Four
Everything you always wanted to know about executors but were afraid to ask

Thursday, July 25 | 12 – 2:30 p.m.
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.
\$5 per person or donation of personal care item(s) to JSFSS Family Pantry - includes lunch

Join us for an informative session with Carol A. Sobczak, Attorney at Law from Shumaker Law Firm, as she presents “Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Executors... But Were Afraid to Ask.” Carol will delve into the roles of executors, trustees, and guardians, providing valuable insights and answering your burning questions on these crucial topics.

Following the talk, unleash your creativity with a hands-on wreath-making workshop. Led by skilled instructors, you’ll craft a beautiful decorative wreath to adorn your home throughout the year. This event promises an engaging blend of education and creativity that you won’t want to miss!

RSVP by Friday, July 19 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.





Create & Relate 2024:

Session Three

Session Three of Create & Relate 2024 featured Pam Rybka from the Better Business Bureau who introduced the organization’s newest presentation, “Senior Scam Guard,” teaching our active older adults how to be preventative and aware of scams. NAMI Creative Expressions was also on hand to help attendees “Bloom Where You’re Planted,” experiencing through a craft how tearing things apart can transform into a unified artistic creation.




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Golden Grooves & Grub with Lauren

Thursday, June 6
12 – 1:30 p.m.
Sekach Building
6505 Sylvania Ave.
\$5 per person - includes vegetarian lunch



Enjoy the song stylings of talented community member, Lauren Sachs, as she takes us on a journey of some Broadway tunes.

 **RSVP required by Friday, May 31**
<https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/Seniors>
or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351
or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Seniors Ice Cream Sundaes & Stained-Glass

Thursday, July 11
1 – 3 p.m.

Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.
Annual Campaign donors - \$10 per person
Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$25 per person
Includes ice cream and stained-glass supplies



Join us for a sweet and creative afternoon at our ice cream sundae bar and stained-glass workshop event! Indulge your taste buds with a delectable selection of ice cream flavors and toppings at our sundae bar, where you can customize your perfect treat.

After satisfying your sweet tooth, unleash your artistic side in our stained-glass workshop, where you'll learn the art of creating stunning stained-glass pieces under the guidance of experienced instructors from What the Flux. Whether you're a connoisseur of sweets or a budding artist, this event promises a delightful fusion of flavors and creativity that you won't want to miss.

RSVP required by Tuesday, July 2 to <http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



Senior trip to the Maltz Museum (Cleveland), lunch & kosher shopping

Tuesday, August 20

Annual Campaign donors - \$10 per person
Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$25 per person
Includes bus ride, admission to museum, and lunch

Please bring your own cooler(s) for shopping at the kosher grocery store

8:45 a.m. - board the bus at the JCC/YMCA, 6465 Sylvania Ave.
Approx. 5:30 p.m. - return to the JCC/YMCA parking lot

Embark on a cultural journey through Cleveland with a visit to the Maltz Museum and Jack's Deli as well as kosher grocery shopping at The Grove.

The Maltz's Museums mission is to build bridges of tolerance and understating by sharing Jewish Heritage through the lens of the American experience. The stories of individuals and families – past and present – come to life through state-of-the-art exhibitions, interactives and films, oral histories, photographs, and artifacts.

RSVP by Monday, August 5 to <http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.




Senior Beads, Bracelets, & Babka



Thursday, June 20 | 1 – 3 p.m.
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.
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Non-donors to the Annual Campaign: \$25 per person



Includes beads, bracelet making instructions, and babka tasting
Enjoy a babka tasting and make a bead bracelet with Bonita Bead Boutique.

 **RSVP required by Monday, June 10**
to <http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Healthy Living



Get Fit Classes

Monday

Get Fit Early, 9-10am

-or-

Get Fit Later, 10:30-11:30am

Join us for this upbeat and energetic dance/exercise program designed to improve your fitness level safely and effectively. This is a comprehensive workout that includes strength, flexibility, balance, posture-improvement, and more. All moves can be modified to meet specific needs.

Cardio Drumming, 12-1pm

A high-energy workout that also includes some dance moves. This can also be done seated.

Wednesday

Get Fit Early, 9-10am

-or-

Get Fit Later, 10:30-11:30am

(see description above)

Ballet Ball Fusion, 12-1pm

A special blend of ballet warm-up, cardio drumming, and a Tai Chi/yoga cool-down. Ballet shoes are not required.

Friday

Zumba, 9-10am

Foundation Fitness, 10am-11pm

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You may include a photo of the deceased if you wish (optional).

NOTE: *Only obituaries submitted to paul@jewishtoledo.org (at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo offices) will be printed in Toledo Jewish News.*

There is no charge to submit an obituary, but we encourage donations to Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (www.jewishtoledo.org).


Preferred maximum obit length is 500 words (*Toledo Jewish News* reserves the right to edit obituaries as necessary).

Email completed obituaries to: paul@jewishtoledo.org


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Jewish Holiday Closing Schedule for 2024

Monday, April 22, 2024	Erev Passover	Close at 4 pm
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	Passover I	Closed
Wednesday, April 24, 2024	Passover II	Closed
Monday, April 29, 2024	Passover VII	Closed
Tuesday, April 30, 2024	Passover VIII	Closed
Tuesday, June 11, 2024	Erev Shavuot	Close at 4 pm
Wednesday, June 12, 2024	Shavuot I	Closed
Thursday, June 13, 2024	Shavuot II	Closed
Wednesday, October 2, 2024	Erev Rosh Hashana	Close at 4 pm
Thursday, October 3, 2024	Rosh Hashana I	Closed
Friday, October 4, 2024	Rosh Hashana II	Closed
Friday, October 11, 2024	Erev Yom Kippur	Close at 4 pm
Saturday, October 12, 2024	Yom Kippur	Closed
Wednesday, October 16, 2024	Erev Sukkot	Close at 4 pm
Wednesday, October 17, 2024	Sukkot I	Closed
Thursday, October 18, 2024	Sukkot II	Closed
Wednesday, October 23, 2024	Erev Shmini Atzeret	Close at 4 pm
Thursday, October 24, 2024	Shmini Atzeret	Closed
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TIPS

Dave Tullis, Jewish Federation Community Asset, Safety and Security Manager helps us stay protected with valuable safety tips.

10 Things to Do if Your Identity Is Stolen

No one wants to be a victim of identity theft, but it can be hard to avoid given how much personal information is stored by various companies and organizations. More than 15 million people were victims of traditional identity fraud last year, according to the 2023 Identity Fraud Study from Javelin Strategy & Research. That number is roughly the same as the previous year, but the amount of money consumers lost dropped 15% to \$20 billion. While that is still a significant amount it does not include the \$23 billion lost to scams. Not all fraud rises to the level of identity theft, and, by itself, a security breach does not constitute a stolen identity. Rather, identity theft happens when someone uses your personal information to open new financial accounts, file tax returns or even make fraudulent medical claims. Not only is it a crime that can cost you money, but it could require considerable time and effort to resolve.

1. File a Claim with Your Identity Theft Insurance

If you have an identity theft protection plan, your provider should be able to guide you through many of the following steps. Companies such as IDShield and Aura sell identity theft protection plans, but even if you have not purchased coverage, you may have it through an insurer or employer.

Some employers offer identity theft resolution services as a job benefit and some insurers may roll it into their products. For instance, Chubb offers complimentary identity theft resolution services to its policyholders.

2. Notify Companies of Your Stolen Identity

Do not wait to notify any company where fraudulent transactions or accounts have occurred. Call them immediately to alert them to the problem.

In the case of an account takeover, your credit card number might be compromised but thieves may not have access to your personal information. It may be as simple as getting your bank to shut that account down.

However, if someone is opening accounts in your name, impersonating you or using your Social Security number, you may want to proactively contact other companies and agencies. For example, you should notify the IRS if your Social Security number was used to file an income tax return; this can be done by submitting a Form 14039 Identity Theft Affidavit.

Likewise, if someone is impersonating you, alert your health insurance company in case they attempt to obtain medical care under your name or policy number.

3. File a Report with the Federal Trade Commission

The Federal Trade Commission, or FTC, compiles information about identity theft cases. It does not have the ability to pursue criminal charges, but its information may be used by law enforcement agencies such as the FBI to track down perpetrators.

To file a report with the FTC, visit www.identitytheft.gov. As part of the reporting process, you will receive a recovery plan and even prefilled letters and forms that can be used to file police reports and dispute fraudulent charges.

“It can be a bit of a challenge (to dispute newly opened accounts) because it is hard for you to demonstrate you didn’t create those, however, having forms from the FTC may help.

Keep in mind that identity theft is defined as impersonating another person or using their information for financial gain. A stolen credit card number or security breach does not have to be reported to the FTC.

4. Contact Your Local Police Department

The next step is to file a report with your local police department and ask for a copy of it for your personal records.

This creates a paper trail that could be useful in the future. For instance, if someone uses your information to commit a crime, having documentation of identity theft could make resolving the matter easier.

Although the police may not be able to do anything if your identity was stolen by criminals online and overseas, your report could help them track down someone who is stealing information locally.

5. Place a Fraud Alert on Your Credit Reports

Next, follow up with the three major credit bureaus – Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion – and request a fraud alert be placed on your account. The fraud alert stays on your credit report for a year, and it notifies any institution that pulls your credit report to the fact your identity may be compromised.

Your personal information could – and probably will – continue to circulate among scammers, and it may only be a matter of time before someone else tries to open a fraudulent account in your name.

The fraud alert notifies a creditor to take a closer look at the person applying to make sure it is you. You only have to request a fraud alert from one of the credit bureaus, and that company should notify the other two firms. If you have an identity theft report from a law enforcement agency, you can submit a request for an extended fraud alert that will last seven years. Requesting a fraud alert is free.

6. Freeze Your Credit

For an added layer of protection, White says you can initiate a credit freeze. This will completely cut off access to your credit report and means the credit bureaus will not share it with anyone who requests it.

Credit freezes can also be a smart way to protect children from identity theft. If a child’s Social Security number is compromised, “you might not know about that for years,” White says. However, a credit freeze eliminates the possibility of someone opening accounts with their number.

You will need to contact each bureau individually to request they freeze your credit. The process is free, and you can lift the freeze at any time.

7. Sign Up for a Credit Monitoring Service

If your information was accessed in a data breach, you may be offered complimentary credit monitoring. These services watch credit reports for suspicious activity and send alerts whenever a new account is opened.

If you are not offered free credit monitoring, you can sign up for a reputable service yourself. Companies like LifeLock and IdentityForce charge a monthly fee, while other companies like Credit Karma and CreditWise from CapitalOne offer free services.

8. Tighten Security on Your Accounts

Now is the time to review passwords, and using a password manager, such as Bitwarden or Dashlane, is an uncomplicated way to ensure all your accounts have strong passwords. Whenever offered, enable two-factor authentication, which will require both a password and a code delivered via email, text, or phone for access to an account.

“People have a bad habit of replicating their credentials on different sites,” Salisbury says. Using unique passwords can diminish the damage should a criminal gain access to one of your accounts.

Other ways to avoid future instances of identity theft include shredding documents with personal information, not carrying your Social Security number in your wallet and not clicking on links in emails from suspicious or unknown senders. Delete any personal information such as addresses and phone numbers from public profiles on social media and other sites.

9. Review Your Credit Reports for Mystery Accounts

Whether you’re a victim of credit card fraud or a stolen identity, you need to watch for accounts you didn’t open.

“If you’re looking at your credit report on a regular basis, you’re going to see if accounts have been opened,” Gross says.

By law, you are entitled to at least one free credit report from each agency each year. However, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, people can currently request a free credit report weekly from Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. While plenty of websites and creditors promise free credit reports, the official site to request them is AnnualCreditReport.com.

10. Scan Credit Card and Bank Statements for Other Unauthorized Charges

In addition to your credit reports, pull up your other accounts and scan old statements for charges you do not recognize. Do not forget to review dormant or infrequently used accounts as well. If you find unknown charges, call the financial institution to alert them of the problem and request the account be locked or closed.

Identity theft victims should talk to their financial institutions to determine how best to avoid further losses. In most cases, that will involve closing and reopening accounts, even ones that have not been compromised. It can be a tedious process, but a necessary one to prevent a thief from gaining future control of your money.

“Long gone is the prince of Nigeria who wants to send you \$10 million,” White says.

Today’s scammers are more sophisticated, and that means consumers must adapt as well. Guard your personal information closely and if you do find yourself a victim of identity theft, use the steps above to minimize the damage.

News

Jewish Toledo observes Yom HaShoah

At Temple Shomer Emunim, teen students from the community shared stories from conversations with second generation children of survivors, Allen Markowicz and Ann Rosenberg. Special music was provided by the Jewish Community Choir and followed by candle lighting and prayers of remembrance for all the lives lost during the Shoah.

Sponsored by Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center, and the Jack & Kathryn Gallon Community Scholarship & Education Opportunity Fund.



35th Annual Interfaith Blood Drive

Saturday, June 29
8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church
4441 Monroe St.

This special blood drive helps to cover the blood needs for our community over the July 4th holiday. If you are not able to donate blood, please ask a family member, friend, or neighbor to substitute for you. The need is great. Together, we can save many lives.

To schedule an appointment, contact Devorah Shulamit at 419-356-5280 or email shalom1836@bex.net.

Gala 35th Annual Interfaith Blood Drive Celebration

Sunday, June 30 at 5:30 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church

No charge but reservations are a must. Donations are appreciated.

A dinner with cuisine of five ethnicities will delight us. Following the dinner, a warm, hopeful, unifying program representing eight faiths and ethnicities will regale us via the arts, music, dance, and special readings. A delicious dessert reception will follow the program. RSVP to Joe Zielinski at 419-476-4651 and leave him a message. He will call you back.



Yoga raises \$700 for Israel

Community members recently turned sadness into action with an hour of yoga, meditation, and healing while raising money for the Jewish Federations of Greater Toledo's Israel's Relief Fund. This event was held in partnership with Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, Temple Shomer Emunim, and Chabad House of Greater Toledo.



Meeting with Ohio Rep. Josh Williams, whose district includes Sylvania

www.jewishtoledo.org

Temple Shomer Emunim

Confirmation will take place on Tuesday, June 11.

The Confirmation Banquet will begin at 6PM followed by Services at 7PM. Dinner is \$18 for adults and \$9 for children under 10. If you would like to make reservations for the Confirmation dinner, please contact wpayne@templese.com.

Congratulations to our Confirmation Students of 2024/5784

- Rafi Berns son of Dan & Allie Berns
- Clint Langan son of Dr. Ed Langan & Risa Cohen
- Jacob Payne son of John & Wendy Payne
- Max Rhodes son of Drs. Tiger & Megan Rhodes
- Colin Thaler son of Drs. Russ & Deborah Thaler
- Miriam Weingarden daughter of Steve & Kay Weingarden
- Rebecca Weingarden daughter of Steve & Kay Weingarden



Camp Kayitz is the week of June 17-20. There is still room to register for camp.

Email Wendy at wpayne@templese.com for more details.

Summer Shabbat Playdates

- Saturday, June 8 at Secor Park (more details to follow) 4-5PM
- Saturday, July 20 at Temple (waterplay-more details to follow) 4-5PM
- Saturday, August 10 (tbd)-4-5PM

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Shavuot Morning Festival Service and Yizkor

June 12
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If you are not a CBI member and would like to attend, please contact the office at 419.517.8400.

Shavuot Dairy Dinner

Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 7:00 PM at CBI

Cost is \$10 for CBI members and \$15 for guests. *You must RSVP by Tuesday, June 4th to the CBI office 419.517.8400 or contact Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org to attend.*

SHAVUOT TIKKUN with Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

"Let There Be Light, Let There Be Torah"

The two most fundamental narratives in the Torah are the story of the Creation of the World and the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. On this holiday celebrating the giving of the Torah, we will consider texts which show how our rabbis connected the revelation at Sinai with the story of the creation of the world. These texts can give us a new appreciation for how fundamental the Torah is to our world and how, as Jews, we must balance study of Torah with an appreciation of the natural world around us.

Shavuot Services Schedule

Tuesday Evening, June 11:

TIKKUN with Rabbi Dobrusin

- 7:00 PM Mincha
- 7:15 PM Dairy Dinner
- 8:00 PM TIKKUN - In Person
- 8:45 PM Reading of the "Book of Ruth"
- 9:15 PM Maariv
- 9:45 PM Kiddush & Dessert

Wednesday, June 12: Shavuot Day 1

9:30 AM Morning Service - In Person/Live Stream

Thursday, June 13: Shavuot Day 2

9:30 AM Morning Service - In Person/Live Stream
10:45 AM YIZKOR

CBI ANNUAL MEETING & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sunday, June 9, 2024 11:00 AM, at CBI

Refreshments will be served.

RSVP to the office by Sunday, June 2nd by calling 419.517.8400.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Please join us at the Annual Meeting where we will award congregants the following special awards:

- BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR
- CONGREGANT OF THE YEAR
- SAM SCHWARTZ MINYAN AWARD

Connecting Kids to Meals Volunteer Event

Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:00 AM

Cherry Street Mission Building, 1501 Monroe St.

RSVP Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org to by June 13, 2024.

35th Interfaith Blood Drive

Saturday, June 29, 2024 12:00 – 2:30 PM

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Please sign up for the Blood Drive and represent CBI by contacting Devorah Shulamit at 419-356-5280 or email shalom1836@bex.net to schedule an appointment.

WCBI BOOK CLUB:

"The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street"
by Susan Jane Gilman

Tuesday, June 26, 2024 10:30 AM at CBI

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Join us for Canasta!

Tues. June 4, 11, 18, 25 at 12:15 PM at CBI

If you are interested in learning or playing, please contact Rhoda Miller at rmiller@cbitoledo.org.

CBI Office Closed

Tuesday, June 12th

Shavuot Day 1

Wednesday, June 13th

Shavuot Day 2

WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

- Monday Morning Minyan: 8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom
- Thursday Morning Minyan: 8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom
- Monday - Thursday Evening Minyan: 5:45 PM - Zoom
- Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:45 PM - Zoom
- Saturday Morning Shabbat: 9:30 AM - In Person/Live Stream
- Sunday Morning Minyan: 9:30 AM - Zoom

Congregation Etz Chayim

POKER/MAJ

Join in the fun with friends from the community to play Maj and poker at the synagogue on Sunday morning, June 9th from 10:00 a.m. to noon and Sunday, July 7th. R.S.V.P. to Nancy Jacobson at jaco824@bex.net or Marc Jacobson at mdjaco@gmail.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAITH BUILD

The three congregations will be participating in the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build on Monday, June 8th and 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Bilyeu at the Federation.

MUSICAL PROGRAM AT OLANDER PARK

Let's spend a relaxing evening by the lake listening to "Sunset Serenades" on Wednesday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Olander Park. Sylvania residents are free and non-residents are \$3.00. Please register with Nancy Jacobson.

FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT DINNER & SATURDAY SERVICES

A delicious Friday night dinner will be served and a discussion will be held on Friday, June 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Bob and Lynne Wengrow. Rabbi Jason Mark will be here for the weekend. Saturday morning services will be held on June 22nd and a kiddush lunch will follow.

Rabbi Mark will also be here on Friday and Saturday, July 26th and 27th. The Friday night dinner will be held at the home of Steve & Sandy Marcus. Shabbat services and a kiddush lunch will take place the next day.

INTERFAITH BLOOD DRIVE

The 35th annual Interfaith Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, June 29th from 8:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church on Monroe St. Blood donors and volunteers are needed. The next day a Celebration of Life multi-faith dinner and program will be held at the church. Please contact Elsa if you are interested in helping and attending the dinner.

TRIP TO THE TOLEDO ZOO

We will meet at the synagogue parking lot on Tuesday, July 9th at 12:30 p.m. and caravan to the zoo. A delightful 30 minute tour is scheduled at 1:45 p.m. for a "Behind the Scenes" Bear Training Session. The cost is \$31.00. Please register with Nancy Jacobson.

LEARNING SESSION WITH AVIVA PANUSH

Everyone is invited to a light breakfast and in person learning session with Aviva Panush on Sunday morning, July 14th beginning at 10:30 a.m.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

The Sisterhood is planning a Yard Art Glass Making class at the home of Ellen Rubin on Sunday, June 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch or snacks; drinks will be provided.

Everyone is invited to Etz Chayim for a fun morning of maj playing on Tuesday, July 16th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for the event.



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

- 10:30 AM: MORNING SERVICES
- 11:30 AM: READING OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

- 10:30 AM: MORNING SERVICES
- 11:30 AM: YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

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B'nai Mitzvah

We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah



Samuel Cooper Thaler will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on June 15, 2024. Sam is the son of Russ and Deb Thaler and the grandson of Lois and Michael Burke of Sylvania and Roberta and George Thaler of Manalapan, NJ. He is the brother of Colin and Zoë Thaler. He is an honors student at Timberstone. Sam enjoys playing ice hockey, lacrosse, and baseball. For his mitzvah project, he hopes to raise money and volunteer his time with The Toledo Ice Crew to provide access for underprivileged children to share in his passion of playing hockey.

Simcha



Risa Beth Cohen, a Toledo teacher and member of the Toledo Jewish community, will release her debut album, "Oh Friends We Love You." This children's album offers songs easily learned by young children, with readable text for emerging readers. The album is infused with social-emotional learning opportunities. The songs on the album are catchy and sweet - songs young children will want to hear and sing repeatedly.

Since starting her teaching career in 1994, Risa has used music and movement to engage her students. That is how she developed her program, Sing into Reading, which teaches literacy through music and movement. Additionally, the songs offer movement opportunities that teach gross and fine motor skills necessary for literacy learning.

Parents and educators working with babies and children under seven will enjoy singing these songs with their little ones. The album will be available on June 12 and is currently available for purchase with presale bonuses at <https://www.singintoreading.com/oh-friends-we-love-you>



BBYO goes to Funigans

By Callie Hess and Max Rhodes

Both Toledo chapters went to Funigans, where we got to skate, play laser tag, and go on the sky maze, which was really fun. It was cool hanging out with people that will be or are already part of our BBYO community, and we are looking forward doing events like this again.

B'not Shalom had a lot of fun at Shabbat dinner. We made friendship bracelets, made our own pizzas, and did services! It was a very special night between all the BBGs, and we are looking forward to more events like this.

BSN had a lot of fun getting together recently at McDonald's. We got good food, got to catch up with each other about how the school year is going, and bonded together.



Obituaries



Helen Denefeld Russell passed away peacefully on April 20, 2024, in Vero Beach, Florida, at the age of 93.

Born on August 14, 1930, in Windsor, Ontario, daughter of Ernest and Yetta Denefeld. Helen grew up in Detroit, Michigan as the second oldest of five sisters along with Pearl Moss, Marsha Radner, Sonia Katz, and Edde Backalar. She moved to Toledo as a young adult where she provided love, guidance, and support to her three children, Sharon Aloni, Mona Russell (deceased) (Robert Hess), and Gary

(Linda) Russell. She leaves behind four grandchildren, Maya Aloni (Raymond O'Brien III), Shaul Aloni, Alanna (Nathan) Zuniga, and Claire (Dustin) Wert. In her later years, Helen relocated to Vero Beach, Florida, to be closer to her daughters, embracing the warmth of the community and the seaside tranquility.

In her early 40s, after raising her family, she obtained a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Toledo and a Master's in Social Work from the University of Michigan. She spent over three decades helping families navigate the complexities of relationships as a marriage and family counselor. Her love for children, and especially babies, led her, and her partners, to found the adoption agency, Adoption Assessor LMT. She worked tirelessly to ensure that children were placed in homes where they could thrive. Her educational and work accomplishments inspired those around her to believe that embarking on a new career is possible even later in life.

Helen was the heart and strength of her family, often utilizing her counseling skills to provide advice and support to those around her. Her legacy of kindness, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the welfare of others continues to inspire all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Gould Farm, a cause close to Helen's heart. Donations can be made through the following link: <https://www.gouldfarm.org/support-us>

Helen's passing is a profound loss, yet her spirit—a beacon of hope and healing—will forever light the paths of those she loved.

Obituaries accepted for print in Toledo Jewish News

Toledo Jewish News accepts obituaries for the Toledo Jewish community, immediate family members, and former residents of the Toledo Jewish community.

There is no charge to submit an obituary, but we encourage donations to Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (www.jewishtoledo.org).

Preferred maximum obit length is 500 words (*Toledo Jewish News* reserves the right to edit obituaries as necessary).

Email completed obituaries to: paul@jewishtoledo.org

You may include a photo of the deceased if you wish (optional).

NOTE: Only obituaries submitted to paul@jewishtoledo.org (at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo offices) will be printed in Toledo Jewish News.

Toledo Jewish News is published the first of every month except July. Obituaries should be emailed by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

If you have additional questions, please contact paul@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0318.

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Thanks to all who joined us for our first ever Mimouna lunch. Mimouna is a traditional festival celebrated by Moroccan Jews the day after Passover, marking the return to eating chametz (leavened foods). Families open their homes to neighbors and friends and fill their kitchen tables with an abundance of delicious sweets symbolizing fertility, joy, success, health and prosperity. Mimouna is the beginning of the spring season and a time to celebrate friendship, community, coexistence, luck and good fortune.

After a delicious feast prepared by our staff foodie, Mary Bilyeu, which included a range of salads made from beets, carrots/oranges, tomatoes, and more; tahini drizzled dates; traditional pancakes; and other treats, our virtual reality expert Tim Hagen took guests on a VR trip to Morocco. Thanks to Fagie for telling us all about her own experiences celebrating Mimouna as well!



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