

# AKRON Jewish News

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## Polikoff Named New CEO of JCBA

The Jewish Community Board of Akron (JCBA) announced on Sept. 14 that Todd Polikoff will become its next Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The JCBA's Board of directors unanimously approved the search committee's recommendation of Polikoff. He will take over the role before the end of the calendar year.

"The members of the search committee, led by JCBA president-elect Brenda Schwartz, completed a thorough and thoughtful national search over many months and deserve high compliments," says JCBA Board President David Minc.

"Also, thank you to our search consultants, Ratliff and Taylor, for their guidance and expertise provided throughout the selection process. In Todd Polikoff, we have a formidable CEO who has a history of and passion for building and strengthening organizations in Jewish communities of all sizes and across the U.S. The Akron Jewish community will no doubt grow and thrive under his leadership."

Polikoff will succeed David Koch who leaves his post in December after 11 years with the organization. During his tenure, he helped guide the JCBA through several challenges including paying down a multi-million debt while overseeing major capital expenditures to help build a solid, financially stable organization. Koch along with Dianne Newman, Jewish Family Service (JFS) board president, led JFS through a strategic realignment while managing changes in agency leadership. Along with Rick Spector, former JCBA president, Koch helped establish innovative programs like the J-Ticket to engage young Jewish families and seniors.

"David has led JCBA with a steady hand, and we are thankful for his dedication and many accomplishments during his 11 years with us; he will be missed," notes Minc.

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## Celebrating Jewish Identity Inside and Outside the Classroom

Four year-old Claire Lemerman loves to light Shabbat candles at home and sing "Zoom Gali Gali." She enjoys it so much that her father, Josh Lemerman says, "It's all just such a natural, regular part of her weekly routine."

Claire is a student at the Mandel Early Childhood Education Center at the Shaw JCC. She loves participating in her class Shabbat ceremony with Ms. Lisa (Pesantez) and she looks forward to visits with Shabbat Scott (Zorn) and Cantor Kathy (Fromson).

Claire's love of Judaism and its traditions spill out beyond the four walls of the Mandel ECE. Even when she is performing or dancing, she incorporates Shabbat or Chanukah songs into her play. Being Jewish and expressing her Judaism is not only a source of joy for Claire, it is an identity she is proud to embrace.

Many other children are also bringing Jewish lessons home. David Savage learned Shabbat



Preschooler David Savage celebrating Shabbat in the Mandel ECE

blessings at the Mandel ECE and was so proud to show his parents and grandparents what he had learned—and they were thrilled to listen. After celebrating Shabbat at school, David would bring home Jewish books from the school's lending library for his parents to read to him.

"The children of the Mandel ECE are engaged in Jewish learning every day," says Kim Garra, director of the Mandel ECE. Students learn Judaism through a multi-faceted approach using activities, experiences, songs, stories and prayers. Garra adds that during play, "It is

not uncommon to see children participating in a Shabbat celebration or pretending to be a cantor." Fridays are special at the Mandel ECE, as the entire school family celebrates Shabbat together.

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# Holocaust Seminar Features Survivor Panel on Oct. 8

The Jewish Community Board of Akron's (JCBA) 23rd annual Holocaust Seminar will explore "Bearing Witness Into the Future." The seminar will be held on Monday, Oct. 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. on the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life. The seminar is for teachers and other interested adult learners.

The seminar's central focus is the Why We Speak: Survivor Panel with three generations of survivors. Each will share why it is so important to have present and future generations "bear witness into the future." To date the panel includes Erika Gold, a Holocaust survivor from Cleveland. She will be joined by second and third generation speakers, Marilyn Zaas and Julie Henneberg Kronenberg. Louise Freilich, director of the Face To Face Holocaust Education program at Shaarey Tikvah in Cleveland will serve as panel moderator.

Other sessions feature historical background with Esther Cohen Hexter, hands-on encounter with resources with Barb White, and more. This seminar has been approved by local professional development committees to help educators meet a portion of their continuing education requirements.

Dr. Mark B. Cole, associate college lecturer in history at Cleveland State University, will present the keynote address on "The Holocaust: Perpetrators and Bystanders." Cole's lecture will begin to untangle the complex historical paradox about perpetrators and bystanders. "Despite the fact that the majority of Germans never voted for the Nazi Party, nor were they aggressively anti-Semitic before 1933, they nonetheless perpetrated the Holocaust or stood idly by as it happened," says Cole.

Professor Cole specializes in modern Europe and Germany, focusing on Nazism and the Holocaust. He has presented his research at the Ohio Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education, Maltz Museum in Beachwood, across the United States, and in Germany and Israel. He has been a Fellow of the Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C., and the Holocaust Educational Foundation at Northwestern University.

The seminar committee consists of Chair Esther Cohen Hexter, Holocaust educator and consultant to the JCBA; Sam Chestnut, head of school, The Lippman School; and Barb White, deputy director, Akron-Summit County Public Library.

Registration fees are \$18 with box supper (dietary laws observed) or \$12 for seminar alone. The registration deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 3. Advance registration is available. For more information or to register, email [sgalat@jewishakron.org](mailto:sgalat@jewishakron.org) or call 330-869-2424. Register online: [www.jewishakron.org/holocaust\\_seminar](http://www.jewishakron.org/holocaust_seminar).

This is the 23rd Holocaust seminar sponsored by the Jewish Community Board of Akron, with The Lippman School serving as co-sponsor (since 2013). The Akron-Summit County Public Library has assisted throughout. A grant from the Rose & Lawrence Schwartz Holocaust Education Fund with ALEF, the Akron Legacy & Endowment Fund, Jewish Community Board of Akron, Inc. provides funding.

## New CEO for JCBA

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Polikoff comes to JCBA from Jewish Nevada, where he has held the position of president and CEO for the last three years. In his role, he oversaw the annual



Polikoff

fundraising of \$2.6 million and granted \$3.4 million to 70 different organizations, in addition to increasing endowment fund assets and Women's Philanthropy Division giving.

During his tenure, he led the successful rebranding efforts of the entire organization from Jewish Federation of Las

Vegas to Jewish Nevada, resulting in new donors and volunteers across the state. He also helped improve operational efficiencies by introducing new standards and metrics to achieve the greatest impact in the community.

Prior to Jewish Nevada, Polikoff worked at the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland as director of donor stewardship. Before moving to work at the Cleveland federation, he worked as a director with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in Houston and Las Vegas and as campaign director for the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Polikoff received a Bachelor of Science from Stockton University and Master of Business Administration from the Monte Ahuja College of Business at Cleveland State University. He currently participates in the Leading Edge CEO Onboarding Cohort II, the first-ever national CEO onboarding program designed for high-level organizational leaders in the American Jewish community. He has three children.

"We are tremendously pleased that Todd will be bringing his proven leadership and strategic experience to Akron," says Minc. "His understanding of the critical needs and challenges within the Jewish community will allow us to continue our crucial work as part of Reimagine Jewish Akron and our vision for the future."



### Notice a Housekeeping or Maintenance Issue on Campus?

Now you can directly notify Schultz Campus staff about any Campus housekeeping or maintenance issues by emailing maintenance staff at [jmaint@shawjcc.org](mailto:jmaint@shawjcc.org).



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## Oct. 1

### Inaugural North American First People's Day Walk in Akron

1:00PM - 2:30PM

Akron will celebrate the inaugural North American First People's Day on October 1 by walking a portion of The Porta...

### Beth El Simchat Torah Celebration

5:30PM - 8:00PM

Beth El Congregation

Simchat Torah celebration at Beth El

### Simchat Torah Celebration

6:30PM - 10:00PM

Anshe Sfard

Hakafot for the whole family. Singing, dancing, Kiddush dinner and L'Chayims, kids' program.

## Oct. 7

### PJ Library at the Farm

3:00-5:00PM

Greenfield Berry Farm

2485 Major Road, Peninsula, OH 44264

Join PJ Library at the Greenfield Barry Farm for a hayride, tour of the farm, sunflower picking, meet farmer Dan. Hear a story and have a snack. RSVP required. Limited admission: Julie\_Katz@jewishakron.org.

## Oct. 8

### Holocaust Seminar

4:00PM - 8:00PM

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

For Teachers & Other Interested Learners. Featuring Dr. Mark B. Cole from Cleveland State University and "Why We Speak: A Survivors' Panel."

### Na'Amat Donor Event

6:30PM - 9:00PM

Hilton in Fairlawn

Donations support children in Israel. At the event, singer Paul Nowden from the group "Voices" in Cleveland will entertain attendees with music from yesteryear.

## Oct. 13

### RCJ Habitat for Humanity Build Project

9:00AM - 3:30PM

Participate in a great mitzvah by helping to build a home! All-day, morning, or afternoon shifts available. Email rubbercityjews@gmail.com for more information.

## Oct. 14

### PJ Library - Baby & Toddler

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Please call 330-835-0005 for location. Playgroup for ages newborn to 24 months.

## Oct. 20

### RCJam 2018!

Second annual celebration for Rubber City Jews. Food, Beverages, Live DJ, Raffle, Prizes. Email rubbercityjews@jewishakron.org for venue and details or visit RCJ's Facebook page.

## Oct. 28

### RCJ Pumpkin Carving

3:00PM - 5:00PM

F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm

1828 Smith Road

Join Rubber City Jews for its annual pumpkin carving event!

## *The* CAMPUS GALA

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

## Win the Ride of a Lifetime!

The successful bidder of this auction item will join a very elite club of aerial travelers aboard the Goodyear blimp. Two passengers will enjoy a 30-minute flight on the Spirit of Goodyear. To participate in the Campus Gala auction, please sign up online at [jewishakron.org/campus-gala](http://jewishakron.org/campus-gala).



Ride donated by Goodyear Blimp & Tires.

## Women's Jewish Mysticism Gathering Will Be Nov. 27

The annual Women's Jewish Mysticism Gathering is entering its third decade! The theme for 5779 is "My Life's Purpose." It will be celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 27, (19 Kislev) at 5:30 p.m. at Anshe Sfard, 646 Revere Road. (Please note new date.)

We all wish to live a meaningful life. This special evening invites women to explore and reflect on why we are living. What are we doing in this world? What is our kavvanah, our purpose? What is it that we are supposed to do? Life is about mindfulness, choice-making, and trying to treasure each minute.

Come and explore these ideas and more in an evening geared toward women of all ages. Enjoy an inspiring guest speaker, workshops that nurture personal growth, as well as live music and a delicious dinner. The planners envision that this gathering will encourage attendees to discover more purpose and possibilities in our lives. Each will receive a souvenir booklet on how to bring that knowledge to fruition.

A big thank you to the planning committee and a reminder that the next planning meeting will be on Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. at Mazal Cohen's home.

Sponsors are: Anshe Sfard, Women's Chavurah, Shaw JCC and Chabad of Akron All are invited! If you wish to help, please call Mazal 330-864-0806 or email [Mazalc770@gmail.com](mailto:Mazalc770@gmail.com).

## REMINDER TO SNOW BIRDS

If you plan to spend the winter away from your Akron address, let the JCBA office know so that you can continue to receive the Akron Jewish News and JCBA communications. Contact Sheri Galat at 330-835-0002 or [sgalat@jewishakron.org](mailto:sgalat@jewishakron.org).

## Save the Date!

### Temple Israel Sisterhood



Free  
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November 4th 10:00-4:00

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## Rubber City Jews Rundown



**RACHEL OSHEROW**  
RCJ PROGRAM DIRECTOR

We hope your holidays were joyous and meaningful! RCJ is excited to start out the new year with a Habitat for Humanity building project on Oct. 13, the first of several Tikkun Olam activities planned for the coming year. All-day, morning (9 a.m.-noon), or afternoon (12:30-3:30 p.m.) shifts are available, and lunch is provided. Contact [rubbercityjews@gmail.com](mailto:rubbercityjews@gmail.com)

for more details and to RSVP.

We're also looking forward to the Second Annual RCJam, an appreciation celebration for our current and future members, on Oct. 20. The evening will feature a live DJ, food, beverages, and a raffle.

This year we are bringing back some of our most popular programs, including Pumpkin Carving at the Nature Realm (Oct. 28, from 2-4 p.m.), and we are also eager to try out some new RCJ event ideas such as Jewish jewelry making, Jewish cooking, and an educational program about Ethiopian Jews.

Join us at our events and get to know other young adults and young families in Jewish Akron! For only \$18 a year, become an RCJ-Ticket holder for free or discounted admission to our programs and lots of other community events. Purchase any time online at [www.JewishAkron.org/RCJ-Ticket](http://www.JewishAkron.org/RCJ-Ticket) or at any event with cash or check.

*Rubber City Jews 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.*

## RCJ Member Spotlight

### Meghan Newman



- ▶ **Been involved with RCJ:** Since 2015
- ▶ **Where I'm from:** Originally from Cleveland (Beachwood) and have lived in Akron for around two years
- ▶ **Job:** I am a licensed therapist at a private practice in Fairlawn
- ▶ **Favorite food:** I have so many favorite foods! I love pizza, Italian, and Chinese food.
- ▶ **Favorite music:** I love music! Anything from James Taylor to Stevie Wonder to Alicia Keys.
- ▶ **Hobbies:** Being an amateur film buff, cooking, trying new restaurants, dancing, and watching game shows.
- ▶ **Favorite thing about Akron:** The diversity and the friendliness of the people. I am used to the "big city" feel of Cleveland and have grown to appreciate the many different neighborhoods Akron has to offer.
- ▶ **Favorite RCJ program:** I would have to say the Shabbat dinners, especially because I met my husband Scott at one!

## WORSHIP OPTIONS FOR YOUTH

### Mini Minyan for Ages 5 & Under

Join Beth El on the first Saturday of every month for a Shabbat service geared towards its youngest congregants and their families. They actively experience Shabbat through songs, stories, and Kiddush. Movement and fun are a big part of the service, led by Becca Moskovitz. Mini Minyan begins around 10:15 a.m. and is open to all; the next one will be held on Oct. 6.

### Jr. Congregation for School-age Children

School-age students can attend Jr. Congregation on the first Saturday of every month at Beth El. Parents are welcome to attend the Jr. Congregation Shabbat service or attend the main service. Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein and Sarah Greenblatt lead the service, which begins at 10:15 a.m. and is open to all. The next Jr. Congregation will be on Oct. 6.

### Wee Sing for Ages 5 & Under

Once a month, Temple Israel hosts Wee Sing for families with children age five and under. Enjoy schmoozing, stories, and songs on Sundays at 10 a.m. It will be held on Oct. 28; Nov. 18; Dec. 16; Jan. 27; Feb. 24; March. 31; and Apr. 28. Bagels and coffee provided.

## Bat Mitzvah: Hannah Hoffman

Hannah Rachael Hoffman will become a Bat Mitzvah on Oct. 13, at Temple Israel. Hannah is the daughter of John and Kelli Hoffman and the sister of Samantha. She is the granddaughter of Ira and Lynne Newman and Mary Ellen Hoffman. Hannah is in the seventh grade at Wadsworth Middle School, where she plays clarinet and enjoys math and science. Hannah likes to be outside with her friends and enjoys playing volleyball. For her Tikkun Olam project, Hannah volunteered her time at One-of-a-Kind Pet Rescue.



## mommy & me

For children age birth to 3-years old, with mom, dad, or grandparent.



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## Open Houses

**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 9-11am  
Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm**

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# from our shaliach

MOR ROFFE  
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## Education in Uniform: Being a Teacher in the IDF



Shaliach Mor Roffe was a teacher during his service in the Israel Defense Forces. Above, he is pictured in front of his students during a field trip to the Negev.



Roffe with fellow soldiers on a trip

A lot of people have asked me about my army service, but most of the time I can't dive deep into the subject. So I decided to describe my army service and one of the dilemmas that the Israeli defense Forces (IDF) and the Israelis people have in this article.

After an Israeli citizen reaches the age of 18 and finishes high school, he or she is obligated to serve in the army. Men have to serve for at least two years and eight months, and women have to serve for at least two years. Some professions and programs in the army will demand the person to serve more than the obligated amount of years due to the effort the army put on the training of the soldier.

Most of the teenagers take a lot of programs and tests through the education system and the IDF. Those educational programs and tests try to determine the best place he/she should serve in based on their interests, to have meaningful army service, and to fit the army needs. That's where I come in: your loyal Israeli shaliach, whose army profession was a teacher. Yes, a teacher in the military!

In the education corps, there are two main sections. The first is education within the army, which concentrates on providing them opportunities to finish their service with the ability to integrate in the community. That includes Hebrew study, completion of final high school tests, helping with giyur (conversion to Judaism), and escorting soldiers in need.

The second section is education that occurs for people outside the army; this is the area in which I worked. Most of the work is with teenagers before their army service. But the unit includes many soldiers with education jobs in schools and neighborhoods, teaching olim (immigrants) Hebrew and advocacy. The gist of this part of the education corps is to help with pre-army preparation, but the work is much greater than that.

As a teacher, I was placed in low socio-economic neighborhoods in the city of Haifa and later at Or Yehuda in the center region. At both places my main purpose was to provide pre-army preparation for students. Besides this main purpose, the pre-army preparation was a tool for us to reach the teenagers in the schools and neighborhoods, learn about their lives and be a meaningful role models for them.

Some people find it weird— why does a military should have education corps? The definition of a military is to be the armed forces of a country. But to keep our army humane, equal and a way for the nation to improve itself, we need to keep the gift of education in the army too. If we will, the motto of the education corps - “Nation builds army builds nation”), the education corps helps to build the next generation of the nation, will be able to continue.

The topic is not closed, and fortunately, I'm here around and you are welcome to ask me questions about education in uniform!



## Men's Basketball League

Oct. 7-Dec. 23  
Sunday mornings  
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Register for the Fall Session by September 30! Be part of a competitive adult men's basketball league at the Shaw JCC! Fee: \$100 Member/\$135 Guest.

To register call 330-867-7850, stop by the fitness desk or register online!  
Questions? Call Rick Davis at 330-835-0053 or [rick\\_davis@shawjcc.org](mailto:rick_davis@shawjcc.org)

# Akron-Summit Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest

***Deadline for Annual Competition is Feb. 1***

The City of Akron has teamed up with Summit County to work together to make the Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest even better. The formally City of Akron Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest is now the Akron-Summit Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest.

The theme for the 2019 Akron-Summit Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest is: Lessons of the Holocaust: Opposing Hatred and Discrimination, "It Started With Words." Entries are due: Feb. 1, 2019 by 6 p.m. to be dropped off at Russell M. Pry Building, 1180 S. Main St., Akron, OH 44308. Note change in location from prior years.

The Akron-Summit Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest is an arts and writing based competition for students, including home school students, living in Summit County and in grades 6-12. There is also a separate contest for multinational students.

Students from Akron and Summit County are invited to submit entries to the Contest in Division I [Grades 6-8] or Division II [Grades 9-12], using art, writing and new to the contest this year, spoken word entries. We are very excited about this new category. Spoken word is an oral art that focuses on the aesthetics of word play such as intonation and voice inflection. Spoken word entries are submitted in a video format with a transcript. Students can submit one entry per person from their schools or independently.

Susan Yingling, committee chairperson, says the city and now county has continued this contest for 31 years, "to

encourage student awareness of the Lessons of the Holocaust and provide opportunity for them to engage in meaningful reflection."

Prizes include: trip to Washington, D.C. to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for first place winners and their teachers. Also a small cash prize for each first place winning student, teacher and school.

For complete contest entry, rubric & guideline information and teacher resources visit the web site at: [www2.akronohio.gov/holocaust](http://www2.akronohio.gov/holocaust). In addition to contest rules, the site features winning entries from the 2012-2018 contest and video of last year's commemoration.

Akron-Summit Holocaust Commemoration and contest awards ceremony will be held Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at the Akron Summit County Public Library, Main Branch; the awards presentation will be 6 p.m., and the commemoration ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Winning art and writing entries will be displayed at the Akron Summit

County Public Library, Main Branch from April 11-May 8.

Donations to the City of Akron Holocaust Memorial Trust Fund support all aspects of the contest and commemoration including, providing money for materials for school libraries and the first place winner's trip to Washington D.C. To make a donation, please contact Klair Heestand, Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest & Commemoration Coordinator at 330-375-2979 or 330-375-2345

**The contest encourages student awareness of the Lessons of the Holocaust and provide opportunity for them to engage in meaningful reflection**

- SUSAN YINGLING

# Art and Jewish Food Festival at Temple on Nov. 4

Come and shop for holiday gifts and nosh on traditional Jewish goodies at Temple Israel Sisterhood's Art and Jewish Food Festival. On Sunday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be arts, crafts and more at Temple Israel, located at 91 Springside Drive. Temple Israel Sisterhood's Judaica Gift Shop will also be open.

Traditional Jewish delicacies of matzo ball soup, latkes, stuffed cabbage, kugel, chopped liver, rugelach, mandel bread, kuchen, and hamantashen will be available for purchase. New this year are three types of bourekas, Middle Eastern filled pastries. Mr. Brisket, in Cleveland Heights, is supplying the corned beef and brisket.

A sing-along, face painting, balloons and other activities will be provided for children. View Temple's sanctuary and sacred objects and meet clergy, Rabbi Josh Brown and Cantor Kathy Fromson.

Eat in, carry out and preorder with our new online ordering system at [artfoodfestival.org](http://artfoodfestival.org). For more information go to [artfoodfest.com](http://artfoodfest.com) or contact [questions@artfoodfest.com](mailto:questions@artfoodfest.com).

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- Wednesdays: 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. during Sisterhood's Art & Jewish Food Festival
- After most Shabbat Friday Services
- By Appointment. Please call Temple office at 330-665-2000.

Temple Israel, 91 Springside Road, Bath, Ohio 44333

# The CAMPUS GALA

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## Celebrating Our Community

Saturday, November 10, 2018

Honoring



Campus Gala Honorees  
Rob & Andrea Minster

Honoring



Tikkun Olam Awardees  
Janice & Alan Woll

### Sponsorship Opportunities

- o **Rosh Kehilah** *Head of Community*  
\$10,000 investment includes event recognition, full-page ad in tribute book, same size ad in AJN and 10 tickets
- o **Tzedek** *Righteous Person*  
\$5,000 investment includes full-page ad in tribute book, same size ad in AJN and 8 tickets
- o **Tikkun Olam** *Repairing the World*  
\$2,500 investment includes full-page ad in tribute book, same size ad in AJN and 6 tickets
- o **Etz Chaim** *Tree of Life*  
\$1,000 investment includes 1/2-page ad in tribute book, same size ad in AJN and 4 tickets
- o **Mensch** *Good Person*  
\$500 investment includes 1/4-page ad in tribute book, same size ad in AJN and 2 tickets
- o **Chazak** *Strength*  
\$360 investment includes 1/8-page ad in tribute book, same size ad in AJN and 2 tickets
- o **Shoreshim** *Roots*  
\$180 investment includes 1/8-page ad in tribute book and same size ad in AJN
- o **Chaverim** *Friends*  
\$100 investment includes name in tribute book and AJN
- o **Gala Tickets**  
\$125 (\$150 after October 22, subject to availability)

A tax-deductible receipt will be provided following the event. \$70 per dinner ticket is non-tax refundable. All contributions more than \$70 are fully deductible.

### Your Support Makes a World of Difference in Our Community

On Saturday, November 10, we invite you to help us celebrate Campus Gala honorees Rob and Andrea Minster and Tikkun Olam award recipients Alan and Janice Woll while at the same time support the efforts of our campus agencies - The Shaw JCC of Akron, The Lippman School and Jewish Family Service of Akron - that offer important programs and services for all members of our diverse community from newborns to seniors.

Your investment in our community may help a child go to Camp JCC, the Mandel Early Childhood Education Center or The Lippman School, give a struggling family a welcoming, safe place to call their second home, and seniors an opportunity to connect with others and get support in a secure environment.

Please reserve your sponsorship **by October 22, 2018**. Tribute books will be distributed to guests, and donor names will be highlighted on screens throughout the evening. In addition, sponsors will be recognized in the Akron Jewish News which mails to 3,000 homes. Thank you for your support.

Visit [www.jewishakron.org/campus-gala](http://www.jewishakron.org/campus-gala) or call 330-836-0419 for tributes & tickets.



## NA'AMAT Annual Donor will be Oct. 8

NA'AMAT USA's AMAT chapter's Annual Donor will have a new look this year. They invite the entire community— both men and women—for dinner on Monday, Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Beau's Grille in the Hilton, 3180 W Market St. in Fairlawn.

Paul Nowden from the Cleveland singing group "Voices" will entertain attendees. He will be singing songs from yesteryear, including those of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin.

Attendees can order off the menu and pay for their own meal. Come and donate what your hearts dictate; there are no specific donor categories. The children of Israel need and appreciate your support.

Send your donations to Laurel Gress at 3211 Rohrer Rd., Wadsworth Oh 44281. Please make checks payable to Na'Amat. She will also accept your reservation for dinner at laurelgress@neo.rr.com or 330.336.8342. (Must be received by Oct. 2.)

Chairs of the event are Ellen Moss and Barbara Rosenthal.

## Special Exhibit Israel: Then & Now Open at Maltz

The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage launched a new exhibition, Israel: Then & Now, on Sept. 23, which will be at the museum through May 2019.

Israel: Then & Now tells the story of a people with no home, rejected across the globe for religious beliefs finding hope in a land they can make their own. In 1948, when Israel was declared the first Jewish state, it gave the Jewish people an opportunity to create a home for themselves and their children – what would come of this land, the people, and a culture? Audiences are invited to take a look back and imagine what's ahead during this world premiere exhibition that combines milestone moments, historic images, interactive media, and film to explore Israel: Then & Now.

Surrounding the special exhibition is a robust season of programming, the result of a first-of-its-kind collaboration between two great educational institutions: Case Western Reserve University's Siegal Lifelong Learning Program and Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. Gallery talks, lectures and discussions, arts and culture events, and family fun activities offer something for most ages and interests.

A few Akronites are docents at the Maltz and are preparing to become docents of this new exhibit, including Esther Hexter, Ellen Moss, and Harvey Krieger. Courtney Krieger, manager of education and outreach at the museum, is formerly from Akron.

Dahlia Fisher, director of external affairs at the Maltz, says of the many exciting programs to come, the new documentary film series stands out: "The new film series is a reflection of the exhibition – providing a glimpse into the complex lives of Israeli doctors, artists, teachers, and survivors. Through these films, we are discovering both the country of Israel and the people who live there – understanding their challenges and joys." A talk-back led by a local subject-matter expert will follow each film screening.

For more information about the exhibition, film series or other programming offerings, please contact 216.593.0575 or visit [www.maltzmuseum.org](http://www.maltzmuseum.org).



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## Annual Raffle Breakfast

**Sunday, Nov. 18 at 10:30 a.m.  
at Anshe Sfard**

**Donate \$150 for a chance  
to win the grand prize of \$3,000!**

Tickets available from Art Taub, Robert Taub,  
Katie Gruber, Dan Sutter, Joel Stile, Meir Ohayon,  
David Kloner, or from the shul.

Proceeds benefit Anshe Sfard

## "Tail"-gating Shabbat

**FRIDAY, OCT. 12  
at Temple Israel**

Executive Board Cook-out  
at 5:30 p.m. and  
Service with Pet Blessing  
at 6:15 p.m.

Let's celebrate the Torah  
portion of Noah's Ark with an  
animal- and kid-friendly service!  
Bring your dogs, blanket  
and lawn chairs (weather  
permitting). Tables and chairs  
will be set up on the patio for  
those who wish to picnic there.



## Local Synagogue Schedules

### ANSHE SFARD SYNAGOGUE

646 N. Revere Road, Akron  
330-867-7292  
www.akronshul.com  
Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin

#### Shacharit

Sunday, 8 a.m.  
Monday & Thursday, 7:30 a.m.  
Shabbat, 9 a.m.

#### Mincha & Maariv

Sunday - Friday, 7:30 p.m.  
Shabbat, 7:30 p.m.

#### Torah Studies with Rabbi Sasonkin

Tuesday at 8 p.m.; for men and women

### BETH EL CONGREGATION

750 White Pond Drive, Akron  
330-864-2105  
www.bethelakron.com  
Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein  
Hazzan Matt Austerklein

**Friday Night Services**, 2nd Friday of the month  
at 7 p.m.

**Shabbat Morning Services**, 9:15 a.m.

**Shacharit**: Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30 a.m.  
and Sundays, 8:45 a.m. Additional weekday minyans  
by request, either 7:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. Please send  
requests to the rabbi.

### TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

50 Division Street, Hudson  
330-656-1800  
info@tbshudson.org  
Rabbi Michael Ross

#### Friday Night Services

Held twice a month at 7:45 p.m., normally on the  
second and fourth Fridays of the month

### TEMPLE ISRAEL

91 Springside Drive, Akron  
330-665-2000  
www.templeisraelakron.org  
Rabbi Josh Brown  
Cantor Kathy Fromson

**Friday Night Services**: 6:15 pm

#### Wee Sing Shabbat Sing-a-long

Fourth 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**: 10:30 am

## Spaghetti Dinner

**SUNDAY, OCT. 14  
5:30 p.m. at Anshe Sfard**

**Raffle Prizes, Cash Wine Bar,  
Vegetarian and Gluten-Free Options Available**

**\$15 by Oct. 8; \$20 after.**  
Under age 5 is FREE. RSVP to  
www.akronshul.com or 330-867-7292

Please call for volunteer opportunities.  
Proceeds benefit Women's Chavurah.



## 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, Oct. 5	6:44 pm
Friday, Oct. 12	6:32 pm
Friday, Oct. 19	6:22 pm
Friday, Oct. 26	6:12 pm
Friday, Nov. 2	6:03 pm

# 'Stop the Hate' Essay Contest for Grades 6-12

The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage will begin accepting applications for its annual Stop the Hate® Youth Speak Out essay writing contest.

Stop the Hate Youth Speak Out celebrates the voices of young people in Northeast Ohio standing up and speaking out against hate. By reflecting on real life situations and sharing ways to create a more inclusive community, students can win big for themselves and their schools.

Each year, through the generosity of a donor, the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage gives out \$100,000 in scholarships, awards and anti-bias education in recognition of 6-12th grade upstanders in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull and Wayne counties.

Each year, a new theme is selected for students to consider. This year, the Museum honors the memory and influence of one of the most widely known young writers in history, Anne Frank.

The application asks students to consider, "Over 75 years later, what can be learned from Anne's perspective on human nature? Can everyday, average people change the world? Think about your own life. Have you witnessed or experienced acts of injustice, racism, bigotry, or discrimination? How were you impacted by what you experienced, saw, or heard? What did you do, or what will you do, in response to these circumstances in order to create justice and positive change in your community?"

In 500 words or less, students are encouraged to share their experiences and submit their essay by the deadline based on grade category.

## Grades 6-10

Essays due Wednesday, Jan.9, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.

## Grades 11 & 12

Essays due Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.

For more information on participation, please contact Manger of Public Programs, Stop the Hate, Ben Becker at 216-593-0577, [bbecker@mmjh.org](mailto:bbecker@mmjh.org), or visit the Maltz Museum online at [www.maltzmuseum.org/stop-the-hate](http://www.maltzmuseum.org/stop-the-hate).

## Parents' Night Out at the Shaw JCC

Parents, take a break and send your kids (ages 4-12) for a Saturday night out at The J. Offered Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, the evenings are supervised by Shaw JCC KidSpace and Camp staff. Children can look forward to fun crafts projects, cooking, sports and games, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. After a yummy pizza and veggie dinner, we will watch a great kids movie on our big screen.

To register, please email [szorn@shawjcc.org](mailto:szorn@shawjcc.org) or visit [shawjcc.org](http://shawjcc.org). Cost: \$20 for members; \$25 for guests; all siblings are \$18. Fee is based on minimum 24-hour registration. Add extra \$5 without reservation (must be paid after sundown at pick-up time). Subject to change/cancellation with minimum enrollment.

## J YOUTH BASKETBALL RECREATION LEAGUE

Open House at Shaw JCC gymnasium on Sunday, Oct. 14, 3-4 p.m.

Dates of play: Sundays, Oct. 21 & 28; Nov. 4, 11 & 18; Dec. 2, 9 & 16

Grades K-2, 1-2 p.m. (200.BBL00)

Ages 10 & under, 2-3 p.m. (200.BBL002)

Ages 13 & under, 3-4 p.m. (200.BBL003)

Leagues divided by age with games every Sunday. All levels welcome. Play begins mid-October with 8 games and then play-offs.

More information to come soon. Contact Scott Zorn at [szorn@shawjcc.org](mailto:szorn@shawjcc.org) to receive registration updates.

Cost: \$95 M/\$120 G

(Sign up by Oct. 14 & receive a free J reversible Jersey, a \$20 value!)



## HILLEL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

The year is off to a great start for Hillel at the University of Akron! The first program of the year was a lovely Shabbat service and meal - nearly half of the attendees were new students. Hillel's faculty advisor, Marty Belsky, joined for services which were led by intern, Jacob Heiss, followed by Kiddush and a homemade dinner.



The next Shabbat hosted by Hillel will be October 12th followed by Pumpkins and Dinner on October 25th. Students and community members are welcome to attend.



For more info about Hillel at University of Akron, contact Ethan Krasnow, Assistant Director, [ekrasnow@kenthillel.org](mailto:ekrasnow@kenthillel.org)

*Hillel at the University of Akron is a project of Hillel at Kent State, generously supported by the Jewish Community Board of Akron.*

# J Senior Adult Programs at the Shaw JCC

## Bridge

**Mondays 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

No matter what level of play, join us for bridge. No instruction is provided. Open to All. No RSVP needed. Coffee and desserts served. \$1 donation suggested. Another bridge group will be forming to play on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

## Retired Men's group

**2nd & 4th Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Join the Retired Men's Group for open discussion. No RSVP needed. Coffee will be served. \$1 donation suggested.

## Lunch Bunch

**2nd Tuesdays 11:30 a.m.**

Once a month come and join us as we eat at different locally owned, Akron-area restaurants. PLEASE RSVP\* at least one day in advance. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 on your own.

**Oct. 9 Blue Door Café and Bakery  
1970 State Rd., Cuyahoga Falls**

## Movie Matinee at the J

**3rd Wednesdays 12:30 p.m.**

Come one come ALL! Enjoy a movie in the quiet of the Shaw JCC, plus free popcorn! Closed captions provided. FREE

**Oct. 17 The Leisure Seeker**

Traveling in their Leisure Seeker vintage recreational vehicle, John and Ella Spencer take one last road trip from Boston to the Hemingway House in the Florida Keys before his Alzheimer's and her cancer can catch up with them. Staring Donald Sutherland and Helen Mirren.

## Mah Jongg

**Thursdays 1–4 p.m.**

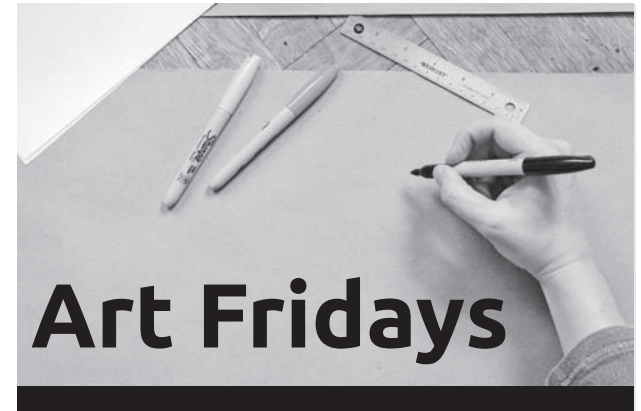
Whether you know how to play, or want to learn, there will be an opportunity! Open to all. No RSVP needed. FREE!

## Supper Club

**4th Thursdays 5:30 p.m.**

It's dinner time! Enjoy food and conversation with us. RSVP\* to Julie at least one day in advance.. Meet on your own at 5:30 p.m.

**Oct. 25 Papa Joe's  
1561 Akron Peninsula Rd.**



## Art Fridays

Once-a-month we are bringing in local artists to teach an art class! You get to make-and-take what you create!

## Fall Wreath Making

**Oct. 12 at 10:30 a.m.**

Bring nothing but your imagination! Julie will help you create and customize a fall wreath to suit your liking. Supplies provided, but if you have something you would like to incorporate into your wreath, bring it along. Please RSVP to Julie LeFever by Oct. 8 to ensure we have the supplies. Cost: \$10.

\* Please RSVP to Julie LeFever at [jlefever@shawjcc.org](mailto:jlefever@shawjcc.org) or 330-835-0027.

## Experience Fall in Northeast Ohio!

**Friday, Oct. 19 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Visit a local orchard and farm market right in our own backyard. Think apples, cider, homemade pies! YUM! You're invited to join us for a fall leaf tour, Rittman Orchards and lunch at Shisler's Cheese House (pay for lunch on your own). A cooler will be onboard for your perishable purchases. Please RSVP by Oct. 16 to [jlefever@shawjcc.org](mailto:jlefever@shawjcc.org). Cost: \$5 for members/\$7 for guests.



## Fall Hiking Spree

This year will mark the 55th annual Fall Hiking Spree, a program where participants receive rewards for visiting various trails within Summit Metro Parks. A minimum of eight of the designated trails must be completed. If you would like to hike four trails with us, our hiking schedule follows. Please meet at the designated park at 1 p.m. Don't forget comfortable shoes and water!

**Oct. 3 Cascade Valley/Schumacher (1.3 mi.)  
1690 Cuyahoga St.**

**Oct. 10 Hampton Hills/Adam Run (3.2 mi.)  
2925 Akron Peninsula Rd.**

**Oct. 24 Nature Realm/Cherry Lane  
Fernwood (1.5 mi.), 1828 Smith Rd.**

**Oct. 31 Sand Run/Dogwood (1.9 mi.)  
1400 Sand Run Pkwy.**

FOR SENIOR ADULTS

## Downsizing Will Upsize Your Life!

**Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 1-3 p.m.  
at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life**

Downsizing can be an emotional challenge for many, but it can also be a time to unburden yourself of unwanted and unnecessary “STUFF”! Don’t know what to keep and what to pitch? Caring Transitions is going to give us some advice on the process. If you’re thinking about downsizing now, or in the future, we can help! Coffee and dessert buffet to follow the presentation. Cost: \$3 for Shaw JCC members and \$4 for guests. Contact Julie LeFever at 330-835-0027 for more information.



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Packages must be purchased Oct. 1-10 only



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5 sessions - \$221  
10 sessions - \$425  
20 sessions - \$765

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5 sessions - \$136  
10 sessions - \$272  
20 sessions - \$488.75

Quick Start Package (3 one-hour sessions) - only \$120.  
Intended for one-time use by our members only.

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- Dr. Hal & Greta Foster from Herb & Ellen Moss

Congratulations:

- Herb & Ellen for being honored by the JCBA from Patty, John, Joseph, Katie, and Molly Saks
- On your New Home and Happy New Year to Alan & Irene Adler, from Herb & Ellen Moss
- Leora Cohen for receiving the Isroff Award from Dr. John and Patty Saks

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In Memory of:

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- Irving Kauvar from Marv & Judi Shapiro

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In Memory of:

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In Memory of

- Dr. Irving Kauvar from Dr. John & Patty Saks

## Make a Contribution

Celebrate or honor a loved one or friend with a contribution to one of the many funds we manage, which support various programs and expenses. See the lists of the funds below. Tributes are a minimum of \$10

- **Funds at the JCBA**  
Call 330-869-2424
- **Funds at JFS**  
Call 330-867-3388
- **Funds at the Shaw JCC**  
Call 330-867-7850

## 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 at 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.

### Make a Tribute in Memory

Make a tribute to the Cemetery Fund in memory of a loved one. Contact the JCBA at 330-869-2424.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all our wonderful friends and extended family, near and far, for all the cards, blessings, wishes and mitzvot that were done, and continue to be done, on behalf of my speedy recovery. Very soon we will all be dancing to celebrate my full recovery.

*Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin*



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