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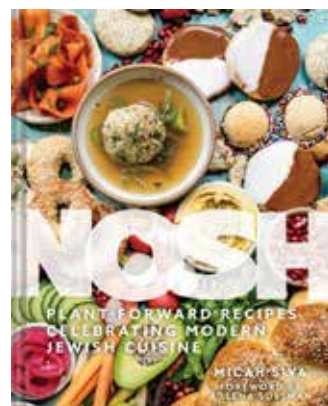
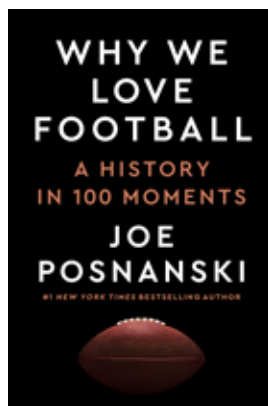
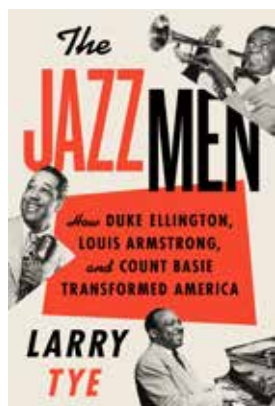


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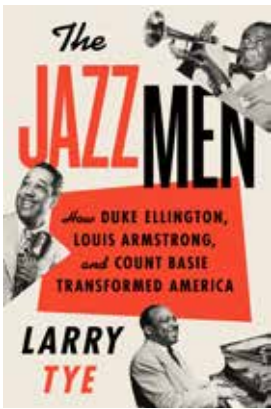
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20th Annual NWOhio Jewish Book Festival



The Jazzmen: How Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and Count Basie Transformed America

by Larry Tye

Monday, November 4 at 6 p.m.

Lucille's Jazz Lounge, 1447 N Summit St., Toledo

Event - \$20 per person

Event and book - \$45 per person

Event includes author presentation, jazz performance, appetizers, and one drink ticket.

RSVP by Wednesday, October 30

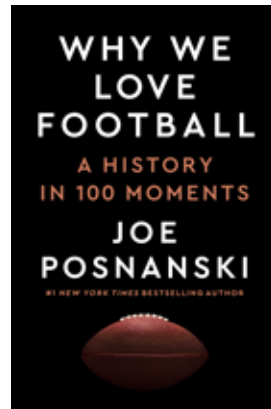


A sweeping and spellbinding portrait of the longtime kings of jazz—Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and Count Basie—who, born within a few years of one another, overcame racist exclusion and violence to become the most popular entertainers on the planet. *The Jazzmen* looks mainly at these three maestros' lives off the bandstand, and how they wrote the

soundtrack for the civil rights revolution. It also explores the Black-Jewish alliance of old—one where each of these African American bandleaders had a Jewish manager and bandmates.



Special performance: The Ariel Kasler Quintet performs original jazz compositions and arrangements influenced by Middle Eastern, Jewish, and Israeli music.



Why We Love Football: A History in 100 Moments

by Joe Posnanski

Sunday, November 17 at 6 p.m.

The Fieldhouse, 1040 N. Westwood Ave (near The University of Toledo)

Event: \$18 per person

Event and book: \$40 per person

Event includes author presentation, dinner, and one drink ticket.

RSVP by Wednesday, November 13



After his bestselling home run books, *Why We Love Baseball* and *The Baseball 100*, Joe Posnanski turns from the national pastime to the number one sport in America. *Why We Love Football* is Posnanski's newest must-have deep dive into the archives and legends of the sport, and the result is a rousing tale of the 100 greatest moments in football lore.

From Patrick Mahomes's magic to the Ice Bowl, from Doug Flutie's Hail Mary pass to a plethora of football "miracles," *Why We Love Football* is an unforgettable, conversational masterpiece you won't ever want to end, and a can't-miss take on football from one of the greatest sportswriters of our time.



Nosh: Plant-Forward Recipes Celebrating Modern Jewish Cuisine

by Micah Siva

Sunday, December 8 at 6 p.m.

Chabad House, 2728 King Rd.

Event - \$18 per person

Event and book - \$40 per person

Event includes author presentation, dinner, and one drink ticket.

For women only

RSVP by Wednesday, December 4



Join us for an exciting women's-only cooking event featuring author and chef Micah Siva as she brings new twists to beloved Hanukkah favorites! Using recipes from her acclaimed cookbook, *Nosh: A Modern Vegetarian Cookbook for the Jewish Kitchen*, we'll explore delicious plant-based dishes inspired by

Jewish culinary traditions, perfect for the holiday season.

Food has always been central to Jewish culture, and *Nosh* reimagines traditional recipes through a modern, 21st-century lens. With the rise in plant-based eating, this cookbook offers a fresh way to connect with Jewish heritage while embracing contemporary food trends.

It's easy to sign up for Book Festival



RSVP to all Book Festival events with the QR code or to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms or Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351



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What to Expect:

- A hands-on cooking experience and dinner featuring Hanukkah recipes from *Nosh* like Savory Pulled Mushroom and Tofu "Brisket" and Crispy Tahdig Rice "Latkes";
- Tips and tricks from Micah Siva on how to make your holiday meals both healthy and delicious; and
- An exploration of *Nosh*, a plant-forward collection with 80+ vegetarian recipes, designed to inspire meals not just for the holidays, but for every day.

Micah Siva's beautifully photographed book also provides enlightening insights into the history of Jewish food, making it the ideal guide for those looking to connect with their heritage in a way that feels authentic and relevant today.

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In response to the dangerous rise in anti-Jewish violence, the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) launched LiveSecure.

What is LiveSecure? LiveSecure is an unprecedented \$54 million matching security campaign and initiative to ensure the security and resiliency of Jewish communities across the nation.

Created in collaboration with the Secure Community Network (SCN) – the official homeland security and safety arm of the organized North American Jewish community – LiveSecure will ensure that Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and every community in the Federation system, will have a quality, best-practice local community security initiative in place within three years.

Your generosity and commitment to the security of Jewish Toledo, with the funding that a LiveSecure grant provides together with the expertise of SCN, will enable us to have all the necessary resources to support the work of the initiative. But we need your help to make it happen.



The need for LiveSecure is urgent.



We must ensure that Jewish Toledo, together with Jewish communities across the nation, can provide the training, tools, and resources needed to protect those inside our summer camps, synagogues, community centers, and classrooms.

With your generous support, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and SCN will educate and empower our community to protect itself from dangers and threats unprecedented in the history of the American Jewish community. We will ensure our community's security through state-of-the-art planning, tools, training, and funding, as well as intelligence sharing and coordination with key law enforcement partners.

For our Jewish community to flourish, for each and every one of our community members to be able to participate openly and securely in Jewish life, we must secure a LiveSecure grant. Our community is counting on us. Can we count on you?

Dear Friends,

JewishToledo has an exciting opportunity to receive \$85,000 in grant funds in each of the next three years from Jewish Federations of North America LiveSecure Matching Security Program. **To receive this funding, JFGT must raise \$85,000 in each of the next three years to match the national grant.**

To meet the match requirement, our community is launching the **LiveSecure Matching Security Campaign. Every dollar you designate and donate for security up to \$85,000 will be matched dollar-for-dollar**

by the generous grant, effectively doubling the impact of your contribution.

The LiveSecure Matching Security Campaign is endorsed by the lay leaders and clergy of Chabad of Toledo, Congregation B'nai Israel of Toledo, Congregation Etz Chayim, and Temple Shomer Emunim. JFGT has committed to directly funding at least \$50,000 collectively, in each of the next three years, to these partners for some of their security expenses. All these leaders implore everyone to support this important initiative to help safeguard the security of our Jewish community.

How to Donate

Donating is easy:

1. Online: Visit our secure donation page at the QR code or <https://tinyurl.com/svxjpa2h>
 2. Mail: Send your check to:
LiveSecure Matching Security Campaign
JFGT, 6465 Sylvania Ave., Sylvania OH 43560
 3. Phone: Call us at 419-885-4461 to make a secure donation over the phone.
 4. Commitment: 3 year commitments are preferred but annual contributions can also be made.
- **Please note that this gift is NOT in lieu of an Annual Campaign contribution.



Join Us in Protecting Our Future

Your support is essential in ensuring that our Toledo Jewish community remains a safe place for worship, learning, and connection. Together, we can leverage the power of the LiveSecure Matching Security Campaign to safeguard our heritage and uphold the values we cherish.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and generosity. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in this critical initiative.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo
Mark Greenblatt, President, JFGT
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Marc Jacobson, President

Temple Shomer Emunim
Rabbi Lisa Delson
Joe Rosenberg, President

With a LiveSecure grant and the support of SCN, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo will greatly advance the safety and security of Jewish Toledo

Commemorating Kristallnacht

Screening of

Woman in Gold

featuring Professor Shelley Perlove

Sunday, November 3

2 - 4 p.m.

Franciscan Center at Lourdes University, 6832 Convent Blvd.

Annual Campaign donors - \$5 per person

Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$18 per person

Includes snacks and water

Sixty years after fleeing Vienna, Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), an elderly Jewish woman, attempts to reclaim family possessions that were seized by the Nazis. Among them is a famous portrait of Maria's beloved Aunt Adele: Gustave Klimt's "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I." With the help of young lawyer Randy Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds), Maria embarks upon a lengthy legal battle to recover this painting and several others, but it will not be easy, for Austria considers them national treasures. -Running time 109 minutes

Prior to the film, hear from Dr. Shelley Perlove, a professor in Art History from the University of Michigan who teaches a class on the legacy of art during the Holocaust, how it was weaponized by the Nazis both metaphorically and literally, looking at Nazi-looted art, and the efforts to retrieve it.

RSVP by Friday, November 1

to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



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LET'S ALL GO TO THE MOVIES!

**\$10 per
person,
FREE for
kids 0-4**

**December 29
3 p.m.**

**Maumee Indoor Theater,
601 Conant St., Maumee**

In town for the holidays?

Celebrate the season and the fourth night of Hanukkah with Jewish Toledo, kosher Chinese food, and a movie.

We'll have one theater exclusively for adults without kids and another for families with children. For parents who want to enjoy the kid-free movie and theater experience, childcare will be available.

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

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received between September 20 - October 20, 2024

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

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In Memory of Alberta Romanoff

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In Memory of Ellie Williams

Karen Bergen

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Mr. & Mrs. Gary Delman

JFGT financial assistance and cancellation policies for programs

Financial assistance for programs

Discreet financial assistance available for Jewish Toledo activities

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

Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo's Cancellation Policy

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

Policy:

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

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

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

eligible for a full refund of the registration fee.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

JFGT Programs Calendar

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS & HOLIDAYS



PJ & GAN PLAYDATE

Ages 0-4 plus grownup(s)
Gan Yeladim Preschool

Sunday, 11/3
9:30 a.m.

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JCRC KRISTALLNACHT EVENT

Community Feat. Dr. Shelley Perlove Sunday, 11/3
Franciscan Center,
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Inside the Five by Joe Posnanski 6 p.m.
Fieldhouse

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FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SUNDAY CIRCLE

Friendship Circle Sunday, 11/24
Chabad House 12:30 p.m.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

JFGT offices closed Thursday-Friday, 11/28-11/29

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DECEMBER PROGRAMS & HOLIDAYS



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SUNDAY CIRCLE

Friendship Circle Sunday, 12/1
Chabad House 12:30 p.m.

FIRESIDE CHAT #3: THE STATE OF PALESTINE

JCRC/Community Thursday, 12/5
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TOLEDO JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

Community Nosh by Micah Siva Sunday, 12/8
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Seniors Thursday, 12/12
West Bloomfield Township, MI 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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LATKES & LIGHTS

Community Sunday, 12/15
Toledo Zoo 5-7 p.m.

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PJ & GAN PLAYDATE

Ages 0-4 plus grownup(s)
Gan Yeladim Preschool

Tuesday, 12/17
9:30 a.m.

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SHINE A LIGHT ON ANTISEMITISM 2024

Community Thursday, 12/19
Congregation Etz Chayim 6:30 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS EVE

JFGT offices close at 1 p.m. Tuesday, 12/24

EREV HANUKKAH/CHRISTMAS

JFGT offices closed Wednesday, 12/25

LET'S ALL GO TO THE MOVIES

Community Thursday, 12/29
Maumee Indoor Theater 3 p.m.

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HANUKKAH

Thursday, 12/26-Thursday, 1/2

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Local

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 serving as the Chair for the 20th Annual NW Ohio Jewish Book Festival. In addition to her involvement within the local Jewish community, Lauren serves as a volunteer for Hospice of Northwest Ohio. 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.



the fridity of winter, I feel a sense of trepidation. Living in the Midwest, we all know the drill. Sure enough, the chill will sometimes feel painful. My hands will get dry and my skin will crack. Gray skies and clouds will become a near constant backdrop. And, perhaps most troubling, early nightfall and extra time spent indoors will make me wonder if I have an undiagnosed case of the aptly named SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder).

As with the change of seasons, I have come to believe that the same patterns are true for grief. Thinking ahead to the anniversaries, birthdays, and holidays that were once shared with loved ones can evoke a sense of fear and apprehension. While these celebrations were previously full of joy, the inability to share these occasions with our dearly departed may cause us to get anxious as we brace ourselves for another cycle of pain. Just as winter is sure to arrive with a heavy hand, so too are these bittersweet events.

In my spousal loss support group, we often discuss the questions that arise as we prepare for these nostalgic times,

along with possible coping mechanisms. Should I make special plans for my late spouse's birthday? Perhaps it would help to go on a trip during what would have been our anniversary? Would it feel best to take some time for myself during this holiday? Should I instead spend time with family and friends who also miss my loved one? Can I make a donation or create a memorial that may bring some sense of healing? Is there a new tradition I could observe to replace the ones which now feel fraught?

The further removed I am from my husband's death, the more I recognize my own patterns of grief. I know that certain events and special days on the calendar may hurt. While part of me wants to elude the genuine emotions that will likely arise, I also know these feelings cannot be avoided. Though bracing for these times seems like a normal reaction, I have started to wonder if those of us who are bereaved can adopt another perspective.

Instead of getting bogged down in anticipatory anxiety and planning for each possible outcome, perhaps it would feel best to simply let the day unfold.

Maybe we could worry less and feel our way through, accepting it for what it is. Like the times in yoga when we enter into a difficult posture, perhaps we should just breathe through it, allowing it to wash over us and sending healing energy to the parts that need it. Maybe we do not need to master the feelings, but rather just surrender to them and honor them for what they are.

Though I am still prone to feeling an impending sense of dread on these special occasions, I am trying to find a sense of ease along with the anticipation. As I seek to find peace, it helps me to realize that the expectations of the day are usually harder than the day itself. Just as my worry over winter's long slog certainly does not help to change the weather patterns, I know that I cannot obliterate the natural feelings that arise. Therefore, I have chosen to breathe into the discomfort and seek tranquility amidst the natural upheaval. After all, despite my angst over the inevitable strains of winter and the turbulence of grief, I also know they will both eventually abate and I will again find solace in their wake.

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WINTER FLICKS

NOW SHOWING

JANUARY 26

FEBRUARY 2

ALL FILMS WILL BE SHOWN AT
THE SEKACH BUILDING STARTING AT 3 P.M.
FILM SELECTIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE
DECEMBER TOLEDO JEWISH NEWS.

SAVE THE DATES!

Obituaries



MICHELE "MIKE" BLUMBERG

Michele "Mike" Blumberg passed away peacefully in Toledo, OH, on Monday, September 23, 2024. Born in November of 1952 to Ev and Tony Grande in Pittsburgh, PA, Mike graduated from West Virginia University, where she was a Kappa Delta sister, and spent most her career in sales for the Bayer Corporation. Mike married Al Blumberg of Toledo in 1977 and the two shared a passion for travel and wine until his passing in 2020. In addition to her parents and husband, Mike was preceded in death by her uncle, Sal Grande; sister-in-law, Alix Greenblatt; and great nephew, Jonah Greenblatt. She is survived by her beloved shih tzu, Bruno; brother and sister-in-law, Phil and Bonnie Grande; brother-in-law, Dick Greenblatt; nephew and niece, Mark and Denise Greenblatt and

great-nephews, Cayden and Max; niece Dana Greenblatt; niece and nephew, Joanne and Gary Grant and Great-niece and nephew, Sarah and Ryan; niece and nephew, Candy and Marc Plateau; cousins, Diane and Jim Perlman; dear friends Rivki Shemtov and Jane Duffy; and many other relatives and friends around the country. All who knew and loved Mike will remember her as a wonderful hostess who didn't suffer fools and made the world's best lasagna.

The family asks that donations be made to Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Alix Greenblatt Memorial Fund for Jewish Leadership or a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were by the Robert H. Wick/Wisniewski Funeral Home



ELLEN WILLIAMS

Ellen Louise Lepold Williams, age 81 of Sylvania, OH, passed away on October 3, 2024 in Sylvania. Ellie was the first child of Harry Lepold and Ruth Shall Lepold. Ellie was married to Leon Michael Williams for nearly 55 years and is survived by sister, Carol Lepold Sofer; and children, Loren (Ruth Masters) Williams and Rachel (Nathan) Bloch. Also adored by grandchildren Emily, Maya and Caleb Williams and Rozzie (Lance Anderson), Sam, Avi and Jaren Bloch.

Ellie attended Scott High School and graduated from DeVilbiss High School. She attended Miami University, Oxford, Ohio transferring to Ohio University to be with her fiance, Leon. After having her own two children, Ellie worked with children as a teacher at the Hebrew Academy of Toledo and Jewish Community Center preschools, and mentored children as director to Young Judaea Toledo for many years. She was involved with advising and supporting many Jewish causes including Hadassah, Jewish Family Service, Toledo Jewish Federation, Hillel419, *Toledo Jewish News*, Congregation B'nai Israel, and the Interfaith Blood Drive. She served as Administrative Assistant at Temple B'nai Israel for many years, improving the synagogue's bulletin and creating the website. Her extensive skills in computer graphics led her to finish her formal working career as a writer and editor of the National Exchange Club magazine and helping with the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation. In her retirement, Ellie lent her talents to helping many non-profits develop and publish websites, including Congregation B'nai Israel, Women Blessing Women, and Sun City Lecture series in Tucson.

Charitable donations may be made to Congregation B'nai Israel, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, or National Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Foundation.

Arrangements were by the Robert H. WICK/Wisniewski Funeral Home.



MICHAEL D. LIBER

Mickey Liber, 83, passed away on September 13, 2024 in Phoenix, AZ. Born on August 4, 1941 in Toledo to Goodman "Goody" and Jean Liber. A proud graduate of DeVilbiss High School, Mick attended The Ohio State University for a short time but decided he preferred working with his dad at Goody's Auto Parts, which he did until moving his family to Phoenix in 1977. He ran Axle Transmission of Arizona until his death.

He was married to Marcia (Ruben) for 56 years and is survived by Marcia and children Tracey, James, Josh, Julie, grandsons Spencer and Harrison Littkey and sister Cathy Sperling. He was predeceased by his parents Goody and Jean, brother Buzz Liber and first wife Barbara (Katz).

Israeli Deni Avdija sits out Yom Kippur NBA preseason game

By Philissa Cramer

(JTA) — Portland Trail Blazers forward Deni Avdija sat out his first preseason game with his new team on Yom Kippur, saying that his priorities had shifted after Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack on his native Israel.

"Tomorrow, on the eve of Yom Kippur, the first pre-season game of the season will take place. When the management informed me, I knew right away that I would not participate. I feel that the best way to start the season is by honoring Jewish tradition and standing united with my fellow Jews in Israel and around the world," Avdija posted on an Instagram story on Thursday.

"Basketball has been a central part of my life for as long as I can remember, and it's always been my top priority. However, after the past year, I've realized there are more important things than basketball," Avdija added. "Am Yisrael Chai. Wishing everyone a good inscription and sealing."

Avdija, 23, is the only Israeli player in the NBA. The Washington Wizards traded him to the Trail Blazers over the summer, shortly after inking a \$55 million, four-season contract with him. Born to a Jewish Israeli mother and Muslim father who immigrated to Israel from Yugoslavia to play basketball, Avdija grew up on Kibbutz Beit Zera, a Jordan Valley village that both housed evacuees from the Gaza border since Oct. 7 and has faced a security crisis of its own.

Whether Jewish athletes and other celebrities take Yom Kippur off has long been of intense interest for American Jews, as typified by nearly 60 years of veneration of Sandy Koufax, the Los Angeles Dodger who sat out game one of the 1965 World Series (and possibly attended synagogue in Minnesota instead).

Unlike with Koufax, Avdija's game was of little consequence: It was a preseason game with no effect on his team's standing. Still, his presence could have altered the final score, as the Trail Blazers dropped the game against the LA Clippers by two points. (Portland bested the Sacramento Kings by 20 points on Sunday; Avdija, who played

for 20 minutes, notched five of them.)

And his decision — unlikely to be repeated, because the basketball preseason rarely overlaps with the High Holidays — also inspired Jewish sports fans anxious about the spike in antisemitic incidents that has accompanied the Oct. 7 attack and the subsequent Israel-Hamas war in Gaza.

"It's preseason, but the gesture is important, especially when Jewish people are being attacked around the world," tweeted Acorn Sports, an account operated by a Jewish sports buff. "Respect."

Another notable Jewish athlete did suit up on Yom Kippur. Jake Retzlaff, the starting quarterback at Brigham Young University, a Mormon school where he is one of just three Jewish students, chose to take the field against Arizona on Saturday.

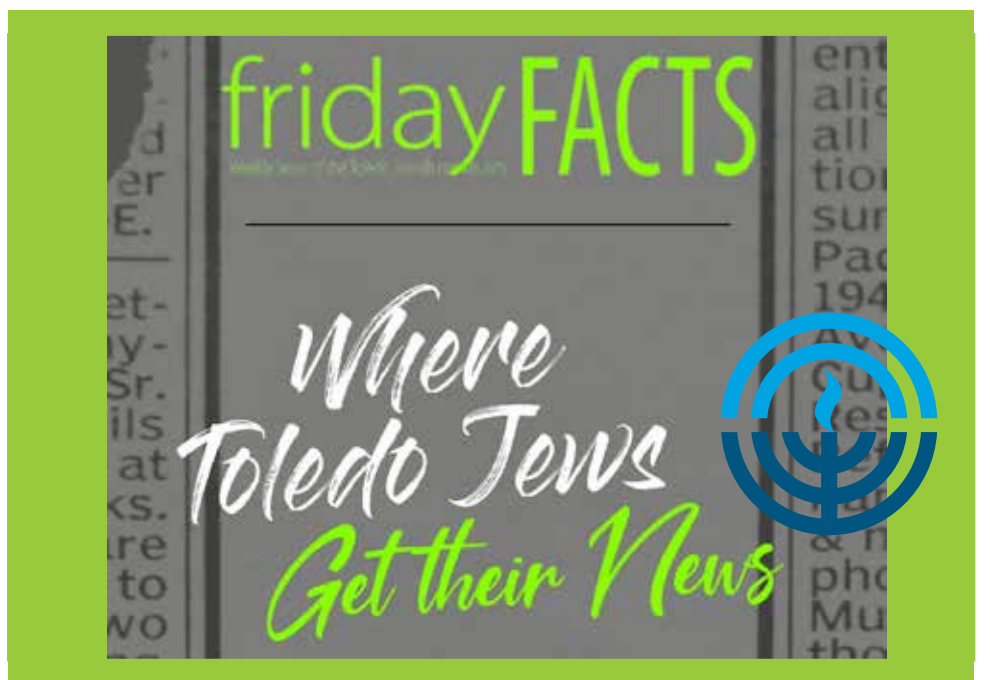
"He might get a lot of criticism from this, but we've taught them to be part of both worlds," his mother, Maxanne, said in an episode of ESPN "College GameDay" focused on her son. "That's the way he can best contribute to the community that he's in right now."

Retzlaff himself has embraced representing Judaism at BYU, wearing a Star of David necklace on and off the field and giving rise to the moniker "BYJew." He told ESPN that he saw an upside in playing on Yom Kippur, which he also did last year, his first with the team after being recruited out of junior colleges in his native California.

"It's going to be a special day that there's a Jewish kid playing football on Yom Kippur because if that makes headlines, that means I get to be another light for somebody else," he said. "And that means I have to win."

BYU, ranked 13, bested Arizona 41-19.

College football's schedule means that Retzlaff will never need to play on a holy day for his Mormon teammates: Sunday is not a regular game day in the sport. BYU famously bars sports competition on Sundays, and the NCAA has twice adjusted the spring basketball tournament to accommodate the team.



Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services

TECH TIPS

Now that temperatures are dipping and the weather will soon encourage us to stay indoors, what better time is there than to revisit old photos? After all, they're portals to our memories and link us to family, friends, and everyone and everything in between.

Sorting through boxes and boxes of snapshots (especially ones that are pre-digital, without labels, and unorganized) can be a daunting task, even for the most determined of us. But like any project, breaking down the entirety into more manageable chunks can help give, in this case the photo sorter, a sense of completion and progress.



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

For those of you who may try sifting through old, physical photos, I encourage you to go beyond sorting and organizing but to include, as a next step, sharing... by taking simple, quick photos using a smart phone. Share them with those very friends and family who may be included in said pictures.

Revisiting photos and then sending to loved ones is not only an excellent way of rekindling memories, it's also an adept way to reconnect with others. Imagine the delight an unsuspecting aunt or sibling may feel upon finding in their email inbox, or via text, an event that happened well in the past? If you're looking for an easy way to spur conversations, strengthen connections, and disperse happiness, look no further than this idea! Perhaps this ritual could become an annual activity every Fall and Winter?
 Until next month - Tim

Tim Hagen

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No programs in November
(stay tuned for more to come).

HOW TO CONTACT JSFSS

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Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo

Local leaders show support for Jewish Toledo on October 7 anniversary



Mac Driscoll, At-Large Member of the Toledo City Council (pictured with Amichai Stout, Director, Jewish Community Relations Council), presented Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) with a resolution passed by Toledo City Council and signed by Council President Carrie Hartman that recognized the one-year remembrance of the October 7 attack on Israel and stated the Toledo community's support for and solidarity with the Jewish community during our time of grief.



Attorney General Dave Yost's NW Ohio Regional Outreach Director, Kim Priestap (pictured with Stout), also stopped by JFGT offices to present a proclamation commemorating the Israeli lives lost on October 7, 2023, and reiterating A.G. Yost's unwavering support for Israel and its right to defend itself.

We thank Toledo City Council and the Attorney General and his staff for these important recognitions.

Fireside Chats

6 -7:30 p.m.
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.
Free event, registration required



Fireside Chat #2 Israeli Judaism Thursday, Nov. 14

A Jew is a Jew is a Jew - however, that doesn't mean there isn't a fundamental difference in self-understanding between American Jews and Israeli Jews. Come learn about how the State of Israel fosters a culture of Jewish civilization and how this informs its population's conception and practice of the Jewish religion.

Fireside Chat #3 Defining Terms: The State of Palestine/Israel as Jewish State Thursday, Dec. 5

145 sovereign nations recognize an entity known as "the State of Palestine" - but what exactly does that refer to, and how is it different from the Palestinian Authority, Fatah, Hamas, and Gaza? And what does it mean when Israel's Basic Laws define it as Jewish State? Come learn more about the importance of being intentional and informed in our language on these important issues.



RSVP the Monday prior to each chat at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Dinner will not be served at the Fireside Chats, but there will be treats to enjoy.

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, December 19 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Shine a Light on Antisemitism

at Congregation Etz Chayim

With latke bar! More information coming soon. For questions, please contact Amichai Stout, JCRC Director, at amichai@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0315.



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Jewish Toledo enjoyed an introduction to the beautiful synagogues of northern Michigan and a chance to sample honey from each region as we got ready for the upcoming High Holidays.

Community members Joel and Linda Beren and Ken and Nancy Newbury, who are members of the Petoskey and Traverse City shuls, respectively, talked about their experiences of Jewish life in these small communities. Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Tech Coordinator, Tim Hagen, took guests on a virtual reality tour of the area as well.


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Ahava program
For families of individuals with special needs

Ahava is a program of the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo that is managed by Jewish Family and Social Services and has provided a lifeline since 2016 to Jewish families in Greater Toledo who are raising children with special needs and simply want to be able to access the best care possible for their children.

Through Ahava, Federation awards local Jewish families an annual scholarship of up to \$1,500 for each child, no matter their age, to put toward the cost of therapies such as speech therapy and music therapy, equipment, medical supplies, continuing education for parents on raising children with special needs, and other resources that help positively impact individuals and their families.

For more information about Ahava, please contact Ben Malczewski at ben@jewishtoledo.org or 419-885-2561.



PJ & Gan Playdates

For littles ages 0-4 and their favorite grownup.

Sun. November 3

Tues. December 17

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Gan Yeladim Preschool,
6505 Sylvania Ave.
FREE - please bring personal care item(s) or paper product(s) for donation.
Please register with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



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

Families of all ages



Latkes & Lights

Sunday, December 15

Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way

Relic Room, located in the Museum of Natural History

Toledo Zoo members: \$10 per adult, \$5 per child

Non-members of Toledo Zoo: \$20 per adult, \$10 per child

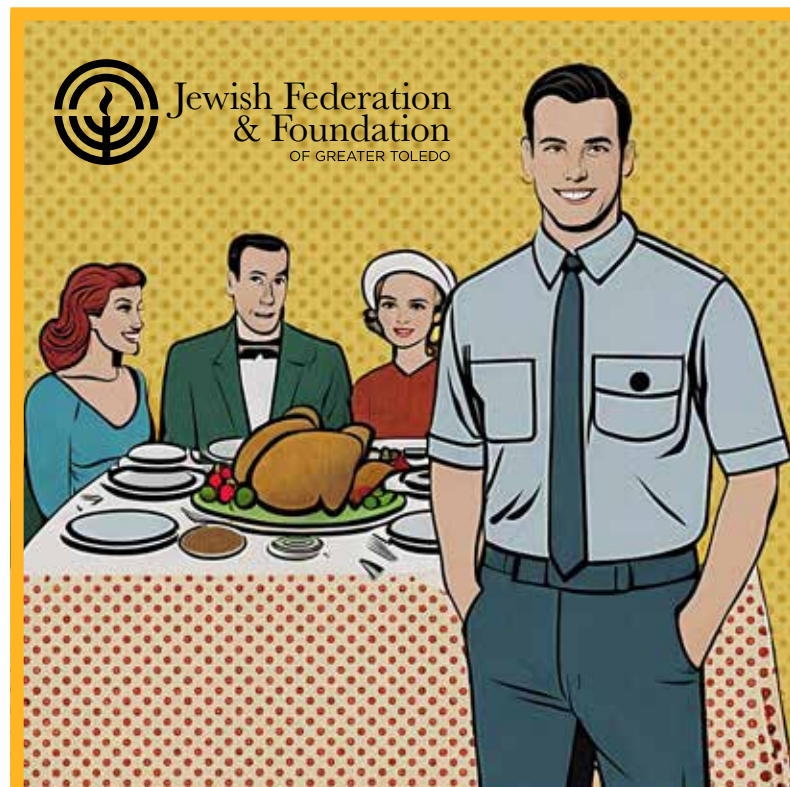
Includes admission, latkes, sweet treats, beverages, and Hanukkah fun!

Join us for the festival of *zoo* lights! Stop by the Relic Room and warm up; we'll have latkes, sweet treats, and hot chocolate, cider, and coffee available plus Hanukkah treats and crafts for the kids. Come and celebrate Hanukkah with family and friends and connect with other Jewish families at the Toledo Zoo.

This event is open to families of all ages and stages.



RSVP by Thursday, December 5 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/PJandFamily2024> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



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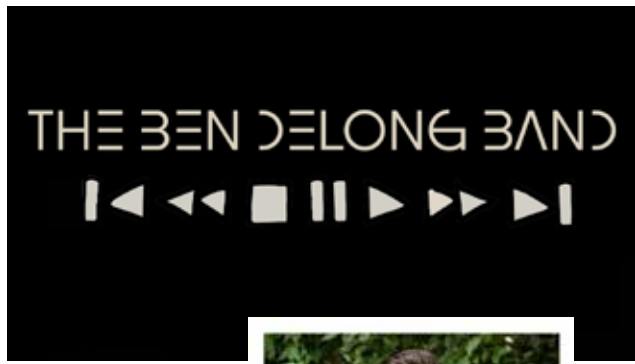
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Active Life for 60+



L'Chaim – A Musical Celebration

Wednesday, January 8

12 – 1:30 p.m.

Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave.

Annual Campaign donors - \$10 per person

Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$15 per person

Includes lunch and music



Join us for a delicious lunch accompanied by the inspiring sounds of the Ben Delong Band. Renowned for breaking cultural and generational barriers, the Ben Delong Band captivates audiences with their powerful, moving performances, creating deep and lasting connections among listeners.

Let's come together to strengthen our bonds, share in the joy of music, and build meaningful relationships. Together, we'll create lasting memories and celebrate the vibrant spirit of community!



RSVP by Friday, January 3 at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



Trip to the Theater

Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue

Sunday, January 19

10 a.m. – Brunch at Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.

11 a.m. – Load bus

1 p.m. – Showtime at the Fisher Theatre

5 p.m. – Estimated return time

Annual Campaign donors - \$20 per person

Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$35 per person



Start the day out with brunch in Toledo then board the bus to see *Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue* at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

Picture it. United States, 2024. *Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue* is a parody that brings Miami's sassiest seniors to stages around the country for one more hurrah. We find Sophia out on bail after being busted by the DEA for running a drug ring for retirees. Blanche and Rose have founded CreakN, a thriving sex app for seniors. And Dorothy is trying to hold it all together with help from a new (much) younger sex-crazed lover. *Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue* allows audiences to relive the heartfelt hilarity of the four ladies who never stopped being best friends.

Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue is a professional stage show unlike any other Golden Girls tribute that you might have experienced. The play is written by Robert Leleux, author of *The Memoirs of a Beautiful Boy* and *The Living End*. The show is directed by Eric Swanson, co-founder and Executive Director of The Detroit Actors' Theatre Company. The cast includes Ryan Bernier as Dorothy, Vince Kelley as Blanche, Adam Graber as Rose, Christopher Kamm as Sophia, and Tommy Favorite as Stanley/Burt. The tour is produced by Murray & Peter Present and Innovation Arts & Entertainment.



Limited spaces available. RSVP by Monday, December 9 at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



Peace, Love, & Pottery Painting Day!

GET GLAZED

Thursday, January 23

12 – 1:30 p.m.

Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.

Annual Campaign donors - \$15 per person

Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$25 per person

Includes lunch and pottery painting supplies

Join us for a creative and relaxing afternoon as we gather to paint a piece of pottery. This hands-on activity is open to artists of all abilities. We will supply all the materials and supplies needed – you bring the creativity!



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Active Life for 60+

Seniors Hanukkah hits the Road



Thursday, December 12

9:30 a.m. - load bus at JCC/YMCA campus, 6465 Sylvania Ave.

3 p.m. (subject to change) - return to JCC/YMCA campus

Annual Campaign donors: \$10 per person

Non-donors to the Annual Campaign: \$20 per person

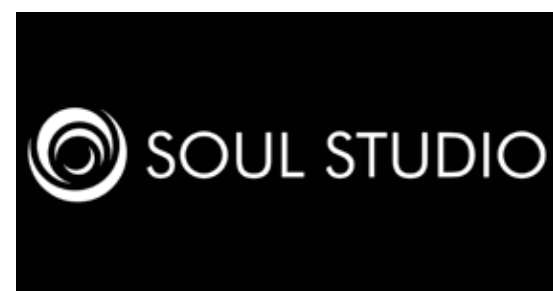
Includes bus trip, lunch, tour, and Hanukkah gift

Get ready for a Hanukkah celebration like no other! This year, we're taking the festivities on the road with an exciting tour of the Soul Studio and Gallery in West Bloomfield, Michigan, where art and tradition come alive. Explore inspiring exhibits that capture the spirit of the season, followed by a delicious latke lunch at the elegant Soul Center banquet hall. It's the perfect blend of culture, community, and cuisine—so join us for a day filled with light, laughter, and latkes as we celebrate Hanukkah together in style!

Soul Studio is a supported art studio program with an open studio space and gallery for adults 18 years or older with special needs in West Bloomfield, Michigan. Through educational programming driven by each artist's creative impulses, participants are supported in a variety of art media; artists are inspired to develop careers as contemporary artists. Soul Studio was launched in 2016, inside the Friendship Circle Farber Center, which also houses the Soul Cafe and an event space, all of which provide a loving and inclusive environment that encourages artistic self-expression, vocational training, and employment opportunities to adults with special needs.

RSVP by Monday, December 2

to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.



Seniors Make a Mezuzah

Tuesday, November 12

12 – 2 p.m.

**Sekach Building
6505 Sylvania Ave.**

Annual Campaign donors:

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Includes lunch and fused-glass supplies

Join us for a delightful and creative "Make your own Mezuzah" class with Copper Moon Studios. This workshop is the perfect blend of artistry, tradition, and camaraderie. Under the warm guidance of our talented instructors, you'll craft a unique and personalized mezuzah using an array of beautiful glass. Whether you're a seasoned artisan or a beginner, this class is all about having fun and creating something meaningful you can proudly display at home. So, bring your creativity, and let's make some mezuzahs!



RSVP by Tuesday, November 5

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Get Fit Classes

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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

Designed to improve mobility, core strength, and stability from the ground up. Focus will be on foot and ankle strength, mobility, healthy posture, pelvic floor, and breathing. Exercises can be done in chairs and/or standing.

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Avi Noah Green was called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 19, 2024 at Temple Shomer Emunim. Avi is the son of Jeff and Tamara Green and brother of Gabe and Maya. He is the grandson of Mark and JoAnn White, Candice and Wayne Walcott and Jeffrey and Nora Green.

Avi is a 7th grader at Timberstone Middle School where his favorite subject is Social Studies. Avi plays travel soccer with Sylvania United, as a goalie, and travel baseball with the Demand Command Baseball program, as a pitcher and first baseman. Avi also plays trombone in the Timberstone Band and enjoys

cooking at home. Avi's naturally empathetic heart, even-tempered personality, and amazing instincts have helped him grow wonderful friendships and become a silent leader in most of his endeavors.

Avi's Mitzvah Project is to help seniors with technology through the Jewish Federation of Toledo's T3 Program.

Mazel Tov, Avi!



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Joel Weatherford

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Asher Pliskow

"I loved our first time at GUCI this summer. Shabbat song session was one of the highlights of the week for me. I made a ton of friends and I can't wait to go back next summer."



Julia Rhodes (L) & Harlie Kerper

"The EMOJI scholarship makes it possible for me to attend Camp Wise year after year. Camp has brought me closer to my religion and new friends, which is why I come back. Every year when I step off the camp bus, I feel like I've arrived at my home away from home and am greeted by friends I only get to see at camp... I've met so many new people from all over the world who have become my close friends because of Camp Wise."

Julia Rhodes



Micah Pliskow

"This was my first summer at sleep away camp. It was great. I loved climbing the 'Wigda' climbing tower."

Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo's Experience a Memorable Overnight Jewish Initiative (EMOJI) offers children between the ages of 7 and 16 the opportunity to experience a life changing Jewish overnight camping experience. Funding is possible through the long-term community needs fund and the Jewish experience fund; first-time participants can attend camp for just \$250 and children returning to a Jewish camp can attend at a very reduced cost. EMOJI seeks to help as many Jewish youth as possible connect to their own Jewish identity and the larger community. The benefits of Jewish camp are beyond measure; over \$70,000 was invested in sending 37 campers to camp in summer 2023.

Questions? Visit www.jewishtoledo.org/emoji or contact Hallie Freed at hallie@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0362.

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Please note that checks need to be post-marked by December 31, 2024 to be a 2024 charitable contribution.

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Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo accepts IRA Charitable Rollover contributions to the Annual Campaign.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING GIFTS OF SECURITIES

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo accepts donations of stock as payment for pledges made to the Annual Campaign and other unrestricted and designated uses. **Stock gifts need to be received by 12 p.m. (noon) on December 30, 2024 in order to sell before the market closes.**

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CBI Adult Ed: Virtual Tour of Auschwitz

Sunday, November 10, 2024, 1:00 PM at CBI
Light refreshments served before the program
Cost is \$10 per person.

The Auschwitz virtual tour postponed from April has returned. This virtual tour will be broadcast to a screen via Zoom at CBI. It is designed for people who have not visited Auschwitz before. Those who have before are still encouraged to attend. A question and answer session will follow the tour.

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To RSVP, please email kbrody@cbitoledo.org or call the office at 419.517.8400 by Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

Connecting Kids to Meals

Volunteer Event

Thursday, November 14, 2024 10 AM - 12 PM

Cherry Street Mission Building, 1501 Monroe St.

RSVP Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org by Sept. 5, 2024.

Join us for Canasta!

Tuesdays in November at 12:15 PM at CBI

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

CBI Office Holiday Closings

Thu. November 28 Closed Thanksgiving

Fri. November 29 Closed Thanksgiving Wknd

CBI Movie Festival: Wednesdays in November

"THE LAST RESORT"

Wednesday November 6, 2024

1:00 PM, In-Person at CBI

RSVP by Friday, November 1, 2024

An uncannily revealing portrait of American photographers Andy Sweet and Gary Monroe and the vibrant community of Jewish retirees they obsessively focused their camera's lens on in the sunburned paradise of 1970s Miami Beach.

"ITZHAK"

Wednesday November 13, 2024

1:00 PM, In-Person at CBI

RSVP by Wednesday, November 6, 2024

From Schubert to Strauss, Bach to... Billy Joel, Itzhak Perlman's transcendent violin playing evokes the depth of the human experience. This enchanting documentary details the virtuoso's own struggles as a polio survivor and Jewish émigré, and reminds us why art is vital to life.

"DIANE VON FURSTENBERG: WOMAN IN CHARGE"

Wednesday November 20, 2024

1:00 PM, In-Person at CBI

RSVP by Wednesday, November 13, 2024

This film focuses on the life and work of Von Furstenberg, who created a name for herself in a field that was predominantly male and amassed a multi-million dollar fashion empire.

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RSVP by the dates listed for each movie to the office or by contacting Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org.

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Parashat Hashavuah:

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Fridays in November at 11:00 AM at CBI

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

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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

SHABBAT SERVICES, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS

We are pleased to welcome Rabbi Jason Mark back to lead services on Saturday, November 2nd. Following services, Rabbi Mark will preside over the Installation of New Officers and Trustees for the 2024-2025 year. In addition, the Harry Levine Service Award will be presented to Laura Leventhal and Charles Wittenberg. The prestigious Morris Lubitsky Memorial Award will be presented to Marc Jacobson. Please call the synagogue office for reservations and information.

On Friday, November 1st, everyone is invited to a pre-Shabbat class with Rabbi Mark. Following the class there will be services, candlelighting and light refreshments.

WEDNESDAYS WITH FRIENDS

Join us on Wednesday, November 6th at 10:00 a.m. for a movie documentary titled "The 90's Club". This is a charming documentary that showcases the vibrant wisdom and life lessons of a dozen diverse individuals between the ages of 90-99 years old. These are open stories told by the cast of "The 90's Club", which includes Dick VanDyke, Art Gelbart, a Holocaust survivor and Fred Gray. Everyone is invited. Share your memories and identify the photos.

"Etz Chayim Memories" – Come help identify old photos from Consecrations, Confirmations, picnics, banquets and many of the past events. This event will take place on Wednesday, November 20th at 10:00 a.m.

POKER/MAJ

Everyone is welcome to play Poker or Maj on Sunday, November 17th from 10:00-noon. Snacks will be served. Please let Marc or Nancy Jacobson know if you will be attending.

TRAVELOGUE PROGRAM PLANNED

On Sunday, November 24th, at 10:00 a.m., Ken and Aileen Pargament will sharing memories of their amazing trip to Africa. They had a three week trip visiting Kenya and Tanzania. Everyone is invited, A light breakfast will be served.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, December 25th will be a tzedakah project followed by a latke lunch at the synagogue.



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Mon Nov 11th

LCMC
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Tue Nov 12

Tea With Rivka
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Mon Nov 18th

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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 18 or more
- No ties to personal information such as your birthdate or the street you grew up on



Be wary of suspicious emails.

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Organizational Cyber Hygiene

- Back up important files on either an external storage device or a secure, cloud-based platform
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- 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.
- Keep an inventory of hardware and software on the company network.
- Develop a software installation process for staff and network users such as limiting installation privileges.
- Limit the numbers of users with administrative privileges.



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.
- Change manufacturer or platform provided passwords after activation.
- 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:
 - Never share personal information such as your home address, school you attend or your phone number.
 - Never interact with someone they do not know.
 - If asked for personal information or photos, they should contact an adult immediately.
- Kids should never download anything without an adult's permission.

Christopher Columbus was genetically Jewish, Spanish researchers say

By **Philissa Cramer**

(JTA) — Christopher Columbus was likely Jewish, Spanish researchers have announced in a splashy new documentary aired on Spain's national broadcaster on Saturday.

According to the documentary, the researchers spent 22 years researching Columbus' national origins before concluding that bones buried in a Seville cathedral are in fact the famed explorer's — and that his DNA suggests that he likely came from a Jewish family.

"We have DNA from Christopher Columbus, very partial, but sufficient. We have DNA from Hernando Colón, his son," the lead researcher, José Antonio Lorente at the University of Granada, said in the documentary, according to Reuters. "And both in the Y chromosome (male) and in the mitochondrial DNA (transmitted by the mother) of Hernando there are traits compatible with Jewish origin."

Whether the findings are accurate may never be known. The forensic scientists have not yet released

their raw data, and their report was not peer-reviewed before the documentary aired, a standard in scientific research. A Spanish report says the research will appear in an international scientific journal in the near future.

Researchers who study Columbus say the purported findings are of only limited significance, even if true: DNA evidence would show only Jewish heritage, not identity. And Columbus' own writings express both Christian beliefs and praise for the decree expelling Jews from Spain.

"I encourage people to read his own writings to appreciate his complex identity — he was an autodidact, who took advantage of the explosion of knowledge after the birth of printing to create an eclectic theology that had many Judaic elements — but in a deeply Christian, mystical vein," Ronnie Perelis, a Yeshiva University professor who has written about

Sephardic Jews of the era, told the Jewish News Syndicate after the documentary aired. "Genetics doesn't make someone Jewish."

Still, the claims add a sheen of scientific credibility to longtime speculation about Columbus' national origins, which has included repeated arguments that he may have been Jewish.

Ninety years ago, a prominent Spanish historian charged that Columbus was not Italian, as had long been believed, but Spanish, and the son of Marranos, Jews who converted to Christianity to escape the Spanish Inquisition.

More recently, a Georgetown University professor named Estelle Irizarry analyzed Columbus' known writings and concluded that marks on some pages and other quirks suggested that his native tongue could have been Ladino, a Jewish language.

Others have noted the proximity of Columbus' departure — Aug. 3, 1492 — to the date on which the Alhambra Decree, issued by his sponsors King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella in March 1492, went into effect. The decree gave Jews a choice among expulsion, conversion or death.

Undisputed is the fact that several members of Columbus' crew were Jewish or prominent Marranos.

The new documentary came on the Spanish national holiday marking Columbus' exploration. It also came on the eve of what was long known as Columbus Day in the United States, the date chosen to commemorate Columbus' arrival on the continent. The date is increasingly known as Indigenous People's Day in honor of the native people whose communities, health and culture were decimated by European expansionism.

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