

## COMPOSTING CONTRIBUTES TO GREENING OF CAMPUS

By Matthew G. Russ | Director of Curriculum & Student Affairs | The Lippman School

Through an effort to reduce food waste and become a greener campus, the entire Schultz Campus of the Shaw JCC, including the ECE and Lippman School, started composting in March.

Over the past year, the campus began to examine its environmental impact. Students from the Lippman School even conducted a waste audit, discovering that most of the campus waste was food and paper.

While the school helped to ramp up recycling efforts, the campus took it to the next level in March when it began composting – both food waste and paper.

Erin Katz Ford, who is Director of External Affairs for JCBA, works on the Schultz Campus and has also been paying attention to campus waste, particularly the food waste. Energized by the students' work on this, and constantly looking for ways to help the campus become a greener one, she discovered a local solution to the problem in a green Akron company Rubber City Reuse (RCR).

Through efforts on campus spearheaded by Ford, along with RCR, which was started in 2019 by brother-sister team Benjamin and Hailey McMillan, composting is now available on the Schultz campus.

"I was listening to the radio in the car and heard a snippet about Rubber City Reuse and how they do composting for homes and businesses," stated Ford. "Lucky for us, RCR can compost all food scraps – meat, dairy, and veggie – as well as the lunch containers that are used every day."

The Covid-19 pandemic certainly made school lunches more challenging since students are not currently eating in a cafeteria setting, using the typical buffet line. Students are served lunches in individual containers – thankfully compostable. This invariably creates more waste, so the ability to compost it is a welcome addition on campus.

"After watching Efrat (the campus Chef) make lunch, seeing the scraps, seeing the amount of food waste on campus after lunch time, and now seeing the lunch containers in the trash, I reached out to Ben (McMillan) and asked if he could come and meet with us and take a look around to see if we could make our campus greener," Ford said.

McMillan met with staff on campus to discuss how his small company worked. Their goal is to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill while creating rich, usable soil in the process and making Akron a better, greener community. Additionally,

much of the compost they create goes to local community gardens. And those businesses and residents who pay for the service also reap the benefit of getting a portion of their waste back in the form of soil.

"I knew I wanted to start a socially responsible business where I could make a living, impact the future and help Mother Nature all at the same time," stated Benjamin McMillan, Co-Founder of Rubber City Reuse. "Too often in today's business world the end game is to take as much as possible from the environment, neighborhoods and community. I wanted to start a business whose goal is to give back as much as possible and grows through giving back."

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## COMPOSTING CONTRIBUTES TO GREENING OF CAMPUS, CONTINUED

It has been an educational experience in the process. Students at every grade level on campus have been participating in composting their food waste. They have been learning about the science of composting, the logistics of it, and actually participating by putting their food waste into compost bins.



McMillan (pictured on the left) also visited Lippman to teach students about the science and importance of composting as well as how his small company works.

His strongest message to students was, "Composting is important because it's the single greatest thing we can do as individuals to make a positive impact on the environment and it's easy to do!"

Students were enthusiastic to learn about it and have been eager to participate. The third and 4th grade class, in particular, has been actively engaged in learning the science of composting.

"I think composting is very important because...there is an ozone layer that if we put it (food waste) in the landfill, methane...will basically destroy the ozone layer since the ozone layer is mostly gases," stated third grader Maddox Burwell. "If we don't compost now, you're affecting your future family and more or less putting the world in danger."

According to McMillan, food and paper waste account for nearly 63% of the total Municipal Waste stream. Through individual and commercial composting efforts, a significant reduction in landfill waste can be impacted. Collective efforts can not only reduce landfill waste but also contribute to the greening of local spaces and enriching the soil supply.

Akron's network of community gardens has been on the rise with a number of individuals and local organizations turning brown fields

into garden spaces. RCR has been able to provide a much-needed service for these spaces through its ability to make compost on a large scale.

"Our business works with community gardens to provide space for us to create compost out of the material we collect and, in turn, we donate the compost back to the gardens," said McMillan. "It's an awesome symbiotic relationship and really makes RCR unique in that as we grow, the gardens grow right alongside us."

Now the Schultz Campus is part of that solution as it has been collecting approximately 150 gallons of food waste each week. And it will receive a portion of that back in the form of soil to use around campus.

Fourth grader Kaitlyn Domokos summed it up succinctly: "Composting is important because it makes soil and it helps plants grow and makes this place a better place."

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#### SHABBAT SERVICES: 10:00am

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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!

#### LUNCH & LEARN

Tuesday, May 11, 12:00 – 1:00pm  
Description: How Counting The Omer Has Changed My Life - Text Study & Reflection with Rabbi Alyson Solomon  
See emails for ZOOM-in Information

#### WALKING THE JEWISH LABYRINTH

3 session text course (5/23, 5/30, 6/6) on spiritual pathways in the Jewish Tradition and the meditative practice of walking the Labyrinth.

Text class will be from 10-11am on ZOOM. Please register online. If possible, we will also meet in the afternoon at outdoor Labyrinths as Rabbi Elyssa guides us in walking the Labyrinth as a tool for gaining clarity and purpose. Register in advance on the website for this meeting.

#### SHACHARIT

7:30 – 8:30am  
Weekly on Wednesday, Friday ON ZOOM

Beginning in May, the meetings will also be held in-person, limited attendance and socially distanced, for the FULLY VACCINATED, as well as on ZOOM. See emails for ZOOM-in Information.

Please contact the Shul for all Log-in information. <https://www.bethelakron.com/>

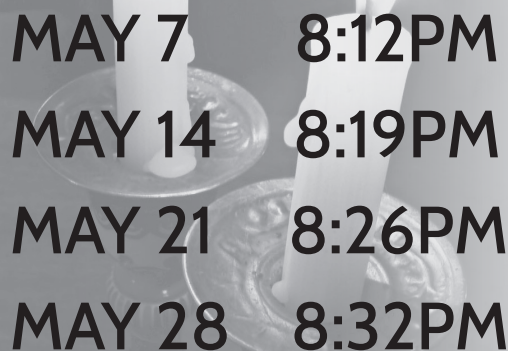
#### IN-PERSON SERVICES - Fridays at 6:15 pm

**SANCTUARY SERVICES** – May 7 & May 28 (Seating is limited and attendees must preregister online, walk-ins may be turned away based on capacity. Priority given to Temple members)

**PARKING LOT SERVICES** – May 14 & May 21 (attendees should bring their own outdoor seating)

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- Families must maintain 6 feet between themselves and other families.
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- No parking in the field, if the parking spaces are full please park at Barnes and Noble.
- Outdoor services are weather permitting.
- All services will still be livestreamed on Boxcast, Facebook and Youtube.

## SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

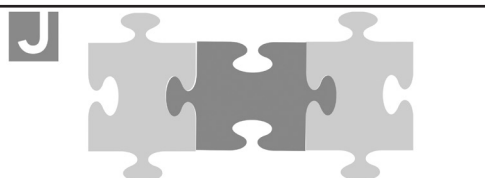


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**Soup for the Soul  
May Menu**

**Week of May 3**  
French Spring

**Week of May 10**  
Chicken with Vegetables

**Week of May 17**  
Tuscan Tortellini

**Week of May 24**  
Cream of Mushroom

**Week of May 31**  
Pasta E Fagioli



**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

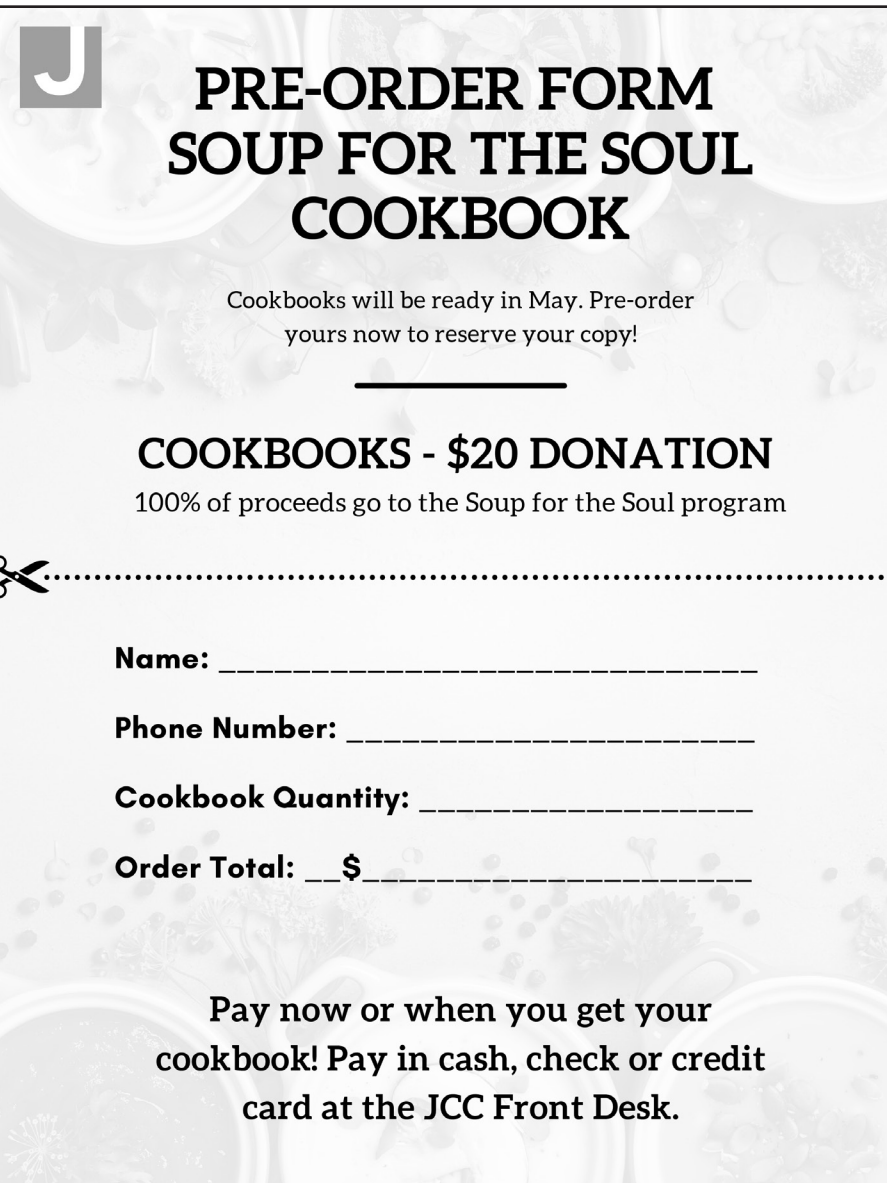
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Monday, 10 A.M. for Tuesday Pick-Up  
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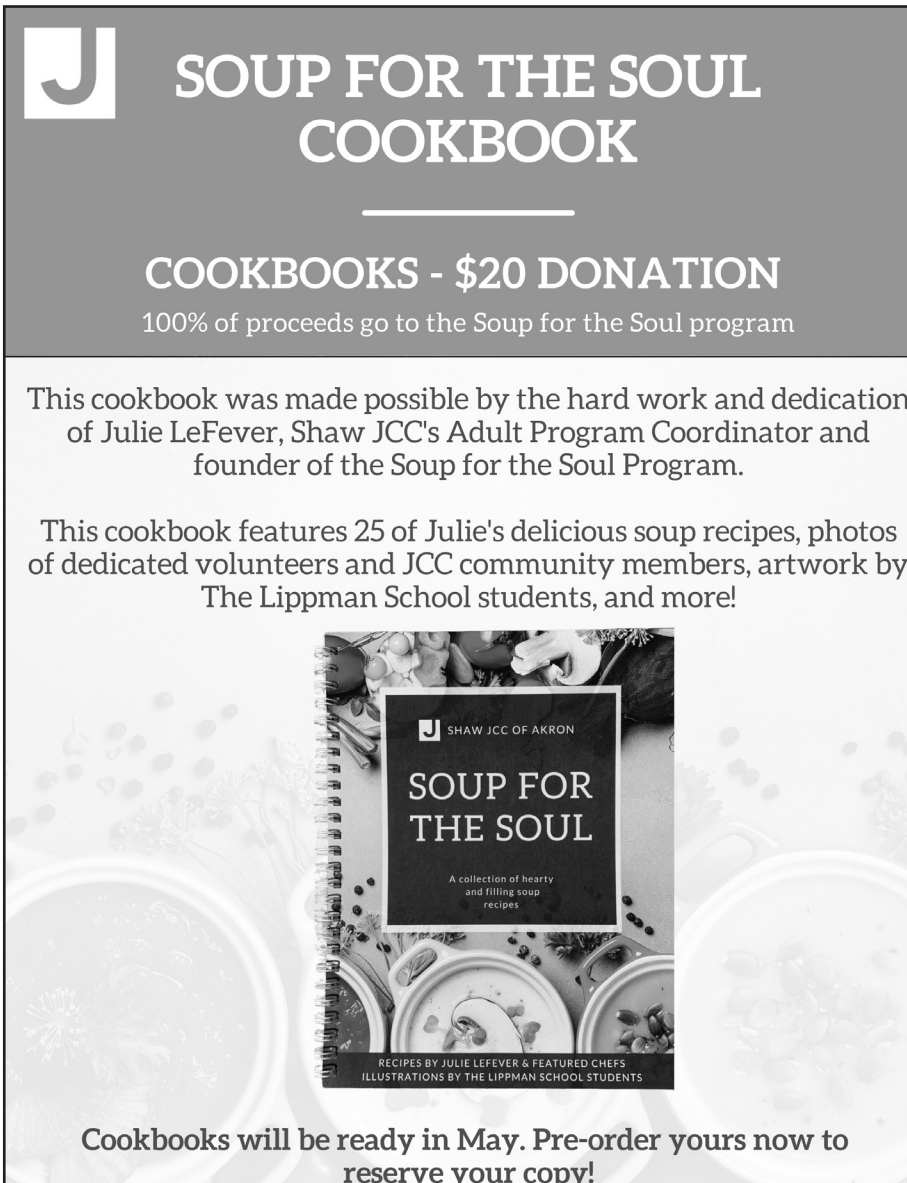
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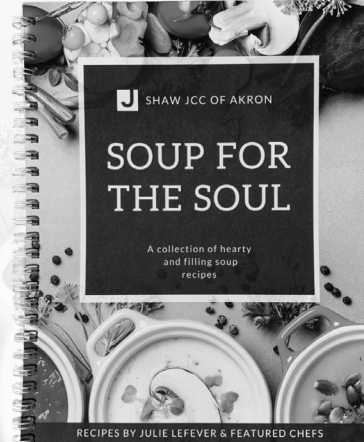


**SOUP FOR THE SOUL  
COOKBOOK**

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This cookbook was made possible by the hard work and dedication of Julie LeFever, Shaw JCC's Adult Program Coordinator and founder of the Soup for the Soul Program.

This cookbook features 25 of Julie's delicious soup recipes, photos of dedicated volunteers and JCC community members, artwork by The Lippman School students, and more!



**SOUP FOR THE SOUL**  
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## THE RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

The Retired Men's Club will meet IN PERSON beginning in May. Reservations are a must! Masks are a must! Proof of vaccinations are a must! And, masks must be properly worn!

We will meet at the front of the JCC building on Tuesday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 25 at 9:30 am. You are welcome to bring your own chair.

Coffee and bagels will be provided, but you MUST have a reservation to attend.

Please make your reservation by calling Julie at least two working days prior to the meeting at 330-835-0027.

We are looking forward to once again meeting in person!!



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If you are interested in joining any of the below groups, you can:

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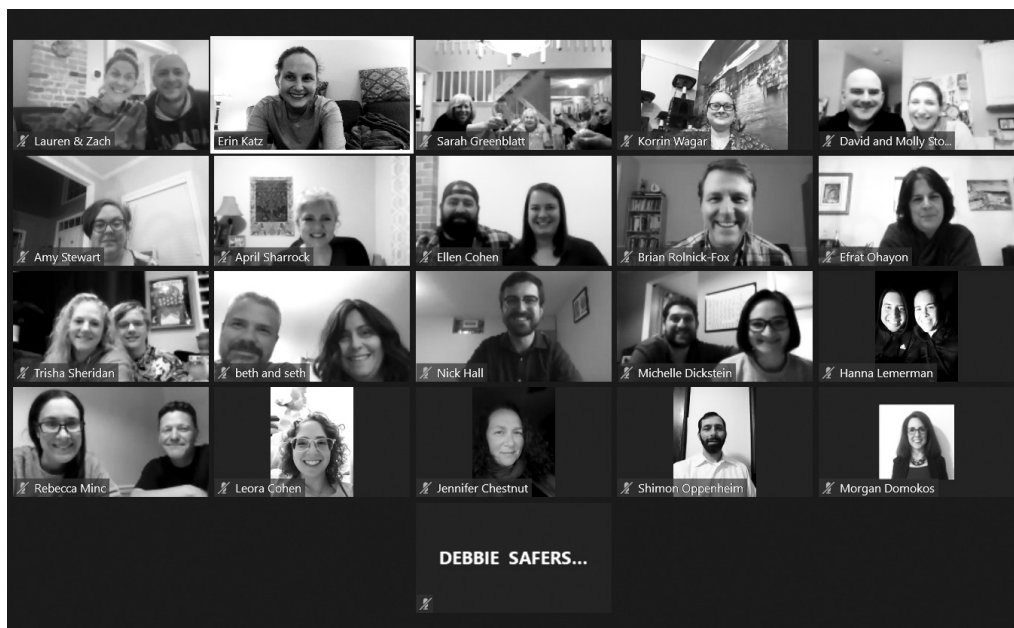
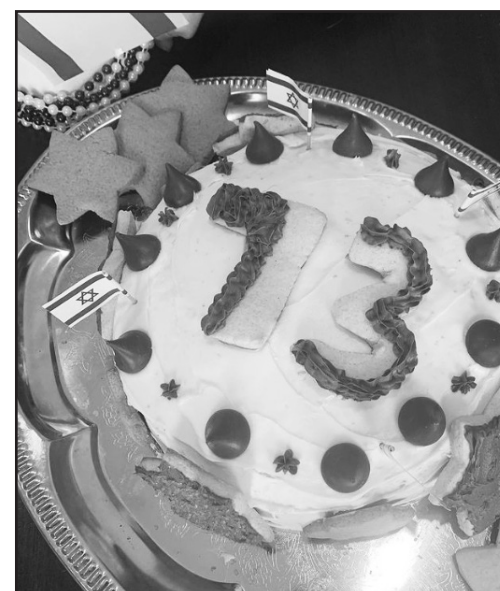
Saturday night was a virtual wine tasting. Participants enjoyed samplings from La Foret Blanche in the Golan Heights as well as a variety of cheeses and snacks.

On Sunday morning, younger participants enjoyed moving and grooving and Story Hour. School aged students competed in *Nailed It! Israel Birthday Cake Edition*. Students received Israel Fest to-go bags, which contained snacks from Israel as well as Israel-themed party supplies.

Our community concluded the day by hearing from Moshe Lewis as he spoke about his time in the IDF and from our virtual Shaliach, Shay Rubinstein and finally by an awesome concert from Jewish Rock Radio.

These events were sponsored by the Shaw JCC, The Lippman School, Jewish Community Board of Akron, Temple Israel, Beth El, Anshe Sfard, La Foret Blanche, and Red Garden Imports.

**Israel Fest Coordinator, Erin Katz Ford, passed out party to-go bags to Lippman students**



## A Family Dynasty Came to Forum 360

### By Leslie Ungar

Many readers know the back story of LeBron James. If you know the back story then you know one of his teammates at St. V was Dru Joyce III. You probably also know the role of his second St. V coach, Coach Dru Joyce II.

Coach Joyce recently coached his beloved St. V team to their 6th state championship. What makes the story even more current is that Coach Joyce has two sons who are now coaching in NE Ohio.

It appears the Joyce family is now a coaching dynasty. All three came to Forum 360, Coach Dru Joyce III, Coach Dru Joyce II, and Cameron Joyce to talk about their journey, the role of Akron and basketball in their lives.



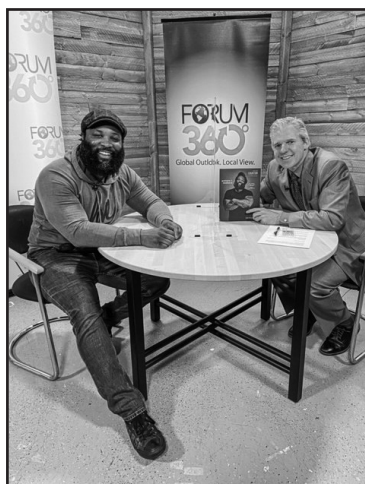
Peter Lawson Jones' first visit to Forum 360 was more than ten years ago with host Leslie Ungar. He had recently taken leave from a successful law and political career to follow a dream. A double graduate of Harvard, he chose to follow his dream of being a full time actor. Peter (pictured on the left, with host Leslie Ungar) returned to update us on what going boldly into his new professional life has looked like this past decade.

Host Mark Welfley interviewed Canton product, Elec Simon (pictured below). A multi-talented performer, Elec uses Canton as his base and bounces between New York City and NE Ohio with his musical and acting skills.

#### Upcoming shows to watch for:

- The Influencer Industry, host Ashira Nelson
- Metro Parks 100th Anniversary, host Pat Simons
- COVID 19 in Canada and Beyond, host Ardith Keck
- They Don't Really Want to Be Your Marketing Department, host Leia' Love

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

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## RUBBER CITY JEWS RUNDOWN

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL OSHEROW

RCJ is welcoming the warmer weather once again with a Pre-Shavuot Hike on Saturday, May 15th and a picnic on Sunday, June 13th. Please check our Facebook page or email us for times, locations, and updated information.

If you are new to town, or know any young adults who are new to town or would like to get involved with RCJ, please let us know! We always welcome new faces and program suggestions!

Please check our Facebook page or email us for program dates and information.

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September 20 , 2021  
Silver Lake Country Club

**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 and Center Towers 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.

## REACHING FOR RUTH A MULTIGENERATIONAL SHAVUOT ARTS SERIES

*With Rabbi Joshua Brown, Cantor Kathy Fromson, Lauren Trexler, and special guests: Cantorial Soloist Rob Ross, Rabbinic Intern Ashley Barrett, and Rabbi Melinda Mersack*

If ever there was a time for us to reconnect as a community, while we are feeling most disconnected from the outside world, it is now. If you feel your voice is not being heard, we hear you. If you want to be involved but don't know how, we can help you. If you can't wait for things to get back to "normal," we get it.

To overcome this period of complete isolation, we are embarking on a mission of togetherness and community. To reunite our Jewish family, with "ruach and neshama"-spirit and soul. We want to reach community with this exciting multi-generational celebration of Shavuot.

This initiative is unlike anything Temple Israel has ever done- to build a close-knit Jewish community with education, with creativity, with culinary, and with connectivity, joining together as friends, old and new. As we Reach for Ruth in our new Shavuot Arts Program, we will also reach out to each other.

Here's how to be a part of this wonderful mission in the month of May...

### **Guided Nature Walk/Photography Scavenger Hunt & Havdallah**

Saturday, May 8 - 4:30pm

F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm in Bath, 1828 Smith Rd, Akron, OH 44313. Music with Cantor Kathy and Rob Ross

### **Shavuot Watch Party**

Sunday, May 16 - 7pm (Zoom ID: 869 1332 7772)

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## EX-AKRONITE RAISES THE CHAIR WITH THE WEDDING NAPKIN

Janet Lederman Galanti has been creating embroidered napkins for couples' special moments since 2011  
By Chloe Levitas

Anyone who's ever attended a Jewish wedding is familiar with the tradition of lifting the bride and groom up in chairs during the horah with the couple each holding an edge of a single napkin or handkerchief symbolically representing the mechitzah separation between men and women.

Janet Lederman Galanti has been creating embroidered napkins for this special moment since 2011. Her brand is called "The Wedding Dance Napkin" and she makes each piece by hand.

At Jewish weddings, people typically take whatever napkin is on the table to use for the horah. "Instead of grabbing a dirty napkin off a table at the wedding and never seeing that traditional napkin again, the bride and groom can have a keepsake to remember their special day," Galanti said in a phone interview. "Afterwards, it can be framed or used as a challah cover. A memorable aspect of your wedding, this napkin can be passed from generation to generation."



Galanti was inspired by one of her friends, who used a piece of her wedding dress to give to her daughter on a basic napkin. "I wanted to create something equally as special with a unique design on a high-quality napkin," Galanti said. "Often brides will bring a piece of their mother's wedding dress to me to incorporate into the napkin."

The Wedding Dance Napkin business took off from one of Galanti's clients who ordered multiple napkins for various friends and family over the years. "Someone saw the napkin at a wedding that an Atlanta friend had given to a friend in New York and The Wedding Dance Napkin took off from there," Galanti said.

Galanti uses delicate beaded appliques for a unique design on the napkin. She gets the couples' names and the date of their wedding monogrammed on the napkin through a local company. "I do a range of napkins from glitz to simple, depending on what the bride's preference is," Galanti said.



She has created napkins for more than 130 people. Galanti will either meet in person with a client or communicate via email. In person she usually goes over different designs with the bride, and they decide together on a specific appliqué for the napkin. Typically, Galanti will need a month or two in advance for an order so it will be ready in time for the special day.

Galanti has a Facebook page for people to contact her for orders or if they want to see pictures of some of her work. People have heard about The Wedding Dance Napkin through word of mouth around town, Galanti said. She can also be contacted via email at [Janetgalanti27@gmail.com](mailto:Janetgalanti27@gmail.com).

"Part of this Jewish tradition comes from the idea of making the bride happy on her wedding day, entertaining her and 'lifting' her to the utmost height to honor her," which is exactly what Galanti does for her clients.

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**MAY 2021**

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 <b>Music Wellness</b> 2:00-2:45pm	5 <b>Tuning in Together</b> "GET TO WHERE YOU WANT TO GO!" 1:00pm-1:45pm	6	7
11 <b>Music Wellness</b> 2:00-2:45pm	12 <b>Tuning in Together</b> "IN MY FATHER'S COURT" 1:00pm-1:45pm	13	14
18 <b>Music Wellness</b> 2:00-2:45pm	19	20 <b>Tuning in Together</b> "GANGSTER SONGS OF RUSSIAN JEWS" 1:00pm-1:45pm	21
25 <b>Music Wellness</b> 2:00-2:45pm	26 <b>Tuning in Together</b> "YIDDISH MUSIC & SONG" 1:00pm-1:45pm	27	28 <b>MOVIE CLUB</b> 1:00pm-1:45pm

**About Our ZOOM Activities**

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Bella Shapiro on receiving a full ride scholarship to college, from Irene Adler

Russ & Alisha Bohn on the birth of their first grandchild, from Irene Adler

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The fundraiser for the Rose & Lawrence Schwartz Fund being held by nephew Jesse Kaiser, from Irene Adler

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## MAZEL TOV



Jacob Schwartz, son of Eddie and Marla Schwartz of Sandy Springs, Georgia (formerly of South Euclid, Ohio), and Lindsay Duncan, daughter of Chris and Lisa Duncan of Augusta, Georgia, married on March 20, 2021.

Kaila Sasonkin on the Upsherin, hair cutting ceremony, of her grandson Benny Klein. Proud parents are Menachem and Mussie Klein of Memphis, Tennessee.

Robert Taub on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of his grandson Cash Benjamin Martin. Proud parents are Jeffrey and Franci Martin of Denver, Colorado.

Rabbi Moshe and Mussie Sasonkin on the birth of daughter, Sheina. Proud grandparents are Rabbi Mendy OBM and Kaila Sasonkin and Rabbi Michael and Chana Sorah Danow.

Sanna and Corey Dirrig upon the birth of their son Miles Daniel. Proud sister is Riley and proud grandmother is Liliya Feinstein.

The bride is the granddaughter of Horace (of blessed memory) and Anne Duncan of Athens, Georgia, Linda and Jim Jarrard of Athens, Georgia, and Jim Ahl of Rutledge, Georgia. Lindsay earned a bachelor's degree from The University of Georgia and works for Music Matters Productions.

The groom is the grandson of Lawrence and Rose Schwartz (both of blessed memory) and Ernie Kay and Dorothy Samuels (both of blessed memory). Jacob earned a bachelor's degree from The University of Alabama and works for Global Healthcare Exchange.

A small group of family and close friends gathered for a socially distanced ceremony and reception at the Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris, Georgia. The ceremony was officiated by Jacob's cousin Alyse Smith.

The couple mini-mooned in a Blue Ridge, Georgia mountaintop cabin and expect to honeymoon in the near future. They reside in Peachtree Corners, Georgia.

Jerry and Cindy Nelson welcome their new grandson. He arrived on March 21, 2021 to parents Eric and Lisa Nelson.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Roberta Marks** passed away on April 13th after a courageous battle against Pulmonary Fibrosis. She was predeceased by her parents Louise Raymunda Leppek Ewing and Dr. Robert Thornton Ewing, her sister Rachel Corrigan and her brother James Ewing.

Roberta is survived by her husband of 32 years, Stanley, stepsons and stepdaughters Steven and Jeannine Marks, Dr. Neal and Pamela Marks, grandchildren Jordan, Samantha, Wyatt, Mackenna and Brady, nieces Christine (Adolfo Rafael Galicia Rocha) Corrigan, Sharon (Allen) Stevens, nephew Robert Corrigan, brother-in-law Daniel Corrigan, sister-in-law Rita Marks and best friends Evelyn and Richard Eshelman.

Roberta was born and raised in Monroe, MI and graduated from the University of Michigan where she also received a Masters degree in Music.

She taught music to thousands of elementary school kids throughout a 30+ year teaching career at Cuyahoga Falls School System. She was an avid musician and accomplished in many instruments.

Stanley and Roberta were married in 1988 creating a base and infrastructure for the family that would give lifelong memories for all that would be touched. They would travel the world together while Roberta would proudly put together elaborate and meticulous photo books documenting their trips. She especially loved the trips that included her grandchildren whom affectionately called her "Grandma Birdie".

She never met a person she didn't like, never forgot a birthday or anniversary and was generous and caring to so many people. She loved to volunteer her time and expertise to

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Arizona Musicfest in Scottsdale, AZ where she and Stanley spent the winter months for the past 30 years. She also was a benefactor and volunteer to many Akron areas organizations such as Stewarts Caring Place, The Akron Marathon, Good Neighbors, Summa Hospital and Akron Children's Hospital. Roberta's life impacted so many people... she will be missed. Memorial contributions may be sent to Holy Family Catholic Church, 319 Kent Rd., Stow, OH 44224 or Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors, 1742 2nd St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221.

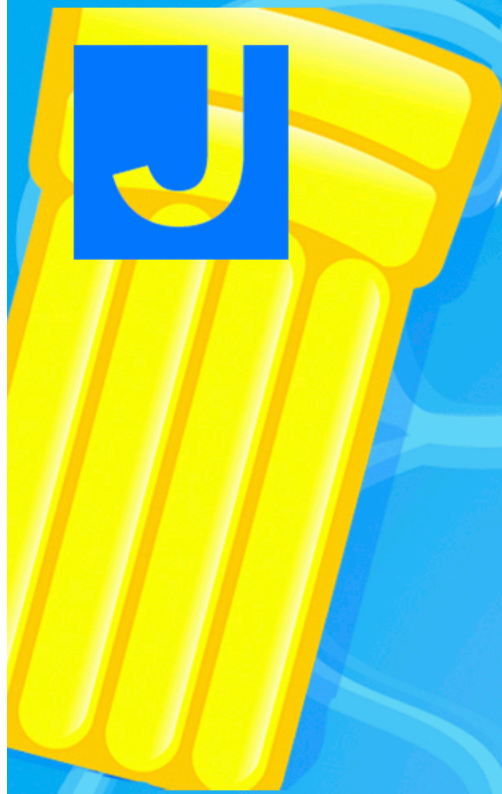
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**Bruce L. Folkerth, Sr.**, age 82, passed away on March 26, 2021. He was born in Dayton, Ohio, on August 17, 1938, to the late Harold and Peg Folkerth. Bruce is survived by wife Betty Ann Folkerth, his children Bruce (Kathy) Folkerth and Natalie Fox, and grandchildren Calvin and Eden Folkerth and Stephen and Spencer Ingle, and brother Gene (Anne) Folkerth. Bruce attended Miami University in Oxford and then Xavier University for his M.B.A. From there, he worked for General Electric for a number of years being transplanted every few months from city to city. Eventually he landed in Akron where he decided to strike out on his own with his company Harvest Realty which later became Harvest Companies. He then ventured into a totally different field with Northeast Care Centers. After enduring enough Ohio winters, Bruce moved to Ft. Myers and then Naples, Florida, for the rest of his life. Bruce enjoyed travel, friends, and God. Over his lifetime he made his way from Bolivia to Nepal and about everywhere in between. Although he loved to travel, he always enjoyed coming home, too. Donations in Bruce's name can be made to Avow Hospice in Naples, Florida, or The Alzheimer Association. Condolences may be sent to Bruce Folkerth, Jr., 109 Winston Road, Akron, Ohio 44313.

**Alan J. Bleyer** passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at his home in New York, surrounded by his family. The cause was idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. He was 71.

Bleyer was a former resident of Richfield and a senior executive at Akron General Health System for two decades, serving as CEO and President before his retirement in 2009. He directed Akron General's growth and leadership in emergency medicine, cardiology, oncology, women's health, orthopedics and wellness, as well as its neonatal affiliation with Akron Children's Hospital. He was widely recognized for his innovation in the development of wellness centers and satellite emergency departments. Before coming to Akron General, he held senior leadership positions at Sinai Hospital of Detroit and Lutheran General Hospital of Park Ridge, Illinois. He served on the boards of the Akron Regional Hospital Association, Greater Akron Chamber, Akron Tomorrow, United Way of Summit County, and American Red Cross of Summit County. He was an alumnus of Leadership Akron and a former member of Anshe Sfard Synagogue. Bleyer will be remembered for his unwavering values: integrity, honesty, decency, commitment to Judaism and Israel, and love of family, as well as for his gentleness and warmth.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, his four children, and six grandchildren. Bleyer was laid to rest at Mt. Hebron Cemetery in New York alongside his parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, all Jewish refugees from Europe who survived the Holocaust. Donations in his memory may be sent to Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools, prizmah.org.



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