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Shana Tova

As we approach this New Year 5785, we remember the tragedy of October 7, but we are strengthened by our community's resilience and resolve to persevere. With vital fundraising, community rallies and on-going advocacy, Jewish Toledo helped Israel and our community address challenges overseas and at home. We fervently pray that this New Year brings to everyone the sweetness, prosperity and peace that is the promise of a better world for all.

On behalf of the officers, directors and staff of Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo, we wish everyone l'shana tovah umetukah.



Mark D. Greenblatt, JFGT President

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Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo is marking a year since the October 7 attack on Israel by Hamas.



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Two community events

Community Vigil

Monday, October 7 at 6:30-8 p.m.

Temple Shomer Emunim

Join us for a **Community Vigil** to mark the one-year remembrance of the October 7 Tragedy. Programming will include prayer, reflection, and space for us to hold our collective grief.

Not recommended for children under 13.



Due to security reasons, registration is required by Friday, October 1 at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events> or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

Israeli National Day of Remembrance

Sunday, October 27, 7-8:30 p.m.

Congregation B'nai Israel

Join us on the **Israeli National Day of Remembrance for October 7** in welcoming the National Library of Israel as they discuss their **Bearing Witness Initiative** documenting our collective responses to October 7 and how its memory will be passed on through the generations.



Due to security reasons, registration is required by Friday, October 22 at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events> or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org.

This event is co-sponsored by Congregation Etz Chayim, Congregation B'nai Israel, and Temple Shomer Emunim.

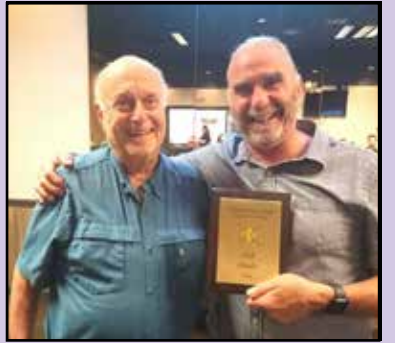
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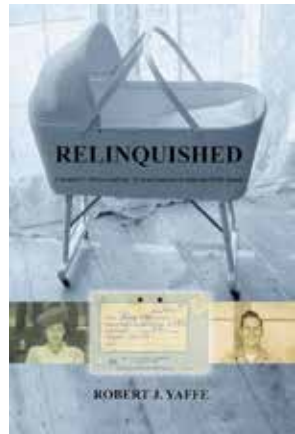


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Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo

20th Annual NWOHio Jewish Book Festival



Relinquished

by Robert Yaffe

Tuesday, October 29 at 12 p.m.

Congregation B'nai Israel, 6525 Sylvania Ave.

\$5 – includes kosher luncheon and author presentation

\$15 – includes kosher luncheon, author presentation, and book

Kosher lunch will include herb grilled chicken, roasted potatoes, roasted vegetables, coleslaw, rolls, and garden salad.

Relinquished is the real-life story of Robert Yaffe as he traverses the long and often rocky road to discovering his birth parents. Covering over thirty years of painstaking research, *Relinquished* is the story of an adoptee brought up in a Jewish household by loving and caring parents, as his Jewish birth mother so deeply desired and requested when she gave Robert up for adoption and signed the papers relinquishing all her rights. Follow Robert as he wrestles with astounding findings and painful conflicts that at times lead to intense guilt, family conflict, and emotional trauma.

Robert Yaffe is a native of Omaha, Nebraska. He began his career as a JAG Officer in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, where he served as Trial Counsel (prosecutor) and Chief of Military Justice at Fort Lee, Virginia. Robert entered a second career in 1986 in Jewish communal service, serving as an executive director of Jewish Community Centers and synagogues in Toledo, Columbus, Winnipeg, and Chicago. Bob came to Toledo in 1989 as the Assistant Executive Director of the Toledo JCC. In 1992 he was promoted to Executive Director and served for four years until taking the executive director position in Winnipeg in 1996.

While in Toledo, Bob met his future wife Rita, who was working at the JCC at the time. They were married by Rabbi Ed Garsek at Congregation Etz Chayim in November 1990. Bob and Rita have a blended family of four adult children living in Omaha, Columbus, and Ra'anana, Israel. They have ten grandchildren. Bob and Rita both retired in 2014 and moved from Chicago to Omaha, where they reside today.



RSVP by Monday, October 14

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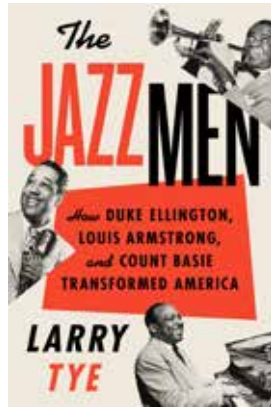
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The Jazzmen: How Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and Count Basie Transformed America

by Larry Tye

Plus a jazz performance by

Ariel Kasler Quartet:

Andrew Bishop (Sax), Ariel Kasler (guitar), Jeff Halsey (bass), and Olman Piedra (drums)

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.



A sweeping and spellbinding portrait of the long-time 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.

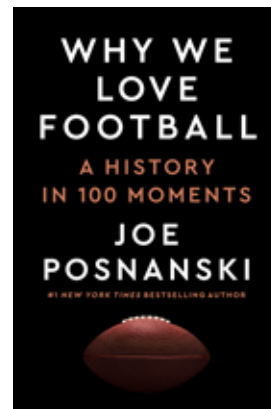


Special performance by The Ariel Kasler Quartet. The Ariel Kasler Quintet performs original jazz compositions and arrangements influenced by Middle Eastern, Jewish, and Israeli music.

RSVP by Wednesday, October 30

to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms or Sherry

Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.



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.



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.



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OCTOBER PROGRAMS & HOLY DAYS



EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo
offices close at 1 p.m. Wednesday, 10/2

ROSH HASHANAH

JFGT offices closed Thursday-Friday, 10/3-10/4

OCTOBER 7 COMMEMORATION

Community Monday, 10/7
Temple Shomer Emunim 6:30 p.m.
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DEVICE ADVICE W/TIM HAGEN

Seniors Wednesdays, 10/9 & 10/30
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KOL NIDRE

JFGT offices close at 1 p.m. Friday, 10/11

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, 10/12

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SUNDAY CIRCLE

Friendship Circle Sunday, 10/13
Chabad House 12:30 p.m.

PJ & GAN PLAYDATE

Ages 0-4 plus grownup(s) Tuesday, 10/15
Gan Yeladim Preschool 9:30 a.m.
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EREV SUKKOT

JFGT offices close at 1 p.m. Wednesday, 10/16

SUKKOT

Wednesday-Wednesday, 10/16-10/23

SUKKOT

JFGT offices closed Thursday-Friday, 10/17-10/18

SOUP-COATS FOR SUKKOT

Community Sunday, 10/20
Sekach Building 11:30 a.m.
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EREV SHEMINI ATZERET

JFGT offices close at 1 p.m. Wednesday, 10/23

SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH

JFGT offices closed Thursday-Friday, 10/24-10/25

ISRAELI NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

JCRC/Community for October 7 Sunday, 10/27
Congregation B'nai Israel 7 p.m.
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TOLEDO JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

Community Relinquished by Tuesday, 10/29
Congregation Robert Yaffe Noon
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NOVEMBER PROGRAMS & HOLIDAYS



PJ & GAN PLAYDATE

Ages 0-4 plus grownup(s) Sunday, 11/3
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Community Feat. Dr. Shelley Perlove Sunday, 11/3
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TOLEDO JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

Community The Jazzmen by Larry Tye Monday, 11/4
Lucille's 6 p.m.
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COPPER MOON MEZUZAHS

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Fieldhouse See page 2

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SUNDAY CIRCLE

Friendship Circle Sunday, 11/24
Chabad House 12:30 p.m.
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JFGT offices closed Thursday-Friday, 11/28-11/29

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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

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Soup-Coats for Sukkot!

Sunday, October 20

11:30 - 1 p.m.

Sekach Building patio, 6505 Sylvania Ave.

Free event - donations requested

Includes vegetarian soups, bread, and more



Warm up your heart and stomach by joining us for a heartwarming afternoon of giving back! Gather as a community, all ages and stages of life, to share a cozy soup lunch while making a difference for those in need.

We're collecting NEW winter coats, socks, hats, and gloves in infant and child sizes, as well as new or gently used items for adults. Your donations will help support Susie's Coats for Kids, the Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS) Food Pantry, and Burrito Blessings, three amazing organizations that provide warmth and care to those in need.

Bring your generosity, appetite, and commitment to making a difference. Together, we can spread warmth and kindness throughout the season!



RSVP by Tuesday, October 15 to form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/jfgtprograms or Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351.



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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

News

In contentious Senate hearing, divisions over how to fight antisemitism come to the fore

(JTA) — WASHINGTON — Should the U.S. government address antisemitism on its own, or as part of the broader fight against prejudice?

That's the question that occupied — and divided — Republican and Democratic senators on Tuesday at an emotional hearing that, at one point, was brought to a stop by someone shouting antisemitic invective.

Tensions were evident almost immediately when the Judiciary Committee's Democratic chairman, Sen. Richard Durbin of Illinois, and its top Republican, Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, clashed over the hearing's aims and even its name, "Threat to Justice Everywhere: Stemming the Tide of Hate Crimes in America."

In introductory comments, Durbin noted, as the FBI and extremism watchdogs have warned, that violence tends to come more from the far right than it does from the far left whose protests against Israel's military campaign in Gaza have roiled campuses.

Graham and other Republicans wanted the hearing to focus solely on campus antisemitism.

"The goal was to have a hearing about why it's so hard to go to school if you're Jewish, and it's really hard to go to these schools if you're Jewish, you're being knocked down, you're being spat on," he said. "This is not the hearing we're getting, so we'll work with what we've got."

Durbin said he was not ready to emphasize one type of bigotry over another. He noted that the audience included both families of victims of the 2018 Pittsburgh synagogue shooting, as well as of a Palestinian-American child stabbed to death by his landlord last year.

"Prioritizing which group is being discriminated against the worst, I don't believe is a valid exercise of our authority here," said Durbin. "What we are trying to do is to identify a problem in America that extends beyond Jewish population to the Arab population to the Palestinian population. All of those hate crimes are unacceptable."

House Republicans have devoted massive resources to investigating antisemitism on campus but paid comparatively little heed to threats from the far right, which Durbin emphasized were pressing.

"Since 2000 according to federal law enforcement, white supremacists have been responsible for more homicides than any other domestic extremist group," he said.

The witnesses at the hearing included Maya Berry, the executive director of the Arab American Institute, who authored a comprehensive analysis of the spike in anti-Jewish and anti-Muslim attacks in recent years, and Kenneth Stern, the director of the Bard Center for the Study of Hate and the author of a popular and controversial



Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee Sen. Dick Durbin, an Illinois Democrat, speaks during a hearing at the U.S. Capitol, July 11, 2024. (Bonnie Cash/Getty Images)

definition of antisemitism, who were invited by the Democrats. Republicans invited Mark Goldfeder, the director of the National Jewish Advocacy Center, which has filed lawsuits to protect Jews on campuses.

The back-and-forth at the hearing brought to the fore tensions that have been simmering since the Biden administration first rolled out a broad set of anti-extremism initiatives in 2022. Jewish groups said the generalized approach was too diffuse. That led Biden to launch an antisemitism-specific task force in December 2022, and the rollout of a strategy to combat antisemitism in May 2023. Later that year the White House announced a national strategy to combat Islamophobia.

Defenders of the White House's approach said bigotries are impossible to isolate and can more effectively be combated in unison. But some conservative groups have complained that Biden's antisemitism strategy has been diluted by at times addressing other bigotries, a complaint that intensified after Hamas launched its war on Israel on Oct. 7.

"This committee should act not just in general, but specifically about what it's like to be Jewish in America in 2024, and it is not a good story," Graham said.

Stern and Goldfeder both argued that antisemitism should not be seen in isolation, saying that its expression reverberated in the targeting of other vulnerable populations. Stern said the reverse was true as well: Attacks on other minority groups endangered Jews.

"Antisemitism is at heart a conspiracy theory that sees Jews as conspiring to harm humanity," he said. "It's offered as an explanation for what goes wrong in the world. It appears on

the right and on the left. It's also the philosophical backbone of much white supremacy. But we tend to think about antisemitism as only what people say about Jews or Israel, and not enough about how vilification of anyone among us can create a conveyor belt to antisemitism."

The Orthodox Union, which played a leading role in advocating for an antisemitism strategy, expressed outrage at what it said was the committee's "watered-down" treatment of antisemitism.

"The hearing failed to center on the unique and rising threat Jewish communities face," it said in a statement. "Instead, it featured witnesses who did not adequately address the specific challenges of antisemitism and omitted key voices from Jewish students and educators affected by this hate."

Sen. Ted Cruz, a Texas Republican, echoed that critique, decrying that "we don't get a hearing on antisemitism, we get a hearing generically on hate."

While he was speaking, Capitol Police led away a man shouting "F—ing Jews and the Israelis themselves, talk about the 40,000!" referring to Palestinians killed in Israel's war with Hamas. "Talk about all these people! Why [is it] about antisemitism?"

Another tense moment came when Sen. John Kennedy, a Louisiana Republican, aggressively questioned

Berry, claiming that she supported Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran while she repeatedly said she did not.

"You should hide your head in a bag!" Kennedy shouted at Berry, to gasps in the room.

"It's regrettable that I, as I sit here, have experienced the very issue that we're attempting to deal with today," Berry said in response. "This has been, regrettably, a real disappointment, but very much an indication of the danger to our democratic institutions that we're in now."

The Anti-Defamation League condemned Kennedy's "theatrics."

"Just as it's antisemitic to hold the Jewish community accountable for actions of the state of Israel, it's wrong to single out an Arab American as a terrorist sympathizer," it said in a statement.

Amy Spitalnick, the CEO of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, a public policy group, said Kennedy's attack on Berry was "bigoted and dangerous."

"This is horrific and, as Maya says, illustrates exactly why we're facing a crisis of hate," Spitalnick said in a statement. "You can disagree with someone's Israel/Gaza position without smearing them as a terror supporter. This sort of normalized bigotry only makes Arab Americans — and all of us — less safe."

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Jewish Toledo meets new JCRC director

More than 50 people came to Congregation B'nai Israel to officially meet Jewish Community Relations Council Director Amichai Stout and learn about the department's important work in the Toledo area, the state of Ohio, and Israel. The program also offered an opportunity to hear from Mary Bilyeu, Community Relations Programming Specialist; JCRC Chair Marcy Kuehnle; and other dedicated lay leaders from the JCRC committee.



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.



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Jewish and Israeli volunteers join in relief effort as floods pound Central Europe

By Shira Li Bartov

(JTA) — Jews from Warsaw and Israel are among the forces that have stepped in to support relief efforts as Poland battles its worst floods in decades.

Poland has deployed 14,000 soldiers to hard-hit areas in the country's southwest, where water levels were expected to peak. Torrential rain from Storm Boris has pounded large swathes of Central Europe, delivering five times the average rainfall for all of September in five days. The floods have destroyed roads and bridges, submerged neighborhoods and killed 23 people in Poland, Romania, Austria and the Czech Republic.

While thousands of people have evacuated their homes in Poland, soldiers and emergency workers have rushed toward the floods to fortify riverbanks and buildings with sandbags, deliver food and drinking water, rescue residents and supply medical aid.

Volunteers who joined those efforts included members of Hillel Warsaw and two doctors from Rescuers Without Borders, an Israeli-French medical relief group, according to Poland's chief rabbi, Michael Schudrich.

Schudrich said he was amazed that doctors would come from Israel at a time when there are so many needs there.

"This is a real kiddush Hashem," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, using the Hebrew term referring to a sanctification of God. "And if you know me, you know I don't say that lightly."

Rescuers Without Borders, which sent doctors Devir Dimri and Gadi Ben Meir to Poland, was established in 2000 with the goal of providing first aid to Israelis and Palestinians during war and natural disasters. It has since grown into an international NGO.

Aid workers are bracing for a difficult day in Wroclaw, Poland's third-largest city of 640,000 people, which is due for cresting waters along the Oder and Bystrzyca rivers. The city suffered a disastrous flood in 1997. At the time, it was described as an event that happened "once every thousand years" — but residents are facing down another historic deluge just 26 years later, said Poland's deputy climate minister Urszula Sara Zielińska.

"There is a clear cause to that and it's called climate change," Zielińska said to Euronews.

Wroclaw was called Breslau and was part of Germany until after World War II, when new borders were drawn were during the Potsdam Conference. Breslau was home to a major Jewish community and an important rabbinical school that was closed by the Nazis in 1938, shortly after Kristallnacht.

Today, the city is home to a small Jewish community that has at its center the White Stork synagogue, the only synagogue in the city that was not destroyed during the Holocaust. It was rededicated after a restoration in 2010 and is located next to the moat around the old city that is formed with waters from the Oder, whose banks are less than a kilometer away.

Jewish Community Relations Council

JCRC receives position statements from candidates running for local office

As a former political and government staffer, I know how important elections are – not just for our nation, but for our Jewish and non-Jewish local community, too. Our elected officials set the tone and direction for our communities for years, and sometimes generations, to come. This election cycle is especially important as American Jews continue to live with the darkness of the October 7 tragedy and the risks from increasing antisemitism.

Israel's present and future and antisemitism are just part of a larger political context. Recognizing this, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) is providing Jewish Toledo with position statements from candidates running for office. We reached out to candidates running at all levels – federal, state, and local – and asked them to respond to questions important to our community. Their responses are below.

It is important as Jews and Americans that we exercise our deeply cherished right to vote at a time when we face unprecedented challenges. We hope that these statements assist voters in making important decisions about the candidates. Candidate responses are printed as received except where indicated by ellipses when responses exceeded the word limit and were edited.

Sincerely,
Amichai Stout, JCRC Director

What are 2 or 3 of your priorities for northwest Ohio or Ohio generally, and how do you plan on addressing those priorities if elected?

US Congress OH-9 – Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D) v. State Representative Derek Merrin (R)

Kaptur: Northwest Ohioans work hard every minute of every day to earn a living, raise a family, and retire with dignity, and my top priority in Congress is standing up for our region so that every working man and woman has the opportunity to not only get by, but get ahead.

That means protecting Social Security and Medicare when Republicans threaten cuts. We made a promise to older Americans that if they work hard and play by the rules they can retire with financial security that they saved for. Working men and women across northwest Ohio kept up their end of the bargain, and I will never let Republicans back out of our deal and cut these critical programs.

It also means working with members of both parties to grow our economy and create good-paying jobs. I support legislation that helps ensure products sold in America are made in America. We cannot back down from China when they cheat and undercut our workers and companies.

Finally, it means standing up to the onslaught of right-wing attacks on women. Every daughter of northwest Ohio deserves to grow up in a country where they have the same rights and opportunities as anyone else, and that's

why I will always protect our women from the extremists who try to take away their fundamental freedoms.

Merrin: I will bring fresh leadership to help northwest Ohio's families and workers prosper. As a Member of Congress, I will support legislation to address the rising cost of living for Ohioans, secure the southern border, and ensure that the United States supports Israel's sovereignty in the face of Iranian-backed aggression.

*Ohio House District 41 – Mr. Josiah Leinbach (R) v. Ms. Erika White (D)**

Leinbach: [One] – Work with cities to promote adaptive reuse policies that will convert vacant office space into dwelling units.... Our state government must enact policies that promote housing supply, or else risk an economic downward spiral.... Cities could solve both of these problems, affordable housing and vacant office space, by converting this office space (often located in lucrative areas) into housing units.... The Ohio legislature could help cities in this effort by decreasing regulation on use-conversion and providing tax credits to real estate companies that convert office space into dwelling units.

[Two] – Repair and enhance Ohio's rail infrastructure to increase freight and passenger capacity.... Unfortunately, our railroads have deteriorated for some time, of which last year's Norfolk-Southern derailment in East Palestine, OH was a tragic reminder. Ohio, and not the federal government, is best equipped to maintain this vital part of our infrastructure, and I will continue those efforts on this front already begun by the Ohio legislature.... As state representative, I will work to restore Ohio's place as a leader in railroads.

[Three] – Paid parental leave for all new parents.... Sadly, most American parents do not have access to paid parental leave.... Therefore, I would propose that the legislature pass a paid-parental leave policy for all parents of newborn (and newly adopted children) in Ohio, with 12 weeks of paid leave that could be shared in any combination between both parents, with weekly payments of \$600 per week for each child.... Children are a blessing, not a burden, and government should acknowledge that fact through supporting the parents of those children.

Ohio House District 43 – Representative Michele Grim (D) v. Ms. Wendi Hendricks (R)

Grim: While I'm involved with many important issues, my top priorities are securing more resources for our communities to meet critical local needs and delivering on local jobs and economic development. I've worked with members of both parties to increase funding for education, invest in our infrastructure, and to strengthen our region's innovation economy and manufacturing sector.

Hendricks: Safety, schools, and not funding/housing illegal aliens. I have been endorsed by the Patrolmen's Association and the Commanding Officers Association. If we don't have safety in our hometown, we don't have anything! Safety first! Our schools need to get back to educating and not indoctrinating our children! We are a sanctuary city, and hardly anyone knows that. We need to look at that and make a change.

Ohio House District 44 – Representative Josh Williams (R) v. Mr. David Blythe (D)

Williams: A) Workforce development-continuing with expanding our workforce development programs and state funding for those programs. We have established an IMAP provider in south Toledo and are looking to expand into more providers. B) Criminal justice reform- reorient our criminal justice system towards repeat offenders, violent offenders, and sexually motivated offenders. C) Reducing the individual income state tax.

Blythe: Maintaining personal freedoms, including the right of women and their husbands to have exclusive decision-making authority as to when, if, and how they have children. Currently, those freedoms are under attack from politicians who seek to impose their religious or moral views on all Ohioans. I will join with other freedom-loving legislators to fight this unwarranted intrusion into family decisions.

Ending the illegal transfer of monies from public schools to non-public through the voucher plan, which is forcing taxpayers to subsidize the education of those students whose parents choose an alternative to Public Schools. This immoral transfer of taxpayer money results in local school boards continually asking their voters for more funding which is needed to replace the money skimmed off the top and given to non-public schools. I will be using the platform I will have as an elected official to promote the ending of the voucher system and the restoration of adequate public school funding.

Since the October 7 attack on Israel by Hamas, open hate and antisemitism have increased in schools, on college campuses, and in the general community. What do you think is the cause and what would you advocate as measures to address these issues and protect American Jews?

US Congress OH-9 – Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D) v. State Representative Derek Merrin (R)

Kaptur: For millennia, the Jewish people have dealt with open hate in the worst ways. Despite incredible efforts in recent decades to educate the next generations of Americans about the dangers of antisemitism, we still have work to do. We see it in graffiti on campuses and synagogues, dangerous tropes targeting Jewish Americans on

social media, and open hostility directed at Jewish leaders in the public arena that non-Jewish public figures seem to avoid.

It's unacceptable, and as a strong ally of the Jewish community I have always stood up to these assaults. Immediately after the attacks, I signed an open letter to Ohio's Jewish communities condemning antisemitism in all its forms and reaffirming my support for the Jewish people at home and across the world. I have always worked closely with the Greater Toledo Jewish community to shine a light on antisemitism, because when hatred toward Jews is allowed to fester in the darkness it leads to senseless attacks like the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh. Again this year, I voted to significantly increase funding for nonprofit security grants, because this program helps ensure Jews can observe their faith without fear of being targeted.

Merrin: America's future leaders are facing a climate of hatred and antisemitism at many of our centers of learning, and this must be addressed by strong leaders speaking out against it clearly and unequivocally.

No student should be unsafe at their academic institution and our federal government should restrict funding to institutions that foster antisemitism and enable a hostile environment for Jewish students.

We must support the Jewish community, not only through messaging and rhetoric, but through additional security funding for Jewish institutions as they face increased threats.

*Ohio House District 41 – Mr. Josiah Leinbach (R) v. Ms. Erika White (D)**

Leinbach: Over the preceding decades, various ideologies rooted in Critical Theory and its dialectic of the oppressor-oppressed paradigm have infected American society, teaching that all disparities in political power and socio-economic status are the result of system oppression...

I believe...that the hatred towards Jews and Israel is especially strong because in this case, that entire syllogism and the Critical Theory apparatus it is built upon are at risk of refutation, since the Jews are historically one of the most oppressed peoples—and yet they have some of the highest rates of wealth, power, and education in the world. Thus, the unusually sharp reaction against the Jews is subconscious recognition of Critical Theory's failure as an explanatory model...

Unfortunately, rooting out so pervasive and pernicious an ideology will require decades of reform to our institutions, but we can take immediate steps to mitigate its more violent outbursts. For example, universities should follow Florida's lead and disband all student organizations that pledge support for Hamas's actions, increased police security should be given to at-risk synagogues, and anyone who perpetrates violence or vandalism

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against Jews or Jewish property should be promptly prosecuted.

Ohio House District 43 – Representative Michele Grim (D) v. Ms. Wendi Hendricks (R)

Grim: I immediately condemned the Hamas terrorist attack on October 7 in the strongest terms and am working with colleagues from both parties to address the dangerous rise in open hate and antisemitism.

Antisemitism and all bigotry are rooted in ignorance, and ignorance about antisemitism has enabled it to spread unchecked. I strongly supported the CAMPUS Act to stop racial, religious, and ethnic harassment and intimidation on our college campuses and foster safe and inclusive environments.

As a member of the House Finance Committee, I worked to pass increased funding for Holocaust education in the state operating budget and to double funding for nonprofit security grants accessible to synagogues, schools, and cultural centers.

Hendricks: The cause: Pushing the Hamas propaganda in the US media and the general acceptance of anti-Semitism on college campuses and in Democrat-run cities.

In this country, we have the right to free speech, but as soon as it looks like anyone will act on it, we need to prosecute! The DAs and colleges are not acting on the violence or calling for violence. They are not holding people accountable when they threaten or act violently, which needs to change.

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Williams: I think the cause is a swing in our young citizens toward left leaning progressive politics as a result of indoctrination at our primary/secondary schools and institutions of higher learning. We need to pass HB83, HB8, and 639.

Blythe: It doesn't help the situation to have a candidate, a former president,

claim that there were "good people on both sides" when asked about the antisemitic protests in Charlotte which resulted in the death of a counter protester. That candidate has promoted intolerance, suspicion, and violence against those that are then targeted for who they are or how they worship.

It takes many voices to combat antisemitism, this effort has to be community wide and starts at the dinner table. I don't know where this hate towards Jews comes from. It's unwarranted, undeserved, baseless.

It's important that the media provide fair coverage of the situation in Gaza, and who caused it. Too often the awful details of October 7 are ignored or glossed over. The emphasis seems to always be on what Israel is doing rather than asking what Hamas is doing to the people it supposedly represents. Why is it that those protesters only focus on one side's actions?

What role should the United States play in assisting Israel in its war against Hamas in Gaza or in reaching a workable peace with the Palestinians?

US Congress OH-9 – Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D) v. State Representative Derek Merrin (R)

Kaptur: I believe in Israel's right to defend itself against unprovoked terrorist attacks like those perpetrated by Hamas last year. That's why I have co-sponsored and voted in favor of legislation to provide defense aid and to share technological capabilities with Israel. From my seat on the Appropriations Committee, I have been able to help keep our country on track to meet our commitments to provide military aid to Israel outlined in the 2016 Memorandum of Understanding. I have also helped ensure we consistently approve funding for Iron Dome so that Israel can protect itself from missile attacks.

I strongly support efforts to create a lasting peace in the region. That starts with Hamas immediately returning the hostages taken on October 7. It also means respecting the innocent lives

lost because of the October 7 terrorist attacks. And it means continuing the hard work of establishing diplomatic relationships between Israel and Arab-majority countries. I support a two-state solution as a mechanism to create stability and security that Israelis and innocent people living throughout the Middle East deserve.

Merrin: The United States must support Israel as it seeks to defend itself from those seeking its eradication by providing the resources Israel needs.

Neither the Israeli nor the Palestinian people will be able to live in peace with Hamas using civilians as both targets and human shields. Hamas has rightfully been designated a terrorist organization and has repeatedly rejected ceasefire agreements that would include the return of hostages. I continue to stand with Israel against the evil espoused by Hamas and other Iranian proxies.

Protecting the only democracy in the Middle East and our vital ally must be a priority. We should invest in Israel's right to exist and the success of the Jewish people.

What is your position on legislation at the state, county, and local levels to boycott, divest from, and sanction Israel (BDS)? Do you see a place for Israel bonds in state, county, and local investments?

*Ohio House District 41 – Mr. Josiah Leinbach (R) v. Ms. Erika White (D)**

Leinbach: I oppose BDS legislation, and I oppose it because its moral premise is false. Israel is not "committing genocide," stealing Palestinian land, or creating an "apartheid state." Therefore, I believe it is permissible for governments to invest in and do commerce with the state of Israel and Israeli companies. (As an aside, I find it telling that the advocates for BDS initiatives against Israel say little to nothing about China's well-documented atrocities against the Uyghurs, and advocating that governments boycott China and Chinese businesses.)

Ohio House District 43 – Representative Michele Grim (D) v. Ms. Wendi Hendricks (R)

Grim: Ohio benefits from strong economic ties to Israel - the "Start-Up Nation." I had the opportunity to participate and learn in the 2023 Bipartisan Ohio House Leadership Trade Mission to Israel led by Ohio Jewish Communities. I oppose BDS legislation at all levels and I support Ohio investing in Israel Bonds as a sound investment with the added benefit of supporting a democratic ally.

Hendricks: I would be against boycotting Israel; I am for supporting them. Yes, Israel is a close ally of the US has a strong economy, and is worth investing in.

Ohio House District 44 – Representative Josh Williams (R) v. Mr. David Blythe (D)

Williams: I will strongly oppose any legislation BDS at any level. I would love to see our state government investing in Israel bonds.

Blythe: I am against any boycott, divestiture, or sanctions against Israel, which suffered a brutal, savage, attack on its innocent civilians. It has every right to take military action to secure and protect its citizens. It's frustrating to hear the calls for Israel to halt its military operations from people who rarely condemn Hamas or demand the release of those held captive.

**As a note, we reached out to but did not receive responses from the following campaigns: Senator Sherrod Brown (D) & Mr. Bernie Moreno (R) for U.S. Senate; Senator Theresa Gavarone (R) & Ms. Paloma De La Fuente (D) for State Senate District 2; and Ms. Erika White (D) for State House District 41. We did not reach out to State Representative Elgin Rogers, Jr. (D) as he is running unopposed for State House District 42.*

Alex Edelman wins Emmy for 'Just For Us,' his HBO comedy special on antisemitism and Jewish identity

By Ben Sales

(JTA) — Alex Edelman won an Emmy for "Just For Us," his comedy special about attending a white supremacist meeting that put a spotlight on contemporary antisemitism and the place of Jews in the United States.

Edelman took home the Emmy for outstanding writing for a variety special on Sunday, in the latest accolade since "Just For Us" premiered on Broadway last year following an off-Broadway run. The Emmy was for the show's move to HBO and Max, where it premiered as a comedy special in April.

The show centers on Edelman's experience attending a meeting of white nationalists in Queens, New York, and weaves in autobiography and Edelman's ruminations about Jewish identity, assimilation and whiteness in the United States. Edelman first

performed the show in 2018, and it has found ever-larger platforms as antisemitism has continued to rise in the United States and beyond, coupled with a broader Jewish communal reckoning after the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war on Oct. 7.

For his win on Sunday, Edelman beat out nominees including Mike Birbiglia, the standup comedian who produced "Just For Us"; Jacqueline Novak, another Jewish comedian; and the writing team behind The Oscars. The Emmy comes following a Special Tony Edelman received for the show in June.

In his acceptance speech, a breathless Edelman paid tribute to his close friend and collaborator on the show, Adam Brace, who died shortly before "Just For Us" opened on Broadway. (Last month, Edelman

wrote in an essay in The New York Times that performing the show after Brace's death "felt painful but appropriate, like reciting Kaddish, the Jewish daily mourning prayer.")

"Look, this is really, really beautiful, and I really miss Adam," he said in his acceptance speech. "This is the end of a seven-year journey with the show, but I got to make something really funny with my friend."

The ceremony was hosted by the Jewish father-son comedy duo Eugene and Dan Levy. Among the other winners was Jon Stewart's "The Daily Show," which he returned to host after a nine-year hiatus and which took home the Emmy for best talk show. "You have made an old man very happy," said Stewart, who had previously won more than a dozen Emmys with the show.



Alex Edelman's antisemitism-focused one-man show, "Just For Us," is premiering on HBO as a comedy special. (Courtesy Max)

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.



Four years ago, the Jewish High Holidays took on a whole new meaning for me. That year, I recall walking in my neighborhood while listening to our synagogue's High Holiday services through an online streaming platform. Attending services virtually was an odd experience for me, but it followed on the heels of the most traumatic experience of my life: my husband's sudden death from a massive heart attack less than

a month earlier. While the pandemic had already wreaked havoc on our lives, none of us knew how, or if, we would find our way out of it. As I listened to the prayers, I recall hearing them in a brand new way, feeling very much disconnected from the pleas to G-d for forgiveness, atonement and repentance. Indeed, I was simply incredulous that I had lost my husband before his 50th birthday. I also could not understand how repentance, prayer, and charity could promise an inscription in the "Book of Life" when his life's work had been all about helping cancer patients and those with blood diseases. At the same time, I recall taking note of the Yizkor service, finding some solace in the idea that we remember our lost loved ones during the most holy time of the Jewish year.

As we enter the High Holidays this year, I am awestruck not only by the emphasis on remembering our dearly departed, but also by how much the season mirrors the path of grief. Though our Jewish New Year focuses on looking forward and living well in the here and now, during the High

Holiday season we are also supposed to reflect on our past, make amends for our mistakes, and ask for G-d to remember us and the souls of our lost loved ones. I find it fascinating that we pray Yizkor during this special time of renewal, something we do at synagogue only four times during the year. Not only does the Hebrew word Yizkor literally mean "to remember," a special part of the Yizkor prayer emphasizes giving charity in honor of our lost loved ones. The act of giving charity is supposed to improve our world as a sort of memorial to the departed and simultaneously elevate their souls via our earthly actions. In other words, Judaism recognizes the importance of living well today while also honoring those who are no longer alive. Tangentially, during the most holy days of the Jewish year, we must synchronously consider our present lives while also pondering how to honor, and perhaps rectify, the past. In my mind, these are the same tasks that those in grief must grapple with in order to cope with loss and find a way to live well in its wake.

During Savasana (final resting pose) at a recent yoga class, my teacher read from a book of meditations that echoed the idea of making peace with the past in order to live fully in the present. When the author made her way to a vacation retreat, the person who greeted her at the reception desk asked about her plans for her stay. The author essentially answered that she was there to work on her future. The clerk replied that one can focus on the future only after one has taken time to heal their heart. The moral of the story feels like a very appropriate lesson as we celebrate the Jewish New Year. Before we can address the tasks before us in this time of renewal, we must look back, take stock of what has transpired, and heal ourselves and our hearts. Only then may we embrace our future and find a way forward. In other words, seeking closure and acceptance of the past allows us to look ahead to a time filled with goodness, health, and prosperity. Whether you are healing from loss or simply coping with the many trials of life, this is my wish for all of you.

U of Michigan condemns assault of Jewish student on campus

By Andrew Lapin

(JTA) — ANN ARBOR — Leaders at the University of Michigan have condemned the reported assault of a 19-year-old student who was confronted about his Jewish identity.

According to police reports, the victim said he was assaulted over the weekend by a group of men who were walking behind him and "asked if he was Jewish." When he said that he was, they attacked him, the report said.

The victim suffered minor injuries and didn't require hospitalization, according to the police, who are referring to the investigation as a "bias-motivated assault" and an instance of "ethnic intimidation." Police have not yet released any other information about the victim or assailants.

The alleged incident is the latest report of a Jewish student being attacked on a college campus this semester, nearly a year after student activism exploded and reports of antisemitism spiked following the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war. Two Jewish students at the University of Pittsburgh were attacked last month while walking to their Hillel building; the suspect in that case was

not a student.

The victim in Sunday's alleged assault was attacked on a stretch of campus that is home to both Michigan Hillel and the Jewish Resource Center, an outpost of the Orthodox student outreach group Olami, as well as some Jewish fraternities and sororities. The Olami center was the site of antisemitic graffiti painted by student athletes last fall, prior to the Oct. 7 attack on Israel; those students later offered a public apology.

Michigan Hillel director Rabbi Davey Rosen wrote in a statement to the community that he was providing an "update that no Hillel director wants to send out," and that he had been in touch with the university, law enforcement and a Jewish security agency.

"The safety of our students is our highest priority, and we appreciate law enforcement's quick response. We know this is difficult news to hear especially as we are just beginning the school year," he wrote. "In hard times, we at Michigan Hillel draw strength from this incredible community — students, parents, alumni, and friends — and that strength powers our pride and joy in being Jewish and, in particular, being Jewish at the

University of Michigan."

Michigan, which has large Jewish and Arab populations, has been a particular focal point of pro-Palestinian student activism that Jewish students say has made them feel unsafe. Student government leaders declared this year they would not fund any student activities unless the university divests from Israel, and the school was among the first this fall semester to see activists, who were not students, arrested for disruptive campus activities.

Last week Michigan's Democratic Attorney General Dana Nessel, who is Jewish, announced criminal charges against 11 people related to a spring encampment at the school, including Jewish anti-Zionist protesters as well as two counter-protesters.

Jordan Acker, a Jewish regent at the university whose own business was physically targeted by protesters in recent months, wrote on X that he was "appalled" at what he called a "despicable hate crime." And university president Santa Ono condemned the alleged assault in a statement on the social network X, as well as in a letter to the university.

"We strongly condemn and denounce this act of violence and all

antisemitic acts," Ono wrote in the letter, sent Monday early afternoon. "Antisemitism is in direct conflict with the university's deeply held values of safety, respect and inclusion and has no place within our community."

A study published by the Anti-Defamation League on Monday reported a massive increase in anti-Israel activity on U.S. campuses during the last academic year. The report included 28 instances of assault, most of them at rallies or student encampments surrounding the Israel-Hamas war. Whether Sunday's alleged assault was connected to Israel is as yet unknown.

In addition to condemnation from Jewish groups and the university, the local branch of the Council on American-Islamic Relations — an organization that has criticized and clashed with Jewish and pro-Israel campus groups — denounced the attack and offered a reward of \$1,000 for information that could lead to the perpetrator's arrest.

"Everyone in Ann Arbor should be safe to express their ethnic and religious identity without fear of being assaulted nor menaced," Dawud Walid, CAIR-MI's executive director, said in a statement.

Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services

TECH TIPS

Although Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been grabbing most tech-related headlines during 2024, an important sleeper technology gaining traction, slowly but surely, is virtual reality (VR).

As some of you may know, a major responsibility of my position here is to provide tech programming, in particular VR sessions, that feature action videos, travel tours, and the like both at the Federation's campus and throughout Lucas County. VR can allow participants to see, learn, and socialize in ways that they may no longer be able to do. VR can combat loneliness, tap into cherished memories and personal stories, and "bring the world" to someone without having to leave home.



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And while video gaming is often associated with VR, VR is so much more. It is being used in a variety of ways, a few of which include:

1. Pilot/aeronautical training
2. Pre-med and veterinary surgery education
3. Engineering and architectural drafting
4. Travel agency and realty services
5. Physical education and sport sciences

I encourage you to read up on virtual reality as it's covered in the media; as the technology's price points slowly decrease, VR's presence in our lives will surely increase. And should you ever have questions or would like to schedule an appointment with me to explore more, please don't hesitate to call or email. Until next month! Tim

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23andMe agrees to \$30M settlement over data breach that targeted Jewish and Chinese users

By Jackie Hajdenberg

(JTA) — The genetic testing company 23andMe has agreed to pay \$30 million to American plaintiffs to settle a lawsuit over a data breach last year that specifically targeted customers of Ashkenazi Jewish and Chinese ancestry.

The breach, which occurred last October, affected more than 6.9 million customers and included users' personal details such as their location, name and birthdate, as well as some information about their family trees. That data was shared on BreachForums, an online forum used by cybercriminals.

According to court documents, the data breach was revealed Oct. 6 after a hacker going by the pseudonym "Golem," a reference to the Jewish mythical defender made of clay, published a link to a database labeled "ashkenazi DNA Data of Celebrities." According to the lawsuit, the hacker referred to the list as "the most valuable data you'll ever see," though most of the names were not famous.

In total, 999,998 individuals with Ashkenazi heritage were included on the list, which also contained data from another 100,000 people with Chinese ancestry. "Golem" also claimed to possess the data of 350,000 users with Chinese heritage and offered to sell data from both sets of information for a fee.

According to the complaint, 23andMe did not disclose the full extent of the breach to its customers until December, when the company stated that the hackers were able to access the large number of accounts by initially hacking a smaller number of accounts, and then gaining access to information from other accounts through the site's "Family Tree" and "DNA Relatives" features.

Complainants alleged in court documents that in addition to their data being stolen, 23andMe misrepresented how secure its users' data was. They alleged that the data "is now in the hands of cybercriminals and is readily available to download by anyone with access to the hacking forum."

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, 23andMe said, "We continue to believe this settlement is in the best interest of 23andMe customers, and we look forward to finalizing the agreement."

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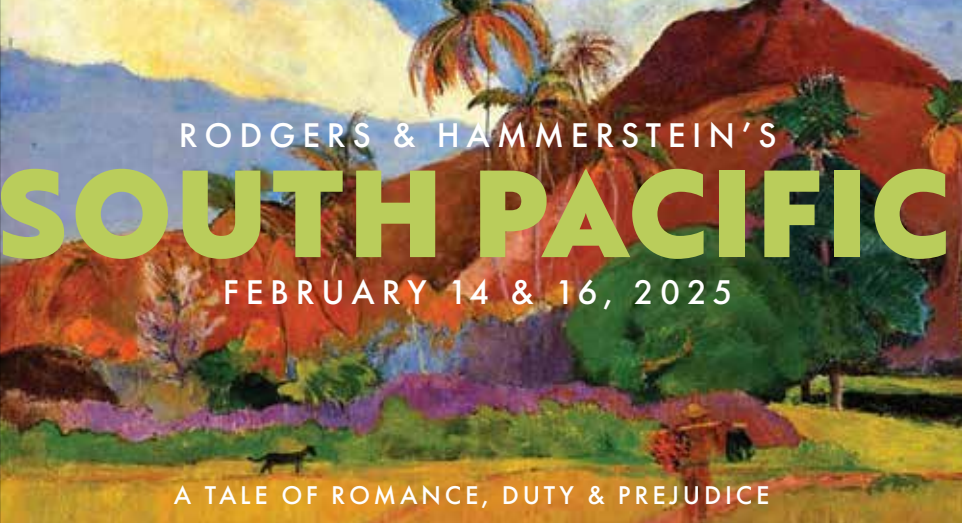
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Ahava program
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Ahava is a program of the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo that is managed by Jewish Family and Social Services and has provided a lifeline since 2016 to Jewish families 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.



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Tues. October 15
Sun. November 3
Tues. December 17

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6505 Sylvania Ave.
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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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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.

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6505 Sylvania Ave.**

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RSVP by Thursday, October 31

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Get Fit Classes

Monday

**Get Fit Early, 9-10am -or-
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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

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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Arie Rottem

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Arie Rottem, known to many as Ido, is a passionate educator and community member. Born and raised in Israel, Arie moved to the United States nine years ago and has since called Toledo home. After marrying his wife, Rosemary Chaban, in Israel in 2017, Arie settled in Toledo and pursued a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Toledo.

Prior to his current role as a Hebrew teacher at Temple Shomer Emunim, Arie gained valuable experience in software development and real estate in downtown Toledo. His dedication to sharing his love of Hebrew language and culture led him to join the Temple Shomer Emunim's teaching staff in 2023, where he now instructs students in the Hebrew school, religious school, and adult Hebrew class.

As a committed member of the Toledo community and new advisor for BBYO's Brown Smullin Neufeld chapter, Arie is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of Jewish leaders.



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

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

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Cemeteries are closed every Saturday for Shabbat

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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News

JFGT sponsors OJC Annual Meeting

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) was a proud member sponsor of this year's Ohio Jewish Communities (OJC) Annual Meeting. JCRC Director Amichai Stout, JCRC Chair Marcy Kuehnle, and OJC Board Vice Chair Sue Ann Hochberg represented JFGT at the meeting and heard from Ohio Governor, Mike DeWine. Governor DeWine spoke about his work in combatting antisemitism through increased security funding and taking a hard stand for protecting Jewish students on college campuses. The Governor, as well as State Representatives Dontavious Jarrells and Justin Pizzulli, were honored with commemorative awards for passing the bipartisan CAMPUS Act, which equips Ohio universities with the tools and resources necessary to enhance student safety and create inclusive environments, especially for Jewish students.

Howie Beigelman, OJC President & CEO, said, "We broke attendance records yesterday at the OJC Annual Meeting... It was standing room only for our conversation with Governor Mike DeWine and our chance to honor him with our Shofar Award as well as saying thank you to Representatives Jarrells and Pizzulli for their leadership in passing the CAMPUS Act."



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CAMPUS Act is a bipartisan bill called a model for other states by JFNA, and supported by 23 state and national organizations.

- Requires universities across Ohio to ensure rules to combat harassment and intimidation based on religion or ethnicity
- \$3 million in security funding to help ensure student safety.
- \$1 million in community outreach grants.

Capital Budget and One-Time Strategic Investment Funds will help B Jewish community projects.

- OJC led on \$745,000 in project funding for Jewish institutions.
- OJC also supported an additional \$3.7 million in other projects for Jewish community institutions.

Religious Expression Days help students take time off for religious holidays and other observances.

- Three R.E.D. days are provided each semester.
- This is a K-12 version of OJC's college religious accommodation bill, Testing Your Faith Act, HB 353 that was enacted last year.

OJC joined the Ohio Catholic Conference who led to correct this glitch in nonprofit tax law.

- Tax exemptions did not extend to nonprofits who leased property to other nonprofits. This legislation fixes that.

Obituaries



Zale Kohler

Zale Kohler, born in Toledo, Ohio, on September 23, 1934 to Jeanette (Pinkus) and Samuel Kohler, passed away September 5, 2024. He attended Fulton Elementary School and was a graduate of Scott High School and The University of Toledo with a business degree in accounting. He was in the ROTC during college and spent two more years in the Army Reserve. After beginning his career at the accounting firm I.R. Miller, he was hired by a client, the Feldstein family, to take over the books at Woodville Appliances. He spent the next 63 years at Woodville Appliances first an accountant and later as the business owner and founder of Woodville Rental Co., expanding to three stores in the Toledo area. He sold the business to his son, Mark Kohler, in 2006 and continued to work there for 17 more years until his retirement at the age of 85.

He gave his time generously to his community, serving for many years as the treasurer at B'nai Israel and the president of the homeowners' association at the Northwoods. He loved to play tennis and bridge and listen to classical music. Zale was known to his family, friends, and all who knew him as a dependable and honest man, and a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother.

He was married to the love of his life, Shirley (Goldman), for 67 years and is survived by Shirley; children, Sheila Quint (David), Mark Kohler (Margaret), Dr. Douglas Kohler, (Jenny Mills); grandchildren, Jacob, Aaron, and Caroline Quint, Lauren and Claire Kohler, Michael and Elizabeth Kohler and sister Margie Kohler. He was pre-deceased by his parents and sister, Karen (Howard) Rosenbaum.

The family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation (alzfdn.org) and Congregation B'nai Israel (cbitoledo.org).



Harvey Wolff

Harvey Wolff, 82, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away peacefully on September 9, 2024, after a four-year battle with cancer. Born and raised in Connecticut, Harvey's love for teaching and his dedication to education left a lasting impact on many. After receiving his PhD from the University of Illinois, Harvey had a distinguished career as a math professor at The University of Toledo, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues and students alike. He was the Chairman of the Math Department as well as President of The University of Toledo Faculty Senate and Faculty Union. Known for his even-keeled nature and calm demeanor, he approached every situation with patience and wisdom. Harvey was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was married to Diane Wolff for 60 years and is survived by Diane; daughter, Jill Wolff; son, Scott Wolff; and daughter-in-law, Darrell Wolff; and his three beloved grandchildren, Riley, Chloe, and Dylan. His legacy of knowledge, kindness, and unwavering composure will continue to inspire those who knew him. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made to Temple Shomer Emunim or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by the Robert H. WICK/Wisniewski Funeral Home.



Arthur E. Cheloff

Arthur E. Cheloff, 70, of Temperance, MI, passed away peacefully on September 17, 2024. Born on January 14, 1954, in Youngstown, Ohio, he was the son of Hyman Cheloff and Goldie Podolny. Arthur was a proud graduate of Ohio University and dedicated his career to Omni Source, where he worked with unmatched loyalty since 1976. His commitment to his work earned him the admiration and respect of both customers and colleagues, who cherished his kind spirit and infectious enthusiasm. Above all, Arthur was a loving father to his three children: Heather Cheloff, Aaron Cheloff, and Brett (Staci) Cheloff, along with three grandchildren. He took great joy in his role as a father and cherished the moments spent with his family. He is also survived by his two sisters, Ina (James) Tuschman and Alyce (Sam) Gross; ex-wife, Jane Cheloff; and many beloved nieces and nephews. Arthur's warmth, humor, and unwavering loyalty will be deeply missed by all who knew him.



News

National Relaxation Day with Jewish Toledo seniors

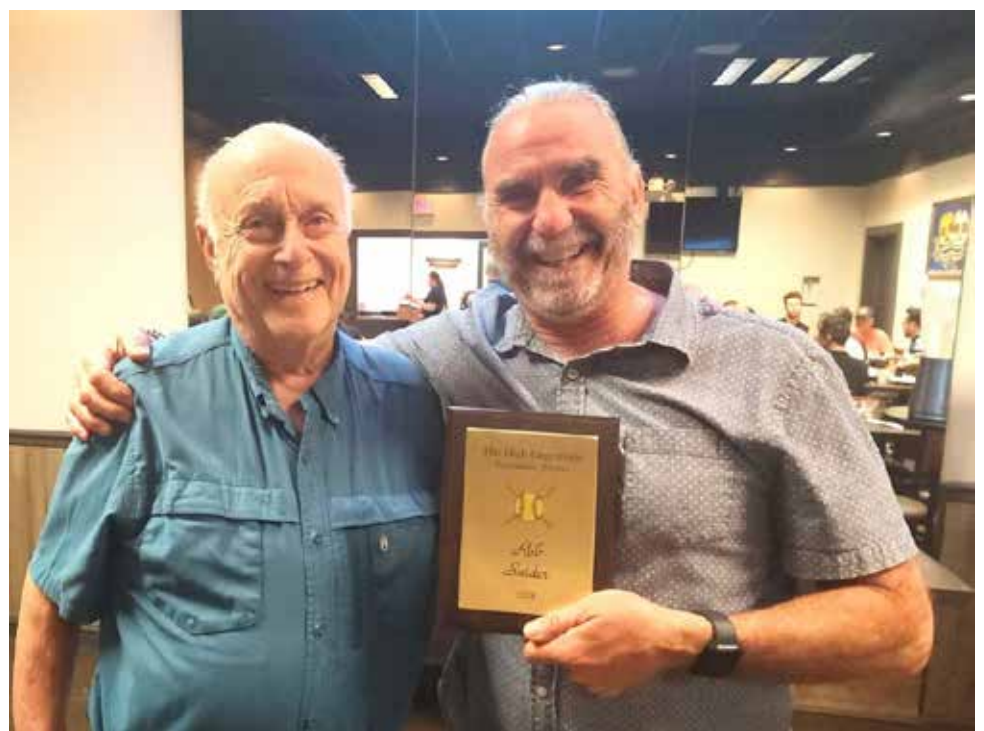
August 15 was National Relaxation Day, and our Jewish Toledo seniors took advantage with Sovereign Soul, LLC's Kimberly Post who brought another sound bath session. The sound bath included crystal quartz sound bowls, drums, chimes, and other instruments to create a beautiful and calming experience.



B'nai B'rith Baseball League banquet funded by Schall Fund and TJCF

In late August, Toledo's B'nai B'rith Baseball League held a banquet sponsored in part by a generous contribution from the Ben and Shirley Schall Spirit of Competition Award Fund at the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation. The fund was created by the Schalls' children - Perry Schall, Andrea Konz, and Beverly Markoff - in memory of Ben and Shirley and honors their memory as exemplary Jewish athletes and members of the Toledo Jewish community. They believed in competition, sportsmanship, and fair play. This year, the Dick Greenblatt Teammate Award was given to Rob Snider. The Schall Fund has committed to sponsoring the banquet for the next four years.

The Schall Fund also supports the Ben and Shirley Schall Jews in Sports reference collection at the William S. Carlson Library on the main University of Toledo Campus. We thank them for their ongoing support of Jewish participation in and connection to sports and athletic competition.



MONROE TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL

High Holiday Services - 5785

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, October 2 at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Yom Kippur

Friday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Guests are welcome to attend High Holiday services. If interested, contact Temple B'nai Israel in advance at monoretbi@gmail.com (correct spelling, not a typo). Donations are appreciated.

Temple Shomer Emunim

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
 Wednesday, October 2
 7:30pm

Rosh Hashanah Family Service
 Thursday, October 3
 9am in the Chapel

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
 Thursday, October 3
 10:30am in the Sanctuary

Shabbat Healing Service with Rabbi Delson and Dr. Andrew Pelletier
 Friday, October 4
 6pm

Kol Nidre
 Friday, October 11
 7:30pm

Yom Kippur Family Service
 Saturday, October 12
 9am in the Chapel

Yom Kippur Morning Service
 Saturday, October 12
 10:30am in the Sanctuary

Sushi and Sake in the Sukkah Erev Sukkot Celebration
 Wednesday, October 16 at 6pm

Consecration Shabbat
 Friday, October 18 at 6pm

Simchat Torah Celebration and Brisket Dinner
 Wednesday, October 23
 5pm

Simchat Torah/Shmini Atzeret Yizkor Service
 Thursday, October 24
 10:30am

Shabbat Service with Rabbi Delson and Dr. Andrew Pelletier
 Friday, October 25
 6pm

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CBI High Holiday Services 2024 : 5785

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OCTOBER

WED 2 EREV ROSH HASHANAH
 5:45 PM IP/LS: Evening Service

THU 3 ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1
 8:30 AM IP/LS: Morning Service
 10:30 AM IP: Jr. Congregation
 5:45 PM IP/ZM: Evening Service

FRI 4 ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2/ KABBALAT SHABBAT
 8:30 AM IP/LS: Morning Service
 5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

SAT 5 SHABBAT SHUVAH
 9:30 AM IP/LS: Shabbat Services
 12:45 PM IP: Shabbat Mincha Service

SUN 6 FAST OF GEDALIA SUKKAH BUILD
 9:30 AM IP/ZM: Morning Service
 10:00 AM IP: TASHLICH @ JCC Lake (weather permitting - bring bread)
 11:00 AM IP: KEVER AVOT - meet at Cemetery (graveside weather permitting, otherwise in the cemetery Chapel)

MON 7
 8:00 AM IP/ZM: Morning Service
 5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

TUE 8 & WED 9
 5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

THU 10
 8:00 AM IP/ZM: Morning Service
 5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

FRI 11 EREV YOM KIPPUR
 6:30 PM IP/LS: KOL NIDRE

SAT 12 YOM KIPPUR
 9:00 AM IP/LS: Morning Service
 10:45 AM IP: Jr. Congregation
 11:00 AM IP/LS: YIZKOR
 4:30 PM IP/LS: Mincha/N'ilah Service
 7:30 PM IP: BREAK THE FAST AT CBI

SUN 13
 8:30 AM SUKKAH BUILD - Rain date
 9:30 AM IP/ZM: Morning Service

MON 14
 8:00 AM IP/ZM: Morning Service
 5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

TUE 15
 5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

WED 16 EREV SUKOT
 5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

THU 17 SUKOT DAY 1
 9:30 AM IP/LS: Morning Service (Kiddush in the Sukkah)
 5:45 PM IP/LS: Evening Service (Kiddush in the Sukkah)

FRI 18 SUKOT DAY 2/ KABBALAT SHABBAT
 9:30 AM IP/LS: Morning Service (Kiddush in the Sukkah)
 5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

SAT 19 SHABBAT/ CHOL HAMOED SUKOT
 9:30 AM IP/LS: Shabbat Services (Kiddush in the Sukkah)
 12:45 PM IP: Shabbat Mincha Service

SUN 20 CHOL HAMOED SUKOT
 9:30 AM ZM: Morning Service
 5:00 PM IP/LS: SUKOT DINNER (Service begins at 5:00 PM)

MON 21 CHOL HAMOED SUKOT
 8:00 AM IP/ZM: Morning Service (Breakfast in the Sukkah)
 5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

TUE 22 CHOL HAMOED SUKOT
 5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

WED 23 HOSHANA RABBAH/ EREV SHEMINI ATZERET
 5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

THU 24 SHEMINI ATZERET
 9:30 AM IP/LS: Holiday Morning Service (Kiddush in the Social Hall)
 11:00 AM IP/LS: YIZKOR
 5:45 PM IP/LS: SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION & DESSERT (Service begins at 5:45 PM)

FRI 25 SIMCHAT TORAH/ KABBALAT SHABBAT
 9:30 AM IP/LS: Holiday Morning Service (Kiddush in the Social Hall)
 5:45 PM ZM: Evening Service

CBI OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:	ROSH HASHANAH Wed. Oct. 2 (noon) Thurs. Oct. 3 Fri. Oct. 4	YOM KIPPUR Fri. Oct. 11 (noon) Sat. Oct. 12	SUKKOT Thurs. Oct. 17 Fri. Oct. 18	SHEMINI ATZERET/ SIMCHAT TORAH Thurs. Oct. 24 Fri. Oct. 25
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Connecting Kids to Meals

Thursday, October 10, 2024 10 AM - 12 PM
 RSVP Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org by Oct. 3, 2024.

CBI Yom Kippur Break the Fast

Saturday, October 12, 2024, 7:30 PM at CBI
 Dinner will immediately follow the Neilah service
\$20 per person, children 12 & under \$10 - Reservations Required
Open to the members of all local congregations with RSVP
 To RSVP, email kbrody@cbitoledo.org or call the office at 419.517.8400 by Monday, Oct. 7, 2024.

CBI Sukkot Dinner

Sunday, October 20, 2024, 5:00 PM at CBI
 Dinner will be in the Sukkah with services to follow
\$15 per person, children 12 & under \$10 - Reservations Required
Open to the members of all local congregations with RSVP
 To RSVP, email kbrody@cbitoledo.org or call the office at 419.517.8400 by Monday, Oct. 14, 2024.

CBI Simchat Torah Celebration & Dessert

Friday, October 25, 2024, 5:45 PM at CBI
NO COST for CBI members, however voluntary donations are appreciated.
 To RSVP, email kbrody@cbitoledo.org or call the office at 419.517.8400 by Monday, Oct. 21, 2024.

CBI Adult Education:

"BRCA Gene in Ashkenazi Jews"

Sunday, October 27, 2024, 10:30 AM at CBI
 To RSVP, please email kbrody@cbitoledo.org or call the office at 419.517.8400 by Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024.

Congregation Etz Chayim

TASHLICH OBSERVANCE

During the late afternoon of Rosh Hashana, Thursday, October 3rd, everyone is invited to join together for a walk to Foxglove Meadow Park, 4415 Willis Blvd. for the observance of tashlich. The park is a short walking distance from the shul. Everyone should meet at Etz Chayim at 5:30 p.m. to walk or you may meet at the park at 5:50 p.m.

SUKKOT TIME SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Erev Sukkot 6:32 p.m. Candlelighting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Sukkot 7:30 p.m. Candlelighting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Sukkot 6:29 p.m. Candlelighting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Shabbat 7:28 p.m. Havdalah

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Chol Hamoed

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Chol Hamoed

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Chol Hamoed

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Hoshana Rabbah
6:22 p.m. Candlelighting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Shemini Atzeret
7:21 p.m. Candlelighting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Simchat Torah
6:19 p.m. Candlelighting

WEDNESDAYS WITH FRIENDS

Let's make decorations and decorate our Sukkah! There will be a variety of supplies and crafts to use your creativity and design fun decorations. Come on Wednesday, October 16th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. to help make and decorate.

POKER/MAJ

Everyone is welcome to play Poker or Maj on Sunday, October 27th from 10:00-noon. Snacks will be served. Please let Marc or Nancy Jacobson know if you will be attending.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

The sisterhood is planning a Sukkot luncheon on Tuesday, October 22nd at noon. Snacks and drinks will begin in the sukkah with a delicious lunch following. Please R.S.V.P. to Andrea Lublin or Cheryl Berkowitz.

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



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For women

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Friday **FACTS**
Weekly news of the Toledo Jewish community

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SAFETY



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

School Bus Safety

According to the National Safety Council, 25 million students nationwide take the school bus daily. Approximately 26 students are killed and 9,000 injured each year in incidents involving school buses. Keeping alert, knowing the traffic laws, and watching out for children getting on or off school buses is key to keeping our kids safe.

With school starting, school buses will be back on our roadways and our children will be crossing the streets more frequently.

You would be surprised how many drivers are not aware of Ohio Laws concerning passing a school bus. Below is information for motorists and students to help ensure our children's safety. For more information on Ohio traffic laws, view the Digest of Motor Vehicle Laws available through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

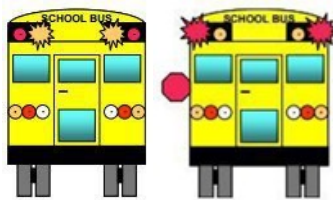
Never pass a school bus with flashing lights

In the state of Ohio, you must stop **when driving from either direction** (does not apply to multiple-lane or divided highways) until the children are safely off the street and the school bus lights stop flashing. The yellow flashing lights signal you to slow down and prepare to make a complete stop. **When the red-light flashes**, your vehicle must be fully stopped, even if the "stop sign" arm is not extended on the side of the bus.

What Do the Red/Yellow Lights Mean?

Yellow/Amber Flashing Lights - The bus is preparing to stop and pick up or discharge students. Normally turned on approximately 300 feet before bus stops. Motorists should prepare to stop as soon as the bus comes to a complete stop and/or the red flashing lights come on.

Yellow Lights - Prepare to Stop



Red Flashing Lights - Motorists must stop. Students are exiting or boarding the bus. Stop 10 feet from the front or rear of a school bus and do not proceed until the bus resumes motion. Never pass a school bus that has red flashing lights on, even if the "stop sign" arm is not extended.

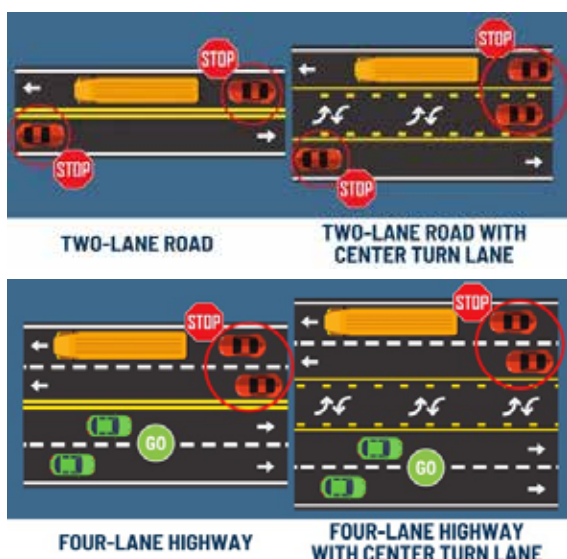
Red Lights/Stop Sign- Must Stop

Stop Sign - Motorists must stop. Students are exiting or boarding the bus. Stop 10 feet from the front or rear of a school bus and do not proceed until the bus resumes motion. Never pass a school bus with the red stop sign is displayed or the red lights are flashing.

You must stop in both directions on a two-lane road

On a road with fewer than four lanes, all traffic approaching a stopped school bus from either direction must stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus and remain stopped until the bus begins to move, or the bus driver signals motorists to proceed. According to Ohio traffic laws, motorists can receive up to a \$500 fine and possible suspended license for up to a year for failure to stop.

If the bus is stopped on a street with four or more lanes, only traffic proceeding in the same direction as the bus must stop.



Be aware of children entering or exiting the bus

Most school-bus-related accidents occur when children are crossing the street. It is important to be aware of the flashing lights and children crossing the street.

Maintain a safe distance from the school bus

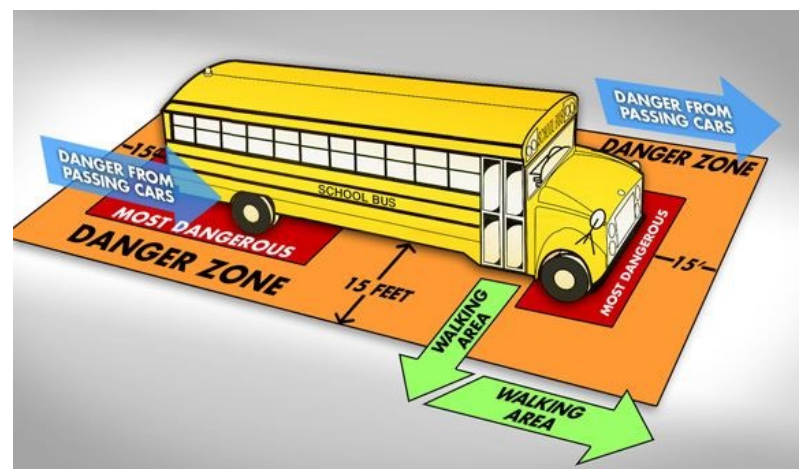
School buses make frequent stops, including at all railroad crossings. Always maintain a 2-3 second distance from the bus, even before the bus puts on its yellow lights. Be mindful that school buses drive at a slower speed than regular traffic. Do not pass a school bus unless the driver signals you to do so. Remember, you may be in the blind spot of the school bus! Also, you must stop no less than 10 feet behind the bus, so maintain your distance.

Put away your cell phone

Do not drive distracted. Most vehicle crashes are due to distracted drivers. No text or call is worth injury or loss of life.

Tips for Students for a Safe Ride

School buses are the safest way for students to travel, but children also need to do their part to stay alert and aware of their surroundings to prevent injury. More school-age pedestrians have been killed during the hour before and after school than any other time of day, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Although drivers are required by law to stop for a school bus when it is loading or unloading passengers, they often do not. Children should not rely on them to do so. The National Safety Council urges parents to teach their children the following safety rules for getting on and off the bus, and for exercising good behavior while riding.



Getting on the Bus

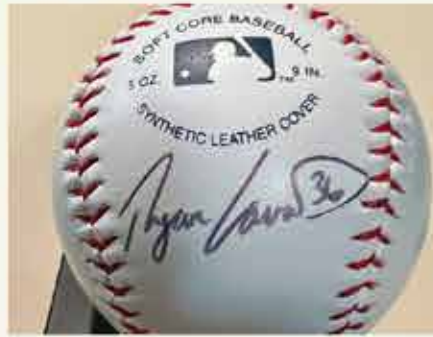
- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness.
- Do not stray onto the street, alleys, or private property.
- Line up away from the street or road as the bus approaches.
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before approaching the bus.
- Use the handrail when boarding.

Getting Off the Bus

- Use the handrail when exiting.
- If you must cross in front of the bus, first walk at least 10 feet ahead until you can see the driver.
- Make sure the driver can see you.
- Wait for a signal from the driver before crossing.
- When the driver signals, look left, right, then left again. Walk across the road and keep an eye out for sudden traffic changes.
- If your vision is blocked, move to an area where you can see other drivers and they can see you.
- Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver signals it is safe.
- Always stay away from the rear wheels of the bus.

BASEBALL & BELONGING

WITH
RYAN LAVARNWAY



In early September, Jewish Toledo enjoyed a day full of uplifting fun with Ryan Lavarney, retired Major League Baseball catcher, baseball Olympian for Team Israel, and Mud Hens player in 2022. First, Ryan stopped by Sunday morning religious school, sharing his children's book, *Baseball & Belonging*, with the students. Next he joined more than 100 community members at Fifth Third Field for lunch and an inspirational telling of his Jewish journey. Ryan signed baseballs and copies of his books then threw the ceremonial first pitch for the game in support of his former Mud Hens team. Ryan's visit to Toledo concluded with "Baseball & Bourbon," a men's only (21+) event at Shorty's Back Forty restaurant. He engaged in a fascinating discussion with Stephen Rothschild, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) CEO, then participated in a Q&A about his insights of the game, the life of a professional Jewish athlete, and more.



Ryan played for eight MLB teams over his 10-year career, winning a World Series with the Boston Red Sox in 2013. He was also a member of the Team Israel international baseball team in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, the 2017 and 2023 World Baseball Classic tournaments, and the 2023 Baseball European Championship where he served as Israel's Captain. Since retiring from baseball, Ryan has served as a broadcaster, including as a television analyst for the Colorado Rockies and has also appeared as a motivational speaker at Harvard, Yale Law School, Kent State, various leadership summits and numerous Jewish community centers. He recently launched an inspirational podcast, "Finding the Way."



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