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Amidst rising security concerns, JFGT CEO and Security Director attend Ohio security summit

Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo CEO, Stephen Rothschild, and Security Director, David Tullis II, recently attended the Ohio Federations CEO/Security Directors Summit held April 27, 2026, and hosted by Jewish Federation of Columbus.

The summit brought together Federation CEOs and Security Directors from across Ohio to collaborate, exchange ideas, and discuss best practices for protecting and strengthening Jewish communities throughout the state. The event focused heavily on the ever-evolving policies, procedures, and partnerships necessary to maintain effective community safety and security programs.

Throughout the summit, attendees had the opportunity to network with fellow Federation leaders and security professionals while learning from a distinguished lineup of guest speakers and subject matter experts.

Among the featured speakers was Andy Wilson, Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, who discussed the importance of collaboration between public safety agencies and community organizations. Also presenting was Robert Butler, representing the Ohio Chiefs of Police Association, who addressed current law enforcement initiatives and strategies related to



▲ Tullis II pictured fourth from the right and Rothschild pictured sixth from the right.

community protection and preparedness.

Another keynote presenter was Lara Burns, a retired FBI Special Agent with 23 years of service who currently serves as Head of Terrorism Research at George Washington University Program on Extremism. Burns spoke about the historical and modern presence of Hamas within the United States, including its influence in media and on academic campuses.

The summit also featured security expert Hagay Avimor, who provided insight into the origins and current state of violent Islamist extremism in America. His presentation examined the ideological foundations of radicalization and emerging tactical trends associated with domestic threats.

Rothschild and Tullis noted that the summit provided valuable opportunities to strengthen relationships with state leaders, law

enforcement partners, and fellow Federation professionals while gaining important knowledge that can continue to enhance the safety and security efforts within the Greater Toledo Jewish community.

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo remains committed to maintaining strong partnerships and proactive security initiatives to help ensure the safety and well-being of the community.

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Sheryl Levin honored

Last month, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and the Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS) had the wonderful opportunity of celebrating stellar, stalwart food pantry volunteer, Sheryl Levin, as she was recognized with Meijer’s Hunger Relief Hero award. According to Mark Schultz, Store Director, Meijer #117 (Central Avenue), Sheryl was selected from over 400 nominations across Meijer’s six-state footprint. On behalf of Meijer, team members Mark and Beth E. presented Sheryl with a BIG check, awarding the JSFSS Family Food Pantry a \$5,000 donation in her name. Congratulations, Sheryl, and thank you, Meijer!

Food Pantry & Emergent Nutritional Subsidy Statistics 2025:

- 2,742 total individuals received foods, hygiene products, and other pantry services through 1,112 appointments.
- More than 100 total holiday baskets (Passover and Rosh Hashanah) were delivered.
- 250+ meals were delivered to community members in need of short-term nutritional assistance.



▲ Sheryl Levin, long-time JSFSS Family Food Pantry volunteer



▲ (L to R) Hannah Loeser, JSFSS Office Manager & Program Associate; Beth E., Meijer team member; Mark Schultz, Meijer #117 Store Director; Sheryl Levin; and Ben Malczewski, JSFSS Vice President



▲ Stephen Rothschild, CEO, Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo, and staff commending Sheryl on her honor

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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

Doors open at 6 p.m. (location TBA)

For nearly 15 years, Sarah Hurwitz built a career finding just the right words. She served as a White House speechwriter from 2009 to 2017, first as a senior speechwriter for President Barack Obama and then as head speechwriter for First Lady Michelle Obama. Sarah worked with Mrs. Obama to craft widely acclaimed addresses and traveled with her across America and to five continents.

Prior to working in the White House, Sarah was in the thick of political campaigns – serving as the chief speechwriter for Hillary Clinton on her 2008 presidential campaign and deputy chief speechwriter for Senator John Kerry in 2004 and General Wesley Clark in 2003.

As a Jew: Reclaiming Our Story from Those Who Blame, Shame, and Try to Erase Us is a New York Times bestseller and winner of a National Jewish Book Award and the Natan Notable Book Award. It is an urgent exploration of how antisemitism has shaped Jewish identity and how Jews can reclaim their tradition.

JFGT’s Annual Meeting is generously sponsored by:

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monday, june 15

monday, june 22

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monday, july 6

monday, july 13

OPENING NIGHT

Charles Grodin: Rebel with a Cause

Monday, June 15 at 7 p.m.

Concessions: Flavored popcorn, candy, and coffee bar

Eternally sardonic and effortlessly deadpan, Charles Grodin carved out a singular place in American entertainment. This vibrant documentary celebrates the actor-comedian and broadcast personality whose understated brilliance lit up Elaine May's *The Heartbreak Kid*, Martin Brest's *Midnight Run* alongside Robert De Niro, and countless mischievously funny late-night TV appearances with Johnny Carson and David Letterman.

Yet, Grodin's legacy extends far beyond his iconic performances. In later years, he turned his sharp intellect and moral conviction toward activism, using his CNBC talk show to champion prison reform and other pressing social issues. Featuring a treasure trove of film and television clips alongside candid interviews and heartfelt reflections from Robert De Niro, Carol Burnett, Paul Simon, Art Garfunkel, Steve Martin, and Alan Arkin, this rich portrait captures a consummate performer who blended humor with humanity—leaving an indelible mark on comedy, culture, and conscience.

Running time: 92 minutes | English

The Everything Pot

Monday, June 22 at 7 p.m.

Concessions: Wedding cake, popcorn, and coffee bar

FEATURING a post-film discussion with special guest, Director/Writer/Producer, Sherise Dorf

Starring Lisa Edelstein ("Long Story Short", "House MD"), James Wolk ("Happy Face"), Gina Torres ("Suits"), Erik Griffin ("Workaholics"), Delaney Rowe, and Deja Monique Cruz. A comedy of errors ensues when empty nester Rachel (Edelstein) hastily sends a gift to Charlie (Wolk), a former colleague,

upon receiving his wedding invitation. The young couple's wedding gets Rachel out of her perpetual state of ennui in her own marriage and brings unexpected excitement, which inadvertently causes chaos in both unions. As one domino falls after another, cracks begin to show in their respective relationships, especially while Rachel's husband Adam (Griffin) becomes obsessed with getting back their wedding gift: The Everything Pot.

Running time: 90 minutes | English



SHERISE DORF

is a Los Angeles-based writer, director, and producer. *The Everything Pot* was one of 19 films named to the 2025 Popcorn List, and was one of three films by first-time female directors selected to their inaugural Pop-Up Series, screening at a curated group of 10 arthouse cinemas nationwide. The film recently launched on the Jewish

Film Festival circuit, and will be followed by a theatrical release in North American cinemas later this year. Dorf is also developing a TV series based on the film and currently writing an intergenerational female buddy dramedy feature film she plans to direct.

Marathon Mom

Monday, June 29 at 7 p.m.

Concessions: Popcorn, DIY trail mix bar, and coffee bar

Marathon Mom tells the inspiring story of Beatie Deutsch, an ultra-Orthodox Jewish mother of five who, after a pause from athletics to focus on her family, reignites her passion for running. In 2015, driven by a personal promise and the challenges of motherhood, Beatie embarks on a rigorous journey to complete a marathon. As she trains with dreams of becoming an Olympian, her remarkable journey transcends the track, embodying a powerful message of perseverance and empowerment. Through her story, Beatie inspires other women to embrace their dreams and overcome their own challenges.

Running time: 90 minutes | English

We Met at Grossinger's

Monday, July 6 at 7 p.m.

Concessions: Popcorn, ice cream, and coffee bar

We Met at Grossinger's is an immersive journey through the Jewish Catskills—once known as the Borscht Belt—reviving the iconic resort that inspired *Dirty Dancing* and defined an era of Jewish American life. The Borscht Belt in the Catskills provided an oasis of belonging, and Grossinger's Resort and Hotel was the crown jewel. Grossinger's provided both a physical and mental getaway where Jews—and others from marginalized communities—needing a break from NYC could relax.

The resort's growing reputation attracted a wide variety of comedians, athletes, and political figures, including Mel Brooks, Jerry Seinfeld, Jackie Robinson, and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Running time: 104 minutes | English

CLOSING NIGHT

Once Upon My Mother

Monday, July 13 at 7 p.m.

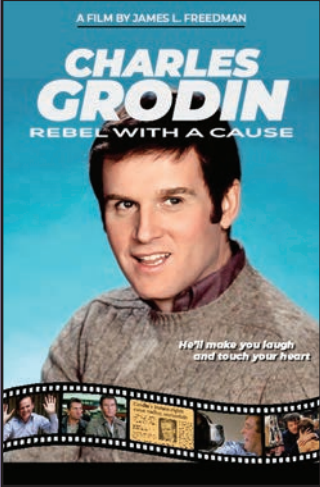
Concessions: Popcorn, candy, macarons, and coffee bar

In 1963, Esther gave birth to Roland, the youngest sibling of a large family. Roland was born with a club foot that prevented him from standing. Against everyone's advice, she promised her son that he would be able to walk just like everyone else and have a wonderful life.

From that moment on, Esther devoted herself fully to ensuring this promise came true. Spanning decades of hardships and miracles, this film is the story of an incredible destiny and the greatest love of all: a mother's love for her child.

Based on Roland Perez's book *Ma Mère, Dieu Et Sylvie Vartan*, published in France by Les Escales.

Running time: 102 minutes | French (English subtitles)



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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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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.

“From generation to generation,” a translation of the Hebrew “l’dor v’dor,” is a phrase commonly invoked to discuss the continuity of traditions in Judaism. Recently, as my younger daughter edges closer to her final year of high school and the reality of empty-nesting starts sinking in, I have been thinking about what we inherit from past generations. Given that my husband died in his late forties and could not observe his daughters growing into young adulthood, the implications of this inheritance strike a very personal note for my family. Though Brad is not here to witness his daughters as young women, I have noticed incredible linkages between our daughters and their father. Since my children no longer have him in their lives, these connections are imbued with special significance and help us keep his memory alive.

As I have contemplated the nature of these familial bonds, I could not help but begin with an examination of my own inherited traits. My parents divorced when I was only two years old and I was raised in a single-parent household by a working mother. Though I grew up a plane-ride away from my father, I happen to be a lot like him. Indeed, my gift for writing, my affinity for yoga, my sense of humor, my ability to dance, my love of children and babies, my family values, and even my social skills are much like his. From my mother who raised me, I absorbed her commitment to volunteering and the community, her love of animals, her musical ability, and her tendency for activism. Nevertheless, it is striking that I have so many of my father’s traits because my parents’ divorce and our subsequent move from Massachusetts to the Midwest in my preschool years meant that I only saw him about six times a year during my youth. In the long-standing debate of nature versus nurture, it seems that nature played a very decisive role in shaping the

person I am today. Though my children’s situation differs greatly from mine, I have observed myriad familial connections akin to my own. Losing their father at the tender ages of 14 and 11 respectively, my daughters grew up through much of their latency and adolescence without him. Obviously, their father is no longer physically present in their lives and has not been for over half a decade. Still, they carry so much of him with them. My eldest’s passion for world events and politics, her incredible memory, her fondness for children, and her approach to family all echo her father’s. My younger daughter’s strong desire to pursue a career in medicine, her sense of humor, her fascination with the news, her impulse to help those in pain, and even her red hair are reminders of Brad. It is inherently unfair that he will miss out on their evolving lives and tragic that he cannot observe the young women they have become; however, it is beautiful that so many of his passions and traits live on through them. Moreover, given how

regularly and openly he expressed his deep affection for his children, it is clear that his love remains in their hearts. This year, at the suggestion of my younger daughter, I took the time to read the book *The Dark Interval: Letters on Loss, Grief, and Transformation* by Austrian poet and author Rainer Marie Rilke. Translated by Ulrich Baer, this collection of personal correspondence from Rilke to his bereaved friends and acquaintances offers gentle wisdom on death and grief. In one letter to a dear friend whose brother died

by suicide, Rilke counsels: “You must continue his life inside of yours insofar as it was unfinished; his life has now passed onto yours. You, who quite truly knew him, can quite truly continue in his spirit and on his path.” In other words, Rilke suggests that mourners ought to carry forward the dreams and work on their deceased loved ones. This concept of continuing along the same course as our dearly departed and allowing their lives to be subsumed within our own offers a meaningful opportunity to help keep their essence alive. Though my daughters have both prioritized perpetuating their father’s memory, it feels like a profoundly sublime gift that their genetic inheritance also helps to carry his spirit forward. The painful truth of loss is that we never get the opportunity to reconnect with the departed. Still, in the case of my late husband, our daughters can honor his legacy and, to some extent, live out his dreams and the hopes he held for them simply by being alive and doing what comes so naturally.

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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Jewish journalists tackle post-Oct. 7 coverage at Cincinnati JCRC meeting

The Jewish Federation of Cincinnati’s Jewish Community Relations Council held its 2026 Annual Meeting on April 16 at the Mayerson Jewish Community Center with the theme of “Newsworthy or Not?,” featuring a panel discussion with leading Jewish journalists.

Community members, elected officials and interfaith partners attended and were greeted by a video montage of stories covered by local news organizations concerning the Cincinnati Jewish community and a compilation of JCRC-related work.

JCRC chair Greg Miller opened the program by walking the room back to 1939. Alarmed by world events, five Cincinnati Jews decided their community could no longer afford to be invisible. They founded what is now the JCRC. Miller drew a straight line from that moment to this one. He pointed to swastika flags hung over Interstate 75 near Lincoln Heights last February, to vandalized Jewish cemeteries and other acts of antisemitism that have occurred locally, as the reason for why JCRC’s work is still so critical.

Federation CEO Danielle V. Minson followed with a briefing that centered on what the Federation and JCRC are doing to enhance Jewish life, despite the challenges. Cincinnati built its own security infrastructure in 2012, six years before the attack at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, she said. She pointed to the Chanukah ceremony on the steps of city hall in December that brought together city leaders, rabbis and community members, and to the

“Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away” exhibit at the Cincinnati Museum Center, which drew more than 100,000 visitors, nearly 25,000 of them students, in just six months.

JCRC director Chandler Waite reported three achievements since he began his tenure nine months ago. He described sitting down with the new archbishop of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for the first time, meeting with No Kings protest organizers following antisemitic chants at rallies and entering Sycamore Community Schools to lead a session on antisemitism after more than a decade of trying. He also highlighted the “Black and Jewish America” screening JCRC co-hosted with CET and the Urban League of Southwestern Ohio’s Holloman Center for Social Justice, which sold out. Patience, Waite said, is everything in this work.

The evening’s headline panel turned to how Jewish life gets reported. Kevin S. Adelstein, publisher and CEO of the Cleveland Jewish News, Columbus Jewish News and Akron Jewish News and president of the Cleveland Jewish Publication Company and the Columbus Jewish Publication Company, moderated the conversation and Q&A session with Jacob Kornbluh, Senior political reporter of The Forward, who attended in person, and Marc Rod, senior Congressional correspondent of Jewish Insider, who joined virtually from Washington, D.C.

The panelists discussed the speed and scrutiny of today’s news cycle, the challenge of covering Israel both supportively and critically, the amplification of sensational content on



▲ Jacob Kornbluh, senior political reporter of The Forward answers a question from moderator Kevin S. Adelstein, publisher and CEO of the Cleveland Jewish News, Columbus Jewish News and Akron Jewish News and president of the Cleveland Jewish Publication Company and the Columbus Jewish Publication Company on April 16 during the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati’s Jewish Community Relations 2026 Annual Meeting with the theme of “Newsworthy or Not?” Marc Rod, senior congressional correspondent of Jewish Insider participates virtually from Washington, D.C. | Submitted photo

social media and the pressure Jewish journalists face to remain unbiased while being visibly part of the communities they cover.

Kornbluh spoke about the constant fear many Jewish students carry on campus and the way being Jewish and a Zionist can put a target on a student’s back.

Rod addressed the financial incentives that reward sensational coverage and the heightened scrutiny that now follows every congressional vote he reports on. Both returned to a similar conviction. Staying fair, listening to both sides and doing the work is how trust gets rebuilt.

JCRC associate director Jeremy Spiegel

closed the program with the question that tied the night together: “Who tells our story when we’re not in the room?”

His answer was the Cohen Family Leaders in Light Institute, the nine-month leadership program JCRC launched in 2019. Two cohorts and 47 fellows later, graduates continue to open doors to interfaith relationships and civic trust. The third cohort launches in September.

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Convey your gratitude for life’s blessings by “paying it forward.” Through your participation in the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation (“TJCF”), you can leave a legacy to our community to help meet its vital needs — not just today, but for generations to come. Helping build and maintain Toledo Jewish life through a legacy can also provide you or your beneficiaries with tangible benefits, such as income for life, an immediate income tax deduction, and estate and capital gains tax savings. While you provide for your financial future, or that of your children, you inspire others to follow your lead.

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Giving through your estate plan is easy.

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo (“JFGT”) and/or TJCF can be named as a beneficiary in a will or trust, often by simple amendment without the need to redraft the will or trust. You can specify how you would like JFGT and/or TJCF to allocate your estate gift. For instance, you could direct that your gift be added to TJCF’s Long Term Community Needs Fund, create a named endowment fund in a specific field of interest, or establish a PACE or LOJE Fund to perpetuate your annual gift to JFGT’s Annual Campaign. Each of these designations enables Federation and Foundation to provide support to Jewish people near and far.

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You can make JFGT and/or TJCF the owner/ beneficiary of an insurance policy or your retirement plan at the time of your death. It’s easy to set this up; just ask your life insurance advisor or plan administrator for the appropriate beneficiary designation forms. Retirement assets are the most heavily taxed asset at death and make an excellent gift choice.

Donor Advised Fund (DAF) (Philanthropic Fund)

One of the most satisfying aspects of philanthropy is the ability to participate in the grant making process. You can create a DAF by making an irrevocable gift of cash, securities, or other property to Foundation depending on your circumstances. You may receive an income tax deduction for the amount of the initial gift and on each subsequent gift to the fund. These funds offer significant benefits that can increase the resources available for grant making, provide tax benefits to the donor, and simplify record keeping. A DAF can be established with a minimum gift of \$2,000 paid in installments of no less than \$500 for 4 years. The grant distributions, each with a minimum of \$100, may go to recognized charitable institutions.

Charitable Trusts

A Charitable Trust allows you to balance your personal financial and philanthropic needs. These trusts generate income to meet your immediate needs or those of your loved ones while creating a lasting endowment to address future community needs. To establish a Charitable Remainder Trust, you can make a gift of cash, securities, or other valuable property in a fund administered

by Foundation. You will decide who will receive income from the Trust, how that income will be distributed, and over what period of time. After income obligations are met, remaining funds are put toward charitable purposes according to your stated wishes.

Field of Interest Funds and Designated Funds

In addition to the wide range of needs our community has, several programs require dedicated support. A Field of Interest Fund or a Designated Fund helps support a specific local need, service, or program. With Foundation’s approval, you can designate income and or principal for particular charitable purposes that enhance the quality of life of those in the Jewish and general community. Examples include funds for education, Holocaust programming, youth programs, and senior programs.

PACE and LOJE Funds

The Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE) Fund sustains an annual gift to the community in perpetuity. It is structured to ensure that the funds growth generated from the investment of your charitable gift will be sufficient to preserve the gift as an everlasting commitment. This fund can be established in various ways, each designed to provide the maximum advantage for a donor’s financial and estate plan. The Lion of Judah Endowment Fund (LOJE) provides a mechanism by which a Lion of Judah gift is maintained into perpetuity. The gift may be funded in the same manner as the PACE Fund.

For more information about establishing a fund, please contact Stephen Rothschild, CEO, Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo, at 419-724-0372 or stephen@jewishtoledo.org.



Maltz Museum unveils ‘Icons in Ink: The Jewish Comics Experience’

CASEY COUCH

KAPOW! A first-of-its-kind entity has crash landed in Beachwood, but it’s not a bird or a plane - it’s Superman!

The Maltz Museum opened the “Icons in Ink: The Jewish Comics Experience” on May 7, an exhibition that curators Roy Schwartz and Samantha Baskind said will fill viewers, both Jewish and non-Jewish alike, with a sense of Cleveland pride, as the collection features rare comic books and artifacts from private collections and major publishers – many of which are being presented publicly for the first time.

The exhibition features over 100 original art works, with numerous historic comics on display which includes “Superman” No. 4, “Fantastic Four” No. 1, the first Marvel comic, “Famous Funnies” No. 1, the first modern comic book, and “Amazing Spider-Man” No. 1.

According to Schwartz, a pop culture historian and board member of the American Jewish Historical Society, this exhibit, from the Center for Jewish History, is the biggest comic exhibit in Cleveland history and the most significant Superman exhibit since 1987.

“This started as the Jewish comics experience in New York, in an exhibit that I co-curated originally,” Schwartz told the Cleveland Jewish News. “It’s been traveling to four museums, and it’s booked for another four museums through 2028, so it’s going around. But for Cleveland, we expanded it – we more than doubled it in size, so it’s 4,000 square feet with more than 100 artifacts.”

A local feature of the exhibition is its

Cleveland section, titled “Cleveland: Home of Heroes!”, which displays the work of several local artists and comics, such as Superman newspaper strips from The Cleveland Plain Dealer, dated back to the 1940s.

Featured in this section are Cleveland creators including Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, graduates of Glenville High School in Cleveland and creators of Superman, as well as Harvey Pekar, “American Splendor,” Brian Michael Bendis, “Ultimate Spider-Man,” Peter Kuper, “Spy vs. Spy,” and Terri Libenson, “The Pajama Diaries.”

According to Schwartz, his favorite artifact was Siegel’s writing desk, which can be found in the Cleveland section. Baskind also commented on the artifact.

“His daughter, Laura, donated it to the Cleveland Public Library, and we’re lucky to have it here,” Baskind told the CJN. “This is the place where Jerry Siegel came up with the idea of Superman. Superman did not come from Krypton, he came from here, right from this wooden desk. This is a really special object.”

Original pages by Jon Bogdanove of his Holocaust-themed storyline, including Superman’s famous Warsaw Ghetto pages, are on display alongside Joe Simon’s painted cover of Captain America’s 1941 comic, depicting the hero punching Adolf Hitler.

Additional highlights include original works such as H.J. Ward’s life-size oil painting of Superman, long thought lost and shown for only the second time, several Shuster illustrations, Mad magazine “Spy vs. Spy” art pages, “American Splendor” art pages with various artist collaborators of Pekar and a replica of the Superman statue that was unveiled in downtown Cleveland in late summer 2025.



▲ The Jewish Comics Experience,” Roy Schwartz and Samantha Baskind, stand in front of the exhibit’s entrance, which features a replica of downtown Cleveland’s Superman statue. | CJN Photo / Casey Couch

Baskind said that “the string of the narrative” will guide viewers as they move through the exhibition, showing visitors of all ages the many areas of mainstream comics that have been influenced by the Jewish community.

“This exhibition has something for everyone,” Baskind, an art history professor at Cleveland State University, said. “I think that this has widespread appeal and it’s going to be a really popular exhibition.”

Schwartz said he hopes the community will walk away feeling a sense of pride and joy, as comic books are an “amazing part” of the Jewish American story.

“The comic book is a Jewish invention,” he said. “The superhero was a Jewish invention, and they’re overflowing with Jewish symbolism and signification. We should really find a lot of pride and joy in that.”

The exhibition also features the first public screening of remastered animated shorts from Fleischer Studios, a create-your-own comic strip station, photo backdrops and dress-up accessories, a reading nook and a gift shop. It will be on display through Aug. 23.

The Maltz Museum is at 2929 Richmond Road in Beachwood. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, and Thursday through Sunday. On Wednesdays, it is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is closed on Mondays.

Admission is \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors ages 60 and older, and students; \$5 for children ages 5 to 11; and free for children ages 4 and under, and museum members. For more information, visit maltzmuseum.org.

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Echoes of Vilna at the Glass Pavilion

There are moments when theater becomes more than performance. It becomes witness.

On **Sunday, August 9 at 2 p.m.**, the Toledo Jewish community and allies will gather for one of those rare moments as *Echoes of Vilna* comes to the **Glass Pavilion at the Toledo Museum of Art**.

Presented as a staged reading with a remarkable all-star cast drawn in part from the Jewish community itself, *Echoes of Vilna* is not simply a Holocaust drama. It is a sacred journey into courage, memory, family, identity, and the enduring resilience of the human spirit.

Recently honored by inclusion in the archives of Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, the play has already moved audiences at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and the Interlochen Academy for the Arts. Now, this extraordinary work arrives in Toledo for what promises to be a deeply emotional and unforgettable afternoon.

The production features acclaimed director Irina Zaurov and playwright Ken Newbury, alongside a distinguished cast including Hazzan Ivor Lichterman, Paul Causman, Colin Thaler, Russ Thaler, Fagie Benstein, Julia Grossman, Yaffa Segal, Jill Reinstein, and many more. This is one of the largest Jewish casts outside of a Purim spiel in memory.

At the heart of the story is the real diary of Yitskhok Rudashevski, a brilliant Jewish teenager trapped inside the Vilna Ghetto during the Holocaust and the historical account of his cousin, Sore Voloshin. Through poetry, humor, music, family bonds, resistance, and hope, the play reminds audiences that Jewish history is not solely a story of tragedy—it is a story of spiritual endurance.

One reviewer described the work as:

“A haunting and emotionally powerful experience that evokes the intimacy and humanity of Anne Frank while giving voice to the Jewish soul of Vilna.”

Audience members should expect far more than historical retelling. *Echoes of Vilna* invites each person present into an act of remembrance and action. In a world increasingly fractured by hatred, division, and silence, this production asks a timeless question:

What does it mean to remember—and what responsibility comes with memory?

This is not merely theater. It is testimony. It is resilience. It is a story that must be told.

Seating at the Glass Pavilion is limited, and early registration is strongly encouraged to avoid missing this opportunity. Attendees are required to pre-register for seats early online at <https://jftoledo.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/ticket> or with Mary Bilyeu at 419-724-0405 or mary@jewishtoledo.org.



Contact Mary with any questions.

This presentation is made possible with a grant from the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation.



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U of Michigan apologizes after faculty chair praises pro-Palestinian students during commencement speech

ANDREW LAPIN | JTA

The University of Michigan has issued a formal apology after its faculty senate chair went off-script to praise pro-Palestinian student protesters during last month's commencement address.

Derek Peterson, who also praised the memory of the school's first Jewish professor in his speech, had drawn criticism from Michigan Hillel and from major organizations including the American Jewish Committee.

Now, a growing chorus of faculty members have signed a letter pushing back on the school president's apology. On the right, Florida GOP Sen. Rick Scott has urged the federal government to stop funding the public university over the incident, writing, "If this is what Americans are paying for, it's time to cut them off COMPLETELY."

"At [the most recent] U-M spring commencement ceremony, our outgoing Faculty Senate Chair made remarks regarding the Israel-Palestine conflict that were hurtful and insensitive to many members of our community," Michigan's interim president, Domenico Grasso, wrote in his letter. "We regret the pain this has caused on a day devoted to celebration and accomplishment. For this, the university apologizes."

Peterson, a history and African-American studies professor who is finishing a stint as faculty chair, had structured his commencement speech around pioneers in university history.

"Sing for Moritz Levi, the first Jewish professor at the University of Michigan. Appointed professor of French in 1896, he was to open the doors of this great university to generations of Jewish students who found in Ann Arbor a safe haven from the antisemitism of East Coast universities," Peterson told the crowd at Michigan's football field, to applause.

Shortly after, Peterson added, "Sing for the pro-Palestinian student activists who have, over these past two years, opened our hearts to the injustice and inhumanity of Israel's war in Gaza." Those remarks also received loud applause.

Michigan, like many campuses, was host to a critical mass of pro-Palestinian encampments and other forms of student protest. The tenor of such actions in Ann Arbor has escalated: Protesters have also cut down peonies at the university arboretum and vandalized the home of a Jewish university regent. Recently the attorney who defended the university's encampment participants from some state-level charges received the Democratic Party's nomination for a seat on the university's board of regents.

Peterson's comments, Grasso said, "were inappropriate and do not represent our institutional position," which he said was "institutional neutrality." (Many universities have adopted a stance of neutrality in recent years as they have sought to navigate tensions around Israel.)

Grasso added, "Commencement is a time of celebration, recognition and unity. The Chair's remarks were expected to be congratulatory, not a platform for personal or political expression."

Michigan Hillel also immediately condemned Peterson's speech, in similar language.

"Commencement is a celebration of every graduate. It is not a stage for political statements that alienate the Jewish community," the Hillel wrote on Instagram. "Michigan Hillel is deeply troubled that this occasion was used in that way." The chapter also said it would "look forward to productive conversations" with Michigan administrators.

AJC head Ted Deutch, a Michigan alum, accused Peterson of choosing to "hijack a unifying moment to inject his anti-Israel politics."



▲ University of Michigan professor Derek Peterson praises campus pro-Palestinian protesters during his commencement speech in Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 2, 2026. | (Screenshot via YouTube)

On campus, however, an open letter rebuking Grasso and defending Peterson's speech had been signed by more than 1,100 faculty members, staff and students in less than 24 hours.

"His celebration of the students who engaged in those protests clearly connected to his discussions of past efforts by students to target injustice," the letter said of Peterson, citing his linking of the protesters to Moritz Levi. The letter also claimed that Grasso's apology itself violated the university's "institutional neutrality" policy.

"Many members of our community have family members who have been killed, whose houses have been destroyed, and whose lives have been transformed by Israel's conduct of the war in Gaza," the letter reads. "To many, protesting against the war was a central part of their University experience, and one that was an expression of the values of free speech and humanism that our institution supports when it is at its best."

The reactions to Peterson's speech were "totally predictable," Karla Goldman, a Judaic Studies professor at Michigan who researches the

university's early Jewish life, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"Why throw a grenade?" Goldman said. "It's not that what he said is terrible. I don't find what he said terrible. But you could predict what the result was going to be. So my question would be, to what end?"

Goldman said she could understand why Peterson's brief remarks had linked Moritz Levi to pro-Palestinian protesters.

"I get the trajectory of what he's saying: People that higher education couldn't see, eventually they were able to see," she said.

Commencement ceremonies have been a frontier for tensions over Israel since Oct. 7, but it has typically been students, not faculty, raising the issue. In 2024, many college graduations featured pro-Palestinian demonstrations, including at Michigan. Last year, multiple schools disciplined students who made pro-Palestinian comments in their speeches in contravention of university policies. Some schools have done away with student speeches in an effort to stem disruptions.

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Jewish Toledo YoPro (Young Professionals) Ladies enjoy an afternoon glam session



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Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo Programs and Events



Featured Events

Let's Play! PJ Explores Toledo

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Locations TBA
Cost varies, depending on location (ranging FREE to \$10 per child)
Ages 0-5 and their favorite grown-up(s) (older siblings are always welcome!)
Play, snacks, and beverages included
Join Jewish Toledo and other PJ Library families as we check out all the area has to offer for little kids! Each time we'll meet at a different location around town - parks, playgrounds, indoor play spaces for littles, coffee shops, libraries and more! Most events/locations will be open to the public, but we'll do our best to reserve a room or our own spot.
Locations will be shared the week prior to each event. RSVP by the Friday prior to marnie@jewishtoledo.org.

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Let's Play

PJ Explores Toledo



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SUNDAY, JUNE 7

INTERFAITH CIVIC GATHERING:
RENEWING HOPE AND COMMITMENT
FOR AMERICA'S 250TH
3-5 p.m.
Free
See page 14 for more information.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 6 - 8 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 12 - 2 P.M.

ISRAELI COOKING WORKSHOPS WITH
CHEF URI ARNOLD
\$36 per person, per workshop
Chef Uri Arnold, Marketing Director for Partnership2Gether, will return to Toledo two years after preparing a community dinner to showcase the beauty of Israeli cuisine and culture. Uri is the chef and co-owner of two restaurants in our partnership region in the Western Galilee, including Roots in the Old City of Akko and Arnold's in Moshav Netiv HaShayara. In addition, he is one of the founders of The Tourism Association in the Western Galilee. Recently, after a 25-year cooking career, Chef Uri started Umami, a consulting, marketing, and branding company.

This visit, Chef Uri will present an interactive, hands-on cooking workshop; participants will prepare kosher araves, pita sandwiches stuffed with ground chicken then baked. Open to the entire Jewish community, limited to 30 people/session.

RSVP by Wednesday, June 3 by scanning the QR code on the top of page 13 or with Mary Bilyeu at 419-724-0405.

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.

MONDAY, JUNE 15-MONDAY, JULY 13

SAVE THE DATES - 12TH TOLEDO
JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL
See page 3 for more information.



THURSDAY, JUNE 25

YOPROS SUMMER SOIREE
6 - 9 p.m.
\$36 per person -
includes dinner and drink ticket

Location TBA

Join us for an evening curated to connect Toledo's Jewish young professionals (adults 21-45ish) with established Jewish community members and professionals. Enjoy networking, nosh, and schmoozing, plus a short talk from Matt Rubin of Crane Development, sharing insights on the development and future of Downtown Toledo. RSVP by Wednesday, June 24.

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 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, JULY 19

1ST ANNUAL YIDDISHA CUP
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
\$10 per person -
includes tee time, drinks, and ice cream
Location TBA

Join us for the first ever Yiddisha Cup! Get ready to putt, kvell, and have a hole-in-one kind of time at this scramble-style mini golf tournament for the entire Toledo Jewish community. Show off your putting

For more information and resources, visit jewishtoledo.org.



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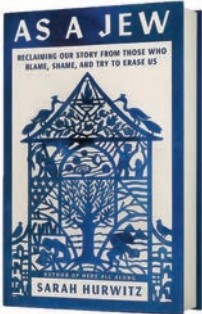


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MONDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 3-7
Camp Inspiration
See page 17 for more information.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
LADIES WHO GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
\$54 per person - includes charcuterie
board making supplies and lunch
Location TBA
We're digging into the creative world of
hand-building ceramics, a simple, hands-
on technique using clay. This workshop will
guide you from the ground up as you create
your very own ceramic charcuterie board.
You'll hand-build your piece, which will then
be fired in a kiln, bringing your creation to life.
No prior ceramic experience is necessary, just
come ready to get a little messy and have fun!
RSVP by Monday, August 10.



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*
6 p.m. - Doors open
6:15 p.m. - Meeting begins
6:45 p.m. - Dinner
7:30 p.m. - Sarah Hurwitz speaks
Location TBA
See page 2 for more information.

**For the safety of
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to each event.**

SENIOR PROGRAMMING

THURSDAY, JULY 9
60 & BETTER BOAT CRUISE,
AQUARIUM TRIP, AND KOSHER
SHOPPING
Board bus at 7 a.m., return around 6 p.m.
Campaign donors: \$25 for transportation,
lunch, and admission
Non-donors to the campaign: \$50 for
transportation, lunch, and admission
Location TBA
Visit the Greater Cleveland Aquarium, home
to more than 2,700 fascinating aquatic animals.
Explore seven immersive galleries, including an
11,000-gallon stingray touch pool and a 175-
foot sea tube that brings ocean life up close.
Our day in Cleveland will also include a lunch
boat cruise
aboard the
Lady Caroline,
followed by a
visit to One Stop
Kosher Grocery
Store. RSVP by
Wednesday,
July 1.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
60 & BETTER - NATIONAL MUSEUM OF
THE GREAT LAKES
Board bus at 11 a.m., return around 3 p.m.
Campaign donors: \$15 for transportation,
lunch, and admission
Non-donors to the campaign: \$30 for
transportation, lunch, and admission
Location TBA
Enjoy the spectacular view of the Maumee
River while eating a delicious lunch and then
take a tour of the National Museum of the Great
Lakes where you will learn about the rich history
of the world's most important natural resources
and immerse yourself in unique media and
hands-on experiences. RSVP by Monday, July 27.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
60 & BETTER - HONEY, WE'VE GOT
YOU!
12 - 1:30 p.m.
\$15 for campaign donors
\$25 for non-donors to the campaign
Cost includes lunch, honey tasting, and
more
Enjoy a delicious lunch, followed by a
sweet honey tasting to welcome the New Year,
and a special, engaging program presented
by our very own Rachel Chernow! RSVP by
Wednesday, August 26.

37TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH BLOOD DRIVE
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026
8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
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Annual Yom HaShoah commemoration

Jewish Toledo commemorated Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day - as a community. Roy Buchler, JCRC Director, discussed “My Family’s Holocaust Story: A Third Generation Perspective,” Sam Zyndorf read a proclamation from Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, local clergy (Rabbi Lisa Delson, Rabbi Aaron Marsh, and Cantor Jen Roher) led a memorial service with The Temple’s choir, descendants of local Holocaust survivors lit candles, and the community honored the six million Jewish lives stolen during the Shoah, paying tribute to the survivors who taught us the meaning of strength and resilience.



60 & Better explores culture through travel, art, and conversation



▲ In April, our 60 & Better Group took in the arts, here in Toledo and in Chelsea, Michigan. First, local author, Kate Michaelson, visited to discuss her debut mystery book, Hidden Rooms. The book follows a woman who returns to her Midwestern hometown and must clear her brother of a murder charge while also seeking answers to her own medical mystery. Jewish Senior, Family & Social Services (JSFSS) social worker, Rachel Chernow, also spoke to attendees about weekly meal planning ideas and how JSFSS can support community members in their food preparation goals. Later in the month, the group also traveled to Chelsea, Michigan to enjoy a production of Murder on the Links at the Purple Rose Theatre after a delicious lunch at Cleary’s Pub.



INTERFAITH CIVIC GATHERING

Renewing Hope and
Commitment for America’s 250th

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 ✧ **3-5 P.M.**
FREE
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



For the safety and security of our community, the location will be shared with registrants prior to the event. Registration is required by Wednesday, June 3 online by scanning the QR code, visiting <https://jftoledo.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/ticket>, or contacting Mary Bilyeu at 419-724-0405.

Join faith and community leaders from across Greater Toledo for an interfaith gathering honoring America’s 250th anniversary. Through a shared meal and guided conversation rooted in the Declaration of Independence and other texts, participants will reflect on shared civic values like freedom, equality, and responsibility. This welcoming event aims to strengthen relationships, bridge differences, and inspire renewed commitment to our democratic ideals. The program will include time for relationship-building and facilitated discussion.

In support of this program, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo/Jewish Community Relations Council and Temple Shomer Emunim will each be receiving a \$1,000 grant from A More Perfect Union: The Partnership for Democracy and its Faith250 initiative.





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▲ 60 & Better had a vibrant celebration in (belated) honor of Cinco de Mayo last month 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 local company, Stick it Babe. Each attendee chose their own digital photo to print and create a beautiful piece of art for themselves or as a gift. Visit www.jewishtoledo.org/jlc for information on upcoming 60 & Better programming.

Shopping at the Shuk: Jewish Toledo celebrates Yom HaAtzmaut

Jewish Toledo celebrated the beauty and resilience of Israel at a joyful shuk in honor of Yom HaAtzmaut – Israeli Independence Day – on April 21.

The previous two years, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) has hosted Shlichim B'Madim, or Soldiers in Uniform, to commemorate Yom HaZikaron – Israel's Memorial Day which, when initiated, was intentionally scheduled for the day before Yom HaAtzmaut. Hearing the stories of what these active-duty military personnel have experienced both on and after October 7, 2023, has been heartbreaking and deeply meaningful; their stories have been a poignant reminder of the costs for the freedoms that Israel recognizes the very next day.

This year, JCRC switched perspectives and embraced Israel's creativity and ingenuity at the shuk, which featured ESEK: an e-commerce platform that represents small vendors and artisans who create uniquely Israeli treasures.

JCRC Director Roy Büchler had invited ESEK co-founder Ofek Moscovitch to set up shop for the festive event, which was held at Congregation B'nai Israel.

"The Toledo Jewish community chose to bring the ESEK shuk to our community as a way to directly support Israel's small business sector in the aftermath of the October 7 attacks and the ongoing war," he explained.

"ESEK helps showcase Israeli products and entrepreneurs to communities outside of Israel, creating meaningful economic and communal support. The shuk featured vendors connected to impacted communities," he continued, "including the Nova collection supporting artists affected by the Nova festival massacre and a booth benefiting Toledo's partnership region, the Western Galilee."

Over 100 Jewish Toledo community members shopped to benefit Israel and its small businesses, buying gold and silver jewelry, prayer cards, home décor, mezuzot and other Judaica, fragrant candles, and more from tables filled with bounty to choose from. ESEK-represented leather artisan Hillel Mor joined Ofek at the shuk, engaging with customers and personalizing items as diverse as passport holders and tallis bags at his station.

"The shuk was fantastic," exclaimed Marcy Kuehnle, JCRC Chair and Vice President of the JFGT board. "The art was beautiful, and the

meaning behind what ESEK is doing for the Israeli artists who have been affected by October 7 and the loss of work is incredible. We are so lucky to be able to bring events like this to our community, so they, too, can support these wonderful artists."

Ofek was deeply impressed by the display of "amazing partnership and hospitality in Toledo," which truly embodied the Federation's theme of "As One" – a Jewish community united in purpose.

"Toledo performed far beyond our expectations," Ofek said gratefully. "We earned roughly 50% more than we originally projected For a smaller community, that was incredibly impressive and meaningful for us."

Even more inspiring, he continued, "was the spirit behind it. You could genuinely feel how much people wanted to support Israel and the small businesses behind every product. Many people were not simply buying jewelry, ceramics, art, or skincare; they were buying a story, a connection, and a way to stand with Israelis during a very difficult time."

The festivity of the shuk also included a YoPros (Jewish Toledo Young Professionals) "Pack 'n' Pour" – sampling of Israeli beverages while engaged in a mitzvah project. And there was an Israeli-themed dinner, ordered from Quality Kosher Catering in Detroit, at which Ofek spoke of why he and his company's co-founder, Andrew Keene, worked together to realize their vision.

"ESEK is very meaningful to me because it's about much more than commerce," Ofek noted. "Every product we bring represents a person, a family, or a small business in Israel that has been affected by war, uncertainty, and economic hardship. Many of these creators are friends of ours. Through ESEK, we're helping them continue creating, rebuilding stability, and sharing a piece of Israel with Jewish communities around the world. We are not just selling Israeli products; we are building relationships, strengthening connections, and helping small businesses feel that they are not alone."

Those who would like to continue making an impact can do more shopping at esek.biz. The company offers free international shipping on all orders.

"Thank you again for the incredible support from the Toledo community," Ofek said. "That level of warmth and generosity from people who had never met these business owners personally was deeply moving for us."



(L to R) Roy Büchler, JCRC Director; Ofek Moscovitch, ESEK co-founder; Hillel Mor, ESEK artist; and Stephen Rothschild, Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo CEO



Some of the art for sale by ESEK at Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Yom HaAtzmaut Shuk

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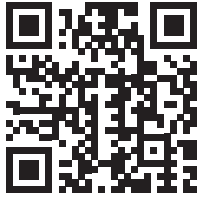
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- shampoo
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- toilet paper (preferably individual, pre-wrapped rolls)
- Other personal hygiene items of your choice

Contact Hannah Loeser
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Get Fit Classes

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**Prime Movers Early, 9-10am -or-
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Join us for this upbeat and energetic dance/exercise program designed to improve your fitness level safely and effectively. This is a comprehensive workout that includes strength, flexibility, balance, posture-improvement, and more. All moves can be modified to meet specific needs.

Cardio Drumming, 12-1pm

A high-energy workout that also includes some dance moves. This can also be done seated.

Wednesday

**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

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

In-person classes at Sylvania-area location. Contact Hannah at 419-724-0401 for exact location.*



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June 12 at 6pm
Shabbat Service
with Rabbi Lisa Delson &
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Music with Kol Zimrah; Annual meeting
at 5:15pm, followed by congregational
dinner

June 13 at 10:30am
Adult B’nei Mitzvah
with Rabbi Lisa Delson &
Cantor Jen Roher
Congregational Kiddush Lunch to follow

June 19 at 6pm
Shabbat Service
with Rabbi Lisa Delson

June 20 at 9:30am
Torah Today
with Rabbi Lisa Delson

June 26 at 6pm
Shabbat Service with
Janet Rogolsky &
Dr. Andrew Pelletier

July 3 at 6pm
Shabbat Service
with Rabbi Lisa Delson &
Dr. Andrew Pelletier

July 10 at 6pm
Shabbat Service
with Cantor Jen Roher

July 11 at 10:30am
Shabbat Yoga
with Cantor Jen Roher

July 17 at 6pm
Shabbat Service
with Rabbi Lisa Delson &
Dr. Andrew Pelletier

July 18 at 9:30am
Torah Today
with Rabbi Lisa Delson

July 18 at 5pm
Shabbat Afternoon Cookout
with Rabbi Lisa Delson
Offsite gathering

July 24 at 6pm
Shabbat Service
with Cantor Jen Roher

July 25 at 10:30am
Shabbat of Song and Study
with Cantor Jen Roher

July 31 at 6pm
Shabbat Service
with Rabbi Lisa Delson &
Dr. Andrew Pelletier

Shabbat Morning

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Shabbat Morning Yoga:

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Saturday, June 6 at 10:30am and

Saturday, July 11 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 the Zoom link.

CURRENT

EVENTS

Current Events

Thursday, June 18 at 2pm

Join Rabbi Delson in a conversation about current events in the Jewish world.



Torah Today

Saturday, June 20 at 9:30 am

Saturday, July 18 at 9:30 am

An interactive discussion on the Torah portion for the week. Bagels and coffee are served. No experience necessary. Everyone is welcome.

Shabbat of Song and Study

Saturday, July 25 at 10:30am

Rabbi Delson and Cantor Roher will lead a Shabbat morning service in song along with a study session in between.

SHABBAT Afternoon COOKOUT

Shalom

Shabbat Afternoon Cookout

July 18 at 5pm

with Rabbi Lisa Delson

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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 - ZM

WCBI Celebrates Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Thursday, June 4, 2026, pickup 10:00 AM at CBI, return at 4:00 PM

Join us as we take a ride to the OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE in Oak Harbor, Ohio. A registration fee of \$15 (cash or check payable to "Women of CBI") will be collected at the door. OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

The Tikkun Olam for this program will be a monetary donation to the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.

CBI Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers & Board of Trustees

Sunday, June 7, 2026 11:00 AM, at CBI

Refreshments will be served. Special awards will be given at the meeting.

CBI members, please RSVP to the office or email Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo by June 4th.

In-Person Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, June 12, 2026, 6:30 PM at CBI

Join us for a meaningful in-person Shabbat Ma-ariv service.

RSVP to Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org or call the office by 2:00 PM, June 11th.

1st Annual CBI Pride Shabbat

Saturday, June 20, 2026, 9:30 AM at CBI

Join us on June 20th as we welcome, recognize, and celebrate our LGBTQIA+ community.

If you are not a member of CBI and would like to attend, call the office of contact Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org by 2:00 PM, June 17th.

WCBI BOOK CLUB: Songs for the Brokenhearted by Ayelet Tsabari

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 10:30 AM at CBI

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RSVP to Ellen Federman at efederman@sbcglobal.net by Sunday, June 21st.

Connecting Kids to Meals - June & July

Thursday, June 11, 2026 & Tuesday, July 7, 2026 3:00-5:00 PM

Cherry Street Mission Building, 1501 Monroe St.

RSVP to programming@cbitoledo.org by June 10th and July 6th.

Jazz in the Garden at Toledo Botanical Gardens

Thursday, July 30, 2026 6:30 PM

Bring your own picnic, chairs, and blankets. No Reservations Required. Cash Only at the gate. Cost: \$10. \$5 for up to 2 tickets for Members. Please Note: Kids 12 and under are Free.

RSVP to Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org by Wednesday, July 29th.

CBI 160th Anniversary Champagne Reception & Comedy Show

Featuring Toledo's own Comedian and Storyteller, Pamela Schuller.

Sunday, July 12, 2026 2:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate the 160th Anniversary of Congregation B'nai Israel. This is a great time in our synagogue's history and we look forward to sharing our story with you. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts while we lift our glasses of champagne in a l'chaim to CBI.

Cost: \$36 per person

RSVP to Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org by Thursday, July 2nd.

Erev Tisha B'Av Dessert & Services with Rabbi Marsh

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 8:30 PM at CBI

No cost to attend, but RSVPs are requested.

Contact Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org or call the office by July 16th.

Wednesday, July 22: Erev Tisha B'Av
8:30 PM Light Meal in the Social Hall
9:00 PM Erev Tisha B'Av Service & Reading of Eichah

In Person
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Thursday, July 23: Tisha B'Av
8:00 AM Holiday Morning Service
5:45 PM Mincha Service

In Person & Zoom
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CONGREGATION ETZ CHAYIM

ETZ CHAYIM BOOK CLUB

Following a very stimulating and fun initial meeting of the Congregation Etz Chayim Book Club, the second Book Club meeting will take place on Sunday, June 7 at 10 a.m. The location will be announced prior to the date. Margie Siegel will lead the discussion about a wonderful book, *Elephant Company*, by Vicki Croke.

POKER AND MAHJ GAMES

A favorite activity for a Sunday morning is poker and mahj. Come join us on Sunday, June 14 and 28 and July 12 and 26 from 10 a.m.-noon. Everyone is welcome to join the games and fun. Email either Marc Jacobson at mdjaco@gmail.com or Nancy Jacobson at Jaco824@bex.com if you are interested.

HEALTH & NUTRITION PROGRAM SCHEDULED

Cathy Stoldt's previously postponed date in April has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 17 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."

PRE-SHABBAT DINNER PLANNED

Join us for a warm and welcoming pre-Shabbat BBQ home dinner on Friday, June 26 at 6 p.m. as we gather in the spirit of community, friendship, and Shabbat. Come unwind at the end of the week, enjoy delicious food, and spend meaningful time together with friends in a relaxed and joyful setting. Following dinner, the evening will conclude with a special D'var Torah featuring Charles Wittenberg. We look forward to sharing this beautiful time of connection, conversation, and Shabbat warmth with you. There is no charge for this dinner. The location will be announced with your reservation. Please RSVP to Elsa Leveton or Nancy Jacobson.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

A closing brunch is planned for Wednesday, July 8 featuring the Installation of the new the Sisterhood officers for the upcoming year. The Sisterhood will also be honoring the Etz Chayim synagogue staff. Please let Andrea Lublin or Cheryl Berkowitz know if you plan to attend.

LUNCH AND MUSIC AT WILDWOOD METROPARK

July begins at Wildwood Metropark on Friday, July 10 from noon-1 p.m. with "Noon Tunes". Bring your packed lunch and chair and come to the Wildwood Park gazebo to relax and listen to acoustic guitar music. This is a wonderful July afternoon activity with friends.

ZOOM SESSION PLANNED WITH RABBI MARK

Everyone is invited to join a zoom session with Rabbi Jason Mark from his new home in Memphis, TN on Thursday, July 16 at 7 p.m. Rabbi Mark's classes always provide meaningful, thoughtful, and engaging topics and discussions. Please register with Elsa or Nancy to receive the Zoom link.

JOINT SYNAGOGUE BOOK CLUB MEETING PLANNED

The annual Joint Synagogue Book Club luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21 at noon at Temple Shomer Emunim. The cost is \$10 per person. The book being reviewed is *Heart of a Stranger* by Rabbi Angela Buchdahl. Copies are available at the Toledo Lucas County Library. Please register in advance with Elsa Leveton at elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org.

ETZ CHAYIM FAMILY PICNIC PLANNED

Save the Date! Etz Chayim is excited to announce its 2nd Annual Family Picnic & Karaoke Day happening **August 23 at 5:30 p.m.** Last year was an incredible success—filled with amazing singing, scrumptious food, and the joy of being together. We're bringing all that fun back (and even more!) this year, and we'd love for you to join us again. More details are coming soon, but for now... mark your calendars!

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.

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Tech Time with Tim

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Summer can be a challenging time to exercise outside due to Toledo’s unfriendly weather factors like high heat and humidity. Even exercising in air-conditioned interiors can prove hard; vacations, ball games, and such can eat into our good intentions to be active.

Regardless of the time of year, being intentionally active, regardless of how, can be daunting. Finding a supportive partner or group, establishing a routine, and making small, achievable goals can all be helpful ways to start moving anew or moving more.

And while not for everyone, another possibly helpful option to consider concerns fitness devices. Wearables can take the shape of many forms, most with which you’re likely familiar: Fitbits, Apple Watches, Garmin watches, and Amazfit bands.

Not surprisingly, each wearable has pros and cons; prices, specs, and functions can and do vary, too. That

said, should you be in the market to track at least basic biometrics (daily steps taken, heart rate, blood pressure), even the simplest of these devices can provide that feedback. And these can be adjusted to provide (friendly) reminders for move alerts, fitness goal tracking, movement updates, and behavioral nudges when the best of us, from time to time, need encouragement to take a leisurely stroll or run that extra half mile.

Best of luck exploring your options! Should you have questions please, as always, don’t hesitate to contact me.

Until next month – Tim



Device Advice programs are held on Wednesdays 11 a.m.-noon

Upcoming Tech Programs

- 1. June 17: Tracking biometrics: Fitbits, Apple Watches, etc.
- 2. July 8: Exploring file types: saving, converting, and sharing
- 3. July 15: Tracking biometrics: Fitbits, Apple Watches, etc.

Please RSVP with Sherry Majewski at: 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org

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(Tech Time with Tim)

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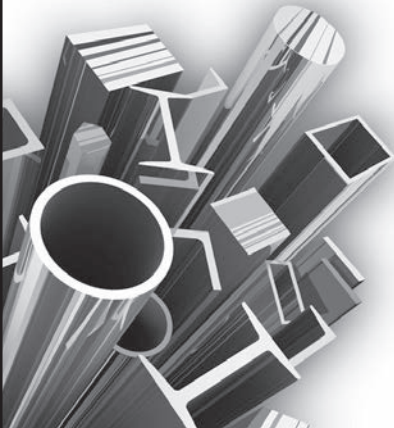
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Summer Safety

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Summer is here, and we are finally able to spend more time outdoors and enjoy the season responsibly with family and friends. While summer activities can be fun and relaxing, the season also brings increased health and safety risks, including sunburn, dehydration, insect bites, drowning incidents, and fireworks-related injuries.

Please take a few moments to review the following summer safety tips to help keep you and your family healthy, safe, and protected throughout the season.

Here's a checklist for staying healthy, safe, and protected all summer long.

To stay safe in the sun:

- Use broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 30.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or each time you get out of the water or sweat heavily.
- Throw away sunscreen you've had for over three years.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing along with a hat and sunglasses.
- Limit time in the sun between peak hours, which are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Seek immediate medical assistance

for signs of heat-related illness, such as ashen skin, vomiting, and rapid heart rate.

- Drink at least 11-15 cups of fluids (preferably water) per day to help you stay fully hydrated.

To avoid insect bites and ticks:

- Use unscented soap and avoid perfumes or hair spray.
- Keep grass short and remove stagnant water from around your home.
- Cover food so it doesn't attract bugs.
- Spray EPA-registered insect repellent with DEET on your skin.
- Avoid bright-colored clothing and, when possible, wear long sleeves and socks.
- Shower after being outdoors and do a thorough tick check.

To enjoy a day at the beach or pool:

- Always swim with a buddy and stay within your capabilities.
- Limit alcoholic drinks that could impair your judgment or swimming abilities.
- Have a telephone close by and make sure a lifeguard or someone who knows CPR is on hand.
- Always supervise young children.
- Bring a small first aid kit with tweezers, waterproof bandages, and pain reliever.
- Pack an insulated cooler with plenty of water and healthy snacks.
- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently to avoid viruses.
- Maintain physical distancing and wear a mask except when in the water (in accordance with CDC guidelines during the coronavirus outbreak).

To safely make the most of the Fourth of July:

- Leave the fireworks up to the experts.
- Never re-light fireworks.
- If sparklers are permitted, hold, and point them away from yourself and others.
- Grill in an open area away from wood decks, branches, or other brushes.
- Remove grease build-up on your grill before lighting it.
- Designate a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill that kids and pets can't enter.
- Wear well-fitting clothing when grilling or near an open bonfire.

We hope everyone has a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer season. Please take the necessary precautions to protect yourself, your family, and those around you.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer!

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New JFGT Security Policy

Purpose

To help ensure the safety and security of all attendees while fostering an environment of openness and community engagement, this policy outlines procedures for event registration, attendance, and security.

Registration Procedures

Individual Registration Required:

All attendees must register individually through our designated online registration form or directly with Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo staff registrations.

Complete Data Collection:

Registrants are required to provide accurate contact information, including full name, phone number, and email address. For guests or additional attendees, the primary registrant must add each guest's details separately.

Verification & Confirmation:

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

Guest Policy:

Attendees need to register all guests in advance. Same-day or walk-in registrations may be limited or declined based on security considerations.

Prohibited Items

Weapons of any kind under any circumstance

Alcohol, illegal drugs, or substances (including drug paraphernalia)

All glass items

Bags over 18"x 12"x 8", camelbacks, Bota bags, and flasks

Signs, flags, banners, posters, or balloons

Flammable liquids or aerosol cans

Other items as deemed inappropriate by the Security Director or event staff

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