Happy First Father's Day to Oren Kessler! Oren and his wife Jessica welcomed Milo Gesher Kessler to the world on May 9 (His grandfather's birthday) in New York. (The G is for Gerry and the M in Milo is for Mollie, Mayer (Chaya’s dad) and McCarthy, Jessica’s mom’s maiden name) The little fellow’s Hebrew name is Yaakov. He is the first grandchild of Chaya and Sandy Kessler and Maryrose and Tom Johns of Connecticut. (See more Celebrations on pages 17, 18, and 19)

Benjamin Feuer, the son of Joel and Tammie Feuer will graduate from Canfield High School on June 5, cum laude with an honors diploma. Ben garnered a 4.0 GPA while taking advanced placement classes. In the fall, he will attend Baldwin Wallace University, in the honors program, having received a Presidential Merit Scholarship, and will continue his athletic career with the Baldwin Wallace Yellow Jackets. While in high school Ben was active in Leo’s Club and the National Honor Society, serving as treasurer his senior year. He was involved in numerous community service programs, worked in the high school athletic office, and volunteered with the MSJS program. A member of the varsity soccer team, he lettered all four years and served as captain of the team his senior year. In addition, Ben earned All American Conference Honorable Mention notice during his sophomore campaign, AAC first team honors and District Second Team recognition his junior year and AAC First Team plus District First Team All-Star selections his senior year. (See more celebrations on pages 17, 18, and 19.)

Congratulations to Darlene Muller whom Rodef Sholom’s Sisterhood and Brotherhood selecte as their Honoree — “someone to admire and emulate, a woman of values, honesty, sensitivity...who displays the Jewish values of love and responsibility”
Commentary

When remembering victims of terror attacks, Israelis live matter, too

By Ellen Hershkin
National President, Hadassah

In March, within hours after the ter-
rorist attacks in Brussels and Tel Aviv
around the globe — including the Eiffel
Tower, Brandenburg Gate, Trafalgar
Square and the World Trade Center —
were bathed in lights showing the red,
yellow and blue colors of Belgium, France
— much as the French tricolor appeared
to threaten the Paris attacks last No-

Last December, the Los Angeles Times
carried a story that two of the Palestin-
ians referred to in the following head-
line — “Terrorists Kill Dozens in Brussels.”
They are living in the community for
which we have shared a common thread.
Joyce was one of them.

The word means wise advice, from
the Greek root for “under.” The Chosen
One, a friend of Odysseus and adviser of
Achilles, has voyaged in the word, meaning “intensity, purpose, spirit, passion,” as well as in the literal sense — “one who thinks.” Clearly, this was Joyce.

This double standard is often reflect-
ed in the way our public officials and com-
unity leaders — by relying on Israeli
leadership and expertise.

But most importantly, Joyce pro-
vided a constant reminder of why we do
what we do, a lesson I learned not at
work, but through personal experi-
ence and expertise.

Joyce taught us that in order to
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I urge all who read this message, in
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trauma centers — by relying on Israelis
in their country or any country oth-
er than Israel.

I issue this call as someone who has
seen the end, not just the beginning, of
the trauma, the world’s response to
how to support them in humains way.

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Joyce Garver Keller: Jewish Leader

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YAF Director of Community Relations/Government Affairs

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by Mar Lark Magadino

been using to keep my little backyard population at bay — with thanks to Joseph M. Conroy, at the University of California, Berkeley, who sent me the information.

I observed that some of the remaining wasps were white, whereas others were black. This observation led me to conclude that the wasps with white abdomens were male, and those with black abdomens were female. As a result of this observation, I was able to develop a method for distinguishing male and female wasps, which was later published in a scientific journal.

Moreover, unlike DDT and other traditional insecticides, the new product is safe for the environment and has minimal impact on non-target organisms.
Neil has a true passion for service and has also held roles on the audit and investment committees. He is on the advisory council of Ohio University’s School of Accounting, on the board of directors of the United Way of Mahoning County, is treasurer of the Trumbull Memorial Hospital Foundation, is a board member of GOED Industries and chair of their audit committee, is a board member and chair of Cortland Bancorp, and is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and Ohio Society of CPAs. Neil is also a former member of the board for our Economic Future, a re- cent recipient of the Accountancy Alumni Practice Award from Ohio University and is an alumnus of Leadership Youngstown—class of 1993.

When asked what keeps him motivated to give back to our community, Neil said he is motivated by “the fact that there is so much need in the community, at all levels, especially leadership, strategic thinking, and raising needed funds to provide help and ser-

vices.”

Neil shows that his dedication to our community continues to grow and adapt to needs that are presented. For our future, he hopes that there will be a resurgence of the Jewish population in Youngstown. However, about that, Neil hopes that our community can find ways to bring Jews together as often as possible to strengthen our common bond and to make sure that we take care of each other as well as we can.

At the annual Holocaust Commemoration held at the Mahoning County Court House, Akiva student Anika McClain received an honorary mention for her poem “Reality.” Presenting her award was (left) Susan Scheinfein Epstein, president of the Ohio Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education, and (right) Donna Oswatich-Barnish, Jewish Community Relations Director.

The June 19 program is free and open to the public.

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JCCF to premiere Holocaust film/exhibit about life of a Survivor

A new Holocaust documentary and traveling exhibition about the life and legacy of Henry Kinast will premiere on Sunday, June 19 at 3 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The film is the third documentary and second exhibit about a local Survivor produced by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation. Jesse McClain, the Federation’s Holocaust education specialist, is already utilizing a film and exhibit on the life and legacy of Henry Kinast, as well as a film about former local Jewish teacher, Esther Shudmok, in his educational work in area schools and community organizations. McClain, an expert Holocaust and anti-genocide educator said, “there is no more important way to learn about the lessons of the Holocaust than through first person testimony. Henry’s film and display will be another crucial tool in our quest to teach about humanity and tolerance.”

Henry Kinast’s story represents a microcosm journey to find meaningful work and to eventually start one’s own thriving company. Though successful in his large and growing family business, Henry’s legacy is measured not only by his innovation but also by his large and growing family of children and grandchildren.

Henry Kinast’s story is a true tale of survival, determination, and overcoming hardship. His son and grandson, both named Henry, was born in Lodz, Poland in 1930 and enjoyed a comfortable childhood with his parents and broth- er. When the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939, Henry’s family fled Lodz and located to a ghetto in Suchodolno, Po-

land. By the time Henry was 12, he was separated from his family and worked as a slave laborer in a nearby munitions factory complex/concentration camp. Despite all odds, all three survived, and Henry ultimately ended up in Youngstown in 1951. His ma-

chineness skills learned in the Nazi concentration camps allowed Henry to find meaningful work and to eventually, with partners, start one’s own thriving company. Though successful in business, Henry’s legacy is measured not only by his large and growing family—four children, 14 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, with number seven on the way. The Federation’s Holocaust educa-
tional projects were initially funded through support of the Thomas Fam-
ily Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and the Sherri and Gary Clammer family. The film and ex-
hibit about Mr. Kinast were generously

underwritten by the Kinast, Anderson, Malkoff, and Levy families.

Driving for beyond surviving; this family photo was taken last month at Ian Anderson’s wedding and contains all four of the Kinasts’ children plus spouses, 14 grandchildren plus spouses/significant others, and six great-grandchildren. And number seven is on the way—Rachel Anderson Kaji is pregnant.

The June 19 program is free and open to the public.

Dr. Bett Clebone is board certified in Family Medicine and is practicing Family Medicine at Heritage Manor Retirement Community. She is board certified in Geriatrics and is a geriatric specialist.

For my mom it was not merely a religious observance. She knew about justice and righteousness. As a friend, she was true to all. She lived with a Jewish heart and with passion. As a mother she was active with her children. In business she was respected and honest. As a friend, she was true to all. As a volunteer there was none better. She knew about justice and righteous-
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June at Rodef Sholom

On Wednesday, May 11, Congregation Rodef Sholom formally elected new officers and trustees. Assuming office on June 1 —

President
Dr. Arthur Greenbaum

Vice-President
Alisa Chelton

Treasurer
Aaron Hively

Secretary
Ted Newman

Trustees
Ron Heiman
Jane Pollack

Auditors
Scipio & Scipio

Installation of Officers

The formal installation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 7 p.m. at Tamamkin Chapel. The Shabbat service of appreciation will honor out-going President, Jeff Simon, for his service and dedication. New officers will also be introduced.

Dr. Arthur Greenbaum, Rabbi Shlomo Segal, President, Jeff Simon, and incoming President, Wade Tamarkin, will be seated. The President will lead the congregation in song. After the service, refreshments will be served in Strouss Hall following the ceremony.

Confirmation

Confirmation Congregation Rodef Sholom will host the joint confirmation ceremony on Sunday, June 5, at 9:30 a.m.

Rabbi Maller and Schwebel will officiate at the ceremony as —

• Sophie Alper (Temple Emeth)
• Levi Burdick (Temple El Emeth)
• Teddy Kunkel (Rodef Sholom),
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D’varim— These are the things that will complete their formal religious education in MJS.

During his tenure as president of the Federation, Bruce overcame the first major leadership change in more than 30 years — the transition of our executive vice-president from Sam Kooperman to Andy Lipkin. With Bruce’s guidance and direction, that change in us smooth as could be expected.

Bruce also led the Federation when our community donated money for emergency funding for the continuing crisis in the Palestinian territories during the Gaza War in summer 2014, the security of the State of Israel during the recent days.

His large heart reminds us all about the care and compassion, we as leaders should have in everything we do. His active participation on the Jewish Community Relations Council, before, during, and after his term as Federation President reaffirms his commitment to our community. Through his leadership on the JCRC, he has led the fight against anti-Semitism and strengthened the Jewish community’s relationship with the general community.

In addition to the JCRC, Bruce has also served as a member and past president of the Board of Directors for Jewish Education, has been a member of the Federation budget committee, and was a past member of the Philanthropic Planning Board. On a national level, Bruce has served as vice-chair of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

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Bruce is not only a dedicated husband, father, family man, grandfather, business leader, philanthropist, volunteer, student, and scholar — but he is always a wonderful role model for our local and international Jewish community, and a true mensch.

In ancient times, two loaves would be offered in Holy Temple. It was also at this time that people would be in to bring bikkurim, their first and choicest fruits, to thank Gd for Israel’s bounty.

On this day Gd swore eternal devotion to us, and we pledged everlasting loyalty to Him.

The holiday of Shavuot is a two-day holiday, beginning at sundown of the 5th of Iyyar and lasting until nightfall of the 7th of Iyyar, the first and second evenings of the holiday.

A few customs of Orthodox communities in Shavuot:

Women and girls light holiday candelas to usher in the holiday, on both the first and second evenings of the holidays. It is customary for Yeshiva scholars to stay up all night learning Torah on the first and second evenings of the holiday.

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The giving of the Torah was a far-reaching event — one that has impacted us and our way of life forever. It is customary to eat dairy foods on Shavuot. Among other reasons, this commemorates the fact that upon receiving the Torah, including the kosher laws, the Jewish people could not cook meat in their pots, which had yet to be rendered kosher.

Some communities read the Book of Ruth publicly, asking David — whose passing occurred on this day — as a descendant of Ruth the Moabite.

This holiday is also very important to the Kibbutzim in Israel. As some might know, the Kibbutzim were founded by secular pioneer Jews in the early 20th century. They (in protest) rejected any tradition related to religion. Nevertheless Shavuot was always an important holiday to the Kibbutzim — for they were farmers who were sowing and harvesting throughout the year. Therefore, this holiday was the time they could present their agricultural products.

A common phrase for Shavuot is — “Those who were in tears reap in joy.” This means, Those who worked hard throughout the year, will enjoy the fruits of their labor.

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Our Shlichim, Shay & Gom

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Faces of Israel: Shlomo Leibovitch

Monday, September 19, 2016

Shlomo Leibovitch stands with the car — propped with the assistance of the Thanesse family — in front of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation — that he use to turn into a prop food. Mechina Avner volunteers pick up left-over food from the local Golani military base and bring meals to needy Arabs and Jews in Akko.

When Shlomo Leibovitch was re- cruited to establish Mechina Avner, he moved with his wife and four children, from Jerusalem to Akko — a considerable change from what the family had been used to.

Eighty percent of Israel’s population lives between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. In the Jerusalem area, for example, Arabs and Jews live in separate towns.

The population of Akko approaches 50,000. However, Shlomo and Mechina Leibovitch students live in the same building as their Arab neighbors, enabling them to become an integral part of the lives of the families in their Akko neighborhood.

Today, in Israel, many high school graduates delay their army service to become an integral part of the lives of their Arab neighbors, enabling them to live in the same building as their Arab neighbors, enabling them to become an integral part of the lives of the families in their Akko neighborhood.

In 2015, Mechina Avner, with 20 religious young men, partners with the Akko Municipality and other local organizations. Shlomo uses his master’s degrees in education and business administration to enhance the experiences of the mechina’s participants.

Located in a region with high unemployment and considerable poverty, Mechina Avner strives to attract students from the heavily populated central areas of Israel to experience an environment different from their own.

The students in Mechina Avner are actively searching for the proper candidates for the Mechina experi- ence. He hopes a certain percentage of the students will settle here after completing army service.

Shlomo, who studied family and social work, teaches, leads art programs and serves in a leadership role.

The Mechina staff works to integrate the students into the surrounding community through various projects.

Presentation for Bruce Lev

When Jews get together and want to brag a bit about their family history to lend credence to their place in a community they typically use the Hebrew word “yichus” which means “of distinc- tion and heritage.”

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Alixo Academy wishes to express our deep gratitude to the Thomas Family Endowment for its financial support of the Diversity Scholarship Fund and the Middle School trip to Washington, D.C.

Alixo is the Federation’s Partnership-2Gether city. Alix Shapiro, the many elected officials, works with the local community to develop a sense of “yichus” which means “of distinc- tion and heritage.”

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By Arty, Alan Kretzer
President, Youngstown Area Jewish Federation

The Youngstown Area Jewish Federation is faced with anticipated and predictable demographic and social changes within our Jewish community which require serious analysis and introspection. We have seen our community age and shrink over the years. It is necessary that we be proactive in order to best serve the needs, desires and priorities of this community. Accordingly, the Federation has commenced a strategic planning process aimed at addressing these changes.

An online survey was made available to members of our community to assess current services and priorities. The survey, conducted by our chair of a task force, Bruce Sherman. The initial development of our plan is scheduled to require six months. The Federation will create a vision, mission and strategic focus, including structure and governance practices. This is necessary and critical effort which has not been comprehensively attempted in over a decade. We are optimistic that this effort will pave the way and best serve this Federation for the foreseeable future.

These examples recap current programs proudly offered to our vibrant community through the Youngstown Jewish Community Center. A wide variety of active fitness-related activities exist to enhance quality of life needs with a range of levels at which best interests are widely served. A variety of Jewish-oriented adult programming includes 13 classes and a wide range of events, culture, art, music, with frequent emphasis on matters both domestic and Israeli in nature. Our current Shlichim, Gorn and Shai Erez, have added much to Jewish programming, education and as ambassadors of Israel within the area schools, churches, civic groups as well as their responsibilities at Akiva and MSJS. Fortunately, trips continue to be scheduled to Cleveland and Pittsburgh for adult programming, including Broadway shows. Our Camp IJC has continued to provide quality care and experiences for over 50 years, and 2016 is set to be another spectacular summer. The JCC welcomes back the amazing “Circus of the Kids” for a second year as one of its Speciality Camp offerings include 3D Printing, Mad Scientists Forensics Academy, Magic Camp, Lego Camp, Horseback Riding, Basketball Camp and Playmakers Theater!

This past year, our Federation supported missions for both teens and adults. Last summer, five area teens spent from three – four weeks in Israel, and for the first time two teens from Youngstown joined 75 participants from the Central Region Consortium of Partnership. Neither on a Mega Teen Mission to Israel over winter break. Those teen experiences were offered at virtually no cost to participants. And most recently, four adults from our community spent 12 days in Israel as part of POG’s 2016 Anniversary Celebration. The JCRC continues to closely monitor and respond to numerous issues regarding international issues and concerns of the Jewish community. Global anti-Semitism continues to rise at an alarming rate, and the so-called “BDS” (boycotts, divestment, and sanctions) movement to delegitimize Israel continues to grow both internationally and domestically, particularly on college campuses. The greater Midwest also continues to undergo some of the most transformative movements in the modern history of the region, most notably in countries where terrorists represent the Islamic State, through genocidal acts against its own citizens, are seeking to re-place existing governments with extremist entities that are enemies to Israel and the West. Heritage Manor, Jewish Family Services, and Levy Gardens continue to care about the elderly as people who have medical problems or special needs.

Heritage Manor and Levy Gardens are open to everyone and offer respite, daycare and rehab services. JFS continues to offer counseling, guardianship and has an ongoing program entitled “Our Gang”, which provides monthly and annual programs for developmentally disabled adults.

The Federation continues to seek new Endowment Funds to supplement its programs and services Federation-wide. Income from Endowment Funds are used for programming such as “Our Gang”, JCC transportation, nursing scholarships, Israeli teachers for Jewish Education, to name just a few examples. As is the case with most Federations in North America, some of our Endowment Funds enhance our Annual Campaign. The Thomas Family Endowment (TFE) further enhances our collective Jewish experience. Grants allow the Federation to bring extraordinary programming for the Inaugural Event and our Shlichim.

More important, the TFE supports our partnership in Akiva, Israel and Jews throughout the world, above and beyond the Federation’s allocation. The TFE has assisted the Federation as an integral partner of many initiatives throughout the Mahoning and Shenango valleys.

The Federation provides services and funding to assure continued programming to our community. Our Annual Campaign in 2015 raised $1,354,240 which slightly exceeded the previous year. This Federation proudly also continues to support Jewish needs throughout the world, including Israel, as a critical portion of our mission.

On behalf of the Federation personnel and board, we are grateful and give our thanks to each of you who support and participate in our community locally, nationally, and globally. You are the reason for this Federation and your support and involvement is the very essence of this Federation. Thanks to you for our continuing success as the “best small Jewish Community in North America!”
Allison for all they do for us. They go through all the hard times we forget about and continue to do it day in and day out. The office does wonderful things, and we all need to let them know how much we appreciate it.

By the way, in case you missed it, the Friday evening Sisterhood Shabbat was a huge success! It was beautifully programmed by Evely and Janine Silverman and I wish we could do this every Sunday. The food was delicious. All in all, a wonderful evening.

Before I end this column and get to the Big Book, I want to thank Ricka and Ronni for making me feel so welcome and comfortable. I enjoyed your friendship and patience in leading these meetings. I will miss your input, but know that all of you will remain, also. His thanks to the entire Sisterhood for welcoming and coming to our home, overall, being Sisterhood President is a pleasure. Thank you all. – Our thanks to Judy and Terry for being Honourable Members for May. For those of you who may not know, all Honourable Members make a donation to Sisterhood to help underwrite the Shabbat Dinner costs and the long lunches that we don’t have to keep raising the price. We are trying to be as frugal as possible, and all donations are greatly appreciated. Please don’t forget about our Sisterhood funds such as Flower Fund, Mitzvah Fund, Nachas Fund, and Leagues. If you aren’t comfortable, volunteering or birthday that way, there is always a record on our website for those who do not have the Temple office or Janine Silverman know Sisterhood Chairperson, please don’t forget to get in touch with us and all the information you would like to have about Sisterhood. I look forward to the year to come and Godspeed all.

I hope you will all come and join us for the remaining events of the year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments. I hope you all have a good Shabbat and Shavuot and a very meaningful Shavuot.


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When Sara Miller accepted a Mill- drudt Nursing scholarship to help fund her education at Kent State, she knew the award carried a promise of working for a year at Heritage Manor. What she didn’t know then was that fulfilling her commitment to Heritage would change her career direction from pursuing a home health nurse to working as a hospital nurse to more than eight years at Heritage Manor for more than 10 years, giving some 1,500 hours of his time to the skilled-nursing facility. “Mr. Malink is one of the active residents Ms. Miller describes. He has been volunteering at Heritage Manor since part of the goal to keep them in the nursing home, not only a good friend but also someone who sends free Jewish children’s books to families with children 0-8 years old every month,” Rabin said. “It’s important to us.”

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Eva, in addition to the regular Child Development Center curriculum of gymnastics and music class, also gets private swim lessons twice a week. Aaron and I authorize a swim instructor from the Aquatics Department to take him from class for his classes and return him back home, eat dinner and finish the night reading PJ Library books. PJ Library books also help our family talk together about Jewish values and history.

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For those of you who may not nor or me and my family, I am married to Aaron Hove- By. We have three children, Tres, Byiie, and Ezra, we are members of Congregation Rodel Sholom; and we live in New Middletown, Ohio. When Aaron and I started our family, we worked from home and had a nanny come to the house three days a week.

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New director for Levy Gardens

Suzi Solomon
Golf Classic on the links, June 13

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Ian Yarwood will be called to the Torah on Saturday, June 25, at Temple Ohev Tzedek in celebration of his Bar Mitzvah.

He is the son of Francie and Ronald Yarwood of Beloit and the grandson of William and Bonnie York and Ronald and Karen Yarwood. He has a brother, RJ, and a sister, Carys.

At West Branch Middle School, where he is a straight-A student, Ian participates in soccer, track, band, and jazz band. He is described as a great kid — fun loving and active.

For his Bar Mitzvah project, Ian has been raising money for kids who can’t afford to play sports (registration fees or equipment). Half the money stays locally and the other half goes overseas through “Right to Play,” a global organization.

Jon Mallen

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Adam Redlich

Adam Redlich, son of Dr. Robert and Lisa Redlich, grandson of Elizabeth and the late John Redlich and Carole and Donald Sherman, graduated with highest honors from Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio on May 29. Adam was selected by WRA faculty to join the prestigious Cam Loede Society and was recognized as a National Merit Commended Scholar. He served as president of the school’s Technology Club and was a member of Western Reserve’s tennis team. Adam will be attending Northwestern University’s McCormick School of Engineering in the fall where he will be studying applied mathematics.

Adam Jay Dunlap and Hilary Jaye Williams

Adam Jay Dunlap and Hilary Jaye Williams of West Hollywood, California are engaged. The groom’s parents are Sharyn and Charles Dunlap of Liberty and the bride’s parents are Lynn and Mark Williams of Brentwood, California. Adam is a network executive at Full Screen, a digital media studio and Hilary is a talent manager at Digital Brand Architects.

Shiliche Gon and Shai Erez are celebrating their first wedding anniversary on June 24. They were married at a synagogue in Cesarea shortly before coming to Youngstown.

Shawn Mallen

Shawn Mallen is graduating from Redondo Union High School in Redondo Beach, California where he graduated in the top 5 percent of his class. He will be attending the University of California, Santa Barbara, to pursue a degree in Biology. Shawn was the starting goalkeeper for the Redondo Seahawks and was an active member of his high school’s newspaper, High Tide. Shawn is the son of Lora and David Mallen and the grandchildren of Sandy and Gene Mallen.

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Joyce Garver Keller, the longtime executive director of Ohio's Jewish community organization Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), who helped establish a state Holocaust Museum, passed away at 68.

On Monday, May 31, two weeks before she was scheduled to speak at a June 14 event for Public Affairs event in Cleveland, Keller died at her home in suburban Columbus. No cause of death was reported.

She was married and retired in 2015 after 25 years in the position of executive director of the JCRC.

During her time at OJC, Keller worked on a broad agenda of Jewish issues and was freed of saying “Israel is number one, but not the only one on our Jewish Agenda.” She also worked on issues involving long term care and support for the elderly, healthcare, including Medicaid & Medicare and-on issues involving long term care and support for the elderly, healthcare, including Medicaid & Medicare and the Board of The Cancer Support Community/Memorial.

She was a member of the Board of the Capitol Square Foundation and her name appears on a permanent plaque in the Statehouse Map Room. Joyce Keller was a Life Member of NCWO, Hadassah and ORT America.

Keller also worked behind the scenes to bring the Ohio Holocaust and Liberties Museum to the Ohio Statehouse to fruition. Designed by architect David Lisker, the $3 million million memorial was unveiled in June 2007 at an event attended by 700,000 and memorialized the 6 million Jews who died during the Holocaust and its kịp to the JFC Community Foundation.

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Rachel Lipkin

Rachel Lipkin, daughter of Hilari and Andy Lipkin graduated on May 8 from the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University with a Masters Degree in Public Administration.

She holds Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, also from Ohio State, awarded in December 2012.

On May 31 she will be starting a new position as the Women’s Philanthropy Director at the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh.

She was a recipient of the Jewish Federations of North America FEREP Scholarship, served as the vice president of programming, fundraising chair, of Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority. She was the president of the Jewish Business Students Association, and a Campus Entrepreneur Intern, for Hillel at The Ohio State University.

Prior to returning to graduate school, Ms. Lipkin worked for the Jewish Community of Louisville, KY, first as middle school director, then as assistant camp director and finally as Jewish programming director.

In these capacities, she designed and implemented B’nai Tzedek, a middle school philanthropy program benefiting area organizations specializing in special needs and education. In addition, she developed a Holocaust documentary with Jewish and Christian teens to memorialize the stories of local Holocaust Survivors.

Further, Rachel provided direction and support for ongoing integration of Jewish content and values in all JCL departments.

Zachary Daniel Cohn

Zachary Daniel Cohn, son of Mitchell and Ilona Cohn, and grandson of Harris and Sheryl Roth and grandson of Ed and Elayne Cohn (deceased) graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a B.S. in Business Management from the Weatherhead School of Business with a focus on Organizational Behavior and minor in Political Science.

While at Case, he participated in intramural basketball and softball, programmed a radio show at 91.1 WRUW (CWRU radio station) and was as assistant speech and debate coach for Solon High School.

He will be working at Amazon in Columbus, Ohio.

Esther Marks Memorial Volunteer Service Award for Sam Roth (cont’d from p. 6)

Esther Marks Memorial Volunteer Service Award, both to encourage others to follow in her footsteps, and to honor those who have done so.

Tikun Olam and tzedakah, Jewish concepts of making the world a better place and righteous deeds, are a part of every day for Sam D. Roth.

Sam remembers driving with Esther to Kent State Hillel advisory committee meetings. Hillel was and is an important part of Sam’s life — he was president of Hillel at Ohio University.

After Sam and Terry returned to Youngstown to work in the family business, Sam became a B’nai Brith AZA advisor. My husband, Harold, who was president of Sigmund Nisenson AZA 169 when Sam was the advisor, and he credits Sam with shaping him and his AZA brothers into the successful leaders and professional men they are today.

Temple El Emeth is also important in Sam’s life. He is a long time board member and past president as well as serving as chairman of the nominating and endowment committees.

We are honored that Sam has been an active leader with the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and its agencies, serving as JCC president, Philanthropic Planning Board president, Federation Executive Committee member, Annual Campaign chair for three years, Fed/JCC cash collections committee chair, 2002-05 Strategic Planning committee member, solicitor for the Annual Campaign for 45 years, Shabbat and High Holiday services leader at Heritage Manor. He and Terry chaired many campaign kick-off events at their Youngstown home and hosted the first Hometown Reunion in Sarasota in 2003.

Sam participated in two Israel missions and as the campaign chair went to Moldova and Israel with Sam Kooperman. Esther’s legacy reached into the general community as does Sam’s.

He was a United Way solicitor in the 1980s and ’90s. He has volunteered with Trumbull Mobile Meals. And he is a longtime supporter of SCORE where he is a management counselor and more recently its fundraising chair.

Professionally, he was member of the local Builders Association where he was on the labor negotiation committee. Certainly, his actions and volunteerism show he is most worthy of this award. Sam and Terry’s legacy is their passion to pass down the tradition of tzedakah and what charitable organizations, both Jewish and non-Jewish, are important to making the world a better place. This inter-generational dialogue teaches the obligation to do good for those who are not as fortunate.

We are fortunate that Sam is a part of our community and our Federation.

Esther would have been very proud of the activism and leadership he has exhibited his entire life.

The Jewish Journal congratulates all those who celebrations were submitted by the families of the featured young people. Any individuals, parents, or grandparents who would like to see a notification of their celebration in a future issue should send stories and photographs to journal@jewishyoungstown.org.