

Congregation B'nai Israel

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March 1 - 31, 2014

30 Adar I - 29 Adar II 5774

BE HAPPY, IT'S PURIM!

PURIM SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Sunday, March 9, 9:30 a.m. - Vashfi's
Brunch and Jewelry Sale

Saturday, March 15, 8:15 p.m. - Traditional
Megillah Reading. Bring your own
grogger, wear a funny hat

Sunday, March 16, 10 a.m. - Noon.
Hakuna Megillah, A Disney Purim Spiel!

Sunday, March 16, Noon - Purim Carnival.
Join us for games, gifts, lunch and
Hamentaschen

TIME CHANGE: 2:00 A.M. Sunday, March
9. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one
hour so you don't miss the beginning of the
Vashfi brunch at 9:30 a.m.

HAKUNA MEGILLAH

A Disney Purim Spiel

By

3Z Productions

Deena, Sophie and Meira Zucker

Sunday, March 16, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

Come to our Purim Spiel followed by the
annual Purim Carnival

The day includes:

- Fun, laughs, guffaws, and all-out silliness
- Jokes for Princes and Princesses of all ages.
- Sing along to your favorite Disney tunes
- Features a cast of extremely talented, enthusiastic, and brave members of CBI.

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The Big Picture

I began writing this article a few weeks ago, while thawing out in Arizona beside the pool with Jan. I was there for a “reunion” concert and for a family simcha. The weather was perfect—sunny and warm every day, approaching 80 degrees, while back east and at home in Toledo everyone was freezing.

Some of you may be aware that one of my interests is cars, and I got the idea for this bulletin article from an article I just read in *Motor Trend* magazine, by Angus Mackenzie, entitled “The Big Picture: Setting Sun.” In the article he mentions having to miss the Tokyo Motor Show due to a conflict with the Los Angeles Motor Show. He says that not long ago Tokyo’s auto show was the world’s most important auto show, that no one involved in the automotive industry would consider missing, and yet this year he didn’t care about missing it, preferring instead to attend the LA show, or, in his words, “the world doesn’t go to Tokyo anymore.”

This is of great interest to us here in Toledo, where the auto industry serving all three US auto companies, is so vital for our city’s welfare. For example, Chrysler, many of whose iconic Jeeps are manufactured right here on I-75, is predicting annual Jeep sales of over a million this year for the first time ever, a possible sign the recession is finally over. Also worth noting is that *Motor Trend’s* Car of the Year for 2014 is American—the Cadillac CTS, beating out 21 other worthy contenders, many of them imports, whereas not long ago Caddy was down and out, imports being hugely preferred by former Caddy fans.

What does this have to do with us as Jews? Well, consider the article’s title “The Big Picture.” The same principle of constant change as applied in the article to the auto industry, is clearly demonstrated by the big picture of life in general, and Jewish history in particular. Or as King Solomon says in rather a different way in Ecclesiastes 1:9, “that which has been will come again, and what has been done will be done again.” And so a glance at our Jewish calendar for the upcoming

months will reveal a wild roller coaster ride of constantly changing fortunes and emotions: In two weeks Purim, celebrating our near escape from annihilation; exactly a month later Pesach marking our delivery from almost 400 years of tortuous slavery; days later is Yom Hashoa commemorating the annihilation of one-third of our People a mere 70 years ago; days later is Yom Ha’atsma’ut—Israel’s independence day, which occurred a mere three years after the Holocaust but 2,000 years after the second exile; a month later is Yom Yerushalayim celebrating the reunification of Jerusalem 47 years ago; also Lag Ba’omer—a joyful celebration; Shavuot marking the receiving of the Torah, and so on ...you get the picture, the big picture.

Concerning the weather in Arizona, described in the opening paragraph above, those suffering through this record cold winter should console themselves in the thought of imminent weather change here too. Soon winter will pass and you might find us hiking Wildwood, admiring the budding trees and flowers, while back in Arizona (or Florida?) they bake in daily 110 degree weather!

Whether you drive a Japanese or American (or any other) car, many of the above mentioned milestones on our calendar will be marked or celebrated in a special way here at B’nai Israel and in the community, such as the amazing, not-to-be-missed Purim Spiel, or the wonderful traditional Megillah reading the Saturday night before the Spiel, Yom Hashoa for the community and so on... We look forward to greeting and welcoming you warmly, as well as at daily and Shabbat services, where there is often something special scheduled, that we hope you will often avail yourselves of.

Hazzan Ivor Lichterman



When Purim Arrives, We Must Be Happy!

By Rabbi Jason Miller



The Purim holiday is on its way which means that we are already thinking about the Pesach holiday. There are many connections between Purim and Pesach to which we should give serious thought. Even the differences between the two holidays provide us with food for thought.

The Talmud teaches that the close proximity of Purim and Pesach is a halachic (Jewish legal) requirement because even in a leap year (like this year), Purim is celebrated in the second month of Adar, the one closest to Pesach in order that the two redemptions, from Pharaoh and from Haman respectively, will be celebrated in consecutive months.

When the month of Adar, featuring Purim, begins we are instructed to increase our joy. The Medieval French commentator Rashi explains that the increased level of joy continues through Purim and includes Pesach, further underscoring the close connection between the two holidays.

We often think of Purim as the fun holiday compared to the seriousness of Pesach. However, both holidays should be taken seriously and both holidays should be celebrated with fun activities. It is certainly understandable that we should be joyous during the month of Purim when we celebrate our deliverance from destruction and annihilation by the wicked Haman. Of course deliverance from national destruction is a cause for joy, so the month of should also be a time for great simcha (joy). Pesach commemorates our deliverance from Egyptian bondage and what could have been the destruction of the Jewish people.

Both Purim and Pesach should also be observed with the seriousness of the historical situations which we commemorate. We must remember how fragile our Jewish community is when its survival is threatened by a villain the likes of a Haman or a Pharaoh. We also see the theme of strong leadership running throughout the Purim and Pesach narratives. The redemption of our people on both Purim and Pesach was ultimately orchestrated by God, but we are grateful to the leadership of Esther and Moses together with their supporting cast. We can learn a lot from these leaders.

Another connection between the two holidays is the use of wine to celebrate our survival and freedom. On Purim, a person is obligated to drink until he or she doesn't know the difference between "Cursed be Haman" and "Blessed be Mordechai." On Pesach, the four cups of wine represent the four expressions of redemption mentioned in the Torah. On Purim we drink to forget, while on Pesach we drink to remember.

The major difference between the two holidays is that on Purim almost everything goes, while on Pesach there are many restrictions. I encourage us all to come to shul and have fun and be silly on Purim, and to observe Pesach with great care and commitment. However, I also want to encourage you all to observe the mitzvot (obligations) of Purim—hearing the Megillah, sending mishloach manot (Purim baskets), and giving charitably to the less fortunate—with seriousness.

Elissa, Josh, Jonah and Talya join me in wishing everyone in our shul family a Happy Purim!

Rabbi Jason Miller

On Saturdays, March 8 and 29, Rabbi Jason Miller joins us for Shabbat Services.

Book Clubs to Discuss *Our Holocaust* With Kibbutz Beit HaEmek Book Club



Join us to read and discuss the important book, **Our Holocaust** by Amir Gutfreund (who lives in the Galilee) with the English Speakers Book Club from Kibbutz Beit HaEmek.

The panel and discussion with the author will be facilitated by professor Dena Eber of Toledo Ohio. Dena is the American Chair of the Arts and Community Task Force.

This unique book club experience will take place via Webex, an online program that allows us to

connect with anyone, anywhere anytime.

You may borrow the book from either Congregation B'nai Israel or Temple Shomer Emunim. Each synagogue has five copies of the book to lend out.

Date: Sunday, April 6, at 12:30 p.m.

Place: Leonard Lounge on the Jewish Federation Campus

So borrow the book, read it, make reservations by March 31 at the Jewish Federation, 419-724-0354, to attend and be part of our Partnership with Israel.

Sisterhood Book Club Coordinators:
Sharon Rappaport, Sharon Stein, Cathy Sperling

Judaica Gift Shop Features a large and beautiful selection of items for the upcoming holidays, Purim and Passover

Gift Shop Hours

Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sundays 9:30 a.m. – noon
(when Sunday School is in session)

Other hours available by appointment

If you need to shop at another time, call the office, 419-517-8400

Visit us first for all of your Judaic shopping!

Gift Shop Committee: Phyllis Diamond, Cindy Palmer, Roanne Katzman
Gift Shop Treasurer: Lexi Schlichting

Lost and Found Policy

Are you missing hats, gloves, jackets or umbrellas? Perhaps they were turned in to the Lost and Found closet in the Office. After thirty days, unclaimed items are donated to charity.

Purim Humor

This space was reserved for a photo of the ten-foot piles of snow surrounding our parking lot this winter.

**However, WE WOULD
RATHER FORGET!**



My story,
Am I a victim or a villain?
You will judge me and my legacy

The Sisterhood of B'nai Israel and her Royal Majesty, Queen Vashti
invite all of us to an elegant, sumptuous brunch

Sunday, March 9, 7 Adar II
9:30 a.m. - noon, Congregation B'nai Israel
Royal Brunch, \$15 per subject
Royal gents welcome

Featuring Chef Jeff from the Shushan Ritz Carleton
(Supervision, Shushan Va'ad Hakashrut)

Your response is expected by March 3, 1 Adar II
Prime Minister Caren Zaft or Handmaiden Rhoda Miller, 419-517-8400

In gratitude to my loyal subjects, jewelry, by three noted Israeli artists will be available
for purchase (credit cards, checks and cash accepted)

My event designers and Royal Ladies-in-Waiting are Anne Bauer and Anne
Rosenberg
Israeli Jewelry Crown Jewel keepers are Luann Garber and Tova Eisenberg



By Royal Decree,

A special medal of recognition honoring our Religious School Aides and role models
for their ongoing commitment to our Religious School

Sari Kripke
Morgan Segall
Deena Zucker
Emma Podolsky

Josh Brody
Josh Sherman
Sam Zack

**First Shabbat Luck
Turned Feb. 21 into
Shabbat**

On Friday, February 21, Congregation B'nai Israel had its inaugural Shabbat Luck, a pot luck dinner, at four different host homes. The concept was introduced to our congregation by Rena Leizerman. Thank you for the hospitality to Rena and Michael Leizerman, Fagie and Eli Benstein, Allie and Dan Berns, and Fran and Chuck Weinblatt who hosted the evening. Each family who attended brought an assigned item, such as salad, challah, wine or dessert. There were 53 members and prospective members who attended ranging in age from six months to the upper eighties. Everyone had a wonderful time, ate some delicious food, got to know some people better, and meet some new people. We hope to plan another Shabbat Luck in the future and we hope you will join us!



Attendees

Home of Fran and Chuck Weinblatt

Evelyn Auslander
Leah Connor
Phyllis Diamond
Jason Ellick
Rhoda Miller
Michael and Darlene Portnoy
Bryнна Post
Susan Richards
Meira and Deena Zucker

Home of Fagie and Eli Benstein

Mary Bilyeau and Craig Rochkind
Richard Lazar
Sharon Rappaport and Stan Joehlin
Devorah Shulamit
Sue Wilson and Ron Toneff

Home of Rena and Michael Leizerman

Susan and Marc Glasser and family
Sheila and Bruce Post
Andy and Mark Richards and family
Cindy and Doug Robertson and son

Home of Allie and Dan Berns

Ellen Hively and family
Kim and Stuart Brody and family
Ellen Wilensky

S.O.A.P.

(Synagogue Organized Afternoon Program)

Join us for a stimulating discussion of Jewish current events with Hazzan Ivor Lichterman.

Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. – 2 p.m.

B'nai Israel Library

All are welcome.

USY & Kadima

CBI Youth Lounge Hours

Monday - Thursday, 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Welcome and thank you to our new Youth Co-Directors: Bryнна Post and Rachel Noleff. Meet these vibrant leaders at the USY Purim Carnival, Sunday, March 16.

USY Regional Convention is April 3-6 at Hiram House Camp in Cleveland.

Sponsor a Kiddush Lunch

Many people have enjoyed the delicious Kiddush lunches following Shabbat services each week. In order to continue serving the wonderful weekly Kiddush lunches, we are asking you to help offset the costs through sponsorship. There are different ways to sponsor a Kiddush lunch:

- Donate to the Kiddush fund
- Sponsor partially
- Sponsor with others
- Sponsor for a simcha
- Sponsor just because ...

Thank you to all who have sponsored and donated already. We look forward to continuing this special time the congregation has created and supported after services together.

Cost to sponsor a simple Kiddush is \$300.00.

Please call the synagogue office, 419-517-8400 to help sponsor a kiddush.

150-Year Anniversary: Honor - Celebrate - Inspire



Introducing Congregation B'nai Israel's 150th Anniversary Fund

“May God who
blessed our

ancestors....bless those who unite to establish synagogues....and those who give funds for heat and light”...(Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals) It is in the spirit of the above text that we formally introduce this very special fund. The funds in this account will help to support the year-long activities for our 150th anniversary, which begins in September, 2016, and will continue throughout 2017.

There will be many programs to mark this momentous time in our congregation’s history, and in order to offset some of the costs that will be incurred, our Board of Trustees has created a special category of giving. This category will be available from the present time through the end of the celebration year in 2017. When making a contribution to Congregation B’nai Israel in remembrance of loved ones’ life cycle events, we encourage you to designate your gift to the 150th Anniversary Fund.

Thank you,

Fagie Benstein and Sharon Stein, Co-chairmen

B’nai Israel Memorabilia Sought

The 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee is looking for old B’nai Israel pictures, bulletins, newspaper articles, minutes, etc. All memorabilia is wanted from BI committees, Religious School, USY, etc. for the official CBI archives.

Have a copy of your Bar/Bat Mitzvah speech, Kinnus pictures, etc.? Please pass the word. For more information, please e-mail Cathy Sperling at SperlingCathy@gmail.com or drop off your memorabilia in the CBI office.

March Special Birthdays

Joshua Abernathy	3/03
Bill Sherman	3/07
Phil Markowicz	3/15
Nate Schwartz	3/17
Henry Wachsman	3/18
Wanda Wachsman	3/18
Sadie Kaplan	3/20
Arlene Bachman	3/23
Miranda Hupp	3/24
Rita Cohen	3/26
Sharon Schwartz	3/27



Simcha Tree “The Tree of Life”

Leaves - \$100
Stones - \$1000

The following leaves have recently been inscribed on the B’nai Israel Simcha Tree:

In Honor of Howard Rosenbaum’s Special Birthday

Buzz, Scott and Corey Liber

In Honor of Madison Smith’s Bat Mitzvah Congregation B’nai Israel

March Special Anniversaries

Mark & Mindy Abramson	3/04
Sheldon & Ervine Frankel	3/19

March Kiddush Sponsors

March 9 - Chuck and Sandy Traugott, Bill and Luann Garber in honor of their Bar Mitzvah anniversaries

March 15 - Eileen Sharff and Teena Liber in honor of father Nate Schwartz’s 95th birthday

March Yahrzeits

- March 1 - 30 Adar I Sophie Beilowitz, Jennie Herscovitz, Robert Manoff, Gerald Singer
- March 2 - 31 Adar I Benjamin Bloom
- March 3 - 1 Adar II Evelyn Frankel, Sarah Thelma Rosenthal, Ida Rubin, Lea Steinberg
- March 4 - 2 Adar II Samuel Bransdorf
- March 6 - 4 Adar II Lillian E. Marenberg
- March 7 - 5 Adar II Ann Cohen, Robert Ringer, Rosa Rosenberg Schwartz
- March 8 - 6 Adar II Jack J. Remer
- March 9 - 7 Adar II Joseph Diamond
- March 10 - 8 Adar II Sarah Applebaum
- March 11 - 9 Adar II Julius Skaletzky
- March 12 - 10 Adar II Abraham Millsberg, Anne Rowen
- March 14 - 12 Adar II Jean Bame, Rose Bloom, Jacob Getz, Louis Hoffman
- March 15 - 13 Adar II Annette Greenspoon, Adele Hess, Joe Smith
- March 16 - 14 Adar II Anna Ciralsky, Goody Liber, Florence Bransdorf
- March 17 - 15 Adar II Susan Weinman
- March 18 - 16 Adar II Ida Rubin Eichner
- March 19 - 17 Adar II Molly Goldberg, Mary Liber
- March 20 - 18 Adar II Julius Barry, Estelle Berns
- March 21 - 19 Adar II Monroe Marcus, Claire Schall
- March 23 - 21 Adar II Fannie Benjamin, Isador Berkowitz, Jacob Cohn, Margaret Goodman
- March 24 - 22 Adar II Dora Dalesman
- March 26 - 24 Adar II Sadie Aiduss, Sam Levison
- March 27 - 25 Adar II Leland Rubenstein, Mollie Siegel
- March 28 - 26 Adar II Sarah Cohen, Lillian Moss, Ida Rabinowitz
- March 30 - 28 Adar II Jack Worshtil
- March 31 - 29 Adar II Irwin Fruchtman, Thelma Heines, Alvin Weinstein

Chesed Committee

Never are we more aware
Of how much friends and family mean
Than at the time of bereavement.

When a bereavement or serious illness befalls you or your loved one, the newly formed Chesed Committee at Congregation B'nai Israel is there to assist you. Please contact Hazzan Lichterman for further information. Committee members will maintain strict confidentiality.

In Memoriam

Our synagogue family mourns the loss of:

Dear Congregant
Marcia Greenspoon Liber

Lois Eisner, mother of Michael Podolsky

Former Congregants
Lillian Petler and Phyllis Landis

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Sheila & Scott Rothstein on the birth of their grandson, Avi Rothstein, born February 2014. Avi is the son of Amy & Arthur Rothstein, Scottsdale, AZ. Proud great-grandmother is Jan Katz.

Mazel Tov to Sue Richards on the birth of her granddaughter, Sage.

Mazel Tov Lila Goldman and Jennifer Zaurov on School Honors.

Library

Thank you to Debbie Perlmutter, Martha Birnbaum, Fagie Benstein and B'nai Israel Sisterhood for recent additions to our Library.

Checking out books has never been easier! Stop by or visit www.librarything.com/catalog/bnais-raelsylvania to review our collection.

Dates to Remember

Sundays

- March 9 Vashti Brunch, 9:30 a.m.
- March 16 Purim Spiel, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Purim Carnival, Noon - 1:30 p.m.
- March 30 **SPRING BREAK**
No Religious School or Services

Wednesdays

- March 5 S.O.A.P., 1:00 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Religious School, 4:40 - 6:15 p.m.
- March 12 S.O.A.P., 1:00 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Religious School, 4:40 - 6:15 p.m.
- March 19 S.O.A.P., 1:00 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Religious School 4:40 - 6:15 p.m.
- March 26 S.O.A.P., 1:00 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Religious School 4:40 - 6:15 p.m.

Saturdays, March 8 and 29, 9:30 a.m.
Rabbi Jason Miller joins Shabbat Services.

Saturday, March 15, 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat;
8:00 p.m. Traditional Megillah Reading

Thursday, March 20, First day of SPRING!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

By Kim Brody, Principal

We have been very busy at Religious School despite the setbacks from our winter weather. Our students have been working diligently to raise tzedakah for Jewish Family Service. Two of our classes held a bake sale to benefit JFS. All of our classes have been competing in a Penny War project initiated by our fifth grade (kitah hay). We are extremely proud of our students for initiating and carrying out these projects on their own. Our open house was enjoyed by all! It was great to meet new friends who enjoyed many fun Purim activities with us. A highlight for our kitah hay class was learning the words to the song "Frozen" in Hebrew. Our upper grades had the opportunity to hear Cami Golding share her experience of becoming a Jew by choice. We shared this enlightening experience with our friends from Shomer Emunim. We are looking forward to many upcoming events for Purim and Pesach.

Religious School Calendar*

- Sunday, March 2 - Open House
- Wednesday, March 5
- Sunday, March 9
- Wednesday, March 12
- Sunday, March 16 Also Purim Spiel and Carnival
- Wednesday, March 19
- Sunday, March 23
- Wednesday, March 26

*Classes for two-year olds: 3/9, 3/23, 4/13, 4/27



Chase Kripke and Adam Davis bake cookies for the bake sale to benefit JFS with the help of teacher Paulette Sherline.



Torah Tots class gets ready for Purim with new Youth Co-Director Brynna Post.



Colin Thaler and Alice Hively working on letter pey.



Aiden, Andy and Louie and hard at work building their towers of Babel.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH

Minimum Contributions are \$10.

Please note: More generous contributions will be indicated in the following ways:

- * denotes B'nai Mitzvah - \$13.00
- ** denotes Chai - \$18.00
- *** denotes Silver - \$25.00
- **** denotes Double Chai - \$36
- A box denotes Gold - \$50.00
- A bold box denotes Platinum - \$100.00

IN APPRECIATION TO

Congregation B'nai Israel
The Leizerman Foundation *Cantor's Discretionary*

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Fagie Benstein *150th Anniversary*

IN HONOR OF BAR MITZVAH

Joey Golding
Gary & Nancy Beren *Kripke Israel Program*

IN HONOR OF NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Susan Richards
Sharon Rappaport & Stan Joehlin *Kiddush*

IN HONOR OF SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY

Marlene & Arnie Remer
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Nathan & Nancy Danziger** *Kiddush*
Jerry & Arlene Russell *Kiddush*
Susan Richards *Kiddush*

Bill & Carol Richman *Kiddush*

Bert & Debbie Spangenthal *Kiddush*
Jim & Arlene Rose *Kiddush*

Contribution Options

Shabbat Prayer Book	\$65.00
Etz Chayim Bible	\$100.00
Tree of Life Leaf	\$100.00
Tree of Life Stone	\$1000.00
Memorial Plaque	\$500.00
Kiddush Lunch	\$300.00

Contributions received by March 15 will appear in the April Bulletin.

- Gertie Levitin *Kiddush*
- Billy & Helene Sherman ** *Kiddush*
- S. Dwight Osterud & Judith Reitzel*** *Kiddush*
- Burton & Maxine Callif *Religious School*
- Lee & Gail Kwait *Religious School*
- Kathryn Linver *Yale Roberts Camp Ramah*
- Susan Hirsch* *Kiddush*
- Earl & Jackie Remer *Yale Roberts Camp Ramah*
- Bud & Barbara McGrew* *Kiddush*
- Merv & Marlene Russell *Kiddush*

IN HONOR OF SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

- Harley Kripke
Fran & Chuck Weinblatt *Kripke Israel Program*
Evelyn Auslander *Kripke Israel Program*
- Howard Rosenbaum
Debbie Katz & Jon Liebenthal *Steinberg SKIP Fund*

WISHING A SPEEDY RECOVERY

- Marilyn Reinstein
Jerry & Arlene Russell *Kiddush*
- Ronni Tischler
Arlene Brookenthal *Religious School*

IN MEMORIAM

- Anita Beckerman, Mother of Miriam Beckerman
Steven Federman** *150th Anniversary*
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Debbie Katz & Jon Liebenthal *Steinberg SKIP Fund*
Andy & Marci Klumb** *Tribute*
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Sandra Greenspoon***

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Mike & Yael Liber ** *Religious School*
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Mel & Margie Siegel ** *Kripke Israel Program*

Marcia Greenspoon Liber, Niece of Lil & Dave Perlman

Eleanor Golding *Kripke Israel Program*

Lois Eisner, Mother of Michael Podolsky

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Lee & Gail Kwait *Kripke Israel Program*
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David & Meira Zucker ** *Kiddush*

YAHREZEITS

Abraham Altman, Grandfather

Jerry & Arlene Russell * *Cantor's Discretionary*

Julius Boxenbaum, Husband

Helen Boxenbaum ** *Kiddush*

Florence & Sam Bransdorf

Bill & Helene Sherman ** *Kiddush*

Albert Burg

Shira Burg ** *Tribute*

Sarah Cohen

Allen & Rita Cohen ** *Kripke Israel Program*

Rebecca Fogel, Mother

Helen Boxenbaum ** *Kiddush*

Morris Gersz

Judith Gersz & Family *Camp Ramah*

Charlotte Goldhammer

Marty & Harriet Davis ** *Harry Gometz Memorial*

Helen Goldhammer

Marty & Harriet Davis ** *Harry Gometz Memorial*

Manuel Goldman, Father

Frieda Morgan *** *Religious School*

Beryl Harris

Sheldon Harris *Harris/Williams*

Ralph Harris

Sheldon Harris *Harris/Williams*

Lori Kremer Immergluck

Jeff & Lynn Kremer Family *Steinberg SKIP Fund*

Leo Lesky

Diana Lipszyc *** *Building*

Charles Liber

Mike & Yael Liber ** *Religious School*

Goody Liber

Steve & Cathy Liber *** *150th Anniversary*

Goody Liber

Sherrie Zaft *Cal & Art Katz Sanctuary*

Goody Liber

Mike & Yael Liber ** *Religious School*

Jeanie Liber

Mike & Yael Liber ** *Religious School*

Loved Ones

Marilyn Reinstein *Kiddush*

Norman Podolsky

Michael & Leslie Podolsky *150th Anniversary*

Sandra M. Remer

Marvin S. Remer & Family ** *Building*

Leland Rubenstein, Brother-in-law

Merv & Marlene Russell *Cantor's Discretionary*

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 Merv & Marlene Russell *Cantor's Discretionary*
 Dr. Harmon Rusgo
 Rich & Rene Rusgo-Zoe & Ben Yaffe *** *150th Anniversary*
 Dr. Harmon Rusgo
 Marjory J. Rusgo *** *Religious School*
 Freida Russell, Grandmother
 Jerry & Arlene Russell * *Cantor's Discretionary*
 Ida Salzman, Mother
 Bill & Eva Touran *Florence Kezur Library*
 Hazel Stahl, Mother
 Zella Stahl *** *Tribute*
 Manuel Tarschis
 Rick & Susie Baum & Family *** *Kiddush*
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 Wilfred Williams
 Leon & Ellie Williams *** *Harris/Williams*

Wilfred Williams, Father
 Ralph & Diane Williams *Harris/Williams*

A Note of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends and family who recognized and shared with us the joy of our Special Anniversary! We are very blessed to have you in our lives.

Sincerely,
 Marlene & Arnie Remer

Sign Up to Receive Email Contribution Acknowledgements

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IN HONOR OF

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 Gary & Ilene Damrauer *

IN APPRECIATION TO

Andy & Lynnette Sattler
 Belle Swartz

Sponsor a Kiddush Lunch

Many people have enjoyed the delicious Kiddush lunches following Shabbat services each week. In order to continue serving the wonderful weekly Kiddush lunches, we are asking you to help offset the costs through sponsorship. There are different ways to sponsor a Kiddush lunch:

- Donate to the Kiddush fund
- Sponsor partially
- Sponsor with others
- Sponsor for a simcha
- Sponsor just because ...

Thank you to all who have sponsored and donated already. We look forward to continuing this special time the congregation has created and supported after services together.

Cost to sponsor a simple Kiddush is \$300.00.

Please call the synagogue office, 419-517-8400 to help sponsor a kiddush.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TOLEDO

UPCOMING EVENTS



The Senior Adult Programs of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo are supported in part through your campaign dollars and through a generous grant from the Jewish Senior Services Supporting Organization. All events are part of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo and occasionally take place at the various synagogues. Please note registration deadlines for all programs! To register for a Jewish Federation Senior Program, please call 419-724-0354 or email registration@JewishToledo.org.

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Thursday, March 6
Toledo Lucas County Public Library – Nook/Kindle, iPad 1 p.m.
Leonard Lounge - Federation Campus 6465 Sylvania Avenue

FREE with YOUR Library Card
 Bring your Kindle, Nook, iPad or e-reader and learn how easy and simple it is to borrow library books, magazines, music and videos for FREE from the comfort of your computer.

Please bring your library card. The library will provide a step-by-step guide on how to borrow all media. Please bring along your own device and when registering please let us know which device you will be bringing. If you don't have an e-reader yet, come and learn how wonderful your public library can be!

Registration is requested by Thursday, February 27.

Thursday, March 20
Not By Bread Alone
Created and performed by Nalagaat Theater Deaf - Blind Acting Ensemble | Directed by Adina Tal
2:30 p.m.: Depart Toledo 7:30 p.m. curtain (70 minutes)

Ohio Theatre at Playhouse Square, Cleveland, OH
\$45 per person - includes transportation, theater ticket and dinner (limited tickets)

Direct from Israel, 11 deaf-blind actors take the audience on a magical tour of the districts of their inner world; the world of darkness, silence and bread. As the process of bread-making unfolds on stage - the dough is

being kneaded, raised and baked "for real" - a unique encounter occurs between actors and audience.

Registration and payment required by March 10.

Thursday, March 27
Peace, Love & Pottery: Passover Masterpiece 1 p.m.

Peace, Love & Pottery 6750 Sylvania Avenue (next to Classic Café) \$5 per person

Join us for afternoon of complete creativity. Make something special for your own Seder, a hostess gift or even start a new traditional piece to be used by family. Dress for a mini mess, have a nosh with us and enjoy a nice afternoon out!
Registration and payment required by Thursday, March 20.

Special Notice:

Please note that our trips are open to all seniors and reservations and payment are due at the time of the request to hold your space. We will accept reservations on a first-come basis since space is limited. A waitlist will be formed as needed. No confirmations will be mailed; your credit card charge or cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Please fill out an Emergency Contact Form if you will be traveling with us for the first time.

For questions about a program, please contact René Rusgo (419-724-0365; rene@JewishToledo.org) or Mary Lou Whittaker (419-531-2119; marylou@JewishToledo.org). Please note registration deadlines for all programs. To register for a program, please call 419-724-0354 or email registration@JewishToledo.org.

Florida Snowbird Lunch



Sunday, March 16, 2014
10:30 a.m.
Ballensles Country Club
100 Ballensles Circle
Palm Beach Gardens, FL
No covert

For reservations, please contact barb@JewishToledo.org or 419-724-0357 by February 28.

No solicitation



College scholarships available through Toledo Jewish Community Foundation for the 2014-2015 academic year

For more information about college scholarship opportunities, please contact Arleen R. Levine, Director, at arleen@JewishToledo.org or 419-724-0355.



The Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo is proud to present some of the 92nd Street Y's highly regarded lecture series, made available via live simulcast to Jewish institutions all over the world.

This program, open to the entire Jewish community, is a cooperative effort of Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, JFGT Department of Jewish Programs and Temple Shomer Emunim.

Monday, March 24
Simon Schama
The Story of the Jews
8:15 p.m.

(reception at 7:15 p.m.)
Temple Shomer Emunim
 Schama's *The Story of the Jews: Finding the Words 1000 BC-1492 AD*

(a new book and television series, soon to air on PBS) takes us all over India, Spain, Oxford, Syria, Paris, Cairo and beyond to show how Jews everywhere lived not as a people apart, but as a vital force in any society they joined, inspiring and being inspired by everything around them.

Please register to 419-724-0354 or registration@JewishToledo.org. Babysitting is available, by request, for all 92nd St Y™ programs.

92|Y events are generously supported by Ruth and Ralph Delman.

The Kindness of Truth

(This article was edited from the original written by Rabbi J. Bienenfeld of Congregation Etz Chayim)

The world rests upon three things: Torah, worship, and bestowing kindness (Avot 1:2). The importance of chesed—acts of kindness—in Judaism is axiomatic, as it develops a caring and successful society, in the image of G-d.

Yet while chesed remains the hallmark of the Jewish community, the most important form of chesed often goes unnoticed, even unfulfilled, that of caring for the departed with the greatest dignity, in accordance with Jewish law and tradition. It is upon this form of kindness that the Sages placed the honorific, “Chesed shel Emet,” or “Kindness of Truth,” since the act of caring for another after death is done without any ulterior motive - there is no way for the individual to ever repay the favor.

The task of “Kindness of Truth” is carried out by a “Chevra Kadisha,” or “Sacred Society” who care for the departed in a manner prescribed by Jewish law and tradition, known as “tahara,” or “purification.” While the Toledo Jewish community boasts a long tradition of the Chevra Kadisha, we are greatly in need of new volunteers, and of providing members with continuing education.

On Sunday, March 30, we will welcome Rabbi Elchanan Zohn, a world-renowned expert in this field, to Toledo. Rabbi Zohn travels around the world to develop greater awareness in this most important area. The program will feature a three-hour workshop on the tahara process and address questions of members and non-members of the Chevra Kadisha. In gratitude to those who currently serve, a dinner for members will be held in the evening at Etz Chayim, with Rabbi Zohn the keynote speaker.

The entire program is being generously underwritten by Inge Horowitz, through the Dr. Philip and Inge Horowitz Fund of the Toledo Jewish Foundation, in memory of her beloved Phil. It is fitting that this should honor Phi’s memory, since to him the study and practice of medicine was not merely a technical and academic pursuit, rather a sanctified calling to touch the physical being who was blessed to be in the spiritual image of the Creator. And when medicine was no longer of avail, he believed the physical remains deserved the same reverence and respect given in life.

It is our hope that this program will generate new interest in this most important area of Jewish life, and begin to acknowledge the efforts of our dedicated Chevra Kadisha. May we go, as a community, from strength to strength.

Program on Sunday, March 30, 2014

Workshop: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., Sekach Building, Federation Campus. All welcome.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m., Congregation Etz Chayim honoring current Chevra Kaddisha members.



