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## NORTH AMERICAN FIRST PEOPLES DAY ADOPTED BY SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL



Lippman School students successfully campaigned the Summit County Council for a resolution designating the first Monday of October as First Peoples Day. The Council unanimously passed the resolution. Pictured: Burt Medicine Bull (far left) asked the Council to support the resolution and honored their meeting with a traditional song. Lippman students, along with LaDonna Blue Eye of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (far right), made presentations. Photo courtesy of Carolyn Garfinkle. [See page 11.](#)

## Compelling Stories of Addiction Recovery Shared at Shabbat Dinner

BY ABBY CYMERMAN, AJN CONTRIBUTOR

In the Jewish tradition, having compassion (or *rachamim*) is a core obligation to humanity. In response to Summit County's rising levels of substance abuse, the next Community Shabbat Dinner will focus on "Our Stories of Recovery," and three members of Akron's Jewish community will discuss their personal and family journeys.

Temple Israel will host the May 31 dinner, and its rabbi Josh Brown says our community is responsible for providing loving kindness and support to friends and family who are struggling.

"Part of what's special about this Shabbat is that it's coming from within our community," Brown says.

"When we talk about compassion, it's about seeing *b'tzelem elohim*, the image of God, in other people. We do that easier when we know them."

"If the struggle of addiction is something that arises in a family, our community has people who can help," Brown says. "And, even if we don't know the answer, there are rabbis or clergy or friends who will provide support, even if it's just having someone to go with them to their first support meeting. This is not something they have to do alone."

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Brown believes locals should support nearby resources, like Summit County's Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health (ADM) Services Board and Oriana House, a local outpatient substance abuse treatment facility.

"We really need to look at Summit County and the surrounding area, to make sure we're investing money and time into resources that are readily available, and to make sure that people who need the help can get the help," he says.

Irv Sugerman, Trip Morris, and Mike Cohen will serve as panelists during the evening's discussion.

## Irv Sugerman

Irv Sugerman has been clean and sober for 26 years.

"I went to my first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous on Jan. 8, 1993, and I still go a couple times a week," he says. "I found people who had similar issues, and we were able to address those issues. I walked in the room, and there were a handful of Jewish guys there who I knew, and it was helpful. They've all become dear friends."



Irv Sugerman

A litigation attorney for 37 years, Sugerman says alcoholism affects a staggering one-quarter to one-third of lawyers. Whether their addiction is due to overwhelming stress or because attorneys tend to focus on other people's problems rather than their own, Sugerman offers support to the Akron Bar Association's Lawyers Assistance Program. This local organization, as well as the statewide Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program, provides education and confidential assistance to lawyers, judges, and law school students who are affected by alcohol or substance abuse, stress, depression or other mental health issues.

He also shares his unique perspective as a member of Summit County's ADM Board.

"The more that people who have been down this road can talk about these issues, the more likely that other people might reach out for help," he says.

Having a strong support system is vital in the journey to recovery, and Sugerman says his family and extended family have always been 100 percent supportive of him.

"People in Akron and the Jewish community need to be open to and listening to what's really going on with friends and family who are struggling with substance abuse," he says. "And, they shouldn't be afraid to reach out."



Rabbi Josh Brown

## Trip Morris

Trip Morris knew he had a drinking problem when he slurred his words reading bedtime stories to his two oldest children. Since 1984, he's been a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and its Twelve Step program.

"Once you recognize that you have a problem, most of the work is in the community helping others, an important part of the healing process for an addicted person," he says.

Over the years, Morris has served as a sponsor to others struggling with various types of addiction.

"I've been involved with people that had addictions to cocaine and alcohol, and I've known people who have died on heroin, and people who almost died and were shot with NARCAN to come back," he says.

The road to recovery isn't easy, but Morris says the enjoyment that comes with sobriety is an amazing experience.

"When you're in your illness, it's hard to see that, but there are people who have recovered and can enjoy the bliss that comes from hard work," he says. "Today, I don't want to drink, and I've got all the means and the ways not to drink."

To maintain his wellness, Morris does daily spiritual study, works out and watches his diet. He also remains vigilant of where he goes and who he's with: "I stay with dry people in dry places."

"I go through life every day, thinking, 'Would I want Trip to be my friend? My brother? My employer? My husband? My father? My grandfather?' When you put yourself through that acid test, you're careful how you conduct yourself," he says.

Morris and his wife, Jodi, have been married for 42 years, and they have three adult children. He is the CEO of a local contractor company.

## Mike Cohen

Mike Cohen has been in a trap house, where illegal drugs are sold and used, not knowing if he'd walk out alive. He's been on Akron's Howard Street at 2:30 in the morning, responding to an urgent call from his daughter Leah. And, he bought a gun because sometimes he's fearful for his own life.

This is the struggle of a family member whose loved one suffers from the disease of addiction.

"This really affects a lot of us because we never know if our loved ones are going to die," he says.



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# Upcoming Events

## May 2

### Yom HaShoah Commemoration

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Remember the Holocaust with a memorial service, music, and candle lighting ceremony. Second-generation Holocaust survivor Andrea Rabinovitz will share her family's story.

## May 5

### Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel Festival

12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Join us for *Yom Ha'atzmaut* - Israel's independence day festival! A memorial service (*Yom HaZikaron*) to honor Israel's fallen soldiers will be followed by the Israel Festival celebration (*Yom Ha'atzmaut*).

## May 7

### Art and Music Evening

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Join The Lippman School for this special event celebrating the arts. Student artwork will be on display followed by a musical performance.

## May 11

### RCJ Shabbat in the Park

Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Allardale Park

Young adults and families are welcome for a Shabbat picnic lunch and hike.

## May 19

### Multi-Cultural Vegetarian Meal, Taste Testing & Recipe Exchange

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Anshe Sford

RSVP required by May 12 to machermom@ao.com. \$10 fee or canned donations accepted.

## May 23

### Lag B'Omer Celebration

5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Anshe Sford

Sign up for the family BBQ at [www.akronshul.com/lag](http://www.akronshul.com/lag).

## May 25

### Shabbat Shalom Bereavement Group

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

Beth El Congregation

Open grief support group facilitated by a professional counselor in coordination with the Jewish Family Service of Akron.

## May 29

### When Hate Goes Mainstream

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Join JCBA for a discussion of the escalating wave of anti-Semitism, racism, Islamophobia, and xenophobia that has instilled fear in the Jewish community. Cynthia M. Deitle will be the guest speaker.

## May 31

### Community Shabbat Dinner

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Temple Israel

Hear stories of addiction recovery from Akron Jewish Community members Irv Sugerma, Trip Morris, and Mike Cohen. Register at [www.shawjcc.org/shabbatdinner](http://www.shawjcc.org/shabbatdinner) or call 330-867-7850.

## June 5

### Annual Joint Meeting

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

The community is invited to attend JCBA's Annual Joint Meeting and Installation of Officers. RSVP to 330-869-2424.

## June 9

### Celebrate Shavuot

9:45 am

Anshe Sford Synagogue

Hear the 10 Commandments being read from the Torah and enjoy a delectable Kiddush lunch. Features a special kids' program and ice cream party.

*For more events in our community, visit the calendar at [www.jewishakron.org](http://www.jewishakron.org).*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
SHAW JCC OF AKRON | GOLF OUTING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019  
SILVER LAKE COUNTRY CLUB



All proceeds benefit  
the Shaw JCC of Akron

The tournament helps to raise scholarship money, providing families, children and seniors with the opportunity to enjoy Camp JCC, before and after school care, the Lisa & Thom Mandel Early Childhood Center, fitness center, indoor/outdoor pool and more. As a mission-driven organization, the Shaw JCC counts on fundraisers to continue providing top-notch programming and services that are available to all regardless of their ability to pay. Please consider attending and/or sponsoring this event in support of the Shaw JCC.

To sponsor or register, contact Jody Fought:  
[jody\\_faught@shawjcc.org](mailto:jody_faught@shawjcc.org) or 330-835-0025.

[www.ShawJCC/Golf-Outing](http://www.ShawJCC/Golf-Outing)

# Holocaust Workshop: What Can We Do?



Workshop speakers include (left to right): Marilyn W. Feldman, Dr. Kenneth Ledford, Dr. Mark Cole, Roman Frayman, Dr. Bradley Beach, and Dr. Tim Murnen

The Ohio Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education [OCHGE] and co-sponsor the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, The Museum of Diversity and Tolerance, present a Holocaust workshop for educators, lawyers, students and community members. ***How and Why Did the Holocaust Occur, and What Do We Do About It Today?*** will take place Monday, June 24, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Maltz Museum, 2929 Richmond Rd., Beachwood.

Professor Dr. Kenneth Ledford from Case Western Reserve University will present the keynote *The Role and Rule of Law in Nazi Germany*. The workshop also includes presentations by Professor Dr. Mark Cole from Cleveland State University on *Using Artifacts to Understand Hate and the Holocaust* and Professor Brad Beach from Walsh University on *Genocide: Can This Happen Again?* Cleveland Roman Frayman will share a survivor testimony. Dr. Ted Murnen will challenge attendees to consider *How Will You Be an UPstander?* as the workshop closes. Throughout the day, there will be opportunities for participants to share ideas and develop strategies to implement with students.

Participants will also have the opportunity to tour the Maltz Museum Holocaust Collection with Maltz educators. OCHGE President Dr. Tim Murnen, professor at Bowling Green State University, is excited to announce this collaboration of the Ohio Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education with the Maltz Museum for this annual workshop. "We are delighted to share the expertise, artifacts, special programs, and exhibits from Maltz, including its *Holocaust* and *Stop the Hate* exhibits, and annual *Stop the Hate* writing contest for northeast Ohio students with area educators and others."

The workshop is open to educators, lawyers, students and members of the community. The

\$30 registration fee includes workshop, materials, continental breakfast, lunch and snacks (dietary laws will be observed). Space is limited, so register early. The registration deadline for the workshop is June 10. Free parking is adjacent to the building, and the facility is handicap accessible. For more information, and to register, visit [www.ochge.org/events](http://www.ochge.org/events).

## Teachers Encouraged to Register; Fees Paid for First 25 Who Do

Teachers from public, private and parochial schools throughout Ohio are invited to attend. A special session will introduce them to a variety of Holocaust education programs and web resources so they can develop lesson plans that encompass the history and pedagogy of the Holocaust and genocide.



The Jewish Community Board of Akron (JCBA) is offering special support for Akron area teachers to participate in this workshop. JCBA will provide the full registration fee of \$30 for the first 25 educators who register from the Akron area. Support will come from the Rose & Lawrence Schwartz Holocaust Education Fund with ALEF (Akron

Legacy and Endowment Fund) at JCBA.

Thanks go to the chairs of the Annual Akron Holocaust Teacher Seminar who recommended JCBA support this outstanding educational opportunity for Akron area teachers: Esther Hexter, Holocaust Educator; Sam Chestnut, Head of School at The Lippman School; and Barb White, Deputy Director, Akron-Summit County Public Library.

If you are a teacher from the Akron area, do not send payment when you register. You will be notified if you are one of the fortunate 25 educator recipients, or if you need to bring a check for \$30 the day of the seminar.

For more about the workshop, please contact Marilyn Feldman at [marilynfeldman1@yahoo.com](mailto:marilynfeldman1@yahoo.com).

## How and Why Did the Holocaust Occur, and What Do We Do About It Today?

June 24, 2019, 8:00 am-5:00 pm

**Maltz Museum**

2929 Richmond Rd., Beachwood

8:00-8:30	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:00	Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage Introduction
9:00-9:30	Perpetrators, Victims, Bystanders, Resisters, and Collaborators: How Can We Tell the Difference?
9:30-10:15	KEYNOTE: The Role and Rule of Law in Nazi Germany
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:30	Maltz Holocaust Collection
11:30-12:30	Working Lunch: Using Artifacts to Understand Hate and the Holocaust
12:30-1:30	Key Holocaust Curricula & State Resources
1:30-2:30	The Miracle of Survival
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-3:30	Genocide: Can This Happen Again?
3:30-3:45	Stop the Hate
3:45-4:15	How Will You Be an UPstander?
4:15-4:55	Lesson Sharing and Goal Setting
4:55-5:00	Evaluation and Wrap Up

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For more info and to register:  
[www.ochge.org/events](http://www.ochge.org/events)

## Yom HaShoah: One Family's Story of Survival

BY ANGELA ATWOOD, CAMPUS MARKETING DIRECTOR

The Shaw JCC of Akron and the Jewish Community Board of Akron invite the entire community to remember the Holocaust with a memorial service, music and candle lighting ceremony on Thursday, May 2, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life. The commemoration is free and open to the public.

This year's *Yom HaShoah* Commemoration will feature the testimony of second-generation Holocaust survivor and Stow resident Andrea Rabinovitz whose mother, Jo Ann (Hansi) Lustig Glickman, along with grandparents, Ludwig and Theresa, escaped Nazi Germany in 1939, while other family members were sent to concentration camps and later died.

Rabinovitz offered to present her mother's story of survival after learning that Holocaust survivor Stanley Bernath - who was slated to speak - unexpectedly passed away on March 26. "The role of second-generation survivors is an important one as there are very few first generations left to tell their stories," says Rabinovitz. "It's incumbent on second generation survivors like me to keep the story alive for future generations." "I feel now is the time to share my mother's story with the community, so we will never forget what happened," she says.

On May 2, Rabinovitz will tell the story of her mother's journey and her challenges of growing up in Nazi Germany before WWII, saying goodbye to family members who stayed behind and arriving in the U.S. as a 10-year-old child. "I ask myself - what would I do now if that had been me? Could I have left my children or parents?"

As the situation in Germany became more and more oppressive, many people looked for ways to escape to many different parts of the world. After several years of correspondence with cousins in the U.S., the Lustig family was issued visas and finally scheduled to leave on September 1, 1939, from England, the same day Hitler invaded Poland. With few belongings and little money, they made the arduous journey from Munich to Hague, Holland, and then onto London before finally boarding a ship to New York.

While the Lustig family settled in Appleton, Wisconsin, life continued to deteriorate for her great grandparents, Albert and Lotte Kahn, who remained in Munich.

From 1939 to 1943, their day-to-day struggles were memorialized in "Letters from the Ashes," a compilation of letters written by her great grandfather that Rabinovitz's mother later transcribed in 1995. She found the original letters in a shoebox in her mother's apartment after she moved into a nursing home. The letters now reside in the U.S. Holocaust Museum Archives in Washington, D.C.



Andrea Rabinovitz

Even in the face of adversity, her great grandfather continued to have enduring hope and deep faith they would soon join the Lustigs in Wisconsin. According to the American Red Cross, Albert Kahn died at Theresienstadt in January of 1943, and Lotte Kahn died later that year in Auschwitz.

Rabinovitz remarks that she is hopeful that someday one of her family members will continue writing the story that began long ago in Augsburg, Germany, when her mother Jo Ann was known by another name - "Hansi." Her mother often wondered how she

would have been different if she would have become a different person if her name had remained Hansi.

She wrote: "What is in a name? How much of a name is part of ourselves? Where is that girl child named Hansi?... She is part of my memory, but I am not sure how much she is a part of me. Thinking about her is like thinking about someone who has long vanished. She needs to be remembered."

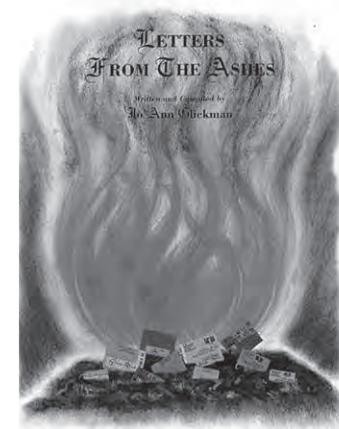
Rabinovitz and her husband Myron live in Stow where they relocated from Green Bay, Wisconsin, in 2010. They both serve on the Beth El Congregation Board of Directors, and she is a member of the Chevra Kaddisha. Their daughters Molly, Abby and Eden also live in the Akron area. Her granddaughter Grace attended the Mandel Early Childhood Center (ECE) and is a first-grade student at The Lippman School. Grandson Benjamin attends the ECE.

### Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Thursday, May 2 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Schultz Campus for Jewish Life

Free and open to the public.



Top down, left to right: Lotte and Albert Kahn; Theresa Lustig with baby Hansi; passport for 10-year-old Jo Ann (Hansi) Lustig; Jo Ann as a teenager in 1947; the cover of *Letters from the Ashes*; the Rabinovitz family - back row: Eden, Myron, Rick, Leanne, David; middle: Elliott, Andrea, Abby, Molly, Eli, Alan, Alex, Nik; front: Sam, Karen, Hannah, Grandma T, Jo Ann, Heidi, Bryce

## When Hate Goes Mainstream

BY RON LEDERMAN, CRC DIRECTOR

Please join the Jewish Community Relations Council on Wednesday, May 29 at 7 p.m., when we will present Cynthia M. Deitle who is the Matthew Shepard Foundation's Programs and Operations Director. She oversees hate crimes work, community outreach, and events. Before joining the Matthew Shepard Foundation in 2017, Cynthia was a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for more than 22 years specializing in the fields of civil rights, community outreach, and victims' assistance.



Cynthia M. Deitle

Over the past two years, we have experienced an escalating wave of anti-Semitism, racism, xenophobia, and homophobia in the United States. Horrific acts of hatred and violence have not only instilled fear in the Jewish community, but also in many other communities such as the shootings at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh and the Islamic Mosque's in New Zealand and the school shootings over the last several years.

Anti-Semitism, racism, Islamophobia, homophobia, and bigotry kill. Each of these forms of bias uproots lives, devastates families, and destroys dreams. As a Jewish community, we fight anti-Semitism not only to protect ourselves but to protect the lives of every person who lives among us and alongside us, Jew and non-Jew. Hate is not about the identity of the victims, but the motivation of the perpetrators. That hatred once unleashed, knows no bounds. Like gun violence, like cancer, like heart disease—some of us may be statistically more likely to fall victim, but indeed, none of us are immune.

Amidst the current nationwide debate about anti-Semitism and tireless attempts to define what does and does not constitute an act of anti-Semitism, and who can be a victim of anti-Semitism, let us never forget those in the greater community who lost their lives because of overwhelming hostility.

The program is free and open to all. Please RSVP to the JCBA office at 330-869-2424 or email Sheri Galat at [sgalat@jewishakron.org](mailto:sgalat@jewishakron.org) by May 24.



## Annual Campus Gala is November 16

The Annual Campus Gala will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life. This year's Campus Gala Honorees are Michael and Teri Segal. Rabbis Elyssa Austerklein, Josh Brown and Moshe Sasonkin will be presented with the Community Spirit Award. For more information, contact the Shaw JCC at 330-867-7850.



### Know Someone New to Jewish Akron?

Let Community Concierge Cathy Baer know. As Akron Jewish Community Concierge, she can help newcomers take advantage of the Passport program, which offers free membership to a synagogue and the Shaw JCC for one year. In addition, she can assist with job and house searches, options for Jewish community life, and more!

234-252-0049 • [concierge@jewishakron.org](mailto:concierge@jewishakron.org)

**Are you an older, Jewish adult, or do you have a loved one, who needs homemaking services, transportation to synagogue or light maintenance around the house?**



The Jewish Family Service of Akron is your gateway to the new Silver J-Ticket program offering homemaking, light maintenance and transportation services for Jewish individuals 62 and better who wish to remain safe in their homes. This program is made possible through a grant provided by the Albert L. and Janet A. Schultz Endowment for Jewish Programming and the Jewish Community Board of Akron allowing older adults to have access to these services at a reduced cost making them more affordable.



Call 330-867-3388 or visit [JFSAkron.org](http://JFSAkron.org).

# Why Akron?

BY ABBY CYMERMAN, AJN CONTRIBUTOR

The Akron Jewish community has welcomed many families and individuals through its Community Concierge program. Get to know new members of our community and why and how they chose to call the Akron Jewish community home. If you know of any Jewish families or individuals new to town, contact Cathy Baer at 234-252-0049 • [concierge@jewishakron.org](mailto:concierge@jewishakron.org).



Thanksgiving 2018 was an extra special day for Allen and Alex Belsky. Just a month earlier, the couple had packed up their young son, Ari, and moved to Akron from Tulsa, OK. On Thanksgiving Day, their daughter, Shoshana, was born.

Allen's parents, Martin Belsky and Kathleen Waits, live in Akron and are active in the Jewish community, and Allen and Alex had only visited our city once before moving here to raise their family.

"We visited Akron during the Pro Football Hall of Fame Induction and the golf tournament. We really enjoyed it, and we've grown to love it even more," Allen says.

Today, the Belsky family lives in "a great, family-friendly neighborhood" in Highland Square, and although Akronites are not used to hearing this, Allen and Alex enjoy the climate in Akron. "If you have to choose among the extremes, we prefer minus 20-degree snow compared to 110-degree humidity hell," Allen says.

Allen works for Glassdoor, a job and recruiting website, at a small office in Green, and Alex is a stay-at-home mom with Shoshana.

The Belskys are thankful to be part of the Jewish Community Board of Akron's J-Ticket program, which helped them bundle the services of Jewish Akron to become members of Temple Israel and the Shaw JCC, as well as enroll Ari in kindergarten at The Lippman School.

"Being an interracial and interreligious family, we want our kids to have both a strong African-American and Jewish identity," Allen says. "In some Jewish communities, those things would be at odds with each other, but in Akron — especially with the focus on diversity at Lippman and the very diverse student base — Ari's able to be entrenched in his Jewish identity and still be the African-American boy he is. We wanted our children to have a good, well-rounded education, but also a Jewish education. Lippman provides that."

In the few months they've lived in Akron, Allen has already coached the Shaw JCC youth basketball team to two championships, and the Belsky family has attended Shabbat services at Temple Israel, where Ari also goes to religious school.

"We love Rabbi Brown, and everything Temple Israel does and stands for," Allen says. "My wife is not Jewish, but she's happy that our family has a sense of belonging within the Jewish community."

The J-Ticket program is designed to maintain and grow Jewish Akron families' engagement in the community. J-Ticket is made possible by funds from the Albert L. and Janet A. Schultz Endowment for Jewish Programming and the Jewish Community Board of Akron. To learn more, visit [www.JewishAkron.org/about-us/j-ticket](http://www.JewishAkron.org/about-us/j-ticket).

## Women's Drumming Circle Celebrates Gifts of Togetherness



Above: The Women's Drumming Circle celebrated the gifts of togetherness and the healing power of music.

Right: Guest musicians Sara Simonovska (drums) and Rivkie Silver (singing and piano) led the group.



The women's drumming circle on Apr. 7 lifted spirits and self-awareness. Guest musicians Rivkie Silver and Sara Simonovska were inspiring and uplifting. It was a communal experience of singing, praying, drumming, telling stories, and sharing women's insights and wisdom. Participants explored the great legacy of Miriam by discussing how music enhances hope and faith when we deal with hardship, and they discovered that music is the language of the soul, which is why it can be transforming and so uplifting. Kaila Sasonkin shared the vast and continuing contributions of the revolutionary leadership of the Lubavitacher Rebbe to the entire world.

Sincere appreciation is given to sponsors Dr. Regina Dorman, Joy Wagner, the Cohens, and Women's Chavurah of Anshe Sfard. Participants enjoyed a dessert buffet and took home a handmade *shmurah matzah* for their Seders. Thank you to all who attended and volunteered as well as Rosie Wilchar for video and photos.

## Synagogue Schedules

### Anshe Sfard Synagogue

646 N. Revere Road, Akron • 330-867-7292  
www.akronshul.com • office@akronshul.com  
Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin

**Shacharit:** Sunday, 8 a.m.  
Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.  
Shabbat, 9 a.m.

**Mincha & Maariv:** Sunday-Friday 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@bethelakron.org  
Rabbi Elyssa Austerklein •  
Cantor Hazzan Matt Austerklein

**Shacharit:** Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.  
Friday, 7:30 a.m.  
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.

**Friday Night Services:** 2nd Friday of the month,  
7:00 p.m.

**Shabbat:** 9:15 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  
www.tbshudson.org • 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 •  
info@templeisraelakron.org  
Rabbi Josh Brown • Cantor Kathy Fromson

**Friday Night Services:** 6:15 p.m.

**Saturday Morning Services:** 10:30 a.m.

**Torah Study:** Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

## Candle-Lighting Times

Friday, May 3 8:07 p.m.  
Shabbat Ends 9:12 p.m.

Friday, May 10 8:14 p.m.  
Shabbat Ends 9:20 p.m.

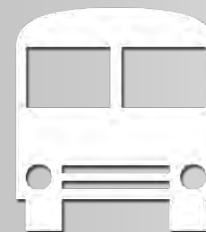
Friday, May 17 8:21 p.m.  
Shabbat Ends 9:28 p.m.

Friday, May 24 8:28 p.m.  
Shabbat Ends 9:36 p.m.

Friday, May 31 8:34 p.m.  
Shabbat Ends 9:42 p.m.

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Jewish Family Service is now providing free transportation to Jewish seniors to any and all Jewish educational, social, information meetings on the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life and to local synagogues. FREE and unlimited usage. Call 330-867-3388.

### Temple Israel

#### Sisterhood Gift Shop

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- After most Friday evening Shabbat Services
- By Appointment: 330-665-2000

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## Rubber City Jews Rundown

RCJ members recently enjoyed a Jewish Cooking 101 program and a collaborative Shabbat dinner and bowling event with Hillel at the University of Akron.

Young adults and young families are welcome to join our next event, Shabbat in the Park, on May 11th at Allardale Park. Lunch will begin at noon, followed by a walk through the park.

The goal of RCJ is to provide a connected group of twenty and thirty-somethings to promote continuity and togetherness in the Akron Jewish community. There are regular social events, learning opportunities, and holiday celebrations open to all types of personalities, interests and religious backgrounds. Our organization works in partnership with, and in support of, the Jewish Community Board of Akron and the Sands-Rogovy Fund. Check our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/RubberCityJews](http://www.facebook.com/RubberCityJews) for updates and events.



## Forum 360: Striving Valiantly with Akronite Emilia Sykes



Guest Ren Camacho, President/CEO CAK Airport, with Forum 360 host Stephanie York.

Teddy Roosevelt was the 26th and youngest president of the United States. The following is a brief edit from one of his most famous quotes, “The credit belongs to the man or woman who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly ...”

Akronite Emilia Sykes (pictured at right) is one of those in the arena. At 33 years old, she is already serving her third term in Columbus in the Ohio House of Representatives. A visit to Israel last spring helped her see Israel as the Silicon Valley of the Mid East. Selected as the minority leader in her third term, at times she is marred by dust and sweat – figuratively if not literally.



The I Promise School will be featured in an upcoming program; visit [www.forum360.org](http://www.forum360.org) for details.

Forum 360 shows that you will be see in May:

- ▶ Financial Planning the week of May 19
- ▶ A Conversation with Emelia Sykes the week of May 26

Look for these upcoming shows:

- ▶ New Civility Commission at the Bliss Institute
- ▶ Healing Hearts Ministry
- ▶ I Promise School
- ▶ How PulsePoints can save your life
- ▶ Ilene Shapiro and Summit County



Emilia Sykes, Representative, Ohio House District 34 - [www.ohiohouse.gov/emelia-strong-sykes](http://www.ohiohouse.gov/emelia-strong-sykes).

Our goal at Forum 360 is to create a bridge between the people who have incredible stories to tell and listeners and viewers eager to hear their stories. We welcome ideas for topics and guests. Email host Stephanie York at [york@crisiscommunications.com](mailto:york@crisiscommunications.com) with suggestions.

Mark your calendar for these air times:

- ▶ PBS/Fusion channel 45/49 (channel 993 on Spectrum) on Monday at 8pm and Saturday at 5:00pm.
- ▶ WONE FM 97.5 Sunday 6:00 a.m.
- ▶ WAKR AM 1590 Sunday, 5:00 p.m., Monday 12:30 a.m.

## Community Celebrates Israel's Independence on May 5

On Sunday, May 5, the Greater Akron community is invited to explore everything Israeli at the Israel Festival honoring *Yom Ha'Atzmaut*, Israel's 71st Independence Day. The festivities will celebrate Israel's independence through fun games and activities, food and song, and is free for families and children of all ages.

"Connecting our community to Israel is a core value of the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life," says Todd Polikoff, CEO of the Jewish Community Board of Akron. "It is a day to express solidarity with Israel and offers the chance to experience some of the diverse culinary, cultural and artistic gifts of Israel without having to leave Akron."

The Israel Festival begins at 12:30 p.m. with songs by Jewish Akron's clergy and a flag and dance performance by The Lippman School students to commemorate *Yom HaZikaron*, the Memorial Day for the fallen soldiers of Israel and victims of terrorism.



Children of all ages will enjoy interactive learning stations, Israeli food and games.

From 1:00-3:00 p.m., guests are welcome to celebrate *Yom Ha'Atzmaut*, Israel's Independence Day, with Israeli music, a community art project, bouncy house, photo magnet booth, face painting, complimentary snacks, Israeli learning stations, plus an Israeli meal available for \$5 through Efrat's Café & Catering.

"The commemoration and celebration are very meaningful days in Israel happening one after the next to symbolize a day of sorrow and remembrance and a day full of joy and hope," says Mor Roffe, The Jewish

Agency for Israel Shaliach (Emissary) for the Jewish Community Board of Akron. "We celebrate the state of Israel that we can finally have a place we can call home for the Jewish people, but we don't forget the people who risk their lives for us to have this home."

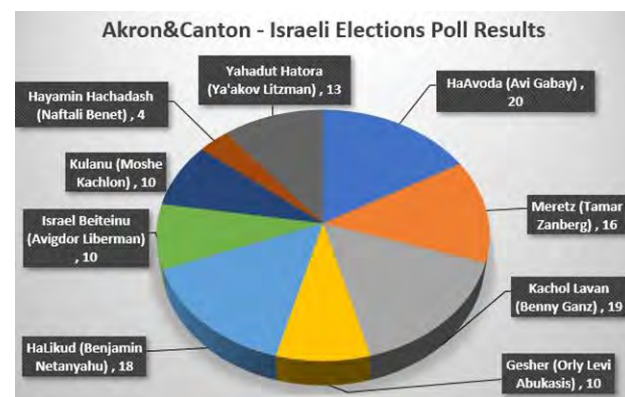
All activities will take place at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life located at 750 White Pond Drive in Akron. For more information, call the Shaw JCC of Akron at 330-867-7850 or visit [www.jewishakron.org](http://www.jewishakron.org).

**From Our Shaliach**  
Mor Roffe  
[shlichim@jewishakron.org](mailto:shlichim@jewishakron.org)

The past weeks were intense while the 2019 Israeli elections were taking place. For 2,000 years, Jewish people were hoping to be free in their homeland and worked hard to establish what we call today the state of Israel. And, today we can happily say that we can see the dream came true, and Jewish people not only can be free as Jewish people, but they can also fulfill their human right to choose their leaders and representatives to the leadership of Israel.



Before the Israeli elections on Apr. 9, we held an Israeli Elections poll in Akron and Canton, where people could read about the parties, and cast their opinion into the Elections box. Although you need to be an Israeli citizen and resident to vote in the Israeli Elections, it's crucial that you have an opinion and continually stay updated on the issues and news that are happening in Israel. This time, I decided to take it a step further and make a poll, where you could experience the dilemmas that Israelis have before voting, get more information and feel how is it to put a note in the Kalfi (Elections box).



I'm happy to share with you the results of Akron's and Canton's votes for the poll of the 2019 Israeli Elections! I hope you will find it interesting as I do to see what other people in our communities think about Israeli politics and their opinions and compare the poll to the real results in Israel. Besides that, I find it important to celebrate the significant achievement that the Jewish people achieved – a Jewish and Democratic state, a place the Jewish people can be free and choose their leaders, to remember the people who fought for it and celebrate Israel. This is something we cannot take for granted. Happy 71st Yom Ha'atzmaut! And for the glory of the State of Israel!

## Lippman Students Travel to Israel



The two-week trip included a wealth of experiential Jewish learning. Lippman students visited sister city Kiryat Ekron, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and other significant cities and sites. The trip came "at a time in a child's life when their identity is really being formed," says Sam Chestnut, head of school.



# North American First Peoples Day Adopted by Summit County Council

At its regular meeting on Apr. 15, Summit County Council unanimously agreed to extend a celebration of Native American heritage to the entire county. Council adopted a resolution declaring the first Monday in October as “North American First Peoples Day,” a companion resolution to one adopted by Akron City Council in January 2018.

The resolution honors Indian history, life, and culture and is an initiative led by students from The Lippman School, which has a longstanding exchange relationship with the Northern Cheyenne Nation of Montana. Burt Medicine Bull, a Northern Cheyenne Language Instructor at Chief Dull Knife College, asked Council to support the resolution, and honored their meeting with a traditional song. Two students, along with LaDonna Blue Eye of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma made presentations to the Council.

“From what we understand, Akron is the first city in the United States to designate a unique day to recognize native people rather than renaming Columbus Day to Indigenous People’s Day,” said Sam Chestnut, Lippman Head of School. “This is an exciting time for our students, staff and the Northern Cheyenne Nation, and I am proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish together.”



Since 2000, Lippman students have traveled to the Northern Cheyenne Nation in Montana every other year, while members of the Northern Cheyenne have visited Akron and The Lippman School each fall. Because of this initiative, the students campaigned for a resolution honoring and educating about the history, culture, and contributions of tribal nations and reflecting on past harms against Native Americans to prevent unfair treatment of marginalized groups in the future.

A coalition of history and education organizations has planned a weekend of events to commemorate Summit County’s North American First Peoples Day, Oct. 4-7. The activities are sponsored by The Portage Path Collaborative, an assembly of educators, organizations, and individuals committed to preserving and sharing the history of the First People of Summit County. The group includes The Summit County Historical Society, The Lippman School, Summit Metro Parks, and The University of Akron Institute for Human Science and Culture/Cummings Center for the History of Psychology.

The Portage Path – Akron’s oldest landmark and a tribute to the Native people that first occupied the land here – will be celebrated in a series of events beginning Oct. 4, with the opening of a new Native American art and artifact exhibit at the Cummings Center, Institute for Human Science and Culture at the University of Akron.

On Oct. 6, North American First People’s Day will be recognized with the fourth annual walk of the 8-mile Path, which for the first time will be held on a Sunday. The symbolic walk will allow students to

learn more about the native people who used the portage. This was marked by the Summit County Historical Society in 1999, when for the first time, monumental sculptures at each terminus of the Path were connected over the 8-mile trail by fifty markers in the shape of historic Indian broad blades.

For the second year, a Native American Foods Dinner will be held Oct. 6 at the outdoor pavilion of the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life on White Pond Drive.

On Oct. 7, the Collaborative will sponsor in-school activities around Summit County, including a “teach-in” with appearances by Indian nation representatives.

In 2016, students from Lippman, Portage Path CLC and the Cheyenne Nation joined together to create a web-based mobile “app” that provides extensive information about the Indian trail, including its history and the natural world that it traverses. The app can be accessed at [www.walkportagepath.org](http://www.walkportagepath.org).

A new booklet outlining the historic trail and the history of Native peoples who used the Portage Path has been published, and is free and available at the Historical Society and at Metro Parks’ Seiberling Naturerealm.

“Learning about the struggles of the Native Americans from a book or a teacher is one thing, but hearing personal stories, meeting survivors and participating in their culture and ways of life makes it all seem more real. We simply want to recognize these facts and shine light on the wonderful culture of our indigenous people.”

SONJA ROY, LIPPMAN STUDENT  
to Summit County Council members

## Grannie Group Shares Passover Story with ECE Students



Grannie Group volunteers visited the Mandel Early Childhood Education Center to share in the story of Passover and to participate in a Seder.

## VIP Passover Experience



The Lippman School families, grandparents and friends join together for a VIP Passover Experience at the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life.

## Mommy & Me

On Thursdays from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Anshe Sfarad hosts "Mommy & Me" for children age birth to three-years old and their mom, dad, or grandparent.

Kaila Sasonkin leads sessions that include music and movement, Jewish songs and prayers, hands-on activities, outdoor fun, snacks, and more. Register at [akronshul.com](http://akronshul.com) or call 330-867-7292. Suggested donation: \$10 per session.

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## WORSHIP OPTIONS FOR YOUTH

### PJ Library Baby & Toddler:

**May 5, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

The PJ Library distributes Jewish-content books and music every month to families with babies through age 11. Created by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, Akron's PJ Library is free and generously funded. Call Julie at (330) 835-0005 for location details.

### Shabbat in the Round:

**May 10, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Beth El hosts a Shabbat service geared towards its youngest congregants and their families on the first Saturday of every month. Full of songs, stories, and movement, the service starts at 5:30 p.m. and usually lasts about 45 minutes to an hour. Older siblings are always welcome. Free.

### Young Family Shabbat at Beth El:

**May 17, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Join us for a monthly Young Family Shabbat Dinner & Service generously sponsored by the Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation. Open for families (with at least one child) children in grades 6 and below. Marilyn Price, master storyteller, will join us with her puppets, wit, and wisdom.

## Lippman Students Gain STEAM Building Ozobot City



The first and second-grade classes at The Lippman School have been incorporating STEAM activities in their curriculum over the years. This year while working with Ozobot - robots that read and respond to codes - the students wanted to connect their paths and build a city. They constructed recycled material buildings, built bridges and pathways with codes that the Ozobots travel. The students studied rural, urban and suburban areas in social studies and recreated these areas in their Ozobots City!

## College Scholarship Deadline is May 20

The Barbara Pollock Scholarship Award is a four-year award that was established to recognize local Jewish high school students who have excelled in the classroom. It grants \$1,000 a year for each of the four years of college. All students who meet the prescribed criteria determined by the committee will be eligible:

- ▶ Reside in the Summit County, Kent, and/or Medina area;
- ▶ Identify as Jewish;
- ▶ Demonstrate community involvement;
- ▶ Achieve a 3.0 GPA after seven semesters in high school; and
- ▶ Maintain a 3.0 GPA in college to continue receiving the award.

All applications and applied materials must be received by Tuesday, May 20, and returned to Julie Katz, Campaign/Endowment Director, Schultz Campus for Jewish Life, 750 White Pond Drive, Akron, OH 44320.

## Register for the Lippman Cultural Immersion Camp



From Aug. 5-9, The Lippman School teachers will create an exciting, hands-on learning experience for campers entering grades fifth through eighth as part of its annual Cultural Immersion Camp. Mornings include STEM-based science and culture sharing classes, where campers will explore Chinese and American cultures with students from the Guangdong Province in China. In the afternoons, campers will enjoy a variety of recreational activities such as swimming, sports and hiking in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The cost is \$265 for Shaw JCC members and guests, and Lippman students receive a discounted rate of \$200. Daily hours of camp are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Aug. 5-9. All classes, camp activities, field trips, lunches, and snacks are included in the cost. Before and aftercare is available through the Shaw JCC for an additional fee. Register online at [www.shawjcc.org/camp](http://www.shawjcc.org/camp), in person at the Shaw JCC front desk, or call The Lippman School at 330-836-0419.

# Welcome Home this Summer to the Shaw JCC

BY ANGELA ATWOOD, CAMPUS MARKETING DIRECTOR



Welcome home this summer to the Shaw JCC of Akron and discover a family-friendly season packed with fun! The J is offering individual and family summer memberships starting at \$350 that include a long list of perks: access to the award-winning outdoor heated pool, pavilions, basketball and tennis courts and poolside café in addition to pool slides, playground and baby pool for the kids.

In the fitness center, members are welcome to take part in 80 group fitness classes held weekly, including yoga, Spinning, Zumba and TurboKick. Members also have access to the full-size gymnasium, pickleball, basketball and racquetball courts, saunas, steam room, and heated indoor pool and whirlpool.

Beyond the pools and gym, summer membership includes discounts to swim lessons, youth and adult sports leagues, enrichment programs, personal training and massages, fitness center child care, preschool and dozens of other classes and special events.

Summer memberships launch with the pool opening on May 25 and run through Sept. 2. Summer Family Membership: \$625 + tax (two or more members of the same household). Summer Single Membership: \$350 + tax (one member) Registration fee is included.

Contact Brenda Hite, Membership Director, for details: 330-835-0049 or bhite@shawjcc.org. Stop by for a tour or visit [www.shawjcc.org/AJN](http://www.shawjcc.org/AJN) for more information.

## Temple Israel

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# Senior Adult Programs at the Shaw JCC

## Bridge

Mondays 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Fridays 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Mah Jongg

Thursdays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Mah jongg is a game of skill, strategy, and calculation, and involves a degree of chance! Come find out what the game is all about. No is experience necessary, and it's so much fun! It's good for your brain to learn something new!

## Retired Men's Group

2nd & 4th Tuesdays -  
May 14 & 28 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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

## Lunch Bunch\*

2nd Tuesdays - May 14 11:30 a.m.  
Continental Cuisine 55 Ghent Rd., Fairlawn

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

## Monthly Health Talks

3rd Tuesdays - May 21 10:45 a.m.

Local healthcare professionals will provide information on a variety of subjects. Great information and a healthy snack will be served. This month, Derik and Gina from Brookdale will present Food Choices to Promote Good Health.

## Pots & Pans Cooking Class\*

3rd Thursdays - May 16 1:30 p.m.

Learn seasonal recipes and techniques in this hands-on, relaxed and fun class. No experience necessary, and you get to eat what we prepare. Reservations to Julie\* are a must for this one. Cost: \$10 for members and \$12 for guests. This month's recipe: Lasagna Roll-Ups with Red Pepper Sauce.

## Movie Matinée

3rd Wednesdays - May 15 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy a FREE movie on the big screen at **Center Towers** — plus free popcorn. Closed captions provided.

### Green Book

Dr. Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali) is a world-class African-American pianist, who is about to embark on a concert tour in the Deep South in 1962. In need of a driver and protection, Shirley recruits Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen), a tough-talking bouncer from an Italian-American neighborhood in the Bronx. Despite their differences, the two soon develop an unexpected bond while confronting racism and danger in an era of segregation. 2 hr. 10 min.

## Art Fridays\*

2nd Fridays - May 10 10:30 a.m.

The second Friday of the month finds us dabbling in all kinds of art mediums, from pottery to painting, paper cutting to planting. No experience is required, but reservations are a must so that we can have the proper amount of supplies for each artist. Cost: \$10 for members and \$12 for guests. This month: Nicki Embly, the owner of Creatively Yours, is back and will help us create personalized note cards with ink, rubber stamps, and designer paper.

## Be Tay Avon Café\*

4th Fridays - May 24 11:30 a.m.

Join your friends for a short Shabbat, delicious meal, and select speakers or programs. Reservations are highly encouraged. This month: Happy Days are Here Again! The Baby Boomer Years! Come with us on a journey down memory lane. Photos, collectibles, music and memorabilia highlight the various forms of entertainment between 1946 and 1964. From Hula Hoops to Rock N' Roll, Roy Rogers to drive-in-movies. and dance halls to noisy games of Yahtzee, we remember the lighter side of the Baby Boomer years. Our brunch menu will reflect some favorites of the 50's and 60's...remember Ambrosia Salad, cinnamon rolls, Salmon Casserole Surprise?! This program is funded by a grant from the Edward I. Abramson Fund.

## Small Town Series

1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
13th - Wellington; 17th - Wadsworth; 31st - Wooster

Join us as we visit some quaint towns only a short distance away. Learn the history of each town, shop, and lunch in a local restaurant. We will be traveling the backroads on these adventures! Cost is \$8 for members and \$15 for guests with lunch on your own.

## Seiberling Naturerealm Hike

2nd Thursdays - May 9 12:30 p.m.

Meet us there! Bring a sack lunch and water.

## Grannie Group Book Discussion

2nd Mondays - May 13 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a salad lunch and discussion of the book *Women Rowing North* by Mary Pipher. The New York Times bestseller from the author of *Reviving Ophelia* is a guide to wisdom, authenticity, and bliss for women as they age. Discussion led by Sheri Glauberman. You don't have to read the book to enjoy this lively and timely discussion!

## Scammers Beware!

Thursday - May 30 11:00 a.m.

Seniors in ALL income groups are targets for scam artists. It's important to be aware of these scams so you can protect yourself and your loved ones. Kathleen Seminatore, an investigator from the Summit Co. Office of Consumer Affairs, will give us information and guidance concerning this critical topic. Free and open to anyone! Light refreshments will be served.

## Mitzvah Crew Volunteering

Sunday - May 5 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Volunteer opportunities are abundant for the *Yom Ha'atzmaut* Festival at the Shaw JCC. Greeters and station attendants are needed for 1 hour shifts.

Wednesday, May 8 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to help the Grannie Group with an activity with the children from the Mandel ECE Center on May 8, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Any amount of time you could give would be appreciated!

Wednesdays - May 1, 15, 22 & 29 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Love to dig in the dirt, or want to learn more about gardening? Our preschool has three wonderful raised garden beds on their playground just begging for attention. Help us ready them for spring planting. No experience necessary! Grab some gloves and a shovel and meet us on the playground!

Jewish Family Service is now providing free transportation to Jewish seniors to any and all Jewish educational, social, information meetings on the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life and to local synagogues. FREE and unlimited usage. Call 330-867-3388.

\*Please RSVP to Julie LeFever at [jlefever@shawjcc.org](mailto:jlefever@shawjcc.org) or 330-835-0027. Payments can be made at the front desk. Visit [www.ShawJCC.org](http://www.ShawJCC.org) for a complete listing of programs.

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### Barbara Pollock Scholarship Award Fund

#### In Honor of

- ▶ Sally Ekus's Special Birthday from Leona Pollock

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- ▶ David & Shelley Koch's new grandson from Jackie Derrow & Steve Kutnick
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- ▶ Diane Volk from Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Bellowe

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#### Wishes for a speedy recovery

- ▶ To Harriet Richman, from Herb & Ellen Moss

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- ▶ In Honor of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Rabbi David Horowitz, from Herb & Ellen Moss
- ▶ To Leora Cohen on her Leadership Award, from Herb & Ellen Moss
- ▶ To David & Shelley Koch on the birth of their Grandson, from Herb & Ellen Moss

### Randy Recht Sports Camp Fund

#### In Memory of

- ▶ Jean Sargon from Marjorie Recht
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- ▶ Sally Ekus's Special Birthday from Marjorie Recht

### The Rose & Lawrence Schwartz Holocaust Education Fund

#### In Memory of

- ▶ Ida Friedman, from Ed & Marla Schwartz
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- ▶ To Alan Kay, from Ed & Marla Schwartz

#### Mazel Tov

- ▶ In Honor of Rabbi Joshua Heller, from Ed & Marla Schwartz

### Scott Zorn Scholarship Fund

#### In Memory of

- ▶ Scott Zorn from Emily Cropper

#### 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

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## Community Shabbat from page two



Mike Cohen

To learn coping techniques for himself and to support Leah in her journey of recovery, Cohen joined NARANON, a Twelve Step program for friends and family members who are affected by someone else's addiction.

"I'd come to realize my life had become unmanageable," he says, adding that his well-worn copy of the NARANON Twelve Step guide is his "other bible."

Cohen joined the Summit County Opiate Task Force and became involved as the head of the Family Outreach Committee. The group sent him to speak on behalf of Summit County before the Ohio Senate and

House in Columbus.

"In the last three years, over 200,000 fellow Americans have died from addiction overdoses," he says. "The crisis isn't at our border; it's within our border."

Local clergy often calls Cohen to speak with congregational families and guide them along the frustrating path toward successful treatment and recovery programs for their loved ones.

"I was at Lowe's two summers ago, and a man recognized me from NARANON. He gave me a hug and said, 'You saved my daughter's life because we were able to get her the right kind of treatment,' " he says. "I've met the nicest, kindest, most humble people. We're all in the same boat, and we don't judge each other."

Cohen is pleased that his daughter will accompany him to the Community Shabbat Dinner.

### Please Join Us May 31 at 5:30 p.m.

The Community Shabbat Dinner is Friday, May 31, at Temple Israel, 91 Springside Drive in Akron. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., with Shabbat services at 6:15 p.m. and a panel discussion at 7 p.m. Babysitting and a kids' room will be available for young children.

Before May 24, the cost for the event is \$18 for adults, \$12 for children ages 5 to 13, and free for children under 5.

After May 24, the cost is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children ages 5 to 13, and free for children under 5.

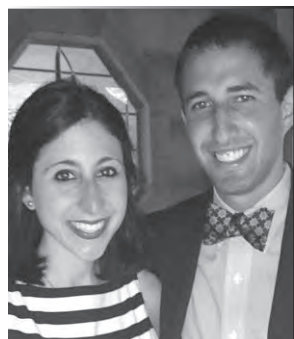
You can register for this event online at [www.ShawJCC.org/ShabbatDinner](http://www.ShawJCC.org/ShabbatDinner); mail your reservation with payment to Shaw JCC of Akron, 750 White Pond Dr., Akron, OH 44320; call 330-867-7850; or stop by the Shaw JCC desk to RSVP.

To learn more about upcoming Community Shabbat Dinners, check out the next issue of the Akron Jewish News.

The Community Shabbat Dinner is sponsored by the Shaw JCC, with Anshe Sfard, Beth El Congregation and Temple Israel, and support from Rubber City Jews. It is underwritten by the Jewish Community Board of Akron.

# About People

## Nelson and Natarus Engaged



Lisa Nelson of Bath is engaged to Aaron Natarus of Cincinnati. They currently live in Chicago and are planning a 2020 wedding in Ohio.

Nelson is the daughter of Cindy and Jerry Nelson, also of Bath, and the granddaughter of the late

Evelyn and Eric Goldsmith of Akron and the late Ruth and Frank Nelson of Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Natarus is the son of Sharon and Mark Natarus, residents of Cincinnati, and the grandson of the late Maurice and Maxine Gordon of Dayton and the late Darrell and Renee Natarus of Glenview, Illinois.

Nelson is a CPA at Deloitte in Chicago, and Natarus will be starting his Pharmacy Residency in July at the Jesse Brown VA Hospital in Chicago.

## Pyner Plays in Maccabi Games



Harrison Pyner has made the 2019 Maccabi Pan Am Games Youth team (18U) that will be playing in Mexico City, Mexico, July 5-15. He is one of 12 Jewish students representing the USA. They will be playing teams from Israel, Mexico, Australia, Argentina, Colombia, and more.

Harrison has finished his Junior Year Varsity Basketball season at Orange High School, where he was the 2nd leading scorer on the team and named to the Honorable Mention Team for Division II in the Northeast Ohio region. He is also a High Honors student at Orange High School.

He and his family are members of Park Synagogue in Pepper Pike.

## Kogan Earns Risman Scholarship



The Marion C. and William B. Risman Family scholarship in Jewish Studies is a scholarship granted to a student with a minimum GPA of 3.5 who is pursuing a minor in Jewish Studies at Kent State University.

The first recipient of this new award is current sophomore, Ariel Kogan. He is majoring in biotechnology with a minor in Jewish Studies. He has just returned from the Jewish Studies Program's study-abroad course in Poland. Kogan has been very active with Hillel and Chabad on campus since coming to KSU.

Kogan was born in Mexico City and immigrated with his family to Akron in 2012.

## Program Grants for Jewish Women

APPLY BY MAY 23

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 \$8,060 is available this year. Interested applicants seeking grant support are invited to apply by the deadline of Thursday, May 23, at 5 p.m.

For an application or more information, visit [jewishakron.org/jwef](http://jewishakron.org/jwef) or contact Julie Katz at 330-835-0005 or [julie\\_katz@jewishakron.org](mailto:julie_katz@jewishakron.org).






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