

Congregation B'nai Israel



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A congregation affiliated with the
United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

149 years of consecrated service to God, Torah and Israel

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photo courtesy of Lannie Katzman

Many of you will remember the beautiful tapestry that hung in the Goldberg Sanctuary of our old building on Kenwood Blvd. It was a gift from Jack and Helen Burke and Family. This stunning piece of art has been in storage since our move but was recently hung in the Dr. Phillip and Inge Horowitz Corridor. If you have not already seen it, we invite you to stop by. It will take your breath away!

Schedule of Services

Monday – Thursday

7:00 a.m.
5:45 p.m.

Friday

7:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m.

Sunday

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

TIME TO GET
YOUR SPIEL ON!
PURIM

See page 3 for details



HAZZANIC LEADERSHIP

Shabbat January 23rd was a particularly auspicious shabbat – known as ‘**Shabbat Shira – The Sabbath Of Song**.’ The name is derived from *Shirat Hayam – The Song Of The Sea*, Exodus 15, which Moses and the Children of Israel sang when they were saved from the Egyptians after crossing safely through the

Red Sea. We read the Torah portion B’shalach which ushered in a period in our calendar known as ‘**Jewish Music Season**.’ In continuation of this theme, this article is related to synagogue music.

In the past 2 years that I have been honored to be called upon by our congregation to fulfill the dual role of hazzan/acting rabbi, I have often been asked questions like - how does it feel? What are the challenges? How do you juggle all the additional responsibilities? Can you perform the duties of a rabbi?

While cantors are usually associated with the music of the synagogue, I wonder how many are aware of the critical solo role Hazzanim have played in the development of the early American synagogue? The following history will show that my current role as sole clergy of B’nai Israel except for occasional rabbinical assistance, is not as unusual as some might think:-

For **186 years** after the arrival of the first Jews in the United States (around 1654), there was not a single ordained pulpit rabbi. Hazzanim became solo leaders of the emergent Jewish communities, filling the void that was left as a result of the reluctance of rabbis to leave old established communities to come to the new world. In doing so, they were called upon to perform religious functions usually associated with the rabbi, and became, out of necessity, and frequently with great distinction and longevity, what is known in Hebrew as a “kol bo – one who does everything.”

Great Hazzanim of early American Jewish history included Isaac Da Costa of Charleston, SC; Isaac Touro of Newport, RI, who was appointed at the age of 20 in 1759; Gershom Seixes who served the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue of NY from 1766 – 1816; Jacques Lyons who served the same synagogue from 1839 – 1877; and Isaac Leiser of Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia who served from 1829 – 1868. These and others contributed immensely to the survival, vitality and growth of early American Judaism.

Hazzan Seixes , for example, was invited to attend Washington’s inauguration as President and served as trustee of the

Humane Society and Columbia College. He was a prominent Zionist and outstanding ambassador to the non-Jewish community. Hazzan Lyons, although a brilliant cantor, also branched out into many other areas. He was a founder of Mt. Sinai Hospital and many other prominent institutions. Leiser’s 39 years in Philadelphia saw many innovations in which he was instrumental, such as his preaching in English, the establishment of Hebrew and day schools, the Jewish Publication Society, translations of the Bible and prayer books to English, a national monthly Jewish magazine – The Occident, a Jewish orphanage, promoting Zionism, the first union of Jewish congregations, and the Maimonides Theological Seminary.

Since many communities were small or poor and unable to maintain both a professional rabbi and a cantor, some preferred cantors, citing Jewish law which stated that communities unable to afford both, should rather engage a cantor to ensure the community’s ability to worship. They could always turn to other rabbis (not from their own congregations) when needed.

New York City, in 178 years from 1682 – 1860, had six rabbis but 52 cantors in its 27 synagogues. After the Civil War, a steady stream of talented star cantors arrived in the USA and were the forerunners of what became known as the “Golden Age of the Cantorate”, setting off feverish competition amongst congregations who made huge investments to appoint famous cantors, and charged admission to hear them lead services.

For example, Newark, NJ, where my father-in-law, Jerry Lacker, and my wife Jan were born, had one of the largest and most prominent American Jewish communities till the 1950s. One of its claims to fame was that their famous Cantor Berele Chagy who served Newark’s Adas Israel till 1932, was at the time, the highest paid cantor in the world.

So in response to questions I often get about what it’s like to function as both rabbi and hazzan, my answer could well be, “it’s not that unusual!”

I continue to be honored to be charged by you with this dual role, and I humbly pray that I continue to rise to the occasion as B’nai Israel prepares feverishly for our rapidly approaching milestone 150th year of celebration beginning this September. However, I could not do it without the amazing, talented volunteers who step up regularly to assist me as needed, joined by Rabbis Alan Sokobin and Jason Miller whose presence is critical to our smooth functioning.

Hazzan Ivor Lichterman

Message from the President



The temptation to stay inside of our homes this time of year can be overwhelmingly tempting. Even our community calendar of programming is purposely less robust than at other times of the year due to the possibility of bad weather.

However each week at Congregation B'nai Israel there are stimulating programs that you should consider.

Our minyan prays daily together at a short service and enjoys fellowship afterward at Panera each weekday morning. Weekly, join Cantor Lichterman for Wednesday afternoon SOAP, where members and non-members discuss current world topics. Saturday morning services are all about Shabbat with participation by our congregants and lay religious leaders. Our Shabbat services are always followed by a lively and tasty Kiddush prepared by our talented congregant Miriam Beckerman.

Many Sundays, speakers for our adult education programs discuss topics ranging from the origins of Judaism, the use of Hebrew melodies in modern music, Jewish medical ethics vs universal medical ethics and art acquisition in a post Holocaust world. Our video series explores historic and cultural issues with Jewish flavor. Of course our regular Jewish holiday observances almost always have some relationship to food. Next up on holiday celebrations is our

wonderful Purim Shpiel on March 23. Sadly and strangely, there are no significant Jewish holidays in February.

United Synagogue Youth (USY) recently hosted a pancake breakfast fundraiser. USY has many exciting events during the year, not to mention the fun conventions in which our USY and Kadima youth regularly attend.

Wednesdays and Sundays, our David S. Stone Religious School students meet for study and fun provided by our wonderful teachers along with Cantor Lichterman. Our school needs adult volunteers to provide some of our students with 'one on one' assistance on their studies. A knowledge of Hebrew is helpful but not always essential. The confirmation class is still participating in "Hire a Mensch" to raise money for their upcoming trip to Israel. Our principal Kim Brody would love to hear from you.

In September, 2016, CBI will begin its 150th anniversary celebration with 12 months of exciting programs developed by a large team of congregants planning events, congregant and clergy reunions, music, dancing and food. If you would like to participate in the planning and learn about what is happening, contact our CBI office at 419-517-8400.

There is something for everyone here at CBI. Want to try something new this year? Think about helping on a committee or attending some of our enjoyable programs or religious services.

Jeff Bauer

Time To Get Your Spiel ON!

The Purim Spiel is Wednesday, March 23!

Be part of a crazy evening of hamantaschen and other carbohydrates! This year, our original spiel features the music of "West Side Story" matched to a hysterical retelling of the Megillah with references to current events. We aren't going to tell you the title yet - we will reveal it later - but we promise you that the crazy minds of 3Z Productions have concocted a family friendly story with passion, intrigue, and just a touch of good natured naughtiness.

There are roles for everyone! No talent required, just enthusiasm, energy, and a willingness to be silly!

Email meira@accesstoledo.com:

Wondering about the story? Here's a hint



Welcome New Members



Jerry Lacker

Jerry Lacker recently moved to Toledo from Tucson, Arizona to be near his daughter, Jan Lacker-Lichterman and son-in-law, Cantor Lichterman. He has been active in his Jewish communities his entire life.

Jerry's father passed away when Jerry was 21 and Jerry took over his business. At that point

it was a retail fruit and vegetable business in New Jersey. He later closed the retail business and developed a wholesale produce business which he sold several years later to a company on the N.Y. stock exchange. Following his early retirement, he became involved in a variety of other pursuits and founded Meals on Wheels in New Jersey.

Jerry is the proud grandfather of five grandchildren and great-grandfather of three great-grandsons.



Jared Schprechman

Jared is currently working at UTMC and Toledo Hospital for his clinical rotations as a 3rd year medical student at the University of Toledo College of Medicine. He has always had a tremendous passion for Judaism and was very involved with his local synagogue in Akron, Ohio, where he

grew up. In his spare time, he tries to stay as physically active as possible and plays competitive basketball throughout the year. He looks forward to being very involved with the B'nai Israel community.



Phyllis Shoked

Phyllis was born and raised in Miami, Florida, where she taught fourth and fifth grades her whole career. When she retired, she and her husband, Bernard, built a home in Temperance, MI. Two years ago Phyllis moved permanently to Michigan. She is a painter and has exhibited in many fine art shows in Miami

and recently joined the Bedford Artists' Club. She loves to garden and is enchanted with the beautiful bulbs and different plants that can't be grown in Miami. Frequenting the glass museum and The Toledo Museum of Art are favorite pastimes. She loves the fine arts, particularly operas, symphonies, and art. She has a funny sense of humor and is empathetic and kind.



The Harter Family

The Harter family, Ava and Andrew and their kids Elijah and Josie are happy to move back to the Great Lakes area after a brief two-year stint in North Dallas.

Ava is honored to serve as the Chief Legal Officer at Owens-Corning. Andrew is a teacher and has taught college psychology,

high school biology, and middle school Jewish history and the Holocaust.

Elijah will be starting at the University of Chicago in the fall of 2016 where he will be majoring in molecular biology and genetic engineering. His many interests include Mandarin Chinese, painting and (ridiculously difficult) board games.

Josie is currently a sophomore at Ottawa Hills High School and has the honor of being selected January Student of the Month. In addition, Josie is passionate about volleyball and had the opportunity to play on the OHHS varsity team as well as currently playing for the Toledo Volleyball Club national team.

They are delighted to be a part of the Jewish community of Toledo.



The Shaulskiy Family

Vladi, a Toledo native, and Stephanie, who relocated to Toledo from Columbus, Ohio, settled in Toledo two years ago. Their son, Nathan, just celebrated his first birthday in December. Vladi works in the automotive industry and Stephanie works in higher education. They enjoy staying active and current-

ly spend most of their time running around after Nathan and their three year old Australian Shepherd, Sedona.



Tobi Kipling and Steve Feldman

Tobi is an engineer at General Motors. She transferred to Toledo for her job, five years ago. Steve is a Salesman for ADT security, and an Alum of The Ohio State University. He came to Toledo after meeting Tobi on J-Date three years ago. They are now joined by their 21 month old daughter Shoshana.

When they are not chasing her around the house, they are often attending basketball games, swim meets, and school plays, for Steve's other children, Antoinette, Zoltan, and Hannah.

Israel Taking Leadership Role Facing the Threats of Climate Change

This is the text of a talk given by Michael Tamor at Shabbat services after his return from a trip to Israel.

Good Morning. When the Hazzan asked me to talk about my visit to Israel last November, it was difficult to figure out why anybody here would be interested in a simple business trip. With a little time to think back on why I was there, what I saw and who I talked to, and the general state of the world, I began to think there might actually be an interesting story here. What I would like to do is tell you a little bit about why I was there and what I observed, and then get a bit philosophical tying these to Israel's place in the world.

For those of you who don't know me, I am in charge of research in energy systems and sustainability at Ford Motor Company. My trip had three purposes: 1) to give a keynote speech at the Fuel Choices Summit, an international conference on the future of renewable fuel for transportation, which is my area of research – I'll come back to this later, 2) to do what is called "tech scouting" of new companies and university research projects, and 3) to interview a candidate for the head of the research lab Ford is building in Israel. I was mainly in Tel Aviv and Haifa, with one day of tourism in Acco and Caeseria.

The last time I was in Israel was June of 1977. This was the middle of a rather depressed period between the Yom Kippur war and the peace treaty with Egypt. There was a bit of a third-world feel with abandoned construction projects everywhere. The transformation is amazing. The areas I visited were like San Diego or Palo Alto ... with Hebrew. Tall buildings under construction everywhere, new light rail systems, good roads, shopping malls, restaurants and a human energy that you don't see in many places. This prosperity is in large part due to a very rare thing: successful government policies. In reaction to 1970s economic doldrums and inflation, economic reforms of 1984 freed up capital markets and allowed much more private investing in Israel. At the same time a flood of highly educated Russians poured in, creating an explosion of entrepreneurial activity. Israel – the 'Start-Up Nation' in the recent book of the same name - now has the most non-US companies on the NASDAQ exchange for small-company stock and the highest per capita venture capital investment in the world. Technology companies all over the world have set up centers in Israel, and exports of software, cybersecurity technology, pharmaceuticals and medical devices are booming.

Here is where I get philosophical. Despite its spectacular economic success, it seems Israel still faces the same historical challenges it always has. What have people fought

over ever since the dawn of history? The Greeks had the list right, but in the wrong order: water, earth, fire and, most recently, air. Water for hunter-gatherers. Earth, meaning land for agriculture. Then lots more land for draft animals – the energy that multiplied the power of human ingenuity until only two centuries ago. Fire - the coal, oil and gas that replaced animals to power the modern age.

Israel is woefully short on all of these and surrounded by very unhelpful neighbors. But instead of surrendering to poverty and dependency, Israel has met each of these challenges in turn with ingenuity and world-leading technology. Israel leads the world in industrial scale desalination of sea-water. Drip agriculture technology developed in Israel is used all over the world. In fact, my host told me about his trip to Peru where he inquired as to why Israeli flags decorated the mountainsides, to find out that each one advertised a farm using Israeli technology. As for energy, Israel now has a good size off-shore gas field, but it is very difficult to store natural gas and it is awkward to use in vehicles. Furthermore, for energy security, it must be converted to a liquid for safe underground storage. The technology for converting one form of energy in another was a major theme of the Fuel Choices conference.

So where am I going with this, you ask. To put it in biblical terms, the fight over the last element, air, may have begun. The coal and oil that nature accumulated underground for millions of years is being released in decades. This rush of carbon dioxide is changing Earth's atmosphere enough to actually alter the climate. These changes may be hard to predict, but are almost certainly going to be unpleasant. But once you are in the business of converting one form of energy into another, you can stop thinking about coal, oil and gas, and start thinking about the wind and the sun. Of those Israel has plenty.

Once again, with all its intellectual capacity, its new entrepreneurial spirit, and driven by its own strategic needs, Israel finds itself ideally positioned to take a leading role in facing the threats of climate change. This leadership opportunity was the theme of my presentation at the Summit.

To - hopefully - tie all my threads together, the geography and politics of Israel force it to be a leader - if not *the* leader - in addressing the fundamental challenges that affect everyone - water, food, energy and the greatest challenge of all, climate change. In short, this is Tikkun Olam on a global scale - what can save Israel, may save the entire world. Maybe my trip wasn't so amazing, but I hope you find this prospect as amazing as I do.

Shabbat Shalom.

Congregational News

Mazel Tov

Allen and Hindea Markowicz on the marriage of their son Daniel to Yael Sverdlik

Proud grandparents are Phil Markowicz and Jo Jo Fruchtman and Ruth Markowicz z”l.

Sanford and Sharon Stein on the birth of their grandson Judah Aryeh Stein.

Proud parents are Rabbi Daniel and Dena Stein.

Bert and Debbie Spangenthal on the birth of their granddaughter Maya.

Proud parents are Jason and Amy Spangenthal.

Sue Richards on the birth of her granddaughter Olive.

Proud parents are Dina and Brett Daniels.

Dr. Blair Grubb

is the recipient of the 2015 College of Medicine and Life Sciences Dean’s Award for Career Achievement, at the University of Toledo.

Todah Rabah

Stu Goldberg

For his generous gift to the membership committee.

Shabbat Kiddush

B’nai Israel is proud to offer a beautiful kiddush lunch each Shabbat. The opportunity for our members to enjoy each other’s company and kibbutz is priceless.

However there is a cost for the luncheon. Contributions to the Hiddur fund help offset this cost. Several of our congregants have made generous anonymous donations to assist with the purchase of the food. We would like to encourage

our members to consider sponsoring a kiddush or being a partial sponsor of our luncheons. Perhaps you and a friend or group can share the cost of a basic kiddush of \$300.



Special Birthdays

February

- 9 Selma Master
- 18 Robert Ravin
- 17 Tracy Schusterman
- 23 Sheldon Kerper
- 26 Steve Sperling
- 27 Ellie Niejadlik

Special Anniversary

February

- 11 Leeta and Harry Nistel 65 yrs.

Condolences to

Doris Davis and her family on the passing of her son, Barry Davis. May they find comfort amongst those who mourn in Zion.

Would you like to learn conversational or Biblical Hebrew?

Are you going to Israel and would like to converse with the Sabras? Or would you like to understand more of the Torah and take an introduction to Biblical Hebrew? All of this is at your fingertips through the Mango program of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library. Relax with your Ipad, laptop or desktop and learn Hebrew. Follow these easy instructions.

Go to the Toledo Lucas County Public Library website, www.toledolibrary.org

In the blue row which goes across the screen click on “Research”

On left, click on “Research Tools”

Scroll down and click on “Mango”

Sign in with your library card number and PIN

Log in with your e-mail address and choose a password

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Click on “View all languages”

Click on “All Languages”

Click on “Hebrew” or “Biblical Hebrew”

Click on “Get started”

Enjoy your Hebrew adventure.

February Yahrzheits



1	22 Shevat	Celia Polson, Abraham Shall, Miriam Leeper-Kende, Benjamin Braveman, Alexander Kramer
2	23 Shevat	Max Sack, Betty Katz, Harry Levison, Mendel Tochtermann, Evelyn Schall, Ernest Damrauer
3	24 Shevat	Mary Rubin, Rose Levison, Martin Alexander, Alex Fishbein, Pauline Vetensky, Phil Hening, Anna Cohen
4	25 Shevat	Maxwell Lampert, Alex Waldman, Harry Malkin, Celia Marcus, Simon Karp, Julia Brookenthal, Sarah Neiberg
5	26 Shevat	Harry Rosenblatt, Isadore Fingerhut, Abraham Smith, Harry Chabler, Robert Schuller, Sylvia Brauer
6	27 Shevat	Libba Friedman, Deena Kaufman, Marjorie Jacobs, David Goldberg, Beatrice Kaplan
7	28 Shevat	Meyer Shall, Sander Simon
8	29 Shevat	Rose Drube, Fannie Kahn, Lilly Levinson, Richard Friedman
9	30 Shevat	Henry Schwartz, Jerald Gale, Jeremy Connor
10	1 Adar	Arthur Edelstein, Freda Hallem
11	2 Adar	Abe Levine, Lillian Save
12	3 Adar	Lillian Sitzman Vogel, Janette Rabinowitz, Esther Schwartz, Charlotte Goldhammer, Fannie Ravin
13	4 Adar	Irving Kart, Milton Waldman, William Rothman, Abraham Altman, Lisa Feilhardt
14	5 Adar	Leonard Thal, Wolf Nistel, Leah Saks
15	6 Adar	Mollie Kahn, Erma Zerner, Edward Minsky
16	7 Adar	David Frankel, Nathan Weinstein
17	8 Adar	Anna Fink Shoffer, Bernice Goldstein, Irene Rosenberg, Jacob Lieberman
18	9 Adar	Bernard Baker
19	10 Adar	Joseph Krawetz, Rose Klein, Abraham Mindel, Manuel Goldman, Sylvia Applebaum, Wilfred Williams
20	11 Adar	Gladys Becker, Helen Goldhammer, Silka Engel, Jacob Torchin
21	12 Adar	Frances Swolsky, Susana Bernstein
22	13 Adar	Hyman Davis, Minnie Bateman, Louis Friedman, Marcia Liber, Lois Eisner, Irma Rothschild, Irene Steinberg
23	14 Adar	Nachoma Lichtenstein, Masha Weissfeld, Betty Fine, Gertie Pinsky, Faye Edelstein, Sandra Remer, Jeanette Rosen, Samuel Gallis
24	15 Adar	
25	16 Adar	James Fox, Irving Scheinbach, Mildred Friedman, Sam Litwin, William Palman, Max Rabinowitz, Freida Russell
26	17 Adar	Anna Schuller, Ida Salzman, Hyman Wallick
27	18 Adar	Morris Gersz
28	19 Adar	Erwin Hoffman, Ralph Harris, Rabbi Morris Adler, Lillian Petler, Theodore Resnick
29	20 Adar	Usher Markowicz, Max Hersh, Oscar Soldinger, Jean Liber

A new complete and accurate listing of all memorial plaques is on the table outside of the sanctuary.
Additional plaques can be ordered by calling the office. The cost of a plaque is \$500.

Welcome Leslie!

We are pleased to announce that Leslie Podolsky will be joining our office staff. Leslie's primary responsibilities will involve publication of our monthly bulletin and announcements. She will also provide some much needed assistance in the office. Welcome Leslie! Contact Leslie at lpodolsky@cbitoledo.org

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE 2016 PASSOVER PAPER PRODUCTS AND PERSONAL NEEDS DRIVE

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| Deodorant | Baby wipes |
| Shampoo | Diapers and pull ups |
| Bar soap | Toothpaste |
| Liquid hand soap | Facial tissue |
| Dish soap (<u>not</u> dishwasher soap) | Toilet paper |
| Laundry detergent | Paper towels |
| Baby wash/shampoo | Napkins |

Social Action Committee

During the past holiday season the Congregation B'nai Israel Social Action Committee made arrangements with St. Paul's Community Center, Kingston Nursing Home, Toledo Area Humane Society, Sunset House, and The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio to provide volunteers so their employees could spend the holidays with their own families. Our volunteers helped make the "World A Better Place" by doing an act of tikkun olam "The Healing Of Our World".

Many thanks to our volunteers.

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| Mark Brunswick | Ellie Richards |
| Leah Connor | Mark Richards |
| Phyllis Diamond | Sam Richards |
| Ellen Federman | Sue Richards |
| Sue Ann Hochberg | Ann Rosenberg |
| Jerry Lacker | Howard Rosenberg |
| Barbara Levison | Bonnie Ross |
| Baylee Mallin | Judy Scheinbach |
| Danni Mallin | Joel Scheinbach |
| Gabi Mallin | Aaron Schusterman |
| Michael Mallin | Alex Schusterman |
| Diane Perlman | Brad Schusterman |
| Jim Perlman | Tracy Schusterman |
| Lil Perlman | Kim Stroll |
| Bruce Post | Hannah Stroll |
| Brynna Post | Michael Tamor |
| Sheila Post | Helen Tamor |
| Marlene Remer | Fran Weinblatt |
| Andrea Richards | Caren Zaft |



February 21, 2016

2:30 p.m. (doors open at 2p.m.)

DEFIANCE



Defiance is about three brothers in Eastern Europe who flee to a forest to escape the Nazi slaughter of Jews. Seeking a way to avenge the deaths of their loved ones, the brothers turn their daily struggle for survival into a battle against the Nazis. As news of their exploits spreads, others join the fray, willing to risk their lives for even brief freedom.

Adult Education

10:30 a.m. B'nai Israel Library
Join us for two special programs

Sunday, February 7th
"The Portuguese Inquisition"
Buz Romanoff

Sunday, March 13th
"From Conversion to the Final Solution:
The Development of Antisemitism in Europe"
David Weinberg

Youth & Education News

David S. Stone Religious School

We want to thank our congregants for continued support for our students to help out with various mensch projects to support their upcoming trip to Israel in June. "Hire a Mensch" fundraiser is still going strong. This is a great way for our congregants to get to know these amazing students. It's a win win for all! Please contact Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org or Stephanie Mahoney at stephaniekaplan@hotmail.com to hire a mensch for any project around the house, including shoveling snow. Our students are learning about current events in Israel to prepare for their upcoming trip, chaperoned by Cantor Lichterman, Matt Kripke, and Alison Sherman.

Megan Miller and Nick Thanasiu are looking forward to spending time with our parent/toddler class on February 7 and February 21 for a fun filled morning of song, friends and interactive Jewish learning.

We have a very special program on February 28, led by Rabbi Michael Ungar. We are very much looking forward to an interactive morning with all community Religious School students for our annual Jewish Disability Awareness Program.

February Religious School Calendar

3	Wednesday	Religious School
7	Sunday	Religious School Parent and Tot Class
10	Wednesday	Religious School
14	Sunday	No Religious School President's Weekend
17	Wednesday	Religious School
21	Sunday	Religious School Parent and Tot Class
24	Wednesday	Religious School
28	Sunday	Religious School Jewish Disability Awareness Program



USY Cake Boss

Youth Department Report

BITUSY

The B'nai Israel USY (BITUSY) chapter has continued to have a strong presence at all the CRUSY regional events. In November, five members hopped on a bus and headed to Pittsburgh for Fall Kinnus. In December, our Chapter President, Miranda Hupp, jumped on a plane to Baltimore to attend the USY International Convention. In January, three Kadima kids along with Dahlia Zack, Regional Board Member, and Miranda, hooked up with the Detroit MCUSY clan and headed to Dayton on a Greyhound bus. Having representation at regional events is important to keep our chapter involved and committed to USY not only locally but nationally.

Attending conventions comes with a cost. Therefore, in an effort to raise funds, in January, BITUSY had our first annual pancake breakfast! Thank you all for making this event a success! The next convention is Specialty Kinnus/8th grade Kinnus which will be in Detroit late in February. The final convention is the CRUSY regional convention held at Camp Wise! This is the convention when the incoming 9th graders are invited to end their Kadima years and become active in USY!

We are also busy locally at B'nai Israel. Check out our pictures on Facebook to see what is happening. Our chapter is strong and growing.

February BITUSY Calendar

- 14 Scavenger Hunt
- 24 Battle of the Sexes
- 25-28 USY Specialty Kinnus in Detroit

Hire A Mensch

B'nai Israel Confirmation Class Fundraiser for 2016 Israel Trip

Do you need yard work done, snow shoveled, a garage cleaned, computer help or small projects done around the house?

Hire a Mensch to help you out!

Donations will be put toward the Mensch's trip to Israel.

Contact Kim Brody 419-517-8400 or kbrody@cbitoledo.org or Stephanie Mahoney stephaniekaplan@hotmail.com to set up a date and time.



Join Sisterhood 2.0 to launch the much anticipated Mah-Jong group!

**Thursday, February 4th
7-9 pm at CBI**

We need women who know how to play and teach Mah-Jong to those that don't know the game as well, those who have never played before, and everyone in between.

This event is open to ANYONE!

Please RSVP to Mindy Slutsky at minlan1209@hotmail.com

If you have a Mah-Jong set, please bring it!



Please Join Us!

**Sisterhood and
Sisterhood 2.0**

**SHABBAT SERVICE
AND KIDDUSH
LUNCH**

MARCH 19, 2016

We'd love to have YOU
participate!

Please contact Diane Perlman 419-297-7945
or Judy Scheinbach 419-345-0285

Conversion Celebration

February 6, 2016

Becoming a Jew by choice is a very serious and difficult decision made by an individual. After several years of study with Cantor Lichterman three adults completed the course of study. On December 23, 2015 after a traditional immersion at the mikvah, a very meaningful and emotional ceremony, attended by family and friends, was held at B'nai Israel.

The honorees will be called to the bimah as a group for their first aliyah on February 6, 2016. All are excited about this first experience. We look forward to sharing this happy occasion with our newest members of the Jewish Community.

Celebrating the first time they can be called to the bimah and counted as part of a minyan are Trisha Butera, Mark Richards, and Michelle Smith. Two children, Hunter Smith and Samuel Smith were also part of the conversion ceremony.

We welcome you warmly into our B'nai Israel family.

Snowbirds!



Please let us know your winter address and how long you will be gone.

Do we have your email address?

Call the office at 419-517-8400 or email ctraugott@cbitoledo.org or rmiller@cbitoledo.org



Roanne,
Phyllis and
Cindy in the
gift shop

Contributions through January 15, 2016



Minimum Contributions are \$10.00

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

* denotes B'nai Mitzvah	\$13.00	Shabbat Prayer Book	\$65.00
** denotes Chai	\$18.00	Etz Hayim Bible	\$100.00
*** denotes Silver	\$25.00	Tree of Life Leaf	\$100.00
**** denotes double Chai	\$36.00	Tree of Life Stone	\$1,000.00
A box denotes Gold	\$50.00	Memorial Plaque	\$500.00
A double box denotes Platinum	\$100.00		
A bold box denotes Diamond	\$100.00+		

Remember CBI in your estate planning

150TH ANNIVERSARY

In Honor Of

Special Anniversary

Carol and Bill Richman
Mindy and Ruslan Slutsky
Ruth and Jerry Gold
Fagie and Eli Benstein
Joan and Larry Kripke
Fagie and Eli Benstein**
Ruth and Jerry Gold
Sanford and Sharon Stein

Special Birthday

Joan Kripke
Fagie and Eli Benstein**
Howard Rosenbaum
Arlene and Jerry Russell

Birth of Granddaughter

Susan Richards
Fran and Chuck Weinblatt
Sharon and Sanford Stein*

Birth of Grandson,

Sharon and Sanford Stein
Fran and Chuck Weinblatt
Cathy and Steve Sperling
Fagie and Eli Benstein**
Carol and Bill Richman
Susan Richards

Birth of our Son, Benjamin
Robyn Sperling and Zach Corrigan

New Home, Diane and Jim Perlman
Marilyn Reinstein

In Appreciation

Fagie and Eli Benstein
Sanford and Sharon Stein

In Memory

Stephen Labbie
Fagie and Eli Benstein
Milt Kimmelman
Vera Heilbrun
Cathy and Steve Sperling
Barry Davis
Marlene and Arnie Remer
Marlene and Merv Russell
Karen Lieberman and Steven Kupper

Yahrzeits

Morton Zaft, Beloved Husband
Sherrie Zaft
Ida Stein
Sanford and Sharon Stein**
Bess Sperling
Cathy and Steve Sperling**
Sadie Russell
Abraham Russell
Merv and Marlene Russell*
Elaine Millman
Robert Damrauer
Peggy and Marvin Damrauer**

Harold Friedman, Beloved Father,
Grandfather and Great Grandfather
Roslyn Berg and Family

Ann Waldman
Roanne and Lannie Katzman*
Morris Baker
Irene Baker****
Shirley Sattler
Andrew Sattler**
Bernard Baker
Irene Baker****
Jean Liber
Cathy and Steve Sperling***

BUILDING FUND

Yahrzeits

Susana Bernstein
Jonathan and Jeanette Bernstein**
Lillian Petler
Ellen and Gary Petler**

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Appreciation

Cantor Lichterman
Nina Ridgley**

Speedy Recovery

Eli Eisenberg
Bonnie Ross

In Memory of

Albert Levison
Bonnie Ross
Barry Davis
Shirley Tochtermann
Fannie Gudelman

Yahrzeits

Sylvia Weisman
Ben Weisman
Ira Weisman*

Lois Steinberg
The Daniel N. Steinberg Family

Abraham Altman, Beloved Grandfather
Frieda Russell, Beloved Grandmother
Merv and Marlene Russell*

HARRIS WILLIAMS FUND

Yahrzeits

Leona Harris
Alfred Harris
Adrienne and Harold Harris***

Leona Harris
Alfred Harris
Sheldon Harris

Wilford Williams
Paula and Ron Creed****
David and Debbie Perlmutter

HARRY GOMETZ FUND

In Memory Of

Albert Levison
Marty and Harriet Davis

Yahrzeits

Frances Gometz
Anne Davis
Greg, Hope, Jeremy, Adam and Andy Davis
Helen Goldhammer
Charlotte Goldhammer
Harriet and Marty Davis**

HELEN FINK BURKE

In Honor Of

Special Birthday

Clara Rona
Inge Horowitz**

HIDDUR FUND

In Honor Of

Special Anniversary

Joel and Linda Beren
Phyllis Diamond

Special Birthday

Howard Rosenbaum
Carol and Bill Richman

Birth of Grandson

Sharon and Sanford Stein
Sandy and Chuck Traugott

Birth of Granddaughter

Sue Richards
Sandy and Chuck Traugott
Carol and Bill Richman

Speedy Recovery

Jerry Russell
Bonnie Ross

In Memory of

Albert Levison
Shirley Gerber

Yahrzeits

Arthur Mintz
Alan Mintz and Cindy Palmer**
Alex Zimblor
Shirley Gerber
David Greenbaum
Ann and Howard Rosenberg***
Isabel Korman, Beloved Mother
Dr. Samuel Korman
Marlene and Arnie Remer*
Gertrude Goldman
Harry Goldman
Gordon Goldman***
Aron Kaplan, brother
Florence Schwartz, Mother and Grandmother
Reuben Kaplan
Sharon and Chuck Schwartz & family*
Sara Volkin
Sue Wilson**
Bert Kaplan
Ida Salzman
Esther Schulak
Lil and Dave Perlman

KATZ SANCTUARY

Yahrzeit

Sander Simon, Beloved Father
Bernice Katz
Deena Kaufman, Beloved Mother and
Grandmother
Susan, Steve, Eli and Max Kaufman***

KEZUR LIBRARY

Yahrzeits

Kirsten Alexander
Kenneth, Kimberly and Kevin Alexander**

KRIPKE FUND

In Honor Of

Special Anniversary

Joan and Larry Kripke
Rita and Al Cohen

Joan and Larry Kripke
Debbi and Ed Meckler

Joan and Larry Kripke
Gail and Lee Kwait**
Fran and Chuck Weinblatt
Ann and Jerry Levison**
Alix and Dick Greenblatt*
Nora Romanoff and Eli Abramson**

Joan and Larry Kripke
Nan and Ira Theodore

Joan and Larry Kripke
Sharon and Bobby Kripke

Special Birthday

Joan Kripke
Sharon and Bobby Kripke

Joan Kripke
Nan and Ira Theodore

In Memory Of

Heather Cheloff
Albert Levison
Joanie and Larry Kripke

Yahrzeits

Sherwin Kripke
Joanie and Larry Kripke***
Zelda Lasky
Rita and Allen Cohen**
Abraham Leibovitz
Camille and Irv Alloy and Family**

Belle Swartz
James and Bonnie Swartz

Hy Auslander
Evelyn Auslander
Fran and Chuck Weinblatt**

Janette and Charles Rabinowitz
Ada and Beryl Rabinowitz

Marcia Liber
Lil and Dave Perlman
Rhoda Miller and Family**

Rose Levison
Ira and Kathy Levison***
Samuel Alloy
Camille and Irv Alloy and Family**

Sylvia Brauer, Beloved Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother
Eleanor Golding and Family

MICHAEL AND RENEE QUIROGA FUND

Special Anniversary

Ruth and Jerry Gold
Betty and Bill Quiroga

Yahrzeit

Jen Newmark Neiland
Ruth and Jerold Gold
Esther Goldberg
Bill and Dorothy Goldberg****

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

In Honor Of

B'nai Mitzvah

Tracy and Brad Schusterman
Kim and Stuart Brody

Birth of Granddaughter

Bert and Debbie Spangenthal
The Brody Family

Special Birthday

Stuart Brody
Fran and Chuck Weinblatt

Yahrzeit

Sadie Russell, Beloved Mother
Abraham Russell
Arlene and Jerry Russell*

Barbara Straus
Blair P. Grubb and Family

Jacob Friedes
David and Lori Friedes***
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Jerry and Arlene Russell

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Karen Dorf

James M. Levison
Lois Levison***

SAM SCHWARTZ MINYAN FUND

In Honor Of

Special Anniversary

Debbie Katz and Jon Liebenthal

Sue and Joel Zanville

Karen and Howard Rosenbaum

STEINBERG SKIP FUND

Yahrzeits

Rabbi Morris Adler

Eli and Fagie Benstein***

SUMMER YOUTH FUND

Yahrzeits

Bluma Goldberg

Lawrence and Cheryl Goldberg

Louis Lipszyc

Jack and Diana Lipszyc

TRIBUTE FUND

In Honor Of

Special Birthday

Irwin Rosenbloom

Paul Goldner

Nora Romanoff and Eli Abramson

Special Anniversary

Larry and Terri Robbins

Nora Romanoff and Eli Abramson***

Jon Liebenthal and Debbie Katz

Nora Romanoff and Eli Abramson

In Appreciation

B'nai Israel

Clara Rona

David Katz
Judges Staff

In Memory Of

Sharon Kaner

Michael and Leslie Podolsky*

Barry Davis

Marilyn Reinstein

Yahrzeits

Zila Askenazi
Ava, Andrew, Elijah & Josie Harter

Joseph Fingerhut

Louis Fingerhut

Barry and Esther Sherman**

Lillian Petler

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Melvin Fogel

Betty Fogel

Helen Boxenbaum**

Sol Oster

Helen Boslov

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Harry Yaffe

Saundra Yaffe*

Stanford Schwartz

Sharon and Chuck Schwartz*

Mary Pintis

Zale and Shirley Kohler***

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of

Vera Heilbrun

Scott and Elena Perlman

Yahrzeits

Jacob Cooperman

Florence Ostrow**

TORAH FUND

In Honor Of

Birth of Granddaughter

Sue Richards

Gary and Ilene Damrauer

Special Birthday

Irwin Rosenbloom

Harry and Leeta Nistel

Good health

Sharon Stein

Arnie and Marlene Remer

In Memory Of

Milton Kimmelman

Harry and Leeta Nistel **

Alfred Levison

Dave and Lil Perlman

Phyllis Diamond

Alan Mintz and Cindy Palmer



S.O.A.P.

Every Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 in
the Library

Join Hazzan Lichterman for a lively
discussion.

SIMCHA TREE

The following leaves have recently
been added to the
B'nai Israel Simcha Tree:

In Honor Of
65TH Wedding Anniversary
Harry and Leeta Nistel
February 11, 2016

With Love,
David, Stuart, Debbie, and Ilana
Diamond

In Honor Of
65TH Wedding Anniversary
Harry and Leeta Nistel
February 11, 2016

With Love,
Phyllis Diamond

Alex Schusterman
In Honor Of his Bar Mitzvah
11/14/2105
from the Bar/Bat Mitzvah
Class of 2015/2016

Aaron Schusterman In Honor Of his
Bar Mitzvah
from the Bar/Bat Mitzvah
Class of 2015/2016

Harris and Dylan Merer
In Honor Of their consecration with
love from Grandma Jan and
Grandpa Marty Wilensky 11/21/15

Leaves - \$100.00 Donation
Stones - \$1000.00 Donation



Happy birthday, Howard Rosenbaum!

Help us Preserve Congregation B'nai Israel's History

As part of our preparation to celebrate B'nai Israel's 150th anniversary, Cathy Sperling has undertaken to preserve our historical memorabilia. A number of old black and white photos have been saved in our archives over the years without identification. We need your help in identifying some of the people, the events and the year in which the photo was taken. Please view the photo below and let Cathy know (419-841-1927 or sperlingcathy@gmail.com) if you can identify the people. Please reference the photo(s) by number if you can provide any missing information. Teacher and students in the photo are numbered left to right.



Keep up with our 150th Anniversary plans ...

“Like” our Facebook page www.facebook.com/CBIsylvania/

Visit our website www.cbitoledo.org
Volunteer to sit on one of our many committees

Email your fond and fun memories of your days at B'nai Israel to bnaiisrael150@gmail.com

- Send us email addresses of individuals who would like to hear of our fabulous plans for our celebratory weekend September 16-18, 2016.

Volunteer Opportunities

Spirited Ruach Chorus: We are forming a chorus for the 150th Anniversary events beginning with the September 16, 2016, weekend. ALL AGES WELCOME. Contact Cantor Lichterman at 419-517-8400 to join the chorus. Rehearsals will start after Purim. We need you to lend your voice to this special service.

Todah Rabah to our over 100 volunteers who are eagerly collaborating to make this a momentous year! We need you to be involved! Call the office (419) 517-8400 to join one of the many committees that are planning the following events.

More information and additional events in 2016-2017 will be announced in future bulletins

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Congregation B'nai Israel
1866 - 2016
Honor | Celebrate | Inspire

SAVE THE DATES

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CELEBRATE !

Friday, September 16, 2016
Family-Friendly Interactive Special Kabbalat Service & Shabbat Family Dinner, introducing our **Ruach Chorus**
Guest Rabbis Michael Ungar and Daniel Stein

HONOR !

Saturday, September 17, 2016
Kavod Shabbat morning honoring service with a festive Kiddush luncheon to follow.
“When we honor others, we bring honor to ourselves”. (Adapted from Pirke Avot).

INSPIRE !

Saturday, September 17, 2016
Evening Services, an inspirational Seudah Shlishit led by Rabbi Ungar followed by Havdalah and a rollicking Reunion Reception Celebration.

HONOR !

Sunday, September 18, 2016
Bus tour with visits to the 12th Street Shul and Eagle Point and Beth Shalom cemeteries.

HONOR *CELEBRATE * INSPIRE

Saturday, December 3, 2016
Concert featuring guest Cantors Jamie Gloth and Andrea Markowicz and lots of surprises! Reception will follow.

UPCOMING SENIOR EVENTS

The Senior Adult Center and Senior Adult Programs of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo are open to all who are 60 years old and above and 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 419-531-2119 #2 or email registration@jewishtoledo.org. For questions about a program, please call René Rusgo at 419-531-2119 #1 or rene@JewishToledo.org

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

A Healthy Start Health Fair

JFS Senior Adult Center-Weinman
 Community Room, 2700 Pelham Road
10 a.m. – Noon

Free – open to the entire community

A healthy start health fair with big benefits! Come get your blood and sugar checked, a quick memory test, facts about falls, balance assessments, DEXA bone scans, fire safety information, Medicare updates, an “ask the lawyer” segment, goody bags for all who attend and so much more!



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

The Odd Couple by Neil Simon
 at Purple Rose Theatre, Chelsea, Michigan
 Late Lunch at Common Grill,
 Chelsea, Michigan

Full information regarding all programs can be found in *Toledo Jewish News*.
 To register for a Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo senior program, please call
 419-531-2119 #2 or email registration@jewishtoledo.org.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Young People’s Concert by Toledo
Symphony Orchestra –
The Golden Disc/Lunch Out

10:15 a.m.: Depart Senior Center - if you need transportation, tell us when you register

11 a.m.: Concert Begins
 Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle/
 Spaghetti Warehouse

You may register to attend the concert and meet us at the Peristyle/Spaghetti Warehouse

Concert is free /Lunch is on your own
 Journey to interstellar space and beyond with the music inspired by the Golden Disc of NASA’s Voyager Spacecraft – a time capsule of images, sounds and music sent into space to teach of life on Earth. This program explains how the instruments of the orchestra make their unique sounds and explores how composers use those sounds to create one of the most beautiful genres of music known to mankind.

*Registration requested by
 Monday, February 8*

Noon: Depart Federation Campus,
 6465 Sylvania Avenue
3 p.m.: Matinee Show
7 p.m. (estimated): Return to Federation
**\$45 per person (includes transportation,
 lunch, and theatre ticket)**

Two suddenly single pals — a sloppy sports-writer and a neat freak news writer — strain their friendship by turning roommates, but patterns of their own disastrous marriages begin to reappear with hilarious results.



JEWISH BEDTIME STORIES and SONGS



Sunday, February 28

4 – 6 p.m.

Jewish Federation Campus

\$18 per family (includes dinner and activities; \$9 will be donated directly to Family House Toledo)

Come in your PJs and grab your parents, bobbies, zaydies, bears and blankets too for PJ Library Mitzvah Mayhem.

Children and their families will be creating “night night” comfort bags for children in crisis at The Family House Toledo. Join us to enjoy storytime, crafts, dinner and so much more!

Please bring a gently used, non-denominational book to donate to the “night night” bags

**RSVP by Friday, February 19 to
 Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or
 hallie@JewishToledo.org**

To learn more about PJ Library® and to ensure your child receives this wonderful gift, please contact Hallie Freed at 419-724-0362 or hallie@JewishToledo.org.

**PJ Library® is supported in part by the
 Gary and Andrea Delman Family
 Foundation and Jewish Federation of
 Greater Toledo.**

The Toledo Jewish community will celebrate
JEWISH DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH
Sunday, February 28
Featuring guest speaker, Rabbi Michael Ungar



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