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RCJ-Ticket Offers New Option for Young Adults

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Jewish Akron's group for those in their 20s and 30s, Rubber City Jews is thrilled to introduce a new way to experience Jewish Akron: The RCJ-Ticket. For just \$18 per person, you can gain unlimited access to an entire year of RCJ programs. The RCJ-Ticket is made possible thanks to funds from the Albert L. and Janet A. Schultz Endowment for Jewish Programming.

Events include regularly catered Shabbat dinners, holiday programming, seasonal activities, and exciting outings in the area. Regular monthly programs will be free for RCJ-Ticket holders, though occasional programs, such as professional sporting events and concerts, may require a small additional fee. Also receive special discounts to community events and higher-cost programs. Babysitting will also be available at or during many future events.

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JCBA Tribute



Honor Marcia and Rochelle Stone on June 15.

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Mazel Tov and Thank You! *Gala will Honor Dedicated Community Members*

This year, the Campus Gala shines a light on four community members: Debra Shifrin and Steve Newman are this year's Campus Gala Honorees. Mimi Surloff will receive the Tikkun Olam Award, and Sylvia Lewis will receive the Community Spirit Award. Their respective devotion to our community sets an inspiring example.



Debra Shifrin & Steve Newman



Mimi Surloff



Sylvia Lewis

The gala takes place on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life. The theme of the signature event is "Light Up The World," and it benefits The Shaw JCC, The Lippman School, and Jewish Family Service.

Campus Gala Honorees: **Debra Shifrin and Steve Newman**

Shortly after marrying and making their home in Akron, Debra Shifrin and Steve Newman were participants in the first young leadership group in Akron and were members of the memorable 1987 mission to Sweden and Israel. Through the years, they have also chaired Super Sunday events together.

"The Jewish community is first and foremost in their minds," Cathy Baer, gala co-chair, says. "Debbie and Steve always say yes. They just give and give and give."

Steve is a past president of Beth El. In addition, he has been involved with many organizations, including The Lippman Day School, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Community Board of Akron (JCBA), and the Shaw JCC, on which he currently serves as a board member. Steve works for Summit Management Services, Inc., providing housing for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Currently treasurer of the Shaw JCC, Debra has served on the board of The Lippman School and Beth El and was a member of the inaugural class of JWLI (Jewish Women's Leadership Initiative). She was also a past president of JCBA and campaign chair for its Annual Campaign.

Outside the Jewish community, Debra has been involved with Blick Clinic and the Women's Endowment Fund (WEF) of the Akron Community Foundation. Debra has also been involved with Women's Network and Athena Akron.

Professionally, Debra is a principal in the law firm of Shifrin Newman Smith Inc., in which she limits her practice to representing the disabled. She has been involved in many legal, women's, and charitable

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organizations; and is co-recipient, with Dianne Newmann, of the Ohio Legal Aid Association Fund's Pro Bono Award in 1999. In 2015, Debra was a finalist for the Northeast Ohio Athena Award.

Debra and Steve's proudest achievement, however, is that the next generation understands the importance of being involved in the Jewish community. Their children Scott and Meghan are involved here in Akron on various boards in the Jewish community, and Matthew works for the Cleveland Jewish Federation.

Tikkun Olam Award: Mimi Surloff

Born and raised in Akron, Mimi Surloff married her high school sweetheart, Stewart, right after graduating with her master's degree in social work from The Ohio State University in 1974. Their daughters, Shelby and Abby, both graduated from The Lippman School, where Mimi and Stewart were active volunteers. She feels blessed by her three grandchildren.

Most of Mimi's 40-plus years as a social worker have involved work in the area of child welfare, specifically, adoption and foster care. She was the first paid coordinator of the Guardian Ad Litem/CASA program at Summit County Juvenile Court. She served as adoption services coordinator at Jewish Family Service. Until her retirement in 2016, Mimi worked at Caring for Kids.

Her passion for children and her belief that legal permanency is attainable for all children despite any challenges they may face has led her to be a part of many successful adoptions. For 12 years, Mimi has been mentoring a young woman who grew up in the foster care system, and she considers this a lifelong commitment.

"She always put her heart into her work," says Eileen Benson, gala co-chair. "And Mimi has shown never-ending dedication to this community."

Her past community involvements include: Guardian ad Litem volunteer for Summit County Juvenile Court; Akron Children's Hospital Twigs; Haddassah story teller and Breast Cancer Awareness program volunteer; past board member of the Battered Women's Shelter; and co-president of the Shaw JCC Women's Auxiliary.

Mimi's proudest community involvement is the establishment in 2004 of Stewart's Caring Place: Cancer Wellness Center, in memory of her late husband Stewart, who lost his battle with cancer in December 2001. Mimi served as the first board president of Stewart's Caring Place and remains involved as a lifelong board member, committee member and volunteer.

Community Spirit Award: Sylvia Lewis

Sylvia Lewis has "an amazing and exhaustive list of accomplishments and involvement" in Akron and beyond, says gala co-chair Cathy Baer. "She definitely put Akron on the map as national president of NA'AMAT."

Currently a member of the advisory board of NA'AMAT USA, Sylvia has been active in the organization since 1947. In 1993, she was elected its national president and completed her second term in 1997. In 2004 and in 2007, she was national vice president of program and education.

Sylvia's leadership skills have benefited numerous organizations in her community—and nationally and internationally. She has served as president of the Presidents'

League of Jewish Women's Organizations, the Jerome Lippman Jewish Community Day School, Women's Division of the Akron Jewish Community Federation, and was vice-president of the Akron Jewish Community Federation (now JCBA). She chaired the Akron Jewish Community High School and the federation's education and continuity committees.

From 1999 to 2001, Sylvia served as president of Planned Parenthood of Summit, Portage and Medina Counties. She is a founding member of the government affairs committee of Ohio Jewish Communities. She has been a delegate to the World Zionist Congress five times; from 1992 to 1997, she served on the Zionist General Council of the World Zionist Organization. In 1985 and 1987, as part of the Volunteers for Israel program, Sylvia served seven weeks as a civilian volunteer on an Israeli army base.

In 1995, Sylvia was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame. Some of her other commendations include: the JCPenney Golden Rule Award; Northern Ohio Live Magazine's Top 43 Professional Women; and the YWCA's "Women of Achievement Award."

Sylvia and her husband Allen (of blessed memory) have four children, eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Schultz Campus will receive \$187,000 to upgrade security

The Schultz Campus for Jewish Life will receive \$187,000 to upgrade security measures at its 130,000-square foot facility located at 750 White Pond Drive. Jewish Community Board of Akron CEO David Koch says the Campus was awarded grant funding from the state of Ohio to make security improvements that assist organizations in reducing the risks of terrorism and other emergencies.

While all nonprofits were eligible to apply, grant funds were awarded to those that demonstrated specific vulnerability to acts of terror, including Jewish and other religious organizations.

The total amount of funding made available by House Bill No. 384 was \$7.3 million. The bill allowed nonprofit organizations to apply for up to \$100,000, to be used for security improvements including physical target hardening, terrorism awareness training and cyber security.

The Shaw JCC and The Lippman School applied for and received the grant funding, but the entire Campus will benefit including Beth El Congregation and the Jewish Family Service. The funds will be used to boost security efforts, enhance security cameras and improve secured access and entry points to the building. "With this funding, we will continue to enhance our security efforts as part of our ongoing commitment to safety," Koch says.



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Upcoming Events

June 8

Shaw JCC Sports Dinner

5:30PM - 8:30PM
Canal Park, 300 S Main St.

Our special guest will be the CEO, Chairman, and part owner of the Cleveland Indians Paul Dolan. Tickets: shawjcc.org/Dolan

June 10

RCJ Volunteer Project

8:30AM-10:30AM
One of a Kind Pets

Volunteer with Rubber City Jews, helping at the adoption center or clinic.

June 11

PJ Library Pool Party

10:30AM - 12:00PM
Shaw JCC Akron Outdoor Pool

Little ones can enjoy a morning swim and story. FREE with RSVP.

Rabbi Grundfast Farewell

6:00PM - 8:00PM
Beth El Congregation

Join us as we bid Rabbi Grundfast a fond farewell.

June 12

Farewell Party for Mayana & Shay

7:00PM - 8:30PM
Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Shay and Mayana will share pictures and videos from their shlichut.

June 15

JFS Hosts LGBT Film

5:30PM-7:30PM
JFS Offices, 750 White Pond Drive

Refreshments at 5:30 p.m. with the documentary *Edie & Thea: A Very Long Engagement* at 6 p.m. FREE.

June 17

Brew at the Zoo with RCJ

6:30PM-10:30PM
Akron Zoo

It's '80s Night at the Zoo! FREE for RCJ-Ticket holders, \$20 for non-ticket holders.

June 21

RCJ Ice Cream Social

7:00PM-8:30PM
2922 State Rd, Cuyahoga Falls

Welcome the first day of summer with RCJ! FREE for RCJ-Ticket holders.



**MEMBER
APPRECIATION
Pool Party
Sunday
July 23
Fun for the
Whole Family!**

Jewish Community
Board of Akron

Annual Meeting

Wednesday • June 7, 2017 • 7 pm

R.S.V.P. to 330-869-2424 or online
at jewishakron.org/annual_meeting.



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Shaw JCC
Akron

A Tribute to

MARCIA & ROCHELLE STONE



Thursday, June 15 at 5:30 pm

SCHULTZ CAMPUS FOR JEWISH LIFE

Wine and hors d'oeuvres reception

RSVP by June 8 to (330) 835-0005 or online
at jewishakron.org/stones.

No reservations accepted after June 8.

Help Honor Marcia & Rochelle!

\$20 per person for reception

\$18 - greeting in tribute book

\$75 - half-page ad in tribute book

\$150- full-page ad in tribute book



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Shaw JCC Inducts Six into Sports Hall of Fame



Jeannine and Steve Marks

It has been four years since the Shaw JCC has inducted new members into its Sports Hall of Fame. We had a wonderful response to the call for nominations and incredible applications. These five individuals will be recognized on Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Board of Akron's Annual Meeting. Please come and celebrate our new inductees.

Steve and Jeannine Marks are two people who love their community and love to run. In 2003, they launched the Akron Marathon to promote health and fitness, galvanize the community and bring national attention to the region. Over the last 14 years, the marathon has received many recognitions including being listed among the 50 Greatest US Marathons in 2005. The Akron

Charitable Marathon Organization partners with non-profits in our community to raise more than \$1,000,000. Thanks to the Marks, over 20,000 runners have participated, 3000 volunteers have helped, and 100,000 spectators have cheered along the infamous blue line.



Jason Shapiro

Jason Shapiro's tennis career matured on the courts of Akron Jewish Community Center. He played tennis for Firestone High School, was named to the All-Akron City team all four years, and was named player of the year for two. Shapiro was named Sectional Player of the Year in 1992-1993 and All-District his senior year. He was a state qualifier in 1992-1993. Furthermore, he led his high school team to four consecutive city championships. In 1993, he was named the Touchdown Club Tennis Player of the Year. After high school, Shapiro continued to play tennis at Eastern Michigan University where he was named to the Mid-All American Conference in 1994-1995 and All Mid-Conference Academic team 1993-1996. Presently, he enjoys golf and still competes competitively in tennis at the highest levels within the USTA and ALTA associations. He lives in Atlanta with his family.



Alan Woll

Alan Woll was born in Akron and graduated from Buchtel High School in 1964. During his time at Buchtel, he won several letters in football and track and field. In track, he broke the Litchfield Middle School record in the 100-yard dash, running it in 10.3 seconds. In high school football, he earned an honorable mention at All-City and District, 2nd Team All City, and Akron Beacon Journal Running Back of the Week. After high school, four universities offered Woll full scholarships. He opted to showcase his talents at The University of Akron, where he continued to dominate the sport of football.



Dr. Scott Weiner

Dr. Scott Weiner was born in Columbus and graduated from Firestone High School in 1978. He was a stand-out athlete, earning letters in football and baseball. In college, he continued his love of sports by playing rugby. Recently, Dr. Weiner was inducted to the Summit County Baseball Hall of Fame. After many years in the Akron City Leagues, he continues to play for the love of the game. He is chairman of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Summa Hospital.

POSTHUMOUS AWARD

Lee Kahn was known as the only Jewish man to have played varsity basketball and football for Wadsworth High School from 1941-1943, lettering in both. He was the captain of the 1943 football team. Paul Brown offered Kahn a football scholarship to The Ohio State University. Unfortunately, Kahn was injured during summer practice and was not able to play. However, when he returned from the Army, he coached for many teams in the Medina area in football, basketball, baseball and soccer.

Cohen's Art Selected for Prestigious Exhibition

The Society of American Mosaic Art (SAMA) has selected two of Bonnie Cohen's mosaic art installations to be included in the Mosaic Arts International Exhibition: site-specific category. This competitive annual exhibition features the best in contemporary fine art mosaics, uniting innovative design and masterful technique by some of the best international artists working in the medium.

Belmont College in St. Clairsville, Ohio commissioned Cohen's Steps to Success, as part of the Ohio Arts Council Percent for Arts program. The 16'x9' mosaic illustrates the exceptional technical foundation of the Belmont Health Sciences program—balancing human touch with technical excellence. In addition to the school colors integrated into the artwork to inspire and energize students and faculty, figurative and symbolic iconography illustrates the importance of practical skills and expertise through experiential learning.



Bonnie's Cohen's mosaic commissioned by Belmont College

Cohen created A Journey of a Thousand Miles for the Adler Aphasia Center in Maywood, NJ, which provides help for those living with aphasia and their caregivers. The 12'x 6' mural features a winding pathway through a garden of mosaic flowers featuring the quote, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."

These works will be presented at the 16th Annual Mosaic Arts Summit at The Janice Charach Gallery in West Bloomfield, Michigan. The site-specific artwork will be represented photographically at the exhibition and online at www.AmericanMosaics.org from April 27 through June 15. More information about the selected works can be seen at www.bonniecohen.com/latestnews

The Ohio Arts Council Percent for Arts Program recently awarded Cohen two commissions. They will be located at Bowling Green State University College of Health and Human Services and Central State University Student Center.

BAT MITZVAH: SONJA ROY

Sonja Roy will become a Bat Mitzvah on Sunday, June 4, at Anshe Sfard.

She is the daughter of Nena Roy and Kevin and Karalyn Bord and the sister of Max Newman and Casimir and Satya Bord. Sonya attends The Lippman School. Her Mitzvah Projects were volunteering at the Akron-Canton Food Bank and lighting candles at shul.



Belsky Receives Akron Bar Association Diversity Award

RON LEDERMAN

CHAIR, JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, May 3, I attended the Akron Bar Association's Law Week awards luncheon. This year the Akron Bar Association's Diversity Award, which is normally given to an organization, went to an individual—Professor Martin H. Belsky.

Dr. Belsky has been involved in a broad range of programs dealing with religion, race, ethnicity, national origin, disability and aging. Back in his law school days, he travelled in the South for the federal government developing school desegregation plans.

In his career, he has been legal counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives, vice-president of the Oklahoma Conference of Christians and Jews, chair of both the New York State and Ohio/West Virginia/Kentucky/Western Pennsylvania Anti-Defamation League regions (and on the ADL's National Commission); and was co-chair of the University of Akron's diversity counsel and veterans committee.

Dr. Belsky was also chair of the Akron Bar Association's diversity committee. He is chair of Akron's Jewish Community Relations Committee and a member of the Jewish Community Board of Akron board of trustees.

He is currently president of the Ohio Jewish Communities. The OJC represents Jewish Organizations in Ohio on social and equality-based issues in Columbus. The OJC's most recent projects include amending Ohio Civil Rights Statute to include LGBT, anti-BDS legislation, support of education funding to assist lower income students at all levels.

Adam Hirsh Appointed Executive Director for Hillel at Kent State

Hillel at Kent State University has announced the appointment of Adam Hirsh to the position of executive director. Hirsh served as assistant director since joining the organization in July 2014. He assumes his new position on June 1, 2017.

Commenting on the appointment of Hirsh, board president Kerry Chelm says: "Adam has been a strong contributor to the success of Hillel at Kent State over the last three years, and we are excited to have him lead our professional team as we move forward. He will have a deep impact on our students, professional staff and board leadership."

Hirsh looks forward to meaningful work as he embarks on a new phase of his career. "Hillel has the duty and privilege of being a transformative organization in the lives of our Jewish students on campus. Working for Hillel at Kent State for the past three years has

been an inspiring and defining part of my career in Northeast Ohio. I am ecstatic to be able to continue to work with our incredible staff, board, and student leaders to enrich the lives of Jewish students at Kent State University and the University of Akron."

Prior to joining Hillel at Kent State, Hirsh spent five years at the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown, including three years as assistant director. A graduate of Leadership Mahoning Valley, Adam is also a member of the board of the Young Leadership Division of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and is a Marcus Fellow at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation in Pepper Pike. He graduated from Ohio University in 2009 and lives in Solon with his wife Erica and their daughter Lena.

Hirsh succeeds Harvey Sass who served as Interim Executive Director since August 2015.

REGAL GRADUATES

Andrew Regal, son of Norman and Laurie Regal, graduated with a degree in biology from UNC Chapel Hill. He is the grandson of Ed and Faye Regal and Arlene and Paul Beck.

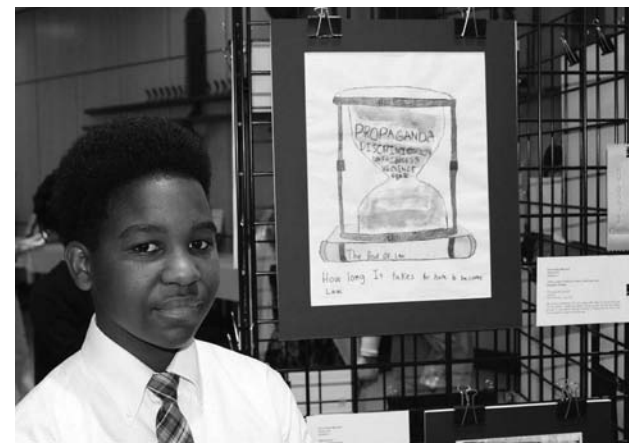
LEADING THE WAY



Jewish Leadership Initiative graduates Michelle Dickstein and Morgan Domokos also participated in CLI (Community Leadership Institute) of Leadership Akron. JCBA funds JLI as well as its participation in CLI.

Pictured here at the CLI graduation at the Akron Art Museum: Mark Scheffler, president of Leadership Akron; Cathy Baer, co-coordinator of JLI; Dickstein; Domokos; and David Koch, CEO, JCBA

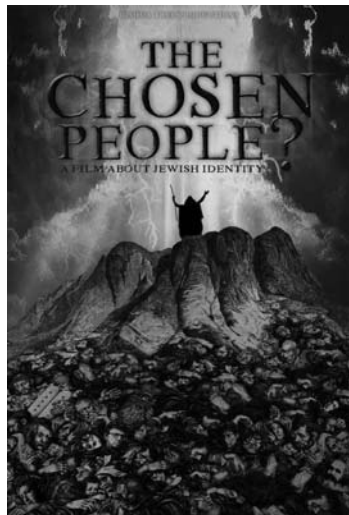
Lippman Students Honored at City of Akron Holocaust Arts & Writing Contest



Two seventh grade students who attend The Lippman School were honored at the city-wide Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest on Tuesday, April 25 at the Akron-Summit County Main Library. Ravinda Mendis placed fourth in art and Ronald Foster received an honorable mention.

The Chosen People? Film Debuts in Akron

Features Local Clergy, World Experts



On June 25, filmmaker and Akronite Josh Gippin hosts a preview for his new documentary before it launches world-wide. *The Chosen People? A Film about Jewish Identity* asks whether any religious or ethnic group can claim to be “God’s Chosen People.” Though focused on Jewish identity, the film explores Jewish relations with the Christian and Islamic world over the past two millennia up to the present day.

Among many other themes, this controversial film asks the viewer to consider Jewish chosen-ness in the context of white supremacy and asks whether The Bible ought to be taken literally or viewed as mythical stories. This epic journey takes the viewer to the very core of religious belief and practice by asking what it means to form a covenant with God,

as the Israelites were chosen to do at Mount Sinai.

The diverse range of voices in the film includes Akron-area clergy Rabbis David Horowitz, Stephen Grundfast, Mendel Sasonkin, Steve Segar, Lee Moore, Susan Stone; Pastor Elden Smith; and Imam Nader Taha. Local Jews who identify as atheist or secular humanist also share their thoughts.

The film features some of the world’s foremost experts on the topic, such as Rabbis Arthur Green, Deborah Waxman, Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer, Reuven Firestone, Jacob Staub, and Dr. Mel Scult.

This movie preview will be screened at Akron-Summit County Main Library Auditorium on June 25 from 2-5 p.m. The event is expected to sell out. Funds raised from this screening will help defray the cost of film festival submissions and online marketing costs.

To view a movie trailer and learn more, visit chosenpeoplefilm.com. Gippin is a filmmaker whose films have appeared on PBS and in film festivals and conferences around the world.

Israel Bonds will Honor Sarah Greenblatt at Reception on June 29

Israel Bonds will host a tribute event honoring Sarah Greenblatt at a dessert reception on Thursday, June 29, at 7 p.m., on the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life. In addition, Summit County Fiscal Officer Kristen Scalise, CPA, CFE will be recognized for the county’s investment in Israel bonds. Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger will be the guest speaker; he is the son a World War II German tank commander who later converted to Judaism and served in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).



As a dedicated teacher to so many students in the Akron Jewish community from kindergarten through adulthood, Greenblatt has been teaching Hebrew and Judaics at The Lippman School for 39 years. She served as the director of Hebrew and Judaics for 34 years there and has written and directed The Lippman School musical for 35 years. Greenblatt’s teaching also extends to b’nai mitzvah training. Each bar and bat mitzvah is a true simcha for her, as she has now proudly trained countless students at all three Akron area synagogues.

As an active lay leader and member of the staff at Beth El Congregation, Greenblatt serves on the Beth El board, as president of Beth El Sisterhood, leads the Ritual Committee, serves as Gabbai, and was on the search committee for Beth El’s new clergy. As a member of the Women’s Chevra Kadisha, she is part of a dedicated group of women that perform the important mitzvah of caring for the recently deceased prior to burial. She has travelled to Israel 28 times, leading 19 trips with students, and has lived there on a kibbutz and in Jerusalem.

Greenblatt has seen first hand how Israel Bonds strengthen every aspect of Israel’s economy. This event is especially meaningful to her because it not only supports Israel, it is a legacy from her grandparents, Simon and Dena Bricklin, of blessed memory, who were honored by Israel Bonds in Philadelphia fifty years ago.

Sarah is married to Erwin Greenblatt, and they are the proud parents of Michael and Leah Rzepka, Joshua and Katie Rzepka, Leora and Nathan Cohen, Leah and Lee Dubray, Sharon and Steve Fannin, Janice and Paul Weaver, and grandparents of Eva, Benjamin, Joseph, Noam and David.

Aliki and Peter Rzepka and Pamela and Joseph Kanfer are Honorary Chairs of the event.

There is a charge for the event. Call 216-454-0180 for reservations.

Development Corporation for Israel, commonly known as Israel Bonds, is a broker-dealer that underwrites securities issued by the State of Israel in the United States. In each of the last four years, U.S. Israel bond investments have surpassed \$1 billion. Proceeds from the sale of Israel bonds have played a decisive role in Israel’s rapid evolution into a groundbreaking, global leader in high-tech, greentech and biotech.



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Ask JFS

Assist Elderly Parents with Help of Jewish Family Service

Dear JFS,

I just returned home from a visit with my parents who live in another city. I was really troubled by it. My mother's beautiful and immaculate home was in shambles. She admitted that she's having difficulty cleaning her home but became angry when I asked if she needed some assistance. She insists that she can still cook for my dad and herself, although I had to remind her several times that dinner was still cooking on the stove. Dad's health is not good, but he just says that "your mom and I are getting along just fine."

I left them feeling frazzled and afraid. How can I help them when they insist they don't need anything?

Frazzled

Dear Frazzled,

Your situation is not uncommon. It is hard for any adult to give up their sense of independence. It sounds like your parents are still able to live at home, but they may need a little assistance. Let a JFS counselor help you. First, with your assistance, you and a counselor can visit your parent's home. The counselor can help guide you in voicing your concerns to your parents in a manner that doesn't exacerbate bad feelings between family members. After working through some feelings and concerns the counselor can make some recommendations that can assist your parents.

This summer JFS will be launching the J-Silver ticket, designed to help Jewish seniors stay at home and stay connected to community. One part of the ticket will be housekeeping services, which will be offered at a reduced rate. Menorah Park has agreed to collaborate with JFS to provide this service. Your parents would benefit from this service. The JFS counselor will make recommendations to have a housekeeper come for a few visits. Then, after the service has been completed, you can all sit down again to see how this service worked for your parents. Open communication with the help of a counselor will give all of you reassurance that your parents can live at home safely. More housekeeping visits can be purchased if everyone agrees it is beneficial.

Keep looking for information this summer about the J-Silver ticket. There are exciting services coming for Jewish seniors very soon!

JFS can be there to provide support and improve your life. Just give us a call at 330-867-3388 and let us help you!

Na'Amat Fabulous Salad Supper is Aug. 10

The community is invited to come, relax and eat dishes from the best cooks in town. Na'Amat's Fabulous Salad Supper will take place at the Schultz Center Towers party room and patio on Aug. 10, at 5:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dairy or parve salad or casserole to serve 10-12 people. Also bring the recipe written on a card, but do not include your name on the card. Please: No beef or chicken base should be used. Voting for the favorite dish will happen after the meal. Na'Amat will provide the dessert. If you cannot bring a dish, your cost will be \$15 for the evening. If non-members cannot bring a salad or casserole, the cost is also \$15.

Entertainment will be provided by Akron's own Irv Korman. He will be discussing his new book, *Antuan was Hear*—his collection of thirty years of kids quotes.

Please RSVP to Lani Rothstein at lani.Rothstein@gmail.com

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Experience the amazing value of the RCJ-Ticket with admission to a variety of activities this summer, including:

- The Akron RubberDucks AND the Cleveland Indians
- Concerts at Blossom Music Center and Lock 3 Akron
- Bumper boats, go karts and mini-golf at Rinky Dink
- Kayaking
- and much more...

We look forward to bigger and better events, and can't wait to see YOU there! RCJ-Tickets can be purchased online (credit) or at RCJ events (cash or check). Email rubbercityjews@gmail.com to reserve your RCJ-Ticket today!

With the continued support of the Jewish Community Board of Akron, our goal is to engage Young Adults in Jewish Akron. Any suggestions or new ideas? Send us an email and let us know!

June programs:

- **June 10: Volunteer Project at One of a Kind Pets, 8:30-10:30 am**
Projects may include cleaning animal rooms at the Adoption Center or Clinic, beautifying the outdoor space, or setting up for an event.
- **June 17: Brew at the Zoo, 6:30-10:30 pm**
It's 80's Night at the Akron Zoo! Tickets include a souvenir tasting glass, sample tastings, admission to the zoo after hours, and a giveaway. Free for RCJ-Ticket holders, \$20 for non-ticket holders. Full-size beers and wine available for purchase. 21 and over.
- **June 21: First Day of Summer Ice Cream Social, 7-8:30 pm**
Join us in welcoming the first day of summer in the best way—with ice cream! Meet at Handel's in Cuyahoga Falls. Free for RCJ-Ticket holders

And be sure to check our Facebook page at facebook.com/RubberCityJews for upcoming events!

Rubber City Jews is a group for those in their 20s and 30s, promoting continuity and togetherness in the Akron Jewish Community. Our organization works in partnership with and in support of the Jewish Community Board of Akron and the Sands-Rogovy Fund. For more information, visit facebook.com/rubbercityjews or email rubbercityjews@gmail.com



Rubber City Jews participants at Shabbat in the Park this May



from our shaliach

SHAY GOLDENBERG
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‘And Sometimes the Party is Over’ *Reflections at the End of a Shlichut*

*“And sometimes
the party is over
The lights go out, the trumpet says
goodbye to the violins...”*

*To wake up tomorrow morning
with a new song in our hearts
to sing it with strength,
to sing it with pain.*

*To hear the flutes in the free breeze
and to start - from the beginning.”*

*(Ve’Lifanim Ha-Hagiga Nigmeret –
Hakol Over Habibi – And sometimes, the party is over)*

SHAY GOLDENBERG ISRAELI SHALIACH

WOW. I can’t believe that I’m writing my last article for the community. How can I even describe in words everything I’ve been through over the last two years?!

This two years, being your Israeli shaliach (emissary), have been two of the most amazing years of my life. I’ve met so many people that made this experience unforgettable and meaningful, and I have made friends for life.

In the first year Mayana and I worked together and created many programs geared to bringing Israel to the Akron community. This was an amazing year for us as a young couple, living a new place, in our home away from home, and learning how to lead a Jewish life outside of Israel. We got to see how special Israel is to each and every one of you.

Experiencing the U.S.

During this year, we got to travel around the United States together and gather lots of wonderful experiences along the way. Some of these experiences we couldn’t even have imagined we would experience prior to our arrival in the community as your shlichim—like spending a Shabbat dinner with an Amish family or travelling to Montana and building a wonderful friendship with friends from the Northern Cheyenne Nation. (In late May, I’ll be returning to Montana for the second time and I’m super excited about it!).

Fast forward to this past year: Mayana began her own incredible journey. She visited over 20 communities in the last six months, sharing her personal life story using her unique voice. She shared about diversity in Israel and in the Jewish world. This was an amazing opportunity for her and I’m very proud of her.

Outreach Beyond the Jewish Community

As for myself, I enjoyed the challenge of working in our two wonderful communities of Akron and Canton. One of the goals set for myself was to reach out to non-Jewish audiences and share my life story and of living in Israel. I am very happy and satisfied about the numbers of students I got to meet in the last year, by visiting more than 30 different middle and high school classrooms in the Akron and Canton area. One of my best moments this year was performing an Israeli song, playing my guitar, while Firestone High School dance department students danced beautifully. That’s what music is all about: Bringing people together and building bridges between different cultures. Another beautiful moment was visiting Summit County Juvenile Detention Center and meeting young teens that face many struggles and making their day brighter by speaking about Israel.

From Students to Seniors

I also got to share one of my biggest passions—music, and especially Israeli music— with students in the religious and Sunday Schools and my beloved friends from The Lippman School, which I’ve met with many times over the last year and together we thank God, it’s Shabbat!

Another great program I participated in was the Be’Tay Avon Café, where even though I was supposed to be the one sharing information about Israel, I felt like I learned more than I taught! Every time I’ve had a conversation with a senior adult from our community,



Mayana, Shay, Lior Ofir (world jiu jitsu champion who spoke at Yom Ha’atzmaut), and Michael Neumann, Shaw JCC Executive Director,

I feel like I’m learning something new, and I’m happy that I shared my young Israeli spirit with your young souls!

At my shaliach programs we discussed various interesting subjects like the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; Jewish diversity around the world with Laura from Shavei Israel; travelling to North, Central and South Israel in my winter program; watching Israeli movies together; and so much more. What I’ve really enjoyed in these encounters were the conversations with members of the community. Thank you for joining throughout the year; I can’t wait to meet you all again in Israel!

We will also forever remember the two great Yom Ha’atzmaut and Yom Ha-Zikaron (Israel’s Memorial Day for IDF fallen soldiers and terror victims and Israel’s Independence Day) we had in the community!

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Bonding with the Community, Israel

I hope that Mayana and I have helped to strengthen your connection with Israel. I know it was there before, and I'm so happy that it is. As I've said so many times over the last two years, the bond between Israel and its citizens to the Jewish people all around the world, and, dare I say, especially in the U.S, is so important and it is one of the strongest assets we have as a nation. We should remember to keep this connection strong and vibrant, and I think the shlichim program is a great way of doing that. This connection helps to better our education and knowledge about each other.

So many people shared great moments with us—travelling, hiking, eating (breakfasts, lunch, dinner, you name it...) and celebrating holidays and joyous occasions together and inviting us into their homes. There's no way I would be able to explain how welcoming you were as a community and how deeply you made us feel at home. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Mayana and I are so happy to welcome the new couple of shlichim in the community: Uri & Gili Hershkovitz! You will get to know them in the August issue of AJN, and make sure to make them feel at home, like you made us feel. We wish them good luck and sure they'll do an amazing job!

The Right Place at the Right Time

While writing this article, the Cleveland Cavaliers have already made the Eastern finals. I hope that by the time you read this article, they make the NBA finals, and hopefully will repeat another championship. I got to fulfill an old dream of mine this year, seeing so many basketball games, and I can surely say that I've picked the right place, and the right time to be your Israeli shaliach! You could say that Mayana and I were sort of a lucky charm for Ohio, with an NBA championship and a world series under our belt! Can't do anything about the Browns, though... sorry!

Mayana and I encourage you to visit Israel. If you've already been there before, return and see new places and meet new people. If you have never been, now is the time to get your ticket and fly over. You all have two young friends, who can't wait to welcome you in our home, show you around the places we've talked about for the last two years, and hopefully make you all feel as happy as we were, being your community shlichim.

Our time in Akron has come to its end, but it will forever be one that will carry on with us for the rest of our lives. *Toda Raba, Mi-Omek Ha-Lev.*

JFS HOSTS LGBT FILM ON JUNE 15

Community residents are invited to join the Jewish Family Service on June 15 for a showing of the documentary *Edie & Thea: A Very Long Engagement* (2009). The film is about two lifelong partners, Edie Windsor and Thea Spyer, and a lifetime of commitment and embrace that transcends politics and circumstance.

In the closeted 1960s, these two women met and fell in love; their engagement to each other would span more than forty years. This documentary recounts how their improbable romance ignited a lifelong journey around the world and through history.

Ultimately, in their 70s, with Spyer's health in rapid decline, the two seize the opportunity to fulfill their dream of getting married. The film captures their inspiring journey to Toronto and Spyer's last trip on a plane where the lovers are finally able to make their vows. The film premiered in 2009 at San Francisco's Frameline Film Festival, four months after Spyer passed away.

The event begins with refreshments at 5:30 p.m. and the movie showing at 6 p.m. Following the film there will be open discussion. The event is free and open to the public. RSVP by calling 330-867-3388. The filming will be held at the JFS offices on the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life.



Apply for Program Grants for Jewish Women by June 8

Programs that directly benefit—or are of great importance to—Jewish women can receive funding through The Jewish Women's Endowment Fund, a restricted fund of the Akron Legacy & Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Board of Akron.



Approximately \$6900 is available this year. Interested applicants seeking grant support are invited to submit an application by the deadline of **Thursday June 8, 2017 at 5 pm.**

For an application or more information, visit jewishakron.org/jwef or contact Julie Katz at 330-835-0005 or julie_katz@jewishakron.org.



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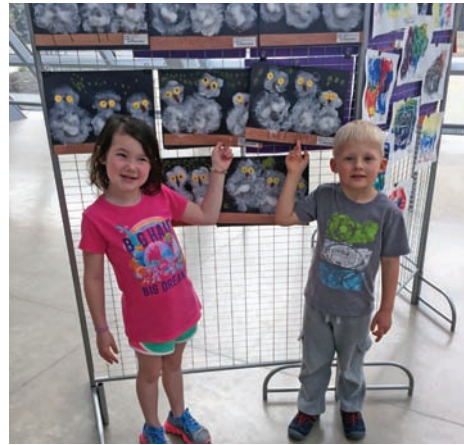


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Akron Art Museum Hosts Exhibit of Artwork from All Lippman Students



PJ Library Pool Party on June 11

Make a Splash with PJ Library on Sunday, June 11. Little ones can enjoy a morning swim and story at the Shaw JCC's outdoor pool at 10:30 a.m. Not a member of the PJ Library or familiar with it? No Problem! This is a great chance to check out what PJ Library has to offer.

There is no charge for this program, but RSVPs are a must so there will be enough snacks for all. Please RSVP to Ceil Cohen at ccohen@thelippmanschool.org. This program is for those age 6 and younger (and their siblings). Caregivers MUST accompany children.

Attendees don't need to be members of the Shaw JCC. Sponsored by The Lippman School & PJ Library.

Created by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, PJ Library distributes Jewish-content books and music on a monthly basis to families with children through age six. Akron's PJ Library is free and is generously funded by the Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation.



The Lippman School Cultural Immersion Camp

The Lippman School Cultural Immersion Camp will be an exciting, hands-on learning experience, with instruction from The Lippman School teachers and Native American artists.

Chinese students from the Dali International School, Guangdong will have the opportunity to learn and practice English in a fun and thoroughly unique way.

American students will learn about the culture, customs, and people from a country playing an increasingly important role in American business, political and economic affairs.



August 7 - 11, 2017
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

\$300.00 fee
includes all classes,
weekday camp activities,
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Intersections in Judaism

Judaism & Shakespeare: 'To Thine Own Self Be True'

HAZZAN MATTHEW AUSTERKLEIN
FOR THE AJN

We Jews are classically known as the “People of the Book”—a people intimately attached to the written word. We study Torah, Talmud, and Midrash as a way to deepen our understanding of HaShem’s “word.” Thus our ability to interpret language is at the heart of our ability to experience God. Shakespeare, like our Bible, is at the spiritual heart of the Western literary canon. It too has inspired generations of readers, writers, actors, and audiences.

Both Shakespeare and Torah have significant parallels. They both require study and attention to their language to truly experience their truths and timeless questions. And more often than not, both require an engaging teacher, interpreter, or actor to make them come alive.

Both Torah study and Shakespeare have always been passions of mine. As a Shakespeare actor and camper in my high school days, I learned first-hand the importance of understanding each word to get the most out of “the Bard.” Personally, I am happy to know that we have great local Shakespeare here in Akron, courtesy of the Ohio Shakespeare Festival, now in its sixteenth year. But for me, it represents an opportunity to not just enjoy great theater but to also delve into something deeper that touches my Jewish soul.

Several years ago, I organized a special congregational trip in the D.C. area that highlighted the connected values of Torah and Shakespeare. A group of Jewish teens and parents, partnering with a local lay school, traveled three hours with me to Staunton, Virginia—home of the famed American Shakespeare Center (ASC) and the world’s only recreation of Shakespeare’s winter theater, the Blackfriars. On this trip, we honed our Shakespeare and Jewish passions together: We studied how to read the Bible as a drama, and compared archetypes in Shakespeare and Jewish literature. We toured the beautiful Blackfriars Playhouse, studying Shakespearean language with ASC scholars. And we saw one of the most enjoyable productions of *Midsummer Night’s Dream* (the teens were jumping up and down in their seats with laughter!)

My wife, Rabbi Elyssa Joy Austerklein, and I are starting as the new clergy of Beth El in Akron, beginning July 30. We feel very blessed and also happy to be right on time for the Ohio Shakespeare Festival’s summer season! I have already reached out to OSF, and we plan to collaborate with them on a Jewish-themed Shakespeare program for the coming spring.

Rabbi Bradley Artson once spoke of his vision of Judaism as “where your truest self and G-d’s deepest desires meet.” It is a pleasure to share the values and interests that make up part of my true self and my Jewish faith, and I can see that these intersections are precious for others as well. I wish for each of us that we can always find the meeting place between our personal passions and our spiritual calling as Jews.

Cantor Matthew Austerklein is the new cantor of Beth El Congregation. You can reach him at cantor@bethelakron.com.

Intersections in Judaism is a new column in which Akron-area clergy or interested writers can explore and share the myriad ways Judaism intersects with culture and life.

Tax Advantages of Naming JCBA as a Beneficiary

Did you know that 50%-60% of your retirement assets may be taxed if you leave them to your heirs at your death? Another option is to leave your heirs assets that receive a step-up in basis (such as real estate and stock) and give the retirement assets to Jewish Community Board of Akron. Because JCBA is a 501(c) 3 non-profit, when you donate directly to us from a retirement account, it is not taxed.

Retirement assets, such as an IRA account or 401(k), make an excellent bequest to JCBA. If you give the IRA to your family, much of the value could be lost through estate and income taxes. When you designate a charity as the beneficiary of all or part of your IRA (using a beneficiary designation form provided by your custodian), the full value of the gift is transferred tax-free at your death, and your estate receives an estate tax charitable deduction. You can designate all or part of your retirement account to JCBA.

Please contact Julie Katz at 330-865-0005 if you wish to discuss leaving a bequest of a retirement account to JCBA.

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Monday, September 18, 2017
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Visiting our Jewish cemeteries

The Jewish Community Board of Akron is responsible for maintaining four cemeteries: Sherbondy, South Street, Workman's Circle and Farband.

South Street and Sherbondy are always locked. Occasionally, someone forgets to lock up after they leave. Workman's Circle and Farband are open year 'round. You may stop at the Shaw JCC front desk and sign out a gate key. Be sure to return the key to the front desk on your way home from the cemetery. Please phone the JCBA 330-869-2424 if you notice any maintenance issues that should be addressed.

BURIAL LOTS AVAILABLE

The Jewish Community Board of Akron (JCBA) has lots available at Sherbondy Hill, Workman's Circle and Farband. The purchase price of each lot is \$950, plus perpetual care at \$500.

NOTE: Perpetual care does not include opening and closing a grave, removing excess soil, leveling and seeding the area surrounding the grave after the ground has settled. That responsibility remains with the family.

Contact the JCBA at 330-869-2424 for details.

FIRE IT UP Lag B'Omer at Anshe Sford



Shabbat in an Hour

Thursday, July 20

6:30 pm at Anshe Sford

Join together to prep a fresh summer Shabbat menu. Everyone will go home with a complete Shabbat meal for his/her family.

RSVP or for more information, www.akronshul.com or 330-867-7292

A Retirement Party

In Honor of Rabbi Stephen & Judy Grundfast for their dedicated service to Beth El Congregation and the Akron Jewish Community

Sunday, June 11 at 6 p.m.

Beth El Congregation • 750 White Pond Drive

Entertainment by the renowned musical group Safam
Wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres

Single Tickets are \$25 per person

An Evening of Jazz for the J on Sept. 17

Imagine an evening of live music with jazz greats from New York City and Los Angeles. What more could you want for a Sunday evening? The Shaw JCC is bringing critically acclaimed musicians Willie Jones III, Terrell Stafford, Steve Davis, Ralph Moore, Eric Reed and Gerald Cannon to Akron. This ensemble is making a special appearance at An Evening of Jazz for the J on Sunday, September 17. The event takes place with two shows at 7 and 9 p.m. at BLU Jazz+, 47 E. Market St.

The event developed when Kathy Salem who happens to be the musicians' manager and an active member of the Akron Jewish community decided to bring their talents to the Akron area. "Jazz fans and music enthusiasts in the Jewish community and throughout Akron will truly enjoy An Evening of Jazz for the J while supporting the Shaw JCC at the same time," says Salem. "And to top it off, BLU Jazz+ is just the right size to have that intimate jazz experience like clubs in New York have."

Conveniently situated in the heart of the Akron Historic Arts District, BLU Jazz+ is northeast Ohio's new premier destination for live jazz, fine food and spirits and has been designed and crafted from the ground up with the presentation of live jazz in mind.

The evening of entertainment will raise funds for the Shaw JCC, which will be used to serve children, families and seniors in a number of ways through aquatics and

fitness, early childhood education, Camp JCC and more. "Together we will raise funds to ensure that all families, regardless of their financial situation, can experience the Shaw JCC," says Michael Neuman, Shaw JCC executive director.

Tickets are \$45 for individuals and \$80 for a couple. Ticket holders are welcome to purchase cocktails, craft beers and small-plates food menu from the restaurant to round out their experience.

There are also \$75 patron tickets available, which grants ticketholders VIP entrance an hour and half before the event to mingle with the musicians, nosh on appetizers and sip wine.

"They are the tops," Salem says of the musicians.

Ever since 1997, when Willie Jones III moved to New York City from Los Angeles, his hometown, he has been one of the jazz capital's most prominent drummers. His frequent collaborator pianist Eric Reed says that he's marked by "a West Coast swagger in his swing, with a looseness that isn't lackadaisical and an edge that isn't overwhelming."

Terrell Stafford, acclaimed trumpet player based in New York, has been hailed as "one of the great players of our time and a fabulous trumpet player" by piano legend McCoy Tyner. Stafford is recognized as an incredibly

gifted and versatile player.

Born in Binghamton, New York, Steve Davis was taken with the sounds of bebop which led to his distinctive sound on the slide trombone. In addition to leading his own group, he continues to perform with Chick Corea's sextet Origin.

Ralph Moore is a fine tenor saxophonist influenced by John Coltrane, but possessing a slightly softer tone. He recorded several albums for Landmark, Criss Cross, Savoy, and Mons (with the L.A. Jazz Summit), and since 1995, has been a member of the Tonight Show Orchestra in Los Angeles.

For more than a quarter-century as a first-caller on the jazz scene, Reed has tickled the ivories as leader for numerous ensembles and as a solo performer, composer, producer, educator and sideman with various artists.

As a young boy, Gerald Cannon began playing bass in his father's group "The Gospel Expressions," and he never looked back. Gerald attended The University of Wisconsin at La Crosse where he met jazz great Milt Hinton.

To purchase tickets and for more information, visit www.shawjcc.org/jazz. This event is graciously underwritten by community supporters. Other sponsorship opportunities are available; please call 330-835-0025.

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SHAW JCC YEARBOOK

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J Senior Adult Programs at the Shaw JCC

Lunch Bunch

2nd Tuesdays 11:30 a.m.

Once a month join us as we eat at different locally owned, Akron-area restaurants. RSVP to Rachel at least one day in advance.*

June 13 The Blue Door Café and Bakery
1970 State Rd, Cuyahoga Falls

July 11 Delanie's Neighborhood Grill
67 West Ave, Tallmadge

Be'Tay Avon Café

3rd Tuesdays 11:30 a.m.

Join the fun, fellowship and conversation. Light lunch served. Pay as you are able, but \$5 donation is encouraged. Please RSVP.*

June 20 Boost Your Brain: Healthy Eating to Improve Memory
with a registered dietitian

July 18 Irv Korman, Author & Entertainer

Movie at the J

3rd Wednesdays 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy a classic or current, first-run movie in the quiet of the Shaw JCC, plus free popcorn! Closed captions provided. Free & Open to community

June 21 Manchester by the Sea

July 19 Loving

Restaurant Review

4th Thursdays 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy food and conversation. RSVP to Rachel at least one day in advance*

June 22 Waterloo Restaurant
423 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron

July 27 Luigi's
105 N. Main St., Akron

NEW MONTHLY EVENT

Coffee Talk with Rachel

Thursdays: 9:30 AM

June 22, July 27, Aug. 24

Do you have any questions about SilverSneakers? Have suggestions for the senior group? Or do you just want to enjoy a free cup of coffee and some conversation? Come and visit with Rachel and other seniors and let's catch up! Each month we will have a different staff member join us!

*Please RSVP to Rachel Armin Williams at 330-835-0027 or rwilliams@jewishakron.org.

Challah Bake!

June 21 9:30 – 11 a.m. \$5 M / \$7 G

Healthy aging also requires social and emotional wellness that focuses on the relationships we have and how we interact with others. Join us as we make challah together from scratch, learn a little about the social and emotional components of growing older, and braid our challah's together. You will take home the challah to bake. \$5 members/\$7 guests. RSVP and PAY by June 16 to 330-835-0027 or rwilliams@jewishakron.org.

A Safe Drive Through the Aging Process

June 27 1:30 p.m. FREE



Developed specifically for senior drivers, this presentation can best be described as practical, entertaining and realistic. Not a safe-driver refresher, it is designed to

increase awareness concerning the onset of diminishing driving skills related to the aging process. The ultimate goal is not to take away driving opportunities of older drivers but rather to offer suggestions on how to recognize and compensate for diminishing skills so that our seniors may remain on the roadways as safe drivers. Sponsored by Lily Home Care.

Attention Concentration and Focus

July 12 1:30 pm FREE



There is evidence that attention training can change brain activity so older adults can block out distractions and improve concentration.

Join us as we exercise our brain and learn how these techniques help enhance our attention,

concentration and focus. Brought to you in partnership with Menorah Park Home Health Services – now serving the Akron area.

Caring for the Caregiver

July 19 1:30 pm FREE



Caregiving can have many rewards, but a change in roles and emotions is almost certain. Caregiver stress – the emotional and physical stress of caregiving – is very common. In this workshop you will learn the importance of knowing the signs of stress and become versed in several ways that stress can be dealt with and managed. Sponsored by Lily Home Care.

How To Identify & Avoid Scams

July 26 1-2 p.m. FREE

Joseph McCorvey, a consumer affairs outreach specialist from Summit County, will cover various scams that take advantage of consumers, especially senior citizens. Identity theft and credit reports will also be part of the discussion. Handouts will be given to anyone attending.

Beth El Shabbat in the Park on June 17

Come casual for Beth El's Annual Shabbat in the Park at the Shaw JCC Camp Pavilion on Saturday, June 17.

Beth El Potluck on June 23

Join Beth El for a delicious Potluck Shabbat dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday June 23 in the Mercas Room, followed by Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 7 p.m. in the chapel.

Food assignments are based on last name: A-F Dessert; G-M Main Dish; N-R Salad; and S-Z Side Dish.

Food guidelines: All food must be vegetarian or dairy and served in disposable or glass containers. Prepare enough for six to eight servings and label your food. Beth El will provide plates, napkins, silverware, serving pieces, and beverages. Please RSVP to Beth El at 330-864-2105, so that they will know how many tables to set up. Even if you are not able to attend the potluck dinner, feel free to attend Friday night services.

SHABBAT *in a Round*

June 9 at Anshe Sfarid. 6-7:30 pm

A young family Shabbat experience through food, fun, friends, and prayer. Open to all. RSVP to Kaila Sasonkin at 330-606-9876 or kailasasonkin@gmail.com

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Shabbat, 7:30 pm

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Rabbi Stephen Grundfast

Kabbalat Shabbat

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Friday Night Services

Will only be held on Friday nights when there is a special program. Check the calendar for details.

Shabbat Morning Services, 9:15 am

Shacharit, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30 am

We will continue to have weekday minyan by request. These can be scheduled at 7:30 am or 7:30pm if evening minyan is preferred. Please send request to Rabbi Grundfast.

Shacharit Sundays, 8:30 am

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

50 Division Street, Hudson
330-656-1800
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Friday Night Services

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TEMPLE ISRAEL

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Rabbi Josh Brown
Cantor Kathy Fromson

Friday Night Services: 6:15 pm

Last Friday of the Month Services:

7:30 pm

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First Friday of the month at 5:30 pm;
for families with children ages 0-6

Torah Study: Saturdays at 9:00 am

Saturday Morning Services: 10:15 am



Candle Lighting Times

It is considered a great mitzvah and responsibility to honor the Sabbath by lighting candles 18 minutes before sunset on Friday evening.

Friday, June 2	8:35 pm
Friday, June 9	8:40 pm
Friday, June 16	8:43 pm
Friday, June 23	8:44 pm
Friday, June 30	8:44 pm

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Forum 360 is 26 minutes— which in today's world is like a novel. Many interviews and stories in the local and national news are in three-minute segments. The long-acclaimed TV show 60 Minutes gives each of its topics or guests a 12-minute segment regardless of how famous or complex the topic.

Forum 360 gives guests, issues and stories in Northeast Ohio a larger spotlight than any other format in today's media

market. In 26 minutes, we are able to feature the diverse interests in the Jewish community and in greater Northeast Ohio in a more in-depth way. Our shows continue to highlight what makes our area interesting and relevant.

United Hatzalah is one example. It is both an Israeli story and a human story. It is a story about people saving lives and using 21st century know-how and chutzpah to do it. It is the story of Israeli EMTs, paramedics, and the neighbor next door who volunteer, often on an ambulance!

Hatzalah is like Uber for first responders. If you have ever been in a congested city, you can understand the value of answering an urgent call as fast as possible. Cari Immerman,

from the Cleveland chapter of Friends of the United Hatzalah, recently visited Forum 360 to tell this story.

Refugee resettlement, the Ohio Shakespeare Festival and boat rides on Portage Lakes were also topics we recently covered. We welcome ideas for topics and guests.

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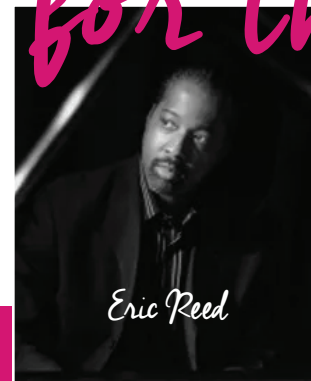
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