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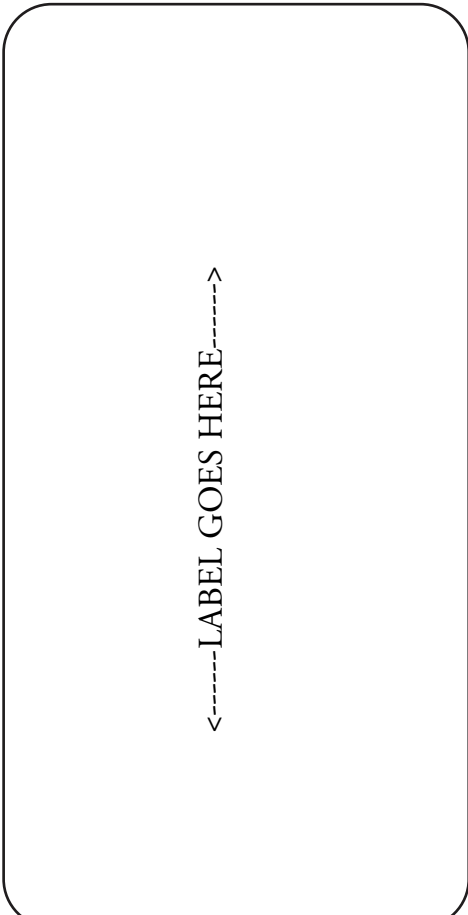
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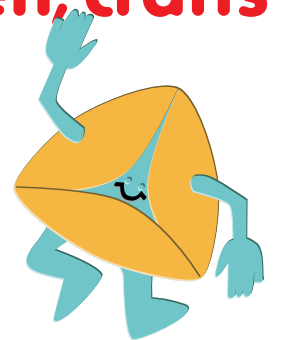
**Sunday, March 17 | 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.**  
**Temple Shomer Emunim**

Adults - \$2.00, Kids are FREE | Pre-register and receive 10 free tickets per child.  
Additional game tickets and hamantaschen will be available for sale  
during the carnival. Game tickets : 5 tickets for \$1.00

**The ENTIRE Jewish community is invited to celebrate  
together with food, games, prizes, hamantaschen, crafts  
and more!**



**Special adults-only room  
with BINGO, lunch, prizes, mimosas, and coffee!**



***The whole megillah is invited, so don't miss out!  
Everyone is encouraged to wear their costume.***

**RSVP by Tuesday, March 12 to  
[form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms](http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms) or  
Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org)**



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# Local



## Israel: The Old-New Land

Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.

**Free event**

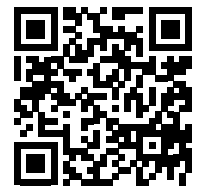
**Two dates:**

**Tuesday, March 12, 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. (lunch included)**

**Wednesday, March 13, 6 – 8 p.m. (dinner included)**

Israel is a country of many contradictions. It is a land thousands of years old but a country 75 years young. It mixes ancient cities with ever-growing skyscrapers. Tourists and tattooed hipsters bump shoulders with devout adherents of the three major monotheistic religions as well as those of other faiths and none. It is a land of conflict and a land of peace, the sea and the desert, flat coastal plains and steep mountain tops, sun and snow. For countless people and for thousands of years, it is the center of the universe. Join Federation's Vice President of Community and Government Relations, Daniel Pearlman, on an educational tour of Israel through photos, videos, and stories of the land, the people, the history, and more. Then, you will have a chance to visit Israel using Virtual Reality (VR) glasses, under the guidance of Project Manager and Tech Coordinator, Tim Hagen, providing a realistic 3D touring experience.

**Limited Space Available. RSVP required to [form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events](https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events) or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org)**



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## Film screening and discussion of "How Saba Kept Singing" with Avi Wisnia, filmmaker and award-winning singer/songwriter

**Wednesday, April 10, 6:30-8:30 pm - FREE**

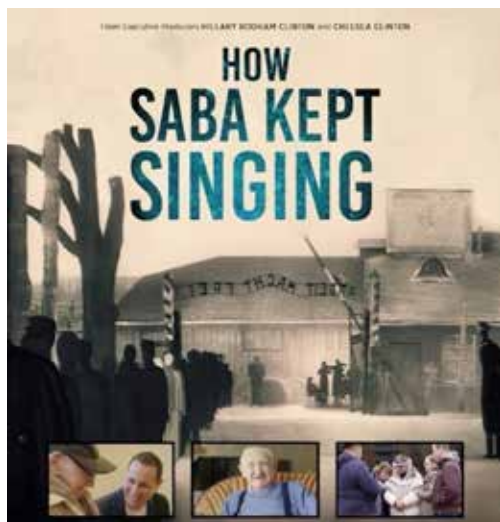
**Congregation Etz Chayim**

Includes kosher desserts

RSVP link: <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events>



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The award-winning documentary film, *How Saba Kept Singing*, shares the story of Cantor, Holocaust Survivor, and Military Veteran, David "Saba" Wisnia z"l, who spends his later years traveling with his grandson and musical accompanist, Avi Wisnia, sharing the story of how he survived the Holocaust through music which the duo perform together. For years, Cantor Wisnia's story centered around the belief that he survived Auschwitz mainly by using his beautiful singing voice to entertain his Nazi captors. These performances in the death camp gave him status as a "privileged prisoner." However, when David takes his family back to Poland for one last performance, Avi starts asking questions and they discover that someone else had a hand in Saba's survival. A powerful and uplifting story about music, faith, family and resilience, proving love can grow and take hold in even the darkest of places.

Avi Wisnia is an award-winning singer/songwriter, finding inspiration in 1950's west-coast jazz, acoustic American folk, Brazilian bossa nova, and contemporary piano pop. "My grandfather was a singer and a Holocaust survivor," Wisnia explains, "and while he wasn't one to really talk about his emotions, he always

spoke through his music, using it to help tell his story. Performing with him helped me find my purpose again. He taught me that we can carry a lot of pain and grief with us and still see the joy and the beauty in life; that it's okay if we are unable to move on from loss, because we can always find ways to move forward with it."

Special Toledo connection: David Wisnia's son, and Avi Wisnia's father, Cantor Eric Wisnia z"l, was Assistant Rabbi at Temple Shomer Emunim from 1974 to 1977. While Avi is in Toledo, he will speak at local schools about his grandfather's story. Contact Daniel Pearlman with questions: [daniel@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:daniel@jewishtoledo.org).



# YOUR LEGACY matters



You have poured your heart and soul into our Toledo Jewish community, and you made a difference!

Your commitment to Jewish Toledo stands as a testament to your values. Take the next step in making it an enduring part of your legacy and think about what your Jewish heritage means to you.

Planned gifts, such as a bequest in your will or a designation of a gift from your IRA, are two of the most popular types of charitable giving. You designate the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation to receive a specific dollar amount, appreciated property, or express a percentage of your estate or IRA balance as a legacy. These sorts of gifts are just several of many planned giving vehicles to choose from that will support Jewish Toledo and secure a safety net for its future.

To learn more about how to create a Jewish legacy with us, please contact Stephen Rothschild, JFGT CEO, at 419-724-0372 or [Stephen@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:Stephen@jewishtoledo.org).



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## Community: Matzah & Mitzvot *on your own*

**Sunday, April 28**  
**Shop on your own time**  
2 - 4 p.m. - Drop off donated items to  
6505 Sylvania Ave.

After the Glass City Marathon and in lieu of Sunday School, do a mitzvah! What is a mitzvah? A good deed. Help us fill the shelves of the JSFSS Family Food Pantry. Once registered, you will receive a list of items and directions for shopping on your own.

After shopping on your own, join with other Jewish families to stock the JSFSS Family Food Pantry and enjoy some kosher for Passover snacks and Passover activities for the whole family!

This event is open community members of all ages and religious affiliations.

RSVP by Monday, April 22 to [form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/PJandFamily2024](http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/PJandFamily2024) or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org).



**Rainbow Equality Seder | Sunday, April 21 | 4 - 6 p.m. | Free Handmade Toledo, 1717 Adams St**

Join Equality Toledo and Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) for an event celebrating our collective liberation. The Passover seder retells the story of the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. This Rainbow Equality Seder will follow the customs and order of a traditional Passover seder and will focus on chronicling our collective liberation as LGBTQ+ people, as Jews, as LGBTQ+ Jews, and others.

We come together to commemorate our 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.

This event is free and open to all, regardless of faith, sexual orientation, and gender identity.



RSVP by Monday, April 15 to [form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/equality-seder-2024](http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/equality-seder-2024)  
Questions? Contact Mary Bilyeu at 419-724-0405 or [mary@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:mary@jewishtoledo.org)



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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.

**Text CAMPAIGN to 44321**

Text CAMPAIGN to 44321 to make a donation to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Annual Campaign

**JFGT Spring/ Summer 2024 Holiday Office Closures:**

Date	Day of Week	Holiday	Office Hours
April 22, 2024	Monday	Erev Passover, 1 <sup>st</sup> Seder	Close at 1:00 pm
April 23, 2024	Tuesday	Passover	Closed
April 24, 2024	Wednesday	Passover	Closed
April 29, 2024	Monday	Concluding Days of Passover	Closed
April 30, 2024	Tuesday	Concluding Days of Passover	Closed
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
October 2, 2024	Wednesday	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Close at 1:00 pm

- Time Change
- Office closes at 4:30 pm Fridays starting March 15, 2024.
  - Office closes at 3:30 pm Fridays starting November 9, 2024.

# Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

## A heartfelt THANK YOU to Israel Relief Fund donors: You are making a difference in a time of need

In moments of crisis and uncertainty, the power of compassion and generosity shines brightest. It is during these challenging times that the true spirit of the Jewish people emerges, as we come together to support those in need in Israel.

The Israel Relief Fund provides crucial assistance to those facing challenges across Israel resulting from the horrific terrorist attack and massacre committed by Hamas on October 7, 2023. From humanitarian aid to healthcare support, the Fund's initiatives encompass a wide range of essential services aimed at alleviating suffering and fostering resilience.

**In our partnership region and around Israel, Jewish Toledo has made a lasting impact:**

- **Jewish Toledo donated \$34,000 to Leket Israel**, an organization that helps to supply thousands of hot meals a day (rescued and purchased) to a range of people at risk, including evacuees from Sderot and Ofakim based in hostels in the Arava desert; invests tens of thousands of dollars in weekly supplies of formula and diapers for thousands of infants relocated to Eilat; distributes thousands of dried food packages a day to evacuees including from Kibbutz Ein H'Slosa and Sderot, now residing in Kibbutz Gaash; directs hundreds of dedicated volunteers to assist dozens of farmers in the harvest of their crops; provides restaurants and caterers preparing meals for evacuees with free-of-charge produce; and provides thousands of displaced families with a renewable weekly credit card for the purchase of basic supplies.

- **Jewish Toledo sent \$11,000 to Partnership2Gether Western Galilee for security equipment in Matte Asher, \$11,000 for the needs of children in Akko including computers for remote learning and portable bomb shelters, and \$11,000 to the Western Galilee Medical Center for urgent medical equipment and supplies.**

- **Jewish Toledo provided \$33,000 to Dror Israel** to care for children who have been evacuated from Matte Asher (due to attacks from Hezbollah in Lebanon, just to the north) to hotels in Tiberius where they are going to school and participating in day care and kids centers that have been organized in the hotels. Dror Israel has 370 educators working at 35 locations with children. **Mirit Sulema** from Dror Israel's Akko Educators' Kibbutz, who visited Toledo in 2021, has been deeply involved in this effort.

- **Jewish Toledo supported Krembo Wings/Akko with \$7,500.** Krembo Wings is an Israeli youth organization for children and youths with and without special needs. The movement has about 100 branches all over Israel and holds weekly activities for kids with various disabilities from all cultural, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds.

- **Jewish Toledo sent over \$1,000,000 more directly to JFNA's national campaign for allocation through its careful evaluation process to maximize impact and address the greatest needs. No portion of any of the funds raised in Jewish Toledo's Israel Relief Campaign have been used locally.**

**Jewish Toledo together with Jewish Federations across North America are responding by working with our global core partners to support victims, rebuild damaged homes and buildings, and address the immense levels of trauma caused**

**by this cruel attack.**

- Jewish Toledo's support makes it possible for our primary partners The Jewish Agency for Israel, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), and World ORT to respond immediately and directly at this critical moment. Jewish Federations across North America have collectively raised more than \$780,000,000, surpassing the initial goal of \$500 million.

- With your help, Jewish Federations of North America have allocated millions to over 60 organizations providing emergency relief and support in Israel, including the Jewish Agency for Israel, JDC, World ORT, Israel Trauma Coalition, United Hatzalah, Magen David Adom, ZAKA, Barzilai Medical Center, and the Soroka Medical Center.

- Your donations are being put to critical and immediate and urgent needs, such as medical care, emergency services, evacuation, transport, housing, supporting victims of terror, trauma relief, and psychological support.

- The Jewish Agency's Fund for Victims of Terror (FVOT) is often the first non-medical responder for families and individuals who have been impacted by acts of terror and violence, providing immediate grants to rebuild homes damaged by rocket fire, and providing for long-term rehabilitation and post-trauma care.

- JDC is providing support to those in the line of fire, including elderly, people with disabilities, children and families at risk, and other vulnerable populations adversely impacted during this war and in past conflicts.

At the heart of these efforts lies the generosity of donors like you.

We extend our deepest gratitude to you for your unwavering support and compassion. Your generosity has not only provided immediate relief but has also planted seeds of hope and healing that will continue to grow and flourish in the days to come. Your kindness has touched countless lives and made a tangible difference in Israel.

Sadly, however, the need continues.

In crisis, fundamental needs require immediate attention. Swift action is still required to address these pressing needs including food, clothing, and medicines as well as lifeline services such as financial assistance, practical housing solutions, and educational support to evacuated children.

Addressing the physical, psychological, and emotional wellbeing of affected Israelis is crucial to their recovery. Hospitals require medical equipment. Mental health and trauma relief is needed for dedicated hotlines, training for caregivers and responders, and ongoing direct support to emergency teams, first responders, lone soldiers, families, and caregivers coping with the loss, injury, or abduction of their relatives.

You can continue to make a difference in Israel. Your contribution will directly impact the lives of those in need.

Your continuing support will have a transformative impact on individuals, families, and entire communities. Your generosity today will leave a lasting legacy of compassion and solidarity for generations to come.

Please donate now.



**Your Help is still needed.**

**Please donate today to the Israel Relief Fund at [www.jewishtoledo.org](http://www.jewishtoledo.org) or contact Anna at [anna@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:anna@jewishtoledo.org) or 419-724-0386 or Julie at [julie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:julie@jewishtoledo.org) or 419-724-0368**

**This war is unlike any before.  
And so are the needs.**



# Jewish Community Relations Council

## Toledo City Council passes ceasefire resolution – Here’s what you should know

By Daniel Pearlman, JFGT Vice President, Community & Government Relations

On February 14, Toledo City Council passed a ceasefire resolution that is both pro-Israel and supportive of Palestinian citizens. Rather than trying to impose an unbalanced ceasefire on Israel like in previous resolutions introduced by Councilman Nick Komives, the new resolution introduced by Councilman Adam Martinez and Councilwoman Cersandra McPherson calls for a “lasting negotiated bilateral ceasefire” that by definition would only take effect if Israel agrees to it, which Israel has said it will not agree to as long as Israeli hostages are still kept in Hamas captivity in Gaza and as long as Hamas remains a threat to Israeli civilians. The resolution also calls for the “release of all hostages” who are suffering under Hamas rule in Gaza and calls for “unrestricted humanitarian aid” for the Palestinian people. Such aid has been restricted by Hamas, which is estimated to [hijack over half](#) of the humanitarian aid that enters Gaza, and by the incompetencies of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), whose employees are too busy [murdering and kidnapping Israelis](#) to effectively distribute the warehouses of stockpiled aid across Gaza, leading to scenes of Palestinian civilians [storming](#) these warehouses for food.

Throughout this entire process, we were disappointed by the lack of leadership and civility expressed by certain Members of Council and anti-Israel activists. We were never contacted by Councilman Martinez or Councilwoman McPherson for our thoughts on the newly-passed resolution language, and our emails and calls to them went unanswered. When motioning to table the previously

introduced ceasefire resolution last month, which was agreed upon unanimously, Councilman Komives stated that he would like to have City Council organize roundtable discussions between local Jews and Palestinians to try to reach some sort of consensus language for a future resolution. As such, it was surprising to us and inappropriate for Council to introduce yet another ceasefire resolution before putting in the difficult work of doing what they had originally promised. We were never contacted to take part in any discussion, and it appears that Councilman Komives and others made no effort to try to organize such a discussion. Perhaps this is because they are aware that American Muslims for Palestine (AMP), the local group that has been leading most of the anti-Israel protests in town, issued [guidance](#) to their chapters instructing them to avoid working with mainstream Jewish groups like Jewish Federations, Jewish Community Relations Councils, and Hillels. Locally, AMP-Toledo [lied](#) to the media when one of their leaders claimed that they “have close ties with many in the Toledo-area Jewish community” as a way of refuting accusations of antisemitism. In reality, this group has followed the instructions of their national office and has refused to engage with local Jewish leaders.

We were disappointed but not surprised that AMP-Toledo has [tokenized](#) our local Jewish community by bringing one person, supposedly Jewish, with extreme, unrepresentative views of our Toledo Jewish community from out of town as a way of trying to demonstrate that they aren’t antisemitic. To our knowledge, not a single Jewish leader or person active in our diverse Jewish community has been approached by anyone from AMP-Toledo or

other local anti-Israel groups. Then, AMP-Toledo organized the sending of hundreds of emails to Council that accused the Jewish Federation of trying to “intimidate” Council, stemming from antisemitic tropes of Jewish power while simultaneously gaslighting Council into ignoring AMP’s role in attempts to intimidate Members of Council and Toledo residents by their increasingly aggressive protests across town and interruption of Council meetings. In short, AMP-Toledo and other local anti-Israel groups are uninterested in dialogue and only seek to push their extreme agenda through intimidation tactics and lies. Still, this does not excuse Toledo City Council from trying to fulfill their promise prior to introducing and passing another ceasefire resolution, and we are particularly disappointed by this lack of leadership from Councilman Komives and Council President Carrie Hartman.

Regardless of Council’s vote, Hamas will not agree to a lasting ceasefire. The terror group has a history of breaking ceasefires in 2008, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2021, and 2023, and it has repeated assertions since the war began that they will [continue to attack Israel again and again](#) until it is destroyed. There was a ceasefire in place the morning of October 7, and it was broken by Hamas. Since then, for over four months, Hamas has had the ability to end this war by releasing all hostages and laying down its weapons.

Instead of a ceasefire, we advocate for lasting peace in the region. Peace is impossible when Hamas remains a threat to Israel. Peace cannot be reached until the terrorists who committed the October 7 atrocities are brought to justice.

A better use of City Council’s time and resources would have been

a resolution that simply calls out increased forms of hate and expresses support for local Jews and Palestinians, as local elected officials should model exemplary behavior and compassion rather than taking a one-sided stance on an international issue that further alienates a minority group already facing increased hate. We presented this idea to Councilman Komives weeks ago, and after we sent him possible language for such a resolution per his request, he decided to incorporate much of this language into his original problematic ceasefire bill despite our repeated assertions that this will only create more division between local groups and communities. He then ignored repeated attempts to further discuss.

Toledo residents want City Council to spend its time fixing the city’s infrastructure rather than on international affairs. It is clear that Council passed this resolution due to pressure from extreme anti-Israel activists. Voters will remember this in November.

We thank all the community members who responded to the action alert campaigns and sent emails to City Council to oppose the problematic resolutions introduced by Councilman Komives. Your emails helped make the difference. We will continue to monitor all local government activity that may affect our community and Israel. Please be on the lookout for future action alerts. Together, we can ensure that our community’s interests are understood and respected.

We continue to pray for the release of the hostages taken by Hamas on October 7, the unconditional surrender and dismantling of Hamas, and for Palestinian leaders who will support peace with Israel.

## Daniel Pearlman accepts new position at Cleveland Federation



It is with great pride but considerable sadness that we are announcing that Daniel Pearlman, JFGT Vice President of Community and Government Relations, will be leaving Toledo on April 19, 2024 to take a role as the Senior Director External Affairs for the Cleveland Jewish Federation. This is a new position and an outstanding opportunity for Daniel.

Daniel’s selection to this important role will allow him to advance his considerable skills at a time when his abilities are most needed. We are fortunate that he was a part of Jewish Toledo since November of 2020. We are thrilled that Daniel will remain in Ohio and be part of the Ohio Jewish Communities so that we can continue to interact with him at the state level.

[www.jewishtoledo.org](http://www.jewishtoledo.org)

**STOP  
HAMAS  
NOW.**

# Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services

## Elder Abuse: Protecting and empowering seniors

By Mary Bilyeu, Community Relations Programming Specialist

“A test of a people is how it behaves toward the old,” wrote Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. “It is easy to love children .... But the affection and care for the old, the incurable, the helpless are the true gold mines of a culture.”

Sadly, our society as a whole is receiving failing grades on that test of integrity and decency.

According to both the National Council on Aging and the Centers for Disease Control, approximately 10 percent of adults over the age of 60 have experienced elder abuse and neglect. And in nearly two-thirds of the cases, the perpetrators were spouses, domestic partners, and/or adult children, as close relatives tend to be primary caregivers.

Both men and women, in nearly equal numbers, can be victims of abuse and neglect; there is a slight uptick for women, though, because they tend to live longer and there are greater numbers of female seniors.

Frighteningly, elder abuse is vastly underreported; it's often based upon mandatory reports from medical providers, and so unseen and undocumented cases aren't included. (One study cited by the National Council on Aging estimated that perhaps only one in 24 cases is referred to authorities.)

Therefore, these already significant statistics are considered very low estimates.

And as our population ages, the problem is expected to keep increasing.

### Seniors' safety

Senior citizens can be vulnerable to abuse for a variety of reasons: mental impairment such as dementia, developmental disability, or mental illness; mobility limitations; social isolation; poor training of caregivers; family conflicts; great dependence upon providers; inadequate staffing in facilities; caregivers' substance abuse; and burnout among care personnel.

### Types of abuse and neglect include:

**Physical:** hitting, pushing, incorrect positioning, force feeding or limiting food, unnecessary restraining, inappropriate medicating or lack of medical care, lack of proper hygiene

**Emotional:** threats and intimidation, humiliation, manipulation, instilling fear, inflicting stress, cutting off patients from their social/support networks

**Sexual:** rape, inappropriate touching, improper intimacy, sexual harassment

**Exploitive:** transferring assets into the caregiver's name, not paying a patient's bills, diverting a person's benefits, unauthorized credit cards in a client's name, placing someone into a substandard care facility

Abuse and neglect can be difficult to discern, though, said Maureen Veit, who's been working as an investigator for Wood County Job and Family Services' Adult Protect Services (APS) department for 28 years. “Most times, it's not clear cut – we have to go out multiple times during the investigation, looking at all aspects of their life.”

A complicating factor is that “it's in the privacy of your house,” she noted

**If you suspect elder abuse, neglect, or a lack of self-care, please call:**

- **911, if the situation is an emergency**
- **Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services social workers: Liz Witter at 419-724-0406 or Stacy Willis at 419-724-0407**
- **Lucas County Adult Protective Services: 419-213-8663**
- **State of Ohio's Adult Protective Services Referral Line: 855-OHIO-APS (855-644-6277)**

about people withdrawing physically, especially as older adults' mobility may be limited or they may not be driving themselves around anymore.

Not taking part in social events or getting to medical appointments are also causes for worry with regard to someone who had previously been active. “If there's a change in someone's routine, maybe they're not coming out of their house” – which could be an issue of self-neglect or of abuse – “or if a family member moves in and takes over the house,” those could be tip-offs, Maureen said.

“If you think something's amiss, check on them,” she recommended. And if you don't feel comfortable doing this yourself, notify APS which – along with other protective agencies – is required to investigate referrals.

Emotional withdrawal, too, is a key signal that someone is being victimized, said Stacy Willis, LSW, MSW, who serves as Jewish Senior, Family & Services, (JSFSS) Food Pantry and Support Services Coordinator. This can manifest as becoming depressed and less social, reluctance to discuss certain people or circumstances, or even tentatively asking permission for a simple activity like going to the bathroom (a behavior which can result from fear of consequences). People being abused tend to be anxious and wary.

In her experience, Stacy said, the vast majority of elder abuse is financial in nature. It can occur at any time, but it's especially prevalent when an individual begins to lose capabilities, both intellectual and physical. With the former, the person is unable to keep on top of money matters and is thus ripe for being taken advantage of. With the latter, mobility issues can lead someone into transferring control to others who, unfortunately, should not have been given such a role – including, unfortunately, “family that they've trusted forever,” she continued.

Thankfully, said Liz Witter, LSW, with relief, “I haven't had to use APS much” in her years at JSFSS. When she's needed to refer to the agency, the intervention was prompted by clients' lack of self-care, she noted, rather than someone taking advantage of any individuals.

If you feel that a loved one would benefit from an assessment for neglect or abuse – whether due to deficiency in independent care or because someone

else is engaging in inappropriate behavior – JSFSS is ready to step in and provide guidance and assistance. Social workers Liz and Stacy, as care and case managers, can “create a bubble of support,” the latter said, for the older person and for those who care about them.

For Adult Protective Services, too, Maureen explained, “it's a partnership” working with the elderly victim, with the family involved, and also with the perpetrator to resolve issues and establish an improved care model.

### Reducing risks

There are some specific precautionary steps to take that can help reduce the risks of abuse or neglect of seniors.

- Start by building in some safeguards for your loved one(s)
- Meet with a lawyer who specializes in elder/geriatric law
- Hire a care manager to handle financial transactions
- Put in writing that a third party (lawyer, accountant, another family member, etc.) will receive regular reports and updates on the patient's well-being
- Educate family members and an individual's immediate support circle about patient needs and about the risk factors of abuse, so they can be aware

Ensure that an individual doesn't lose contact with their social circle and a sense of connection

If you are not yet in need of care yourself, then this is the ideal time to be proactive while you're still capable.

“We like to recommend getting in control as much as possible” before the need for assistance develops, Stacy said. And JSFSS be a support for that, too, she added: “At any part of the process, we will step in and help,” if needed.

From taking tours of nursing facilities to find a place you'd be comfortable calling home one day to sorting out Medicaid waivers, Liz and Stacy are available to provide guidance. They can also make referrals to companies that specialize in the transition from independent to assisted living, which can be particularly beneficial for local residents whose families live out-of-town.

Rather than increasing the risk of abuse by delegating decision-making, out of necessity, to others when a crisis arises or when taking care of oneself

fully is no longer an option, it is far better to make one's own choices while still capable of doing so.

If at some point you aren't able to take charge of your own life, Stacy asked, who will be making potential health and financial decisions for you? Wouldn't you rather have as much control as possible over that now, to provide the best care for your future self?

### Caregiver care

Respite care for those on the front lines of providing patient support is also a critical component to reducing risk.

On average, according to the National Institute on Aging (NIA), one of every four adults in the United States is currently a caregiver, and spends approximately 24 hours per week assisting a loved one in addition to other life, job, and family responsibilities. Tasks may be as simple as running errands or doing laundry on a weekly basis, or as complex as coordinating medical services and providing routine care (bathing, dressing, meals, etc.) every day.

This work – however well intentioned – can be exhausting and extraordinarily stressful, especially as a patient's needs become more and more significant. And, of course, when a person providing care is overtaxed and burnt out, their patient's vulnerability increases.

So it is essential that support, breaks, and alternatives be provided to caregivers in order to alleviate situations before they reach critical mass. Some resources geared specifically toward these individuals include:

- The Caregiver's Handbook, a 72-page document produced by the NIA, that's available as a PDF at <https://shorturl.at/fsyD3>. It offers a wealth of information and recommendations, covering such topics as home care vs. long-term facilities, financial support for care providers, asking for assistance, and – very importantly – taking care of oneself.
- The NIA also offers a guide to caregiving, tips for those providing care, and a FAQ about this important role: <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/caregiving>
- ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center offers supports for caregivers seeking short- or long-term respite care: <https://archrespite.org/>
- The state of Ohio offers a search engine for caregiving resources, information about caregiver support, and other resources (including the topic of elder abuse): <https://shorturl.at/diwMS>

### Compassionate community

In Leviticus 19:32, it is written: “You shall rise before a venerable person and you shall respect the elderly.”

And Jewish Toledo is fortunately taking that to heart.

Despite the sad and frightening statistics about elder abuse and its prevalence in our society overall, Stacy has “seen no cases that I can speak to” here.

“Our community is really great at taking care of each other,” she said proudly.

# News

## 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](http://www.literally-lauren.com).*



Before becoming a parent, I was a practicing child and family therapist. I studied hard to obtain my clinical social work degree, then completed both an internship and fellowship where I received excellent hands-on experience and training. In the early years of my career, I firmly believe I was able to provide helpful guidance and support to the children and families I served. Still, despite how much I prepared for my professional life, I now know that something was missing. Becoming a parent myself gave me an almost inexplicable sensitivity about raising children and informed how I thought about the myriad challenges of growing up. In a similar vein, I can now say that I truly did not understand grief until I lost my husband in August of 2020. Before Brad died, I believed I could use my sense of empathy to conceptualize what it is like to live with grief. I now know that intense grief is like nothing I ever could have imagined. Three years after losing Brad, I sometimes feel as though grief is like a spider's web. While it remains largely unseen, it

lingers in your life and its strength can catch and hold you at the times you least expect it.

Much of what I have learned about grief has come from my own experience of loss. Still, I have also gained tremendous insight about the nature of bereavement as I have listened to the stories of those in my spousal loss support group. Once one emerges from the fog of early grief, we are able to step away from the intensity and take a more objective look at its constantly evolving nature. In my situation, even early on I started to realize that losing Brad meant rethinking my entire life. Without him, I had to newly consider who I was and what I wanted for my future. Since I was no longer part of the we that developed over our 20 years together, I was left to wonder about how to define myself and reimagine my own hopes and dreams. I have heard these same sentiments echoed by my fellow widows and widowers on many occasions. None of us seemed to anticipate all the secondary losses that accompany the loss of a spouse, particularly the loss of identity that inevitably arises. Like me, the members of my group regularly express how comforting it is to be amongst others who get what it is like to go through such a painful and life-altering experience.

Though no one's story of loss and bereavement is the same, we often hear echoes of our own experience as we sit with others in grief. Feeling seen and understood by others offers great solace as we try to adjust to the new lives we find ourselves living. In our group, we have sometimes discussed the idea that this evolution in our lives takes many forms and gives us permission to try new things. One woman in the group spoke about her experience of buying a bike and trying out cycling as a new hobby, feeling invigorated by the energetic activity. Another widow offered up how meaningful it was for her to start volunteering and giving of herself on a regular basis. Personally, my own endeavor into writing represents an evolution in my life since I had never seriously considered myself a writer before Brad died. As we look forward to spring, a time of hope and renewal, it feels like a very appropriate opportunity to make changes and try new things. Change can certainly be part of anyone's life. But loss has helped me to feel less afraid of the unknown, giving me permission to dust off the cobwebs, honor my grief, and trust myself enough to begin again.



Members of Jewish Toledo performed several *mitzvot* (good deeds) and *chesed* (acts of loving kindness) last month at Pancakes with a Purpose at Temple Shomer Emunim. The program included public service, pancakes, and passion for our community in Toledo and abroad in Israel. Service projects will benefit our local Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS) Family Food Pantry and families in Israel.

This program was made possible through JCC Association of North America in partnership with Israel's Ministry for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism.

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# News

## Jewish Senior Services of Toledo, Inc. merges into JFGT

On December 31, 2023, Jewish Senior Services of Toledo, Inc. (JSS) and Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) completed a merger of the two non-profit entities. The merger had been considered and discussed by the two boards for more than a year. The merger was driven by a desire to simplify and streamline the community's organizational structure and board meetings, reduce expenses associated with audits, and eliminate separate tax filings and tax complications. In connection with the merger, Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization (JSSSO), which was created by JSS upon the sale of Darlington to hold the sale proceeds, will maintain its status as a separate legal entity with its own board of directors and officers, as it has since its creation. JSSSO will also remain committed to its founding purpose to provide funding to support the wants and needs of the aged Jewish population in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. In connection with the merger, JSS's annual distributions from the Isadore Binzer Trust will be added to the JSSSO fund balance as they are received.

JSS was incorporated as the Toledo Jewish Orthodox Home for the Aged in 1936. At that time, the purpose of the new entity was "to perform all duties concerning a home for the aged, own real estate...and to do all things necessary and properly incidental to the

operation of a home for the aged."

In 1964, the Articles of Incorporation for the Toledo Jewish Orthodox Home for the Aged were amended to restate the purpose clause to specifically provide for the development of Darlington House. In connection with this change, the membership of the Toledo Jewish Orthodox Home for the Aged was changed to include all those persons over 21 years of age who had contributed not less than \$5 per year for two consecutive years to Jewish community philanthropic funds.

In 1969, the Articles were amended again, and the name was changed to Toledo Jewish Home for the Aged. In addition, at this time, a new provision was added to the Articles providing that if the Corporation ever ceased to function, "any and all of its existing assets of every sort shall be transferred, assigned, and conveyed to the Jewish Welfare Federation." The Jewish Welfare Federation is a prior name for JFGT.

In 1993, the Toledo Jewish Home for the Aged changed its name to Jewish Senior Services of Toledo.

In November 1999, JSS approved negotiations to complete the sale of Darlington House. Upon the completion of the sale, JSS contributed most of the Darlington House sale proceeds to a new entity, the Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization that was created in 2001. JSSSO was created as a

separate non-profit corporation and was intended to function as a Supporting Organization under the U.S. Tax Code. In its Articles of Incorporation, JSSSO identified three qualified organizations that were to be supported by JSSSO. Those organizations were Jewish Senior Services, United Jewish Council of Greater Toledo (now known as Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo) and Jewish Family Service of Toledo, Inc. (which merged into JFGT in 2020).

The JSSSO Articles of Incorporation also provided in the Third Article that:

...the activities of the specified qualified organizations to be supported are to administer to the wants and needs of the aged Jewish population in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan; to provide or assist in providing shelter, food, and clothing for such population; to provide aid to such population in order that they may remain in their own homes as long as possible; to provide programs to promote the health and wellbeing of such population; to provide facilities and/or services to promote the physical and mental wellbeing of such population; and to do such things as are necessary to carry out the purposed hereinbefore enumerated.

For many years, JSSSO has annually distributed between 4 and 5% of the twelve-quarter rolling average value of its holdings to support the work of Jewish Family Service and later Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services (JSFSS) to meet the needs of Jewish seniors. Approximately 75% of the JSFSS annual budget is supported by the JSSSO distribution. This is expected to continue. The JSSSO fund balance has grown, despite millions of dollars of distributions in support of the community, from \$8.2 million in 2003 to \$13.6 million as of December 31, 2023. If spending continues at the historic rate, the JSSSO fund balance is expected to continue to grow with

additions made from JFGT's receipt of Binzer Trust distributions in perpetuity.

At the time of the merger, JSS had the JSS Agency Fund at the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (TJCF) holding the proceeds from the sale of Pelham Manor. This fund was used in 2022 and 2023 to distribute \$100,000 total to each of JFGT, Hillel419, Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, Temple Shomer Emunim, and Chabad of Toledo. As part of the merger terms, the JSS Agency Fund will continue at TJCF for the next five years, during which time former JSS board members will continue to have advisory rights to recommend distributions of the remaining JSS Agency Fund balance, which had a value of \$1,485,431 on December 31, 2023. If the funds are not distributed at the end of the five-year period, the remaining funds will be contributed to TJCF's Long Term Community Needs Fund.

Ken Brochin, president of JSS, at the time of the merger, said, for "the last several years, the JSS board had discussed and debated the on-going need to maintain its separate existence when it no longer had any separate operations and programs. With the sale of Pelham Manor, JSS's oversight of this asset ended as well. When we were presented with options for moving forward efficiently in the community's best interests, we felt that this merger, that protected JSSSO as a supporting organization and kept it true to its founding purposes, made the most sense."

Another JSS board member, Steven Nathanson, explained, "we carefully weighed different options for the future. Ultimately, we are confident that this consolidation will help to solidify the Toledo Jewish community's ability to provide for a strong Jewish future in a thoughtful way."

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# Local

## Finding Your Inner Peace with Simone Knego

Tuesday, May 7  
Kyoto Ka, 6801 Central Ave.

6 – 7 p.m. - \$36/person

\*\*\*Women's Philanthropy cocktail reception\*\*\*

### Lions, Pomegranates, and Pearls

(women who give \$180 or more to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Annual Campaign)

Includes appetizers, desserts, book signing, and beverages.

7:15 – 8:15 p.m. - \$18/person

### Presentation with Simone - for all Jewish Toledo women

Includes desserts, book signing, and beverages.

Please note: This event is intended for all women who support the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Annual Campaign. A meaningful gift to the campaign is required to attend.

*Do you wake up every day feeling like you're going through the motions, that the hundreds of choices you make have almost no impact on the people around you?*

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Everyone has a story, and in *The Extraordinary UnOrdinary You*, Simone Knego takes you inside her unique journey and the extraordinary moments which have shaped her life and defined her mission. Sharing the lessons she's learned from life's ups, downs, and laugh-out-loud moments, you'll be inspired to discover your own journey, and to go out into the world and be the good. The world is waiting for the Extraordinary UnOrdinary You, and you already have everything you need to get started, simply by being you.

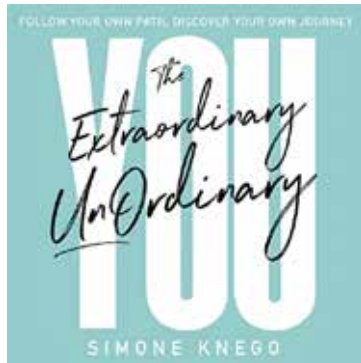
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RSVP by Friday, April 19 to [form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/womensphil](http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/womensphil) or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org).



Jewish Federation & Foundation OF GREATER TOLEDO



## Jewish Toledo schleps and shops in Sylvania

Last month, Jewish Toledo went on a scavenger hunt in downtown Sylvania to find the letters to spell "Jewish," discovering fun and friendship along the way.



## TECH TIPS

During the doldrums of winter, having a good laugh or finding a reason to smile can be especially important.

At times, though, this kind of happiness can appear and be realized in more subtle ways and via nuanced outlets, such as engrossing hobbies, engaging pastimes, and simple pleasures. Consider reading, or cooking, or dancing... pursuits than can provide levity, even if perhaps not of the laugh-out-loud variety.



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

### All Tech Programs are FREE:

1. **March 6: Device Advice** – Exploring podcast apps
2. **March 13: Device Advice** – Exploring eBooks

RSVP with Sherry Majewski at: 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org)



There are many ways of folding such kinds of levity into tech, of course! Why not focus on a hobby that brings you joy and explore how you may engage with it in a new way... via tech?

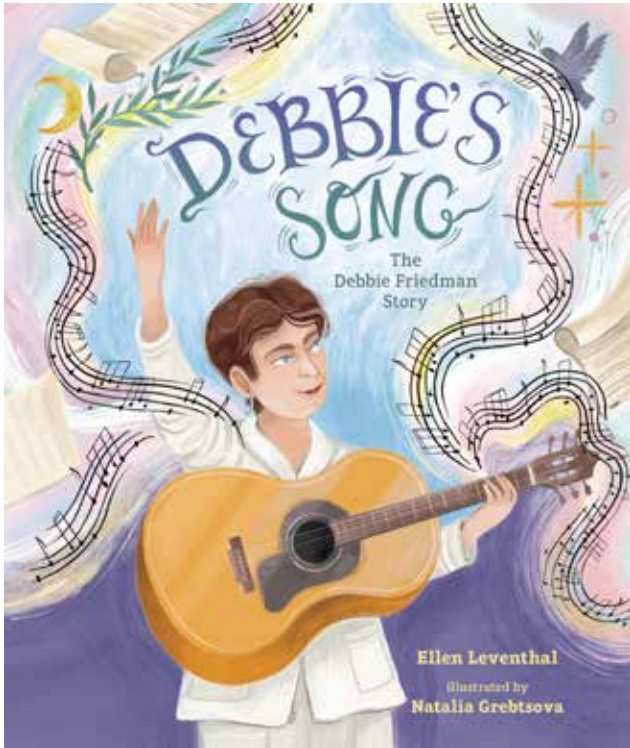
If movies or shows are your jam, try a new app (TCM, Criterion, Max, etc.) and discover what their online catalogs offer. If you love word- or numbers-based games, give *The New Yorker* or *New York Times* online games, updated daily, a go (many similar, free versions are available elsewhere, too).

In short, should you find yourself lacking levity, please don't hesitate to see how tech may help you find it... Until next month - Tim

### Tim Hagen

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# Local



## NW Ohio Jewish Book Festival Special Event

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by Ellen Leventhal

Sunday, April 14

Time TBD

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– *Community Concert* –

– *Book Reading & Signing* –

– *Lunch* –



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Writer of *Debbie's Song: The Debbie Friedman Story*, Ellen Leventhal is an author and educator in Houston, TX. Aside from picture books, Ellen's work has appeared in poetry and short story anthologies as well as local newspapers. Ellen's best days are when she can share her love of literacy, kindness, and inclusion with young readers.

RSVP by Monday, April 8 to [form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms](http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms) or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org).



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# NextJGen

## NextJGen Next Jewish Generation



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Any questions? Contact Marnie Younker at [marnie@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:marnie@jewishtoledo.org)

For all NJG programming information, visit [jewishtoledo.org/nextjewishgeneration](http://jewishtoledo.org/nextjewishgeneration).



### Masks & Flasks

Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m.  
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.

\$20 per person - includes terrarium workshop, a terrarium to take home, paint-your-own marzipan Purim mask, heavy snacks, hamantaschen, beverages, and more

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## NextJGen Next Jewish Generation

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](mailto:marnie@jewishtoledo.org).



# VIRTUAL GOLF

## WITH JEWISH TOLEDO

Jewish Toledo scored a hole in one playing virtual golf at Shawn's Back 9 last month. The group was diverse in age and experience, and everyone enjoyed a fun Tuesday evening tee time.

Special thanks to Adam Reny from First Tee - a youth development organization that enables kids to build the strength of character that empowers them through a lifetime of new challenges - for joining us and to our attendees who donated an assortment of snacks to First Tee.

# PJ Library

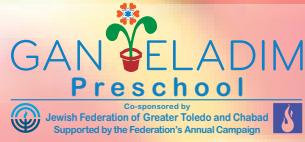


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RSVP by Friday, March 1 to [form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/PJandFamily2024](https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/PJandFamily2024) or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org).



Aster and Meyer, besties and future Gan Yeladim Preschool classmates, recently hung out for a Gan & PJ Library® Playdate.

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## B'nai Mitzvah ✡

### We Honor Our B'nai Mitzvah



**Max Alexander Gray** was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on February 3, 2024 at Temple Shomer Emunim. Max is the son of Justin and Eve Gray and brother of Dylan. Proud grandparents are Peter and Caryn Gray and Marianne and Ron Burnett (z"l). Max is a 7th grader at Liberty-Benton Middle School in Findlay where he plays the french horn and is a member of the school pep band. Max is a member of Findlay Boy Scout Troop 312, and in his free time enjoys playing baseball, reading, skateboarding, and spending time with family and friends. For his Mitzvah project, Max was a "Buddy" volunteer with the Findlay Miracle League, a non-profit organization that provides an opportunity for people with disabilities to experience baseball.

Max helped players play games and it was a rewarding experience for him and his teammates. Max is excited to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with his family, friends and the entire temple community!



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**More info to come in the April Toledo Jewish News.**



BBYO Leadership  
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March 14

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Save the date for the next create and relate session:

Session 3 – May 9



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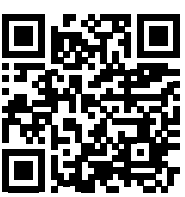
**Come party for Purim with a delicious lunch, music by Chris Brown and guest, a photo booth, a caricaturist, and lots of other Purim fun activities.**

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## Senior Candle Making Event


**Thursday, March 7**  
**Noon – 2 p.m.**  
**Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.**  
**\$10 per person - includes lunch and all candle making supplies**

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## Get Fit Classes

### Monday

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**-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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# News

## Jewish expression in Israel now especially meaningful for local college student

By Adam Davis, Hillel419 President, Student Board

A few months ago, I received an email from the National Ramah Commission describing an opportunity to volunteer in Israel over winter break with other college-aged kids involved with the Ramah Camping Movement. Without hesitation, I filled out the interest form. While my mom and dad were uncertain at first, they eventually agreed, and I spent the next couple of weeks anxiously preparing for the trip to start.

My trip consisted of 24 people and was filled with many experiences that will last with me forever. The many highlights started with my arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv. The atmosphere was like no other time I have been in Israel. Instantly walking off the plane we saw posters with arrows pointing in the direction of shelters; every new place we went, we were told by the leader where the nearest shelter was should a siren go off. At the airport, as I approached the famous hallway seen in everyone's pictures of when they arrive in Israel, I noticed the hall lined with posters of hostages. Rather than joyfully taking pictures of the hallway, I found myself somberly taking pictures of rows of hostage posters. As I continued, I realized the emptiness of the airport. These experiences in the airport brought a deeper sense of reality of the current situation.

During our trip, we volunteered on a lettuce farm, at several different food packaging facilities, helping set up up a farmers market, and making sandwiches. As a result of the war, most of the places where we volunteered had lost nearly all their employees, causing them to be almost completely reliant on volunteers. During our time at the lettuce farm, my group planted more than 80,000 stalks of lettuce to be sent to groceries all over the country.

At the first food packaging facility, which provided produce to grocery stores throughout Israel, we were told that, because of our help, it was the first time in weeks they were able to get everything needed done for the day. At our second food packaging place, we were able to sort and package fresh produce for thousands of families who have been displaced from their homes. During our time at the farmers market, we were able to come together with a community of friends to assist them in their efforts to provide financial assistance to struggling farmers near Gaza.

During our time at a Chabad in Jerusalem, we made thousands of sandwiches in memory of a fallen IDF soldier. When this soldier was younger, he would ask his mom for extra sandwiches for lunch at school. Eventually, he was bringing so many sandwiches that his mom sat him down and said that they needed to start watching what he was eating. The boy however, told his mom that he was not eating all the sandwiches, but rather he was giving them to students who did not have a lunch. From there, the boy increased production and was able to start providing sandwiches to students all over.

Throughout every volunteer experience, I felt such a sense of appreciation and immense gratitude from the Israeli workers and volunteers for the work we



were doing and also for just being in Israel during this time. I felt such an increase in unity everywhere I went. I felt as though the work I was doing and just being there in Israel was truly making a difference.

Since being back home, I have received quite a few questions about whether I experienced any sirens or saw any parts of the war. During our first day on the farm, on our lunch break, we witnessed a barrage of rockets being fired by Hamas towards Tel Aviv. Luckily, they were far enough away that the sirens did not go off where I was; however, we still saw them and even the Iron Dome intercepting them. The feelings I had during this experience were not what I had expected them to be; before, I thought I would feel a greater sense of fear, but to be honest, I was not really scared, even with the ground rumbling from the Iron Dome going off. Instead, I was overwhelmed with a feeling of pride as I watched the Iron Dome intercept the rockets.

Israel is surrounded by countries that want it gone, and there is an ongoing global movement right now to try and eliminate it. Under all that hate, I was with Am Yisrael (the people of Israel)! I was contributing to Israeli society and watching our people defend ourselves firsthand! On the other hand, sadly, I felt safer there in Israel with rockets being shot at me than I do on my own college campus or just in America overall. I believe this is because I know that in Israel we have the Iron Dome and the capabilities of defending ourselves.

Additionally, in Israel, I was a part of a society where Jewish people are welcomed whereas, in America, Jewish hate is now ingrained into my generation. In America, it is not safe to wear a kippah in public. While at school, I am surrounded by misinformed, antisemitic students and I now take a longer route home from school just to try and avoid the anti-Israel protests that occur in our city and near my college campus. In contrast, while in Israel, I feel comfortable wearing a kippah around in public. In Israel, on a Friday afternoon, the cashier at the grocery store says "Shabbat Shalom!" to me as I check out, and, in Israel, I do not fear seeing protests or students who want the only Jewish country in the world wiped off the map. In my opinion, Israel is the safest place right now

for Jewish people.

While on this trip, I had the pleasure of spending two incredible Shabbats in Jerusalem. The first Shabbat was spent together with my group. For Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday night, we led our own service, one of the most passionate services I have ever been a part of. The leader was not audible, but rather everyone was singing so passionately from their hearts that it felt like we were all one voice. It felt like a miracle for me during these times to be surrounded by a group of fellow college students who all had just as much ruach (spirit) and love for Judaism as I do. These are the Jewish experiences I live for!

For Saturday services, we went to a small congregation where I got an Aliyah. This congregation had a very welcoming atmosphere. That night, I led our group in a slow shira singing session followed by Havdalah; we were filled with so much energy and ruach as we sang our hearts out. The following Shabbat I went to one of my aunt's friends' houses for a nice shabbat dinner and had a fun time playing "Jewish geography" while I was there. In the morning, I went to services at The Great Synagogue.

Throughout the trip, we had various opportunities immersing ourselves into Israeli society. Some of these experiences included spending nights out to Machane Yehudah Shuk, meeting with Israeli teens, listening to geopolitical lectures, taking a trip to the Kotel, and participating in a graffiti tour. Each of these experiences left me with new stories, a deeper connection to my Judaism, and a deeper connection to Israel.

One particularly meaningful experience was when a friend and I were walking the streets of Jerusalem and came across a group protesting against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The chants included things like, "Bibi is destroying Israel's future," and other similar phrases that rhymed in Hebrew. There was also a counter protestor; it was neat to see Israeli citizens using their voices and to see a free democratic nation in action. They were not calling for the destruction of Israel like they do at protests in America when people do not like what the Israeli government does. Instead, they were waving Israeli flags and calling for change. Additionally, there was no violence between the protestors and the counter protestor. I found it inspiring that differing opinions were able to be shared peacefully and that, at the end of the day, both groups just want what is best for the future of Israel and for peace in the region.

During our night out in Tel Aviv we started at the Sarna market for dinner. I sat with a girl from my trip who told me one of her best friends is still being held hostage in Gaza. I was very moved by her friend's story. Her name is Naama Levy. Naama is about a year younger than me. She was brutally sexually assaulted at the Nova Music Festival and then taken to Gaza where she has remained captive for 98 days [as of this writing].

During my conversation with Naama's friend, I learned more about who Naama is. Naama was someone who fought for peace. She participated in "Hands of Peace," a program that brings together young Americans, Israelis, and Palestinians.

Naama committed her life to creating peace between Israelis and Palestinians. She believed that if there is no peace, that means we are not trying hard enough. My friend told me that if she could talk to Naama right now, she would ask Naama if she is ok. Of course, Naama would not be ok, however instead of saying that, she believes that Naama would respond by asking if people are coming together to help others following the tragedy. That is the kind of person Naama is. Naama is caring and selfless. She has devoted her life to making peace with people that want her dead. That takes strength beyond my comprehension. I am looking forward to Naama's safe and speedy return home.

Following dinner, we headed to Hostage Square in Tel Aviv. This experience flooded me with such somber emotions. I was hurting so much for the unimaginable pain that each hostage and their family and friends are going through. One of the displays was of an empty dinner table with a seat for each hostage, which has been a common global display. I had seen pictures of tables like that before, but seeing it in person and in Israel threw my emotions into a whirlwind. It took me more than a minute to walk just down one side of the table. This may not seem that long but, it felt like forever.

Naama Levy is just one of the hostages we know about, however, as I walked by each empty seat at the dinner table, I could not help but think about how each hostage has their own story. Each is their own person with friends, family, hobbies, and life aspirations. I find it nearly impossible to comprehend how many people's stories have been shattered because of Hamas.

I have been told by several community members that they wish they could go volunteer right now in Israel or that they tried but got turned down. I am going to try and attempt to change your mindset, though. I was raised right here in the Toledo Jewish community where I have developed an immense love of Judaism and Israel. Without our community, I would not have the love for Judaism and Israel that I do, and I would not have participated in this trip. I am proud of the work I did on this trip; each of you reading this may not have been the one directly planting that lettuce or feeding that displaced family, but you all played a part in it. I am beyond proud to have been raised in the Toledo Jewish community and specifically at Congregation B'nai Israel.

I would like to give an enormous thank you to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo for its generous scholarship, which allowed me to participate in this life altering trip. My trip to Israel provided me with so much pride in who I am. Following October 7, I had removed my chai (life) necklace out of fear of antisemitism, specifically on the University of Toledo campus. Upon arriving back home from my trip, I returned my necklace to where it belongs, around my neck.

There will always be people that hate us. However, the hate will never break us! I have never been prouder to be Jewish, and I have never been prouder to be a Zionist! Am Yisrael Chai (Long Live Israel)!

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There is no charge to submit an obituary, but we encourage donations to Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo ([www.jewishtoledo.org](http://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](mailto:paul@jewishtoledo.org)

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#### Jewish Holiday Closing Schedule for 2024

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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
Friday, October 25, 2024	Simchat Torah	Closed

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# Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo

## JFGT Seeks Nominations for Annual Awards

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo is seeking nominations for community recognition awards to be presented at our annual meeting. Any member of the community is able to nominate an individual for the Harry Levison Young Leadership Award, the Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award, the Nancy Newbury Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award, the Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence, or the Shining Light Award.

### National Young Leadership/ Harry Levison Young Leadership Award

Created in 1962 to recognize young adults of outstanding promise and leadership ability who exhibit an active interest in Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and Jewish Federation Fund Campaign, this award rewards exceptional service from young adults. The award is open to those between the ages of 25 and 45 who reside in the greater Toledo area.

The recipient(s) is honored at Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Annual Meeting and receives a cash award to be used for participation, either at the General Assembly of Jewish Federations of North America or National Young Leadership Conference. The award can also be applied to participation on an Israel mission, particularly the National Young Leadership Mission.

### Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award

Established in 1998 to recognize Robert Wick, a great friend and supporter to the Jewish community, the award is restricted to businesses, corporations and companies that provide exemplary support to the Jewish community.

### Nancy Newbury Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award

Each year, in its role as the social services and safety net for Toledo's Jewish community, Jewish Family Service recognizes a volunteer who embodies the spirit and compassion of the JFS mission.

### Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence

Established to recognize an outstanding Jewish communal employee or volunteer for their leadership in promoting Jewish values and improving Jewish life, the award acknowledges valuable contributions of the recipient and the deep appreciation of the Board of Directors and staff of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

### Shining Light Award

Created in 2019 to recognize outstanding community volunteers who find meaning and reward in giving of their time and energy for the greater good of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. Nominees for this award are volunteers who go above and beyond the norm of volunteerism. They are tireless in their dedication to the mission of the organization, sit on numerous committees, enrich our community and strive to make Jewish Toledo a vibrant place to call home. Nominees for this award should be 18 -180 years old and meet the criteria description.

**Please use the form below pertaining to the award(s) for which you wish to submit a nomination(s) or request a form from Anna at [anna@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:anna@jewishtoledo.org).**



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## Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo *Nomination for Community Award*

### Award Nomination (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> National Young Leadership/Harry Levison Young Leadership Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Shining Light Award - Jewish Programs Volunteer             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nancy Newbury Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award            |  |

NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Please fill out all applicable areas on a separate sheet of paper:

1. Leadership activity in Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and/or affiliated agencies (current/past)
2. Leadership in the Annual Campaign (current/past)
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5. Why are you nominating this person/corporation?

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# Local

## Irma Sheon – social justice champion and former Toledoan – establishes PACE fund

Irma Shainberg Sheon grew up in New Madrid, Missouri and Memphis, Tennessee with a deep disdain for the racial inequities and segregation of the 20th century American South. While living in New Madrid, under the conditions of Jim Crow, she was influenced by her mother, Rose Shainberg, who started the first school hot lunch program in the state, organized the collection of unneeded library books from larger out-of-state institutions, and received the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights.

“My mother was [also] a social justice warrior and now my children and grandchildren share this passion ... the social justice genes run deep,” Irma said. The example “carries on in multiple generations of the family.”

After high school, Irma went to the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana where she initially planned to become a medical technologist but then discovered a passion for the liberal arts. She later moved to St. Louis where she met her husband, Dr. Robert (Bob) Sheon (z”l), who grew up in the Old West End and attended DeVilbiss High School and the University of Toledo. They married in 1957. The Sheons returned to Toledo in 1964 when Dr. Sheon founded the Toledo Clinic’s rheumatology department and later established the Rheumatology Division at the Medical College of Ohio, where he was a Clinical Professor of Medicine.

In Toledo, Irma kept busy as a mother to their three children and through volunteer work. It was at a rally protesting the Vietnam War that Rabbi Leon I. Feuer (z”l) of the Collingwood Avenue Temple Shomer Emunim picked her out of the crowd and later recruited her as an appointment to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in Toledo.

“I fought for women’s rights and human rights, helped make the playing field more level for people to get jobs, then [later] worked with migrant workers to get access to adequate healthcare,” Irma said. “One of the boards I was on dissolved and became the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC).”

She was also passionate about the accurate teaching of history in schools, working at the state and local level to expand education on the dangers of “group thinking” and prejudice. Through a curriculum called “Facing History and Ourselves,” she saw a pathway for correcting misinformation that had come into use. She worked to get the curriculum into schools across Ohio.

Her interest in Holocaust education led to the dedication of the Holocaust Resource Center in 1980, which coincided with the dedication of the memorial sculpture, For This the Earth Mourns, on the JFGT campus. She served as director of the center under the auspices of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo until 1995 when she and her husband moved to Washington,

D.C. Stephen Rothschild, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) CEO, said, “Irma obviously felt in her soul that segregation and racism were wrong and then dedicated her life in many ways to fighting those things, whether it was directly for Black Americans or educating people about the hatred of Jews that led to the Holocaust. She has a clear and unabiding passion for righting the wrongs of causeless hatred.”

Although Irma moved from Toledo several years ago, she has recently established a Perpetual Annual Campaign Fund (PACE) using her Donor Advised Fund at the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation as lasting and permanent support for Jewish Toledo. The fund will make a contribution in perpetuity to support JFGT’s Annual Campaign allowing JFGT to educate, advocate, and activate the community in support of Jewish values consistent with its mission.

Arleen Levine, Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (TJCF) Director Emeritus, added, “Irma’s leadership and dedication to ensuring racial equality, women’s rights, healthcare access, and Holocaust programming has had transformative impact. Her involvement in the Jewish community and general community causes, is truly remarkable. I’m inspired by Irma’s commitment to advocacy and social justice.”

Hindea Markowicz, current director of the Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center, paid tribute to Irma in an April 1996 Toledo Jewish News article, stating that Irma built the original Holocaust Resource Center “from an idea into an important community resource for northwestern Ohio. Through her efforts and fundraising, the outstanding high school curriculum, Facing History and Ourselves, was brought to Toledo via a workshop sponsored by the Lucas County Board of Education... Over the years, Irma personally provided help, guidance, direction, and resource material to those teachers and schools who recognized the importance of teaching the Holocaust as well as to interested students individually... The community owes her a debt of gratitude.”

Irma has fought against gerrymandering going back to her days in Toledo and has continued to build community around the issue. She lives in Maryland and just recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

JFGT is grateful to Irma for her years of service to her many communities and thanks her for the permanent gift to our community.

If you are interested in establishing your own personal legacy to support Jewish Toledo, contact Stephen Rothschild, CEO, Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo at 419-724-0372 or stephen@jewishtoledo.org.

### PHILIP MARKOWICZ LECTURE

JUDAISM AND JEWISH BIBLICAL STUDIES



#### TEACHING WITH TOLERANCE IN A TIME OF HATE

JEWISH PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN NAZI BERLIN, 1933-1939

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#### SPEAKER - BARRY JACKISCH

UToledo Associate Professor of History  
2024 Philip Markowicz Endowed Professor in  
Judaism and Jewish Biblical Studies

Dr. Jackisch's talk will examine a small number of Jewish private schools that existed in Nazi Berlin until the outbreak of World War II. Because all Jews were segregated and banned from existing German schools under Nazi racial policy, those Jews who tried to stay in Germany formed their own educational institutions.

The fact that these Jewish schools survived in the capital of Hitler's Germany points to the importance of understanding the Holocaust as a process. Studying these schools also helps us remember and commemorate the teachers, administrators, students, and families who fell victim to the murderous persecution of the Nazi regime and also those who escaped and survived.



FUELING TOMORROWS

## A gander to the theatre

Jewish Toledo traveled to the Valentine Theatre for a showing of the award-winning musical, *Come From Away*, a presentation based on true events in Gander, Newfoundland immediately following the September 11 attacks. The show provides a lesson in kindness, tolerance, compassion, and joy.



# Temple Shomer Emunim .....



**ALADDIN  
PURIM SPIEL**  
Sunday, March 17, 9:30am  
at The Temple

**WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM presents:**

## Speaking Out: An Israel Mission Trip Discussion & Recap

**Monday, March 4 | 8pm**

This is a virtual event. Contact the Temple for Zoom information. Join us for insights from the Israel Solidarity Mission trip: "We Will Not Be Silent!" Don't miss the chance to hear firsthand accounts from trip leaders Rabbi Liz P.G. Hirsch of Women of Reform Judaism and Rabbi Lisa Delson of the Women's Rabbinic Network, along with other attendees, as they share their profound experiences.

## Israel Shabbat

**March 8 at 6pm**

Followed by Israel Dinner. Rabbi Delson will be sharing a sermon about her incredible trip to Israel.

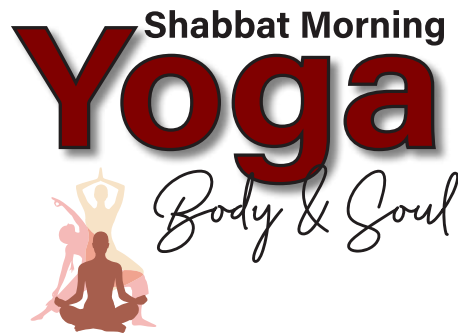
Register for dinner by emailing [dallen@templese.com](mailto:dallen@templese.com) by March 1.

## Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Delson

**Thursday, March 7**

**12-1:30pm**

Rabbi Delson will share photos and stories from her impactful and memorable Israel trip.



Join Amy Nistel and Cantor Jen Roher on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 10:30am

Start your Shabbat morning with a rejuvenating spiritual practice that will give you a renewed sense of peace.

The class is for all levels, using a chair or a mat, whichever is most appropriate for you. No experience needed.

Contact the Temple for Zoom information



**The Gift of Mindfulness**  
**Wednesday, March 6 at 7pm**

Join us for the Temple's mindfulness program. We will explore different dimensions of mindfulness practice - different kinds of meditation, Jewish text study, small group conversations, and real-life practices that you can carry into your everyday life.

You can join in person OR join on Zoom. Contact the Temple for Zoom information

This class is designed so that each session stands alone. There is no need to commit, and you can come to any single session at any time. The class is appropriate for teens and adults, and it is my hope that learning these practices will not only enrich your spiritual life, but your daily life, your relationships with your loved ones and with others in our Temple community.



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

### ISRAELI MOVIE FESTIVAL: March

Documentary & Film Series at CBI

#### "Sustainable Nation"

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 1:00 PM

RSVP by Monday, March 4, 2024

#### "The Sand and the Sea"

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 1:00 PM

RSVP by Monday, March 11, 2024

Cost is \$5 per movie. Snacks will be provided.

RSVP by the dates listed for each movie to the office or by contacting Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org).

WCBI BOOK CLUB:

#### "Microjoys: Finding Hope (Especially)

**When Life Is Not Okay"** by Cyndie Spiegel

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

RSVP to Ellen Federman at [efederman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:efederman@sbcglobal.net) by Sunday, March 24, 2024.

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### Connecting Kids to Meals

#### Volunteer Event

Thu., March 14, 2024 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cherry Street Mission Building, 1501 Monroe St.

RSVP Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) to by Mar. 8, 2024.

### Parashat Hashavuah:

#### Torah Portion of the Week Discussion

Fri., March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024, 11 AM at CBI

### Toledo Jewish Community Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 17, 2024 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

At Temple Shomer Emunim

The entire Jewish community is invited to celebrate together with food, games, prizes, hamantaschen, crafts and more. \$2 for adults, Kids are FREE

RSVP by March 12 to [form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms](http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms) or Sherry Majewski at [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org).

This event is held in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, Cong. B'nai Israel, Cong. Etz Chayim and Temple Shomer Emunim.

### Mishloach Manot Making!

#### CBI Volunteer Event

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 1:00 PM at CBI

Join us as we assemble Mishloach Manot bags for the CBI Purim Shpiel, Celebration, and Luncheon and to give to CBI members at local living facilities.

RSVP Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) to by Monday, March 18, 2024.

### Erev Purim Seudah Shlishit and

#### Full Megillah Reading

Saturday Evening, March 23, 2024, 7:00 PM

Join us for a short service at 7:00 PM, followed by the Shabbat third meal at 7:15 PM, and a full reading of the megillah at 8:30 PM.

To RSVP, please email [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) or call the office at 419.517.8400 by Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

### CBI's Purim Shpiel, Celebration, and Luncheon

Sunday, March 24, 2024 11:00 AM, at CBI



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- YUMMY HAMANTASCHEN • ICE CREAM BAR •
- SING JOYFUL PURIM SONGS WITH HAZZAN LICHTERMAN •
- ...AND MORE!

The cost for the CBI Luncheon & Event is \$18 per person. Religious School students and children 12 and under FREE.

RSVP deadline is Wednesday, March 18, 2024. Please email [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org) or call the office at 419.517.8400.

### 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 - In-Person/Zoom (When Religious School is in session)

# Congregation Etz Chayim .....

## POKER & MAHJONG

Everyone is invited to our Sunday Poker & Mahj game on March 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Beginners are welcome. Snacks will be served.

## PURIM CARNIVAL FOR YOUNG AND OLD!!

Step right up to the greatest Purim Carnival of 5784! The ENTIRE Jewish community is invited to celebrate together with food, games, prizes, hamantaschen, crafts and more! There is a special "adults only" room with bingo, lunch, prizes, mimosas and coffee.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 17th from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Temple Shomer Emunim. The cost for adults is \$2.00. R.S.V.P. to Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 by Tuesday, March 12th.

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

Purim begins on Saturday evening, March 23rd. The Sisterhood will be assembling Shalach Manot bags again this year. Shalach Manot bag pick up will be Friday, March 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to noon and Sunday, March 24th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

The Sisterhood will be sponsoring a Purim breakfast on March 24th at 9:30 a.m. An abbreviated version of the Megillah will be read in English following breakfast. Please R.S.V.P to Elsa Leveton at [elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org](mailto:elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org).

On Wednesday, April 3rd the Sisterhood is sponsoring a paper flower making class. Everyone will have a chance to make some beautiful paper flowers that can be used on your Passover table. The class will be held at Etz Chayim starting at 10:30 a.m. and will be taught by Mary Willets. Mary is known for her beautiful paper creations. Cost for the class is \$18.00 per person. Please R.S.V.P. to Andrea Lublin or Cheryl Berkowitz if you would like to attend.

## HAMANTASHEN SALE

Once again, Congregation Etz Chayim is selling hamantaschen for Purim. The available flavors include raspberry, apricot, chocolate, blueberry, prune and poppy. Also available are chocolate dipped raspberry, chocolate dipped apricot and chocolate dipped chocolate. The cost is \$8.00 per dozen for the plain flavors and \$10.00 per dozen for the dipped flavors. Orders may be placed in advance by calling the synagogue office, 419-473-2401 or by emailing [elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org](mailto:elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org). Purchases may be made during office hours on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

## THE TOLEDO COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO A VIRTUAL TOUR OF JEWISH PARIS

Join us on zoom on Sunday morning, March 31st at 10:30 a.m. for a "virtual" tour of Jewish Paris. Tour guide Karen Rudel will lead a fascinating, informative and funny 90-minute virtual walking tour of Jewish Paris! This tour guides you around the Jewish quarter, pointing out cultural landmarks. We will visit Le Marais, the main Jewish neighborhood in Paris, the oldest synagogue in Paris, the Holocaust Museum and much more! Karen artfully and soulfully manages to present the information in a way that is filled with humor, life and hope. It is something you won't ever forget!

Please register by email to Elsa Leveton, [elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org](mailto:elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org) or Nancy Jacobson, [Jaco824@bex.net](mailto:Jaco824@bex.net). A link to the program will be sent a few days prior to the showing.



# Chabad House .....

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**Thursday, March 14, 5:00-6:30 p.m**

RSVP at [Lennycares.com](http://Lennycares.com)  
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**Come with a friend or be paired up  
and study a Torah topic of your interest.**

**Tea With Rivka**  
Tea, Friends and Torah conversation with Rivka Fridman  
Monday, March 4th, at 10:30 a.m.  
For women only

**Lunch & Learn**  
Lunch and Torah Learning with Rabbi Dov Fridman  
Monday, March 11th, at 12:00 p.m.

**Sip 'N' Shmooze**  
Come with friends and make new ones over coffee  
Monday, March 18th, between the hours of 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Free of Charge. RSVP appreciated to [lennycares@chabadtoledo.com](mailto:lennycares@chabadtoledo.com) or 917-742-9803  
All programs are at the Chabad House, 2728 King Rd, Toledo

All "Lenny Cares," established in memory of Lenny Rosenberg, every Jew is relevant and plays a leading role in shaping Toledo's Jewish life. From leadership and volunteer opportunities, to uplifting events, emotional support, and individualized connection, Lenny Cares aims to empower, engage, and connect all Jewish adults and seniors.

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# Local

## Larry Kripke (1943-2024)



By Mark Zaborney

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Larry Kripke, founder of a metal recycling business, as his father had been decades earlier, and a leader in the Toledo-area Jewish community, died last month at home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. He was 80.

He had Parkinson's disease, but his health declined after acquiring coronavirus several months ago, his son Matt Kripke said. The elder Mr. Kripke and his wife, Joanie, formerly divided their time between homes in Sylvania Township and Palm Beach Gardens, but remained full time in Florida since the pandemic in 2020.

He hadn't retired from Kripke Enterprises, which he founded in 1993, and retained a role with the firm, which focuses on nonferrous metals, said his son, now the chief executive and owner.

Mr. Kripke had developed a focus on nonferrous metals – mainly aluminum and copper – in working for the business his father founded, Sherwin Metals, and its successors. At age 49, he decided to strike out on his own and established Kripke Enterprises, first on Hill Avenue and then on Central Avenue in Sylvania Township.

He didn't aim for growth, but "he started the train of doing things right and taking care of people well, and it led to our growth," his son said. The firm takes in metal – 98 percent by volume is aluminum – while serving as a broker and producing aluminum coil for the building and construction market.

Condolence messages from friends and associates have shared a theme: "He was the nicest guy," the younger Mr. Kripke said.

"He went out of his way to ask them about them," his son said. "It was like getting a shot of positivity whenever you were with him. He made the room more positive when he was in it."

Mr. Kripke learned the importance of customer relationships from his father and passed that forward. He asked about a customer's family – and made sure to ask how the customer's child fared in the tennis match they'd talked about in their previous meeting.

"One of our core values is relationships are the backbone of our business," son Matt said. "You have to be friends – and be real friends, not business friends."

His son Eric Kripke, a television writer and producer, said: "The thing that impressed me the most was the way he treated the people who worked for him. He showed them genuine concern and care, and never pulled rank, and treated them like family."

He credits his success to what he learned from his dad.

"Going out to Hollywood and being a writer, I can't tell you what an advantage it was to be raised by a father who understood truly how to manage and get the best out of people," son Eric said. "I'm a showrunner. People like to work with me. I don't yell. I work with them and try to raise them up."

Jerry Phillips, a friend of Mr. Kripke's since they were students at Old Orchard School, said that the concern he showed his employees meant "they wanted to pull for the company. That's the kind of leadership he had."

His leadership made a difference beyond the company as well.

"He was very community oriented – anything for Toledo, especially the Jewish community," said Mr. Phillips, who is a lawyer. "He was very philanthropic."

A member of Congregation B'nai Israel, Mr. Kripke had been a trustee and served as cochairman of the fund-raising campaign to build a new synagogue. The congregation moved in 2007 from its longtime Kenwood Boulevard home to Sylvania Township.

In the 1980s, he'd been board chairman of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, served as chairman of the federation's United Jewish Fund campaign, and was a member of the Jewish Community Center board of governors.

Mr. and Mrs. Kripke also made sure their grandchildren at Bar Mitzvah age visited Israel, a commitment his parents had made to his children.

"He would always put us first," son Eric said. "He would say there are only three important things in our lives and it's family, family, and family."

He was born Oct. 20, 1943, to Naomi and Sherwin and grew up in West Toledo's Old Orchard neighborhood. He was a graduate of DeVilbiss High School. As he was about to graduate from business school at the University of Michigan, he was interviewed for a role in the family business by his older brother, Harley, who'd been with the company for several years.

"They had a trust for each other," son Matt said, who recalled Friday night dinners with extended family. "You never saw my grandfather and the brothers discussing business at those family dinners. They made sure family came first."

Mr. Kripke, a dedicated golfer, was a member of the former Glengarry Country Club and then Stone Oak Country Club. He held U-M football season tickets for more than a half century. Though his health was flagging, he watched the broadcast of his team's victory Jan. 8 in the national championship game – which a delegation of his children and grandchildren attended.

"He was very, very excited," son Matt said. "I don't know if he was excited that Michigan won or for his kids and grandkids, who are all superfans."

Surviving are his wife, the former Joanie Levy, whom he married Dec. 26, 1965; sons Matt Kripke and Eric Kripke; daughter, Dana Kripke Friedman; brothers Harley Kripke and Bobby Kripke, and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests tributes to the Sherwin and Naomi Kripke Israel Program Fund via [cbitoledo.org/contributions/online-contributions](http://cbitoledo.org/contributions/online-contributions).

## Don Solomon (1932-2024)



Born November 29, 1932, to Ben and Mary Solomon, Don Solomon passed away on February 13, 2024. After graduating from Harvard University at a time when Harvard had a quota limiting the number of Jewish students, Don returned to Toledo to help his father run Ben's Truck Parts.

Don developed the business by focusing on world-wide contacts. Working from a non-descript office and in possession of a well-thumbed Rolodex, Don bought and sold new and surplus diesel engines, heavy-duty truck drive systems, surplus military and heavy construction equipment components, and portable power generation systems worldwide. He was one of the most knowledgeable and well-connected people in his industry. His network of suppliers, buyers, and corresponding friendships

spanned every continent and nearly every time zone.

Don was passionately committed to his philanthropy. Deeply connected to his roots, he believed in giving back to the community where he lived and succeeded. Determined to make a difference, he provided generous scholarships to advance the liberal arts at the University of Toledo, Bowling Green, the Toledo School for the Arts, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, his beloved Harvard University, and Shalem College in Jerusalem. He had a special commitment to the Jewish people and the people of Israel, and was the driving force in building the Chabad House in Toledo. His contributions have touched the lives of many and will be remembered for years to come, leaving a lasting impact on Toledo and the Jewish world.

Predeceased by his wife, Deirdre. Don is survived by his children, Cathy Barrow and her husband, Dennis Barrow of Frederick, MD, and David Solomon of Rhinebeck, NY; and by his grandchildren, Luke Solomon of New York, NY and Adam Solomon and his wife, Alexis Sarandon of Rhinebeck, NY; and his great-grandchildren, Cooper Solomon, Rudiger Solomon, and Indiana Solomon, of Rhinebeck, NY.

Contributions in his memory may be made to any of the institutions he supported.

## Lourdes Lifelong Learning Passover Seder



**A model Passover seder specifically for our non-Jewish neighbors and open to all. The program demonstrates how a traditional Passover seder is held and how it serves to remember the Israelites' exodus from slavery in Egypt.**

**Sunday, April 7**

**4 – 6 p.m.**

**Franciscan Center,  
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Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), in

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**RSVP by Friday, April 5 to:**

**[form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/lourdes-passover-seder](http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/lourdes-passover-seder)**

Questions? Contact Mary Bilyeu at 419-724-0405

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## Cyber Security & Safety Checklist

Cyber security is a set of principles and practices designed to safeguard your computer assets and personal information against threats. Your Jewish Federation Community Asset Safety and Security Manager (CASSM) with the guidance from Secure Community Network (SCN) has developed this list to provide a strong cyber security baseline for individuals to diminish the likelihood of falling victim to a cyber-attack by implementing internet hygiene best practices.



### Account Security

Use complex passwords for each account and ensure you do not use the same password for

multiple accounts. A strong password has:

- Both upper- and lower-case letters
- Uses symbols and numbers
- Many characters—preferably eighteen or more
- No ties to personal information such as your birthdate or the street you grew up on

Use a password manager rather than writing down passwords to help you remember them. Click link for list of best password managers: [Best Password Managers](#)



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- If you receive an email from an unknown person:
  - o Do not open
  - o If opened, do not open any files, or click any links
  - o Report it to your IT Department, if applicable
- If you receive what appears to be a legitimate, but unexpected request for personal information, contact the person or the company through a verified customer service phone number to confirm



Enable multi-factor authentication on your accounts.

### Organizational Cyber Hygiene

- Back up important files on either an external storage device or a secure, cloud-based platform
  - Encrypt your phone, computer, and external hard drives.
  - Protect devices from malware.
  - Password protect all devices.
  - Ensure your devices' operating systems and all software is up to date. When possible, enable auto update.
  - Avoid sending personal information over public Wi-Fi networks unless you are certain they are secure.
  - Avoid sharing personal information on social media and check your privacy settings to ensure your accounts are not public.



### Safe Surfing

- Check the prefix of the web address. “https” means that the website is secure whereas “http” means that it is an unsecure website. Only share data on secure websites.



- Check the address bar for a “locked padlock” symbol. This will also indicate that the website is secure.

Personal Cyber Security/Digital Breadcrumbs

- Do not name Wi-Fi networks after family/household names.
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- Log out and keep your computer locked while leaving it unattended.
- Never insert USB flash drives/devices with unknown origins into your computer
  - Be considerate of the information you give out online. Posting information about your current location, address, or routine can leave you vulnerable.
  - Look into the privacy settings of applications and the websites you visit to see what and how information is collected from you.



### Special Considerations for Kids

- Talk with your kids about safe online practices.
- You should inform your kids to:
  - o Never share personal information such as your home address, school you attend or your phone number.
  - o Never interact with someone they do not know.
  - o If asked for personal information or photos, they should contact an adult immediately.
- Kids should never download anything without an adult's permission.

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