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Jewish security watchdogs warn of 'most elevated and complex threat environment' in recent history

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Could the Michigan attack be a tipping point toward “the Europeanization of security” for American Jews?

A string of recent synagogue attacks across North America and Europe has left security officials sounding the alarm bells.

“We are in the midst of the most elevated and complex threat environment the Jewish community and this country has seen in modern history,” said Kerry Sleeper, chief of threat management and information sharing for the Secure Community Network, a Jewish security organization.

Sleeper’s comment came during an SCN webinar March 13, held in response to the previous day’s attack on Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, Michigan, where an assailant rammed into the synagogue armed with rifles and smoke bombs.

Though the attack was successfully thwarted by existing security measures, Mitchell Silber, executive director of the Community Security Initiative, said in an interview that Jewish institutions may now need additional layers of protection.

“This might be a bit of a tipping point where we’ve gone to a new level, where really what’s required to secure a Jewish institution in the U.S. starts to look like almost a Europeanization of security,” Silber said.

That would include posting multiple armed guards outside entrances and requiring increased screening before entry, he said. Many European



▲ NYPD Mobile Command Center trucks are stationed near Temple Emanu-El on March 13, 2026 in New York City. | Photo Michael M. Santiago/Getty Images

synagogues also require attendees to go through security screening at some distance from the building, rather than at their doors.

“Unfortunately that seems to be where we are right now — the Jewish community has to up its game in terms of the external security of its locations,” he said.

Currently, a shutdown at the Department of Homeland Security since Feb. 14 is halting the review of millions of dollars in security funding for nonprofits, constraining the ability of Jewish institutions and other vulnerable groups to upgrade their security infrastructure.

The Temple Israel attack came within two weeks of attacks in Austin, Texas, and at Old Dominion University in Virginia. Those other attacks were

not on Jewish institutions, but Sleeper, a former FBI assistant director, said the “various motivations of the attackers appear to be affiliated with the war between the U.S., Israel and Iran.” He added that the assassination of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in Iran, and President Donald Trump’s stated desire to facilitate a regime change, have “contributed to the extremely high threat environment.”

Meanwhile, things have escalated outside the United States. Three Toronto-area synagogues were hit with gunfire prior to the Temple Israel incident, and a synagogue in Rotterdam was targeted by an arson attack in mid-March, allegedly by a group that has also claimed credit for an explosion at a synagogue in Belgium.

The flurry of attacks has the entire Jewish world on edge going into Shabbat — and some watchdogs say things could soon get worse.

“It is not entirely shocking to those of us who’ve watched this space for a long time,” said Mike Jacobson, a senior fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy who served in the State Department’s Counterterrorism Bureau. “I would think things would continue to ratchet up again, at least in the short term.”

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Ohio Jewish Communities announces leadership transition, interim structure

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Ohio Jewish Communities announced leadership transitions Feb. 19, including the transition of current CEO Howie Beigelman into a consulting role following his aliyah to Israel.

In his new consulting capacity, Beigelman will continue to support the organization's strategic priorities, public policy efforts and long-term vision, while allowing for continuity during the transitional period, according to a news release.

"For over a decade, it's been my privilege to lead our statewide efforts in Columbus and work with our partners in Washington to enact consequential legislation with meaningful impact felt here in Ohio, across the United States, and around the world," Beigelman, who was a member of the 2024 class of the Columbus Jewish News 18 Difference Makers, said in the release. "I'm proud of our work, of our community's reputation and credibility with policymakers on both sides of the aisle, and of the business, civic, and religious leaders who know to call on us. I will always be ready to speak out for the Jewish community and to speak up for Ohio."

As Beigelman transitions into his consulting role, day-to-day operations will be led in the interim by Marc Ashed, assistant vice president, external affairs and director, government relations for the Jewish Federation of Cleveland in Beachwood, and Bonnie Deutsch Burdman, executive director, community relations/government affairs for the Youngtown Area Jewish Federation. Ashed and Burdman will jointly



Ashed



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assume interim leadership responsibilities, and oversee organizational management and external engagement, the release said.

"Ohio Jewish Communities is entering a new and dynamic chapter," OJC's board chair Greg Miller said in the release. "We are grateful for Howie's continued partnership and leadership, even as he begins this next phase of his life in Israel. At the same time, we are confident that Marc and Bonnie's steady leadership will ensure continuity, momentum, and impact."

Miller added, "The work to secure a new CEO is nearly concluded and we eagerly look forward to an announcement in the near future."

Ohio Jewish Communities will remain engaged in its work advocating for public policy priorities, strengthening relationships with elected officials and supporting Jewish communities throughout Ohio during the transitional period and beyond, the release said. The organization also said it looks forward to building on its successes while embracing new opportunities.

Additional updates will be shared as appropriate, the release said.



According to its website, Ohio Jewish Communities represents Ohio's eight Jewish Federations, their partners and agencies on a range of state, federal and international issues in Columbus and in Washington, DC.


To read more about Howie Beigelman, visit columbusjewishnews.com/18dm.

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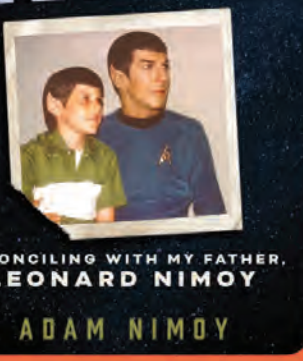


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Adam Nimoy

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Adam Nimoy was born during the Eisenhower administration to Leonard and Sandra Zoberblatt Nimoy. He attended the University Elementary School, a "lab school" run by UCLA, where he was subjected to numerous psychological experiments. The experimentation continued at UC Berkeley in the form of mind-altering substances. In a state of absolute certainty, Adam attended Loyola Law School. He was wrong. After seven years of practicing entertainment law and one moment of clarity, Adam left his life as an attorney to follow his passion of making films. After directing forty-five hours of network television, Adam's career plummeted due in large part to drug and alcohol addiction. On January 1, 2004, Adam entered 12-Step recovery hoping to achieve an attitude adjustment. This was a New Year's resolution he knew he had to keep. For eight years, he taught writing, directing and acting at the New York Film Academy and taught filmmaking at Beit T'Shuvah, an addiction treatment center where the residents kept him on the straight and narrow.

*Includes dessert reception. Books will be available to purchase.

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Author shines light on legacy of courageous women

This International Women's Day, we invited women of all ages and backgrounds to gather for an inspiring afternoon with a virtual visit from author Emily Hyman, whose powerful book *The Girl Bandits of the Warsaw Ghetto* brings to life the extraordinary courage of young Jewish women who fought back during one of history's darkest moments. Hyman's work illuminates the remarkable stories of the resistance fighters who risked everything to smuggle weapons, deliver messages, protect their communities, and ignite hope in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Jewish Toledo's Lindsay Folkerth moderated the discussion for this event, which was held in partnership with Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and the Sisterhood book clubs at Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim, and Temple Shomer Emunim.



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All ages join the joy: Jewish Toledo celebrates Purim



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JFGT financial assistance and cancellation policies for programs

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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.

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April 1, 2026	Wednesday	First Seder	Closed at 1:00pm
April 2, 2026	Thursday	Passover	Closed
April 3, 2026	Friday	Passover	Closed
April 8, 2026	Wednesday	Passover	Closed
April 9, 2026	Thursday	Passover	Closed
May 21, 2026	Thursday	Erev Shavuot	Closed at 1:00pm
May 22, 2026	Friday	Shavuot	Closed
May 25, 2026	Monday	Memorial Day	Closed
June 19, 2026	Friday	Juneteenth	Closed
July 3, 2026	Friday	Independence Day (4 th on Sat)	Closed

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- Office closes at 4:30 pm Fridays starting March 13, 2026.
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Pesach Prep: A Passover Primer

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Batya Kahan is a noted New York-based kosher caterer whose company, Batya's Kitchen (batyaskitchen.com), also ships frozen foods nationwide. She's just published her first cookbook - *Pesach Secrets from Batya's Kitchen* - and it's the kind of comprehensive resource that could certainly become a classic, like *The Joy of Cooking* or anything from the Joan Nathan collection.

As the author points out, "Each recipe, each note, each preparation isn't just about food - it's about elevating the table into a royal feast of redemption." So, with this book, Batya is coaching you and cheering you on to make sure that your Passover celebration is more about the joy than the oof, despite the amount of work involved in making the magic happen.

Sure, there are enticing dishes that have been beautifully styled and photographed by Faigy Cohen and Chay Berger, respectively - what's a cookbook without tried-and-true favorite recipes?

But *Pesach Secrets* offers so very much more than that. It essentially provides a way for Batya to hold your hand from a distance and support you through your Pesach prep - from setting menus to shopping for ingredients, from selecting options for the seder plate (potatoes, celery, or parsley as karpas?) to transporting food to someone else's house, and from reheating dishes that were efficiently cooked ahead of time to setting a gorgeous table. You'll find inspiration and guidance that will be valuable whether it's your first

time hosting seder or your 36th. (The "Countdown to Pesach" page even includes a QR code to bring up a printable checklist so thorough that there are reminders to change your faucet's water filter, to eliminate any last potential traces of chametz, and also to buy antacids.)

This is a one-stop shopping, cleaning, cooking, polishing, praying, memory-sharing, diet-accommodating, chore-delegating guide full of helpful hints, because, as Batya notes, planning ahead and being prepared is "how peace fills the kitchen and joy fills the home."

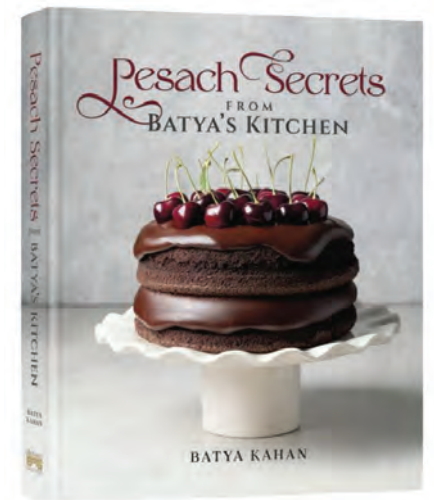
Pesach may be a happy occasion that celebrates freedom, but it is also admittedly a time of dietary deprivation - no Barry's bagels, no thick-crust Detroit-style pizza, and perhaps (for those who don't eat kitnyot) no corn tortillas, no hummus, no fried rice, and no schmears of mustard on anything. To quote an old Elton John song, to many it feels "sad, so sad - it's a sad, sad situation."

But Batya's cookbook is full of deliciously creative possibilities to broaden your Passover horizons, whether for seder or for the entirety of

the holiday. Lamb Chili with Avocado Mousse. Pastrami Caesar Salad, with crispy fleishig "croutons." Poutine-adjacent Loaded Pulled Brisket Fries drizzled with spicy mayo. A sweet-sour Silan Flanken Roast baked low and slow with a garlicky date syrup. Funfetti Ice Cream Sandwiches. And a S'mores Pie so decadent that it "will shock everyone," she writes, "when they realize it's Pesachdik, gluten-free, and non gebrochts" (as are all of the 150+ recipes in the book).

While *Batya's Kitchen* is designed as a Pesach guide, the resourceful tips about freezing and reheating prepared foods, the discussion of kashrut symbols, the recommendations for cooking and baking equipment, and - especially - the abundance of tempting recipes make this a book that can be used all year long.

The "Blintz Bar" chapter with sweet and savory filling options, plus a pictorial guide to folding the stuffed crêpes like a pro, would be tremendously helpful at Shavuot. The assorted apple recipes, along with ones for Autumn Butternut Squash Soup, Citrus Beet Salad, Maple-Glazed Rainbow Carrots, and Hot Honey




Crispy Drumsticks offer inspiration for the High Holidays. Five varieties of latkes - potato, spinach, sweet potato, vegetable, and zucchini - will ensure something for everyone's taste at Hanukkah. And, of course, any of the dishes would be a beautiful addition to your Shabbat table.

"My hope is with this cookbook at your side," Batya writes, "you'll be able to host a beautiful and memorable meal - from the first dip to the last sip (of tea)."

Mary Bilyeu is Senior Community Relations & Program Specialist at Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.



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 Registrants will receive a confirmation email and the location of the event after registration.

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Happy Tears

LAUREN SACHS

Do you have thoughts or a question for Lauren? Email her at literallylaurensachs@gmail.com, and she may respond (anonymously) in a future "Happy Tears" column.

When I think of the things that I miss most about Brad, his sense of humor is always top of mind. It follows that I closely associate the month of April with my late husband since it begins with All Fool's Day. People are sometimes surprised to learn that Brad had a great fondness not only for humor but also for pranks and practical jokes. As a person with a mischievous sense of humor, April Fool's Day was Brad's kind of day. Though his career as a physician with specialties in Hematology and Oncology might lead people to believe he was a serious-minded person, humor was a big part of both his personal and professional life. I believe that Brad leaned into laughter as a way to better tolerate the stress and intensity of his career. Like the adage suggests, I am also convinced that Brad knew how important humor was for the sake of his patients, realizing that laughter could truly be the best medicine. It was precisely Brad's humanity, along with his humor and effervescence, that made him beloved by his patients and colleagues.

In our Western worldview, which is so focused on productivity and personal achievement, we often see humor as unimportant. Laughter and just plain fun are viewed as frivolous pastimes, unworthy of thoughtful consideration or inquiry. Though I was a huge fan of Brad's playful and lively spirit, in the past I would have included myself as someone with a skeptical view of humor's significance. My attitude shifted after losing my husband and realizing that my daughters and I needed laughter and levity to help dissipate the pain of our profound loss. In fact, shortly after Brad died, I became very purposeful and intentional about introducing playfulness into my relationship with my girls as a means of remembering him and helping all of us cope with his untimely demise.

More recently, I have come to understand some of the science behind laughter's role in better managing all sorts of mental health issues, including the anguish of grief.

During my yoga teacher training, we discussed the role of the vagus nerve, our longest nerve and a key part of the parasympathetic nervous system, which starts in the brain and connects to all our major organs. The vagus nerve was so named because of how it snakes through the body, derived from the Latin word "vagus" meaning "wandering". By stimulating the vagus nerve, we activate our parasympathetic nervous system, taking us out of a typical "fight or flight" stress response to a calmer and more productive "rest and digest" function. Although this nerve offers a bidirectional path between brain and body, I was shocked to learn that about eighty percent of the communication is from body to brain, while only about 20 percent moves from brain to body. The implications of this news struck me as profound as it suggests the significant role our body has on our mental state, our mood, and our overall stress level. In other words, if one can stimulate or tone the

body's vagus nerve, we may potentially help our whole being heal from trauma and other significant burdens.

A huge amount of research has been done on the power of the vagus nerve and its possible role in helping not only with mental health issues but also with other physical ailments and conditions. Implantable vagus nerve stimulation devices have even been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for just these purposes. On the other hand, for those of us who want to try to stimulate the vagus nerve in a less invasive way, practices such as yoga, breathing exercises, meditation,

and even laughter - among other things - are said to help in this regard. According to a 2023 Mayo Clinic publication, laughter helps to stimulate our organs, decreases our stress response, soothes tension in our bodies, improves immune function, increases our mood, relieves pain, and helps with overall personal satisfaction.

For all these reasons, I will continue to embrace humor and laughter. I will also think back fondly on Brad's sometimes seemingly absurd behavior. When I recall how gleeful he was about the fart machine, fake bugs, and adult-sized Olaf costume he brought along on our family's last Disney Cruise, I can only smile and realize how much he intuitively understood the crucial role of humor in our lives. Whether it be an over-the-top dance move, a well-timed joke, or simply a goofy face, I know how much joy he brought to our family. Perhaps most importantly, I will continue to look back with a sense of immense gratitude for the groundwork he laid, knowing that his gift of humor has continued to calm our nervous systems and taken us along a pathway toward healing and peace.

Lauren Sachs 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, she 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. She 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.

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He pointed to the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps' activation of sleeper cells — their agents lying in wait until called to action to commit an attack — across the West, as a danger to vulnerable targets, which includes Jewish communities.

Another source of danger, Jacobson said, comes from copycat attacks.

"There's also this mix that makes it really hard to sort out in the initial stages, where you've got people, not only who may be directly tied to Iran, but people who are so-called 'inspired' by this," Jacobson said. "Those are often really hard for law enforcement to get advance notice on."

Not always does the threat come from direct orders from Iran, he said. "It's often difficult to tell: Is this something that is directly tied to the organization, or is this something that is more by someone inspired [by the IRGC]?"

He added, "They are trying to inflict pain in as many directions as they can."

As security organizations encourage increased caution and awareness of suspicious activity, they are also emphasizing that those measures shouldn't come at the expense of gathering in communal Jewish spaces.

"We're not going to let the terrorists take away our confidence or the ability to embrace our religion," said Michael Masters, SCN's national director, during the Zoom webinar.

Masters' sentiment is also shared by congregational leaders like Rabbi Adam Roffman, of Congregation Shearith Israel in Dallas.

"Sure, security is something we think a lot about, and we've done our best to protect ourselves," Roffman said. "And at the same time, the life of this community goes on."

At Temple Israel, Shabbat services are being streamed from the nearby country club that served as a reunification center for families after the attack. The synagogue wrote on Facebook: "We're so glad you're joining us tonight as our community comes together to welcome this much needed Sabbath."



"This was too close to home. JFGT had a group of Jewish Toledoans visiting Detroit for Passover shopping and lunch. They were just a couple of miles from Temple Israel and saw the first responders.

After consulting with JFGT's national and regional security advisors, JFGT determined that our offices could remain open. Now, we are reviewing security protocols and looking to work with our Community Security Committee to re-explore JFGT's role in community security. We want to help the community navigate the threat environment in effective and efficient ways that work for everyone."

Stephen Rothschild, CEO,
Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo

JFGT Seeks Nominations for Annual Awards

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

National Young Leadership/ Harry Levison Young Leadership Award

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

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

Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award

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

Nancy Newbury Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award

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

Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence

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

Shining Light Award

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

Please use the form below pertaining to the award(s) for which you wish to submit a nomination(s), or you may request a form from Monique Parish at monique@jewishtoledo.org.

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo Nomination for Community Award



Award Nomination (check one)

- National Young Leadership/Harry Levison Young Leadership Award
- Bob Wick Jewish Community Service Award
- Nancy Newbury, Spirit of Jewish Family Service Award
- Marjorie Siegel Jewish Communal Service Award of Excellence
- Shining Light Award - Jewish Programs Volunteer

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

Nominated by: _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____ Date: _____

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

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

**Nominations should be sent by
Friday, May 1, 2026 to:
Stephen Rothschild, CEO
Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo
6465 Sylvania Avenue
Sylvania, Ohio 43560**

Toledo Jewish Men's Club 3rd Anniversary Event!

Tuesday May 5 – 6 p.m. at Temple Shomer Emunim

Sam Hoffman, co-author of "Old Jews Telling Jokes" and producer of the OJTJ off-Broadway play and video series, will join us for a Jewishly humorous and heimish evening.

Dinner- Deli favorites by Zingerman's (fish option available)

Joel Beren

@Joel-Beren-1



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Reservation and payment by April 24.

For information or reservations email joel@bereneq.com or text 419-704-5039.

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Toledo Jewish Men's Club Upcoming Events

TUESDAY APRIL 7, NOON AT TEMPLE SHOMER EMUNIM

State Representative Josh Williams (Ohio House District 49).

Josh Williams currently represents parts of three counties in northwest Ohio, including parts of Sylvania, Sylvania Township, and Toledo. He is a Republican candidate in the May 5 Ohio primary for Ohio's 9th Congressional district.

TUESDAY MAY 5, 6 P.M. AT TEMPLE SHOMER EMUNIM

Celebrate the 3rd anniversary of the Toledo Jewish Men's club with an evening of humor, heimish entertainment, and deli favorites from Zingerman's. TJMC welcomes Sam Hoffman, co-author of the original "Old Jews Telling Jokes" and producer of both the off-Broadway play and video series.

TUESDAY JUNE 2, NOON AT TEMPLE SHOMER EMUNIM

(open to the entire community, men and women)

Senator Sherrod Brown. Senator Brown served three terms representing Ohio in the United States Senate. His career serving the citizens of Ohio includes terms in the United States Congress as Ohio's Secretary of State and as an Ohio House representative. Sherrod is looking to return to the Senate in the 2026 election running against John Husted, former Ohio Lieutenant Governor, who was appointed to fill the balance of J.D. Vance's Senate Seat.

For reservations or additional information please email Joel Beren joel@bereneq.com or text 419-704-5039.

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LADIES who...

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Sunday, April 26

WANDER

Sunday, June 28

SEE PAGES 12-13 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS.

Jewish Holiday Closing Schedule for Yom Tov 2026

BETH SHALOM CEMETERY

420 Otter Creek Rd.
Oregon, Ohio 43616

EAGLE POINT CEMETERY

515 Eagle Point Rd.
Rossford, Ohio 43460

Wednesday, April 1, 2026	Erev Passover	Close at 4 pm
Thursday, April 2, 2026	Passover I	Closed
Friday, April 3, 2026	Passover II	Closed
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	Passover VII	Closed
Thursday, April 9, 2026	Passover VIII	Closed
Thursday, May 21, 2026	Erev Shavuot	Close at 4 pm
Friday, May 22, 2026	Shavuot I	Closed
Saturday, May 23, 2026	Shavuot II/Shabbat	Closed
Friday, September 11, 2026	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Close at 4 pm
Saturday, September 12, 2026	Rosh Hashanah I/Shabbat	Closed
Sunday, September 13, 2026	Rosh Hashanah II	Closed
Sunday, September 20, 2026	Erev Yom Kippur	Close at 4 pm
Monday, September 21, 2026	Yom Kippur	Closed
Friday, September 25, 2026	Erev Sukkot	Close at 4 pm
Saturday, September 26, 2026	Sukkot I/Shabbat	Closed
Sunday, September 27, 2026	Sukkot II	Closed
Friday, October 2, 2026	Erev Shemini Atzeret	Close at 4 pm
Saturday, October 3, 2026	Shemini Atzeret/Shabbat	Closed
Sunday, October 4, 2026	Simchat Torah	Closed

Regular Cemetery hours:

Sunday through Thursday 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Fridays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*Cemeteries close early every Friday at 4 p.m. for Erev Shabbat
Cemeteries are closed every Saturday for Shabbat*

Toledo Jewish Community Cemetery Association

6465 Sylvania Ave.
Sylvania, Ohio 43560
419-724-0404



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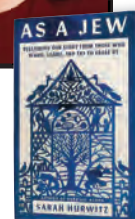
SAVE THE DATE

Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo | Annual Meeting



Sunday, August 30

Featuring Sarah Hurwitz, Author,
As a Jew: Reclaiming Our Story from Those Who Blame, Shame, and Try to Erase Us
Time and location TBA



Community celebrates UToledo women's basketball at Jewish Heritage Night



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Cup of Joy Lecture

Art, Faith, and Shared History

In Conversation With Dr. Adam Levine
Edward Drummond and Florence Scott Libbey
President, Director and CEO



April 19, 2026 | 1-4 p.m.
Toledo Museum of Art
Little Theater and Galleries

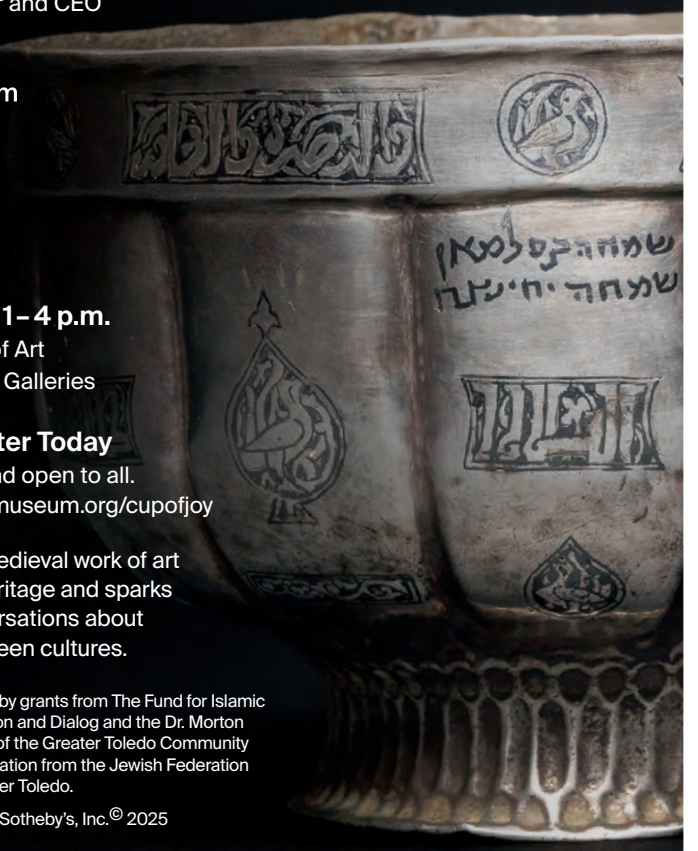


Register Today
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toledomuseum.org/cupofjoy

Discover how a medieval work of art reveals shared heritage and sparks meaningful conversations about coexistence between cultures.

This project was funded by grants from The Fund for Islamic Understanding, Education and Dialog and the Dr. Morton Goldberg Lecture Fund of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation, with consultation from the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo.

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Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo Programs and Events



Featured Event

Sunday, April 12

Jewish Heritage Day at the Detroit Tigers!

Bus leaves at 11:30 a.m.

Return to Toledo around 5:30 p.m.

\$20 - Adults 60 and older

\$40 - Adults 21 - 59

Includes game ticket, commemorative jersey, transportation, and food voucher.

Calling all Jewish Toledo adults! Celebrate Jewish Heritage Day with your Toledo Jewish community as the Detroit Tigers take on the Miami Marlins. This special event includes a custom Detroit Tigers Jewish Heritage Jersey. RSVP by Tuesday, March 31.



SATURDAY, APRIL 11

PJ LIBRARY & CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL TOT SHABBAT

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Free

Location TBA

Open to all families, regardless of affiliation. Join Helen Grubb and other PJ Library families for a Tot Shabbat at Congregation B'nai Israel. We'll start in the chapel where PJ Library and Gan parent Helen Grubb will lead songs, blessings, and a story based on Parshat Shemini. Then we'll join the congregation so the kids can march with the Torah (and their own), followed by playtime and a craft in the playroom. We'll end with a special kid friendly lunch. RSVP by Monday, April 6.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMUNITY OBSERVANCE

7 p.m.

Location TBA

See page 6 for more information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

BABY LOVES SHABBAT

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Free event

Each playdate will feature creative play, light snacks, challah, Shabbat songs, and more. Register for a chance to receive a special Shabbat Box to use during the playdates and take home afterward. RSVP by the day prior to marnie@jewishtoledo.org.



TUESDAY, APRIL 21

POP-UP SHUK FEATURING ESEK

Open from 4 - 8 p.m.

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by presentation

Enjoy FREE admission to shop at the pop-up Shuk

\$18 per person for kosher Israeli dinner

This Yom Ha'Atzmaut, we're celebrating in a way that connects story, purpose, and impact. We're thrilled to welcome

ESEK, an initiative that supports Israeli small businesses by showcasing products created by passionate Israeli small-business owners. Every purchase supports creativity, resilience, and Israel's entrepreneurial spirit. Learn more about ESEK at esek.biz. RSVP for dinner by Monday, April 13.

See page 3 for more information.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

LADIES WHO BRUNCH

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

\$5 per person - includes beverage and goodie bag. Brunch is on your own.

Downtown Toledo-area

Women 65 and under are invited for a delightful brunch. Come connect with friends old and new! RSVP by Friday, April 17.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

BARK MITZVAH, MITZVAH DAY!

2 - 4 p.m.

\$18 per household

Check out the newest dog park in Sylvania, Blueberry Fields, and meet other furry and non-furry friends. There will be mitzvah projects, donuts from Holy Toledough, dog treats, and more.

We'll also be holding a raffle for one year of free access to the membership-only dog park! RSVP by Thursday, May 14.

View park rules here: www.sylvaniadogpark.com/parkrules

THURSDAY, MAY 28

A SPECIAL EVENING WITH AUTHOR ADAM NIMOY

7 p.m.

\$18/person

See page 2 for more information

MONDAY, JUNE 15-MONDAY, JULY 13

SAVE THE DATE - 12TH TOLEDO JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

See ad on this page for more information.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

LADIES WHO WANDER

11 a.m., followed by brunch after

\$25 per person, includes flower picking and brunch beverages.

Brunch is on your own.

Jewish women ages 65 and under are welcome to join Apollo's Basket for a special seasonal event celebrating

SAVE THE DATE

12th toledo jewish film festival

Monday, June 15	Monday, June 22	Monday, June 29	Monday, July 6	Monday, July 13
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Sponsored in part by the Stu & JoJo Goldberg Donor Advised Fund

For more information and resources, visit jewishtoledo.org.



New for 2026, unless otherwise noted, please register for all programs with Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351



or at <https://jftoledo.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/ticket>.



All information subject to change with updates posted on jewishtoledo.org



To submit an event for consideration, send information to abby@jewishtoledo.org at least 45 days prior to event.

nature, community, and creativity. Enjoy an afternoon on the farm, with access to blooming flower fields, hands-on bouquet picking, and a curated selection of handcrafted, farm-inspired goods. Join us after for a brunch at a local restaurant. RSVP by Monday, June 22.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF - TOLEDO REP
2 p.m.
\$20 per campaign donor
\$30 for non-donors to the campaign
Set in the little village of Anatevka, the

story centers on Tevye, a poor milkman, and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. Rich in historical and ethnic detail, *Fiddler on the Roof's* universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness. Directed by our very own Jewish Toledo star, Irina Zaurov! RSVP by Thursday, June 11.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

JEWISH FEDERATION & FOUNDATION OF GREATER TOLEDO ANNUAL MEETING

Featuring Sarah Hurwitz, Author, *As a Jew: Reclaiming Our Story from Those Who Blame, Shame, and Try to Erase Us*

Time and location TBA
More information to come.

SENIOR PROGRAMMING

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

60 & BETTER AUTHOR EVENT
HIDDEN ROOMS BY KATE MICHAELSON



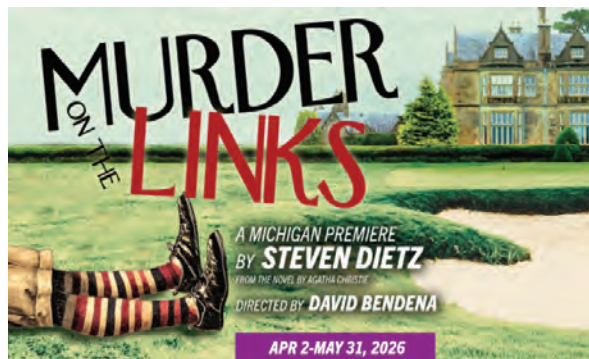
12 - 1:30 p.m.
\$10 for lunch and presentation for campaign donors
\$15 for lunch, presentation, and book for campaign donors
\$20 for lunch and presentation for non-donors to the campaign
\$30 for lunch, presentation, and book for non-donors to the campaign

Long distance runner Riley has been fighting various bewildering symptoms for months, from vertigo to fainting spells. Worse, her doctors can't tell her what's wrong, leaving her to wonder if it's stress or something more threatening. But when her brother's fiancée is killed – and he becomes the prime suspect – Riley must prove his innocence, despite the toll on her health. Local author Kate Michaelson will share the inspiration for this book and more about the main characters.

Additional books will be available for sale. RSVP by Monday, April 6.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

60 & BETTER LUNCH & THEATER TRIP
MURDER ON THE LINKS



Bus leaves at 11:30 a.m.
Bus returns around 5:30 p.m.
\$15 for campaign donors
\$30 for non-donors to the campaign
Includes lunch, transportation, and theater ticket
Contains adult language and subject matter.

Something is afoot on the private golf course at Merlinville-Sur-Mer — namely the body of Hercule Poirot's newest client. Acclaimed playwright Steven Dietz brings the famed Belgian detective to life to solve one of Agatha Christie's most intricate whodunits. Of course, there are the host of usual — and unusual — suspects. A cast of six versatile actors embody a myriad of characters as they navigate the twists and turns of this lively and fun new adaptation. You won't want to miss a thrilling moment of this comic mystery.

Enjoy the theater production of *Murder on the Links* and a delicious lunch prior to the performance. RSVP by Monday, April 6.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE JEWS OF MEXICO - PRESSED FLOWER FRAME WORKSHOP

12 - 1:30 p.m.
\$18 for campaign donors
\$30 for non-donors to the campaign
Cost includes vegetarian Mexican lunch and all supplies

Join us for a vibrant celebration in honor of Cinco de Mayo to learn about the rich history of the Jews of Mexico, taste the flavors of Mexico, and make a flower pressed frame with Makaila Beckhusen from Stick it Babe. RSVP by Tuesday, April 28.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

60 & BETTER LADIES ONLY -
THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY
5 - 6:30 p.m.

\$15 for campaign donors
\$25 for non-donors to the campaign
Transport yourself to the land of milk and honey and celebrate the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai with a delicious dairy dinner. We will also learn about essential oils as well as create our own rollerball. RSVP by Monday, May 11.

For the safety of our community, the location of all events will be shared with registrants prior to each event.

Holocaust survivor speaks to local youth for annual Diversity Day

Several hundred local high school students attended the annual Diversity Day at the Valentine Theatre last month, sponsored by Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and the Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center. Holocaust survivor Helen Marks spoke to the attentive crowd about her experiences during and after World War II. Born in 1941 in Belgium, she was separated from her family as a toddler when her parents left her with a local Catholic family who kept her safe for four years until her parents, who experienced the horrors of the concentration camps, returned to reunite with her. The family later came to America and settled in Cleveland.

Ms. Marks shared a message of Tikkun Olam (repair the world) with the young students. She told them that one of the most important things they can do in this current climate is to know who they are/value themselves and to stand up to any bullying that they see.

Introducing Ms. Marks were Teresa Fedor, local politician; Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz; and Hindea Markowicz, Director of the Ruth Fajerman Markowicz Holocaust Resource Center of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.



Dear Mrs. Marks
Thank you for taking time out of your week to come and talk to us at PJHS. It was very interesting to hear about your experiences and hear the stories from a different point of view! It was so kind of you to leave your everyday life with your family and dogs to give us the once in a lifetime chance to hear from someone who has experienced the holocaust first hand. Im glad you came to talk to us even if it was hard to talk about. It was cool to see photos of you and the farm animals where you stayed when you were younger. You were so sweet!
-J

Dear Mrs. Marks,
Thank you for your presentation at our junior high school. I will always remember your story and the trials you had to face. Everyone I talked to shared this sentiment and thought your presentation was remarkable. Your story has inspired so many and it will continue to inspire for generations to come. You have made such a big impact on our school and the way we think about that period of time. Thank you so much for coming and sharing your life's journey with us.
-In appreciation, B

Dear Mrs. Marks
Thank you for your presentation at our junior high school. I appreciate the presentation because my thinking was challenged when you talked about your personal experiences. It's difficult to imagine the Holocaust sometimes because it's such a horrible part of our history that sometimes I feel I'd almost rather forget. But I can't and I won't. Because as Mrs. Helman said, anyone who listens to a witness in a way becomes a witness themselves. So I know it's my duty to keep on sharing your account so that the Holocaust's truth will never be forgotten. I'll always remember what you told me ~~about~~ even before the assembly began about hate. That it's the ugliest word in the dictionary and it should never have to be used. That without hate the world would be forever better, and overall a more happy place to be. Your talk gave me hope and inspired me to keep on spreading love and denouncing hate. You're so brave! Thank you!
March 2026

Dear Mrs. Marks
Thank you for the presentation at our school. I appreciate the presentation because it gave me a different perspective on everything. It showed me that I really need to be more grateful for all the things I have because the people during the holocaust had almost nothing. It also showed me that hate, discrimination, prejudice, etc. all need to be stopped because it leads to awful things. In appreciation,
N

Notes across generations

On Wednesday, March 4, 2026, the Perrysburg Junior High School welcomed Holocaust survivor Helen Marks to Perrysburg for a powerful presentation of learning and reflection. Ms. Marks, who survived the Holocaust as a child while in hiding, shared her personal story of courage, resilience, and the individuals who helped keep her safe during one of the darkest periods in world history.

During the school day, approximately 400 Perrysburg Junior High School eighth graders attended the special presentation as part of their English Language Arts Holocaust unit. Students spend several weeks studying survivor testimony, literature, and historical context, and Ms. Marks' visit provided a meaningful opportunity to connect those lessons with a firsthand account of history.

In the evening, community members gathered in the PJHS auditorium for a public presentation. Attendees heard Ms. Marks reflect on the importance of remembrance, empathy, and standing up for others.

The visit created a powerful learning experience for students and community members alike, reinforcing the importance of preserving survivor testimony and ensuring that the lessons of history continue to be shared with future generations. Both events were sponsored by the Perrysburg Schools Foundation.

Ohio lawmakers weigh risks, rewards of US-Israel strikes on Iran

JIMMY OSWALD

Both Ohio Rep. Eric Synenberg, D-Beachwood, and Ohio Sen. Casey Weinstein, D-Hudson, agree there's two sides to the coin when it comes to the U.S.-Israeli airstrikes in Iran, which began on Feb. 28.

"Two things can be true: it's a good thing for Iran and regional and global security to have the Ayatollah and his regime out of power," Weinstein told the Columbus Jewish News on March 2. "But at the same time, it can be deeply concerning that we're doing this almost unilaterally, completely via the air with very unclear or no plans for what happens next. And when you look at the United States' recent history, we're pretty good at regime change and less successful at the long-term stability piece."

Synenberg described himself as proud as a Jew that Israel and the United States teamed up for this mission, noting it indicates a strong partnership between "our homeland and native land."

"I'm personally proud of that partnership," Synenberg told the CJN on March 2. "And I do think that (Iranian leader Ali) Khamenei needed to be taken out. We know how bad he's been and the kind of havoc Iran has, either directly or indirectly, unleashed on the world over the last many years. We know that the people of Iran want a new day for themselves and for their futures."

But Synenberg also said "the easiest part, however, is going in and doing what we did on (Feb. 28)."

"The hard part is what comes next," he said. "I hope that there are plans in place so that this is actually a new day for Iran and for the Middle East. That's sometimes easier said than done with nation building, especially in a region as complex as the Middle East. I'm hopeful this will turn the page and bring about a new day in the region. But, I'm still a little skeptical about what's next."

While there is great opportunity for Iran and the Middle East to move beyond that tyrannical regime, according to Weinstein, it also comes with a lot of risk.

"Think back to Iraq. We had many, many nations involved, both in the Gulf War and the Iraq and Afghanistan War," he said. "We had a massive coalition that came together and had an on-the-ground presence, but we weren't able to deliver the stability that we wanted in that region."

Weinstein, while maintaining trust in the U.S. State Department and U.S. Department of Defense, expressed worry about a lack of a plan, an oversight that could risk the future state of Iran, which he said could already be forming a succession plan to Khamenei, and the effect it may have on Israel.

"It's very good for Israel that Khamenei is gone and that we are targeting his regime," Weinstein said. "But it could heighten tensions and risk in the Middle East. From everything



Brown



Husted



Moreno



Weinstein

| Photo / Allison Leonard

I've heard from the White House, we're not going to be in for a boots-on-the-ground, long-term presence. We're rolling the dice here. It very much depends on who moves into power in Iran. There are many powerful military figures within the (Islamic) Revolutionary Guard (Corps) who are unknown on the international stage for us and could very well prove more dangerous for Israel."

When it comes to the mixed reaction from the public about the attacks, with some critical of the Trump administration for creating another conflict and others optimistic that the United States can topple the regime and bring a democratic government to Iran, Synenberg said that is just how the political world moves.

"There are those who are anti-war no matter what, for them it's not partisan and they are going to be equally critical of the Trump administration as they were to the Obama administration," he said. "And that's totally fine. But there's a segment of the population that is criticizing this administration because they don't like them for other reasons. If the same mission had been accomplished over the weekend and it had been a president that was a Democrat, they would be less critical. But, that's just politics."

One of the many campaign promises of Trump last year was on an "America First" pledge to keep the U.S. out of "forever wars," with a foreign policy outlook dating to his first campaign, a call to "abandon the failed policy of nation building and regime change," according to the Associated Press.

While Weinstein said the Ayatollah being gone can be of special good news to Israel and Jews everywhere, many people he represents are "pretty wary of America's foreign interventions."

"The primary concerns I hear are about electricity, energy costs and health care costs, affordability, safety, clean water - the issues that we are really trying to drive investments in and provide relief for," he said. "There's a lot of skepticism about the long-term positive impact this move can be for Americans and especially for Ohioans, who are struggling with daily costs. The people I serve, they want to see investments in their communities and things that we can do to better their daily lives. For many, this seems disconnected from that."

When reached via email by the CJN, Sen. Jon Husted's office sent the following statement on his behalf, which was also posted to social media on Feb. 28: "For 47 years, the Iranian regime had ample opportunity to be a productive member of the global community. Instead, it chose to export

death, terrorism, extremism and instability against America and our allies. It did all of this while brutally oppressing its own people, who yearned for the freedom and prosperity that they deserve but the regime has refused to deliver. Today, the President took action to address the threat Iran poses to America and global stability. I look forward to being briefed and learning more from the administration in the coming days. I pray for our military servicemembers, all Israeli military personnel, and our allies in harm's way. May God bless them and keep them safe."

Sen. Bernie Moreno posted on social media on Feb. 28: "God bless and protect our troops. President Trump sought for months to avoid conflict and negotiate with Iran to prevent them from rebuilding their nuclear program. I fully support his

decision to eliminate the threat once and for all once it became clear there was no other option. President Trump will always put America's interests first and defend American citizens. I have complete trust in him to finally bring peace to the Middle East."

U.S. Rep. Shontel Brown, D-Beachwood, released a statement on Feb. 28 that read, in part, "My message to this dangerous President is clear: The American people do not want another costly and endless war. This President promised to end wars, not start new ones. Yet over the last year, we have seen the same pattern: more strikes, in more places, with less explanation and less accountability. ... Let me be clear: The Iranian regime is repressive, destabilizing and a sponsor of terror. Preventing Iran from getting a nuclear weapon and confronting its human rights abuses and support for terrorism are legitimate and longstanding U.S. goals. But acknowledging those facts does not give any President the right to take this country to war on their own, especially without an imminent threat or having exhausted every diplomatic and economic tool at our disposal."

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- liquid hand soap, and laundry soap)
- toilet paper (preferably individual, pre-wrapped rolls)
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Cardio Drumming, 12-1pm

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Wednesday

Prime Movers Early, 9-10am -or- Prime Movers Later, 10:30-11:30am

(see description above)

Ballet 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-11am

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Tech Time with Tim

TIM HAGEN
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Tech questions I am frequently asked concern privacy. To be online in some shape or form (think emailing, texting, shopping, banking, etc.) means to compromise your privacy to varying degrees.

Tracking user habits and data when online has been, is, and will continue to be extremely lucrative for Big Tech, app designers, and data brokers. Not surprisingly, user data is constantly being swept up and then sold to third parties for all kinds of reasons. Many include general advertising while others are based on location-specific data such as surveillance.

Despite these potential concerns, please consider this a reminder to occasionally check the privacy settings of your online devices (whether a home desktop PC, an iPhone, or an Android tablet) to ensure restrictions are maximized. Sometimes software updates can change settings preferences; you may use them to spur you to recheck.

*Note that these suggestions are not comprehensive and they'll only

help limit, not eliminate, tracking.

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As always, please contact me with any questions about this or anything else tech-related. Good luck and until next month! Tim

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1. April 15: Big Tech Alternatives
2. April 29: Cable TV vs. Streaming

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First Night Passover Seder
 Community Passover Seder in the Social Hall

Friday, April 3 at 6pm
Shabbat Service
 with Rabbi Lisa Delson &
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Wednesday, April 8 at 10:30am
Passover Yizkor Service
 with Rabbi Delson
 Conclude Passover with Torah and Yizkor memorial prayers

Friday, April 10, 2026 at 6pm
Shabbat Service
 with Rabbi Lisa Delson &
 Dr. Andrew Pelletier

Saturday, April 11 at 9:30am
Torah Today with Rabbi Delson
 Everyone is welcome to join in a lively discussion on the weekly Torah portion. Bagels and coffee are served.

Friday, April 17 at 6pm
Meditative Shabbat
 with Rabbi Delson and Cantor Roher
 Explore a different way to enter into Shabbat

Saturday, April 18 at 9:30am
Tot Shabbat
 Shabbat experience for young families

Saturday, April 18 at 10:30am
Shabbat of Song and Study
 Join us for a Shabbat morning service full of music, Torah, and an interactive Torah discussion

Friday, April 24 at 5:30pm
Just Because It's Shabbat and Baby Naming for Ethan Sanders
 An intergenerational Shabbat service with participation from the Religious school. Followed by a Shabbat dinner.



Celebrate the First Night of Passover with your Temple Family
First Night Seder Wednesday, April 1, 2026
Social Hall at 5:30pm

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5:30pm: Awards/Prizes

6:15pm: Imaginative Dinner
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WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE *except during holidays

- Monday & Thursday Morning Minyan: 8:00 AM - IP/ZM
- Monday - Thursday Afternoon Minyan & Friday Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:45 PM - ZM
- Saturday Morning Shabbat: 9:30 AM - IP/LS
- Saturday Mincha Service: 12:45 PM (after Kiddush Luncheon) - IP/LS
- Sunday Morning Minyan: 9:30 AM - IP/ZM

All CBI programs and religious services are open to the members of all local congregations & guests 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 during office hours.

CBI PESACH SERVICES SCHEDULE 5786

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| IP - In Person | ZM - Zoom | LS - Live Stream |
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- Wednesday, April 1: Siyyum Bechorim (Fast of the First Born)**
- Morning Service - IP/*ZM 8:00 AM, Light meal to follow
 - *Contact rabbi@cbitoledo.org for the special Zoom link and passcode
 - **EREV PESACH:** Evening service - ZM 5:45 PM 1st Seder after dark
- Thursday, April 2: First Day Pesach (2nd Seder after dark)**
- CBI Office Closed
 - Morning Service of Reaffirmation - IP/LS 9:30 AM
 - **NO EVENING SERVICE**
 - **PESACH SEDER AT CBI** - IP 6:30 PM
- Friday, April 3: Second Day Pesach**
- CBI Office Closed
 - Morning Service - IP/LS 9:30 AM
 - Evening service - IP/LS 5:45 PM
- Saturday, April 4: Shir HaShirim/Song of Songs**
- Shabbat Chol Hamoed Morning Service - IP/LS 9:30 AM
 - Mincha service - IP/LS 12:45 PM
- Sunday, April 5: Chol Hamoed**
- Morning Service - IP/ZM 9:30 AM
- Monday, April 6: Chol Hamoed**
- Morning Service - IP/ZM 8:00 AM
 - Afternoon Service ZM 5:45 PM
- Tuesday, April 7: Erev 7th Day Pesach**
- Afternoon Service ZM 5:45 PM
- Wednesday, April 8: Seventh Day Pesach**
- CBI Office Closed
 - Morning Service - IP/LS 9:30 AM
 - Evening service - IP/LS 5:45 PM
- Thursday, April 9: Eight Day Pesach**
- CBI Office Closed
 - Morning Service - IP/LS 9:30 AM
 - Yizkor Service - IP/LS 10:45 AM
 - Evening service - IP/LS 5:45 PM

KOSHER FOR PASSOVER CATERED DINNER

CBI Pesach Seder: Second Night
 Thursday, April 2, 2025 6:30 PM at CBI

Due to a generous anonymous contribution towards the Seder, the cost per person is as follows:

- CBI Members 13 & up - \$45**
- Non-Members 13 & up - \$50**
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THE SEDER IS OPEN TO MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS & GUESTS WITH RSVP
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Connecting Kids to Meals

Monday, April 20, 2026 10 AM - 12 PM
 Cherry Street Mission Building, 1501 Monroe St.
 RSVP to programming@cbitoledo.org by Apr. 17th.

Ongoing Adult Ed Classes

All classes are in-person at CBI and on Zoom.
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CBI Pesach Office Hours

Wednesday, April 1	Noon	Erev Pesach
Thursday, April 2	Closed	Pesach Day 1
Friday, April 3	Closed	Pesach Day 2
Wednesday, April 8	Closed	Pesach Day 7
Thursday, April 9	Closed	Pesach Day 8

In-Person Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, April 10, 2026, 6:00 PM at CBI
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WCBI BOOK CLUB:

The Measure by Nikki Erlick
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 10:30 AM at CBI
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OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS
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Canasta & Mahjong at CBI

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Mahjong: Thurs. at 12:30 PM
 RSVP for Canasta to Rhoda Miller at rmiller@cbitoledo.org.
 RSVP for Mahjong to Miriam Beckerman at wcbi@cbitoledo.org.

SAVE THE DATE:

Blintz Bonanza! Cooking Demo with Mary Bilyeu
Sunday, May 3, 2026, 11:30 AM at CBI
Cost \$12: cash/check to CBI will be collected at the door
 RSVP to kbrody@cbitoledo.org by Apr. 24th. Space is limited to the first 15 people who RSVP. Open to all CBI members.

CONGREGATION ETZ CHAYIM

IMPORTANT PASSOVER DATES

Bedikas Chametz (Search for Chametz) –
Tuesday night, March 31, after nightfall

Bi'ur Chametz (Destruction of the Chametz) –
Wednesday, April 1, before noon

First Seder –
Wednesday, April 1 after 8:15 p.m.

Second Seder –
Thursday, April 2 after 8:45 p.m.

Intermediate Days of Passover –
Saturday, April 4 through Tuesday, April 7

Final Days of Passover –
Wednesday & Thursday, April 8 & 9 (Yizkor)

GUEST SPEAKER ON NUTRITION

Everyone is invited to a very special speaker event on Wednesday, April 15 at 10 a.m. in the synagogue library. Cathy Stoldt, a Nutrition & Wellness Specialist, will be speaking and answering questions. She will be our “Healthy Eating Speaker.”

POKER AND MAHJ GAMES

Everyone is invited to play poker and mahj on April 19 at 10 a.m. There will only be one game session one Sunday during April. Come join the fun!

SHABBAT WEEKEND PLANNED

We are fortunate to have another Shabbat weekend with Rabbi Jason Mark during the weekend of April 17 and 18. Plan to come for a delicious pre-Shabbat dinner at the synagogue on Friday evening at 6 p.m. The rabbi will give a D’var Torah following dinner. The cost is \$18 per person. We will honor those Etz Chayim family and friends who celebrated March and April birthdays during Shabbat services on Saturday morning with a kiddush luncheon following.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

A Dream of Pearls activity will be held on Wednesday, April 22 at 10 a.m. in the synagogue library. This program will be led by Stephanie Reidy. She will teach how to shuck an oyster to get the pearl out. Participants will then make the pearl into a necklace. There are a variety of styles to choose from. Included in the program will be a video about oysters, with a brunch following the video. The cost of the event is \$25 for non-members of the Sisterhood. We look forward to seeing you.

A “body in motion” activity led by Eileen from Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo will be a drumming activity. It will be held at the Federation Sekach Building Wednesday, April 29. Information on the time will be coming soon.

PLEASE NOTE: All Zoom, virtual, and in-person programs require registration. You can contact either Nancy Jacobson at Jaco824@bex.net or Elsa Leveton at 419-473-2401 or elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org for further information and registration.

CHABAD HOUSE

The Feast of MOSHIACH

at the conclusion of Passover

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'60 & Better' explores vibrant Chinese New Year traditions

Jewish Toledo's "60 & Better" group enjoyed a fun evening with friends and a delicious Chinese dinner, celebrating the vibrant traditions of the Chinese New Year as well as discovering the fascinating story of Jewish migration to China and how these two cultures intertwined throughout history.



Jewish hockey star Jack Hughes' overtime goal propels US to historic gold medal in Olympic hockey

BY JACOB GURVIS

Jewish hockey star Jack Hughes scored the game-winning goal in February to clinch a gold medal for the U.S. men's hockey team, its first since 1980.

The New Jersey Devils star center, who had scored twice in Team USA's semifinal win, sent the puck between the legs of Canadian goaltender Jordan Binnington 1:41 into overtime to give the American team a 2-1 win.

"This is all about our country right now. I love the USA," Hughes told NBC. "I love my teammates."

The win broke a 46-year Olympic drought for Team USA, which had not taken gold since the famous "Miracle on Ice" team that upset the Soviet Union on its way to gold in 1980. The United States also won in 1960.

"He's a freaking gamer," Quinn Hughes, Jack's older brother and U.S. teammate said, according to The Athletic. "He's always been a gamer. Just mentally tough, been through a lot, loves the game. American hero."

Quinn Hughes is a defender for the Minnesota Wild and a former captain of the Vancouver Canucks who won the NHL's top defenseman award in 2024. He was also named the best defender in the Olympic tournament by the International Ice

Hockey Federation after scoring an overtime goal to send the U.S. team to the semifinals.

The third Jewish member of the U.S. team, Boston Bruins goaltender Jeremy Swayman, won the one game he played, a Feb. 14 preliminary-round victory over Denmark.

The Hughes family — rounded out by youngest brother Luke, who also plays for the Devils — has long been lauded as a Jewish hockey dynasty. They are the first American family to have three siblings picked in the first round of the NHL draft, and Jack was the first Jewish player to go No. 1 overall. They are also the first trio of Jewish brothers to play in the same NHL game and the first brothers to earn cover honors for EA Sports' popular hockey video game.

Jack, who had a bar mitzvah, has said his family celebrated Passover when he was growing up. Their mother, Ellen Weinberg-Hughes, who is Jewish, represented the U.S. women's hockey team at the 1992 Women's World Championships and was on the coaching staff of the gold-medal-winning women's team in Milan. Weinberg-Hughes is also a member of the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

Hughes' golden goal ushered in a burst of Jewish pride on social media, with one user calling it "the



▲ Jack Hughes #86 and Quinn Hughes #43 of Team United States celebrate winning the gold medals after the team's 2-1 overtime victory in the Men's Gold Medal match between Canada and the United States of the 2026 Winter Olympic games in Milan, Feb. 22, 2026. | Gregory Shamus/Getty Images

greatest Jewish sports moment of all time." The Hockey News tweeted that Hughes was "the first player in hockey history to have a Bar Mitzvah and a Golden Goal! Pretty cool!"

Jewish groups and leaders also jumped on the praise train. "Special shout out to @jhugh86 on scoring the game-winning goal!" tweeted Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO

of the Anti-Defamation League. "Beyond his incredible skill on the ice, Jack makes history as a proud representative of the American Jewish community, reminding us that the Jewish people are interwoven into America in her 250th year! Mazel Tov, Jack!"



Firearm Safety and Protecting Children

DAVE TULLIS
Security Director
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A RECENT INCIDENT

Recently, a concerned parent discovered a **loaded semi-automatic handgun with pink grips** on a public sidewalk near an elementary school in Toledo. Fortunately, the firearm was reported immediately to local law enforcement and taken into evidence before any child encountered it. This incident highlights the critical need for **community awareness and gun safety education**, especially for children.

GUN SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

Children are naturally curious and may not understand the dangers of firearms. Parents, caregivers, and educators can help prevent accidents by following these guidelines:

1. Talk Openly About Guns

- Explain that guns are **not toys** and can cause serious injury or death.
- Encourage children to **never touch a gun** if they see one, even if it looks like a toy.

2. Establish a “Stop, Don’t Touch, Tell an Adult” Rule

- Teach children that if they find a firearm, they should **stop immediately, avoid touching it, and inform a trusted adult** or call 911.

3. Recognize Toy vs. Real Firearms

- Many firearms, like the one found recently, may appear colorful or toy-like.
- Educate children that **no matter how a gun looks**, they must treat it as dangerous.

4. Practice Emergency Drills

- Role-play scenarios with children on what to do if they encounter a gun.
- Reinforce staying calm, leaving the area, and seeking help immediately.

GENERAL GUN SAFETY TIPS FOR FAMILIES

1. Store Firearms Securely

- Use **gun safes, lock boxes, or trigger locks**.
- Store guns **unloaded and separate from ammunition**.

2. Educate All Household Members

- Make sure everyone in the home understands the **risks of firearms** and the rules for safe handling.

3. Report Lost or Found Firearms

- Contact local law enforcement if you **find an unattended gun** in public spaces.
- Never attempt to handle a firearm if you are unsure of its status.

4. Community Vigilance

- Encourage neighbors and local organizations to **report unsafe or suspicious situations**.
- Early reporting can prevent accidents and protect children.

REMEMBER

Firearm safety is a shared responsibility. By **educating children, securing firearms, and promoting community awareness**, we can reduce the risk of accidents and ensure that our neighborhoods remain safe.

If you have questions or would



▲ A loaded semi-automatic handgun with pink grips was recently spotted near a Toledo elementary school by a concerned parent. | Photo submitted.

like to receive additional safety resources, please contact **Dave Tullis, Security Director, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo** at dave@jewishtoledo.org.

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OBITUARY

Mayer "Butch" Louis Wainstein

Mayer passed away peacefully on March 6th, surrounded by loving family. Mayer, known affectionately as 'Butch,' was born on January 4, 1939, to Maurice and Geraldine Wainstein in Miami, Florida. The family later moved to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he spent his childhood.

Butch attended The Ohio State University, where he was affiliated with the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity. There, he met and eventually married his wife Deanna (Deanie) Saltzman. After graduation, he attended The Ohio State University Medical School.

After graduating from Medical School, Butch completed his internship at Mount Sinai Hospital in Cleveland, and his residency in Urology from Case Western Reserve University, under Dr. Lester Persky. After that, he served as a surgeon in the military at Vandenberg Airforce Base in California.

Butch practiced Urology in Toledo, Ohio for over 40 years, where he was head of a progressive eleven-doctor urology group: Genito Urology Group. He served as the chief of surgery for over ten years at Toledo Hospital.

Butch was a beloved physician, adored by his patients. He was respected as a skilled surgeon by colleagues and staff. Most importantly, he loved his work and patients. His work, however, never ended even after he left the office. Over the years, family and friends would

turn to Butch for medical advice and care. Dr. Wainstein would diligently and patiently listen, answering all questions with wisdom and kindness. His passion for medicine, his selflessness, and desire to help others ultimately inspired his children and grandchildren to pursue careers in medicine.

Beyond his professional life, Butch was committed to serving others as he worked at the University of Toledo Medical School and volunteered at the Friendship Center in Sarasota, Florida. He was also a supporter of the arts and theatre.

After retirement, Butch and Deanie wintered on Long Boat Key where they savored the community. Throughout his life, Butch enjoyed numerous hobbies and interests. He had a love for horses and dogs. As a teenager, he could often be found riding his horse, Buttercup. He was a tennis player, a skier, a fisherman, a photographer, golfer, and duplicate bridge player. He collected fine wine and art glass. Butch and Deanie traveled often, in earlier years with their children; in later years they explored the world together.

Above all, Butch was a loving husband and devoted family man. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 62 years, Deanna; his son, Dr. Mark (Anita) Wainstein; daughters Mindy (Andrew) Sand and Melissa Wainstein (Greg Johnson); His cherished grandchildren, Mayer Jonathan Sand (CRNP), Maddie Avidor (Dr. Ofek Avidor), Alexandra Wainstein, Mathew Wainstein and Danny Wainstein; his adored great grandchild, Drew Avidor; his loving sister, Sally Tater (Alan), and his dog, Coco.

Funeral Services were held March 9 at Berkowitz-Kumin-Bookatz Memorial Chapel in Cleveland Heights. Donations in Mayer's memory can be made to Jewish Federation of Toledo or the charity of your choice.



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