



## BASEBALL & BELONGING

ALL AGES AND STAGES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY ARE INVITED



### JEWISH TOLEDO COMMUNITY MUD HENS GAME VS. INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS



FEATURING RYAN LAVARNWAY

RETIRED MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL CATCHER, WORLD SERIES WINNER (2013, BOSTON RED SOX), BASEBALL OLYMPIAN (TEAM ISRAEL CAPTAIN), FORMER TOLEDO MUD HEN, AND AUTHOR

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

NOON: LUNCH & SCHMOOZE WITH RYAN LAVARNWAY

2:05 P.M.: GAME BEGINS FIFTH THIRD FIELD - PRIVATE SPACE

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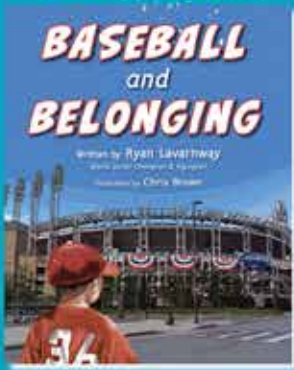
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Hear about his Jewish journey!



BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE EVENT



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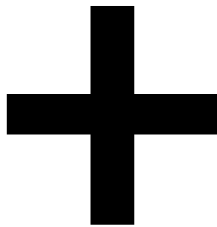
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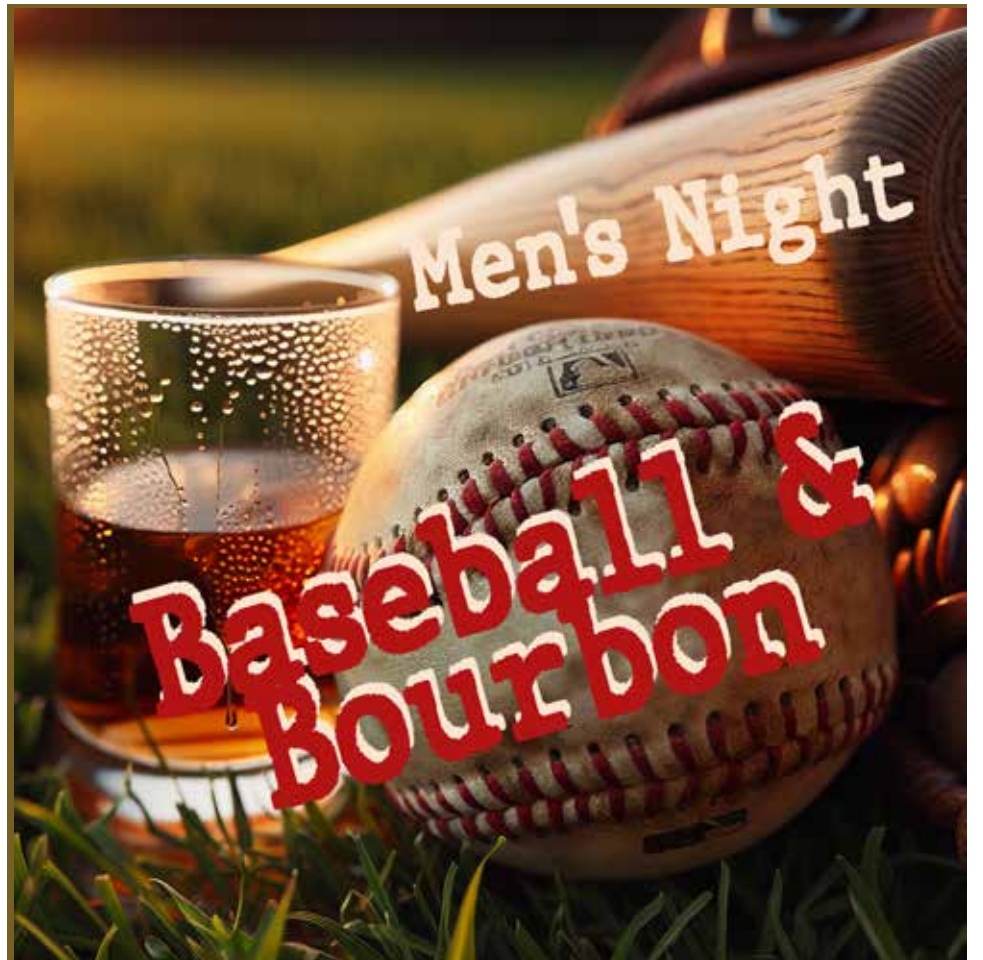


## Soup-Coats for Sukkot!

**Sunday, October 20 at 11:30 a.m.**  
**Sekach Building**  
**Includes a soup lunch**  
**For community members of all ages**

Donate new or gently used winter coats and winter gear to benefit Susie's Coats for Kids; Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services Food Pantry; and Burrito Blessings.

\*More information coming soon



## BASEBALL & BOURBON

**Sunday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Shorty's Back Forty, 5215 Monroe St.**  
\$18 per person - includes vegetarian dinner, soft drinks, and one alcoholic drink. Cash bar available.

Enjoy a men's only night out and meet Ryan Lavarney, the renowned catcher and captain for Team Israel. Participate in an engaging Q&A session and hear from Ryan firsthand about his experiences in professional baseball, his journey with Team Israel, his personal Jewish journey, and his insights on the game. Ask your burning questions about baseball strategy, training tips, and the life of a professional athlete.



RSVP by Friday, September 6 to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/baseball> or to Sherry Majewski at [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org) or 419-724-0351

This event will include a "case for giving" presentation to support Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo. We appreciate your consideration and generosity in supporting our mission.



Ryan Lavarney is a Retired Major League Baseball catcher, World Series winner (2013 Boston Red Sox), Baseball Olympian (Team Israel), Former Toledo Mud Hen, and author.

Don't miss this chance to spend an evening with a baseball legend, enjoy top-tier bourbon, and connect with like-minded men. Secure your spot today for a night to remember!

Ryan Lavarney

# Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo

## SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS & HOLY DAYS



### LABOR DAY

**Monday, 9/2**  
Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo offices closed

### DEVICE ADVICE W/TIM HAGEN

**Seniors** **Wednesday, 9/4**  
Sekach Building **11 a.m.**  
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### BASEBALL & BELONGING

**Community** *with Ryan Lavarney* **Sunday, 9/8**  
Fifth Third Field **Noon**  
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### MEN'S BASEBALL & BOURBON

**Men 21+** *with Ryan Lavarney* **Sunday, 9/8**  
Shorty's Back Forty **6:30 p.m.**  
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### CREATE & RELATE SENIOR EXPO

**Seniors/Community** **Thursday, 9/12**  
Sekach Building **Noon**  
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### F.C. VOLUNTEER KICKOFF

**Friendship Circle** **Sunday, 9/15**  
Chabad House **Noon**

### NORTHERN MICHIGAN HONEY

**JCRC/Community** **Thursday, 9/19**  
Sekach Building **6 p.m.**  
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### DEVICE ADVICE W/TIM HAGEN

**Seniors** **Wednesday, 9/25**  
Sekach Building **11 a.m.**  
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### PJ & GAN PLAYDATE

**Ages 0-4 plus grownup(s)** **Thursday, 9/26**  
Gan Yeladim Preschool **9:30 a.m.**  
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### FIRESIDE CHAT #1: ISRAELI GOVT

**JCRC/Community** **Thursday, 9/26**  
Sekach Building **6 p.m.**  
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## OCTOBER PROGRAMS & HOLY DAYS



### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

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

### 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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### KOL NIDRE

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

### YOM KIPPUR

**Saturday, 10/12**

### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SUN 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 Robert Yaffe* **Tuesday, 10/29**  
Congregation B'nai Israel **Noon**  
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Our Fed Fest Summer Bash had it all... perfect weather; fantastic music (thanks John Morton Band); delicious food (so much love to Unicorn Farts cotton candy, Maybe Cheese Born with It Food Truck, Glaze 'Em Gourmet Funnel Cakes, Tapped 419, and Kona Ice); fun activities (thank you, Kurt Nielsen Photography, Art Me Party Entertainment, and Air Extreme Ohio, LLC.); and amazing friends (too many to name!) We are so thrilled that Jewish Toledo showed up for a fun event where we could celebrate togetherness, positivity, and strength.

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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 Gordon Levine  
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Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Stone  
Mr. & Mrs. James Tuschman

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In Honor of Jay Romanoff  
Mr. & Mrs. Joel Beren

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In Memory of Phyllis Horwitz  
Mr. Michael Mostov

In Memory of Albie Romanoff  
Mr. Michael Mostov

## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The following names were inadvertently missing from our August 2024 issue list of volunteers. We apologize for the omission.

Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo (JFGT) recognizes and thanks the lay volunteers who have donated countless hours of their time in support of our work over the past year. The people identified below sit on one of our many affiliated boards, standing or ad hoc committees, supporting organizations, or parent groups, or volunteer in connection with our programs and services. They have attended dozens of board and committee meetings, volunteered in support of our Food Pantry, delivered packages, led programs, consulted, and made phone calls in support of improving Jewish life in northwest Ohio and around the world. Without their selfless contributions of time, experience, skills, expertise, and knowledge, Jewish Toledo would not be the caring and involved community that it is and will always be. We are grateful and honored to thank you for being such an important part of fulfilling JFGT's mission. We are always looking to add to this list. If you are interested in getting involved in big or small ways, contact Stephen Rothschild at [stephen@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:stephen@jewishtoledo.org).

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

# Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo

## Lion of Judah Endowment

### Forever Lion focus: Sandy Soifer



*Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE) donors are Lions who have established a fund with the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation to forever perpetuate their Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Annual Campaign gift. Women who create a LOJE with a minimum commitment of \$100,000, establish a current or irrevocable future charitable gift to care for the Jewish community in perpetuity. Greater Toledo currently has 23 "Forever Lions" – including Sandy Soifer – who are generously providing ongoing support for the local and global Jewish community.*



Sandy Soifer established her LOJE in May 2024.

She explained, "Now more than ever it is important to [my husband, Paul Goldner, and I] to support all types of Jewish causes financially in any way possible. This has been an incredibly trying time, so obviously we've been thinking about this even more this year. Jewish philanthropy is something that is a very big priority in our lives, and a [LOJE] is just another way that we can give generously; we are extremely grateful and fortunate that we can do so."

Sandy grew up in the suburbs of New York city in the Hudson River Valley. She moved to East Lansing in 1974 so her late husband could attend law school. She raised a family and lived in East Lansing for more than 40 years until she met Paul and moved to Toledo. She is currently serving the first of a two-year term as Michigan State University (MSU) Hillel president; she has served a total of 21 years on the MSU board.

"I grew up in a household where my parents were tremendously supportive of many causes, including Jewish philanthropy," Sandy said. "My parents were charter members of the reform temple that I grew up attending. My father was a past B'nai B'rith chair and chair of Israel Bonds for that region of New York City. Paul is the chair of Israel Bonds for this region of Ohio. Instead of having a normal dining room table [growing up] we had a board room table, and one or two nights a week my parents would have a meeting at that table. My parents were a wonderful example growing up in that household." Of particular importance to Sandy is that Jewish Toledo continues to thrive. "This is a very unique community," she added. "I was fundraiser and marketing director for the MSU Alumni Association. It's not easy. But Toledo is a unique city to have a big Jewish endowment. We can provide things other communities can't. I hope that continues through the generosity of the Jewish families who are still here. I hope [the LOJE gift] inspires others to do as we have done."

*For more information on establishing a LOJE, please contact Stephen Rothschild at 419-724-0372 or [stephen@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:stephen@jewishtoledo.org).*

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual NWOHio Jewish Book Festival



### Relinquished

by Robert Yaffe

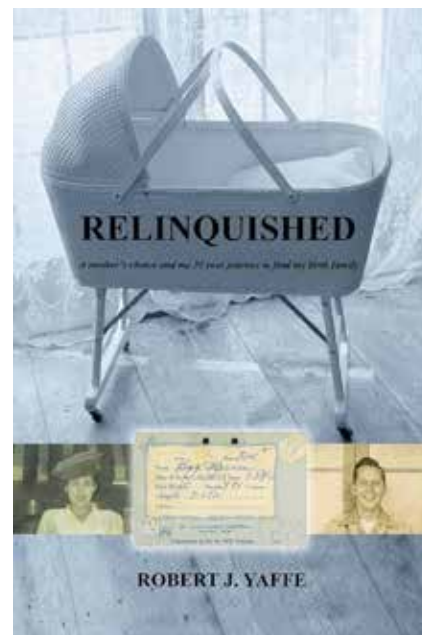
Tuesday, October 29 at 12 p.m.

Congregation B'nai Israel, 6525 Sylvania Ave.

\$5 – includes kosher luncheon and author presentation

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

(Generously funded by Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization)



*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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or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351

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### \*Rescheduled Date\*



#### Senior trip to the Maltz Museum (Cleveland)

Including lunch and kosher shopping

Tuesday, September 17

8-8:30 a.m. - board the bus at the JCC/YMCA, 6465 Sylvania Ave.

Approx. 3-3:30 p.m. - return to the JCC/YMCA parking lot

Annual Campaign donors - \$10 per person

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

Includes bus ride, admission to museum, and lunch

**\*please bring your own cooler(s) for shopping at the kosher grocery store\***



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# Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo

## SAVE THE DATE

With two community events, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo will be marking a year since the October 7 attack on Israel by Hamas.



## 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.

Register by Friday, October 4 at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events> or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto: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.

Register by Friday, October 25 at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events> or with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org).

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

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## Fireside Chats

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



### Fireside Chat #1 Dynamics of the Israeli Government Thursday, Sept. 26

It can be confusing trying to follow the avalanche of information coming out of Israel every day, especially if you're not familiar with their system of government or the key players. Join us for a brief overview of how Israel's government works and who the key government leaders are to gain a better understanding of some of Israel's wartime actions.

### 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](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org).

## Northern Michigan Honey Sampling

Thursday, September 19  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.  
Annual Campaign Donors - \$10 per person  
Non-donors to the Annual Campaign - \$18 per person  
Includes honey sampling and dinner



Please join us for an introduction to the beautiful synagogues of northern Michigan (yes, there are shuls up north!) and a chance to sample honey from each region - Traverse City, Petoskey, Hancock, Marquette, and Alpena - as we get 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, will talk about their experiences of Jewish life in these small communities. Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Tech Coordinator, Tim Hagen, will take you on a virtual reality tour of the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula (U.P.), and we'll all enjoy an appropriately themed dinner, too. It'll be an evening of Pure Michigan!

RSVP at <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/JCRC-events> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org).



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# Book review

## Loaves of Torah: Flour Power

By Mary Bilyeu, Community Relations Programming Specialist

“Vanessa, do you match your challot to the Torah portion every week?” asked a dean at an autumn Shabbaton to which Rabbi Vanessa M. Harper, then a rabbinical student, had brought a rainbow-colored loaf in honor of Parashat Noach.

Oh, no, she might have answered with a dismissive chuckle. This was just once, for fun.

But then she immediately thought of another challah possibility for a different parasha, and realized in an instant that this could actually be feasible rather than merely a fluke.

So, “I do now!” was what she instinctively replied.

Thus, Rabbi Harper’s @lechlechallah account was created on Instagram to document her year-long effort to create a loaf of bread relating to each week’s Torah portion. And that project has now evolved into yet another one: a gorgeous book, *Loaves of Torah: Exploring the Jewish Year through Challah*, in which each parasha is represented through unique edible artworks to bring “that much more care, thought, and love to the centerpiece of your festive table” each Shabbat, she writes in the introduction.

As she was studying and contemplating to devise a bread-based interpretation for each week’s reading, Rabbi Harper began to notice details in the texts that had eluded her previously, or which leapt out as particularly stellar examples for visual storytelling. She found that she could elucidate through condensing and coalescing the message.

As a result, “the act of shaping the dough was shaping my torah,” she writes.

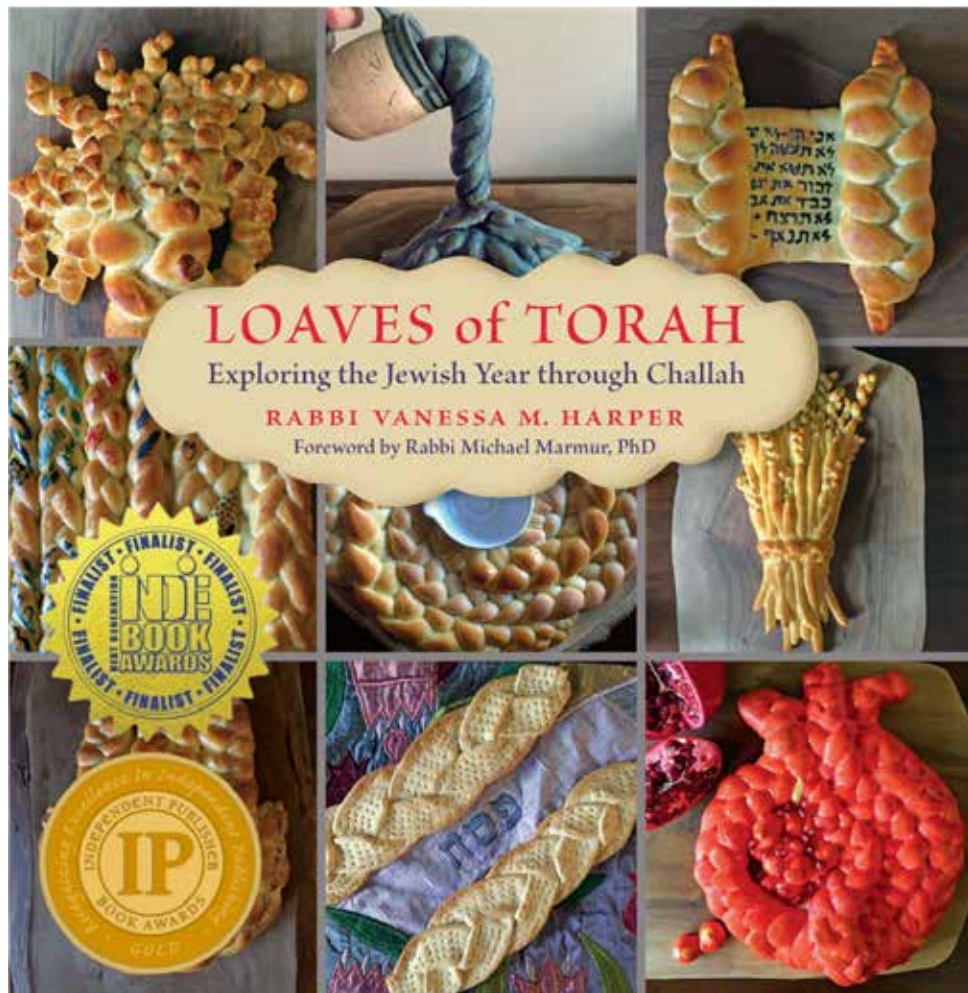
Rabbi Harper’s book showcases a full year’s worth of extraordinary loaves: a vivid coat of many colors (*Vayeishev*), a burning bush (*Sh’mot*), two intricately swirled loaves representing the parting of the Sea of Reeds (*B’shalach*), hands extended to give the priestly blessing (*Naso*), woven tzitzit (*Ki Teitzei*), and a lulav and etrog for Sukkot among them.

It also includes challot for the holidays and for each Rosh Chodesh: a monthly holiday whose celebration holds particular significance for women.

According to tradition, Rosh Chodesh was given to the Israelite women to recognize and reward them for not having participated in the idolatry of the Golden Calf. And in recent decades, observance of it has increased among Jewish women, who engage in communal spiritual, social, and educational activities to welcome the arrival of each new month in the Hebrew calendar.

While *Loaves of Torah* has universal appeal and can be used in a variety of educational pursuits for all age groups, it is a joyful celebration of the feminine and offers a distinct feminist perspective on Judaism.

“As I was doing some of my own learning,” Rabbi Harper explained in a recent phone interview, she found “there was very little that was written on an academic basis about challah.” So digging more deeply was important to her, and she subsequently created a bibliography that elevates the study of this traditional



women’s work to the level of important scholarship.

She has not only provided a detailed history of challah, but also included extensive notes and footnotes. There are 57 citations at the end of the introduction alone, from Gil Marks’ authoritative *Encyclopedia of Jewish Food* and the *Babylonian Talmud*, to a quote from Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb who maintained that “the word challah appears to be related to the word for women’s dancing called *machol* and refers to round dancing and holding bread while dancing and praying.”

But “the law of separating challah, and where we get the name ‘challah’ from” – taking a portion of dough to burn, a role that was within women’s purview of religious practice – “was supposed to be limited to the land of Israel,” she continued. “It should’ve died out [after the destruction of the Second Temple], but didn’t.”

And why not?

Rabbi Harper noted that her work in creating challot based on verses of Torah united the convention of men being the ones who bring a d’var Torah to the Shabbat table with the women’s tradition of baking the challah, thus “bringing Torah to the table.”

There was “so little space for women to do their own spiritual practice,” but this was an acceptable area, the rabbi theorized. “The practice of hafrashat challah was maintained because this was a major locus of women’s spirituality, and they weren’t ready to give it up.”

Challah is a unique medium for expression, Rabbi Harper notes – familiar but still unpredictable, challenging but rewarding. It comes “with a three-thousand-year religious and cultural history,” she writes in the book, “but it is also alive and has the power to nourish life in turn.”

Much like Torah itself.

The bread-making process is somewhat akin to studying with a *chavruta* – the traditional form of Jewish study: a partner who has their own

ideas, their own perspectives, perhaps a bit of stubbornness, and their own contributions to make to the learning process while striving to move forward in tandem.

The push-pull of working with yeasted dough, especially, provides a stellar example of active vs. passive learning: sometimes you direct, sometimes you listen and contemplate.

“I like to think of it as a co-creation,” she offered, when baking challah. “It’s not just the thought and the crafting, but there’s also an ‘outside of control’ element. When you’re doing this particular method of Torah study, the dough is alive and it’s a partner in that creation process,” with its own individuality and limitations.

“A lot of the work came in the planning [of the loaves],” Rabbi Harper explained. She would strive, while reading, to interpret each week’s teaching, searching for “one big image or idea that would

stand out, then try to figure out, ‘How am I going to do this?’” She was usually able to discern how to represent a core truth and message from each parasha.

On some occasions, though – such as when she was preparing to create a loaf to correlate with *Matot/Mas’ei* – she admitted, “I had no ideas when I went to the counter and I started to shape. And that became the impetus for the commentary,” which centers on the Israelites’ wandering in the desert.

Rather than being wasted time, Rabbi Harper writes in her book, the period spent in that “expansive wilderness was an open and fertile space for process, experimentation, failure, and revision” – an opportunity for the Israelites to learn, to evolve, to re-envision their lives, and to form a peoplehood. “Like a blank sheet of paper” – or a formless blob of challah dough – “the wilderness is a place in which ideas can be worked out, and new and creative forms can emerge – a place where, perhaps, if you sit and stare at it long enough, you might receive revelation.”

The rabbi worked with the dough, still unsure. And then as partners – together – they created a flatbread desert with an unplanned air pocket (the yeast’s contribution) that could be considered Mt. Sinai. Added in were small swirls and loops full of momentum, placed by Rabbi Harper in the bottom corner of the landscape to represent the wanderers as they moved toward their goal.

“The bread dough [led] me to what it would become,” she said. The final product was “the result of collaboration,” she remarked, between the yeast, the flour, the oven, and herself.

Rabbi Harper proudly said that she’s “happy to join a nice handful of people who are doing visual interpretations of Torah parasha-by-parasha,” as individuals learn through a variety of teaching methods: some by seeing, some by listening, some by doing.

But tactile learning is often disregarded, much to her disappointment.

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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 a board member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo. Lauren is also the author of a forthcoming book about her late husband, his joyful approach to life and work as an oncologist, and how examining his life helped her better cope with her grief. To learn more about Lauren's journey and her work on living well after loss, visit [www.literally-lauren.com](http://www.literally-lauren.com).



I wake in a sweat, my t-shirt slightly damp and my heart racing. I feel fuzzy and confused, still in a daze and unclear about my reality. Even though Brad has been gone for four years, I am somewhat surprised that he is not laying in bed next to me. The heart attack that took Brad's life in August of 2020 was swift, his loss sudden and abrupt; however, in my stupor, I believe that he may still be alive. My dreams the night before rearranged the

details of his death in an inconceivable manner: instead of a massive myocardial infarction taking his life, it caused him to enter a year's long coma, followed by a recovery in which he regained consciousness and returned to "normal" life. While I have dreamt of Brad from time to time since his untimely passing, I have never imagined that he recovered from his heart attack. During the dream, I feel simultaneously relieved that he is alive but also guilty that I have moved forward in my life without him.

Attending my spousal loss support group has helped me process and cope with my grief on a variety of levels. Nevertheless, I have actually been surprised how often certain themes emerge in our conversations regardless of the circumstances of a loved one's death. One topic which arises time and again is guilt. I cannot think of a single person in our group who has not felt a sense of guilt at some point in their grief journey. While the reflections and situations vary greatly, the feeling state seems to resonate with everyone. I have heard both widows and widowers question themselves relentlessly: Could I have done more to

prevent my spouse's loss? Should I have taken my chronically ill spouse to seek out other treatment options? What else could I have done on the day he/she died? Why did I survive? How is it acceptable to live and thrive in my life when they can no longer be here to do the same?

Despite my conscious awareness that I deserve to live fully and well, this last question seems to linger in my subconscious. Indeed, it is a topic I have explored in my group, on my own, through my writing, and with my therapist. After losing a life partner, I think it is only natural to wonder how your late spouse would feel about you moving forward in your life without him/her. I believe that spousal bereavement particularly evokes self-exploration as you have essentially lost a huge piece of your daily life and personal identity. In our group, we have discussed the idea of dating after loss and how much it affects all the people in your orbit, especially children and other family members. On a related note, we have discussed some of the intricacies related to these larger questions: How long should I wear my

wedding ring? How will others view me if and when I decide to explore a new romantic partnership? How long should I wait to enter the dating world? Am I emotionally ready and available to be in partnership with a new person?

While every situation is different and there is clearly no correct way to approach the challenge of rebuilding a life after profound loss, I feel it is essential to ask yourself these questions and find a safe space to explore these thoughts. In my case, whenever I have found myself struggling with these sorts of questions, I have tried to remind myself about how my late husband approached his own life. As Brad was so full of vigor and tried to live as fully as possible, I imagine he would want me to continue to live in the same vein. While I can never know for certain how he would view the choices I have made, I feel certain that he would want me to be happy and feel loved. This knowledge brings me a sense of peace and helps me move forward with an open heart. It also reminds me to have gratitude that I AM living every day with the happiness and love he would have wanted for me.

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"The kinesthetic aspect of this activates different parts of our brain. That's an element of this that I hope to open up," both for adults and for children, as she inspires people to engage with challah or other malleable materials as a form of study.

You don't have to consider yourself a baker or an artist, Rabbi Harper insisted: "I'm asking you to play," and to create whatever il-loaf-strations (pun intended by your TJN scribe) might speak to you as you mix, knead, and shape your own dough.

However it turns out, "it will be yours," she said encouragingly. "And it will mean something to you."

While the rabbi used to refuse to choose a favorite among her own beautiful challot, she thoughtfully acknowledged that the loaf she created for *B'reishit* was "the one that I'm proudest of."

Having impulsively started @lechlechallah at *Noach*, she had been engaged in her Torah-inspired project for nearly an entire year, but without having actually begun at the beginning.

So when *B'reishit* came 'round again, Rabbi Harper had another twelve

months of study and an additional twelve months of challah-making experience at her disposal, ready to inform her new creation.

And that's precisely what the theme of the exquisite challah is: Creation.

"It's particularly elaborate," she noted, with seven bands laid next to each other.

It starts with a simple strand whose top portion is painted black, for the light that was formed from darkness on the first day.

The second is a twist of two ropes made from dough, painted with swirls of clouds and water to indicate the sky and the oceans that were separated on the second day.

The third is a traditional three-strand braid bearing representations of water and earth.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth are more complicated braids, each prepared with the corresponding number of strands and decorated with symbols indicating what G-d had made on that day: suns and moons; feathers and scales; and hands, hearts, and eyes representing human beings.

And what about the final band, for the

seventh day?

It's been left plain, as nothing was created on that day of rest.

"The most fun part is the seventh strand that was left blank for Shabbat," Rabbi Harper said. "What does it mean that that seventh day is blank? What goes there?" she asked.

"The interesting conversation is in the blank one," she noted.

The rabbi admits that she had been "intimidated by bread for most of my life," but challenges readers not to be afraid to start baking challah.

"It's not just about that end result." Just as it is with Torah study, she continued, "the learning happens in the process. The real learning and the excitement and all the good stuff goes into the process of making it."

Rabbi Harper's book offers pictorial guides that you can follow and combine to create an infinite number of different shapes. But, "I don't care what it looks like at the end," she emphasized.

Instead, "I want you to have a meaningful experience in making it."

So, if you're looking for new ways to support and strengthen your Jewish life

as we approach the beginning of a new year, *Loaves of Torah* offers an abundance of inspiration.

"Each chapter is very bite-sized," Rabbi Harper explained, while still providing verses to read and ponder, commentary to study, prompts to encourage creative activities, and a *kavanah* (intention) at the end of each short chapter.

"We read Torah over and over again every year," she said. But each time you re-read a parasha in the cycle, she continued, "you're in a different place" and thus bring new insights and perspectives to the text.

It's the same with baking challah. With each loaf, you bring more knowledge, more experience, and new inspirations – as well as confidence – for shaping the dough.

"At the end of the day, the real value of this endeavor is process over product – the act of making the dough, interpreting the text," Rabbi Harper concluded.

"There's always something else to learn."

*"Loaves of Torah: Exploring the Jewish Year through Challah" by Rabbi Vanessa M. Harper, \$31.95 at Central Conference of American Rabbis Press, ccarpress.org.*



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# News

## Israel's Leket keeping focus on boosting farmers

*Normally focused on food rescue, the nonprofit has pivoted to bolstering the agricultural sector, which has been particularly hard-hit by the Oct. 7 attacks and ensuing war.*

By Judah Ari Gross  
July 30, 2024

Nearly 10 months after the Oct. 7 attacks and the resulting conflicts on Israel's southern and northern borders, the Israeli food security organization Leket is keeping its focus on propping up Israel's hard-hit farmers, but has not yet decided if this will be a permanent element of the food rescue nonprofit's activities, its founder and chairman told eJewishPhilanthropy.

"Since Oct. 7, almost all our work has been focused on helping farmers," said Joseph Gitler, who launched Leket Israel in 2003 and continues to play a leading role in the organization alongside CEO Gidi Krach.

Leket ordinarily focuses on "rescuing" crops and prepared food from industrial kitchens that would otherwise be destroyed or thrown away and distributing it - through some 270 partner organizations - to Israeli families in need. As Israeli farmers have faced a host of challenges since Oct. 7, Leket has instead organized and dispatched over 70,000 volunteers from Israel and abroad to Israeli farms to assist them plant, prune and harvest crops, which are overwhelmingly not being donated but are instead being sold in the market. (In order to continue providing food to Israelis in need, Leket has been purchasing crops from farmers instead of receiving them as donations.)

"So our [food] rescue has dropped dramatically. It's not that the [amount of] crops our volunteers are picking has dropped - it's grown dramatically - but we're not getting those crops. Here and there we are... but we purchased over \$10 million worth of crops since Oct. 7 to help farmers and to make up for what's been lost because we're not getting as much of the resources," Gitler said.

According to a new study by Leket and the consulting firm BOO, the first six months of the Gaza war saw the amount of food wasted in the agricultural sector increase to 22%, more than double the 9% of food waste from the same period before the war.

The additional 150,000 tons of wasted agricultural produce cost the economy an estimated \$280 million - \$185 million in the value of the wasted food, \$35 million in the environmental costs attributed to food waste and \$60 million in "additional healthcare costs attributable to consuming less healthy food and the resulting harm to citizens' health," according to the Leket study.

"This report highlights Israel's failure on the food security front. Our national resilience was damaged. Since the outbreak of the war, fruit and vegetable prices have risen by about 13%. The food insecurity gap in Israel increased by 8%. Food waste in the agricultural sector rose by 13%," Chen Herzog, the chief economist of BOO and the editor of

the report, wrote in a statement. "While reconstructing the communities around

Gaza and in the North, it will not be enough to revert to the previous situation. A new economic reality must be created that enhances agricultural output, addresses labor challenges in the agricultural sector, and creates appropriate incentives to support Israeli agriculture."

The Hamas terror attacks and ensuing war in Gaza and fighting along Israel's northern border have had a disproportionate effect on Israel's agricultural sector. According to Leket, over 30% of the agricultural land in Israel is located on the front lines of the conflicts, with approximately 22% in the Gaza border area and 10% on the northern border. Many of the communities attacked by terrorists on Oct. 7 and many of those still evacuated - in the south and the north - are agricultural communities.

In the attacks, terrorists also deliberately targeted agricultural infrastructure, destroying heavy machinery, irrigation lines and other equipment. Although the Israeli government is meant to compensate farmers for this destroyed property, this generally does not cover the full cost of replacing it.

As a result of the Oct. 7 massacres, in which dozens of foreign workers were murdered, and the lingering threat of further attacks from Gaza and Lebanon, the foreign nationals who often work in Israeli fields have not returned, and the Israeli government has also barred Palestinian laborers from taking their place. According to Leket, since the outbreak of the war, the agricultural sector workforce decreased by approximately 40%, mainly foreign and Palestinian workers.

Many of the forward-operating bases that the Israeli military has established around Gaza and the Lebanese border have been in agricultural fields, limiting farmers' access to them or rendering them entirely unusable.

All of this has put enormous stress on Israeli farmers, whom Leket has set out to help with its volunteer coordination and by establishing a low- and no-interest loan fund with the nonprofit lender Ogen and a \$4 million grant fund with the Israeli food giant Strauss Group. For Israel, supporting Israeli farmers and its domestic crop production is critical for ensuring the country's overall food security, as foreign exports could be cut off or impeded.

Gitler lamented that its loan and grant funds are insufficient in the face of farmers' growing needs. "That \$4 million fund, when we publicized it to farmers who were eligible, we got \$17 million in requests," he said. "It was really painful

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## LPRs an added layer of protection and security

On August 8, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, using a security grant, was able to install FLOCK License Plate Readers (LPR) at the entrances of the JCC/YMCA and Temple Shomer Emunim. These two LPRs will capture all vehicle traffic that goes to Temple Shomer Emunim; Congregation B'nai Israel; Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services; Gan Yeladim Preschool; Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo; and the JCC/YMCA. Automated license plate readers are high-speed cameras that can quickly catch photographs of license plate numbers to capture their location at a specific time and date. In a two-week period, the LPR captured and read 9,545 license plates.

LPRs can help law enforcement agencies detect stolen cars, find missing persons, and assist in investigations. They can also alert officers to vehicles that are tied to criminal activity. For example, LPRs can compare license plate numbers against a database of stolen vehicles and send an alert to law enforcement if a match is found. The LPRs that the Federation installed are connected to local law enforcement partners.

LPRs can increase security by recording every entry onto the JCC/YMCA complex, so when the LPR detects a plate that alerts that the vehicle is stolen or associated with a wanted or missing person, Sylvania Township PD and Sylvania PD will be alerted immediately and respond to the location.

### *Community Benefits of LPRs*

- Locate stolen vehicles that enter the complex;
- Locate vehicles entering the complex that are wanted in connection to felony crimes;
- Provide local law enforcement with investigative leads into crimes committed within the city and complex;
- Detect vehicles associated with missing/at-risk persons (Amber/Silver alerts);
- Increase security

For Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, license plate recognition systems are one way to provide an extra layer of security to facilities. The organization can control access to the premises by creating a hot list of vehicles not allowed on the property. The LPR system will quickly and accurately verify vehicles that enter



the parking lots. The system will ensure that only authorized vehicles have access to these areas. When the LPR cameras catch vehicles that are on the Hot List that enter the complex, an automated alert will be sent.

Alerts will be sent to Sylvania Township PD and Sylvania PD for quick response on hits of criminal nature, such as: Stolen Vehicle, Wanted Felons, Missing Persons, and Terrorist Watch List. The Federation's Safety Director will be alerted for entries the Federation downloaded, such as: Trespassed Individuals, Person of Concern, and Unwanted Guests.

The partnership between the Federation and local law enforcement is vital to local safety and security, and installing LPR for law enforcement purposes helps with that endeavor. LPRs offer more convenience and efficiency, helping the police force solve crimes and prevent crimes. According to the International Association of Chiefs of Police, seven out of ten crimes happen in vehicles. With LPR systems, police solve around 600 to 700 crimes daily, of all reported crimes in the United States. The LPRs assist in identifying vehicles associated with criminal activity and locating and tracking stolen cars. They also prove to be a valuable tool for checking the license or registration status of vehicles. The information gathered by cameras can be used to search for evidence and check lines of inquiry in the investigation of crimes. Due to AI, this tedious process is now fast, accurate, and more effective.

Adding LPRs gives the community an extra layer of protection, but it is still very important to maintain a sense of situational awareness, and if you "see something, say something."

**Find out more about Jewish Toledo at  
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# Jewish Senior, Family and Social Services

## TECH TIPS

I hope you found ample opportunity throughout the Summer to take many photos during travels, reunions, hikes, and the like.

Should you have found that your digital photo files are now overflowing (and could use some trimming), please see the following basic steps to pare down those precious shots to save digital space and provide streamlined organization. Until next month!



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*\*Note: some to-dos only apply to laptop/desktop computers*

1. Store photos in one place
2. De-clutter (delete duplicates and low-quality images)
3. Create a folder structure (Year -> Event or Year -> Month -> Event)
4. Create a photo naming system
5. Tag photos
6. Backup photos
7. Create and follow a photo maintenance routine

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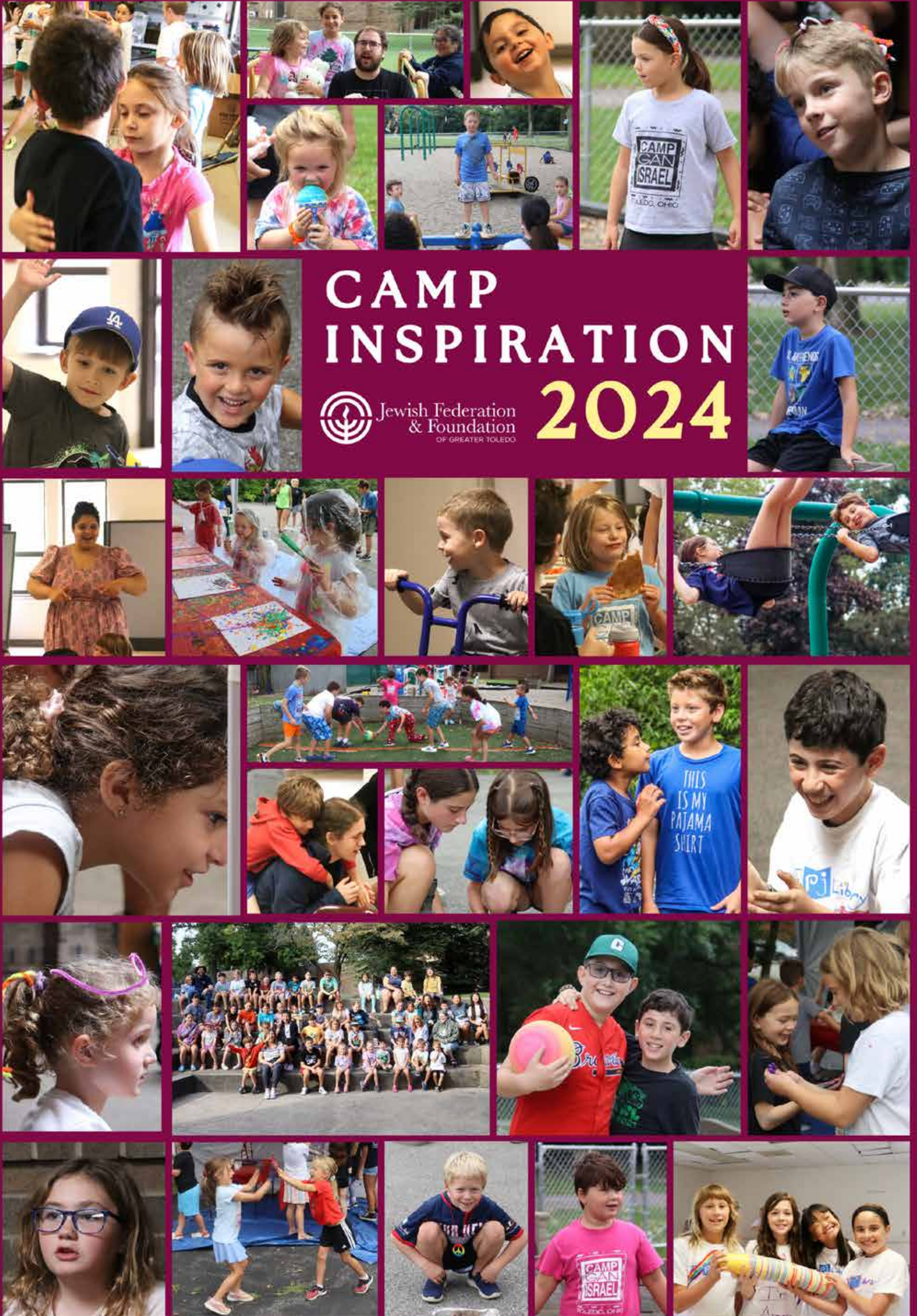
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A special thank you as well to The Tepper Foundation's National Emergency Security Fund whose grant, awarded through Jewish Federations of North America and Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, made it possible for extra security personnel to be on site for our campers and staff this summer.



In early August, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo held its 120th Annual Meeting, an evening of inspiration and empowerment featuring unique Jewish journey stories from Tom Kasle, Hallie Freed, Jordan Slutsky, Cayden Greenblatt, and Connie Zimmelman. We hope they inspired you to think about and continue your own Jewish journeys.

As Stephen Rothschild, JFGT CEO, mentioned, we are facing unprecedented risks to Jewish communal life here and in Israel, but we also have unlimited opportunities. We are separated from our Jewish brothers and sisters around the world by just "5 minutes," and we owe it to each other to plan for a bright Jewish future.

If you have thoughts about our Annual Meeting or about our future, we encourage you to talk with your friends and to us at JFGT about how we can together deliver the very best future for Jewish Toledo. We can dream big dreams and make them real. *Im lo tirtzu, agada hi ve'agada tisha'er -- If you will it, it is no dream, and if you do not will it, a dream it is and a dream it will stay.* - Theodore Herzl (z"l)

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Marilyn Boskind, sister of Elsa Leveton and an avid mah jongg player, is bringing her Cincinnati mah jongg tournament to Toledo on Sunday, September 22, 2024. The event will be held at Temple Shomer Emunim from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$70 per person and includes lunch, a silent auction, and many mah jongg items for sale plus prize money for high scores.


A player must be able to complete four games in one hour. Players will rotate tables after four games.

This is a charity event. The proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Northwest Ohio ALS Association. Elsa's husband, Allen, died from ALS five years ago. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, please make checks payable to the Northwest Ohio ALS Assn. and mail to Marilyn Boskind, 9436 Southgate Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45241.

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# Youth and Family



Harlie Kerper

Julia Rhodes

"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."



"This was my first summer at sleep away camp. It was great. I loved climbing the 'Migdal' climbing tower."  
*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."  
*Micah Pliskow*



Max Rhodes

"The EMOJI program means so much to me because it gives me the opportunity to go to camp year after year and create memories I wouldn't have had otherwise. After 6 years of camp, I have met some of my closest friends, all of which I still talk to after camp. Solel was my favorite year yet because of all of the trips and the way that the cabin borders started to fall and we were able to all operate as one village."



Joel Weatherford



Ruby Freed



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Madelyn Freed

"We cannot express how much the EMOJI program played such an integral role in making this summer life changing for our son Joel Weatherford. Camp Wise provided Joel with the confidence he needed so he could grow independence skills and develop a positive sense of self. The connections he made with other Jewish children and teens from all over the world made an imprint on Joels heart and he cannot wait to return next summer to see his all his friends."

Mike and Laurel Weatherford

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## Jewish brothers Jack, Luke and Quinn Hughes become first siblings to grace cover of NHL video game

By Jacob Gurvis

(JTA) — Jack and Luke Hughes play for the New Jersey Devils, and their brother Quinn plays for the Vancouver Canucks, so the trio of NHL stars are no strangers to sibling rivalry.

But there's at least one place where the brothers won't have to compete: All three Hughes will grace the cover of the 2025 edition of EA Sports' popular NHL video game.

They are the first brothers to earn cover honors on the series, whose latest edition is called "NHL 25." According to ESPN, they are believed to be the first family featured on the cover of any sports video game franchise. The game's deluxe version will feature all three brothers together, while the U.S. version will showcase Jack and the Canadian and international editions will spotlight Quinn.

"I think all of us are just honored because it's a hard thing to be on the cover and there's so many great players in the league," Quinn Hughes, 24, told ESPN. "For them to decide to attach their brand with the three of us was pretty cool."

This is not the first time the brothers have made familial NHL history. On Dec. 5, 2023, all three Hughes appeared in the same NHL game when Jack and



From left to right: Luke, Quinn and Jack Hughes pose for a photo before their NHL game at Rogers Arena in Vancouver, Dec. 5, 2023. (Jeff Vinnick/NHLI via Getty Images)

Luke's New Jersey Devils beat Quinn's Vancouver Canucks 6-5 in what was dubbed the "Hughes Bowl." Jack tallied three points, Luke scored a goal and Quinn had two points of his own.

They were the first trio of Jewish brothers to play in the same NHL game, the second American family to accomplish the feat, and the ninth set of brothers to do it in the sport's history.

Hockey runs in the Hughes family. Their father Jim, who is not Jewish, played hockey for Providence College

and has worked as an assistant coach and front office executive for NHL teams. Their mother, Ellen Weinberg-Hughes, who is Jewish, was a three-sport athlete at the University of New Hampshire and played for the U.S. Women's World Championships. Weinberg-Hughes was inducted into the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame this year.

The Hughes are also the first American family to have three siblings picked in the first round of the NHL

draft. Quinn was selected seventh in 2018, Jack became the first Jewish player to go No. 1 overall in 2019 and Luke was drafted fourth in 2021.

Since the three brothers broke into the league, they have each enjoyed considerable success, leading to their star turn on the cover of "NHL 25."

Quinn, who was named captain of the Canucks prior to last season — making him the youngest active captain in the NHL — was an All-Star and won the NHL's James Norris Memorial Trophy as the league's best defenseman last season. Jack, 23, is a two-time All-Star who in 2022-2023 set a Devils franchise record with 99 points. Luke, 20, was named to the NHL's All-Rookie team last season after a record-breaking career at the University of Michigan.

Now, each brother can add "video game cover athlete" to their resumes.

"This is obviously a pretty special accolade and something I think every NHLer wants to accomplish or grows up and thinks, 'Wow, it'd be really cool to be on the cover,'" Jack Hughes said. "We were the same way growing up, and it's another really special opportunity that we grabbed at when it came toward us, and I think we're really excited with the final product."

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As the current year ends and a new year is on the horizon, a Jewish New Year Resolution might be in order, one which honors the lives of your family, past, and present:

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Lynn Balshone Jacobs



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# Active Life for 60+



## Create & Relate – Session Five

### *Annual Senior Expo*

Thursday, September 12

Noon – 2:30 p.m.

Sekach Building, 6505 Sylvania Ave.

Free event – lunch included; please bring a donation of personal care item(s) for the JSFSS Family Food Pantry

Get ready for an exciting Senior Expo packed with a variety of vendors and information booths! This free event includes a complimentary lunch and welcomes you to drop by anytime. Don't miss the chance to win fantastic raffle baskets—every attendee is entered to win!

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RSVP by Friday, September 6 to <http://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or [sherry@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:sherry@jewishtoledo.org).

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to see how much you had to cut people down."

"What we'll continue [to do] once things go back to normal, whenever it is, that is going to be a question for Leket: Is Leket an organization that part of what we do is just to help farmers, whether they're giving us the crops or not," Gitler said.

In the meantime, Gitler said that the organization was expanding its efforts to assist farmers in northern Israel, having focused primarily on those in southern Israel until now. "We've built this [system] for the south, so we're now launching that in the north," he said. "I don't mean the north where we can't go [because it is too close to the Lebanese border], but the north where the Israeli army is still comfortable with us bringing volunteers."

Gitler noted that while the stress on farmers has grown, the demand for food among needy Israelis has remained relatively level throughout the war, save for an initial bump in the early days of the conflict. Many of those most directly affected by the war - Israelis evacuated from border communities - have

been moved to hotels where they receive meals.

"The problem is that it's not really hard to be in a hotel and not have a kitchen for nine months," he said. "So one of the things we did - and it's still going on - is we set up little mobile fruit and vegetable carts in hotels. If you're in the Dead Sea, there's not a lot of supermarkets there, so it's nice to grab an apple or a banana or take some tomatoes and cucumbers and maybe cut up an Israeli salad in your room. It gives them a little sense of normalcy and [shows them] that someone cares about them."

Gitler, who started the organization in the midst of the Second Intifada and has led it through wars in Lebanon and Gaza and through the COVID-19 pandemic, reflected on the current moment.

"One thing I have to say: I've been here for 23 years, and we just go from crisis to crisis. I thought COVID was crazy, but this is just next level, sadly," he said. "And it's not over. So we're going to continue to push."

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## TJCF Grants Program: \$14,500 available for grants in 2024

Toledo Jewish Community Foundation's (TJCF) Grants Program is made possible by generous donors who have contributed to TJCF's Long Term Community Needs Fund (LTCNF). Each year, TJCF allocates funds from the LTCNF for distribution by the TJCF Grants Committee. This year, TJCF has provided \$30,000 from the LTCNF for grants, of which \$14,500, remains available for distribution in 2024. The Grants Committee is made up by lay volunteers who carefully review each grant application and make awards. In addition, the Grants Committee reviews reports from grantees describing and evaluating the use of the grant after receipt.

TJCF currently has \$14,500 in remaining funds available to distribute in 2024.

Allie Berns, Grants Committee Chair, explained that TJCF's "locally funded grants are designed to advance our community's well-being. These grants offer supplementary support to increase the excellent programs and services currently available, thereby fortifying Jewish Toledo. Our grants committee is particularly focused on funding innovative, collaborative, and impactful initiatives that benefit either specific segments of our community or the entire community. We invite all interested parties to submit grant applications for consideration."

What are TJCF's Goals in Providing Grants?

- Benefits to the Community: Most significantly, grants are intended to support the continuity and stability of Jewish life in the Greater Toledo area.

- Launching New Community Initiatives: From its inception, TJCF has been focused on introducing new and innovative programs and projects and/or research and study projects which offer the Jewish community both immediate benefits and the potential for long-term enrichment.

As examples, last year the Grants Committee made a grant of \$4,406.25 to Temple Shomer Emunim for religious school students to attend the Maltz Museum of Jewish Cleveland trip, including transportation; \$1,500 to Habitat for Humanity Community Build; and \$1,000 to a JFGT/Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) collaborative program for the Women of Congregation B'nai Israel (CBI) Women's Gathering 2023: The Journey Continues. This year, the Grants Committee has granted \$1,500 to the Gan Yeladim Preschool for a Mindfulness & Yoga program; \$5,000 for the 2024 JCC Maccabi Games in Detroit; and \$1,500 to the annual



Interfaith Blood Drive.

Raizel Shemtov, Director, Gan Yeladim Preschool, said, "At Gan Yeladim, our young learners are fortunate to have yoga and mindfulness classes thanks to a LTCNF grant. Our goal is to offer the children the opportunity to engage in yoga and mindfulness practices. This is particularly important in the current climate, with mental health concerns on the rise. It is crucial for young children to have the skills and vocabulary to express and manage their emotions."

"It is, in part, because of the LTCNF grant, together with several other charitable funding sources, that ten Jewish Toledo teenagers were able to spend a week participating in the 2024 JCC Maccabi Games in Detroit, Michigan," said Hallie Freed, JFGT VP Innovations, Programs & Services. "While playing their favorite sports, such as hockey, baseball, and soccer, they built relationships and competed with over 1,200 fellow Jewish teens from cities across the United States, as well as from Canada, Mexico, Ukraine, Israel, and beyond. The sense of connection and community they experienced was truly indescribable."

Devorah Shulamit, chair of the Interfaith Blood Drive said, "On behalf of the board members of the Interfaith Blood Drive, we sincerely thank you so much for your generous support of our organization. The grant allowed us to provide delicious food at the gala. Unfortunately, the times we live in means adding security to ensure everyone's safety. The grant helped us provide this for everyone."

For more information on the Foundation and its available funds, or to request an application to request a Grant from the LTCNF, please contact Barb Hager, Foundation Associate, at [barb@jewishtoledo.org](mailto:barb@jewishtoledo.org) or 419-724-0357.



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


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

Email completed obituaries to: paul@jewishtoledo.org


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# Obituaries

## Tina Pollock (Romanoff) Stone

Tina Pollock (Romanoff) Stone passed away on Monday, July 22, 2024, after a brief illness. Tina was born in Jamaica Queens, NY, on March 6, 1937. Tina graduated from Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati and attended The Ohio State University where she met her first husband, Jack Romanoff Jr.

Tina is survived by her children, Julie Romanoff (Paul LaPoint), Jill (Jeff) Marder, and Jay (Mindy) Romanoff. Tina was the proud grandmother and great grandmother to Amy (Nati) Somogye Israel, Lynn Somogye, Brad Somogye, Mandy Somogye, Jessica (Jake) Marder Ellis, Jenna (Curtis) Marder Peoples, Oliva (Aaron) Romanoff Goldhoff, Jack Romanoff and his fiancée Alyssa Sloan, Dylan Israel, Juliet and Jasper Ellis, Rory Goldhoff, and Mazzy Peoples. Tina was a very friendly and outgoing person who made friends everywhere she went. After living in Toledo for 25 years, she lived in South Florida for 40 years. She returned to Toledo 5 years ago after her second husband, Jack Stone, passed away. Tina was a resident of Oak Leaf Village. Tina was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Gertrude Pollock. Tina is also survived by her sister, Lee (Carl) Van Gorden, and her brother, Steve (Karen) Pollock.

The family would like to thank the staff of Oak Leaf Village for the fine care she received as a resident and the staff of Flower Hospital, especially her nurses, Abby and Jasmine.

You may contribute in Tina's honor to The Temple Shomer Emunim or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements by the Robert H. Wick/Wisniewski Funeral Home



## Richard M. "Dick" Klein

Richard M. "Dick" Klein died peacefully on July 23, 2024. Dick was born in Toledo, Ohio, on April 12, 1932, to Alexander and Charlotte Klein. He enjoyed a lifelong, loving bond with his brothers, Thomas and James, and a wonderfully close relationship with his extended cousins and family. He graduated from Ottawa Hills High School, from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in History, and from the Ohio State University College of Dentistry, with a D.D.S. degree. He followed his father into dentistry, and had a well-regarded and well-respected dental practice in Toledo for 61 years. His father practiced from 1928 - 1975; Dick from 1958 - 2019, for a combined 91 years. He especially cherished talking with

his patients and helped so many families over three generations.

He met his wife, Elizabeth Meyers (Muggsy) Klein at Michigan, on a blind date, and they were loving partners for 66 years, prior to her death in 2022. He was an avid Michigan fan for his entire life.

He was an exceptional competitive athlete, lettering in football, basketball and baseball all four years of high school. He played freshman football and basketball at the University of Michigan, before his pre-med courses took precedence. He became an outstanding amateur golfer, teaching himself, and was mentored in the game and life by his Uncle, Irvin Mindel. He won seven club championships at Glengarry Country Club in five different decades. He holds the amateur course record of 64 at Glengarry, bettering his own previous course record four times from 1969-1982. He honed his game at Inverness, winning the Ohio Senior Open at Sylvania Country Club in 1985, and qualified and competed in the USGA Senior Amateur later that year.

He adored his children and grandchildren and was a loving and guiding presence in their lives, always encouraging and supporting them in all pursuits, and especially their athletic endeavors. He never missed a sporting event that his kids or grandchildren were playing. He passed on his love of golf to his kids and grandchildren. He lived in Ottawa Hills for over 85 years and served on the Ottawa Hills School Board for 12 years, including serving as Vice President. He was President of Glengarry Country Club and the Toledo District Golf Association, and a member of the Board of Inverness Club.

He maintained lifelong friendships with a dearly loved group of friends in Toledo, with Muggsy, as young couples and throughout their lives. He also remained close with his college roommates and Zeta Beta Tau fraternity brothers throughout his life. Relationships were important to him and he always made time for people. He always saw the good in people and he was incredibly proud of those he loved.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Tom, and wife, Muggsy. He is survived by his daughter, Deborah Ellen Klein, of Washington, D.C.; son, Daniel Meyers Klein (Robin) of Charleston, S.C.; granddaughters, Alexandra, Madeline (Lee), Katerina and Katya; brother, James Klein (Heide); sisters-in-law, Linda Klein and Joan Jampel; and his loving nieces and nephews and their spouses.

Arrangements by the Robert H. Wick/Wisniewski Funeral Home.



## Dr. Eugene D. Davidson

Dr. Eugene D. Davidson (Gene), 84, of Atlanta passed away at his home on July 31 with his loving wife, Linda, by his side. Renowned surgeon, loving husband, father, grandfather, and Renaissance man, Gene was known for his brilliant mind, encyclopedic knowledge, notable wine cellar, and carefully curated works of art. There was no field that didn't interest him. He was the Siri, Google, and AI for his family and friends. His unique sense of humor emerged in a variety of ways including

his hilarious use of authentic-sounding dialects. Gene spent years skiing and hiking in Snowmass, CO, and golfing around the globe. He and Linda toured the world, but the highlight of his life was enjoying his children and precious grandchildren at home and in locations like Colorado, New York, California and Argentina, (home to two grandchildren). Gene's list of friends is legendary, as reflected in the number of celebratory occasions the couple delighted in attending. Born in New York in 1940 to Eva and George Davidson, Gene grew up in Toledo. He graduated from the University of Michigan and Case Western University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, where he completed his internship and residency. He served in the Army at US Kenner Army Hospital, Ft. Lee, Virginia for 2 years and then relocated to Emory University in Atlanta as a faculty member. His 37-year medical career in Atlanta was remarkable. There he served as a general surgeon and Chief of Staff, Chief of Surgery and interim president and CEO of St. Joseph's Hospital, earning him the respect and love of all who crossed his path. Past President of the Atlantic Surgical Association, Gene was a board member of Mercy Care of St. Joseph's and chaired several important committees. He traveled throughout the country giving talks and authored multiple articles in medical journals. Throughout his career and long after retirement, Gene was the go-to medical expert for his many friends and family members. Never impatient, always caring when called upon, he immediately returned calls, constantly appreciating the opportunity to help. In addition to his wife Linda Newman Davidson, he is survived by sons Jeffrey of Los Angeles and Eric of Redondo Beach; daughter Laura of Atlanta; grandchildren Penny and Sam Davidson of Redondo Beach and Sophia and Delphina Sann of Argentina; brother Martin of Toledo; cousins Connie Royce Reed Wiere of Thousand Oaks, California, and Leslie Royce Resnik of Cleveland, Ohio; nieces and nephews and his canine companion Charlie. Friends who wish may donate in Dr. Eugene Davidson's memory to Case Western Reserve Medical School or to a charity of their choice.

## Estelle Ruth Hallem

Estelle Ruth Hallem, age 77, of Toledo died Wednesday August 14, 2024 in her home. She was born in Toledo on June 9, 1947 to Sara (Silverman) and Phil Hallem. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Elaine and Beverly. Nieces, nephews and cousins survive.

Services were held on Friday August 16 at Beth Shalom Cemetery under the direction of the Robert H. Wick/Wisniewski Funeral Home. Memorial donations are suggested to Congregation Etz Chayim or Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

## Interfaith Blood Drive brings in 55 units of blood

The 35th Annual Interfaith Blood Drive and Gala, chaired by Devorah Shulamit since its inception, took place in late June at Grace Lutheran Church. Fifty-five units of blood were donated this year. Each unit can save the lives of three people.

Having needed blood at one point in her life, Devorah waited two weeks until blood could be found due to a shortage at that time. She realized the importance of helping so that others do not have to deal with the same situation.

The blood drive is organized each year by Devorah and a team of volunteers; no one is paid except the workers from Red Cross. The team was instrumental in soliciting food from a wide variety of food vendors and congregations, all of whom donated food so that 100 attendees could have dinner at no cost. There were foods from six different ethnicities. Attendees shared tables with those of other religious groups and the discussions were very pleasant and meaningful. All leftover food was donated to St. Paul's Community Center.

Following dinner, in the church sanctuary, participants from 11 religious groups sang, danced, chanted, played instruments, and offered prayers to those who attended. The gospel choir enlivened the crowd at the end of the evening.



**SAFETY**



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

## Safe Neighborhoods, Safe Homes

Ohio is home to bustling cities, charming small towns, and a rich history that reflects the heart of America. However, like any other state, Ohio faces its share of crime and safety challenges. Home safety is a top priority for residents, and being aware of potential threats can make all the difference in preventing crime. These safety tips aims to educate you about common signs of suspicious activity and what steps to take if they encounter these threats outside their homes.

### Common Threats to Watch For

#### Suspicious Vehicles



One of the first signs of potential trouble is the presence of suspicious vehicles in your neighborhood. These vehicles might be parked in unusual spots, move slowly through the area, or remain parked for extended periods without a clear purpose. Pay attention to vehicles with out-of-state plates, dark tinted windows, or those that appear to be surveilling homes.

#### Unfamiliar Persons Loitering

Strangers loitering around residential areas without a clear reason can be cause for concern. Watch for individuals who appear to be watching houses, taking notes or pictures, or behaving in a manner that doesn't align with typical pedestrian activity. This could include walking back and forth repeatedly or trying to peer into homes or parked cars.

#### Strange Packages or Items



Unexpected packages, bags, or items left near your home can also signal danger. These could potentially be used to hide surveillance equipment or even be a part of a criminal scheme. If you notice any unusual objects near your property, it's crucial to approach with caution and report it to the authorities.

#### Unmarked Utility Workers

Utility workers are a common sight in residential neighborhoods, but it's important to be cautious if you encounter workers who are not in marked vehicles or proper uniforms. Criminals sometimes pose as utility workers to gain access to homes or gather information about the neighborhood.

### Steps to Take When You Notice Suspicious Activity

#### Contacting Local Law Enforcement

If you notice any suspicious activity, the first step is to contact local law enforcement. Most Ohio cities have dedicated non-emergency numbers that you can call to report suspicious behavior without tying up emergency lines. Providing detailed information about the suspicious activity, including descriptions of individuals and vehicles, can help the police respond more effectively.

- **Sylvania Police Division** (419) 885-8902
- **Sylvania Township Police Division** (419) 882-2055
- **Toledo Police Department** (419)-255-8443

#### Neighborhood Watch Programs

Many Ohio communities have established neighborhood watch programs. These programs encourage residents to work together to monitor and report suspicious activity. Joining or starting a neighborhood watch can significantly enhance the safety of your community. These groups often work closely with local law enforcement to share information and coordinate efforts.



#### Using Home Security Systems

Investing in a home security system can be a powerful deterrent against crime. Modern systems often include features such as cameras, motion detectors, and remote monitoring. Posting signs indicating that your home is protected by a security system can also discourage potential criminals. Additionally, many systems allow you to monitor your home in real time and receive alerts if suspicious activity is detected.

#### Personal Safety Tips

Beyond technology, there are several personal safety practices that can help protect your home. Always lock doors and windows, even when you are at home. Ensure that your property is well lit, particularly entry points. Consider installing motion-sensor lights and keeping bushes and trees trimmed to eliminate hiding spots. Being aware of your surroundings and knowing your neighbors can also help create a safer environment.

### Community Involvement and Resources



#### Importance of Community Vigilance

Community vigilance is crucial in preventing and responding to crime. By staying alert and working together, residents can create a safer environment for everyone. Regular community meetings, online forums, and social media groups can be effective platforms for sharing information and coordinating efforts.

#### Resources Available for Crime Prevention

Several resources are available to Ohio residents for crime prevention and safety. Local police departments often offer crime prevention tips and resources on their websites. The Ohio Department of Public Safety also provides valuable information and tools for residents. Additionally, organizations such as Crime Stoppers allow individuals to report crimes anonymously and offer rewards for information leading to arrests.



#### How to Report Suspicious Activity Anonymously

If you prefer to report suspicious activity anonymously, services like Crime Stoppers can be a valuable resource. By calling the Crime Stoppers hotline or submitting a tip online, you can provide information without revealing your identity. This can be particularly useful if you are concerned about retaliation or if you prefer to remain discreet.

- **Crime Stopper** (419) 255-1111

#### Conclusion

Home safety is a shared responsibility that requires the vigilance and cooperation of all residents. By being aware of common signs of suspicious activity and knowing how to respond, you can help protect your home and community. Remember to stay informed, use available resources, and work together with your neighbors to create a safer environment. Your awareness and action can make a significant difference in preventing crime and ensuring the safety of your loved ones.

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September 29  
7pm  
Our final look at the new machzor before the High Holy Days. Rabbi Delson and Cantor Roher will teach from Mishkan HaNefesh, change the Torah covers, and get ready for Rosh HaShanah. Dessert will be provided.

**Mishkan HaNefesh Learning Series**

- Wednesday, September 11 6-7pm
- Sunday, September 15 10:30-11:30am
- Saturday, September 29 7pm

Get acquainted with the new High Holy Day prayerbook, Mishkan HaNefesh. Rabbi Delson and Cantor Roher will highlight themes, music, and ideas presented in this modern machzor. Come to one session or all three. All resources provided at each session. RSVP to Rabbi Delson to attend rabbidelson@templese.com.



**Join Amy Nistel and Cantor Jen Roher on Saturday, September 28 at 10:30am**

Start your Shabbat morning with a rejuvenating spiritual practice that will give you a renewed sense of peace. The class is for all levels, using a chair or a mat, whichever is most appropriate for you. No experience needed. Call the Temple office for Zoom details.

## CAMP Shabbat

JOIN US  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2024  
@ 5:30PM

**All of our campers will share their summer experiences**

MENU  
FRIED CHICKEN  
BURGERS  
VEGGIE BURGERS  
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DESSERT

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## CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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**All CBI programs and religious services are open to the members of all local congregations with RSVP unless otherwise indicated.**

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

**WCBI CELEBRATES:**

**Rosh Chodesh Elul**  
"Creative Ideas for Preparing Ourselves for the Fall Holidays"

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024 6:00 PM at CBI

Join us as we enjoy dinner together and then get creative making decorations for the CBI Sukkah.

The Tikkun Olam project for this program is cash donations to benefit the Ability Center.

**Cost is \$15 and includes dinner.**

Checks should be payable to "Women of CBI" and sent to Judy Weinberg, 3436 Goddard Rd., Toledo 43606.

RSVP to Judy Weinberg at judyweinberg@buckeye-express.com by Sept. 1, 2024. If transportation is needed, please let us know when you RSVP.

**OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS**

**Connecting Kids to Meals Volunteer Event**

Thursday, September 12, 2024 10 AM - 12 PM

Cherry Street Mission Building, 1501 Monroe St.

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

**Parashat Hashavuah:**

**Torah Portion of the Week Discussion**

Fridays in September at 11:00 AM at CBI

**OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS WITH RSVP**

**WCBI BOOK CLUB:**

**"The Thread Collectors"**

by Shaunna J. Edwards & Alyson Richman

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024 10:30 AM at CBI

Debbie Perlmutter will be the discussion leader for this meeting.

1863: With stories converging in New Orleans, Stella, a young black woman, and Lily, a Jewish woman risk everything for love and freedom during the brutal Civil War, where an unexpected encounter leads them to discover that even the most delicate threads have the capacity to save us.

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RSVP to Ellen Federman at efederman@sbcglobal.net by Sunday, September 22, 2024.

**CBI Adult Education:**

**"What Do We Mean by Spirituality?"**

with speaker, Dr. Dale Levy

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024, 10:30 AM at CBI

Many people have a poorly defined notion of spirituality. During this program, we will try to develop a more mature concept of spirituality through studying texts in Tanach and the Siddur. The program will be interactive with participation from those attending.

To RSVP, please email kbrody@cbitoledo.org or call the office at 419.517.8400 by Friday, Sept. 20, 2024.

**Selichot**

Saturday, September 28, 2024

7:00 PM, In-Person/Live Stream at CBI

Join us for a meaningful introduction to the High Holidays

**7:00 PM: MINCHA ~ THIRD MEAL & DESSERT RECEPTION**  
*High Holiday Drash by Hazzan Lichtenman*

**8:00 PM: MAARIV & HAVDALAH**

**8:30 PM: TORAH MANTLE CEREMONY**

**9:00 PM: SELICHOT SERVICE**

NO CHARGE for CBI members however voluntary donations would be appreciated. Please let us know when you RSVP.

RSVP to the office or to kbrody@cbitoledo.org by Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, 419.517.8400.

**Join us for Canasta!**

Tuesdays in September at 12:15 PM at CBI

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

**CBI Office Holiday Closings**

Mon. Sept. 2	Closed	Labor Day
Wed. Oct. 2	Closed at 12pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Thu. Oct. 3	Closed	Rosh Hashanah Day 1
Fri. Oct. 4	Closed	Rosh Hashanah Day 2

**WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

- Monday Morning Minyan: 8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom
- Thursday Morning Minyan: 8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom
- Monday - Thursday Evening Minyan: 5:45 PM - Zoom
- Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:45 PM - Zoom
- Saturday Morning Shabbat: 9:30 AM - In Person/Live Stream
- Sunday Morning Minyan: 9:30 AM - In-Person/Zoom (When Religious School is in session)

# Congregation Etz Chayim .....

## ROSH HASHANA EVENING SERVICES

Wed., Thur. & Fri., Oct. 2, 3 & 4

Mincha 7:00 P.M.  
Ma'ariv 7:00 P.M.

## ROSH HASHANA MORNING SERVICES

Thursday & Friday, Oct. 3 & 4

Shachris, Morning Service 8:30 A.M.  
Reading of the Torah (Kreeah) 10:00 A.M.  
Kiddush/Sermon 10:45 A.M.  
Blowing of the Shofar 11:20 A.M.  
Musaf 11:30 A.M.

## SHABBAT SHUVA

Saturday, Oct. 5 9:00 A.M.  
Shorter Shabbat service followed by a class.  
Lunch to follow.

## YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Friday, Oct. 11

Kol Nidrei 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 12

Shachris, Morning Service 8:30 A.M.  
Reading of the Torah (Kreeah) 10:30 A.M.  
Memorial, Dedication Service and Sermon 11:15 A.M.  
Musaf 12:00 P.M.  
Mincha 4:30 P.M.  
Neila, Conclusion 5:50 P.M.  
Blowing of the Shofar 7:40 P.M.

## SUNDAY MORNING LEARNING SESSION WITH DR. KEN PARGAMENT

Dr. Ken Pargament will be the featured speaker on Sunday, September 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Etz Chayim library. His topic will be "The Last Lecture of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain". Following the lecture, Ken will lead an interactive discussion. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served.

## WEDNESDAYS WITH FRIENDS

On Wednesday, September 18th, join in the fun with Carol VanZile as she shares and bakes her apple dumpling recipe. This is just in time for planning your High Holiday dessert! This program is open to everyone. Please register with Nancy Jacobson.

## POKER/MAJ GAMES

The monthly poker and maj games are very popular! The next session will be held on Sunday, September 15th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Please let Marc and/or Nancy Jacobson if you plan to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## PRE-HOLIDAY ZOOM SESSION WITH RABBI JASON MARK

Rabbi Mark will be sharing and leading a pre-High Holiday zoom class on Monday evening, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. His topic will be "Elul: Exploring the Role of Love in Our Spiritual Lives". Please register with Nancy Jacobson or Elsa Leveton to receive the link.

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

The Sisterhood opening program and luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 11th. The program begins at 10:00 a.m. and will feature Susan Hartman Muska who will be sharing her amazing travelogue about her trip to Europe. She began in Paris, took a train to Amsterdam, wandered down cobblestone streets and heard wonderful jazz music, cruised down the Rhine and Danube rivers through Holland, Germany, Austria and Hungary. Susan will be sharing photos and stories of her unbelievable trip.

A delicious lunch will follow the program. Please R.S.V.P. to Cheryl Berkowitz or Andrea Lublin.

**SAVE THE DATE:** A Sukkot Lunch is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th at noon. Come and shake the lulov and esrog and enjoy a delicious lunch!



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Sunday, September 29th, 11:30am

**Caffeine for the Soul For Men**

Discussions, refreshments and Torah insights with Rabbi Dov Fridman  
Monday, September 16th, 10:30am

**Lunch & Learn**

Delicious Lunch and Torah Learning with Rabbi Dov Fridman  
Monday, September 23rd, 12:00pm

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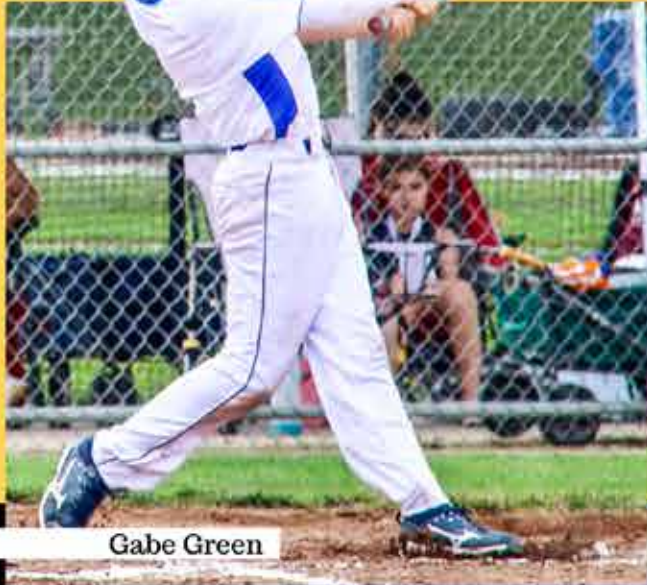
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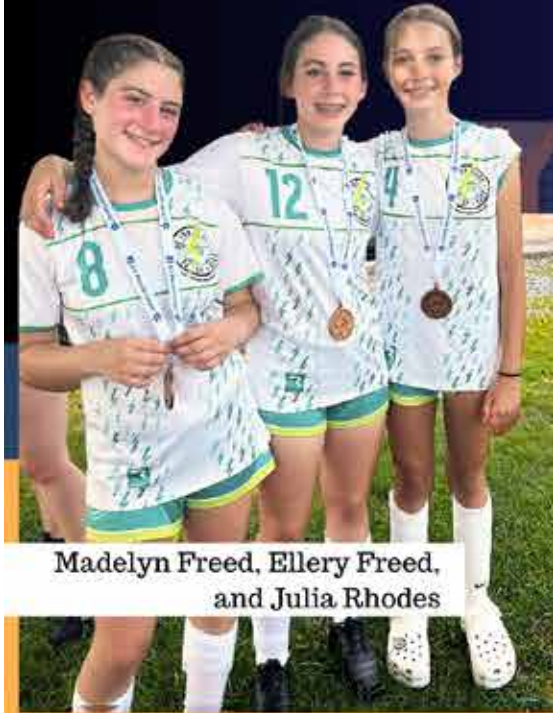
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