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My Least Favorite Words

By Mary Lou Finesilver

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A dead tree in an avocado grove near Valley Center, Calif., in 2014. (David McNew/Getty Images)

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Director of JCC Early Learning Center Participating in Leadership Institute

By Elise Skolnick

Ben Katz, director of the Jewish Community Center’s Early Learning Center, was accepted into the Sheva Center Leadership Institute for Early Childhood Professionals.

The Institute is a program of the JCC Association of North America’s Sheva Center for Innovation in Early Childhood Jewish Education and Engagement.

The primary goal for the new Leadership Institute is to increase the number and quality of early childhood educators who are ready to assume increased responsibilities and leadership in early care and education at JCCs.

“It’s not necessarily geared towards our program specifically, but geared towards early childhood education in a Jewish Community Center,” Katz said.

The group of 31 early education professionals will meet in person three times a year during the three-year program. They also meet monthly by phone conference. The group began meeting in June 2018.

“Really, we just come together as a group of like-minded individuals whose only purpose is just to better the field of early child education,” Katz said.

The Sheva framework employs seven core principles of early care and education and contemporary and ancient texts, using seven Jewish lenses to reveal universal values. Sheva classrooms we ave these values throughout their educational day.

Katz is learning more about it and other types of open-ended education curriculums through the institute. Open-ended education is focused on exploration of ideas rather than rote memory.

The ELC at the JCC uses a mix of traditional and open-ended educational lessons. “We experiment,” Katz said. “We try a couple things here and there. We see what works and we slowly step into new areas and step out of our comfort zones and try some stuff out. If it works, great, we’ll keep doing it; if doesn’t, we’ll toss it out and try something new.”

As part of the program, Katz traveled to Israel in December 2018.

“Part of the purpose of this trip was to connect our staff, Jewish or not, to the Jewish homeland, the State of Israel,” he said.

The trip was also meant to give them a chance to see early education centers in another country. “To be in a Jewish country was fascinating, and to see what education looks like having come from a Jewish Community Center was just such a treat, really valuable to all of us.”

Katz finds being part of the Institute to be beneficial. “Having the support of my other fellows, having the collective experience with them, is amazing,” he said. “More than amazing, invaluable.”
President’s Message

Neil Yutkin, Co-President
Ohev Tzedek-Shaarei Torah

One of the more enjoyable things of being a co-president of a Temple is the unusual requests that come across my desk. Being a history buff, I find it especially fun to answer the requests of people who have discovered they have a relative who used to belong here, and they want to discover more about them, or to learn if they are buried in our cemetery.

I usually first check with our Temple historian, Florene Rusnak, and then go to certain reference books that we have in the office.

I am also a Civil War buff, so I was thrilled when I received the following email:

Good Morning,

My name is Eliza Kolander, and I am writing to you on behalf of the Shapell Manuscript Foundation, with regards to our Roster Project, a comprehensive database of Jewish-American soldiers and sailors who fought in the Civil War for both the Union and the Confederacy.

Our starting point was Simon Wolf’s 1895 The American Jew as Patriot, Soldier and Citizen, and over the last decade, we’ve verified the names he included as Jewish or not, identified their accurate military service, and added more than a thousand soldiers that Wolf omitted. The result of more than 25,000 hours of research, we are convinced that the Shapell Roster will be of interest to academic scholars, descendants, and anyone interested in Jewish American history. We hope to engage the public with primary source material--the human side of history--while significantly modifying the scholarship on Jews in America in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

I thought that your synagogue might be interested in this project, which we hope to make available to the public for the first time in 2019. Our searchable database, which will be free to the public, will go live with a limited set of records. As we complete additional research, more records will become available.

Through my communication with you, I hope to connect with:

- descendants whose ancestors served during the American Civil War. You can help us find descendants by spreading the word about the Roster within your community - I have resources available to help make this simple and easy.
- organizations and institutions with information and sources relating to Jewish-American Civil War Soldiers. Are you aware of any Civil War-related materials in your synagogue’s archives or depository?

Thank you,
Shapell Manuscript Foundation
visit us at shapell.org

Being as the Jewish Community in Youngstown was in its very beginnings when the Civil War began, it occurred to me there would not be many members of the Youngstown Jewish Community that would have had relatives who fought in the war. In fact, I am sure that a great number of those Mahoning Valley Jews' ancestors, like my family, had not yet immigrated to America.

I hope that some of the people who read this article have migrated to this area and have information that they can share with this organization.

I feel it necessary to include a quick story I discovered while doing research for a class at Youngstown State University. It seems that one of the most famous Jews to have been involved in the Civil War was nicknamed “the brains of Jefferson Davis Cabinet.” Judah Benjamin, at one time or another, served as attorney general, secretary of war, and secretary of state for the Confederacy. He, rather than surrender after Robert E. Lee did, fled south to the tip of Florida where he boarded a blockade runner and fled toward Caribbean. When the ship was stopped, he ran down to the galley of the ship and put on an apron and cooks garb. The Union officer questioned him and was about to leave the ship, not realizing who Benjamin was, then turned to add a final remark, “You are the first of your persuasion that I have encountered doing manual labor.”
Children Learn About Tu B’Shevat

Temple El Emeth Events

Jan. 31 and Feb. 1
Churchill United Food Pantry Distribution will take place Friday, Feb. 1 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Set up will be Thursday evening, Jan. 31 from 7 - 8 p.m. Call the Synagogue office to volunteer and we will pass your name on to the pantry chairs.

Feb. 2
Minyan, a Meal and a Movie will be held at the Synagogue. Minyan is at 5:45 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. The movie “The American President” will be shown after dinner. Reservation forms have been sent to members’ homes and are due in by Jan. 30.

Feb. 5
The Annual Interfaith Tea is being held at 1 p.m. at St. John’s Orthodox Church in Campbell, Ohio. Carpooling from Temple El Emeth will be available, so please call the office if you need a ride.

Feb. 6
Jewish Christian Dialogue will hold its monthly session at the Temple. Refreshments are served at 12:30 p.m. with the session beginning at 1 p.m. This month the movie “Religion Lives” will be shown featuring Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, Rabbi Emeritus of England. All are welcome to attend.

Feb. 12
Sisterhood Board Meeting is scheduled for 10:45 a.m. There will not be a luncheon following the meeting. Next luncheon is scheduled for March 12.

Feb. 18
Shmoozing with Shmulik will meet from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the Synagogue. Sam Kooperman leads the group with stories, jokes and music in Yiddish.

Feb. 24
A Shabbat Service and Kiddush Luncheon will be held. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. with lunch following. Please call reservations into the office by Feb. 21. February birthdays will be celebrated.

March 20
Community Wide Purim Celebration at Temple El Emeth. Mark your calendar! See article bottom left.

Service Schedule
Daily Minyans are held at 5:45 p.m. including Saturday afternoon, Friday mornings at 7 a.m. and Shabbat morning services at 9:30 a.m.

Purim Celebration Will Be March 20
A community-wide Purim celebration will be held at Temple El Emeth on Wednesday evening, March 20, beginning at 5:30 p.m. During the Megillah reading there will be a parade of children in their costumes and prizes for each child. Following the service everyone is invited to a salad bar extravaganza and hot dog dinner including El Emeth Sisterhood’s fabulous hamantashen.

Balloon artist Joe Sullivan will be on hand to make his wonderful balloon creations for guests and everyone will be able to have fun at our Purim photo booth. There will also be entertainment provided by our Purim band composed of community members. Everyone is invited to come in costume and prizes will be given for the best adult costumes.

Mark your calendar for March 20. There is no charge for dinner but reservations are necessary to your own synagogue or the El Emeth office at 330.759.1429. Reservations may also be made by emailing templeelemeth@gmail.com.

Children Learn About Tu B’Shevat

Purim Celebration Will Be March 20

Israeli Scholar Series
What’s Inside the Capsule?
The Science Behind Pharmaceutical Product Development

Dr. Galit Regev will walk us through the complex process of new drug development including the large investment of money needed, manufacturing the product, and regulatory approval.

About the Speaker:
Dr. Galit Regev is the Director of Formulation Sciences at Kadmon Pharmaceuticals, LLC. She received her PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy.

The event is free and open to all. A light lunch will be served.

Date: Friday, February 8
Time: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Location: Multi-Purpose Room

Register by Monday, February 4 at jccyoungstown.org or by calling the Bursar’s Office at 330-746-3250 ext. 195
I am proud of all the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and its agencies have to offer. We may be a small Jewish community, yet we offer more than any other Jewish community of our size in North America, and more even than some communities two or three times bigger.

I’m pretty sure most people in our regional Jewish community don’t know all we offer. Did you know we have a group home, for example?

I’ve often thought if I could give a one-on-one tour of our current campus to every member of the Jewish community they would be as enthusiastic about what we offer as I am. Since that’s not possible, I invite you to join me on the next best thing – a virtual tour as I show around someone I just recently met.

Mrs. Wolfe hadn’t been to our Gypsy Lane Campus in years. Some of what we offer was familiar to her, but much wasn’t.

We started out with perhaps one of our more visible offerings – the Jewish Community Center. Housed in this building is treasure after treasure.

We began with the second floor offices. Mrs. Wolfe remembered attending nursery school in what’s now the graphics office, and I recalled when I first came to town Rodef Sholom has undertaken this event for thirty-five years with the help of Jewish community volunteers.
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style. It can also be set with round tables. Our rental rates are reasonable, and this is another way for us to serve the whole community. Rental income is an important source of revenue for the JCC.

From the gallery, we looked out onto Noah’s Park playground and the newly-installed infant and toddler playground - this developmentally-appropriate play space for children ages six months to five years is the only one in the area. A map of Israel will soon be painted on the asphalt adjacent to the infant and toddler playground.

We also peeked into the pool area, and Mrs. Wolfe noticed how much brighter it is now than when she swam there as a child. Among others, kids in our day camp, daycare and preschool programs use the pool regularly. In fact, children from one year of age and older are now learning to swim as part of the Early Learning Center program. Participants in our PALS+ program use it, as well. This program offers free one-on-one swim lessons for persons who are on the autism spectrum or who have developmental disabilities.

But we weren’t done with the JCC building yet! The lowest level houses our Early Learning Center and Akiva Academy. The ELC accepts children aged six weeks through prekindergarten. Before- and after-school care is offered, as well. We will be adding another preschool classroom in the near future. Akiva, our Jewish day school, is for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Akiva is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year, and is one of the top private schools in the area. Akiva started with kindergarten and first grade on the second floor of the JCC in September 1985. It continues to offer 90 minutes of Hebrew and Judaic instruction daily to the 141 students, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

Also on this level is the JCC School of Dance and School of Music. Soundproofing and mirrors were added to a racquetball court to create the space for these two new programs.

The JCC isn’t the only building on our campus, though. Our next stop was Heritage Manor Retirement & Rehabilitation Community. Mrs. Wolfe had visited the 72-bed facility before, but the adult day care portion was new to her. Transportation and a mid-day meal are provided for adult day participants. They also have the opportunity to take a meal home. On average, 15 to 18 people attend adult day care Monday through Friday.

Jewish Family Services is located at the far northwest corner of Heritage Manor, but has its own entrance allowing for client privacy. JFS offers a variety of programs and services including guardianships, counseling, group housing for developmentally disabled individuals, recreational and social activities for individuals with various disabilities, and home-delivered meals. We have 34 guardianships at the present time, and deliver, on average, between 700 to 1,000 kosher meals on wheels each month. These meals are made at Heritage Manor and delivered through a partnership with the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Our final stop was Levy Gardens Assisted Living Facility. Mrs. Wolfe had a chance to see both a one- and a two-bedroom apartment. I explained that three kosher meals a day, transportation, laundry services, activities, and more are included in the rent for each tenant of Levy Gardens. Renovations to the Levy dining area and hallways were recently completed.

Walking back to the JCC, I pointed out the newly repaved ¼ mile track on our property. Soon a pavilion will be built on the grounds. Children in our growing summer camp program will make use of it. Four pickleball courts will also be installed, replacing the tennis courts.

Our Logan Campus has an outdoor pool and four beautiful tennis courts. We anticipate many people utilizing the pickleball courts starting this summer.

As we returned to the front entrance of the JCC, I told her about our new security measures. Security is a priority for us, so we undertook a vulnerability assessment for all of our buildings and local synagogues about three years ago. Now, armed security guards are on duty whenever the JCC is open, and upgrades to the reception area include a bank of monitors so the guard can view what’s going on in every building on the campus.

Throughout the tour, Mrs. Wolfe was also able to meet many staff members, including Courtney Lockshaw, JCC assistant membership marketing manager, who helped her sign up for a membership.

I’m just so proud to work for an organization that offers so much to our community. Thank you for taking a tour with me!

*Name has been changed
Support Group Now Part of Delay the Disease Program

In January, Jewish Family Services began facilitating a monthly support group for individuals participating in the Delay the Disease program at the Jewish Community Center.

Delay the Disease, a fitness program for individuals diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease, was started in 2017. It’s designed to empower them to take control of the disease with daily exercise. It’s free and open to everyone.

The newly-created support group portion of the program will offer education, positive coping skills, emotional support and a way to create further comradery among those participating in the program.

“Group therapy is a way for individuals to come together and realize they are not alone when it comes to facing their common obstacles,” said Ken Bielecki, director of Jewish Family Services.

JFS social workers, Linda Kessler, LISW, ACSW, and Vivian Fantauzzi, LISW-S, ACSW, will facilitate the one-hour support group.

“I feel this partnership is another wonderful example of JFS not only fulfilling our Federation mission statement, but also shows our commitment to assisting all those in need,” Bielecki said. “Also, this shows how JFS can potentially work with our sister agencies, under the Federation, and other community agencies in many unique ways. We are excited to take part in this opportunity and continue to look forward to other ways to be of assistance as we diversify our services.”

The program is funded by the Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and Mercy Health Foundation. The program was created and licensed by OhioHealth.

For more information about the Delay the Disease program, contact Sheila Cornell at 330.746.3251 ext. 182.

New Year’s Party Held at Heritage Manor

A party was held at Heritage Manor to ring in the New Year. Residents, family members and tenants of Levy Gardens Assisted Living Facility enjoyed food and music. About 110 people attended. Pictured is the band Nostalgia.

First Graders Visit Levy Gardens

First grade students in Katie Bengala’s class at Blott Guy PK - 6 school in Liberty visited Levy Gardens tenants in January. They sang a variety of songs and recited a poem. They also created snowman crafts and tenants helped. The class visits Levy Gardens every other month throughout the school year.
**PERFORMING ARTS**

**Liz Rubino Studios**
For more information on the studio offerings, contact Liz Rubino at 330.509.0891 or coaching@lizrubino.com.

Liz Rubino offers private sessions in voice, acting, dance therapy, junior voice, and junior acting. Voice lessons are conducted primarily online.

**Voice Lessons:**
- Regular Lessons | 55 mins
- Cost: $49/Member | $65/Non Member
- Junior Lessons | 30 mins
- Cost: $30/Member | $45/Non Member

To register call the Bursar’s office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195

**JCC School of Dance**
For more information on the studio offerings, contact Eri Raib-Pitichkin at 330.333.2219 or jccschoolofdance@jewishyoungstown.org

**Parent & Me Program**
Ages 4 Months - 4 Years

**Bitty Babies (4 months to pre-walking)**
This class introduces gross motor skills to babies with the interaction of a caregiver.
- Session I: January 19 - February 16 | Saturdays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.
- Session II: March 2 - March 30 | Saturdays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

**Music & Movement (18-36 months)**
A class that focuses on parent-led activities that build coordination, listening skills, and social awareness.
- Session I: January 19 - February 16 | Saturdays, 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Session II: March 2 - March 30 | Saturdays, 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Dance Discovery (Ages 3-4)**
Parents participate while children use their minds and bodies to move to a variety of song styles.
- Session I: January 19 - February 16 | Saturdays, 12:15-1:00 p.m.
- Session II: March 2 - March 30 | Saturdays, 12:15-1:00 p.m.

**Creative Movement Program**
AGES 4-6

**Creative Movement I** (Ages 4-5)
This class explores beginning ballet and tap dance principles.
- Spring Session: January 22 - April 9 | Tuesdays, 4:30-5:00 p.m.

**Creative Movement II** (Ages 5-6)
This class continues to explore beginning ballet and tap principles to build balance, coordination, and confidence.
- Spring Session: January 22 - April 9 | Tuesdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

**Mini Program**
AGES 6-7

**Mini Tap (Ages 6-7)**
This class expands upon tap skills learned in the Creative Movement Program.
- Spring Session: January 22 - April 9 | Tuesdays, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

**Mini Ballet (Ages 6-7)**
This class expands upon ballet skills learned in the Creative Movement Program.
- Spring Session: January 22 - April 9 | Tuesdays, 4:30-5:00 p.m.

**Mini Acro/Jazz (Ages 6-7)**
A class that teaches the beginning principles of jazz dance and tumbling in a safe and controlled environment.
- Spring Session: January 22 - April 9 | Tuesdays, 5:00-5:30 p.m.

**Dance Curriculum Program**
AGES 7-18

**DC I: Tap (Ages 7-10)**
Students learn the percussive dance style known as tap.
- Spring Session: January 17 - April 4 | Thursdays, 4:45-5:30 p.m.

**DC I: Jazz (Ages 7-10)**
This class teaches the art of classic jazz dancing.
- Spring Session: January 17 - April 4 | Thursdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

**DC I: Ballet (Ages 7-10)**
A class that emphasizes the basic principles of ballet and challenges students to remember patterns and choreography.
- Spring Session: January 17 - April 4 | Thursdays, 6:15-7:00 p.m

**DC I/II: Acro (Ages 7-13)**
This class introduces students to basic tumbling and acrobatic stretches and exercises.
- Spring Session: January 23 - April 10 | Wednesdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

**DC I/II: Beginner Baton (Ages 7-13)**
This class introduces the art of baton twirling to beginner level students.
- Spring Session: January 23 - April 10 | Wednesdays, 4:45-5:30 p.m.

**DC I/II: Intermediate Baton (Ages 7-13)**
This class expands upon basic baton skills. Students will also learn more complex patterns and choreography.
- Spring Session: January 18 - April 5 | Fridays, 6:15-7:00 p.m.

**DC II: Tap (Ages 10-13)**
A class for the experienced dance student to build upon basic principles and steps.
- Spring Session: January 18 - April 5 | Fridays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

**DC II: Ballet (Ages 10-13)**
A class that builds upon principles of ballet movements and body positions.
- Spring Session: January 18 - April 5 | Fridays, 4:45-5:30 p.m.

**DC II: Jazz (Ages 10-13)**
A class for dance student to continue learning the principles of classic jazz dancing.
- Spring Session: January 18 - April 5 | Fridays, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

**DC III: Baton (Ages 13-18)**
A class designed for high school students with twirling experience looking to maintain and improve their skills for majorette teams and/or tryouts.
- Spring Session: January 23 - April 10 | Wednesdays, 7:00-7:45 p.m.

**DC III: Majorette Prep (Ages 13-18)**
A class designed for high school students with little baton knowledge looking to expand their skills for majorette teams or tryouts.
- Session I: January 23 - February 20 | Wednesdays, 7:45-8:30 p.m.
- Session II: March 6 - April 3 | Wednesdays, 7:45-8:30 p.m.

**DC III: Musical Theater Jazz (Ages 13-18)**
A class created for high school students looking to gain an edge at theater auditions by improving their overall dance technique.
- Session I: January 24 - February 21 | Thursdays, 7:00-7:45 p.m.
- Session II: March 7 - April 4 | Thursdays, 7:00-7:45 p.m.

**Adult Dance Programs**
Ages 16+

**Adult Ballet I**
A beginner class designed for adults to improve strength, posture, and balance.
- Spring Session: January 23 - April 10 | Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

**Adult Tap I**
A beginner to intermediate class for adults to stay fit while learning how to create rhythms with their feet.
- Spring Session: January 23 - April 10 | Wednesday, 6:15-7:00 p.m.

**Adult Ballet II**
An advanced beginner to intermediate level class introducing the basic principles of ballet.
- Spring Session: January 22 - April 9 | Tuesdays, 7:15-8:00 p.m.

**Adult Tap II**
An intermediate class for adults to explore the percussive dance style known as tap.
- Spring Session: January 22 - April 9 | Tuesdays, 6:15-7:00 p.m.

**Adult Drop-In Class**
Guest teachers lead a 90 minute advanced level class held twice a month with each class focusing on a different genre of dance.
- Spring Session: January 26 - March 23 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month 3:00-4:30 p.m.
- Cost: $15/class

**Spring Showcase**
Our dance students showcase their talents in this end of session performance.
- Date: Saturday, April 13
- Time: 3:30 p.m.

For more information and pricing visit jccyoungstown.org

**JCC School of Music**
This exciting program features piano, violin, guitar, percussion, and voice lessons housed at the JCC!
To register call the Bursar’s office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195

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**EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

For more information on the Early Learning Center, contact Ben Katz, Director of Early Learning at 330.746.3250 ext. 119 or bkatz@jewishyoungstown.org.

**Ages 6 weeks - Pre-Kindergarten**

**New Infant & Toddler Private Swim Lessons**
Free one-on-one swim lessons with children six months to three years to encourage children to become comfortable in the water from a young age.

**New Enrichment Programming with Community Partners**
Students will engage in a wide variety of enrichment offerings in art, music, and science programs brought to us by SMARTS, YSU Dana School of Music, and OH WOW! Science Center.

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**FITNESS**

For more information on fitness programs, contact Sheila Cornell at 330.746.3250 ext. 182 or scornell@jewishyoungstown.org.

**Get fit fast with Personal Training at the JCC!**

**Personal Training Benefits:**
- personalized safe and effective fitness programs
- achievement of goals in a short time period
- improved muscle coordination, strength, endurance, and flexibility

To register call: 330.746.3250 ext. 182

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**Open Gym Youth Basketball**
Children ages five and up can join us for kid-friendly basketball time in our gym. Bring your own ball, or borrow one of ours.
**Date:** Fridays  
**Time:** 4:00–5:30 p.m.

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**Open Play Basketball**
This time is reserved for basketball only. Shoot hoops with friends or join a pick-up game in our gym.
**Date:** Tuesdays & Thursdays  
**Time:** 7:30–9:00 p.m.
**Date:** Fridays  
**Time:** 5:30–7:00 p.m.

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**Wallyball**
A fantastic way to get in shape and have fun! Play in our racquetball court. Equipment is provided.  
**Tuesdays:** 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
**Fridays:** 5:00–6:30 p.m.

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**Racquetball**
A great way to make friends and stay in shape. Call or visit the JCC Welcome Desk to reserve your court. Equipment not provided.

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**Ping-Pong**
Want to play ping-pong with your friends? The JCC ping-pong table is now in the lower level Multi-Purpose Room. Paddles and balls are provided.

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**Pickleball**
Join us in the JCC gymnasium for a fun-filled game of pickleball. A cross between tennis, badminton and ping-pong, this fast-paced game is fun for players of all skill levels. Equipment is provided.
**Date:** Mondays & Wednesdays  
**Time:** 7:00–9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Gymnasium
**Date:** Tuesdays & Thursdays  
**Time:** 4:30–7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Gymnasium
**Date:** Sundays  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Gymnasium

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**JCC Spring Pickleball Shootout**
Any Doubles Combination (Men’s, Women’s, Mixed)  
**Date:** Sunday, March 3  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Gymnasium

Any doubles combination with skill levels of 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0+. Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. The tournament coordinator may limit or combine skill levels based upon registration numbers. Early registration is suggested.  
Register by Sunday, February 24 at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195.

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**Wellness Lunch & Learn: Healthier at Home**
Mercy Health will present a guide to self-care and wise health consumerism. Participants will receive a free copy of the Healthier at Home book that contains more than 200 common health problems.
**Date:** Thursday, February 7  
**Time:** 12:00–1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Multi-Purpose Room  
**Free Event**  
Register by Tuesday, February 5 at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195

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**Burn and Firm—NEW!**
You’ll work every muscle in this total body workout. This class will focus on upper and lower body toning, ending with gentle yoga poses for strengthening and stretching.
**Date:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 5:00–5:55 p.m.

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**JCC Get Fit Challenge**
Join the JCC this February in a fun “Get Fit” program that is open to all members and local corporations. The goal of this challenge is to have the greatest total percentage of body fat loss during the designated time period. Participants will have full access to the JCC including our fitness center, indoor pool, group exercise and group aquatic classes, and access to our certified personal trainers. Members will use body composition analysis with a new state-of-the-art InBody Scan Machine to track progress weekly. The InBody machine will calculate each individual’s lean mass, segmental body fat analysis, weight and more. Trained professionals will work with participants to understand the results of each body scan. Individual and Corporate prizes will be awarded.
**Dates:** February 4 - April 29  
**Cost:** $25/Member  
$50/Corporate Fee (10 or more participants)  
$50/Corporate Individual
For challenge rules and registration visit jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195.

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**Mamanet**
Join other women in a modified version of volleyball. Mamanet promotes exercise, and is a great way to build community with other women. Free and open to all.
**Open Gym:**  
**Date:** Mondays  
**Time:** 5:30–7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Gymnasium or Racquetball Court

**New Pricing on Health Club Service!**
Take advantage of our new lower priced locker and towel rentals plus new massage offer!  
**Long Locker:** $10/month  
**Towel Service:** $10/month  
**1 - 30 Minute Massage:** $15/month  
**To add on any monthly service contact the Bursar's Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195**
**AQUATICS**

For more information on Aquatics, contact Shawn Chrystal at 330.746.3250 ext. 112 or aquatics@jewishyoungstown.org.

To enroll in any of our group or private swim lessons call 330.746.3250 ext. 195.

**Group Lessons**

**You & Me Baby**
This is a monthly class where parents assist their children in the water. Children will learn how to float and improve their water skills. Recommended ages: 6 - 36 months. Swim pants or swim diapers are required.

**Date:** Saturdays  
**Time:** 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
**Cost:** $30/Member | $40/Non Member

Learn-To-Swim: Ages 3+
Children will be placed into the appropriate level by the swim instructors.

**Level 1:** Basic swimming skills will be taught such as floating, blowing bubbles and the correct body positions for freestyle and backstroke.

**Level 2:** Children will learn arm motions for freestyle and backstroke as well as the correct breathing patterns for both strokes.

**Level 3:** Children will focus on breaststroke, butterfly, and diving while refining freestyle and backstroke techniques.

**Level 4:** Children will continue to refine the four swim strokes and diving.

**Date:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 8:55-9:25 a.m., 10:05-10:35 a.m  
**Cost:** $30/Member | $40/Non Member

**Private Swim Lessons**
Swimmers of any age or level can benefit from private swim lessons. Learn to swim or improve your skills with one of our certified swim instructors.

Private lessons are also great for triathletes.

**Four 30-minute lessons**  
**Cost:** $82/Member | $110/Non Member

**Winter Swim Team**
We are part of the Splash Swim League. Practice

**Monday - Thursday**  
**Time:** 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** $75/Member | $150/Non Member

**Session 2:** February 18 - March 21  
**Session 3:** March 25 - April 4

Akiva and ELC pick-up is available.

**Water Women**
This free class is designed for women with little or no swimming ability. Participants will learn the skills needed to feel safe in the water. This program is funded by Chemical Bank. Lessons will be limited to 12 women per session.

**Date:** Saturdays  
**Time:** 10:45-11:45 a.m.  
**Session 2:** February 23 - March 30  
**Session 3:** April 6 - May 11  
Register online at jccyoungstown.org

**P.A.L.S.+ Private Swimming Lessons**
The JCC offers free one-on-one swim lessons for persons who are on the autism spectrum or who have developmental disabilities. This program is funded by Autism Speaks and the Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation. To apply visit jccyoungstown.org/pals.

**SwimSafe 500**
This program provides free swim safety lessons for children in Kindergarten through eighth grade. Scholarships are provided by The United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, The Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and The Redwoods Group. To apply visit visit jccyoungstown.org/pals.

**Dive-In Movie: Sherlock Gnomes**
Date: Friday, February 15  
**Time:** 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Cost:** $30/Member | $40/Non Member

Register online at jccyoungstown.org before March 31st and receive an Early Bird Discount of $50 off your camp fees! *Not applicable for single week sessions

An initial deposit of $75 is required at registration and will go towards the cost of your camp fees.

**Purim Carnival at the JCC**
Join us for this fun family event! We will have carnival food, games, prizes, a bounce house, a costume contest, and more! Tickets for games and food will be available for purchase. All families are welcome!

**Date:** Sunday, March 10  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Multi-Purpose Room & Gymnasium

**CAMP JCC**

For more information on Camp, contact Emily Blau at 330.746.3250 ext. 152 or eblau@jewishyoungstown.org.

Registration Now Open!
Camp JCC provides a safe, fun environment for campers to build lifelong friendships through unforgettable adventures and quality care. Our day camp is designed to accommodate campers of various ages and interests, regardless of ethnic and religious background. We are conveniently housed at the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown which includes an indoor pool, gymnasium, Noah’s Park (the best playground in Youngstown!), and will now offer a brand new outdoor pavilion dedicated to providing our campers with a designated play space outside during the camp season! Friday afternoons will be spent at the JCC Logan Campus, which includes an outdoor pool with diving board, tennis courts, basketball courts, and snack shack. Camp families are able to design their summer experience through our flexible scheduling with options to register for our traditional day camp, specialty camps, and advanced specialty camps. There is no minimum or maximum amount of weeks your camper has to attend, but we know your camper will love Camp JCC so much they will want to be with us every week!

Our Camp JCC team is committed to giving your child an unforgettable summer and we look forward to making your family part of the Camp JCC family!

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**Build and Play LEGO® Program**
Join us as we have fun building LEGO® sets together in small groups! For children ages 6+.

**Date:** March 4, 5 & 6  
**Time:** 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** JCC  
**Cost:** $19/Member $25/Non Member  
Register at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office : 330.746.3250 ext. 195

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JCC Journeys
The Phantom of the Opera
Cameron Mackintosh’s spectacular new production of The Phantom of the Opera will make a triumphant return to Cleveland as part of its North American Tour. Critics are raving that this breathtaking production is “bigger and better than ever before.” The beloved story and thrilling score - with songs like “Music of the Night” and “All I Ask Of You” - will be performed by a cast and orchestra of 52, making this one of the largest productions now on tour.

Price includes orchestra seat, transportation and tip for the bus driver. After the play, the bus will drop the group off at a restaurant or area with choice of restaurants and dinner will be on your own. Space is limited and registration ends on February 28. Any ticket requests after February 28 are subject to availability. No refunds after purchase.

Date: Sunday, April 14
Location: Cleveland, OH
Leave JCC: 11:00 a.m.
Showtime: 1:00 p.m.
Run Time: 2 hours 30 minutes
Return to the JCC: 8:00 p.m. approximately
$71/Member | $95/ Non Member
Register online at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office at 330.746.3250 ext. 195

JCC Israeli Scholar Series
Israeli scholars living in the U.S will speak about their fields of study. These programs are free and open to the public, a light lunch will be provided at each program. Register online at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195.

What's Inside the Capsule? The Science Behind Pharmaceutical Product Development
Have you ever wondered why new drugs are so expensive? What are the differences between generic and brand name products? In this talk, Dr. Galit Regev, will walk us through the complex process of new drug development including the large investment of money needed, manufacturing the product, and regulatory approval.

About the Speaker: Dr. Galit Regev is the Director of Formulation Sciences at Kadmon Pharmaceuticals, LLC. She received her PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. She is an expert in the development and formulation of innovative drug products.

Date: Friday, February 8
Time: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Free Event
Register by Monday, February 4 at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195

Special Needs Youth in Israel
Founded in 2003, Kivunim, meaning “directions” in Hebrew, serves as a non-profit organization for young people with disabilities. They provide services to individuals with physical disabilities, sensory disabilities, chronic illness disorders, brain injuries, hearing impairment, and high functioning young adults on the autism spectrum. Michal Nitzany, Resource Development Director at Kivunim, will discuss their work to empower young people with disabilities through innovative programs that emphasize capabilities and strengths.

Date: Wednesday, February 20
Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Free Event
Register by Monday, February 11 at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195

Churchill United Methodist Food Pantry
The CHUM Food Pantry aims to feed families in Liberty Township that are in need of extra assistance. Since first starting in 2016, the pantry now feeds over 70+ families. Volunteers will help distribute food and make guests feel welcome during their visit.

Dates: February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3
Time: 9:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Location: 189 Churchill Rd, Youngstown, OH 44505

Diaper Packing with Making Kids Count
The Making Kids Count Diaper Bank Volunteers repack diapers in quantities of 25 diapers per size with saran wrap and labels. This ensures that more people are able to receive a pack of diapers and that the diapers are being distributed as more of an “emergency” supply. Volunteers wrap 10,000 diapers into 400 packs a month!

Date: February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10
Times: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Location: 7178 West Blvd, Ste E, Youngstown, Ohio 44512

Social Action Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council
330.746.3250 ext. 123
Swilschek@jewishyoungstown.org
**Current Exhibit:**
Far closer by Jaclyn Silverman & R. Clarke-Davis
A collaborative photography exhibition comprised of recent work by Jaclyn Silverman and fellow artist and educator R. Clarke-Davis explores identities and environments, with connections to a sense of place and community.

**Exhibit Dates:** January 10 - February 21

**Upcoming Exhibit:**
Watercolor Showcase by the Mahoning Valley Watercolor Society
February 28 - April 4
This group of exhibitions is comprised of watercolor painting by members of the Mahoning Valley Watercolor Society depicting a wide range of subjects.

**Opening Reception:** Thursday, February 28
Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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**Get Fit With the JCC Challenge**

**JOIN THE JCC GET FIT CHALLENGE!**
February 4 - April 29

Member Fee: $25
Corporate Fee: $50 each employee
Corporate Fee, 10 or more employees: $500

Join the Jewish Community Center in a “Get Fit” program that is open to all JCC members and local corporations. The goal of this challenge is to have the greatest total percentage of body fat loss during the designated time period. Participants will have full access to the JCC including the fitness center, indoor pool, group exercise and group aquatic classes, and access to our certified personal trainers. Members will use body composition analysis with a new state-of-the-art InBody Scan Machine to track progress weekly. The InBody machine will calculate each individual’s lean mass, segmental body fat analysis, weight and more. Trained professionals will work with participants to understand the results of each body scan. Individual and corporate prizes will be awarded. The challenge begins Feb. 4 and ends April 29. The cost is $25/member, $500/corporate fee (10 or more participants) and $50/corporate individual. For more information, contact the bursar’s office at 330.746.3250 ext. 195.

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**SENIOR OUTREACH**

If you or someone you know is over 60 years old and could use a friendly visit, a helping hand, or just information about our Jewish community, please contact Senior Outreach Coordinator Shai Erez at 330.550.5995 or serez@jewishyoungstown.org.

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**RENTALS**

For more information or to book a rental contact Kelli McCormick at 330.746.3250 ext. 284 or kmccormick@jewishyoungstown.org

**Multi-Purpose Room**
Equipped with an overhead motorized projection theater screen, state-of-the-art audio/visual system, movable module stage, and commercial kitchen. Catering packages are available for up to 250 guests.

**Adult Lounge**
Accommodates 50 guests. An in-house kosher caterer is available.

**Meeting Rooms**
Our small conference room seats up to 10 guests, while our boardroom seats 35 and is equipped with a built-in projector and screen.

**Gymnasium**
Our full size gymnasium is equipped with six regulation height basketball hoops, bleacher seating and a dividing curtain.

Cost: $50/hr

**Pool Party**
Enjoy time in our full size indoor heated pool and one hour in the party room.

Cost: $165/Member | $220/Non Member
$50/hr. for additional time
15 people per lifeguard and $25/ additional lifeguard

**Under the Sea Splish Splash Mermaid Bash**
Experience swimming and storytelling with the JCC Mermaid in our pool and enjoy time in our party room.

Cost: $225/Member | $281/Non Member
Pricing includes: One hour in the pool and one hour in the party room

**Game Time-Birthday Bash**
Play basketball, volleyball, kickball, soccer, or wiffleball in our gymnasium then enjoy time in our party room.

Cost: $150/Member | $188/Non Member
Pricing includes: One hour in our gymnasium and one hour in our private party room.

$50/hr for additional time in the gymnasium

**Lower Level Multi-Purpose Room**
Create new memories and easily entertain your guests when you host your next birthday party, meeting, retreat, or educational seminar. This multi-purpose room is located on the ground floor and can accommodate up to 36 people. The open room feel offers multiple room configurations. In-house catering is available.

Cost: $50/hour Member | $63/hour Non Member

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**DON’T FORGET FEBRUARY 14TH**

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Sometimes it’s hard to say just how much you care about someone and how you’d like them to feel about you. So don’t get tongue tied, just ask us for roses that say everything you want, and more.

Don’t forget February 14th
Two Gallery Exhibits Showcase Work of Photographers and Watercolor Painters

Photo Exhibit Explores Concepts of Home, Community, and the Sense of Place

Jaclyn Silverman puts finishing touches on her recent show, "Far Closer," in the Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation Art Gallery

"Far Closer," the latest exhibition at the Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation Art Gallery, opened in January. Artists Jaclyn Silverman and R. Clarke-Davis say it is a photographic conversation concerning their relationship to sense of place, belonging and community.

"It's sort of a conversation between the two ideas of place and belonging," Clarke-Davis said.

Silverman is originally from the Youngstown area.

"My family's been here for generations and I left, though I come back quite often," she said. "And I have a hard time kind of divorcing that feeling of belonging here." She is the daughter of Janine and Marc Silverman.

Each time she returns, she looks for changes. And when she moves to other areas, she searches for the feeling she has in Youngstown.

She currently works in Chicago and Columbus, and her portion of "Far Closer" reflects that and her hometown.

"They're a combination," she said of her photos. "They're not just one place, they're all three places."

Clarke-Davis, on the other hand, focused on a Canadian province, Newfoundland, and the people who stayed in the area no matter what, even during depressed times.

They both hope viewers identify with the photographs.

"The whole idea of photographs or any type of work that's supposedly creative is the idea to somehow make a link to someone else," Clarke-Davis said.

He points to a photo taken by Silverman of the Golden Dawn restaurant in Youngstown. It will probably bring tears to some viewers' eyes, he notes, but to him it's just another broken down building. He can relate it to other buildings that have closed, however.

"It's not the specifics, it's the generalities that people can relate to," he said.

Silverman said, "With my work I like that there is a moment of identifying either space, whether it's here or away, that feels similarly to something that a person has experienced or something that relates to an emotion that they've had about a home that they've had."

This is the third time Silverman has shown her work in the gallery.

"I like community center and cultural center spaces that show art because of the access and because of the crowd that comes to it," she said. "They're not looking to be fancy, they're not looking to buy, they're just coming to have a conversation."

Clarke-Davis agrees. "It's the serendipity aspect," he said. "It's this idea that the space can be found."

Silverman adds that she appreciates the opportunity to show in the gallery.

"It's a link back to my family and to family friends, and histories that I've had since preschool, my parents have had since middle school," she said. "It's nice to be able to bring somebody else with me to do that."

The show runs through Feb. 21.

Mahoning Valley Watercolor Society Showcase Opens in February

The Mahoning Valley Watercolor Society Showcase in the Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation Art Gallery will open with a reception at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28.

The show highlights the work of the watercolor society's members.

The Mahoning Valley Watercolor Society was founded in 1982 by eleven area artists with a goal of encouraging local watercolor painters. The society provides watercolorists with a place to share work, to learn more about watercolor technique, and to get professional artists who teach and show their work internationally.

"It's amazing how many people have come that really have never painted or just painted a little bit and how they developed over the years, how good they've gotten," she said. "And some people who had training but they let it go and they pick it up again and they're terrific."

"Pretty much that's what we do, we encourage each other," she added.

Meetings throughout the year include demonstrations, workshops and critiques. They often have group shows.

"It just gives some exposure," Anzellotti said. "If you're a painter, someone has to see it. There has to be an audience."

About 20 paintings will be on display during the exhibit, which will be on display from Feb. 28 through April 4.

Anzellotti hopes visitors will find a happiness in the work included in the exhibit, and perhaps even want to try painting.

"It's not that we think everyone should paint, but why not?" she said. "Because it's really something nice."

The Mahoning Valley Watercolor Society meetings are held at Disciples Christian Church in Boardman at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of September, October, November, January, February, March, and April. The Society meets once a month in May and December. No meetings are held in June, July, and August. For more information, visit http://mvartists.org/www.facebook.com/Mahoning-Valley-Watercolor-Society

Pixie in Contemplation" by John Schlabaugh is one of the watercolor paintings that will be on exhibit Feb. 28 through April 4.
JCC Community Development Development Manager Chosen as 25 Under 35 Honoree

Sarah Wilschek, Jewish Community Center community development manager, was chosen as a 25 Under 35 honoree by Mahoning Valley Young-Professionals.

25 Under 35 (previously 40 Under 40) recognizes young professionals who have greatly impacted the Mahoning Valley not only in the work they do in their career, but also through the hours they give to various non-profit organizations.

"I'm unbelievably humbled by it," Wilschek said. "I'm lucky to be able to do what I do and have the people that I do it with. We make a great team."

Wilschek was nominated by Sara Lowry and Dr. Nancy Wagner.

"I've had the pleasure of working with Sarah in her role at the JCC for several years now and have always enjoyed a very strong, productive, and warm relationship with her," Lowry said. "Her passion and commitment to the Valley and her work is contagious."

Lowry leads the Healthy Community Partnership-Mahoning Valley initiative for the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley. Wilschek is part of their parks and green spaces action team. They also work together on the Youngstown City School District’s coordinated health committee.

"Sarah also keeps social justice, equity, and inclusion in the forefront of her professional and volunteer endeavors," Lowry added. "I admire individuals who continuously engage these tough issues and bring others into the conversation. Sarah has helped to organize outstanding programming raising awareness and engaging the community on these critical issues."

Wagner said she is impressed with Wilschek's "incredible community leadership."

"Through her volunteerism and work at the JCC and the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation, she led multiple initiatives that focused on helping the underserved across the lifespan," Wagner added. "Sarah was instrumental in creating the JCC’s infant-toddler playground, revitalizing Safety Town and SwimSafe for young children, and collaborating with Mercy Health to develop the exercise program for adults with Parkinson’s disease. She also works with the secular community to access food and supplies for young children. Sarah leads by example and recruits others to become involved. She has made a positive impact on our community."

Wagner is chair of the Youngstown State University department of nursing and a Youngstown Area Jewish Federation board member.

Through her position with the JCC, Wilschek works with all JCC departments and numerous community organizations to focus on building partnerships and strengthening relationships within the Mahoning Valley. Additionally, she works on acquiring grants for the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and its agencies. Wilschek is active in the community as a member of the Girard/Liberty Rotary Club, Congregation Rodef Sholom board of directors, member of the Ohio Nonviolence Week committee, and volunteers with Churchill United Methodist Food Pantry and Project MKC, and more. She holds a degree in business administration from The Ohio State University and a Master of Science degree in non-profit management from the Gratz College of Non-profit Management.

To be considered for 25 Under 35, nominees must either live or work in the Mahoning Valley and be between the ages of 21 and 35. Applicants are judged on career achievements, community service, and education. Three MVPs will be announced at an awards ceremony on Feb. 7.

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That leads me back to Tu B’Shevat. I propose that we abandon Tu B’Shevat and replace it with “Aleph B’Shevat” — the first day of the month of Shevat, the day that was long ago proposed as the tithing boundary by the School of Shammai, when the School of Hillel suggested Tu B’Shevat.

Why make such a change? Because a date marking a new season 2,000 years ago can no longer reasonably be claimed to mark the same natural event today. On account of climate change, the seasons have already changed sufficiently that we must change our way of counting them.

Isn’t it true that, with rare exception, the halakhah (Jewish law) follows Shammai against Hillel? Yes, that is true. But that would make the shift of celebration to the first of Shevat that much more powerful, for it would represent a countercultural move and therefore an act of protest.

Those who mark the new beginning of the arboreal year on the first of Shevat would be declaring their concern for the consequences of global climate change and their insistence that we respond to it.

I confess that this seems a relatively minor symbolic act. But symbols are important, and they have the power to change minds and hearts. Those who ask why some Jews are disrupting the Jewish calendar would get a direct answer: because we have neglected the trees we claim to be celebrating, and we must do something about it.

Those who mark the day on a date when others before them did nothing would be reminded of what we are experiencing, and of our responsibility to act. Tu B’Shevat is not a biblical holiday; its date is not determined in heaven. This means that we — humans — who fixed it on the calendar can change the calendar to reflect new realities and communicate different, now more urgent, messages.

Reflecting, as it does, our concern for the future of trees — and of everything else in nature, including ourselves — Aleph B’Shevat would be a worthy new Jewish occasion.
Curtis Merle Chevlen

Curt married his beloved wife, Martha Rutherford, in March 1990, and they spent nearly 29 years together. Curt and Marty have two children, William Earl "Will" Chevlen and Elizabeth Marie "Libby" Chevlen, both of Columbus. Curt also had two canine kids, Gracie and Natalie, who miss him intensely.

Curt was a kind, smart, funny, generous man and all-round "GOOD GUY." As his friends paid tribute to him over the past three weeks, a common remembrance is his smile and the twinkle in his eye. Everyone who knew him would expect some smart or sarcastic comment from him as soon as he said "hi," but everyone knew his comments were made out of love, not disrespect. If you spent five minutes talking to him, you gained a life-long friend. Curt had a wild sense of humor, and such a great appreciation for the absurd that several years ago he founded the "NSA," the National Squirt-Gun Association complete with membership cards, T-shirts, and bumper stickers. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Curt was predeceased by his parents, Earl and Beverly Chevlen; grandparents Louis and Anna Chevlen and Ben and Gertrude Mirman; father-in-law William Rutherford; brother-in-law Thomas Rutherford; aunt Helen Chevlen; and cousins Louis A. Chevlen and Kerry A. Migdal.

Surviving are his immediate family, Martha, Will and Libby of Hilliard; brother Alden Chevlen and sister-in-law Katherine Chevlen; uncle Harold Chevlen of Youngstown; uncle and aunt Stanley and Rhoda Migdal of Akron; mother-in-law Evelyn Rutherford of Marysville; brother- and sister-in-law Mike and Connie Burton of Marysville; sister-in-law Sarah Rutherford of Columbus and Jim and Patricia Rutherford of Phoenix. Curt also leaves many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A private ceremony was conducted in Columbus. A celebration of his life will be announced at a later date.

Anyone wishing to make contributions in Curt’s memory may do so to the charity of their choice. Because he was a dog lover his entire life and was extremely attached to his rescue pet, he would have appreciated donations to animal rescue shelters.

Beatrice Lewin Cohen

Beatrice Lewin Cohen passed away after a short illness on Jan. 8, 2019 just short of her 95th birthday. She departed us peacefully and content that her long and blessed life had given even more joy to others than the bounties she received from them.

Bea was the youngest of six children of Louis and Sarah (Levy) Lewin of Cleveland, Ohio, born in 1924. She grew from the baby to the matriarch of the remarkable Lewin clan, preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Belle (and Irwin Silber), Jen, Edith (and Herman Wexler), Judy (and Leonard Speiser); brother, Leonard (and Evelyn) Lewin; and brother-in-law, Melvin Cohen.

Bea was happily married to Irving Cohen for 61 years before his passing in 2006.

Bea met Irv at Glenville High School in Cleveland where they worked on the school newspaper. She graduated with an AB degree in English from Flora Stone Mather College of Western Reserve University in 1944. She married Irv in 1945 while he was stationed at a U.S. Navy base in San Francisco. While there she taught in the Oakland, Calif., schools. On returning to Cleveland, she taught in the Cleveland school system for several years while her husband attended graduate school at Western Reserve. They moved to Youngstown in 1949 when Irv joined the Youngstown College (later YSU) faculty.

After raising three sons, Bea resumed teaching in the Boardman middle and high schools from 1967 to 1984 and also did computer-based tutoring. She was the faculty's preferred short- and long-term sub because of her talent for creating her own lesson plans and dispensing life lessons. Years later, many of her former students would stop her around town to say hi and thank her for her dedication and care. She took graduate courses at Youngstown State University. Bea was a lifelong member of Na'Amat (Pioneer Women), and an active member and past President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans Post 59. She belonged to Congregation Rodef Sholom for over 60 years, where she actively participated in adult education classes and readings at High Holiday services. She volunteered with the residents at Heritage Manor senior community and the children at the Jewish Community Center.

Most importantly, Bea was a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, great aunt, great great aunt, and friend, as confidant, counselor, and supporter of every single member of her immediate and extended family as well as all who joined her family through marriage or friendship.

She is survived by three sons, Martin Cohen (Elaine) of Fairlawn, Ohio, Richard Cohen (Margaret Craig) of San Rafael, Calif., and David Cohen (Pam Madden) of Tall Timbers, Md.; grandchildren, Daniel (and Amanda Smith) of Maumee, Ohio, Laura (and Micah Shapiro) of Chicago, Ill, Steven Cohen of San Francisco, and Jason Cohen of Sunnyvale, Calif., and great grandchildren Jakob and Sofie Cohen. She is also survived by sisters-in-law Shirley Cohen and many nieces, nephews, and their families.

Bea and her family extend special recognition to the entire staff and residents of Brookdale Montrose Senior Living community where she spent her last four years making many friends, and extra special recognition, love, and thanks to Gina Gender of Youngstown for her caring support.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bea's name may be made to Congregation Rodef Sholom, 1119 Elm Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44505, or to a favorite charity.

Funeral services were at Gordon-Flury Memorial Home, Akron. Interment was at Tod Homestead Cemetery.
Professor and Producer Dr. Herbert Hochhauser Dies at 83

Produced Documentary Films With Dr. Saul Friedman

Dr. Herbert Hochhauser, former director of Kent State University’s Ethnic Heritage and Jewish Studies programs, has died. He was 83.

He worked closely with the late Dr. Saul Friedman, a Youngstown State University history professor and an internationally recognized Holocaust scholar.

Hochhauser, also known as “The Mighty Hoch,” was the longest-serving director of Kent State’s Jewish studies program, serving for 20 years. He taught German literature and Jewish studies at Kent State for 35 years. Friedman taught in the Jewish studies program for 20 years. He passed away in 2013.

Hochhauser “has a very strong connection to Youngstown through Dr. Saul Friedman,” said Chaya Kessler, Kent’s current Jewish studies program director. “He and Saul worked together creating documentary films.”

The pair collaborated on several films related to the Holocaust, including “Robert Clary, A-5714: A Memoir of Liberation” and “Susan.” They received Emmy awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for their work.

Hochhauser “did a lot in the field of Holocaust education,” Kessler said. In a 2015 interview in The Burr Magazine, Hochhauser said, “The community is very much aware of what we’re doing in Kent. They support it financially. Cleveland, Columbus, Youngstown, Akron - they all are behind it.”

Born May 2, 1935 in Berlin, Hochhauser spent four years in orphanages in Switzerland and France after his parents were sent to a labor camp. The family was later reunited and immigrated to the United States in 1948.

He grew up in Cleveland and went on to Ohio University in Athens, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in German history. He earned a master’s degree in German literature from Middlebury College in Middlebury, VT, and a doctorate in 19th-century German literature from the University of Akron and the University of Innsbruck in Austria. He led Kent’s Jewish studies program from 1980 to 1999.

He was director of the Ohio Council on Holocaust Education (now Ohio Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education) director of the Akron Jewish Community High School. He also led seminars featuring guest experts on various aspects of Holocaust studies.

His wife, Karen, predeceased him. They had three children and four grandchildren.

Dr. Herbert Hochhauser was honored at the 40th anniversary celebration for Kent State University’s Jewish Studies program in May 2015.

Sally Weiss Yanowitz

Sally Weiss Yanowitz, age 86, a philanthropist and lover of the arts, died of natural causes on Wednesday, Jan. 16. Sally married the love of her life and the “only guy she ever wanted,” Irwin Yanowitz, who passed away in 2001. She grew up in Youngstown, Ohio and lived in Sharon, Pa. for 49 years before moving to Longboat Key and Sarasota, Fla. full time in 2002. She had recently moved to Colorado to live near her children.

As a passionate community volunteer, she was involved in organizations whose missions she believed in, focusing her intense energy and enthusiasm in music and the arts, reading and volunteering, and supporting agencies that provided services to the young and/or homeless. She was a current board member of American Jewish Committee - Southwest Florida section and a past board member of Embracing our Differences, JFCS, Jewish Housing Council, Planned Parenthood and Sarasota Ballet.

Her most recent passion was in Harvest House. She fell in love not only with the mission of Harvest House but also the Minor family and was an ardent supporter of Harvest House Family Village, which provides housing to homeless families and youths. The Yanowitz Family built the Harvest House Family Village Playground.

She is survived by daughters Carol (and husband Bruce) of Chicago, Ruth (and husband Larry) of Parker, Colo. and Sarah of Boulder, Colo. and granddaughters Olivia and Samantha. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Mark, and her brother, Bernie Weiss.

As much as she loved ice cream, she loved her husband, her family, her friends and her life even more.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be directed to Harvest House, 2228 22nd St., Sarasota, Fla. 34234; Sarasota Ballet, 5555 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Fla. 34243; Buhl Park, 717 Hazen Rd., Hermitage, Pa. 16148; or Planned Parenthood.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Sarasota, Fla.

Interment was at Temple Beth Israel Cemetery, Hermitage, Pa., with her husband and son.

Dr. Melvin Fader

Dr. Melvin “Mel” Fader, 86, of Sun City Center, Fla. passed away peacefully with his wife by his side and surrounded by family on Jan. 7, 2019. Mel was born July 28, 1932 in Cleveland, Ohio to Max and Rose (Teitelbaum) Fader, where he spent his childhood. He married the love of his life Marsha (Hollander) Fader on Aug. 18, 1957. 61 years of wedded bliss! They married and raised three children in Youngstown, Ohio. Mel is a graduate of John Adams High School (1950) and completed his undergraduate degree at Case Western Reserve University. He continued his studies at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry and went on to finish his residency in oral surgery at the University of Pittsburgh. Mel set a high bar for professionalism and brought unprecedented patient care in the 42 years he practiced. Condolences may be expressed online at segalfuneralhome.com.
Education

Third Grader Wins Annual Spelling Bee

Akiva Academy held its annual spelling bee Jan. 15. Twenty-five students in grades 2 through 5 competed for the top honor. Guest pronouncer was Jan Ezzo, retired Akiva middle school language arts teacher. The two-hour-and-twenty-minute competition ended with Anan Sati (grade 3) spelling asseveration correctly to become school champion. Skyla Wall (grade 8) came in second place, followed by Ariella Westreich (grade 7) in third place. Westreich also won the written spelling bee contest. Taniya Phillips (grade 8) earned the poise award and Liam Stanton (grade 4) the extra effort award. Sati will represent Akiva at the Vindicator Spelling Bee competition in March at Youngstown State University.

Maltz Museum Tour Focuses on “Stop the Hate”

Akiva Academy students in grades 6 through 8 toured the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Cleveland. The tour focused on the theme “Stop the Hate.” Students learned about violence and hate crimes against groups of people who are different, and more specifically, against the Jewish people.

“The tour was productive in showing images of the historic events and in watching testimonials of Holocaust survivors,” said Tirtza Kohan, Hebrew & Judaic coordinator. “This will help the students in grades 7 and 8 with the annual student holocaust writing, art, and multi-media contest.”

The contest, a project of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation, is held in conjunction with Yom Hashoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day. To be commemorated this academic year on Thursday, May 2, Yom Hashoah is an internationally recognized day set aside for remembering all victims of the Holocaust and for reminding society of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred, and indifference reign. For more information about the contest, visit jewishyoungstown.org.

Learning about Tu B’Shevat

In January, MSJS students learned about the Jewish holiday of Tu B’Shevat. They planted seeds, created artwork, and tasted fruit such as dried mango, apricot, dates, and almonds, as well as some fresh fruit.

Kosciuszko Foundation Scholar to Speak

Dr. Jolanta Ambrosewicz-Jacob of Jagiellonian University, Poland will speak on “Memory Conflicts in Poland Related to the Jewish Past and the Holocaust” from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4 at the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor (Steel Museum), 151 Wood St., Youngstown. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. It is sponsored by the Ohio chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation. Ambrosewicz-Jacob is a scholar of the Kosciuszko Foundation. She teaches as the UNESCO Chair for Education about the Holocaust at the Institute for European Studies at the Jagiellonian University, where, between 2008 and 2017, she was the director of the Center for Holocaust Studies. She was the Ina Levine Invitational Scholar at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum from Sept. 2011 to May 2012, a Pew Fellow at the Center for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University, and a visiting fellow at Oxford University and Cambridge University. The event is organized by the Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies, Youngstown State University. For more information about CJHS, contact Dr. Jacob Ari Labendz, director; at 330.941.1603 or jlabendz@ysu.edu.
Annual Interfaith Tea to be Held

The 72nd Annual Women’s Interfaith Tea will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church, 305 Struthers Liberty Rd., Campbell.

The keynote speaker will be Sister Paula of Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Ellwood City, Pa. The event is free and open to all women in the Mahoning Valley.

The Interfaith Tea brings women of all faiths together in a safe and respectful environment for an afternoon of conversation. Last year’s event was at St. Columba Cathedral. Over 80 women attended.

For more information, call Cynthia O’Connor at 330.307.6422.

Interfaith Women of the Valley is a gathering of women from nearly every religion in the Mahoning Valley. They promote unity and celebrate diversity through programs of social awareness, mutual respect and a desire to learn about one another and each other’s faiths.

Some of the Inspiring Jews We Lost in 2018

By Gabe Friedman

(JTA) — The end of every year brings the grim task of rounding up the prominent Jews who passed away over the previous 12 months. But in doing so, we are able to pay tribute to their incredible lives and accomplishments, and revel once again in the talents and resilience of the Jewish community.

This year, we lost Pulitzer Prize winners, TV stars, scholars, Holocaust survivors, spiritual leaders and many more. Here are just some of those who inspired us the most.

Philip Roth

In the end, the giant of Jewish literature never won a Nobel Prize. But his legendary characters and stories, from “Portnoy’s Complaint” to “American Pastoral” (which helped him win numerous other prizes, including a Pulitzer; the National Book Award and a Franz Kafka prize), will eternally live on the American Jewish psyche.

Rona Ramon

After her husband Ilan Ramon, the first and only Israeli astronaut to make it to space, died in the Columbia shuttle crash of 2003, she became a public figure and started the Ramon Foundation, which promoted academic and social leadership among Israeli youth. Her death, of pancreatic cancer at age 54, was especially heartbreaking for many in Israel and around the world.

Stan Lee

Few had as significant an enduring impact on the comic book industry — and the international mega-blockbusters that it would eventually spawn — as Stan Lee, the genius behind Marvel comics. Among the characters he co-created with other artists are Spider-Man, the Hulk, the X-Men, the Fantastic Four, Iron Man and Thor. He was born Stanley Lieber to Romanian-Jewish immigrants.

Neil Simon

There was arguably no playwright as popular or as astute at exploring the anxieties and foibles, of middle-class Jews as Neil Simon, whose comedies dominated the Broadway box office for much of the second half of the 20th century. Among his most famous creations for the stage, silver screen and TV were “Barefoot in the Park,” “The Odd Couple” and “Lost in Yonkers,” which won a Pulitzer Prize.

Claude Lanzmann

Lanzmann’s “Shoah” — a nine-hour documentary from 1985 — changed public discourse and set the standard for Holocaust filmmaking. “Holocaust films of all genres changed after Shoah,” the visual director of Yad Vashem told JTA after Lanzmann’s death in July.

Anthony Bourdain

The renowned chef and daredevil travel show host’s Jewish identity — his mother was Jewish but he was never religious — was not widely known or talked about until he made an episode of his CNN series “Parts Unknown” about Israel. While sampling cuisine from Israel and Palestinian territories, Bourdain painted a nuanced portrait of the country’s social and political structures and his own conflicted identity. His suicide in June shocked the world, not just the food industry.

Elsewhere in the food world, Jonathan Gold — the first food writer to win a Pulitzer for criticism, who was known for shedding light on lesser-known ethnic eateries in his native Los Angeles — passed away at 57 in July.

Shoshana Cardin

The iconic institutional leader broke glass ceilings at several of the largest and most powerful Jewish organizations — from her local federation in her native Baltimore to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations (she was also president of its national board).

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Congregation Rodef Sholom History Preserved

By Elise Skolnick

Founded in 1867, Congregation Rodef Sholom has a lot of history to preserve. So, in conjunction with their 150th anniversary in 2017, a History Center was created in the synagogue.

Framed photographs, books, photo albums, and more fill the shelves in the center. Some sections are devoted to famous Jewish men and women – there are photos of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Golda Meir, Al Rosen and Hank Greenberg, among others. Famous men and women impacted by the Holocaust are remembered with photos. Included are Anne Frank, Hedy Lamarr, Mark Spitz and Joe Rosenthal.

But the bulk of the exhibits are devoted to preserving the history of members of Congregation Rodef Sholom, and the synagogue itself.

Photos of members who were Holocaust survivors are displayed, as are photos of children of Holocaust survivors. Cassette tapes preserve the oral histories of the latter.

A shelf is filled with books written by members. Another holds photos of famous Rodef Sholom members, including Senator Maurice Lipscher and Forrest and Leroy Raffel, the founders of Arby’s.

One window ledge is lined with wedding photos, all having taken place at Rodef Sholom. The earliest photo, of Frances Livingston and Phillip Millstone, is from 1936. The most recent is of Hannah Morris and Ian Anderson, who married in 2016. Photo albums full of confirmation class photos going back to 1916 are laid out on a table. Photos of Rodef Sholom’s rabbis are on display, beginning with Rabbi Lippman Liebman, who served from 1868 to 1886. There are also photos of the first female president of Rodef and the first female president of Temple Beth Israel. Rodef Sholom and the Sharon, Pa.-based Temple Beth Israel merged in 2013. The torahs from that congregation are prominently displayed at one end of the room.

“It’s nice to look back at these pictures,” said Marcia Levy. Levy was part of the committee that worked on the project for the 150th anniversary, and she continues to add exhibits.

Rodef Sholom members originally worshipped above a factory on Federal Street in downtown Youngstown. In 1886, Rodef Sholom’s first building was dedicated at the corner of Lincoln and Fifth Avenue. Eventually, a larger facility was needed. Ground was broken on April 9, 1914 for what is the present-day Congregation Rodef Sholom facility on the corner of Elm and Woodbine Streets. An artist rendering of that building is on display in the history center. Some of the items were donated, but many Levy found through research.

“There’s so much history you can find online now,” she said.

She visited the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Beachwood, Ohio, which gave her ideas for some of the exhibits, including the section devoted to Jewish baseball players.

Levy said it’s important to preserve the history of Rodef Sholom.

“I’m sorry we didn’t start it earlier,” she said. “Some things are lost forever.”

The history center is kept locked because some items cannot be replaced, but anyone may visit. To schedule a visit, call 330.744.5001.

Photos of Rodef Sholom rabbis are on display in their history center.
Ahead of Historic Moon Mission, SpaceIL Transports First Israeli Spacecraft to Florida

Israel – Israeli nonprofit SpaceIL and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI)’s first lunar spacecraft began a historic journey to the moon in January, when it was transported in a cargo plane from Ben Gurion Airport to Orlando, Fla., ahead of launching from SpaceX Launch Complex 40 (SLC-40) at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station this month.

SpaceIL and IAI recently packed the 180-kilogram spacecraft into a special temperature-controlled, sterile shipping container, built to protect the spacecraft and ensure it arrives safely at the launch site. After landing at Orlando International Airport, the spacecraft – named Beresheet (the Hebrew word for in the beginning) – was then driven to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, where it will be added as a secondary payload by launch service provider SpaceX. It will be launched on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket together with a geostationary communications satellite built by SSL. The launch is targeted for no earlier than mid-February.

“After eight years of hard work, our dream has come true: We finally have a spacecraft,” said SpaceIL CEO Ido Anteby. “Shipping the spacecraft to the United States is the first stage of a complicated and historic journey to the moon. This is the first of many exciting moments, as we look forward to the forthcoming launch in Cape Canaveral.”

IAI Director of Logistics Eyal Shitrit said that though IAI has extensive experience in complex shipping projects, “the transporting of Beresheet is a unique challenge since this is a once-in-a-lifetime mission and there is no backup plan – this spacecraft must arrive safely.”

In addition to the container holding Beresheet, two more containers were included in the cargo plane, which itself is temperature controlled. SpaceIL and IAI engineers accompanied the spacecraft on the flight to Florida, and more engineers joined them in Cape Canaveral. Beresheet will undergo final tests before being launched by a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.

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YSU Faculty Trio to Perform at Carnegie Hall

Three Youngstown State University faculty members will perform in concert at Carnegie Hall at 8 p.m. Friday, March 22.

The Dana Piano Trio includes faculty members Cicilia Yudha, piano; Kivie Cahn-Lipman, cello; and Joseph Kromholz, violin. The concert is part of the year-long celebration of Dana’s 150th Anniversary.

Cicilia Yudha, who joined the Dana faculty in 2012, has performed across the United States, Austria, Cambodia, Canada, France, Germany and Indonesia. A frequent soloist with the Duke University Symphony Orchestra, Yudha has given master classes and presentations across the United States and Southeast Asia. Her debut CD, Selected Piano Works, was released in September 2016.

Kivie Cahn-Lipman, who joined Dana in 2017, holds degrees from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, the Juilliard School, and the University of Cincinnati. He is the founding cellist of the International Contemporary Ensemble, with which he performs regularly to international critical acclaim. Cahn-Lipman appears on more than 40 recordings. As a chamber musician, he has performed frequently in Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and other major venues on four continents.

Joseph Kromholz is head of strings at the Dana School of Music. He previously taught violin at Luther College and taught music theory at New England Conservatory. He also has taught at the Chamber Music Connection in Columbus, SUNY Stony Brook’s Summer Chamber Institute, ENCORE Chamber Music Institute, Renova Music Festival, and at Kneisel Hall’s Maine Student Program. He maintains an active performing career as a solo, chamber and orchestral musician, with more than 100 concerts per year.

Youngstown State University’s Office of Alumni Engagement and the Cliffe College of Creative Arts and Communication are sponsoring a bus trip to New York for the concert. For more information, contact Mari Ann Cann at 330.941.3629 or mcann@ysu.edu.

Congress is Now 3 Times More Jewish Than the United States as a Whole

By Ben Sales

(JTA) — More than 6 percent of the new Congress is Jewish, with 34 Jews among the total of 535 lawmakers in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.

Jews make up 2 percent of the U.S. population, so Congress as a whole is more than thrice as Jewish as the country in general, according to a new study by the Pew Research Center on religion in the new Congress, which was inaugurated Thursday.

The number is even larger in the Senate, where eight of the 100 members are Jewish. That’s 8 percent, for the math challenged.

This Congress has four more Jews than its predecessor, which had 30 Jewish members. But it’s far from the most Jewish Congress ever. That was the 1993 Congress, which boasted 51 Jews — nearly 10 percent of the total.

All of the Jews in the Senate are Democrats, as are all but two in the House. The Republican exceptions are Reps. Lee Zeldin and David Kustoff, from New York and Tennessee, respectively. They are the only non-Christian Republicans in the Congress, according to Pew.

Congress as a whole is overwhelmingly Christian — even more so than the country. Seventy-one percent of Americans identify as Christian, compared to 88 percent of Congress. Both Protestants and Catholics are overrepresented on Capitol Hill.

The most underrepresented group is unaffiliated Americans. Twenty-three percent of Americans don’t identify with a religion, but that’s true of just a sole member of Congress — new Arizona Sen. Kyrsten Sinema. Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and Unitarians are also represented in Congress.
Moshe Arens, Israeli Defense Minister Under 3 Prime Ministers, Dies at 93

By Marcy Oster

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Moshe Arens, a veteran Israeli politician and defense minister under three prime ministers, has died.

Arens, who first hired Benjamin Netanyahu and is credited with helping him get his start in politics, died Monday in his sleep at his home near Tel Aviv. He was 93.

Arens was a member of the Knesset for the Likud party from 1973 to 1992 and again from 1999 to 2003. As ambassador to the United States beginning in 1982, Arens brought on Netanyahu as part of the diplomatic corps and later appointed him as ambassador to the United Nations.

Arens served as defense minister under prime ministers Menachem Begin, Yitzhak Shamir and Netanyahu, as well as as foreign minister.

“I loved you as a son loved his father,” Netanyahu said in a tribute. “There was no greater patriot. Moshe Arens’ great contribution to our people and our state will be remembered forever.”

“Misha was one of the most important ministers of defense the State of Israel ever had. He was not a commander or a general, but a devoted man of learning who toiled day and night for the security of Israel and its citizens,” Israel’s President Reuven Rivlin said in a statement.

The Israel Defense Forces in a statement said that Arens “led the shaping of the face of the Israeli defense establishment over the years,” noting that Arens “laid down important elements in the IDF’s building of strength, its power, and its technological renewal.”

“A man of vision, Moshe Arens succeeded in creating a long list of important, forward-looking changes in the defense establishment and the IDF that have enabled and still enable a more correct and adapted confrontation to the challenges of the present and the future,” the army said.

Prior to entering politics, Arens was deputy director general at Israel Aircraft Industries, where he oversaw major development projects, including the Kfir fighter jet project. Before that, from 1957 to 1962, he was a professor of aeronautics at The Technion.

Arens, a Lithuania native, immigrated to the United States with his family in 1939. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a technical sergeant. Arens moved to Israel shortly after it declared independence in 1948 and joined the Zionist paramilitary organization the Irgun.

In 1951 he returned to the United States to study engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and aeronautical engineering at the California Institute of Technology.

In his later years, Arens was a columnist for the left-wing Israeli daily newspaper Haaretz. He also was chairman of the International Board of Governors of Ariel University Center of Samaria.

Jewish Agency Chairman Isaac Herzog in a statement called Arens “a true leader with integrity, reason and eloquence who made great contributions to Israel’s security and global standing.

Despite our differences, there was always mutual respect between us.”

He is survived by his wife, Muriel, four children and nine grandchildren.

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SpaceIL's spacecraft is expected to launch from SpaceX Launch Complex 40 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida this month. (Photo credit: Eliran Avital)

the first in Israel's history and the first that's privately funded – Israel would join superpowers China, Russia and the United States in landing a spacecraft on the moon.

Since the establishment of SpaceIL, the task of landing an Israeli spacecraft on the moon has become a national project, with educational impact, funded mainly by Morris Kahn, a philanthropist and businessman who took the lead in completing the mission, serving as SpaceIL’s president and financing $40 million.

“The excitement we all feel today will only intensify moving forward, and I can’t wait for the next milestone,” said Kahn. “This is only the beginning.”

Additional donors include Dr. Miriam and Sheldon Adelson – whose $24 million contribution enabled the project to continue – and Lynn Schusterman, Steven and Nancy Grand, Sylvan Adams, Sami Sagol and others.

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Deaths from page 19

Connie Sawyer

The "Clown Princess of Comedy" was also known as the oldest working woman in Hollywood when she passed away at age 105. Born Rosie Cohen to Orthodox parents, Sawyer had over 140 acting credits, mostly small roles, in films and shows ranging from "Hawaii Five-O" to "Seinfeld" to "Pineapple Express."

Evelyn Berezin

We can thank Berezin, a child of Jewish immigrants from Russia, for the first computerized word processor, which she built and marketed in the late 1960s. "Without Ms. Berezin there would be no Bill Gates, no Steve Jobs, no internet, no word processors," British writer Gwyn Headley said in 2010.

Mac Miller

Only 26 at the time of his death — the result of a drug overdose — Miller was somewhat of an unlikely star in the mainstream hip hop world. Born Malcolm James McCormick to a Jewish mother and Irish father in Pittsburgh, Miller at times referenced his Jewish identity in public and in lyrics, and he had a Star of David tattoo.

Rachel Cowan

As a pioneer of the Jewish healing movement who was eventually stricken with an aggressive form of brain cancer — the same kind that afflicted the late Sen. John McCain — Cowan felt the need to speak out around the time of a crucial Senate vote on the fate of the Affordable Care Act in 2017. She made a video urging senators to uphold the law and wrote a letter to McCain that made headlines. At the Jewish Life and Values Program at the Nathan Cummings Foundation in New York, she helped direct grants for programs that addressed the spiritual dimensions of serious illness, bringing Jewish wisdom on wellness to a wide audience.

Charles Krauthammer

Krauthammer was a first-year medical student at Harvard when a diving accident left him in a wheelchair for life. He became a psychiatrist, and then started writing — at first he tried speechwriting, then turned to political commentary. He rose to become one of the country's most widely known and respected conservative columnists, remaining a staunch Israel supporter along the way. His son Daniel recalled how his dad Charles helped untold numbers of Americans "orient themselves with the political landscape" through his weekly Washington Post column and his frequent appearances on Fox News.

Naomi Cohen

Cohen was one of the first female Jewish studies scholars, when the field itself was still new and emerging. Her research centered on the intersection of politics and religion in the 20th century and she taught at the City University of New York.

Connie Kurtz

The LGBTQ activist was best known for her lawsuit against the New York City Board of Education, which established domestic partner benefits for all city employees in 1994. She married Ruthie Berman, in a ceremony officiated by noted LGBTQ Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, in 2000, when it was still illegal for lesbians to marry in a civil wedding.

Charlotte Rae

The actress known for her popular role on "The Facts of Life," and whose performances earned her Tony and Emmy nominations, was born Charlotte Rae Lubotsky in Milwaukee to Russian Jewish immigrants.

Clara Schwarz Kramer

During the Holocaust, Kramer hid in an underground crawl space in Poland for nearly two years. Her diary from that time is held at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., and her memoir further recounts the harrowing experience. With a group of other survivors, she co-founded the Holocaust Resource Center at Kean University in New Jersey.

Deaths of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from 1999 to 2001. She passed away in May at 91.

Victims of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting On Oct. 27, an anti-Semitic gunman entered the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh’s quiet Squirrel Hill neighborhood and killed 11 Jewish worshippers. It was the worst shooting in American Jewish history, and it reverberated around the country and the world, spurring heartwarming tributes and calls to take action against right-wing anti-Semitism.

Here are their names:

- David Rosenthal
- Cecil Rosenthal
- Bernice Simon
- Sylvan Simon
- Daniel Stein
- Jerry Rabinowitz
- Richard Gottfried
- Joyce Fienberg
- Rose Mallinger
- Melvin Wax
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