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Tears
By Mary Lou Finesilver

Definition of tears: the clear, salty solution secreted by the lacrimal glands that lubricates and cleanses the surface of the eyeball and inner surface of the eyelids. That's the dictionary definition of tears.

Now how many different kind of tears are there, and how many different reasons for tears? I would say the best tears are for laughter. That is a beautiful thing to watch, but you might have a little difficulty focusing because hopefully the observer is laughing as hard as the subject, and it could be difficult seeing through those happy tears.

These tears are always welcome unless you're in a business or prayer meeting. Then, not such a good idea. Then, tears of frustration: such as trying to open a box using a scissors, a screwdriver, a knife, and, lastly, possibly a rock to break the unbreakable tape. That last method is not highly recommended, especially if the contents of the box are breakable. That would bring on a different kind of tears! Those could be tears of anger with a little frustration mixed in.

Then you could experience tears of empathy, such as watching a commercial showing the homecoming of a returning hero from far off places, and how about watching a commercial of the young horse who wants to grow up to be one of the great Budweiser teams? Don't tell me those don't make you a little sad and happy at the same time. They never miss with me. Those are guaranteed tear sessions. Then, hopefully, you should never 'know from it,' are tears of pain. Examples might be hitting your finger with a hammer, for one; getting stung by a bee for another. Let me know how many times that has happened to you and that tears don't come out just a little.

The worst tears are those that fall when we grieve. That particular brand of tears can be cleansing to the soul, but they have a habit of catching us unawares at times to show us that we are still grieving. They seem to come unexpectedly, even when we think we have dealt with that particular sadness in our lives. One instance that has remained with me was my mother, who in her 80's still cried when she talked about her mother who had died 50 years before.

It's been ten years since my husband, Alvin, died and some memories can still make me cry. Tears of grief are necessary to help relieve the sadness and desolation one feels after the loss of a loved one.

But to balance those thoughts, let's think of tears we shed at the birth of a baby, a wedding, a confirmation, a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a surprise visit of someone we love, a new puppy that instantly invades your heart. Tears are as much a part of us as eating, drinking, etc.

And you will ask, why she is writing about tears? Not sure why, to tell the truth, but I do know I shed a lot of them, for so many reasons, that I just wanted to share some of my thoughts with you.

May your tears always be happy tears.

It's Easy to Point Fingers at Israel During Conflicts

By Gon Erez
Israeli Outreach Coordinator

Tens of thousands of militants and protesters amassed on the Israel-Gaza border at several friction points and engaged in violence, leading to conflicts that resulted in some 60 Palestinian fatalities.

On this same day, the United States corrected an historic injustice by officially moving the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem.

While these two events seem to be linked, these protests started recently in observance of “Land Day,” when Palestinian citizens of Israel mark their loss of land to the Israeli state.

The idea of a massive protest was initiated by a political activist living in Gaza named Ahmed Abu Artima. He published a Facebook post saying, “I wonder what would happen if thousands of Gazans crossed the border into Israel unarmed and attempted to return to their ancestral homes.”

By “ancestral homes,” Artima refers to, in his view, 700,000 Palestinian homes lost during the 1948 war between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

The Facebook post spread, attracting thousands of young Gazans who formalized a series of protests they named “The Great Return March.” Hamas, the Islamic militant group that controls the strip (a group that is recognized as a terror organization by most Western countries), co-opted the protests and turned them violent.

Hamas operatives threw stones and Molotov cocktails toward Israeli soldiers, burned massive amounts of tires, sent burning kites into Israel’s territory, and tried to infiltrate the border fence by force.

On Israel’s side, the IDF’s primary goal in situations like the one it is currently facing is to prevent anyone, at all cost, from reaching Israel or from sabotaging the border fence, given that Israeli villages are located less than half a mile from the border. Members of Hamas have tried in the past to commit massacres in those civilian villages.

The first protest on Friday, March 30 ended with 16 Palestinian casualties and 1,400 injuries.

The following days and weeks were characterized by a varying number of participants in the protests as well as a changing number of casualties and injuries. May 14 was the deadliest.

Given current events, the history of Hamas’s control in Gaza is telling. Hamas took over the Strip during a violent coup in 2007, a year and a half after Israel completely withdrew all its civilian and military presence. Since that time, Hamas has done nothing to improve the lives of innocent Palestinians living there; and has attacked Israel by firing rockets, digging attack tunnels into military bases and civilian villages, and occasionally trying to cross the border fence.

Thankfully, Israel has developed successful methods to combat Hamas aggression, so Hamas is now using the current protests as a new means to bash Israel and gain popularity inside the Palestinian population and abroad.

And the poor people of Gaza are the ones who continue to suffer the most. Hamas’s actions in Gaza have led to high unemployment, diminished basic services, and most of all, desperation.

This desperation makes it easy for Hamas to drive young people—including teenagers and children—toward the border fence, knowing they will likely get hurt.

To Hamas, the more Gazans killed the better. It is always easy to point fingers at Israel, as no Israelis have been killed in these incidents. Also, Israel, as the strong side and as a Western democracy, is held to a higher standard. On May 14th, Israel was condemned around the world.

But two days later, senior leaders of Hamas openly admitted that 50 of the protesters killed were Hamas activists/terrorists; and that three more were members of the terrorist group Islamic Jihad. These leaders also affirmatively stated that the purpose of the activity on the border is to penetrate the fences to “rip out (the Jews’) hearts from their bodies.” Yet, the media is holding on to its narrative of “peaceful protests.”

It is important to remember the facts:

• Hamas has put almost all of its money in tunnels and rockets (more than half a billion dollars).

• Hamas cares more for fighting Israel than for taking care of the people in Gaza.

• Hamas is teaching children in schools that all Jews should be stabbed or shot.

• Hamas is a terror group designed for the destruction of Israel, even at the expense of the Gazans.

If Hamas takes down all its arms, there will be no more conflict. If Israel takes down her arms, there will be no more Israel. This is not a decree of fate.
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- Provide a major tool of community communication for the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and its affiliated agencies;
- Present current local, national and world news of Jewish interest;
- Offer timely commentary, interpretation, analysis and authentic background on events of the day for the purpose of encouraging the concern and response vital to our responsibilities as Americans and Jews;
- Enrich the cultural interest of individuals and the community through articles, features, reviews and other material of both local and national Jewish content and interest;
- Provide a communication tool to enable all members of the Jewish community to express their viewpoints on issues of Jewish importance and interest;
- Demonstrate commitment to the progress and continuity of Jewish life in the U.S., especially our local area, Israel and around the world.

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**June 15 is the deadline for articles and ads for the July issue.**
Message from our Presidents:
Francie Yarwood
Neil Yutkin

There is an old saying that states, those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

This axiom has proved all too true over the centuries, and it is once again seeming to be happening.

I had occasion recently to be talking to some Jewish tenth and eleventh graders and was questioning them about if they were experiencing any anti-Semitism. Their response was no. Then one of them responded, “Unless you count some jokes.” It seemed as if they were not sure what constituted anti-Semitism and weren’t sure whether Holocaust jokes did. When I mentioned this to my co-president, she described an incident that occurred in a class at her son’s school. It seems that a teacher of his at school was talking to a class about the new computers the school had received, and she was warning the students that they should be very careful with them or she would throw the kids who broke one into a gas chamber. Students who were in the class told the son of the incident and Francie had a talk with the principal.

What made the situation even more reprehensible was the fact that the teacher was teaching a world religions class. The situation is akin to Germany in the twenties and thirties in the sense that nobody believed there could occur problems there, or here now. Part of the problem is that the last of the survivors from the Holocaust are dying out. Part of the problem is that we are becoming more assimilated into our society and therefore do not realize the prejudice that some people have and perpetuate.

This lack of concern is becoming more apparent every year as less attention is shown during the Yom Hashoah events. Fewer and fewer people attend these events, partially because there are fewer Jews, and partially because we have become more complacent and our priorities have shifted. The Courthouse event this year was far less than in previous years in both attendance and entries from the schools. In fact, the invitation list had to be widened to get more applicants.

When our generations grew up, our parents made sure we understood what the Holocaust was, and so did our Jewish educators. Therefore, we recognized what was and was not anti-Semitism. The situation is similar to those who do not vaccinate for measles because it is not that prevalent anymore, thus setting up the probable likelihood of a future pandemic when complacency reaches a critical level.

We, as Jews, cannot afford to forget. And, with the dying out of the witnesses to the Holocaust, we must, as Elie Wiesel stated at Kent State when he spoke there a few years ago, when asked what we would do when the witnesses had died out, “Then those of you who have heard the story, have to become the new witnesses.” If that is not the case, then we may be doomed to repeat history.

Services:
June 2nd at 9:45 – noon. Shabbat Service followed by Kiddush and Torah Study.
June 9th at 9:45 – noon. Shabbat Service followed by Kiddush and Torah Study.
June 16th at 9:45 – noon. Shabbat Service followed by Kiddush and Torah Study.
June 23rd at 9:45 – noon. Shabbat Service followed by Kiddush and Torah Study.
June 30th at 9:45 – noon. Shabbat Service followed by Kiddush and Torah Study.
June 13th – Rosh Chodesh. All women are invited to join the potluck celebrations of the new month and the life as Jewish women.
June 21st – Minyan Service at 7:30 a.m.
June 27th – Annual Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Seventeenth of Tammuz, which falls June 30th this year (though the fast is postponed to July 1st due to Shabbat), is the start of the Three Weeks, a period of mourning preceding Tisha B’Av during which we mourn the destruction of the First and Second Temples as well as other misfortunes that befell our people during this time.

The misfortunes that occurred on the Seventeenth of Tammuz include: Moshe breaking the two tablets of the Ten Commandments, the ceasing of daily ‘tamid’ offerings, the breach of the walls of Jerusalem leading to the destruction of the Second Temple, the burning of a Torah scroll by the Romans before the Bar Kokhba revolt, and the erection of an idol in the Temple. It is a minor fast day and customs include not listening to music or public entertainment, in keeping with its character as a time of mourning.

Midrash ties the Three Weeks period to a reference in Lamentations saying of Zion that “all her pursuers overtook her between the boundaries” (Lamentations 1:3), with the Seventeenth of Tammuz and the Ninth of Av, days of great tragedy, serving as the boundaries for this period.

In the earlier verse, it is said that “all her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies.” (Lamentations 1:2)”

I humbly suggest to those who do not hold to strict observance of the Seventeenth of Tammuz that there are many ways to carry on the spirit of Jewish observance on this day beyond simply fasting. As Lamentations refers to Zion being set upon by her enemies, it is a great opportunity to engage in acts that strengthen the bonds between fellow Jews as well as with humanity at large. Acts of charity, volunteering, offering assistance to friends and neighbors, and generally being sensitive to the needs of others can help strengthen the bonds of community.

Because it is said that the Temple was destroyed due to ‘sinat chinam,’ or baseless hatred (Talmud Bavli, Yoma 9a-b), it is a good opportunity to evaluate our relationships with others. Are there people we have consciously or unconsciously cast out of our circle or subjected to scorn? If so, what are the reasons for this negative relationship? How can we repair it and divert our energies away from negativity towards positive, healing pursuits?

In the Talmud (Baba Mezia 30b), Rav Yoqhanan says, “Jerusalem was destroyed only because the judges ruled in accordance with the strict letter of the law, as opposed to ruling beyond the letter of the law.” This perspective compels us to explore our place in embodying the spirit (and not just the letter) of Jewish observance and tradition. Are we engaged in actions that reflect a kind, giving, brotherly/sisterly spirit? How can our actions and mindset bring us closer individually and collectively to the role of being a ‘light unto the nations,’ as expressed in Isaiah?

A story in the Talmud Bavli (Gittin 58a) implies to us that the Temple was destroyed because of corruption and manipulation of the law. In that story, a carpenter’s apprentice contrives to not only successfully take the carpenter’s wife but also to make the carpenter his servant through an elaborate scheme. This implies an obligation as a people to fight that which deprives your neighbor of getting a ‘fair shake’ and that which wrongly enriches one at the expense of others.

Jews have been at the forefront of many social movements; this ill-fated day is an opportune moment to examine our place in combatting injustice and inequality in the world at large.

I personally enjoy the clarity that fasting provides; it gives me a sense (to a very small degree) of what those in need must feel on a regular basis as well as a greater appreciation of my personal blessings.

But if we are truly to express the implied spiritual wish of ‘yibaneh hamikdash’ (the Temple will be rebuilt), as sung in Tzur Mishelo, we must endeavor to do so through righteous actions that bring about a holier, more balanced world of peaceful coexistence.

May the Seventeenth of Tammuz and the Three Weeks period be a time of fruitful contemplation and good deeds that help add to your personal and spiritual growth.
El Emeth Happenings

El Emeth Sisterhood held their closing luncheon May 8 with the installation of new officers and a program on Torah Fund. Fran Hildebrandt, Branch Torah Fund Chair and incoming Branch President was the guest speaker. The Torah Fund Campaign raises funds for future Rabbis, cantors and educators at the Jewish Theological Seminaries around the world. From left to right are El Emeth Sisterhood Co-President Paula Ferguson, local Torah Fund Chair Holly Small, and Fran Hildebrandt. Fran presented El Emeth Sisterhood with a certificate commending them on fulfilling their fundraising goal for Torah Fund this year.

Temple El Emeth Events

The Liberty Food Pantry at Church Hill United Methodist Church will need volunteers for their June food distribution. Please call the Synagogue if you can help and we will pass your name on to the Church. Volunteers are needed for set up on Thursday, May 31 from 7 to 8 p.m. and for the distribution on Friday, June 1 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Temple El Emeth will celebrate Sisterhood Shabbat on Saturday, June 2 at 9:30 a.m. Sisterhood members will lead the service and Kiddush luncheon will follow. June birthdays will also be celebrated. Please RSVP to the office for lunch by May 31.

Mayor Tito Brown will be the guest speaker at Minyan and a Meal, Wednesday, June 6 at the Synagogue. Minyan will begin at 5:45 p.m. with dinner following at 6 p.m. Mayor Brown will speak following dinner on his vision for the city of Youngstown. Reservation forms have been mailed to members’ homes and are available in the office. Cost for dinner for Temple members is $10, for associate and non-members, $15. Paid reservations are due in by June 1. Call the Temple for more information at 330-759-1429.

Bagels with the Rabbi will take place on Sunday, June 10 at the Synagogue. Minyan is at 10 a.m. with the session beginning at 10:30 a.m. Rabbi Schonberger will continue the second part of his presentation on “The Story of the Jews in America.” Please RSVP to the Temple by June 8.

Annual Nostra Aetate Program at Villa Maria Education Center in Villa Maria, Pa. will take place Thursday, July 12 at 7 p.m. Professor Lawrence Schiffman will present an illustrated lecture about the scrolls and the basic scholarly conclusions that have been drawn from them, explaining also the modern story of the delays in their publication and the role of Israel in bringing about their complete release, properly conserving the scrolls and making their significance known to the wider public. Reservations can be made by calling the Villa Maria office at 724-964-8886.

Annual Indoor Outdoor Picnic, Sunday, July 29. Minyan will be at 5:45 p.m. followed by the picnic at 6 p.m. Guests can choose to eat indoors or outside on our patio. Traditional picnic menu of hot dogs, burgers and barbequed chicken, with vegetarian options available and, of course, all the trimmings. No charge for Temple Members, $15 for associate and non-members. Watch your mail for more information.

El Emeth’s “Company”

The last meeting of 2016 – 2018 was held at the Temple. It was a delicious luncheon and beautiful installation by Janine Silverman, and a very interesting and informative talk by Fran Hildebrand, the newly elected president of the Central Great Lakes Region and outgoing Torah Fund vice president. The past two years have been good ones for our Sisterhood and I am so proud of what they have accomplished and how they have all worked together to make our small but mighty group great. We have had some good fundraisers these last couple of years, and Torah Fund is now working beautifully as it hasn’t in years. The baking committee has done outstanding work and always seems to be prepared for all the events that need to have a little sweetness added. The Judaica Shop is thriving and gives us all religious items we need, ideas for gifts and some downright beautiful pieces to add to our collections. The other thing we do at Sisterhood is give away the money that we have worked so hard to accumulate.

We give a nice monetary gift to the Temple every year and we send packages and/or gift cards to the children of Sisterhood members away at school, to name a couple. Also, so that we don’t forget our roots, Sisterhood sponsors and participates in at least one Sisterhood Shabbat; we take turns attending the daily minyans and whenever there is a large function in the Sanctuary, Sisterhood is always represented. As you can tell, I am very proud of our Sisterhood women and their efforts to keep our group a viable, cohesive and effective organization. Have a wonderful summer and see you all soon.

Mary Lou Finesilver

El Emeth Sisterhood June 2018

Above is the cast of the show “Company” with Director Paula Ferguson, which took place Sunday, April 29 at Temple El Emeth. Moulton and Paula Ferguson, producer and director, as well as their volunteer cast and crew, gave a tremendous amount of their personal time preparing for the show. We are very appreciative of all their efforts! It was especially fun watching our own (Temple President) Dr. Harriet Schor dance and sing in the show!
Rodef Sholom

Rabbis Message
Rabbi Frank Muhrer
Congregation Rodef Sholom

Counting of the Omer

Dear Friends,

As we get set to welcome the summer season after a rather cold and wet spring, I must reflect a bit on two sad events which occurred last month, one affecting our Reform movement in particular, the other having to do with the situation in Israel.

On Saturday, May 5, Rabbi Aaron Panken, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, was killed in a plane crash. Rabbi Panken was only 53 years old, and had been serving as head of the Reform seminary, my alma mater, for only four years. He was a special man, a gifted Rabbinic leader, and an extraordinary leader who cannot be replaced and will be sorely missed.

In grappling with this horrific tragedy, I am also deeply saddened and very concerned about what has been happening in Israel as of late. In recent weeks, tensions with Iran and Syria have escalated over the US's abrogation of the Iranian nuclear deal, and scores of Palestinian protesters have died in the days following the dedication of the US embassy in Jerusalem, the first step in the eventual relocation of the American diplomatic presence in Israel from Tel Aviv to the holy city. Jerusalem means City of Peace, and we pray to G-d that both with these two ominous developments, war will not descend on our Jewish homeland once again.

We have just concluded celebrating Israel's first 'lifetime' so to speak, as 70 years is what the Bible tells us amounts to the span of a human life. We certainly do not want to begin Israel's 'second sojourn' if you will, with needless bloodshed and violence, too much of which we have witnessed these past seven decades.

O Lord, when will all this senseless killing come to an end? Why, O G-d, do random accidents claim the lives of the righteous? How long will it take for the world You have created to become a place of justice, fairness and peace, when there will be no more shootings of innocent children on our streets and in our schools, and when insidious disease that takes the lives of so many good people far too soon is eradicated once and for all?

Although we are discouraged, O Source of all Life, may we never despair or lose hope that somehow right and good, compassion and mercy, will soon prevail. May the day come speedily when every person shall sit under their vine or fig tree, with no one and nothing to make them afraid.

Let us all pray for a happy, healthy, safe and peaceful summer, for us, for Israel, and for the world.

PS. After 23 years here at Rodef Sholom being blessed with relatively good health, I must undergo total knee replacement surgery June 12 and will be recuperating at home for one month, returning to the office July 12. I will be doing some work from home, so if you need to reach me, notify the office.

President's Message
Aaron Hively

Shalom! I want to thank the congregation and the board for entrusting me with this new position. I also want to thank all of the past presidents who have generously offered their continued support and mentorship to me.

As I write this, it feels like spring has finally arrived; the glow of the sun feels warm. It also reminds me of our congregants who opt for warmer climates during the winter months; I look forward to reconnecting with them as they return to the area and to temple.

Congregational pride filled the sanctuary recently as Henry Miller exceptionally led his Bar Mitzvah service. After witnessing the stellar job he did leading one of the children’s high holiday services which my family got to enjoy, I knew he was going to shine once again and he certainly did. I admire all of the work and dedication Henry put into that special day and thank Rabbi for the dedicated and expert instruction he provides for our bar and bat mitzvah students. Rabbi is undergoing knee replacement surgery this month. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers, and join me in wishing him a successful recovery.

His tragic death is an incalculable loss, not only for our Reform movement, but to the Jewish world as a whole, for he had so much left to contribute in what had been a brilliant career.

I first met Rabbi Panken many years ago at the URJ Kutz Camp in Warwick, New York, and immediately knew that he was destined for greatness in the Reform movement. I then had the pleasure of hosting him for dinner at my home in Roanoke when he was on a recruiting trip for NFTY youth back in the early 80’s. He was a special man, a gifted Rabbi and teacher, and an extraordinary leader who cannot be replaced and will be sorely missed.

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Services

Saturday, June 2 at 9:00am
Tot Shabbat Service
Shabbat Service followed by a PowerPoint Presentation by Marcia Levy on "Historic Homes of Liberty Township" RSVP required by Tuesday, May 29 by calling the Temple office at 330.744.5001 One sponsored by Inez Heal in Loving Memory of Mother and Father, Dorothy and Marvin Winkelstein

Saturday, June 9 at 10:00am
Bat Mitzvah of Sofia Farhan RSVP required for luncheon by Thursday, May 31

Friday, June 15 at 6:00pm
Shabbat Service led by Elliot Legow
Shabbat Service led by Carol Sherman

Friday, June 22 at 6:00pm
Shabbat Service

Friday, June 29 at 6:00pm
Shabbat Service

Rodef Sholom Family Mitzvah Day at the Second Harvest Food Bank
Sunday, June 3 at 9:30am

Bat Mitzvah of Sofia Farhan
Saturday, June 9 at 10:00am

Sofia Attends Howland Middle School where she is a seventh grade honor roll student. This year her favorite courses are math and science. She also is a member of the Science Club. Recently, she made the change from trumpet to baritone which she enjoys playing in the Middle School Band. Sofia plays outdoor soccer for the Howland Athletic Club and this summer will be her 8th season. She enjoys playing defender and is known for always playing with a smile! Her other interests are all things Pokémon, gaming, and following her favorite YouTubers from around the world. Additionally, she is an avid reader and puzzle person. Also, Sofia loves music and watching science fiction Netflix and Hulu.

Sofia is the daughter of Stephanie Walton and younger sister to Aleksandr. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Robert and Beth Walton and great-granddaughter of Jeanette Mandel.

With great joy we invite you to join us in worship as Sofia Farhan is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah, Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 10:00am in the Sanctuary and a Kiddush luncheon in Strawser Hall. Please RSVP to the Temple at 330.747.5001 by Friday, June 1, 2018 for the Luncheon.

Events

Rodef Sholom Tzedek Committee at Liberty Food Bank
Friday, June 1 at 9:30am-12:00pm

Presentation by Marcia Levy on "Historic Homes of Liberty Township"
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Levy Gardens Earns High Marks

Levy Gardens Assisted Living earned a score of 91.3 percent on the Ohio Department of Aging’s Resident Satisfaction Survey.

“We are one of the highest rated facilities in Mahoning County,” said Sara Miller, director. “We work hard to ensure our tenants are happy.”

Levy Gardens offers 18 one-bedroom apartments and six two-bedroom apartments with complete kitchens and bathrooms with accessible showers and safety bars. Other amenities include three kosher meals served daily, nursing support as needed, weekly housekeeping and laundry services, group activities, an exercise program with regular on-site classes, and transportation to appointments and shopping excursions.

Every other year since 2007, the Ohio Department of Aging has conducted the survey across the state. All nursing facilities and residential care facilities are required to participate. The department surveys families of long-term care facility residents on alternate years.

Heritage Manor Hosts Art Show

Every six months, Heritage Manor hosts an art show and tea to show off the work of some residents.

Susan Jacobs, a local artist, meets with residents twice a month to give them an opportunity to paint. Residents choose their own subject matter, and Susan works with them on color selection and technique. She has been leading the sessions since 2008.

The most recent exhibition showcased the work of 12 residents. They painted a variety of subjects, including flowers and people.

“Some people have never painted, then come in and do these beautiful paintings,” said Cristal Vincent, Human Services chief executive officer. Family members of the artists frequently attend the art show, as do residents who don’t participate in the art classes. The artwork is displayed on easels, and each artist is introduced.

Tea and cookies are served. Bobbie Berkowitz, activities director, organizes the event.

Jewish Family Services Welcomes Shai Erez

Shai Erez is the newest addition to the Jewish Family Services staff. She will join the staff as an Outreach Worker June 1.

Shai was born and raised in Israel, coming to the United States three years ago. She holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology, communications and social work. She’s currently pursuing a master’s degree in social work at Youngstown State University. She worked as a licensed social worker in Israel.

In her role as Outreach Worker, she will make face-to-face contact with members of the Jewish community, primarily those who are 60 and older. She will offer support and assessment, as well as share information about resources available through the Youngstown Jewish Federation and its agencies. Individuals of all income levels are welcome to seek services.

“Shai has a wonderful background in social work, and has done work in Israel and locally in the social work field,” said Ken Bielecki, director of Jewish Family Services.

She will be the “bridge between seniors and the Federation,” Shai said. Many people don’t always understand what services are available to them, Shai noted. She will work with individuals and their families to determine their needs, and will help find the right resources to improve their quality of life.

“There are so many services people don’t know they can get,” she said.

Shai previously worked as Israeli Shalich at the Jewish Community Center. She and her husband, Gon, have a 17-month-old daughter. Gon is the JCC’s Israeli Education and Outreach Coordinator.

Shai is replacing Darlene Muller, who retired after several years in the position.

“We want to thank Darlene for her many years of service,” Ken said.
JCC

2018 Suzi Solomon Golf Outing

The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown will hold its 20th Annual Suzi Solomon Golf Classic Monday, June 11 at Squaw Creek-Avalon Golf and Country Club, 761 Youngstown Kingsville Rd SE, Vienna Center.

An Impact Dinner will follow the Golf Classic. This event will highlight the Jewish Community Center’s impact on the community, as well as the impact of each dollar donated to the Center.

Included will be live and silent auctions and raffles. Lunch and registration begin at 11:30 a.m. Tee time is 12:45 p.m. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. The cost is $185 per person for golf and dinner. Dinner only is $60 per person. To register, visit jccyoungstown.org.

Suzi Solomon was an avid golfer and skier, as well as an active member of the Youngstown Jewish community. Through the generosity of the Suzi Solomon Philanthropic Fund of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation, the JCC pays tribute to Suzi by hosting the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown Suzi Solomon Golf Classic. For over 65 years, the JCC of Youngstown has worked to meet the needs of the local community and make a lasting impact through health, wellness, education, and outreach.

Honorary chairmen for the event are Martin Solomon and Jeff Solomon. Melissa Bateman, Megan Vickers and David Wilschek are chairpersons for the event.

For more information, contact Sarah Wilschek at 330-746-3250, ext. 123. To register for the Golf Classic or the Impact Dinner, visit jccyoungstown.org.

JCC Dash and Splash 5k and Family Run/Walk

The Jewish Community Center will hold a Dash and Splash 5k and Family Fun Run or Walk Sunday, June 24. Participants will “dash” from the JCC Main Campus on Gypsy Lane and end at the JCC Logan Campus on Logan Way. The day will end with a “splash” in the outdoor pool.

Registration and packet pickup begins at 7 a.m. at the Logan Campus. Start time for all runners and walkers is 9 a.m. Runners will be bussed from the Logan Campus to the Main Campus for the start of the race. Prizes will be awarded for the top three overall finishers and the top three in each age category.

The cost is $25 if pre-registered or $30 if registering the day of the race. Children 10 and under are $10.

JCC members and non-members are welcome to attend the party following the run/walk. The party will begin at 10 a.m. and is free. Included will be food and entertainment for the whole family.

To register for the run/walk, go to jccyoungstown.org/dash.

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Dr. Mark Perlman to Serve as 2018 General Chairman

By Elise Skolnick

As chairman of the 2018 Combined Jewish Appeal Campaign of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation Annual Campaign, Dr. Mark Perlman expects a continued success of the campaign.

He thanks Jeff Simon and Sam Shapiro for their commitment the past six to seven years as co-chairmen.

Mark has been involved with the Federation in one way or another since coming to this area in 1979.

His first exposure to Federation was when he was asked to give one night a week or so to interact with the residents of Heritage Manor.

“A colleague of mine and I would play cards with some of the residents on Tuesday nights. Not only was it a joy for us, but it was interesting to hear their stories. Heritage Manor provided the care and support for these gentlemen, who gave so much of their time, money, and energy to the Jewish community in their heyday,” he said. “Today, Heritage Manor continues to be one of the few 5-star rated nursing homes in the area. In fact, very few cities the size of Youngstown even have a Jewish Nursing Home.”

Mark served on the Board of Akiva Academy for a number of years. He recalled one night in the early 1980’s “when a small group of us got together to discuss the possibility of starting a Jewish Day School in Youngstown.”

After some time and great effort, Akiva Academy opened its doors.

“There actually was a time when enrollment became so low that a strategic planning committee was formed to see if Akiva would even exist in three years,” he continued. “Now, some 30 years later, with the help of Jewish Federation, Akiva Academy provides education for some 140 students.”

The Federation helped his family considerably, he said. His children were young when their mother passed away. His now-grown children made use of many aspects of the Jewish Federation, including Jewish Family Services and the Jewish Community Center.

“The JCC was the center of all of their activities,” he said.

His children also attended Akiva Academy.

“Akiva was a blessing to me. Not only were they able to obtain an excellent education, including a Jewish education, but as soon as they left for school in the morning, I knew they were safe.”

This, combined with his own conservative Jewish upbringing, cemented his strong feelings about the Federation.

“I believe in Jewish Federation,” he said. “I take to heart everything Jewish Federation stands for.”

Federation even had a hand in helping him meet his second wife. She was one of the first Russian immigrants the Federation helped relocate to the Youngstown area in 1989.

Over the years, Mark has served on the JCC Board; the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation Board, including the Budget Committee; and the Human Services Board, where he presently serves as Treasurer.

For many years, he noted, the Federation has exceeded expectations in raising money, even as the local Jewish population declines.

He speaks from the heart when he says that continuing to raise money enables the Federation to support the Jewish community, Jews around the world, and the broader Youngstown community, as it always has.

“Just like those philanthropic residents with whom I played cards in 1980, we should be extremely proud of our accomplishments. However, support is still needed. It is essential for us, for Jewish community functions, and for Jews in Israel and around the world.”

Active Shooter Preparation Class

An Active Shooter Preparation class was held at the Masjid Alkhair Mosque in Youngstown. The class, led by Rob Elston, security coordinator for the Jewish Community Center, showed participants how to recognize and respond to an active shooter or active threat within places of work or worship. It was a joint effort between the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and the Arab/American community.

Israel at 70 Celebration

The Israel at 70 Gala Event was held May 10 at Temple El Emeth. This event, the conclusion of a year-long celebration of Israel, featured the traveling show, “The Wandering Israeli.”
Bonnie Deutsch Burdman is Named Chair of Western Reserve Public Media Board of Directors

Bonnie Deutsch Burdman was elected chairwoman of the board of directors of Western Reserve Public Media. She replaces community volunteer and University of Akron retired dean Mark Auburn, who will continue serving as a board member.

Western Reserve Public Media is a PBS member station that provides broadcast channels WNEO and WEAO to 4.9 million viewers in Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

Deutsch Burdman, who was appointed to the board by Youngstown State University, has served as director of community relations/government affairs for Youngstown Area Jewish Federation since 1996. In this capacity, she works closely with national Jewish agencies on numerous social justice advocacy projects, serves as the primary Federation staff person in the promotion of the pro-Israel agenda and does work in Holocaust commemoration and anti-genocide education.

“Everything has a time and a season,” said Trina Cutter, president and CEO of Western Reserve Public Media. “Bonnie is a self-described 'process person.' That attribute will be valuable this next year as our organization embarks on a long-range strategic plan and takes a hard look at our corporate governance structure and practices. I look forward to her guidance and leadership.”

In regard to Mark Auburn’s board leadership, Cutter said, “Mark’s father, Dr. Norman Auburn, was one of Western Reserve Public Media’s founding board members. Mark has carried on his father’s legacy with style, professionalism and aplomb, and I am thankful that he is remaining on the board.”

Also newly named to board leadership positions are Romona Davis, vice chair, and Nathan Ritchey, secretary. Davis is vice president - senior SBA business development officer at The Huntington National Bank in Akron and Ritchey is the senior officer at Kent State University.

Youngstown Area Jewish Federation’s 2018 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation was held May 17 at the Jewish Community Center. Joshua S. Block, CEO & president of The Israel Project, was the keynote speaker.

A communications, foreign policy and political strategist, Block gave an informative talk about Israel and the Middle East. Awards were also presented to volunteers.

Marc Rubin received the Abe Harshman Leadership Award, Stephan Stoyak the Marvin and Sara Itts Community Service Award, Samie Winick the Esther Marks Memorial Volunteer Service Award, and Sophie Alper the Suzi Koonsman Youth Leadership Award.

Sam Shapiro and Jeff Simon, outgoing general campaign co-chairpersons, were recognized for their work over the past six years.

Scott Lewis, president of the Jewish Community Relations Council from Sept. 2009 until June 2017, was recognized for his leadership.

The full Annual Report is available for download on the Federation website.

Youngstown Area Jewish Federation

By Atty. Alan R. Kretzer

Nearly three years ago, I was grateful to be entrusted to serve the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation as its president. My goal was to competently and honorably follow the outstanding leadership of our Federation's past years. Now, my successor, Rick Marlin, will assume the presidency in June with my best wishes. I am positive that Rick will meet and exceed the Federation's needs and its members' expectations.

My time in this position was satisfying since many changes have occurred for the betterment of our Jewish community. There’s been a turnover of our senior professional leadership, and the new staff causes me to be optimistic for the community’s future. I should have foreseen the changing of the guard as the inevitability of time marching on as often occurs somewhat unnoticed. Strategic planners, about two years ago, noted that the Federation’s role was as “primary convener” for our shrinking and aging Jewish community. Our mission statement includes “the responsibility of each Jew for another” and “to enrich the quality of life for the Jewish people regionally, in Israel and worldwide.” Outreach to members of our community who are in need of our help, assistance and concern is critical. We must identify the housebound, ill, or those otherwise in need of our community's attention, aid and concern. This fall, we must place more emphasis on services and programs for the regional Jewish community. We must also develop aggressive strategies to attract Jews to our regional area.

The Federation recently hired Elise Skolnick to fill a reconfigured position of Director of Communications. The creation of this position will articulate the mission of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and its affiliate organizations and set and guide strategy for all communications, including website and social media platforms and public relations messages, along with the editorship of our Jewish Journal Monthly Magazine. We look forward to Elise’s contribution to so many critical functions.

Our Jewish Community Center (JCC) continues to show an upward trend in new members in 2018, after record-breaking new memberships in 2017. Following last summer’s Logan partnership, with the Center now operating and managing the former Logan Swim and Tennis Club, the JCC has formed a new partnership with Liberty Schools. The JCC will manage all programming at the old Liberty High School gym, now called Liberty Youth Recreation and Impact Center (LYRIC). The Center has undergone numerous Capital improvements over the past year, including new cameras, monitors, and locks on doors, to address security concerns, and progress has been made on a campus revitalization project, which will include many updates to the outdoor space.

The JCRC’s Social Action Committee’s first Mitzvah Day was held on March 30, and over 80 people participated in beautification/revitalization activities throughout the campus, including groundbreaking for an infant/toddler playground to be located in Noah’s Park. The JCRC continues to monitor and respond to inquiries regarding international issues and local concerns. After a highly successful YSU/YBI Mission to Israel in January 2017, the JCRC, supported by the Federation and its Thomases Family Endowment Fund, sponsored its first Pastors Mission to Israel this past February with 18 participants representing evangelical and (continued on next page)
main-line Christian clergy. JCRC continues to represent the community as the point agency with regard to global, national and local anti-Semitism, hate crimes and discrimination.

The Human Services Department, which includes Heritage Manor, Levy Gardens, and Jewish Family Services, has undergone a transformation with the recent retirements of Gary Weiss and Alvin Weisberg. Cristal Vincent was promoted to the position of CEO of the Human Services Department. Ken Bielecki is the new Director of Jewish Family Services, and Jane Trambley is the new JFS Director of Guardianships. The changes which arose from these consolidations and retirements, and their resulting employments and promotion, are visibly invigorating Human Services appreciably.

At Heritage Manor and Levy Gardens, the census remains a top priority and a Needs Assessment Committee has been established to examine options for possible future capital projects at the Home. Heritage Manor attained a 5-star rating from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid, which is a tribute to the excellent, quality care provided at the Home for residents. In a concerted effort Federation-wide to deal with security concerns, and in particular at Heritage Manor, cameras, monitors and additional lighting in the parking lots have been installed or will be shortly.

Jewish Family Services continues to offer counseling, guardianships, and other services, including its ongoing program “Our Gang.” Facilitated by Linda Kessler, “Our Gang” provides monthly and annual programs for developmentally disabled adults. Its “Meals on Wheels” program is approaching roughly 1,000 meals per month, meeting the needs of people who receive Passport services. JFS recently entered into a partnership with Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Fairhaven) that includes working with job coaches and individuals with developmental disabilities for packing and delivering meals to clients in the community. Following the retirement of Alvin Weisberg, 33 JFS guardianships in Mahoning and Trumbull counties have been transferred over to Jane Trambley. The Federation’s Granada Street Group Home, and the residents who live there, require a lot of support from JFS staff. The Agency is working to increase needed services to the residents in the Home through the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Landscaping at the Home has recently been completed to clear out large trees, remove old shrubbery and level out mulch beds that were overgrown.

The Federation continues to seek endowment funds to supplement its programs and services. Some of our endowment funds enhance our Annual Campaign. Other endowment funds allow the Federation to bring ordinary programming, such as speakers for the Inaugural Event and our Shlichim program. The Thomases Family Endowment Fund supports our partnership in Akko, Israel, and with Jews around world, above and beyond the Federation’s allocation. The Federation is in integral partner of many initiatives throughout the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys, made possible through the Federation’s Thomases Fund. Income from other endowment funds are also used for programming such as “Our Gang,” JCC transportation, nursing scholarships, and Israeli teachers at the Commission for Jewish Education to name just a few examples. Our Federation is pleased to welcome Lisa Long as our new Financial Resource Development Director. She will be working closely with Federation leadership, administering existing endowments and in fundraising and campaign initiatives.

**Heritage Manor**
**President Marc Rubin**

The year 2017 proved to be an exciting time at Heritage Manor! For the first time in several years we received a perfect ODH survey, we became a preferred provider with Mercy Health and we completed the final phase of our electronic health records. We continued to provide numerous events for residents to enjoy and began plans to add new activities for 2018 including car shows and regularly scheduled Veteran’s meetings. We celebrated numerous events such as Passover and had many services in the home including Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We appreciate the many devoted volunteers who made these services possible for our residents.

Our staffing levels of nurses and STNA’s remained above those at all other nursing homes in the area, we attained a 5-star rating from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid and the excellent quality care we are known to provide continued to be our focus. We are also very proud to have the only Veteran’s Administration agreement in our county.

We began concerted efforts with the Federation to evaluate security concerns on our campus including Heritage Manor, Levy Gardens and Jewish Family Services. Cameras, monitors and additional lighting in our parking lots were planned and are currently being installed along with other security measures.

We had several changes in leadership in 2017. We hired Shane Baldwin as our new Assistant Administrator. In 2018, we also hired Brenda Bergman, a compassionate and committed nurse, as our Director of Nursing. Also, Gary Weiss, our Executive Director, retired and Cristal Vincent was elected to be the new CEO of the Human Services Advisory Board. She has moved through the ranks by being our first Assistant Administrator and later becoming our Administrator. In addition to overseeing Heritage Manor, Levy Gardens and Adult Day Care, Cristal also oversees Jewish Family Services as well.

**Levy Gardens**
**President Marc Rubin**

The year 2017 was an eventful year at Levy Gardens. We steadily served our elderly population while continuing to draw in referrals for future tenancy. Our services and amenities allow our higher functioning tenants the opportunity to age in place, and keep us at the top of referral lists for agencies such as the local Area Agency on Aging.

Levy Gardens offers eighteen 1-bedroom apartments and six 2-bedroom apartments with gracious living space, fine dining, and an abundance of activities to keep our tenants active and engaged.

We enjoyed outings to the DeYor Performing Arts Center, Mountaineer Casino, concerts at Stambaugh Auditorium, as well as numerous in-house activities such as weekly visits from a massage therapist, musical entertainers and hosting magnificent celebrations for Hanukkah and Passover.

Renovation planning began for updating the dining room and hallways of Levy Gardens to further enhance the beauty of our facility and to help foster a comfortable and enjoyable lifestyle for our seniors.

**Jewish Family Services**
**President Marc Rubin**

Over the last year, Jewish Family Services has undergone some major changes to our agency. Previous Director (continued on page 12)
Alvin Weisberg retired as of March 2018, and Ken Bielecki has officially transitioned into the Director position. Also, Jane Trambley (guardianship manager) and Heidi Zagotti (administrative assistant) were hired in August of 2017 to assist with the various and individualized services offered by JFS. Over 33 guardianships have been transferred from Alvin Weisberg to Jane Trambley since late 2017. Landscaping at the “group home” on Granada Avenue started in March 2018 along with increased staffing for the residents of the home. Recently, a partnership has been developed between JFS and the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities who is assisting us with our weekly Meals on Wheels delivery. The “Our Gang” program, facilitated by Linda Kessler, continues to meet on a monthly basis. Last, JFS is currently undergoing the strategic planning process with our consultant. Overall, our focus and attention remains the same as JFS continues to offer counseling, Meals on Wheels, protective services, and advocacy to all those in need.

Jewish Community Relations Council Advisory Board
President Suzyn Schwebel Epstein

Israel Advocacy
The continued support for a strong U.S./Israel relationship is one of the JCRC’s primary objectives. It advocates for this relationship at the Federal and State levels, serves as the Federation’s voice for Israel in the greater community, and provides the Jewish community with the needed tools and information to become strong Israel advocates. One of the biggest JCRC successes this year was its leadership of the first-ever local multi-denominational Christian Pastors mission to Israel. Many members of the travel team are now preparing to lead their own missions with their congregations. And last year’s high level mission with YBI and YSU continues to reap tremendous dividends. The Israel-YBI collaborative is now up and running, connecting local entities with Israeli companies, and YSU is co-sponsoring with the Technion, a major international academic conference in Haifa. The JCRC continues to mobilize on many fronts to fight back against the assault on Israel’s legitimacy by the anti-Israel and anti-Semitic BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions) movement, and this year, the JCRC spearheaded a year-long Israel 70 speaker series, culminating in a gala celebration event.

Public Official Outreach
A key to successful community relations work is simply maintaining close relationships with the community leaders, particularly with public officials who shape policies in Washington, Columbus and Harrisburg that have a direct bearing on the work of all area Jewish agencies and institutions. Whether we advocate for legislation that protects Medicare or Medicaid funding for Heritage Manor, policies on behalf of Israel, or laws in favor of greater freedoms, the JCRC is always on the front lines, working diligently to develop strong, ongoing relationships with public officials at all levels of government. The JCRC also helps to forge relationships with individual Jewish community members and their public officials with whom they might need to meet in furtherance of their own professional objectives.

Holocaust Commemoration
The JCRC is the Federation’s lead agency in the planning of annual Holocaust commemoration and memorial programs, and supports commemoration activities throughout the Valley and the State. Remembrance not only obligates us to memorialize those who were lost during the Shoah, but also reminds us of the fragility of democracy and the need to protect freedom, promote human dignity, and confront hate wherever it occurs. This year’s Holocaust commemoration programs attracted record attendance and featured a special tribute to Dr. Saul Friedman.

Intergroup/Interfaith Relations
The JCRC is the Jewish community’s representative at numerous interfaith and intergroup organizations and coalitions that work for the betterment of the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys. Numerous JCRC-sponsored programs this year were very well received. The JCRC’s new Social Action committee continues to empower local Jewish community members to engage in important social action and social justice projects such as the annual High Holiday Food Drive in support of the Second Harvest Food Bank, monthly work at a food pantry, the delivery of Passover items to inmates in local state penitentiaries, as well as other programs in the inner city schools. And the JCRC was instrumental this year in creating a new African-American/Jewish Collaborative as well as an expanded interfaith women’s coalition.

Holocaust Education
The JCRC provides vital leadership in this arena, recognizing the importance of educating generations about the lessons of the Holocaust, particularly as the ranks of local Survivors continue to dwindle. Jesse McClain, the JCRC’s Holocaust Educational Specialist continues to visit numerous schools and community organizations, reaching thousands of students and adults, to teach about the Shoah, utilizing such tools as the professionally-produced films and traveling exhibits about the life and legacy of Bill Vegh and Henry Kinast, and a film about the life of Esther Shudmak. And work is now complete on expanding and transforming the community library into the JCC Judaica and Holocaust Resource Center, a highlight of which is a newly curated Saul Friedman Archive, a collection of Dr. Friedman’s research and writings created throughout his career.

Jewish Community Center
President Harold Davis

The past year at the JCC has been one of the most impactful in recent memory. The Beyachad Initiative, launched in January of 2017, recentered our focus on families and underscored our commitment to the broader community. Coupled with an organizational realignment, Beyachad’s impact reinvigorated our community. Improved efficiency, expanded services and a commitment to excellence yielded transformative results.

Month after month, our membership team broke records for new member registrations, setting a single month record of 115 sign ups. 2017 saw a net total membership growth in excess of 20%. Usage of our facilities increased over 50% from 2016 to 2017.

The new program team, created by joining forces with Federation staff, repositioned what cultural programming looks like for the JCC. Israel outreach increased precipitously, we added a scholarly lecture series, Israel culture nights and sent our first youth delegation to AIPAC. Our community partnerships grew significantly. Together with the United Way, we brought after school programming, consisting of both fitness and Israeli culture, to six Youngstown City Schools. We hosted a partnership with the United Way and Israel Tennis Centers at the JCC and, when the kids finished tennis for the day, they stayed to participate in SwimSafe 500. Funded by the United Way, Redwoods and The Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation, the SwimSafe 500 program provided over 2500 free swim safety lessons to children throughout the region, including partners Liberty Schools, Boys and Girls Club, Youngstown City Schools and more. The United Way also sponsored our Early Learning Center’s Loving Literacy program, creating a mobile library for families to share.

We partnered with Mercy Health to bring Delay the Disease, an exercise class designed for people with Parkinson's Disease, which is open to the public. Our PALS program provided 112 free one-on-one swim lessons to people on the autism spectrum. J-Away provided over 200 in-home exercise sessions to Jewish seniors who would have difficulty coming to the JCC. We hosted ten Wellness Lunch and Learns, all free for the community.

2017 saw the birth of the JCC’s Campus Security Department, tasked with overseeing security for the entire Federation campus and all of the Federation’s agencies. A $100,000 grant from the Emergency Management Agency helped execute our plans.

Many capital updates were completed throughout the year. We renovated both the Infant and Toddler wing of the Early Learning Center and the men’s locker room. We converted Racquetball Court #3 into a dance studio, home of the new JCC School of Dance. We constructed a lower level multi-purpose room by combining the camp office with the downstairs lounge. Some of our most important projects went virtually unnoticed, as we replaced a large portion of the roof and completed a drainage project underneath the rear driveway.

We added a campus to the JCC over Memorial Day weekend, when we opened the new JCC Logan Campus, formerly the Logan Swim and Tennis Club. Logan Campus includes an outdoor pool, tennis courts, a snack shack and more. All JC members have unlimited access to Logan Campus for no additional cost. Our inaugural summer at Logan Campus was a resounding success and we look forward to many more.

As the JCC continues into the future, it is not just sustaining but thriving. Thank you for all your support.
Send Doves, Not War

By Gon Erez
Israeli Outreach Coordinator

I recently read a story on an Israeli media website about a group of young Gazans called the “Youth Committee.”

Seeing the protests on the Israel-Gaza border, these people have decided to take a different course of action, in order to send a message of peace to Israelis across the border.

While most are protesting about their “Right of Return” (to their grandparents’ homes from 1948), something that happened 70 years ago, this group of people is sending a message for the future.

While many protesters were throwing rocks, Molotov cocktails, and flying burning kites over the fence, these people were flying doves with a note attached to them saying the word “Salam,” which means “peace” in Arabic.

It cannot be taken for granted that, in an area controlled by a militant terrorist group like Hamas, people are acting so bravely and publicly. Hamas is known for “Right of Return” (to their grandparents’ homes from 1948), something that happened 70 years ago, this group of people is sending a message for the future.

For those reasons I felt the urge to contact these brave people, and see for myself what they’re all about. In today’s world you can find anyone on Facebook if you’re just given a first and last name, and that’s exactly what I did.

I sent the following message:

"Hi Rami, I heard about your work and I got very excited. My name is Gon and I am an Israeli. I live now in Ohio. I’d like for us to talk and be friends.

His response came the following day with a big heart sign, and the day after we spoke on the phone. It was the first time I’ve ever spoken to a person from Gaza, and needless to say I was very emotional at that point. I didn’t know what to expect. After all, this man has been living under a blockade for more than 10 years, imposed by my country.

It wasn’t important to discuss the reasons why (and if) this blockade is necessary, but rather to try to understand how hard life is for the people of Gaza. It’s amazing to me that someone like Rami can put this all aside and speak directly to an Israeli like myself as if there is no conflict between our people.

The Gazans have about four hours of electricity per day, which means that charging your phone battery is not always possible and talking on the phone for 30 minutes or so is not as simple for him as it is for me. That is why I learned to appreciate Rami even more.

Rami invited me to be part of a project to introduce families from Gaza to American Jewish and Christian families through video conference. And so it happened that our Jewish Community staff sat for lunch in front of a family from Gaza, which was having their breaking-fast Ramadan meal which is called “Eftar.”

Their internet was slow and there was a lot of background noise, but we managed to listen and ask questions. They told us about their Peace Doves initiative and other projects they’re doing to educate their children to love rather than hate. They expressed the difficulties in living under the blockade, and the high level of unemployment and lack of infrastructures.

Some of them lost their homes during the 2014 conflict “protective edge.” One was shot in the leg while rushing to the fence to get his younger brother during the demonstrations just two days earlier. Most of them don’t speak English, so Rami translated.

Beyond the obvious difficulties, this experience was more than amazing. Regardless of one’s personal political opinion, there’s no question that these people’s lives are hard. People who are staying optimistic and stretching their hand out for peace while going through these daily life struggles have won my appreciation.

If you’d like to participate in these face-to-face initiatives, please contact me at gerez@jewishyoungstown.org. We need more people like this. Happy Ramadan to all.

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

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Monday, July 30 - Wednesday, August 22

Parent & Me Program

Music & Movement (18-36 months)

A 30-minute class that focuses on parent led activities that build coordination, listening skills and social awareness. Learning based play with a variety of props and musical styles keep the tots active.

Summer Session II: Mondays 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
Toddler
- Individual lesson plans geared to each child’s development
- Library visits as part of our curriculum
- Hands-on learning activities
- Strong literacy and math focus
- Problem solving & self help skills
- Preschool readiness program

Preschool
- Thematic learning
- On-site Library
- Swim lessons
- Gym class/fitness program
- Learning center instruction
- Kindergarten readiness
- The Valley’s best outdoor playground

School Age Care
Hours: 3:00-6:00 p.m.
(All day care is available during holiday breaks)
- Focusing on child’s cognitive development
- Enhancing learning by concentrating on physical, creative & social development
- Daily activities including swimming, arts & crafts, fitness program, and designated homework time

*Coming Soon: NEW Infant and Toddler Playground

Pickleball Play Schedule
A paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

Tuesday & Thursday: 4:30–7:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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.

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: 5:00–7:00 p.m.

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.

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.

New Class - Taekwondo (Ages 8+)
Master Tom Ritchie is a Kukkiwon Certified 4th Degree Black Belt. He has been teaching Olympic Style Taekwondo to children and adults for over a decade. In addition to being a great workout, Taekwondo helps to sharpen reflexes, improve coordination, stamina and balance, and increase strength and flexibility.

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Date: Mondays and Thursdays
Begins June 4
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Location: JCC Dance Studio
Cost: $74/Member per month
$99/Non member per month
$45 uniform cost

Sign up for 6 months and receive a free uniform!

Register online at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office at 330.746.3250 ext. 195

SwimSafe 500

This program provides free swimming lessons for children in kindergarten through eighth grade who receive free or reduced school meals. Lessons will be taught in a group setting with a low student-to-teacher ratio. This program is supported by The United Way of the Mahoning Valley, The Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation, and The Redwoods Group. Visit jccyoungstown.org/swimsafe500 to register.

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: Wednesdays
Time: 4:30-5:00 p.m.
Date: Saturdays
Time: 8:55-9:25 a.m., 10:05-10:35 a.m. or 10:40-11:10 a.m.

Private Swim Lessons

Private lessons are great for swimmers of any age from the beginner trying to learn the basics to the seasoned swimmer looking to improve their skills. Private lessons are also great for adults who want to learn-to-swim or even triathletes looking to improve their skills. Starting in June outdoor private lessons available at our Logan Campus

1:1 student/teacher ratio

Four 30-minute lessons

Cost: $82/Member | $110/Non Member

Aqua Cardio Blast

This 60 minute cardio class will help strengthen all of your major muscles. Come workout in an inspiring, motivating group environment with fantastic music. This fun-filled class will make you forget you are exercising! No swimming ability required.

Date: Monday
Time: 5:00-5:45 p.m.
Date: Wednesday
Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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

JCC Logan Campus, 3245 Logan Way, Youngstown, OH 44505

Opening Day:
Saturday, May 26
Closing Day:
Monday, September 3

Hours:
Monday-Saturday
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday
12:00-8:00 p.m.
JCC Swim Lessons
Beginner Group Lessons
Wednesdays | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m
Cost: $30/Member | $40/Non Member

Swim Team Tutors
1:1 student/coach ratio
Four 30-Minute Lessons
Cost: $82/Member | $110/Non Member

To enroll in private swim team tutoring or beginner group lessons, contact the Bursar’s Office at 330.746.3250 ext. 195

Summer Swim Team
Join the Logan Ducks and be part of the Youngstown Swim League.
Practices will be held at our Logan Campus starting Monday, June 4. Participants must be between the ages of 4 -18, and able to swim one length of the pool independently.
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Advanced swimmers
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Swimmers under 10 and new swimmers
4:30 p.m. - Swim meets every Wednesday in June & July
Cost: $100/Member for one child
$150/Member with multiple children
$150/Non Member

Register online at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office at 330.746.3250 ext. 195

Family Late Night Movie & Swim
Emoji Movie
Date: Saturday, June 23
Time: 7:30-10:00 p.m.
Cost: Free/Member | $5/Non Member

Register online at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office at 330.746.3250 ext. 195

2018 JCC Dash and Splash 5k and Family Fun Walk/Run
We’ll DASH from the JCC Main Campus on Gypsy Lane in Youngstown and end at the JCC Logan Campus on Logan Way where we’ll SPLASH into our outdoor pool, and enjoy a BASH with food and entertainment for the entire family.

Prizes awarded for top 3 overall finishers and top 3 in each age category.

*Race day registration and packet pick-up begins at 7:00 a.m. at the JCC Logan Campus, 3245 Logan Way, Youngstown, OH 44505

Runners will be bussed from the Logan Campus to the Main Campus for the start of the race.
Date: Sunday, June 24
Start time: 9:00 a.m. for all runners & walkers.
Cost: $25 pre-registration | $30 race day registration | $10 children 10 and under

Register online at jccyoungstown.org/dash or contact the Bursar’s Office at 330.746.3250 ext. 195
Cultural Arts

JCC Journeys

Join us on a fun-filled bus trip to Cleveland or Pittsburgh to see a show and have dinner. It’s a wonderful way to meet new friends. Members and Non Members are welcome!

Register online at jccyoungstown.org or with the Bursar’s Office at 330.746.3250 ext. 195.

Beautiful – The Carole King Musical

This musical tells the inspiring true story of King’s remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Price includes orchestra seat, transportation and tip for the bus driver. Dinner will be on your own. Space is limited and seating location is on a first come, first serve basis.

Date: Sunday, June 17
Location: Cleveland, OH
Leave JCC: 11:00 a.m.
Showtime: 1:00 p.m.
Return to the JCC: 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $65/Member | $85/Non Member

Brigadoon

When New Yorkers Tommy Albright and Jeff Douglas lose their way during a vacation to the Scottish Highlands, they stumble into the mythical village of Brigadoon on the one day every hundred years it appears. Tommy, who is engaged back in New York, falls head over heels for villager Fiona. A twist of fate then reveals the complicated truth that if any resident leaves Brigadoon, the town and the people in it will be lost forever. Tommy is forced to choose between returning to the world that he knows or taking a chance on life and love in a mysterious new place. Price includes orchestra seat, transportation and tip for the bus driver. Dinner will be on your own. Space is limited and seating location is on a first come, first serve basis.

Date: Sunday, July 22
Location: Pittsburgh, PA
Leave JCC: 12:00 p.m.
Showtime: 2:00 p.m.
Return to the JCC: 8:30 p.m.
Cost: $65/Member | $85/Non Member

Aladdin

Based on the 1992 animated film, Disney’s Aladdin tells the story of a street-smart commoner whose whole life changes when he meets a magical genie who can grant him three wishes. Aladdin wants the hand of Princess Jasmine, but that means becoming something he’s not and going toe to toe with Jafar who wants the genie for his own evil plans. Price includes orchestra seat, transportation and tip for the bus driver. Dinner will be on your own. Space is limited and seating location is on a first come, first serve basis.

Date: Sunday, August 26
Location: Pittsburgh, PA
Leave JCC: 11:00 a.m.
Showtime: 1:00 p.m.
Return to the JCC: 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $71/Member | $95/Non Member

JCC Scholar Series

"By the Sweat of Their Brow" - The Youngstown Steel Museum

Dr. Marcelle Wilson of Youngstown State University will discuss the themes of work, labor and welfare capitalism of the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor. During this lecture, she will showcase artifacts found in their permanent collection. A light lunch will be served. This event is free and open to everyone.

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

Register online at jccyoungstown.org or with the Bursar’s Office at 330.746.3250 ext. 195.

Movie Screening and Discussion: “In Our Hands: The Battle for Jerusalem”

This year we will celebrate Jerusalem Day with a screening of the movie “In Our Hands” which tells the story of the battle for the liberation of Jerusalem’s old city and the Western Wall during the 1967 war. The movie will be followed by a short discussion led by our Israeli educator, Ron Erez. This event is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served.

Date: Thursday, June 7
Time: 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Multi-Purpose Room

Register online at jccyoungstown.org or with the Bursar’s Office at 330.746.3250 ext. 195.

Volunteer Opportunities

Social Action Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council
330.746.3250 ext. 123
Swilschek@jewishyoungstown.org

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: June 8, July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7
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!

Dates: June 8, Aug. 17, Sept. 14
Times: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Location: 7178 West Blvd, Ste E, Youngstown, Ohio 44512
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**
Swim in our full-size heated pool and enjoy time at our onsite pavilion. Maximum party size is 50. Lifeguards will staff the pool at all times.

- Party Size up to 25 Guests- Party time: 12:00-3:00 p.m. or 4:00-7:00 p.m.
  - Cost: $165/Member | $220/Non Member
  - $255/Members | $340/Non Member - all day rental

- Party Size from 25 to 50 Guests- Party time: 12:00-3:00 p.m. or 4:00-7:00 p.m.
  - Cost: $285/Member | $380/Non Member
  - $375/Members | $500/Non Member - all day rental
  - *Add a mermaid to your party for $75/hour

**Pool Bash**
Swim in our full-size heated pool and enjoy our onsite pavilion. We will provide pizza, chips and drinks. Maximum party size is 50. Lifeguards will staff the pool at all times.

- Party Size up to 25 Guests- Party time: 12:00-3:00 p.m. or 4:00-7:00 p.m.
  - Cost: $300/Member | $400/Non Member
  - $375/Members | $500/Non Member - all day rental

- Party Size from 25 to 50 Guests- Party time: 12:00-3:00 p.m. or 4:00-7:00 p.m.
  - Cost: $525/Member | $700/Non Member
  - $600/Members | $800/Non Member - all day rental
  - *Add a mermaid to your party for $75/hour

**Pavilion at Logan Campus**
A large, covered, outdoor pavilion with round tables you can decorate to suit your theme. Invited guests who are non members must pay price of admission. Maximum capacity is 50. Lifeguards will staff the pool at all times.

- Pavilion Time: 12:00-3:00 p.m. or 4:00-7:00 p.m.
  - Cost: $75/Member | $100/Non Member
  - $150/Member | $200/Non Member - all day rental

**Art Exhibit: Images from Domestic Bliss and Other Selected Works by Susan Copich**

*Exhibit Dates: May 14 – July 12*

The exhibition of photographs from the acclaimed series, Domestic Bliss, explores domesticity, marriage, and motherhood through a uniquely dark and witty lens featuring the artist herself and her family members as subjects. Copich is a Youngstown native.
Karsyn Berk (left photo) is a graduate of Howland High School. She will attend Youngstown State University. Her major is currently undecided, although she is interested in physical fitness training or business. She was a member of National Honor Society, a Tri-Alpha student, and an honor roll student earning an academic letter. She received the National Honor Society Member of the Month Award for May and the National School Choral Award. She received the YSU First Opportunity Award.

Savannah Berk (middle photo) is a graduate of Howland High School. She will attend Kent State University in the Exploratory College as her major is undecided. She was a member of National Honor Society, a Tri-Alpha student, and an honor roll student earning an academic letter. She received the National Honor Society Member of the Year Award and the KSU Trustee Scholarship.

Zoe Berk (right photo) is a graduate of Howland High School. She was admitted into the Career and Community Studies program at Kent State University and would like to eventually open her own music business. She was senior prom queen. She has been on the honor roll throughout high school and received the Howland Community Scholarship Award from the Eisen and Glaros families.

Karsyn, Savannah and Zoe are the daughters of Rob and Brigitt Berk, siblings of Reilly and Jaden Berk, and the granddaughters of Marc and Karen Rubin and the late Harold and Suzanne Berk.

Jon Mallen will graduate from Redondo Union High School in California and will be attending Brown University where he will be part of the Presidential Scholars Program and research Chemistry. Jon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Mallen and grandson of Sandy and Gene Mallen.

Adam Weiss graduated summa cum laude with research distinction from Ohio State University with majors in neuroscience & chemistry and a minor in German. In addition to his coursework at Ohio State, Adam worked as a teaching assistant for General Chemistry, was the secretary of the Chemistry Club and swam for the club swim team at Ohio State. He will be attending the University of Chicago as a Freud Fellow to study for a Ph.D. in Chemistry. Adam is the son of Stephen and Wendy Weiss and is the grandson of Sue Weiss, Alan and Victoria Goldstine and Ava and John Davin.
Lexi Burdman, the daughter of Bonnie and Lee Burdman, will graduate with honors from Canfield High School. While in high school, Lexi lettered in choir and volunteered annually for the special needs prom. Lexi spent the majority of her time pursuing her love of dance as a member of the senior company of Ballet Western Reserve, where she represented the ballet in numerous public appearances in collaboration with Valley arts and community organizations.

She also volunteered with the United Way to teach dance for their Success After Six program.

In the fall, Lexi will attend Indiana University to pursue a major in sports medicine with a minor in dance. She is the granddaughter of Marsha Burdman.

Ben Shapiro will graduate from Canfield High School with a 3.9 GPA. He is a member of the National Honor Society, senior class president, and a member of the senior prom court. Ben was chosen to serve on the school district's strategic planning committee.

Ben played junior varsity and varsity basketball, serving as team captain and receiving the coach's award numerous times. He is a member of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Scholarship Society. Ben also received an award from the Mahoning County NAACP, as a young man who is a voice of equality. Ben attended Akiva Academy until 7th grade. Ben is the son of Sabrina and Sam Shapiro, and has a sister, Ava. He is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Shapiro and Marlene and Mickey Murphy. He will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

Abigail Scharf, the daughter of Steven and Renae Scharf, graduated from Ursuline High School in May. She graduated with honors in the top ten of her class. She will attend the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla. She will major in Spanish.

Kevin Moamis graduated from Howland High School with a GPA of 4.12 and highest honors. He is a four-year academic letter recipient. He is a member of National Honor Society and was a delegate at Buckeye Boys State last summer. Kevin received the James M. Keating Mahoning Valley Hospital Foundation Scholarship. While at HHS, Kevin participated in Interact Club, Young Entrepreneurs Society, Spanish Club, You've Got a Friend in Me Club, and Pep Club. He played basketball for four years, earning two varsity letters and was co-captain for three years. He also played varsity tennis for one year.

Kevin has worked at the Avalon Country Club for the past two summers. He attended Akiva Academy for elementary school.

Kevin will attend The Ohio State University in the fall. He plans to pursue a degree in nursing and become a nurse anesthetist.

He is the son of George and Melissa Moamis and the grandson of Harvey and Nancy Kayne and Donald and Phyllis Goldberg.

He has two brothers, Michael and Matthew. His family belongs to Temple Rodef Sholom.

Cameron Jacob Sperling, the son of Ashley and Adam Sperling, graduated summa cum laude from Howland High School. His honors include academic award for four years, Tri-Alpha, Howland Scholars Program of Studies, diploma with honors, Scholastic Art & Writing honorable mention, and second place in the video/animation category of Pittsburgh Technical College High School Design Show. He participated in JV/varsity soccer; Interact Club; National Honor Society; Buckeye Boys State; YAJF/B'nai Brith Youth Organization Leadership, Exploration & Development Program; and Partnership Together Teen Mega Mission to Israel. He volunteered at the Animal Welfare League Shelter. For soccer, he earned an athletic letter for three years, 2017 All County and Youngstown District Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association Individual Academic Award. He received the RedHawk Excellence Scholarship, the 2018 First Place Community Fund Academic Scholarship, and the Richard and Susan King/Thomas and Maria Krispinsky Scholarship. He will attend Miami University as part of its honors program. He will major in Interactive Media Studies with a minor in Creative Writing and Marketing.

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Jeffrey Alperovich, son of Marina and Gregory Alperovich, grandson of Boris and Fira Alperovich, Alexander Bernshtein and the late Lubov Rozina, is graduating from Purdue University with a master’s degree in mechanical engineering. He graduated Purdue with a baccalaureate degree in mechanical engineering in December 2015. While studying for his master’s degree, Jeff was offered a position of head teaching assistant and lab instructor. He received the 2018 Estus H. and Vashti L. Margoon Award for excellence in teaching from Purdue College of Engineering. In July, he will start his new job as an engineer at Rockwell Automation, headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis.

Sophie Alper, daughter of Marina and Gregory Alper, granddaughter of Boris and Fira Alperovich of Cleveland, and Alexander Bernshtein and late Lubov Rozina is graduating as a Salutatorian from Ursuline High School.

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Sophie is a recipient of Suzi M. Kooperman Youth Leadership Award.

Michael Moamis will graduate from Ohio University with a Master of Business Administration degree this month. At OU, he worked as a graduate assistant for the number one sales program in the country. He also worked at basketball, football, and hockey games. Upon graduation, he will be traveling to Europe to complete consulting work with his MBA cohort. In July, Michael will begin a Master of Sports Administration program at Ohio University. After graduation in May 2019, he hopes to secure a marketing/sponsorship job for a professional sports franchise or a Division 1 school. He is the son of George and Melissa Moamis and the grandson of Don and Phyllis Goldberg and Dr. Harvey and Nancy Kayne.

Connor Tamarkin graduated with honors from Howland High School. He is a four-year academic letter recipient and a member of the National Honor Society. He participated in Interact Club, Young Entrepreneurs Society, Spanish Club, Pep Club and Buckeye Boys State. He played golf, tennis, and basketball. In his senior year, Connor had his first hole-in-one. Connor received three varsity letters, two MVP awards, and led the basketball team his senior year in points, assists, and steals. He was awarded 1st team All-American Conference Red Tier, 1st Team All-Northeast Ohio, Special Mention All-Ohio and won the Player of the Year in the All-American Conference Red Tier. He volunteers at the Animal Welfare League. He is the son of Bruce and Kelly Tamarkin and has two brothers, Tyler and Sam. Connor is the grandson of Doris Tamarkin and the late Jack Tamarkin, and Colleen Williams and the late John Williams. Connor will attend the University of Florida in the fall, where he will pursue a degree in business.

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Ezra Albert Katz was welcomed into this world on May 2. Ezra is the son of Dr. Brian Katz and Dr. Ashley Smith-Katz of Bexley, Ohio, and is the grandson of Catherine and Atty. Louis Katz of Canfield, Ohio and Joan and Dr. Dennis Smith of Stow, Ohio.

Korey Burdman, son of Bonnie and Lee Burdman, received a Bachelors of Business Administration degree with High Distinction from the Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan. While in college, Korey had several investment banking and financial planning internships in Ohio and New York City. He also was a member of the Ross Financial Investments Group, and an officer with the Maize Rage, the student varsity basketball club. In the fall, Korey will return to Ross to pursue a Masters in Accounting. He is the grandson of Marsha Burdman.

Emily Newman will graduate from Canfield High School this month. She is the daughter of David and Karie Newman, and the granddaughter of Gay Teitelbaum and the late Dr. William Teitelbaum and late Herbert and Marilyn Newman. Emily will attend the University of Arizona to study business.

Ethan Samuel Trachtman will graduate from Sharpsville High School and will be attending Penn State in the fall to study engineering.

He is the son of Dr. William and Kimberly Trachtman, brother of Aaron Trachtman and sister of Alison Trachtman.

Teddy Kunkel, son of Tedd and Karen Kunkel, will graduate from Greenville Area High School on June 2. Teddy has been accepted to Thiel College in Greenville, Pa. where he will play on the soccer team and compete on the track team. He is considering a degree in speech pathology.

Marni Altman, daughter of Lisa and Jeff Altman, graduated from Kent State University magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Pathology & Audiology. She has been accepted into Cleveland State College of Sciences & Health Professions’ graduate school for fall 2018. She will pursue a master’s degree in Speech Language Pathology. She was recognized at Kent State by the Department of Modern & Classical Language Studies for excellence in the study of Hebrew. She is the granddaughter of Sandi Altman.

Arona Mostov, daughter of Attorney Jan Mostov and Dr. Evelyn Abramson, graduated magna cum laude in May from The Ohio State University with a double major of International Relations and Diplomacy and Russian, and a minor in Middle Eastern Studies.

As a student, Arona studied for a semester at Tel Aviv University. Arona is now employed as an Immigration Coordinator at the Office of International Affairs at The Ohio State University.

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For more information contact
Sarah Wilschek at 330.746.3250 ext. 123.
To register for the Golf Classic or the Impact Dinner
visit jccyoungstown.org