

Introducing...*better together*

We are pleased to introduce **better together**, the inaugural Annual Campaign to support the Campus agencies (the Shaw JCC of Akron, The Lippman School, Jewish Family Service of Akron, and the Jewish Community Board of Akron), as well as our work in the local and global community. We wholeheartedly believe that we are **better together**. For generations, the Schultz Campus agencies have buoyed the hearts, health, and spirits of those in Greater Akron and throughout Summit County.

Last year brought unprecedented challenges to us all personally and professionally. On Campus, it created an urgency to bring heightened creativity to our programs and innovation to our fundraising. Historically, independent fundraising appeals were sent separately by the Shaw JCC, Lippman, JCBA, and Akron's Jewish Family Service. Now, donors who support multiple Campus agencies can simply send one check or make one online combined donation – hopefully, at the same or increased level, they gave to Campus agencies combined last year. Of course, if you have always made your gift to one of our Jewish agencies, you are welcome to continue to do so. The **better together** campaign aims to allow the Shultz Campus agencies

to be more agile and responsive to the rapidly changing and increasing needs of our community. The agencies' leadership and we believe that achieving this goal will require a \$1.6 million campaign goal.

By making an unrestricted donation to **better together**, you will help fulfill our ongoing promise to provide for, and enhance:

- o Social services
- o Holocaust survivor care
- o Early childhood learning
- o Transitional Kindergarten - 8th grade education
- o National and international Jewish issues
- o Community engagement
- o Older adult services
- o Wellness, fitness and recreation
- o Jewish life in our community

But the impact does not stop there – through our relationship to the Jewish Federations of North America, we also support social services and community building efforts in Israel and 70 countries around the globe.

We are grateful to our loyal supporters and community members and look forward to sharing more about this initiative with you. To view a brief introductory video and learn more about **better together**, visit www.jewishakron.org.

Sincerely,

better together Co-Chairs

Thomas Mandel

Dianne Newman

Stephanie York

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Shaw JCC of Akron
The Lippman School
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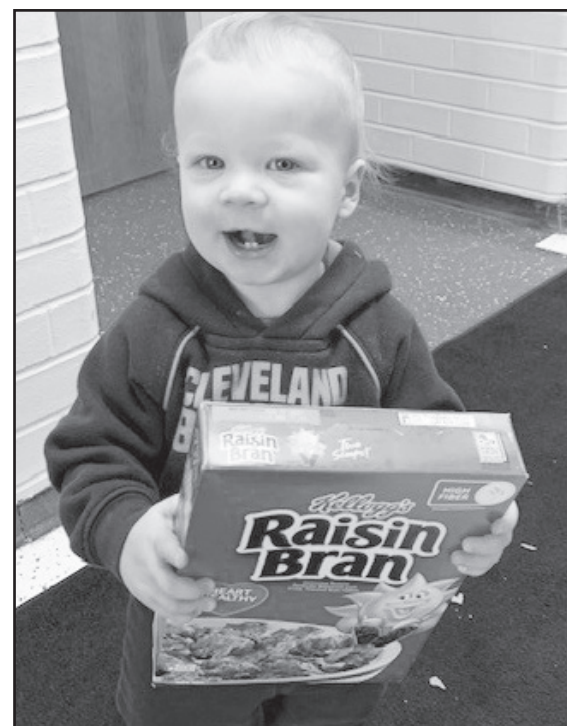
THE MANDEL ECE'S "FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES" INITIATIVE BENEFITS FOOD BANK

Submitted by Kim Garra, Director Mandel Early Childhood Education Center and School Age Child Care | Shaw JCC of Akron

The children, families and staff of the Mandel ECE helped the Akron-Canton Food Bank by collecting food donations during the months of October and November. Michelle Benvie (pictured on the right), a teacher in the ECE put together this initiative, calling it *Families Helping Families*. "I saw on the news that food banks were critically low on food because of the increase in volume and families in need due to the coronavirus. I thought to myself I have so much to be thankful for. I have a job (while many others are losing theirs) and I am able to put food on my family table. I felt that I had to do something to help."

Families were invited to send in non-perishable donations in their child's backpack weekly. Different foods were collected each week such as soup, pasta, rice, mac and cheese, cans of fruits and vegetables, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna, and health and beauty items. Michelle and her family took the donations to the food bank each week. At the end of our mission, the ECE had donated over 400 pounds of food.

This *Families Helping Families* initiative allowed children to be a part of the process and reinforced the message that even though they are little, they can do BIG things to help others.



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MORNING SERVICES (SHACHARIT)

Sunday, 8:00am
Monday-Friday, 7:30am

EVENING SERVICES (MINCHA & MA'ARIV)

Sunday-Thursday, 7:30pm
Friday, sunset

SHABBAT SERVICES: 10:00am

VIRTUAL LUNCH & LEARN

Thursdays at noon. Study with Rabbi Moshe about the weekly portion. Lunch must be self-provided :-)

HAVDALAH LIVE!

Saturday, after Shabbat ends. Tune into Facebook for a lively Havdalah service!

BETH EL CONGREGATION

750 White Pond Drive, Akron
330.864.2105 / www.bethelakron.com
Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein
Hazzan Matthew Austerklein

SHABBAT MORNING PRAYERS

10:00am on Facebook Live

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS

8:45am on Facebook Live with Hazzan Matt

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MINYAN

7:30am on ZOOM

BETH EL JANUARY PROGRAMS

1/1 - Jr. Congregation
1/18 - Taste of Torah
1/24 - 3 Jewish Values 4 Kids program
1/25 - L'chaim cooking

Paths to God, an 8 session course on Judaism and Jewish identity based on traditional sources and the teachings of Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks will be taught on Sunday mornings by Rabbi Elyssa from 10:00am - 11:00am on January 17, 24, February 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 14. Please register on ZOOM.

TEMPLE ISRAEL

91 Springside Drive, Akron
330.665.2000 / www.templeisraelakron.org
Rabbi Josh Brown
Cantor Kathy Fromson

FRIDAYS

Shabbat at 6:15pm
(streamed online including YouTube and Facebook)

SATURDAY (SHABBAT)

Torah Study at 9:00am (Zoom)



**Temple Israel
Gift Shop**



GIFT SHOP STILL CLOSED FOR JANUARY 2021

You can still purchase online
at: traditionjewishgifts.com

Make sure to add the code AF248
when ordering so that
Temple Israel Akron Gift Shop
gets 5% of the order.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND
HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

Marsha Krieger,
Renee Pinsky,
Chrisie Levey and all your
Sisterhood Gift Shop Volunteers

TEMPLE ISRAEL, 91 SPRINGSIDE ROAD, BATH, OHIO 44333

NEW TO THE AKRON JEWISH COMMUNITY OR LOOKING FOR WAYS TO CONNECT TO JEWISH LIFE?

Contact Erin Katz Ford,
Community Concierge

330.835.0005 or

ekatzford@jewishakron.org

Erin can provide assistance with
job and house searches, options for
Jewish community life, and more!



Jewish Community
BOARD OF AKRON

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SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

January 1	4:51pm
January 8	4:57pm
January 15	5:05pm
January 22	5:13pm
January 29	5:22pm

THE LIPPMAN SCHOOL TO HOST “THE KINDERGARTEN QUANDARY – IS MY CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?”

Many parents find the decision about when to send a child to Kindergarten as well as finding the right school that matches their family’s educational philosophy and goals very challenging. The trend of kindergarten “redshirting” has caused many parents to struggle with this decision, especially if that child has a summer or fall birthday. Parents often question if their child is emotionally, socially, physically, or intellectually ready for that next step. Many children, who are chronologically ready for kindergarten, can benefit from a Transitional Kindergarten class which retains elements of the preschool experience while continuing to prepare them for the next level in their educational journey.

If you are looking for professional guidance to help with your “kindergarten quandary”, please join us on Wednesday, January 13 at 8:00pm for an informative virtual discussion led by Dr. David Steinweg, a local ed-

ucational expert who specializes in the emotional, behavioral, and learning needs of today’s families. Dr. Steinweg is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years’ experience. In addition to his private practice, he is the consulting psychologist with Andrews Osborne Academy in Willoughby, The Mandel Jewish Day School in Beachwood, Bellefaire/JCB in Shaker Heights and The Lippman School in Akron.

Dr. Steinweg’s presentation will be followed by a question and answer session facilitated by Sam Chestnut, Head of The Lippman School.

To register, **free of charge**, for *The Kindergarten Quandary* or to learn more about the remarkable educational opportunities available at The Lippman School, please contact Debbie Zelin, Admissions and Marketing Coordinator, at dzelin@thelippmanschool.org or 330-835-0074.



The Kindergarten Quandary – Is My Child Ready for Kindergarten?

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021
AT 8:00PM**

This **virtual** event is hosted by The Lippman School and will be facilitated by Dr. David Steinweg.

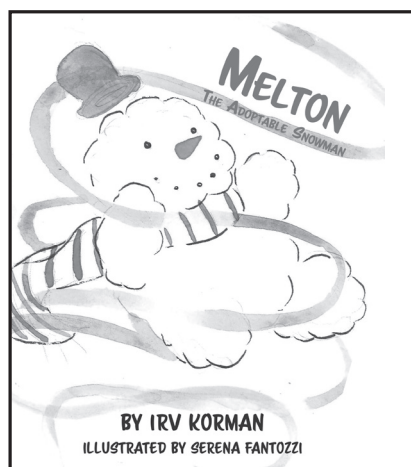
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AUTHOR IRV KORMAN PENS SEVENTH BOOK, “MELTON THE ADOPTABLE SNOWMAN”



Spring is near, the days are getting warmer, and Melton the snowman is missing. Did he melt or is he looking for places to stay cool?

IRV KORMAN is an author, entertainment writer, theater critic, actor, clown, and magician. He was a speech and language therapist for the Akron Public Schools for 30 years and a Senior Lecturer in The School of Communication for

The University of Akron for 13 years.

A resident of the Akron, Ohio area for over 70 years, Irv received both his Bachelor of Arts in Speech Pathology and his Master of Arts in Theater from The University of Akron.

Irv Korman’s books can be purchased through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Books-A-Million

FORUM 360: A Pony in Your Living Room

By Leslie Ungar

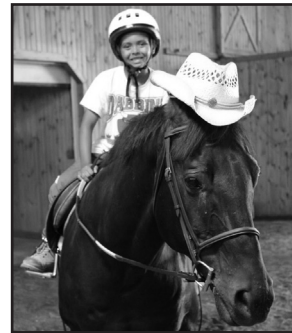
How would you like a pony living in your house? Victory Gallop co-founder Sue Miller had therapeutic pony, Willie Nelson, live in her house to prepare Willie for his important job: bedside visits to children at Akron Children's Hospital.

You might remember Petie the pony whose hoof prints Willie is following. Petie was the beloved pony who made bed side visits to children in Akron and Cleveland for 20 years. Willie belongs to Victory Gallop, a non-profit farm in Bath, whose mission is to offer therapeutic and recreational riding programs for children with behavioral and physical challenges and life threatening illness.

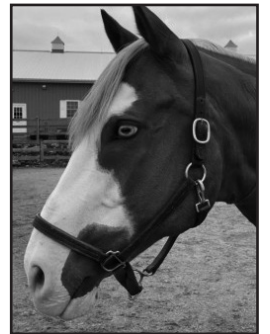
Thanks to the magic of Zoom we were able to tour the farm in real time. Come with us on this Forum 360 and you will meet Titan the Leonberger, the Jack Russells, Willie's best friend Norman the mini horse, Clyde, Mister Pony, and Floyd.



When you watch this show you will learn that the horses used in this program are selected for their kindness and sensitivity. You will also hear about the always present poop patrol, and how horses teach lessons through hard work as well as fun.



In other shows in the upcoming weeks, Host AShira Nelson will educate you about your dinner options when science and food meet. Host Bill Saus will explore the secrets and magic behind stained glass artistry. Host Ardith Keck will continue a theme Forum 360 has tackled in the past, *Civility*.



Forum 360 is a jewel in the fabric of NE Ohio. Our goal is always to feature people, places, issues and ideas with a global outlook or a local view. Our listeners and viewers are eager to hear their stories. We welcome ideas for topics and guests.

Each Forum 360 show will air:

PBS/Fusion channel 45/49 on Monday at 8:00pm & Saturday at 5:00pm
WONE FM 97.5 on Sunday at 6:00am
WAKR AM 1590 on Sunday at 5:00pm and Monday at 12:30am



RUBBER CITY JEWS RUNDOWN

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL OSHEROW

Welcome to 2021! We look forward to gathering together, whether online or in person. Join us on zoom for a "Craft your Cocktail" happy hour on Thursday, January 14th from 5:30 to 7:00pm, where you can show us how to make your favorite beverage (of any kind). Check our Facebook page or email us at rubbercityjews@gmail.com for updates.

THE RCJ-TICKET: Gain unlimited access to an entire year of RCJ programs and collaborative events, and receive exclusive discounts to many other community events. RCJ-Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$50 per couple, and can be purchased online or with cash or check

at any RCJ event. For just \$25, attend our regular programs and receive discounts to many community events for a whole year!

Please note: RCJ-Ticket memberships are currently on hold until physical gatherings are safe to resume, though we will continue to offer virtual programs through various online platforms.

Our organization works in partnership with and in support of the Jewish Community Board of Akron, the Sands-Rogovy Fund, and the Albert L. and Janet A. Schultz Endowment Fund for Jewish Programming.

AKRON-SUMMIT COUNCIL ON HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE EDUCATION HOST THE AKRON-SUMMIT HOLOCAUST STUDENT COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

The Akron-Summit Council on Holocaust & Genocide Education will hold a Holocaust Student Collaborative Project, formally the Akron-Summit Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest. The theme this year poses the question "What Does the Holocaust Teach Us About Opposing Hatred and Cruelty?". Project deadline will be on February 26, 2021. The project is for students in Summit County in grades 6-12.

Instead of declaring winners and runner-ups, the project will be a curated show to allow for more students voices to be heard. Chosen pieces will be collaged by the Council to create a collaborative project at Akron-Summit County Library, Main Branch, if able, from March 23, 2021 to April 13, 2021.

Both visual art and writing pieces will be accepted. Visual art pieces will all need to be 12"x12". Writing pieces cannot exceed 400 words and must be on one page. Both visual art and writing pieces can be created individually, in small groups or

large groups. More information and entry forms can be found at AkronSummitHolocaustEducation.org/entry.

On April 6, 2021 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Akron-Summit County Library, Main Branch the Akron-Summit Council on Holocaust & Genocide Education will host a Holocaust Commemoration and Awards Ceremony. This ceremony will commemorate and remember the lives of the 6 million Jewish people and 11 million others that were killed by the Nazi regime and its collaborators during the Holocaust. The Ceremony will and will recognize the students whose work is displayed in the curated show.

The Akron-Summit Council on Holocaust & Genocide Education is supported by Summit County, the City of Akron, and donations from the community, including the Rose and Lawrence Schwartz Holocaust Education Fund. To help continue Holocaust awareness and educate the youth in our community, donations can be made at AkronSummitHolocaustEducation.org/donate.



SOUP FOR THE SOUL

In an effort to keep the Senior Adult population at the JCC connected and involved in the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be providing homemade soup to those requesting the service. For Senior Adult Members, SilverSneakers Members, and any member in need from JFS and the temples.

PICK-UP & DELIVERY

10:30 A.M.-NOON

PICK-UP

ONLY on
Tuesday at the
JCC main
entrance

DELIVERY

ONLY on
Friday (provide
address &
phone #)

One order per week per household. Place order by:

Monday, 10 A.M. for Tuesday Pick-Up
Thursday, 10 A.M. for Friday Delivery

If requesting a delivery, leave address and phone number

To order call Julie at 330-835-0027 or
jlefever@shawjcc.org

SHAW JCC "SOUP FOR THE SOUL" FUN FACTS BY THE NUMBERS!

- 883 servings of soup were served in December alone
- 36 weeks ago we started distributing soup through the program
- 9 yes, that is REALLY 9 months!!!
- 350 is the dollar amount we spend on ingredients for the soup every week
- 49 people receive soup delivered to their homes by volunteers every Friday
- 25 gallons of soup are made each week
- 50 pounds of carrots are used in each of our vegetable soups
- 133 people pick up their soup at our handy drive-thru each Tuesday
- 1 mission is to keep our JCC community connected and nourished during the COVID-19 pandemic!

Make a difference in our community...
Please help support our JCC Soup for the Soul Program

Hello! We are The Shaw JCC of Akron, and we are an official partner of the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, through the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank.

We will be delivering food to White Pond Villa the first Friday of every month from 10:30AM - 11:00AM.



For more information or questions, please contact our Adults Programming Coordinator, Julie LeFever, at 330-835-0027.

Temple Israel Sisterhood is taking orders for 2021 National Mah Jongg League Cards

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Phone number _____

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of Standard Cards@\$9.00 ea.____*

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Total amount enclosed\$_____

Checks payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood

Deadline is January 22, 2021

Mail to: Temple Israel

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Attn: Maj Card

Questions? Templeisraelsisterhoodakron@gmail.com

*Prices reflect NMJL increase

Cards will be mailed directly to you in March/April

2021



Temple Israel Sisterhood

Stronger Together

RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

The Retired Men's Club will resume meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month via ZOOM from 9:30am until 10:10am.

Questions about attending?

Call Julie at 330-835-0027

Jewish Life at Vitalia

VITALIA® Active Adult Community - Montrose is an ideal place for Jewish Seniors who are searching for the perfect balance of a diverse community and Jewish lifestyle.

What sets VITALIA® apart? A state-of-the-art program and beautiful new community thoughtfully designed for seniors seeking connection, belonging, and an active, vibrant lifestyle.

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Learn more about our highly trained staff, a growing number of active Jewish neighbors, programs with Jewish content, and culturally familiar dining on our website today!

Visit VitaliaMontrose.com

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330.836.0419
thelippmanschool.org

The Lippman School offers a Transitional Kindergarten through Eighth Grade independent school education. It presents small classes, carefully selected teachers, and an accelerated, inquiry-based curriculum.

The school enjoys its reputation for diversity, international perspective, and a robust sense of community. Readied for top-tier high schools and beyond, the students demonstrate learning outcomes with character, competency and purpose. Your child will have the opportunity to hone leadership skills, enjoy academic challenges, develop social awareness, think critically, and learn about cultures and traditions from around the world.



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SHAW JCC OF AKRON

ALL-DAY DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM

Providing a safe environment for children to attend their school's virtual classes and complete their educational requirements

**LEARN MORE & REGISTER AT
SHAWJCC.ORG/ALL-DAY-
DISTANCE-LEARNING**

We will support your children by helping them log on to classes, making sure they complete assignments, and providing socially distant activities when they are not participating in classes or school-related projects.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS & HEALTH PROCEDURES:

- Children and staff are required to wear masks
- Twice daily temperature checks for staff and children
- Anyone with a fever of 100.4 or higher will not be admitted inside and/or isolated from the group and will need to be picked up ASAP
- Continual facility and equipment sanitization
- Hand washing upon arrival and after each activity
- Curbside pick up & drop off
- Outside visitors are prohibited

This program will start on your child's first day of school and will run 5 days a week. We will accommodate all surrounding school districts, including, but not limited to, Copley-Fairlawn, Akron Public, and Revere. Please contact Lyndsey Heffern to discuss details specific to your child's school.

(330) 835-0064 | lheffern@shawjcc.org



**BUNDLE YOUR
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A SIGNIFICANT
COST-SAVINGS!**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? One member of the household must be Jewish by having a Jewish parent or have completed the conversion process by an ordained Rabbi.

Learn more at www.jewishakron.org/about-us/j-ticket

The J-Ticket is made possible by funds from the Albert L. and Janet A. Schultz Endowment for Jewish Programming and the Jewish Community Board of Akron



S.A.F.E. Program

For Women & Teens



- ▶ S - Self Worth/Value
- ▶ A - Awareness
- ▶ F - Fitness
- ▶ E - Education

This program will run January 25th - February 15th, every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm (6pm on days with speakers).

Register/Learn More



330-867-7850



<https://bit.ly/34RGtt0>



SHAW JCC OF AKRON

4TH QUARTER FIT

Take Yourself to the Next Level

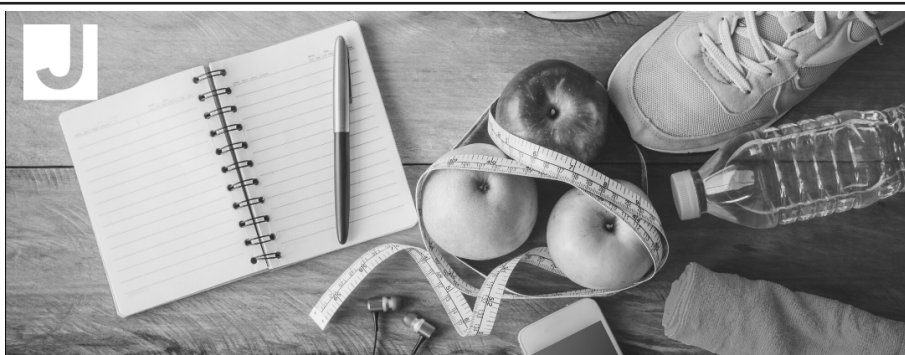
January 11th - April 1st
Every Thursday
3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

This program is targeted to football players looking to improve skills or qualify for a high school or college team.

Ages 13 - 18; Drills will be customized according to age/skill level



To sign up or learn more, please call the Shaw JCC Fitness Desk at 330-835-0042.



HIGH SCHOOL FIT FOR LIFE

Creating fitness and healthy lifestyle routines specifically for high school students

8-WEEK PROGRAM
JANAURY 12 - MARCH 2
TUESDAYS, 3:30-4:30PM

PROGRAM BASICS:

- Learn basic workout, training, and stretching techniques
 - Warm Up/Cool Down, Power, Strength, Conditioning
- Nutrition Guidance and Meal Journaling

TO SIGN UP OR LEARN MORE, PLEASE CALL THE SHAW JCC FITNESS DESK AT 330-835-0042.



Shaw JCC of Akron



AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Activities include: Martial Arts, Strength Training, Swimming, and Basketball

Program runs M-F 3-5PM

Go to shawjcc.org/after-school-enrichment-program to learn more and register

CHANUKAH JOY IN THE STREETS OF AKRON



Chabad of Akron and Anshe Sfard brought lots of holiday spirit and a multitude of Chanukah celebrations for the Akron Jewish community this year.

Menorah Lighting in your Neighborhood brought the party right to you! It included the lighting of a 3 foot Menorah, music, donuts, latkes, Gelt, gifts and a debut from Judah Maccabee and the Dreidel man!

A special thanks to the Shaw JCC for hosting the **Canorah** this year and to all those that contributed cans and goods. The Canorah was donated to the Akron/Canton Regional Food Bank.

This year marked the 30th annual **Chanukah Celebration at Summit Mall**. Thank you to our State Officials, Synagogue and Agency participants, Summit Mall and hundreds that streamed in live. This event was dedicated in tribute of Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin, obm.

A **Chanukah Menorah Car Parade** kicked off at the Shaw JCC and traveled through the streets of Akron ending off at Anshe Sfard. The celebration continued at the Synagogue with a giant Menorah lighting, live music, food, and a giant Gelt drop, which sent chocolate Gelt floating to the ground in parachutes.

Much appreciation goes to Chabad at KSU, Beth El and Temple Israel, JCBA, the Shaw JCC, JFS, and The Lippman School, for partnering in the Canorah, Menorah Car Parade, and Chanukah at the Mall.



HEALING: FINDING STRENGTH WITHIN - A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

Seventy women joined a Zoom event celebrating Kislev 19, titled Healing: Finding the Strength Within, on Sunday December 6, 2020. Women from Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Solon and Twinsburg participated.

Through a gallery of life's journeys, with an amazing mix of ups and downs, women shared their stories of how they grew from their challenges and saw them as opportunities.

The common theme between Kislev 19 and COVID-19 was discussed by **Kaila Sasonkin**. Both had physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges. Both needed solutions and remedies.

While the world is working towards physical solutions such as vaccine and other remedies, this program captured the mental emotional and spiritual aspects of healing through Chassidic teachings.

The Chassidic perspective of challenges or tests we are put through is an opportunity to tap a deeper part of ourselves. We have the strength within us to maintain faith that things can change for the better and this will take us to higher heights.

Chassidic teachings are a roadmap that helps us fulfill our purpose and view day-to-day life with opportunity, positivity, and G-dliness. It has had a positive effect on the entire world at large.

The program also included a L'chaim by **Robin Tobias** and a prayer led by **Chana Sheri Glauberman**, weaved in by violinist **Rivka Miriam** of Cleveland who played stirring Chassidic melodies.

Mazal Cohen, chairwoman, introduced the theme and each presenter.

Luisa Avivz, LISW spoke about the connection between mind, body, and soul. She also engaged everyone in a tapping exercise that helps with healing.

Mimi Surloff and **Jeannine Marks** discussed how Stewart's Caring Place is a place of healing and friendship for many. As Executive Director of SCP, Jeannine related how she was inspired by her mom's strength and resilience to find them within herself, in face of her family and work-related challenges.

After her mother's passing at Chambrell, where not all residents had family visiting, **Marti Newman** took the initiative to bring joy to these places as inner healing for herself. Together with her Sunday School Students, she volunteered to perform as MITZVAH CLOWN, transforming the atmosphere.

Kaila Sasonkin shared how the Chassidic teachings she grew up with helped her not only survive her journey but thrive.

Throughout these narratives, singer **Ranit Drozhinskiy** of Solon, sang a beautiful and heartwarming song and dancers **Karen Polansky** and **Sydney Harris** from Cleveland performed a graceful therapeutic dance.

Marsha Friedman organized the breakout rooms for the workshops which led to wonderful discussions. Thanks to our facilitators; **Dr. Regina Dorman**, **Natalie Edwards**, **Marsha Friedman**, **Tova Mandel**, **Eileen Schonfeld**, **Mimi Surloff**, **Kaila Sasonkin** and **Mazal Cohen**.

Huge thank you to **Rabbi Moshe** and **Mussie Sasonkin** who pulled together all the technical details for a seamless evening.

This was a Women's Chavurah Event, partnered with Chabad of Akron, Chabad of KSU, Shaw JCC and JCBA.



TRIBUTES AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

JENNIFER MOSS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of

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Mazel Tov to

Susan & Jon Golden on the birth of their granddaughter, from Herb & Ellen Moss

Teresa & Mark Weinberger on the birth of their grandchild, from Herb & Ellen Moss

David Millstone on being named a 2020 Difference Maker by Cleveland Jewish News, from Herb & Ellen Moss

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Doug & Janis Weintraub on the birth of their grandson, Ellis Heksch, from Eddie & Marla Schwartz

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Proud parents Joelle and Kyle Zellman and big sister Sienna Zellman welcomed Maxine Protea Zellman on November 23, 2020. Grandparents are Audrey and Paul Baker and Hank and Christine Zellman, Great Grandparents are David and Marlene* Baker and Lynn Vendeland and Linda and Jack* Vendeland, Lois Rhodes, Henry Zellman, and Frances and Frank Morabito. Aunts, Uncles and Cousins are Jenna Baker, Jared Baker and Myles Lira, Jason and Season, Kelley and Evelyn Zellman, and Henry and Kevin* Zellman * = obm

Mazel Tov!



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Shirley Cohen was born July 12, 1925 to Jack and Esther Spero in Cleveland and died peacefully December 9, 2020. She is preceded in death by her husband of 23 years, Melvin, and sister Ruth Rich. She is survived by her children Neil (Amy Bona) and Joyce (Michael Butlien) and grandchildren Emily (Dylan), Lizzie, Claudia, Matt and Rob.

Shirley graduated from John Adams High School in 1943, where her favorite subject was social studies. Throughout her life she continued to be an avid reader of history, read the paper daily and was Life member of Hadassah. The family is grateful for the compassionate care she received from Brookdale Bath and Brookdale Hospice staff. Donations can be made in her memory to a charity of your choice.

Harriet Hoffman Garson, 93, (nee Dreyfuss) beloved wife of the late David Hoffman and Harold Garson. Loving mother of Gail (Dr. Marc) Price and the late Steven (Nancy) Hoffman.

Devoted grandmother of Zachary, Robert (Takako) and David (Marnie) Price. Great grandmother of Sydney, Lincoln and Makenzie. Dear sister of the late Grace Platz.

Harriet was born in New York City in 1927 and grew up in Forest Hills, New York. She graduated from Forest Hills High School and Syracuse University where she met her husband, David. After their marriage in 1949, they moved to Providence, Rhode Island. Harriet and David and family then moved to Akron, Ohio in 1955. Harriet was very happy in Akron, active in many activities and organizations including volunteering with the Democratic Party, B'nai Brith, Pioneer Women, playing canasta, Majj and golf as a member of Rosemont Country Club. She was blessed with many loving friends. Her greatest joy was being with her family.

Friends who wish may contribute to Stone Gardens c/o The Menorah Park Foundation or Stewart's Caring Place, Akron, OH www.stewartscaringplace.org

Carole Darsky Giller passed away peacefully on November 21, 2020, surrounded by family.

Carole took great pride in establishing herself and her family as fixtures of Akron's Jewish and business communities. Throughout her life, Carole opened her home and shared her hospitality with neighbors, celebrities, friends, and family alike. Her prowess for entertaining and networking made her integral in her husband, Stuart Giller's, entrepreneurial pursuits throughout their beautiful marriage.

Carole often cited her family as her greatest and most cherished accomplishment. Her weekly Sunday night dinners spanned decades and gathered as many as four generations around her kitchen table. Carole believed deeply in the importance and gift of education. She ensured that her children and grandchildren had opportunities to pursue higher education and relished celebrating these milestones.

Carole often provided support and guidance to friends and community members in their times of need. She and her dear husband, Stuart, gave often and generously to local and global charities and Carole was known for dropping off boxes brimming with homemade soup and cookies for sick or struggling friends throughout town. It is said that one of the highest forms of charity is that which is given anonymously. And so it shall remain. But there are untold numbers of people who benefited from Carole's generosity.

Carole was preceded by her parents, Rose and Julius Darsky, her brother, Richard Darsky, and her beloved son, Lee Giller. She will be remembered with love by her high school sweetheart and husband of 64 years, Stuart Giller; son, Gary Giller, daughter, Julie (Phil) Glassman; and daughter-in-law, Kathy Giller. Also, her loving sister, Joan Paige. Her grandchildren are Pamela (Matthew Williams), Annie, and Jay Giller; Ben and Sydney Giller; and Jessica and Emily Glassman. Carole's great granddaughter, Margot Giller Williams, had the rare gift of spending her first six years knowing her great-grandmother. Please consider a donation to "The Lee Giller Male Breast Cancer Fund," c/o Kathy Giller, 1815 Brookwood Dr., Akron, OH, 44313.

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Jack Jerome Kent, devoted husband and father, passed away peacefully of natural causes on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. Jack was born on November 12, 1926, in Chicago, Ill., to Max and Rose (Applebaum) Kantrovitz.

He proudly served in the Army during WWII, where he was stationed in Japan for two years. Arriving back in the U.S., Jack earned his bachelor's degree in business at the University of Akron while working full time at his father's tailor shop. In 1967 Jack and his brother, Melvin bought the business from their dad. Together they transformed it into one of the most successful independent menswear stores in the state of Ohio - Kenmore Tailors & Clothiers. While the consummate businessman, Jack's true passion was jazz. His chosen instrument was the alto saxophone, and he played hundreds of gigs around Akron for many years.

Jack was preceded in death by his loving wife, of 60 years, Marilyn (Shapiro); father, Max Kantrovitz; his mother, Rose (Applebaum) Kantrovitz; sister, Sarah (Sam) Snyder, and sister, Arlene (Charles) Landau. He is survived by daughter, Betsy F. Kent; son, Howard (Gina) Kent; brother, Melvin (Aline) Kent; grandson, Miles (Amanda Lilly) Sherman; granddaughter, Jaime Kent; numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews, and friends whom he loved.

Just a note: Jack did not want a traditional obituary. Instead, he requested that this be published: "Jack Kent Died - Saxophone For Sale." (We compromised). Donations in Jack's memory can be made to Temple Israel or Revere Road Synagogue.

Shirley Lederman passed away on December 3, 2020 at the age of 96. She was born in Steubenville, OH on August 28, 1924 to Thomas and Edith Mervis. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, husband, Jack; brothers, Harold, Eugene, Nate Mervis; and grandson, Seth Reich. She is survived by her son, Ronald (Sandi); daughter, Janet (Randy) Galanti; grandsons, Todd Galanti, Eric Galanti, Andy Reich and granddaughter, Karen Lederman. She leaves behind six great-grandchildren. She worked for Amer Insurance Company, the Jewish Federation of Akron and Shaw JCC. She volunteered for many years at the American Heart Association. Shirley was a lifetime member of Hadassah and the Daughters of Israel, a lifelong member of Revere Rd Anshe Sfard Congregation and the Shaw JCC. Shirley was a kind and gentle soul who devoted her whole life to her family. Contributions can be made to the Shaw JCC or The Alzheimer's Association of NE Ohio.

It is with immeasurable grief that we announce the death of **Marina Alexandra Rakhkin**, on December 6, 2020, in Lincoln, Massachusetts. She was 37. The cause of death was cancer. Marina was born in 1983, in Moscow, Russia, in what was then the Soviet Union, to Alexander and Diana Rakhkin.

Marina emigrated to the United States with her family in March of 1991 as Jewish religious refugees. She spent the remainder of her childhood in Akron, Ohio and attended The Lippman School and Copley High School. She moved to Massachusetts in 2001 and graduated from Boston University. She worked for several years in technology as a project manager. She married Benjamin Ginsburg in Newport, Rhode Island on June 26, 2016 and lived with him and her puppy Laika in Newton, MA.

To everyone who knew her, Marina was a loving person who believed in kindness, living life to the fullest, and working hard to achieve her goals. Her smile could brighten up a room and her caring and honest personality never failed to charm and impress. To her husband, she was a beacon of hope and happiness and a wonderfully beautiful person. She embodied grace, modesty, caring, diligence, and optimism.

Marina is survived by her husband of four years, Benjamin Ginsburg; her parents, Alexander Rakhkin and Diana (Shmukler) Rakhkin; her sister and brother-in-law, Yana Rakhkin and Jai Grieve; her nephews, Maxwell and Alfie Grieve; and many friends and extended family members who we know she loved with all her heart. Donations can be made in Marina's honor to the Marina Rakhkin Legacy Fund.

Judith Schueller, 67, passed away unexpectedly, Sunday, November 22, 2020 at her home. Judith was born May 23, 1953 to Jack and Vernetta (Flora) Moore in Akron.

She was a 1971 graduate of Garfield High School, received her bachelor's degree in special education from the University of Akron and her Masters in Education from Kent State University. She was employed for many years at Akron Evening High School at North and worked as Principal at The Lippman School and later at Lighthouse Academy, having retired in 2008.

She was survived by her beloved husband of 47 years, David; daughter, Amy (Brian) Herchek and her children, Cecily, Ewen, Flora and Gabriel and daughter, Lisa (Adam) Howard and her children, Madeline, Guinevere and Alastair; siblings, Jacky Greathouse, Valerie (Jeffrey) Casto, Diane (Mark) Hannig, Kenneth (Vita) Moore and Richard (Debbi) Moore. In recognition of her ultimate gift, donations may be made to LifeBanc, P.O. Box 933379, Cleveland, Ohio, 44193 or at <https://give.lifebanc.org/give/282017/#!/donation/checkout>

Paul Schwebel, (75), passed away Sunday, December 6, 2020, surrounded by his wife and children. He was born April 29, 1945, in Youngstown to the late Irving and Dorothy Unger Schwebel.

He was a June 1963 graduate of The Rayen School in Youngstown, Ohio. In 1967, Paul graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. Immediately following graduation, he went to work at Youngstown Sheet & Tube, in the Management Services Department. In 1968, he joined the family business, the Schwebel Baking Company, which was founded by his grandparents, Joseph and Dora Schwebel, in 1906. Paul served in various capacities at Schwebel's, including treasurer, executive vice president, and president. His dedication and loyalty to the business were unparalleled. It is said he had flour, not blood, running through his veins.

Paul was extremely involved in the Jewish community, particularly the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and its agencies. He served in numerous positions with the Federation including serving on the Board as vice president and treasurer and as a member of its executive, budget, investment, and audit committees. Most recently, Paul was instrumental in the establishment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Cemetery Association.

Paul also served in various leadership positions for the Combined Jewish Appeal and helped raise much-needed funds for the founding and building of Akiva Academy, serving as its second president. One of Paul's great loves was Heritage Manor, the Jewish Home for the Aged, where he served as its treasurer and president. He was instrumental in the leadership and development of Levy Gardens Assisted Living in 1997, and received the Marvin and Sara Itts Community Award for that work. He again received the Itts award in 2006 for his tremendous leadership in shepherding the Federation through a long and complicated strategic planning process. Paul was honored with the first Abe Harshman Young Leadership Award in 1984 and received the B'nai B'rith Guardian of the Menorah honor in 1994.

Paul was active in other community organizations, including the United Way where he served on the Planning and Allocations Committee. Among other honors, he received the American Business Women O My O Chapter "Boss of the Year" in 1982.

Paul was a modest man who tried to keep a low profile. He did not seek honors and was most content to be in the background. He was a quiet leader. People knew that Paul's goals always reflected the goals of the organization he was working with. He was a master compromiser; he listened well and engendered a

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great deal of respect from others. He was a true class act.

Paul married his wife, Dorothy Lichtenstein Schwebel in August of 1973. They had three children, Adam, Jana (Joe) Leenheer, and Maryn (Paul) Been. Paul's grandchildren, Ilyana and Juliet Leenheer & Ryan and Izaak Been truly lit up his face whenever he saw them. He was preceded in death by his daughter Maryn, his brother Joseph.

He also loved gardening, exercising, being in Naples, Florida, and watching 60 minutes on Sunday evenings with his family.

Julie Gregory Serman, 59, passed away on December 7, 2020, after a battle with pancreatic cancer. A loving wife, mother, daughter, and sister, she shared her heart with not only those in her family but also countless students and colleagues throughout her choral teaching career.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Gregory; father-in-law, Stuart Schott; and mother-in-law, Florence Serman Schott. She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Bruce; daughters, Allyson Serman and Hannah (Peter) Serman-Wilson; mother, Sarah Jane Gregory; sister, Stephanie (Tom) Brinsley; and brother, Doug (Carol) Gregory, in addition to many nieces and nephews, and of course, her beloved, fluffy Bichon, Brio.

Julie will be greatly missed by family and friends. A feisty spirit, quick to share in laughter and tears with those she loved, her impact goes well beyond her years. A former student said it best in a letter he wrote to Julie as she neared the end of her cancer battle: "I can only hope the rest of my life, I'll be able to touch as many lives as you. And in doing so, my students, colleagues, friends, and family will always be influenced by Julie Serman. Because I am the man I am today because of you."

Please consider making a donation to the American Cancer Society or the Hilliard Darby Music Boosters, P.O. Box 681 Hilliard, OH 43026, for the Julie Serman Memorial Scholarship Fund (please specify this fund on your donation).

On Wednesday, November 19, 2020, **Marvin "Marv" Wolfson**, loving husband, father of two children, grandfather to six, and great-grandfather to two, passed away at age 91. Marv was born on December 27, 1928, in Pittsburgh, PA, to Henry and Marion (Goldstein) Wolfson.

He was a graduate of Shaker Heights High School and owner of Marv's Children's Shoes in Kent, Ravenna and Stow, OH. On January 14, 1951, he married Barbara (Friedland) Wolfson. They raised two children, Michael and Abby. Marv had a passion for friends, family and dogs. He loved nothing more than catching up with his lifelong friends by phone or text and watching his Cleveland Browns.

In his later years, he greatly missed walking his dog with a pocketful of treats for the neighborhood dogs. He maintained many friendships from the customers he served at his children's shoe store which was open for forty years. Shortly after closing his shoe store, he went shopping with his beloved wife, Barbara, and came home with a new job at Macy's Department Store in Cuyahoga Falls. He loved meeting and talking to all the people there and was asked to represent his co-workers on the board of their credit union. He thoroughly enjoyed all the people he volunteered with and his tenure as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Equitable Federal Credit Union.

He and Barbara spent twenty years volunteering for the Ronald McDonald House of Akron, where he set up a fund for patients' families for incidental expenses called the "Barbara Fund". He was known for his kind and compassionate spirit. Marv was preceded in death by his father, Henry, and his mother, Marion.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his two children, Michael and Abby (m. Richard Sorota); his grandchildren, Megan (m. Daniel Martin), Matthew, and Mark Wolfson and Benjamin, Addi and Zoe Sorota; his great grandchildren, Dash and Emmy Lou Martin; and countless found family members. Donations may be sent to The Ronald McDonald House of Akron (The Barbara Fund), The Summit County Humane Society, or Jewish Family Services of Akron.

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