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Join us as we observe the 3 mitzvot of Purim: Tzedakah, Mishloach Manot, & Megillah

Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 5:45 PM at CBI

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The cost for the event is \$18 per person.

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RSVP deadline is Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

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

Last-minute cancellations or no-shows will be charged for the event if the office is not notified at least 48 hours before the event.

OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS WITH RSVP

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Torah Will Be the Heartbeat

Purim, a time of joy and merriment, is around the corner. But, seriously speaking, it is also a time of vigilance against threats to Jews everywhere.

With the return of some Israeli hostages and the rebuilding of communities near the Gaza border that were decimated on October 7, 2023, a spiritual change has begun to occur in Israel. This change warrants reporting on now, as I believe it to be closely related to the deeper meaning of Purim.

I read a compelling article in *Ami Magazine* dated September 30, 2024. The writer, Danny Wise, who traveled through communities at the Gaza border to document how October 7th victims are rebuilding, reported that "anguish (has) reshaped the soul of a nation. What started as a massacre is quietly transmuting into a spiritual resurgence. Amid the ruins... where anti-religious socialism thrived and shuls had no place, a new cultural seedling is growing – one rooted in faith... a renaissance not of factories or collective farms, but of *sifrei Torah* and *shuls*, as centers of Torah life emerge where none existed before." (Prior to October 7th there was only 1 tiny synagogue in the 21 communities near the Gaza border).

Wise writes that as he embarked on the trip, he imagined that the story of loss would reveal itself in the usual fashion of tear-streaked faces and destroyed homes. Instead, he reports, "standing amid tragedy, hoping to find a thread of redemption or hope on the barren horizon... (amongst) havens of secularism, where religion was an artifact of the past, we encountered... a subtle but undeniable turn toward tradition and faith. The story... wasn't just about rebuilding homes; it was about rebuilding souls."

I report here on but one interviewee, Dafna, for the sake of brevity. Her story is powerful and telling, and typifies that of many victims. Dafnah (no last name provided) was the cultural director of Kibbutz Re'im and helped organize the Nova Music Festival, now the infamous epicenter of horror. Her mother and children, Shira and Meir, were murdered on that fateful day. As the writer and Dafna walked through the ruined kibbutz, she said, "This is the Shoah." Wise says that it reminded him of Kristallnacht, but in stark contrast to communities affected by Kristallnacht, these communities were devoid of **any** symbols of Jewish life, let alone synagogues.

Just five days before October 7th, Rabbi Shlomo Raanan, an Orthodox Rabbi who heads a religious outreach organization called Ayelet Hashachar, had organized what he calls a *kiruv levavot* (bringing hearts together) basketball game between Orthodox yeshivah students and secular kibbutzniks at Dafna's Kibbutz. When Dafna found out about the game she was outraged, and led efforts to cancel the game, saying, "We didn't need outsiders telling us who a good Jew is." The Rabbi canceled the game since Dafna had texted him, "If you don't, we'll all block the entrance with our bodies."

On October 7th, Dafna was confronted by a terrorist. She attempted to dialogue with him in hopes of saving her life through some recognition of their shared humanity. The response was, "You are not a descendent of Ibrahim! You are not a Jew. (He spat). You are a European colonialist who stole our land!" The accusation hit her hard. She had spent her life, like many in the kibbutz movement, defining herself more as an Israeli than a Jew, and more dedicated to reconciling Arabs and Jews than secular and religious Jews. Being denied her Jewishness during this critical moment of life and death, she screamed 'Ana Yahudiun! Ana Yahudiun!' (Arabic - "I am a Jew! I am a Jew!") She reported that now, for the first time in her life, **she saw her sou!; she saw that she is a Jew**. Previously, when she traveled overseas and someone asked if she was Jewish, she'd correct them, saying, "No, I'm Israel!".

As Dafna and Wise walked through the kibbutz, she said, "Every Arab village has a mosque. Christian settlements build churches. And here, we have nothing to say that we are Jews." In that moment, she says, she realized that if they were going to rebuild, they needed to reclaim their identity. Now she has taken upon herself a new synagogue project, which she said will be the most beautiful structure on the rebuilt kibbutz. "We will return," she added, "maybe in another year. But when we do, we will return as a community of Jews. Whether secular or religious, Torah will be the heartbeat of our communities."

Hazzan Ivor Lichterman



Purim Message

While struggling to compose a meaningful Purim message, I found this perfectly suited **essay by Chaim Harrison** on the ReformJudaism.org website. Lucky/Lazy me.

It's safe to say that Purim is easily the most fun of all the Jewish holidays: We party, we dress up, we perform Purim-spiels, and we even have a few drinks, if we want (though it's definitely OK to abstain). In short, our celebrations embody the oft-used Jewish phrase, "They tried to kill us; we won. Let's eat!"

Alongside all its festivities and frivolities, though, Purim is also a reminder of the very real and continuing threat of antisemitism – and ultimately an inspiration to us today as we continue to stand up to those who wish us harm.

THE PURIM STORY AND ANTISEMITISM TODAY

For centuries, Jews have been blamed for the ills of society, and indeed, Haman convinced King Ahasuerus to kill the Jews after Mordechai slighted him by refusing to bow in his presence (the ultimate form of "tone policing").

To this day, Jews are still targeted when we refuse to fall in line and bow to the demands of tyrants. As recently as fall 2019, multiple elected officials in the U.S. made news headlines for calling American Jews "disloyal" or for having "dual loyalty" to the U.S. and Israel. Whether intentional or not, such statements echoed long-held historical tropes that cast Jews as less than true citizens.

"When I hear the words 'dual loyalty,' my first thought goes directly to antisemitism," says Yolanda Savage-Narva, a Reform Jew living in Washington, D.C. "What does this actually mean? I can't love my mother and my father? I can't love the place where my ancestors come from and where I live today?" It's atopic with which Savage-Narva is all too familiar. She serves as the executive director with Operation Understanding DC, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting understanding, cooperation, and respect while fighting to eradicate racism, antisemitism, and all forms of discrimination.

Rabbi Dara Lithwick of Ottawa, ON, says the pervasiveness of the 'dual loyalty' canard makes her both sad and angry. "Over the past year, I have seen this 'disloyalty' or 'dual loyalty' bit coming up in different spheres," she says.

"Purim offers an opportunity to highlight how we are all complex, special, holy, multivalent beings – that we all wear many hats and belong to many constituencies, and that our individual wholeness can strengthen us to improve our communities."

SEEING PURIM AS A CALL TO ACTION

Rabbi Lithwick also sees Purim as a call to actively resist the forces that seek to limit us, divide us, and turn us against each other.

"Purim shows how we each have capacity to take action and support one another," she says. "The themes of Purim around hiddenness (the name Esther literally means 'hidden') and coming out (Esther 'came out' as a Jew to save her people) are really important, particularly as we turn toward Passover and its themes of revelation and redemption."

Savage-Narva is similarly inspired to "come out" and resist antisemitism, saying that she sees this festival as a chance to teach and empower advocates. "As we prepare to celebrate Purim this year, let's remember: There are multiple 'Hamans' in our society today; people who attack us both through violence and language," she says. "However, I see Esther as a 'she-ro.' Her courage and cleverness should empower us, as Jews, not just to celebrate Purim on the surface but to use it as a tool to plan, to discuss, and to resist."

Craig Matichuk of Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills, MI, finds his inspiration in Mordechai, who he feels best exhibits Jewish principles, especially resistance. "By informing King Ahasuerus that his guards intended to kill him, he does the right thing without expecting any favor in return," he says. "While this act may have empowered him to deny Haman the 'loyalty' he expected, his resistance was still with risk. He knew who deserved respect (Ahasuerus) and who didn't (Haman) and he stuck to his values."

THE LASTING LESSONS OF THE PURIM STORY

Purim teaches us that we do not have license to despair – not by any stretch. While it may serve

March Special Birthdays



A Hearty Mazal Tov & Happy Birthday wishes to the following congregants on the occasion of their milestone birthdays!

Felice Wolff	March 1
Rina Gudelman-Segall	March 5
Patti Tuschman	March 7
René Levy	March 8

March Special Anniversaries

Roanne & Lannie Katzman March 6 65 Years Eta & Randy Auslander March 22 55 Years

Special Birthdays & Anniversaries reflect the '0' or '5' year of the birthday or anniversary.

Todah Rabah & Mazal Tov to...

TO OUR KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSORS:

February 8th Diana & Jack Lipszyc
In Honor of Diana's Special Milestone Birthday

February 15th **Judy & David Weinberg** *In Honor of their granddaughter Sophia's bat mitzvah*

February 22nd **Dena Eber & Blair Grubb**In Honor of the birth and naming of new granddaughter,
Binyamina Lillian Mann.

Mazal Tov to...



Helen Grubb & Kris Mann on the birth of their daughter, Binyamina Lillian Mann. The baby naming was held at CBI on February 22, 2025. Proud grandparents are Dena Eber & Blair Grubb and Cindy & Kenneth Mann.

SHARE YOUR SIMCHA...

if you have a simcha or special news that you would like to share with our congregation, we will happily post details in the CBI bulletin, if space allows. Deadline is the 15th of the month.

SIMCHATREE

The following leaf has recently been added to the Congregation B'nai Israel Simcha Tree:



IN HONOR OF THE 75TH BIRTHDAY OF

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The following leaf has recently been added to the Congregation B'nai Israel Simcha Tree:



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OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF

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Brother of Reuven (Patrae) Grossman and Kurt (Joanne) Grossman, father of Jessica (Josh) Eliscu and Jacob Grossman, and loving companion of Dawn Weideman.

MICHAEL KARP

Brother of Sharon Beil.

May the family be comforted amongst all who mourn in Zion.

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A Very Special "Todah Rabah" to

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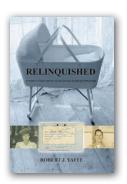
For her very generous donations to Congregation B'nai Israel. Such donations ensure the financial stability of CBI.





CBI Library Books to Read or Re-read

The following book is new to our library and can be found in the Library Lounge on the "Local Connection" shelf.



Relinquished by Robert J. Yaffe

Bob Yaffe came to Toledo in 1989 as the Assistant Executive Director of the Toledo JCC. In 1992 he was promoted to Executive Director and served for four years until taking the executive director position in Winnipeg in 1996. He met and married his wife Rita in 1990. They currently live in Omaha.

Relinquished is the real-life story of Robert Yaffe as he traverses the long and often rocky road to discovering his birth parents. Covering over thirty years of painstaking research, Relinquished is the story of an adoptee brought up in a Jewish household by loving and caring parents, as his Jewish birth mother so deeply desired and requested when she gave Robert up for adoption and signed the papers relinquishing all her rights. Follow Robert as he wrestles with astounding findings and painful conflicts that at times lead to intense guilt, family conflict, and emotional trauma.

If you are interested in borrowing items from the library, contact Cathy Sperling at (419) 841-1927 to assist you in checking them out.



A Very Special Message from

HAZZAN IVOR LICHTERMAN

He writes: "I wish to acknowledge the many good wishes, phone calls, cards, emails, and contributions made to CBI for my speedy recovery and continued health. Your kindness and thoughfulness is deeply appreciated."



Mazal Tov to...





• Sheila Odesky of Sylvania, long-time member of Congregation B'nai Israel, was sworn in as President of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library's Board of Trustees. It is Mrs. Odesky's second term as president. Join us as we wish Sheila a hearty Mazal Tov on this incredible accomplishment!

CBI Tours the Main Branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library

On January 24, 2025, CBI members and friends visited the main branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library in downtown Toledo. Some took the opportunity to enjoy a delicious lunch at the SAME Cafe, before the tour began. Over the course of the two-hour tour, they were shown the incredible art, architectural details, archives, and artifacts housed in the library. In one of the many galleries honoring supporting Toledoans, our own Rabbi Morton Goldberg was recognized. Those who attended found the tour fascinating, and expressed great appreciation that we have such a wonderful resource in our community.







CHESED MEALS

If you are aware of a congregant who is ill and in need of short term meal assistance, please contact Miriam Beckerman by email at mesb@bex.net. Please, do NOT submit names to the CBI office staff. The assistance provided the congregant in need is short term. There is absolutely no cost to the congregant receiving the meals.

Amichai Stout, Director of JCRC Hosts "Defining Terms in the Context of the War in Gaza" Adult Education Program

On February 2, 2025, Amichai Stout hosted the CBI Adult Education program with an important and compelling look at the War in Gaza through the lens of terminology.

He explained to the rapt attendees that 145 sovereign nations recognize an entity known as "the State of Palestine" and described what exactly that refers to, and how it is different from the Palestinian Authority, Fatah, Hamas, and Gaza. Further, he discussed what it means when Israel's Basic Laws define it as a lewish State.

CBI members, students, and all those who attended expressed their appreciation that, at this frought time, this important information was imparted to them at the program.



Dr. Dale Levy introduces speaker Amichai Stout, Director of JCRC

Amichai Stout explains terminology in the context of the War in Gaza.

Rabbi Candidates to Visit CBI

We hope that you will attend Shabbat services beginning at 9:30 AM as we welcoming each Rabbi Candidate to CBI. They will host Shabbat services, and be our guest at Kiddush.

The full list of opportunities to meet Rabbi Candidate Joshua Klein during the weekend of March 7-9, and Rabbi Frederick D. Grossman, the weekend of March 21-23 will be printed in the weekly e-blast, and posted in the lobby.

Join us as we welcome Rabbi Candidate, Joshua Klein Shabbat, Saturday, March 8, 2025 at CBI



Joshua Klein is a rabbinical student at The Schechter Rabbinical Seminary in Jerusalem, and previously studied at The Jewish Theological Seminary. Originally from South Florida, Joshua worked in healthcare software in Wisconsin before beginning his journey to the rabbinate. Joshua has interned with synagogues in the US and Israel, with the Nativ Gap Year Program and Ramah's high school in Israel program, and also worked as a chaplain intern at New York-

Presbyterian Queens. While in New York, Joshua was also involved in Jewish climate activism. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Shira, and baby, Eitan, as well as cooking, reading, writing, and wandering in museums.

Join us as we welcome Rabbi Candidate, Rabbi Frederick D. Grossman Shabbat, Saturday, March 22, 2025 at CBI



Rabbi Frederick D. Grossman is a spiritual leader with 19 years of experience as a congregational rabbi, hospital and hospice chaplain, as well as a Judaic specialist. He is a graduate of The Conservative Yeshiva and Schecter Institute, in Jerusalem, and he received his Masters of Hebrew Letters

(Rabbinic Ordination) from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He was formerly the rabbi at Kings Park Jewish Center in Kings Park, New York, and the Associate Rabbi at Temple Menorah, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He currently resides in Seattle, Washington.

Mishloach Manot Making & Purim Goodie Bag Prep CBI Volunteer Event

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 1:00 PM at CBI Join us as we assemble Mishloach Manot bags for the CBI Celebration and Seudah Dinner and to give to CBI members at local senior living facilities.



RSVP to the CBI office at 419-517-8400 or email gmallin@cbitoledo.org by March 10th to add your name to the volunteer list. We are in need of assemblers and drivers.



Join us each Friday morning to discuss and learn the weekly Torah portion with fellow CBI members and friends

Friday Mornings in March at 11 AM -12 PM, In-Person at CBI

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

A KNOWLEDGE OF TORAH IS NOT REQUIRED

Let's all learn together!

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS WITH RSVP

Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs - MARCH EVENTS

The FJMC is the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Its mission is to involve Jewish Men in Jewish life. The FJMC is affiliated with the Women's League among many other organizations. It provides Adult Education opportunities for members and non-members.

For more information about the organization or programs, visit the FJMC website or contact Dale Levy, 614-205-9994.

https://fjmc.org/initiatives/affinity-groups-webinars/

• Yiddish Lite: For beginners or non-speakers, hosted by Al Davis.

Registration is required, then a Zoom link will be sent. Register once for all the sessions. https://fjmc.org/initiatives/affinity-groups-webinars/yiddish-lite-affinity-group/

Alternate Tuesday Evenings, 8:00 PM. Dates are scheduled through June. Mar 11 & 25, Apr 8 & 22, May 6 & 25, Jun 3 &17.

• **Yiddish Alive:** Advanced Yiddish group, hosted by Mike Mills, Jeffrey Newton, Joe Rotstein, Esther Scheer & Barry Wagner.

Registration is required, then a Zoom link will be sent. Register once for all the sessions. https://fjmc.org/initiatives/affinity-groups-webinars/yiddish-alive-affinity-group/

Alternate Monday Evenings, 8:00 PM. Dates are scheduled through June. Mar 3,17 & 31, Apr 28, May 12, Jun 9 & 23.

• Jewish Dad's Support Group: The sessions will be rooted in Jewish values, offering spiritual and emotional support. They are open to all fathers who are part of the Jewish community. With Rabbi Naom Raucher and Psychologist, Dr. Gary Katz.

Register at: https://fjmc.org/initiatives/affinity-groupswebinars/dads-support-group/

Alternate Monday Evenings, 7:00 PM. Dates are scheduled through June. Mar 3,17 & 31, Apr 28, May 12, Jun 9 & 23.

• Sunday 3/16 7:30 PM - Spotlight Series: #Us Too: How Jewish Muslim, and Christian Women Changed Our Communities:
Scholar-activist Keren McGinity will illuminate the similarities and differences between women's experiences speaking truth to create positive change. This session is intended to help Jewish men reflect on their own behaviors and be the true menschen of our Jewish values.

Registration is required, then a zoom link will be sent. https://fimc.org/events-2/mcglnity/

• Monday 3/24 8:00 PM - Sports Affinity: Meet Liron Fanan, General Manager of the Cleveland Charge: She is the first woman in Cleveland Charge franchise history to be named General Manager and just the fourth in the NBA G League.

Register at: https://fjmc.org/initiatives/affinity-groups-webinars/sports-affinity-group/



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CONGREGATION ETZ CHAYIM

> Toledo Walleye Hockey Game

Sunday,
March 23, 2025

Puck drop at 5:15 PM at the Huntington Center, Downtown Toledo

Join us for this exciting outing with our friends from Etz Chayim! Our group will be displayed on the Video Board before the start of the game and during the second intermission.

Cost is \$17 per person.

Make checks payable to Congregation B'nai Israel.

Cash or credit card also accepted.

(Credit card payments will incur an additional 3% fee)

RSVP to the office or gmallin@cbitoledo.org by <u>March 3</u>.

Please provide your email address at time of RSVP.



Rosh Chodesh Adar

Yiddish Bingo Night at 4704 Park Place Blvd., Sylvania

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 7:00 PM

Join us for a fun-filled evening of Yiddish Bingo with other women from our community. WINE = PRIZES = FUN!



Cost is \$10. Checks should be payable to "Women of CBI" and brought to the event. The Tikkun Olam for this program are donations of personal hygiene items for the Jewish Family Service Food Bank.

RSVP to Jan Kasle at jbkasle@gmail.com or call 419-345-6712 by March 18.

OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

Nosh & Knowledge: CBI Adult Education



"Staying (more than) a Step Ahead of Scammers" with Tim Hagen, Jewish Fed. Proj. Mgr. & IT Coord.

Sunday, March 2, 2025 10:30 AM at CBI

It's become increasingly important to protect your online and personal information. Today's program will review best practices to better ensure you're able to safeguard yourself from scams. Learn how to identify, respond to, and report suspicious online communication, whether via email, text message, or phone call. Following the presentation, a brief Q&A session will be held.

RSVP to kbrody@cbitoledo.org by Friday, February 28, 2025.

OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

Jewish American Series on Zoom with Dr. Joellyn Kollman of San Diego State University

Wednesday, March 19 & 26, April 2, 2025 at 8:00 PM on Zoom

RSVP to Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org by March 17.

Special thanks to Dale Levy for underwriting this series.



This new series explores Jewish life in America from the Civil War to the 20th century and will be available by Zoom at home.

Volunteer to Help Hungry Children in Toledo



Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 10 AM -12 PM at the Cherry Street Mission Building 1501 Monroe Street

We are in need of 8-12 volunteers.

The volunteers will be putting together packages of food for children that live in the Toledo area.

RSVP by Mar. 7, 2025 to Fran Weinblatt at fweinblatt@gmail.com

JANUARY 2025 VOLUNTEERS











Notes from our Principal

On Sunday, February 9th, we had a delicious Tu'BShevet seder with our students, led by Adam Davis. All of our students participated in the interactive seder and it was very impressive how many of the various fruits the students were eager to try.

The Israeli Shinshinim are scheduled for two visits this year to meet with our students. The first visit to CBI will be on Saturday, March 1st. This program is combined with students from Shomer Emunim to integrate these incredible young adults who are in the U.S. for the year. The Shinshinim are doing amazing programming with our students and finding our common ground with them. Our students and community are so fortunate to have this opportunity.

We hope to see everyone at the CBI ABBA Sing-Along Purim Shpiel, Celebration & Dinner on March 13th at 5:45 PM. It will be a festive evening for all, with a delicious dinner, homemade hamentashen, and mishloach manot exchange. This is followed the following Sunday with the Community Purim carnival on March 16th at Shomer Emunim.

Grades 7 and up will have the opportunity to attend a joint trip with Shomer Emunim students to the Holocaust Memorial in Detroit on May 4th. Please mark your calendars and more information will follow. This trip will extend beyond typical Religious School hours.

We are looking forward to all of these important opportunities for our students.

Kim Brody, Principal, David S. Stone Religious School

David S. Stone Religious School March 2025 Calendar

Saturday	3/1	Shinshinim visit CBI for Shabbat
Sunday	3/2	Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM
Wednesday	3/5	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sunday	3/9	Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM
Wednesday	3/12	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Thursday	3/13	CBI Sing-Along Purim Shpiel Celebration & Dinner 5:45PM
Sunday	3/16	Community Purim Carnival at Shomer 10 AM (no class at CBI)
Wednesday	3/19	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sunday	3/23	NO RS - SPRING BREAK
Wednesday	3/26	NO HS - SPRING BREAK
Sunday	3/30	NO RS - SPRING BREAK

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Sadie Russell, Beloved Grandmother Corey Russell***

Safety & Security Fund

IN HONOR OF:

- B'NAI MITZVAH -

Tom & Jan Kasle, Birth of Grandson, Emerson Fran & Chuck Weinblatt*

Diana Lipszyc, Special Birthday

Irina & Greg Zaurov*

The Chernow Family, Sophia's Bat Mitzvah

Irina & Greg Zaurov*

IN APPRECIATION OF:

- DOUBLE PLATINUM -

In Appreciation of CBI

Curtis Mae Jones^^

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- CHAI -

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- GOLD -

Esther Goldberg Dorothy & Bill Goldberg°

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- CHAI -

Diana Lipszyc, Special Birthday

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- B'NAI MITZVAH -

Howard Moskowitz, Speedy Recovery Doris & Buz Steinberg*

Summer Youth & Activities Fund

IN MEMORY OF:

- GOLD -

Robert Stelzer Judy Gersz, David & Ang, Dan, Mike & Sara°

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Tribute Fund

IN HONOR OF:

- CHAI -

David Weinberg, Special Birthday

Luann & Bill Garber**

- SILVER -

Diana Lipszyc, Special Birthday

Sue & Mark Weinberg***

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David Grossman Larry Mark^o

Wendy & Michael Cooper°

- PLATINUM -

Sheldon Wittenberg^ David Grossman

Christopher Terry^

YAHRZEIT:

- CHAI -

David Reuben Goldberg

Jo-Jo & Stuart Goldberg**

Marcia Greenspoon Liber

Dick Greenblatt** Alix Greenblatt

- SILVER -

Mary Pintis The Kohler Family***

- DOUBLE CHAI -

Roger Green Janet Steinberg

& Family****

Purim Message (cont. from page 3)

as a harsh reminder of battles still left to fight, it is also an encouragement to be joyful, to be spontaneous, and most importantly, to be proudly Jewish.

Indeed, the very celebration of this holiday can be seen as an act of resistance, a proud stance against antisemites, fascists, and others who seek to persecute us for not falling in line. Every Purim spiel we perform, every costume we don, and every moment of happiness we experience is an act of Jewish joy, pride, and survival.

When we drown out Haman's name during the telling of the Purim story, so too do we blot out the name of every antisemite, past, present, and future. And when we honor the courage of brave Queen Esther, we honor every aspiring Jewish leader in our presence to fight as if our very existence depended on it.

May your Purim be one of joy, of frivolity, and, yes, of resistance. Chag sameach.

Mike Tamor, CBI President

SNOW BIRDS

Let us know when you will be returning to the Toledo area so that we can ensure you receive your bulletins without interruption. Please call the office at 419.517.8400.

ARE YOU RECEIVING **CBI NOTIFICATIONS?**

CBI sends out email updates and important information throughout the week. If you are not receiving emails from CBI, please contact the office as soon as possible by calling 419.517.8400 or email Rhoda Miller at rmiller@cbitoledo.org.

TOLEDO JEWISH COMMUNITY





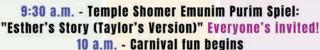
CARNIVAL ERA





ticket includes kosher hot dog lunch, carnival treats, hamantaschen, all carnival

games, & prizes



SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

11:30 a.m. - Carnival wrap-up

All Purim events take place at Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave.

\$10 per person (ages 3 and under are free)

Includes all the fun - No more game tickets - Everything is included













RSVP by Wednesday March 12 online at form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/purim2025 or with Sherry Majewski at sherry@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0351. Please let us know in advance of any dietary restrictions.

March 1 - 1 Adar

Freda Hallem Samuel Ruddie Arthur H. Edelstein Warren Bookman Ida Rubin Lea Steinberg Sarah Thelma Rosenthal Evelyn Frankel

March 2 - 2 Adar

Jacob Katz Lillian Save Abe J. Levine Samuel Bransdorf

March 3 - 3 Adar

Lillian Sitzmann Vogel Fannie Ravin Esther Schwartz Charlotte Goldhammer Janette Rabinowitz

March 4 - 4 Adar

Barbara Liber William Rothman Irving Kart Hugh Friedman Abraham Altman Lisa Feilhardt Milton Waldman Larry Kripke Sofa Miloslavskaya Lillian E. Marenberg

March 5 - 5 Adar

Leonard Thal Leah Miriam Saks Wolf Nistel Jack Garfinkel Ann Cohen Rosa Rosenberg Schwartz Robert Ringer

March 6 - 6 Adar

Edward Minsky Erma Zerner Mollie Kahn Patricia Kaminsky Jack J. Remer James Oberlin

March 7 - 7 Adar

David Frankel Nathan Weinstein Joel Rosen Joseph Diamond March 8 - 8 Adar

Bernice Goldstein Irene Ida Rosenberg Anna Fink Shoffer Jacob E. Lieberman Sarah Applebaum

March 9 - 9 Adar

Erwin Katz Barbara Karp Garry Schuster Bernard Baker Julius Skaletzky Barry Liber

March 10 - 10 Adar

Irv Rosen Manuel Goldman Sylvia Applebaum Rose Klein Abraham Mindel Wilfred Williams Chase Brown Alix Greenblatt Joseph Krawetz Anne Rowen Abraham Millsberg

March 11 - 11 Adar

Helen Goldhammer Jacob Torchin Steve Kupper Silka Engel Gladys Becker

March 12 - 12 Adar

Frances Swolsky Susana Bernstein Linda Penkower Joseph Shible Rose Bloom Jacob Getz Roggie Siegel Louis R. Hoffman Jean Bame

March 13 - 13 Adar

Hyman B. Davis
Louis H. Friedman
Irma Rothschild
Dave Perlman
Anna Jordon
Minnie Bateman
Marcia Greenspoon Liber
Lois Young Eisner
Irene Steinberg
Adele Hess
Annette Greenspoon
Joe Smith

March 14 - 14 Adar

Gertie Pinsky
Jeanette Rosen
Samuel Gallis
Betty Fine
Sandra Remer
Nachoma L. Lichtenstein
Faye Edelstein
Masha Weissfeld
Goodman Liber
Florence Bransdorf
Anna Ciralsky

March 15 - 15 Adar Benjamin Rubin

Harriet Traugott Susan Weinman

March 16 - 16 Adar

Freida Russell James Fox Max Rabinowitz Irving Scheinbach Mildred M. Friedman Sam Litwin William Palman Ida Rubin Eichner

March 17 - 17 Adar

Sondra Gallis Ida Salzman Anna Schuller Marvin Max Karp Hyman Wallick Mollie Goldberg Mary Liber

March 18 - 18 Adar

Morris Gersz Julius Barry Estelle Berns

March 19 - 19 Adar

Bess Perry Ralph Harris Erwin Hoffman Rabbi Morris Adler Lillian Petler Theodore Resnick Gerald Getz Claire Schall Monroe Marcus

March 20 - 20 Adar

Jean Liber Max Hersh Usher Markowicz Oscar Soldinger Adele Federman Adolph Katz March 21 - 21 Adar

Albert Burg
Joe Nemo Wexler
Jennie Bloom
Manuel Tarschis
Margaret Goodman
Jacob Cohn
Fannie Benjamin
Isador Berkowitz

March 22 - 22 Adar

Marion H. Manoff Arnold Sells Dave Shall Joseph Goldberg Yevgenya Melamed Dora Dalesman

March 23 - 23 Adar

Barbara Ellen Hochberg Boris Meylakhov Julius Boxenbaum Rose Scheer Rose Arnovitz Celia Harris Hazel Stahl Mollie Jaffee Leon Michael Williams Rose Cooperman Joanne Guttman

March 24 - 24 Adar

Doris Goldberg
Helen Wilk
Diane Markowicz
Anna Friedmar
Ruth Berenson
Joel Siegel
Sadie Aiduss
Sam Levison

March 25 - 25 Adar

Sam Goodleman Anne Kalmanson Miriam Lewith Bernstein Mollie Siegel Harold Plotnik Leland Rubenstein

March 26 - 26 Adar

Harmon Rusgo Bertha Tolpin Vivian Loeb Maurice Shuer Esther Rosen Sarah Cohen Ida Rabinowitz Lillian Moss March 27 - 27 Adar

Sam Goodman Arlene Bachman Jill Cohen Jack Gallon William Schuller Richard Friedmar Ralph Kwait Abraham Negrin

March 28 - 28 Adar

Beverly Nathan
Bernard Schulak
Selma Shore
Ben Levine
Philip M. Smullin
Lottie Belle Sattinger
David Botsch
Leo Lesky
Jack Worshtil

March 29 - 29 Adar

Gerald Singer
Benjamin Bloom
Robert Manoff
Jennie Herscovitz
James Steinberg
William Quiroga
Sophie Beilowitz
Marta Guinn
Sharon Schwartz
Alvin Weinstein
Irwin Fruchtman
Thelma Heines

March 30 - 1 Nisan

Sadie Greenspoon Arthur Berkowitz Ruth Smith Ruth Walker Lawrence Berman

March 31 - 2 Nisan

Evelyn Zohn Clara Shuer Jacob Braveman

YOU HAVE SUPPORTED CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL DURING YOUR LIFETIME.
PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING A LASTING GIFT IN YOUR WILL AND OTHER ESTATE PLANNING.

CBI Weekly Services Schedule

Mon. & Thurs. Morning Minyan 8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom

Monday ~ Thursday Evening Minyan & Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 PM - Zoom

Saturday Morning Shabbat 9:30 AM - In Person/Live Stream

*Sunday Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - In Person/Zoom *when religious schoool is in session

The link and passcode for weekday Zoom services is included in the Wednesday Update email sent to all CBI members.

If you need the information resent to you, email gmallin@cbitoledo.org with your request.

DONATING RELIGIOUS OBJECTS TO CBI

If you are downsizing your home, be aware that it is permissible to throw away old kippot. Unfortunately, we cannot accept old books on Jewish subjects from your library. We would be glad to receive your old prayer books, tallitot or other religious objects for burial.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

If you or someone you know is ill, or in the hospital and would appreciate a phone call from the Hazzan, please call the office at 419.517.8400. Due to HIPAA privacy regulations, hospitals do not notify clergy if a member is admitted.

YAHRZEIT NOTICES...

If you are not receiving a yahrzeit notice for a friend or relative and would like one sent annually, please call the office at 419-517-8400. We will need the English date of death.

CONTRIBUTE ONLINE

If you would like to make a contribution to CBI and are unable to call during business hours, you can make your contribution on our website: **cbitoledo.org**

Click the "Contributions" tab on the navigation bar and follow the prompts for Online Contributions. For any questions, contact the office at 419.517.8400.



How to access CBI Live Stream Services

On your **Computer, Tablet or Cell Phone**:

- Go to the CBI website, cbitoledo.org.
- At the top of the home page click on "Live Stream".
- When the page opens, you will be connected to the CBI live stream service.

On your **Television**:

You can also access the live stream services through your television if you have a "smart" TV, Roku or streaming stick which gives you access to YouTube.

- Click on the YouTube icon on your TV.
- When YouTube opens, search for "Congregation B'nai Israel
- Sylvania, Ohio".
- Be sure to click on the listing that has the photo with Jewish star *(see photo above)*.
- We recommend that you "subscribe" to the channel so you can easily locate the live stream for future services. We also highly recommend connecting to the live stream services on your TV as it is the most immersive and closest experience, short of being in the synagogue.



How to access CBI Zoom Programs & Services

- Check your email for the Zoom link and password for CBI Zoom services.
- Click on the link in the body of the email.
- If you have never used Zoom, you will be prompted to follow steps to download it on your computer.
- After that is successful, click on the link provided in the email, type in the provided password and you will be connected to the Zoom service.

A link and passcode will be emailed to congregants.

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ENSURING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR JEWISH COMMUNIT

Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo LiveSecure Initiative

Dear Friends,

JewishToledo has an exciting opportunity to receive \$85,000 in grant funds in each of the next three years from Jewish Federations of North America LiveSecure Matching Security Program. To receive this funding, JFGT must raise \$85,000 in each of the next three years to match the national grant.

To meet the match requirement, our community is launching the LiveSecure Matching Security Campaign. Every dollar you designate and donate for security up to \$85,000 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the generous grant, effectively doubling the impact of your contribution.

The LiveSecure Matching Security Campaign is endorsed by the lay leaders and clergy of Chabad of Toledo, Congregation B'nai Israel of Toledo, Congregation Etz Chayim, and Temple Shomer Emunim. JFGT has committed to directly funding at least \$50,000 collectively, in each of the next three years, to these partners for some of their security expenses. All these leaders implore everyone to support this important initiative to help safeguard the security of our Jewish community.

Your support is essential in ensuring that our Toledo Jewish community remains a safe place for worship, learning, and connection. Together, we can leverage the power of the LiveSecure Matching Security Campaign to safeguard our heritage and uphold the values we cherish.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and generosity. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in this critical initiative.

Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo

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Chabad of Toledo Rabbi Yossi Shemtov

With a LiveSecure grant and the support of SCN, Jewish **Federation of Greater Toledo will** greatly advance the safety and security of Jewish Toledo

How to Donate

Donating is easy:

1. Online: Visit our secure donation page at the QR code or https://tinyurl.com/svxjpa2h



- 2. Mail: Send your check to: LiveSecure Matching Security Campaign JFGT, 6465 Sylvania Ave., Sylvania OH 43560
- 3. Phone: Call us at 419-885-4461 to make a secure donation over the phone.
- 4. Commitment: 3 year commitments are preferred but annual contributions can also be
- **Please note that this gift is NOT in lieu of an Annual Campaign contribution.

Join Us in Protecting Our Future

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Adult Ed: with Tim Hagen					Kabbalat Shabbat Service	
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Mazal Tov & L'Chaim!

Please let the office know if you have a simcha or special news that you would like to share with our congregation.



We will happily post details and photos in the CBI Bulletin, if space allows.

Deadline is the 15th of the previous month. Please call the office at 419-517-8400.

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