

BATH SYNAGOGUE MARKS JEWISH HOLIDAY WITH PARADE FOR CORONAVIRUS WORKERS

By Craig Webb, Akron Beacon Journal

They gathered in cars in the parking lot of the Revere Road Synagogue in Bath Township. A drumming band marched between the lined up cars — at a socially acceptable distance — to mark the Jewish holiday on Tuesday. Welcome to the Jewish celebration of the Lag B'Omer holiday in the midst of a pandemic.

Rabbi Moshe Sasonkin, of the Revere Road Synagogue, said the holiday dates back centuries and marks the death of a key Jewish leader. Ironically, given today's concerns over the coronavirus pandemic, Sasonkin said, the holiday also marks the end of a plague that killed thousands in the second century.

General Health and Wellness Center in Bath to honor first responders.

The procession stopped at each location, where the celebrants waved tambourines from their cars and the drummers saluted the workers and left behind gift baskets.

It just seemed right, Sasonkin said, to honor those on the front lines of the battle against the virus. "These are troubling times," he said. "But in these times, you also see the good in people."

Among the dozens of vehicles in the procession were motorcycles from the Jewish Shul Boys Motorcycle Club based in Cleveland. Club member and Hudson attorney Joe Gross said it was good to get out of the house where

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In more modern times, he said, the day is often celebrated with parades to celebrate Jewish pride. This year, he said, the synagogue invited other Jewish organizations and synagogues in Akron to join in a procession past the Fairlawn and Bath police and fire stations and the Cleveland Clinic's Akron

CAR PARADE SHOWS APPRECIATION FOR CATHY BAER, OUTGOING COMMUNITY CONCIERGE

On Sunday, May 17, members of the Akron Jewish community rallied together, at safe social distance, to show their gratitude for Cathy Baer, outgoing Community Concierge at the Jewish Community Board. Organized by Jewish Leadership Initiative (JLI) Alumni, the surprise thank you parade featured sedans, mini vans, SUVs and

one bicycle lined up to display their thanks and fun handmade signs. Although Cathy's last day as Community Concierge with the Jewish Community Board was back in April, those touched by Cathy did not hesitate to join the parade as a way to show appreciation for all she had done while working for our community and to celebrate her accomplishments.

honked horns, and shouted praise. Cathy was presented with signs and cards, one of which had the following: "Dear Cathy, They broke the mold when you were born! You are one of a kind — a connector, a maven, a Jewish mother to all. You bring a warm smile, welcoming

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This event was spearheaded by Brian Rolnick-Fox. He and Michelle Dickstein created a ruse to ensure Cathy was outside on her driveway when the parade was scheduled to begin. Upon seeing the cars lining her street she humbly commented, "Oh, it looks like someone is having a parade," to which Michelle joyfully responded, "It's for you!" Cathy's friends and JLI alumni drove by,



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he has been quarantined and working from home since the governor ordered businesses closed. It was also a chance to not only mark the holiday, he said, but get the chance to ride his Harley-Davidson trike. "This is a big deal," he said. "It is nice to ride as Jews for such an important cause."

Bath Police Chief Vito Sinopoli said it was a nice gesture by the Jewish community to show its support for the police and fire departments, along with medical workers. Sinopoli said there has been an outpouring of support from community organizations and businesses since the start of the pandemic. "Everyone has shown a lot of support in these difficult times."

Co-partners of this event were Temple Israel, Beth El Congregation, Jewish Community Board of Akron, Shaw JCC, The Lipman School, and Chabad at Kent State.

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energy, and positive attitude into everything you do. You care so deeply about Jewish Akron! You were the perfect person to be the Community Concierge. And, we so appreciate your passion for bringing JLI to life and helping so many of the up-and-coming leaders take their first steps of involvement in Jewish Akron. Thank you for all you've done for Jewish Akron professionally and personally. With much love and appreciation, JLI-Alumni".

Cathy later posted on social media that she had "the most amazing day today!", "For the past 5 1/5 years I have been the Akron Jewish community concierge. I have helped welcome more than 100 new or returning Jewish families and individuals to our community.... housing, jobs, physician referrals and more... With Julie Katz, I created the Jewish Leadership Initiative to train young Jewish adults to be leaders. In two years, we graduated over seventy people...and today,

this group decided to give me a drive-by parade.. Wow! I was totally blown away and felt so loved.... Thank you Akron Jewish community! I love you all!"

Todd Polikoff, CEO of the Jewish Community Board of Akron, said, "Cathy Baer has been an asset to so many in the community, not only in her most recent position as community concierge, but in her previous volunteer and professional capacities as well. There are very few members of our community, certainly those younger leaders, who do not attribute a good deal of their involvement to Cathy's seemingly boundless enthusiasm and passion. We are a stronger and more engaged community because of Cathy, and I look forward to her continued involvement in our shared vision of growing and strengthening our Greater Akron community."



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Every Monday night at 8pm, join us on ZOOM for a Community Check-in. Feeling like you want to connect with others? This is a chance for anyone in the Beth El community to log in and see other folks in our community. Feel free to share something or just stick around to listen and see a familiar face.

Every Wednesday at 12:45pm a 30 minute or less Jewish song and learning session for families led by Rabbi Elyssa or Hazzan Matt on ZOOM.

Every Friday afternoon, a video Dvar Torah by Rabbi Elyssa is posted and available on the Beth El Facebook page. www.facebook.com/akronbethel.

Shabbat morning prayer, led weekly by Rabbi Elyssa at 10am, live on the Beth El Facebook page. An inspiring service, which includes chanting some Torah from the Chumash. www.facebook.com/akronbethel.

Sunday morning minyan led weekly at 8:45am live on the Beth El Facebook page by Hazzan Matt. www.facebook.com/akronbethel.

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Wednesdays 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 

Thursdays 11:00am Coffee & Conversation with the Congregation 

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June 12	8:41pm	July 10	8:41pm
June 19	8:44pm	July 17	8:37pm
June 26	8:45pm	July 24	8:32pm
		July 31	8:25pm

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AKRON JEWISH NEWS SURVEY

The Jewish Community Board of Akron is in the process of reevaluating how the Akron Jewish News is developed and published. We want to understand how to best serve our community through a high-quality, substantive, and meaningful publication that reaches all demographics in the Akron Jewish community.

Please take a few minutes to complete the short survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D257VDF>. Your honest feedback will help us to improve this publication to better serve our community. Questions about Akron Jewish News or the survey can be emailed to editor@jewishakron.org. Thank you!



THE LIPPMAN SCHOOL STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

LIPPMAN CLOSES SCHOOL YEAR WITH VIRTUAL CELEBRATIONS

By Matthew Russ

The end of the school year brings with it many celebrations and rites of passage. One of the biggest questions schools everywhere have had to wrestle with is: how do you honor these celebrations for students when schools aren't in session? Many creative solutions have been developed with a combination of virtual and modified in-person celebrations.

The Lippman School is no different. As the end of the year approached, teachers and administrators worked on how to still offer students the wide range of activities and celebrations they typically offer, from field trips, to field day, to Kindergarten Celebration and 8th grade graduation. What they came up with was a series of activities and celebrations – mostly virtual – with a few in-person moments in outdoor, socially-distanced settings.

During the last two weeks of school, Lippman teachers offered students a series of virtual field trips, some of them mimicking actual field trips students would have taken during a typical school year. In some cases, teachers took the opportunity to take their students to places they normally wouldn't be able to go, such as Walt Disney World and the San Diego Zoo.

While all students are missing out on the usual end-of-year festivities, it's the oldest students in the school who perhaps missed out on the most. "I missed having my last field day, but I will definitely come back to do field day again," said 8th grader Alyssa Garfinkle, pictured below.



This spring would have been the 7th and 8th graders' trip to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and Yellowstone National Park. Shortly upon returning, 8th graders were scheduled to graduate with their traditional ceremony in the JCC Auditorium.

In an attempt to compensate for the missed class trip, teachers and administrators developed an alternate Montana trip and worked with

their Northern Cheyenne partners to continue the experiential learning. Students had the opportunity to participate in a series of Zoom classes with Northern Cheyenne teachers and elders including Setovaatse Medicine Bull, Linwood Tall Bull and Norma Wolfchief Gorneau. They also went on a couple of virtual tours of Yellowstone National Park, learning about the geographic and geological landforms in addition to the art history of one of the park's most famous and picturesque attractions: Artist's Point in the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

Additionally, teachers led small groups of students on socially-distanced hikes in our own national park, CVNP, capped with a bonfire on the JCC campus. It wasn't Montana or Wyoming, but it was an appreciated consolation.

The 8th grade graduation ceremonies were a combination of virtual and in-person. The traditional message to the graduates and graduation speeches were prerecorded and broadcast on graduation day, June 9. "It is definitely a strange experience, but I think it's really cool that we will be able to talk about how different our graduation was from everyone else," said graduate Rylee Horowitz, pictured above.



Students also had the opportunity to come to the campus with their immediate families, receive their diplomas, gift, and have their pictures taken with family. "It's not my first choice, but I'm just glad that I'm having a graduation," said graduate Alyssa Garfinkle. "It's the best option under the circumstances."

They also received a parade reception in the JCC parking lot thanks to teachers, staff, and extended family and friends.

Congratulations to the graduates! Dariyah Adams, Alyssa Garfinkle, Gus Girves, Charles Hite, Anias Hodges, Rylee Horowitz, Simon Hostler, Trevor Kiehl, Lankika Mendis, Sasha Ponsky, Benjamin Ralph, Victoria Sealy, Vivienne Stillman, Owen Wright, Mark Yovichin

FORUM 360 JOINED THE TECHNOLOGY RANKS WITH ZOOM

By Leslie Ungar

This time of the COVID shelter-at-home has brought many changes in our lives. Many of us have gotten better at technology. Some of us are go-to-meetings gurus. Others have become Zoom zombies.

The Coronavirus forced Forum 360 off the air in April. In May we were able to return using Zoom. During this vacuum of human interaction, musical artists are giving concerts in their living rooms and posting them for free on social media. Rocker Melissa Etheridge sang "Come to my Window" at home, while Keith Urban sang in his home studio with Nicole Kidman, his #1 groupie, flitting around the "stage". The judges and talent on American Idol and The Voice went to a shelter-at-home format.

So Forum 360 joined the technology ranks using Zoom for each show's host and their guests. Whether it is a national morning show or Forum 360, it is fun to get a peek at the homes of guests and hosts when Zoom is used.

Timing is a little more of a challenge without the digital clock ticking down the time for the hosts. On the other hand, think of the time saved without the commute back and forth to the studio! Thank you to technology. Yet it's not quite the

same as being live with the guests. Just ask any bride or groom that had a virtual wedding! A big thank you to our producer Meg for managing the technology and for providing the technology.

Shows taped in May featured topics such as Women Elected Officials, Great Lakes Science Center, "Breathe" Stress Reduction, and Akron Snow Angels.

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.

**Each show will air:
PBS/Fusion channel 45/49
on Monday at 8:00pm
and Saturday at 5:00pm**

**WONE FM 97.5 on Sunday
at 6:00am**

**WAKR AM 1590 on Sunday
at 5:00pm and Monday at
12:30am**



EXERCISE IS MEDICINE!

By Lynn Satow

Fitness Director | Shaw JCC of Akron

Many of us are doing a lot of walking. Walking is always good! Don't forget to take breaks and stretch, walk throughout your day. Exercise doesn't have to be all at once. Split your time into fifteen minute segments throughout the day!

The Shaw JCC has exercise RESOURCES:

- Look at our At Home: Workouts+ page on the JCC website under the Recreation & Wellness Column. We have a constantly expanding video library along with free On Demand resources such as Silver Sneakers, Les Mills, and more.
- Virtual Personal Training is also available. Check the Virtual PT page on our website as well.



- The J is starting the live stream of certain classes: Zumba with Kristy on Tuesdays at 6:00pm, WERQ with Tong on Wednesdays at 2:00pm, and Yoga with Kevin on Fridays at 9:30am.

You must follow our website and especially the JCC's Facebook and Instagram pages for the link to the Zoom invite to log on to class.

- Finally, exercise with your safety in mind will be available when we reopen. The fitness center will be available for you in the first phase of reopening, along with some outdoor classes and classes in the gym following shortly afterward.



RUBBER CITY JEWS RUNDOWN

SUBMITTED BY RACHEL OSHEROW

The Rubber City Jews have been staying connected with virtual programming, which will continue through the summer months. We have enjoyed catching up through happy hour, game night, and an ongoing Netflix Party (Wednesdays at 8pm) where we are currently watching the critically acclaimed series “Unorthodox”. We are also making friendly phone calls to seniors with JFS, and we would like to give a special shout out to all-star volunteer, J.J. Reaven! J.J. has been staying connected with several seniors, sharing, “It brings me joy to hear their smiles!” We always welcome volunteers, so email us if you would like to participate.

Upcoming events include Jewish “Show and Tell,” a Jewish baking/cooking demonstration, a workshop on Eating Psychology and Nutrition, and a bike ride on the towpath. Contact us at rubbercityjews@gmail.com and keep in touch through our Facebook page. Stay healthy, everyone!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

“Show and Tell” Happy Hour - Thursday, 6/18, 4:45-6:45pm

Jewish Cooking Demo - Sunday, 6/28, 2:00-4:00pm

Bike Ride - Sunday, 7/12, time TBA

THE RCJ-TICKET

Gain unlimited access to an entire year of RCJ programs and collaborative events and receive exclusive discounts to many other community events. RCJ-Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$50 per couple, and can be purchased online or with cash or check at any RCJ event. For just \$25, attend our regular programs and receive discounts to many community events for a whole year!

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

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



Volunteer, J.J. Reaven

To support the JCC's Staff and Service Sustainability campaign, either through continuation of membership dues or ECE tuition, or to make a one-time donation, please visit ShawJCC.org, call 330-835-0025, or email "Membership@shawjcc.org"



Temple Israel Sisterhood Gift Shop

Looking forward to celebrating the Grand Reopening of Temple Israel's Sisterhood Gift Shop with a CHAI discount, 18% off all items for the first month of our return!

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Wishing everyone good health,

Marsha Krieger

Renee Pinsky

Chrisie Levey

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- Free rides for seniors to medical appointments
- Home health care and home cleaning through our *Silver J Ticket** program
- Friendly calls to seniors who are isolated and want someone to talk to
- Food Pantry: non-perishable food items and household items available free of charge with contact-free delivery
- Mental health counseling, case management, and community resources information.

Call **330.867.3388** or visit **jfsakron.org** for details.



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*The Silver J Ticket 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.

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WANT TO HELP?

HOW

Donate to Jewish Family Service's nonperishable food pantry. Your donation will help Akron's Jewish Family Service (JFS) individuals and families who are most in need here in our community.

WHY

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WHERE

Please drop donations off at the JCC Fitness/JFS entrance to the Schultz Campus for Jewish Life.

DROP OFF: MONDAY-FRIDAY, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.



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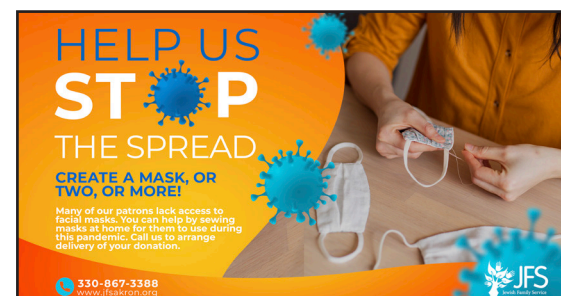
New, reusable grocery bags containing the listed household staples.

QUESTIONS?

Contact: Buffy Ramos, LSW at 216-372-1860

While JFS continues to help individuals and families facing challenges, there are several ways you, too, can make a difference to those in need during this pandemic. Donations of

non-perishable food and household items are needed to help stock JFS's Food Pantry which enables clients to access basic pantry items. Items most in need are cereal, granola or cereal bars, canned fruit, dry pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, applesauce, canned vegetables, canned soup, canned tuna, body soap, hand soap, facial tissue, toilet paper and shampoo. Donations can be dropped off Monday - Friday between 10am and 2pm at the back gym doors of the JCC.



Many of our clients don't have easy access to facial masks. You can help by sewing masks and donating them to JFS clients. It's a great activity for sewing enthusiasts or teaching children how to sew. Call Buffy at 330.867.3388 to arrange delivery of your donation.

THE KABBALISTIC MODEL OF THE SOUL

Submitted by Kaila Sasonkin

On Sunday May 3, Women's Chavurah explored the Kabbalistic models of the soul on Zoom.

Kaila Sasonkin shared that HEALING is the spirit & energy of this Jewish month named Iyar. It is reflected in the acronym of the Hebrew spelling of IYAR: **יֵיָר** - Ani Hashem Rofecha- "I am G-d your Healer."

Ellen Freedman led a prayer from the counting of the Omer, which is recited daily during this month. A beautiful concert was shown where Israeli women sang the ancient prayer that we had just recited. The theme was expressing thanks to G-d and supplication for salvation.

Mazal Cohen expounded on each of the 10 sefirot (attributes), explaining that they are Kabbalistic interpretations of the verse "BTZELEM ELOKEEM..." in the image of G-d, we were created. The Sefirot also mirror the way G-d runs this world. We are very thankful to the following women who presented 7 of the 10 sefirot with their personal touch:

Debbie Saferstein - Chesed (Kindness)

Robyn Tobias - Gevurah (Discipline)

Mimi Surloff - Tiferet (Balance)

Regina Dorman - Netzach (Endurance)

Jen Chestnut - Hod (Splendor)

Chana Sheri Glauberman - Yesod (Foundation)

Jen Chestnut - Malchut (Actualization)

These 7 sefirot (attributes) are characteristics expressed within each of us. Although the sefirot can seem like opposites, this learning process helped us understand that they can coexist. There is no exact recipe for the perfect balance of all 7 characteristics, since no two people are the same. It requires mindfulness, dialectic thinking, and awareness that we can infuse and balance the different characteristics rather than resorting to instinct and habit.

An informative clip about the SEFIROT was also shown, followed by everyone joining together to count the daily Omer. Counting the Omer is a unique Mitzvah which gives us tools to prepare ourselves by focusing on each sefirah and refining our characteristics before receiving the 10 commandments on the holiday of Shavuot.

We thank our friends, old and new, for joining us and we look forward to meeting again on our next Zoom!



SOUP FOR THE SOUL

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

PICK-UP & DELIVERY

10:30 A.M.-NOON

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ONLY on
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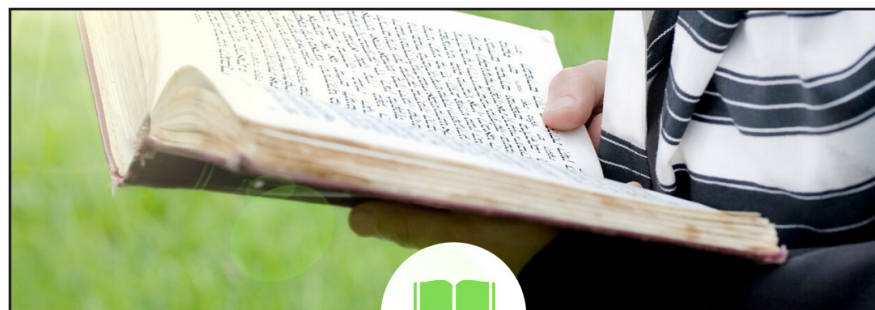
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IN MEMORIAM

Howard D. Shapiro MD passed away February 17, 2020. Beloved husband of Susan, beloved father of Barbara (Mike Dunasky) Shapiro, Nathalie (Jonathan Shaw) Shapiro, and Julie (Nathaniel Braddock) Shapiro. Beloved grandfather of Lydia & Lewis Shaw, Michael Ickes, and Phineas Shapiro-Braddock.

Frances Pules passed away on April 8, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice Pules; her long-time companion, Herbert Fisher of Canton, OH, and her sisters, Goldie Cohen and Shirley Wagan. She leaves behind her loving family including: daughter, Penny Pules, Debra (Fisher) and Harvey Goldstein, and Beth (Fisher) and Jean-Yves Kainic and grandchildren, Anne, Jenna and Jacob Kainic.

IN MEMORIAM, CONT.

Ellen L. Butorac passed away on April 13, 2020. She was born on August 8, 1955 in Los Angeles, California to parents Mildred P. and the late Arthur A. Kattan. In addition to her mother, she is survived by her boys: husband, Tom and sons, Kevin and Scotty. She is also survived by her brother, David (Susan) Kattan and their children, Lindsay and Justin (Trisha) Kattan; sister, Diane Swinehart; mother-in-law, Gisela Butorac; sister-in-law, Anne-Marie (Jim) Anderson and their children, Annalesa and Justin; sister-in-law Gabrielle (Zelko) Leko and their children, Zvonko (Olivia) and Anthony Leko; and additional cousins.

Nicki L. Aster passed away April 19, 2020. Beloved wife of Bennett Aster, beloved mother of Matthew (Heike) & Andrew, beloved sister of Abbey (Kevin Maltz) and Scott Lieberman.

Sanford "Chip" Paige passed away April 24, 2020. He was the son of Helen Paige and the nephew of Stephanie and Arthur Axner. He is survived by his 7 year-old son and his older brother Joel Paige.

Samuel Albert (Al) Schleider passed away April 25, 2020. Beloved husband of Barbara, beloved father of Natali, Scott (Marla) and Marcy (Jay), beloved grandfather of Andrew, Corey, and Josh.

Aleksandr "Sasha" Litvinskiy passed away April 29, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Anna Litvinskiy, and his sons, Maksim (Alesya) Litvinskiy and Serge (Julia) Litvinskiy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mariya Sunik and Zelman Litvinskiy.

Rabbi Sigma (Sissy) Faye Coran passed away May 8, 2020. She is survived by her father, Aubie (Sandy) Coran; her husband, Rabbi Matthew Kraus; her children, Jacob (Kim), and Shira, Micah and Eden; and her brothers Steve (Laurie) Coran and Jeff (Kim) Coran. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, friends, and colleagues. She was preceded in death by her mother, Susan Coran. She was a rabbinic intern at Akron's Temple Israel during her studies.



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ABBEY MIGDAL'S 2020 VIRTUAL GRADUATION

By Stan and Rhoda Migdal

Beginning in the fall of 2019, we looked forward with anticipation to our granddaughter's 2020 graduation from Ohio University. This would have been the 7th grandchild to receive a college degree with only one more to go in 2021.

Needless to say, it wasn't what we expected but since then we have learned how people improvise in today's unprecedented climate. Our daughter-in-law Debra, Abbey's mother, emailed to family and friends to participate in her graduation with words of wisdom to Abbey. Abbey's sister, Spencer, scrapbooked a nearly 100% response and a virtual zoom graduation took place on the patio of their home overlooking Crystal lake.

Prior to the ceremony, a delicious luncheon was provided to the seven people in attendance via Swenson's takeout.

To the amateur music of "Pomp and Circumstance", Abbey strolled onto the patio in her green OU cap and gown and received her diploma to thunderous applause. Then, by virtue of today's modern technology, Spencer arranged to Zoom in with live readings of words of wisdom from two separate cities in California and her loving grandmother in New Jersey. It was a far cry from the real thing, but it was very meaningful to Abbey and her family and friends and a graduation like no other.

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PHASED REOPENING OF SHAW JCC STARTING JUNE 1

It is with tremendous excitement and cautious optimism that we begin the process of coming back together again. We are proud of our virtual programming and community outreach that has continued to engage, inspire, and connect, yet we want nothing more than to reopen our doors and welcome you all back to The Shaw JCC. The current guidelines set forth by Governor DeWine and the CDC allow for the JCC to begin opening a portion of our facility and services. Our top priority is always the health, safety, and security of our members, guests, and staff. We will be reopening the JCC in stages and err on the side of caution as we expand our offerings and bring on additional services.

We will begin a phased reopening of the JCC starting on Monday, June 1. The first stage will include fitness floor equipment, the indoor pool (lap swim only), tennis, outdoor pickle ball, personal training, massage, and Reiki services. The outdoor pool is scheduled to open in mid-June, along with expanded programming, including some group exercise, Yoga, Pilates, and Zumba, as well as an Alternative Summer Experience for school age children. Further details will be available soon.

In a combined effort by the agencies on the Schultz Campus, we have established a Health and Safety Task Force comprised of health care and other industry professionals. The Task Force provides guidance and oversight regarding the policies and procedures necessary to ensure we are maintaining best practices during the COVID-19 pandemic. Together with the Task Force, we will continue to monitor the CDC and

local health resources as we look to expand our offerings. Please keep checking our Facebook and Instagram pages for the latest updates.

The JCC experience will look and feel different than what you are accustomed to. The COVID-19 pandemic has required us to raise our already demanding standards to an even higher level, with new protocols designed for the health and safety of our members and staff. All areas will require reservations in order to maintain social distancing and comply with occupancy requirements. A separate communication will be sent with details about our reservation process.

We want to take this time to thank you, our community, for your support during our closure. So many of you reached out to us and offered your support in many ways while we were closed. So far, we've gotten through this together, and that is how we will persevere and recognize success in the coming months. We suspended your membership fees during our closure. As we reopen on June 1, we will reinstate the normal draft of your membership dues, minus fees for locker and towel service.

We ask for your patience and partnership as we adjust to this new way of life in the safest manner possible. Thank you for your continued support of the Shaw JCC!

John Keverkamp, Executive Director
Shaw Jewish Community Center



- Other changes during Phase 1 include:**
- Checking temperatures and doing a brief health screening upon facility entry
 - Requiring face masks for staff and members while in the building, unless otherwise specified
 - Establishing physical distancing standards
 - Enhanced facility and equipment sanitization
 - Limited access to parts of the building
 - The childcare/babysitting room will not be open
 - Whirlpool, locker rooms, sauna and steam room will not be open – locker and towel fees are suspended.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, WE WILL BE OPERATING UNDER THE FOLLOWING MODIFIED HOURS:

AREA	DAYS	HOURS
FITNESS FLOOR	Monday - Thursday	6:00am - 7:00pm
	Friday	6:00am - 5:00pm
	Saturday & Sunday	8:00am - 4:00pm
INDOOR POOL	Monday - Thursday	6:30am - 6:30pm
	Friday	6:30am - 4:30pm
	Saturday & Sunday	8:00pm - 3:30pm
MANDEL ECE	Monday - Friday	8:00am - 5:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: Fitness floor will be closed 1:30-2:00pm for deep cleaning & sanitation.
SENIOR-ONLY HOURS will be Monday - Thursday from 2:00-4:00pm for both the fitness floor and indoor pool.