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A Special Birthday Week

By Mary Lou Finesilver

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Well, what a nice gift, but they didn’t hand them to me. They hid them all over the house. I can remember everyone following me from room to room, including my bedroom. And yes, they hid the coins under the bed. So there I am on my knees, crawling, finding the coins under the bed. I think I have a picture of that somewhere, but I’m not sharing that gem.

This has been a very memorable birthday. So many good things happened this week that I did not plan. I was totally overwhelmed. I told you it’s all about ME! Temple was celebrating April birthdays. They do that once a month, and there was a lunch for all. I planned to go, and then, a few days before, my daughters said they would join me. So that is nice of them, right? We attended the service and we were given an Aliyah as part of the April celebration. That was indeed an honor with a special blessing from the Rabbi. Then, after the service, we went into lunch. I saw there was a cake, very pretty and pink. The buffet looked delicious with lox and cream cheese, kugel, and the works from Kravitz Deli. Then we were drinking the ceremonial wine, and I turned around, and there was my daughter-in-law and son. Well, how nice, I said to myself. We started to sit down, and Elyse Silverman called me over to look at the cake lettered with my name on the top. Lower on the cake, I think it said April birthdays. Talk about people being dense. I still didn’t get it. We ate, then Elyse and Holly Small called me up to the microphone. So now I am starting get a little teary; I am a weeper. They presented me with a Guardian pin from Women’s League and a certificate from Sisterhood. Then Rabbi also spoke; I was stunned and thrilled. I still am not sure why they singled me out, but I am grateful to have been able to be with our Sisterhood as an active member for so many years. This has been my birthday week!

9 Takeaways from Israel’s Historic Election

By Marcy Oster

JERUSALEM (JTA) – Israel’s election was contentious, historic, crazy - and somewhat predictable.

While Benjamin Netanyahu will become the longest-serving prime minister in Israel’s history with the help of his strengthened right-wing parliamentary bloc, the results also brought some surprises.

Here are the big takeaways.

1. Two winners?

No Israeli party had ever garnered more than 1 million votes in an election, but two did this year: Netanyahu’s Likud and former Israeli military chief of staff Benny Gantz’s centrist Blue and White, which included other prominent politicians Yair Lapid and Moshe Yaalon. Each party won 35 seats, but Netanyahu’s right-wing coalition was better positioned to form a government. Still, Gantz’s showing was impressive, and his bloc could become a formidable opposition in the years to come.

2. Orthodox parties keep getting stronger.

Two haredi Orthodox parties have gained seats in the new Knesset, or parliament. The United Torah Judaism and Sephardic Orthodox Shas each won eight seats, a gain of two and one, respectively. Their combined 16 votes could put them in the driver’s seat when it comes to legislation dealing with a host of issues they care about, such as the enlistment of yeshiva students, public transportation on Shabbat, and the push for egalitarian prayer at the Western Wall.

3. Arab parties are getting weaker.

In the last election, the Arab parties united and called themselves the Joint List. They won 13 seats in that election. This time, however, squabbles split the list into separate parties. Two Arab party coalitions made it into the new Knesset: The Hadash-Taal list received six seats and the Raam-Balad List barely squeaked past the electoral threshold of 3.25 percent of the total vote to garner four seats, for a total of 10 seats representing Arab-Israelis.

But Arab voter turnout was historically low - nearly half the traditional rate. That was despite calls by Arab politicians and religious leaders, with the latter taking to muezzins to encourage the public to vote.

One reason was likely disgust with the parties that ran in the 2019 election for not being able to find a way to continue together as the more powerful Joint List. Some were disappointed as well with the parties’ inability to prevent pieces of legislation such as the nation-state law, which codified Israel as a Jewish state. Election Day reports also showed that some 1,200 cameras were placed in Arab polling stations by Likud, which claimed it was protecting against voter fraud. Arab leaders said the tactic intimidated members of the Arab community and kept them from the polls.

4. It wasn’t a great day for women.

The new Knesset will have about the same number of women as the last. That puts Israel roughly 76th internationally in terms of women’s representation in government, down from 66th in 2015.

5. It was a worse day for two right-wing stars.

Education Minister Naftali Bennett and Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked did not make it into the next government.

The two prominent and outspoken right-wing lawmakers broke away from the Jewish Home party formerly headed by Bennett to form The New Right party, which they called a party based on a “full and equal partnership” between Orthodox and secular Israelis. The party was designed to give secular right-wingers a comfortable place to put their vote and increase the size of the right-wing bloc.

6. It was a letdown for stoners, too.

In the few months leading up to the election, Moshe Feiglin was hailed as among the more important players in any upcoming Knesset coalition. He seemed to be attracting a large following of young people with his libertarian policies - including support for full legalization of marijuana. But his Zehut party also failed to pass the electoral threshold.

7. Voter turnout overall was a little low.

The final total was 67.9 percent, down from the 71.8 percent in the 2015 election, even though Election Day is a national holiday and all public

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Beachwood Man Volunteers for Israeli Defense Forces

His Mother is Youngstown Native

By Elise Skolnick

Growing up in Beachwood, Ohio, Avi Hartstone had a path set: graduate high school, attend Yeshiva in Israel, then go to a university. Somewhere along the way, though, those plans changed. Rather than attend college, Hartstone chose to enlist in the Israeli Defense Forces.

“I felt a need to do my part to protect the Jewish people and those that have protected me,” Hartstone, 21, said.

It’s a choice he doesn’t regret, “even when times are tough,” he said.

A member of the artillery corps, Hartstone’s current base is on the Lebanon border. His job is to provide rapid artillery support to Israeli forces should the need arise.

“For me, what that looks like is waking up early, sleeping in uniform, and also being ready for a rapid response drill,” he said.

He enjoys the comradeship with so many different people all with the same goal. Though Hartstone feels “100 percent” accepted as a lone soldier, he does find some difficulties because of it. Without family nearby, he has more work to do on breaks than the other soldiers.

“It has challenges to my basic living standards, like laundry and cooking, that are taken for granted by the other soldiers,” he said.

And, while he’s mostly fluent in Hebrew now, he wasn’t at first.

“When I first drafted it was a bit rough,” he noted.

“It’s not easy being so far from his family, he said.

“But, thankfully, enough people here have opened their homes to me to mostly fill the gap,” he added.

There are currently about 1,000 Lone Soldiers from the United States serving in the IDF. Lone Soldiers - young men and women who leave behind their families and countries of origin to serve in the IDF - have no immediate family in Israel to provide financial assistance, emotional support, or

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Shabbat Hagadol

President’s Message
By Neil Yutkin, Co-President

Saturday, April 13, was Shabbat Hagadol (aka the great sabbath). It is said to be called this because of the Haftorah which states that the prophet Elijah will come to warn us of the “coming of the great and fearful day of the Lord.”

And, traditionally, another reason it was called this is because on this day the rabbis generally delivered the longest sermon of the year.

This is the last of the four pashas before Pesach, and I was chosen. I spoke about the various traditions of keeping kosher for Pesach and why and how they developed. I believe I was given this honor because, unlike the tradition for Shabbat Hagadol, I give notoriously short sermons.

When Rabbi Berman was our rabbi, there was a saying that Chaya Berman, our rebbeita, was fond of quoting: “It is never too early to start worrying about Passover!” Very true, because while the rest of the year an item may be eaten if, for example, a drop of milk splashes into a meat dish, it is still kosher if it is less than 1/100 of the volume of the dish. However, during Pesach, the rule is that the offending chametz is over 1/10,000 of the volume it is considered trefe.

Quite a difference. It is for this reason that I do not eat out on Pesach, except in kosher places. However, there is a more controversial rule that is a long-standing tradition of the Ashkenazim, that is to not eat kitniyot, which expands the biblical laws from just the five grains (wheat, rye, oats, barley, and spelt) that are forbidden, to include beans, rice, corn, chickpeas, and many seeds.

This is a rule that does not apply to the Sephardi Jews. Why? There are many reasons given, but the most common is that the rabbis made this rule to build fences around the biblical tradition so that people would not make a mistake and accidentally eat something that was forbidden.

I once asked Rabbi Kornspan about this, and he gave a much more logical reason. In Europe, the environment was much damper then in the mid-east, and thus the aforementioned items of kitniyot were much more apt to get damp and spoil. To prevent this, the Jews of Europe would have the sacks of beans and rice dusted with flour, which would absorb the moisture and thus allow a much longer shelf life before spoilage would occur. Of course, flour is chametz, thus not acceptable during Pesach.

Today, that is not the case with modern packaging and delivery methods. In 1989, the Conservative movement issued a responsum that allowed its members to not be held by the long-held tradition of not eating kitniyot. However, complete acceptance of this “radical” change to tradition has been slow to come about.

It is my belief that this rule has had a detrimental effect on those who would attempt to keep kosher for Pesach. Some of our great sages in the past have argued that by making the rules so hard to keep, more people are driven to not even to attempt to try to keep them. This applies not only to Passover rules, but to all the Halacha of Judaism.

And that, fellow Judaism followers, is an individual decision that each person must make. Something to consider before next Pesach.

Ohev Tzedek-Shaarei Torah Events

Services will be held each Shabbat morning from 9:45 a.m. until between 11:30 a.m. and noon, followed by a kiddush luncheon and then a Torah study session which will run until completed. Services, including the kiddush and study session, are open to interested parties. In the study session, the Parshah of the week and/or the Haftorah will be discussed. The class is moderated, but discussion is open, and questions are welcome. Various lay leaders act as moderators, and reference sources for the more difficult questions are available.

On May 17, the first Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat Pot luck picnic will be held at Boardman Park at the Chester Long Pavilion. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the dinner and then be followed by a short service, dessert, and mingling. The meal is limited to various dairy and vegetarian dishes.

The Rosh Chodesh women’s group monthly celebration will take place during the first full week of May at one of the group member’s home. For more information, call 330.758.2321.

Rosh Chodesh Group Meets

The new month of Nisan was welcomed by the Rosh Chodesh group of Ohev Tzedek at the home of Shari DellaPenna. Following the communal meal, Carol Gottesman presented each member with vials of healing water from Miriam’s well that people would not make a mistake and accidentally eat something that was forbidden.

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At a Rosh Chodesh meeting, Catherine Katz (right) shared her flags/banners depicting the 10 plagues. Also pictured is Samie Winick.
Famous author and humorist Mark Twain once quipped, “In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.” It’s really true. During the past couple of weeks we have enjoyed some very pleasant warm days, endured some very bitter cold nights, and everything else in between. Soon the hot, hazy days of summer will be here, and not a moment too soon.

Historian David McCullough writes about another famous American from the late 19th century. “Once upon a time in the dead of winter in the Dakota Territory, Theodore Roosevelt took off in a makeshift boat down the little Missouri River in pursuit of a couple of thieves who had stolen his prized rowboat. After several days on the river, he caught up and got the draw on them with his trusty Winchester, at which point they surrendered. Then Roosevelt set off in a borrowed wagon to haul the thieves cross-country to justice. They headed across the snow-covered wastes of the Badlands to the railhead at Dickinson, and Roosevelt walked the whole way, the entire 40 miles. It was an astonishing feat, what might be called a defining moment in Roosevelt’s eventful life. But what makes it especially memorable is that during that time, he managed to read all of Anna Karenina. I often think of that when I hear people say they haven’t time to read.”

A man once approached Rabbi Yisroel Salanter, founder of the Musar movement, and said, “I have 15 minutes a day to study. What shall I study? Torah or Musar?”

“Musar,” answered Salanter. “Why?” asked the man. “Because then you will realize you have more than 15 minutes a day to study.”

Since Musar is a very complex subject I’ve decided to start by teaching a class on Torah. Is Torah really that simple? Of course not! The study and interpretation of Judaism’s most sacred text is a lifelong endeavor that requires discipline, consistency, and commitment. However, a course on the origins of the many diverse laws, customs and traditions that govern the reading and writing of the Torah will be both captivating and interesting. Learn more about the Torah than you ever imagined.

Fascinating facts, legends and stories that go with “the Book that changed the world.” This will be a four-session minicourse held on consecutive Thursdays - May 9, 16, 23 and 30 - from noon to 1 p.m. in the Wilkoff Library. This is perfect timing for Shavuot, our holiday which commemorates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai, which falls in early June this year. You may bring a brown bag lunch if you wish. Coffee and soft drinks will be provided. Just call the office to sign up and let us know if you would like to order the book we will be using for this class – “This Is The Torah,” by Alfred J. Kolatch. Let me conclude with three quotes from Mark Twain:

“A person who won’t read has no advantage over one who can’t read.”

“Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.”

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”

So why not get started and renew your commitment to enhancing your Jewish knowledge? Lifelong Learning is IN these days at congregations all over North America. Be a part of it!
Two special events will be held in honor of Temple El Emeth’s Sisterhood Shabbat.

An evening service will be held at 5:45 p.m. Friday, May 17 followed by a catered Shabbat dinner at 6:30 p.m. The dinner is complimentary for Sisterhood members, for all others the cost is $10. Reservation forms are available in the Temple bulletin or the Temple office.

El Emeth Sisterhood’s annual Sisterhood Shabbat Service will be at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 18. The special guests for the weekend will be Margie Miller, Women’s League for Conservative Judaism’s national president; Fran Hildebrant, branch president; and Robin Lash, branch program and education chair. El Emeth Sisterhood members will conduct the service and a kiddush luncheon will follow.

A native Long Islander, Miller grew up in Valley Stream, N.Y. Active in Jewish life since she was a teenager in BBG, she became an adult bat mitzvah in 1997 and retired not long ago from a 16-year career as a Hebrew school teacher at three local synagogues. She graduated from Hofstra University in 1971, with a double major in sociology and psychology. Her husband, Joel Miller, z”l, was killed in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Although Miller had a real estate broker’s license, she worked full time as a family bereavement specialist for South Nassau Communities Hospital’s WTC Family Center. From 2002 to 2008 she coordinated family outreach and programming for 9/11 bereaved and first responders’ families.

Miller served in multiple capacities on her Women’s League branch and region boards, and finally, on the international board, where she chaired the training department and eventually the 2014 convention.

El Emeth Sisterhood members will participate in the service and a Kiddush luncheon will follow.

At their Annual Donor Luncheon in May, El Emeth Sisterhood honored Naomi Fine for her many years of service to the Temple, including the many years she served as catering chairperson. Fine, beautifully catered many members’ childrens’ Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, and other special occasions and life cycle events over the years. She always added her own special and exquisite touches to every event. Mary Lou Finesilver made a lovely presentation to Fine and other members shared their memories of working with her in the Temple kitchen. She’s pictured with her son Alan (left) and husband Sam.

May 1
Jewish Christian Dialogue - Refreshments are served at 12:30 p.m. and the session will begin at 1 p.m. The video “Did Paul/Saul Deny the G-d of Moses” will be shown with commentary by Dr. Paula Fredrickson and Dr. A.J. Levine. All are welcome to attend.

May 2
Volunteers for the May Liberty Food Pantry can sign up by calling the Temple El Emeth office at 330.759.1429. Set up is Thursday evening, May 2, from 7 to 8 p.m. and food distribution will take place Friday, May 3, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Call the office to have your name passed on to the pantry chairs.

May 7
The Board of Directors will have its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Synagogue. The executive committee meets at 6:30 p.m.

May 14
Sisterhood closing meeting - An open board meeting will take place at 10:45 a.m. followed by the meeting and luncheon at noon. The speaker that afternoon will be Anita Gray, development director of the Anti-Defamation League in Cleveland. Her topic will be “Anti-Semitism - what is it, what can we do about it?”

May 17
Shabbat Service and Dinner - Services begin at 5:45 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. El Emeth Sisterhood members are invited to attend free of charge. The cost for non-Sisterhood members is $10.

May 18
Sisterhood Shabbat will take place Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. A kiddush luncheon will follow the service. The Women’s League national president, Margie Miller, will be the special guest. Sisterhood members will participate in the service. Please see side article.

May 20
Shmoozing with Shmulik will be at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel for some fun in Yiddish.

May 22
Minyan and a Meal - Minyan is at 5:45 p.m. followed by a light supper at 6 p.m. A representative from the Liberty Fire Department will present fire safety tips for home and work. Reservation forms are in the monthly bulletin or the Temple office.

Minyans are held daily at 5:45 p.m. including Saturday. Friday morning Minyan is held at 7 a.m. and Shabbat morning services are at 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Schonberger holds two classes on Shabbat. “The Prayer Book and Synagogue Skills” takes place following Shabbat morning services and “Psalm Day with Rabbi” following the 5:45 p.m. Minyan on Saturdays.
2019 Federation Annual Meeting Will be May 30

The 2019 Youngstown Area Jewish Federation annual meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 30 at the Jewish Community Center of Youngstown. The keynote speaker will be Cynthia M. Deitle.

Awards will also be presented. This year’s recipient of the Abe Harshman Leadership Award is Wendy Weiss. Jeannie and Gerry Peskin are the recipients of the Esther Marks Memorial Volunteer Service Award. Alan Kretzer, immediate past Federation president, and Harold Davis, immediate past Jewish Community Center advisory board president, will be recognized for their work. Dinner is included.

The cost is $10 per person. Registration is required by May 23. To register, call 330.746.3250 ext. 108 or email nsentelik@jewishyoungstown.org.

Deitle is the Matthew Shepard Foundation’s programs and operations director. She oversees their hate crimes work, community outreach, and events. Prior to joining the Matthew Shepard Foundation in 2017, Cynthia was a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for over 22 years, specializing in the fields of civil rights, community outreach, and victims’ assistance.

Deitle received her Bachelor of Arts degree from The Ohio State University and her juris doctor degree from New England Law Boston. She earned a master of laws degree in criminal law from New York University School of Law and a master of laws degree in constitutional law from the George Washington University National Law Center.

Federation and United Hatzalah of Israel at AIPAC

Bonnie Deutsch Burdman, Federation director of community relations/government affairs, caught up with Cari Margulis Immerman, United Hatzalah midwest/central region director, at the recent AIPAC conference in Washington, D.C. The Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and members of the greater Youngstown community are supporters of the organization. United Hatzalah is a volunteer emergency medical service organization that provides fast and free emergency medical first response throughout Israel. More than 5,000 volunteers respond to emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Pictured are Burdman (left) and Immerman.

Youngstown Students Visit Museum of Jewish Heritage

The Thomases Family Endowment helped fund a Youngstown Rayen Early College trip to New York City. While there, the students visited the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust. Students met with donors at an event to talk about the trip and offer thanks.

Thomases Family Endowment Supports Women in Technology

The Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation recently awarded a $4,000 grant to the ORT Braude College of Engineering to support their workshop for female students. This workshop helped the participants become aware of their personal/individual vision and gave them a set of tools to build and manage a career in a technological world.

Federation Supporter of Hillel

The Youngstown Area Jewish Federation is a proud supporter of Hillel. Lisa Long, Federation financial resource development director, was honored to attend Hillel International’s Global Leadership Society Luncheon in April. Thanks to generous donors, the Federation is able to make an allocation to the Ohio Inter-City Hillel Consortium. In addition, the Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation has given grants to the Hillels at Indiana University, Miami University, Kent State University, Ohio University, and the University of Cincinnati. From left to right are Long; Adam Hirsh, executive director of Hillel at Kent State University; and Sarah Livingston, executive director of Hillel at Ohio University.
Western Galilee and Budapest Learning Opportunity

Federation Will Subsidize a Portion

Partnership2Gether Western Galilee Central Area Consortium is sponsoring a Partnership Discovery Program for Lifetime Learners Oct. 27 to Nov. 4.

The program provides an opportunity for young retirees to experience the Partnership2Gether Western Galilee region as well as Budapest, Hungary with in-depth, thought-provoking lectures and field trips with local experts in the areas of security, multiculturalism, arts, sustainability, and tolerance. It will give participants the opportunity to learn more about everyday life in the region and to talk with individuals face to face in their living rooms and places of work. It will allow participants to gain a better and deeper understanding of life in the region and to build personal relationships.

The cost for the Western Galilee portion is $500 and the Partnership Discovery in Budapest is an additional $500. These costs include accommodations, program costs and most meals. Flights are not included and must be arranged and purchased by the participant(s).

The Youngstown Area Jewish Federation will subsidize half the cost of each leg (excluding flights) for participants. The Federation suggests an increase to each participant’s Campaign gift by a minimum of $125/leg for the 2019 and 2020 Campaigns.

The deadline to register is June 1. For more information on the trip, or to register, contact Heidi Benish at heidib@jaf.org. For questions about the subsidy, please contact Lisa Long, Federation financial resource development director; at llong@jewishyoungstown.org.

Federation Statement on Poway Synagogue Shooting

Editor’s Note: A shooting at Chabad of Poway in Poway, near San Diego, Calif., left one person dead and three injured, including a child. John T. Earnest, 19, was arrested in connection with the shooting.

Lori Gilbert-Kaye, who was killed in the attack, is credited with jumping in front of the synagogue’s rabbi to shield him from the gunman’s bullets. Gilbert-Kaye, 60, of San Diego, is survived by her husband and 22-year-old daughter.

Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein, Almog Peretz, and 8-year-old Noya Dahan were injured.

We at the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation are horrified to learn of yet another synagogue shooting. Saturday, on the last day of Passover, one of the most sacred holidays in the Jewish faith, at least one person was killed and three others injured in an attack at a synagogue in Poway, San Diego County, Calif. This shooting comes exactly six months after the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pa. that left 11 dead and seven injured. Our thoughts are with the families of the victims in Poway and with the entire Jewish community there as they cope with this unthinkable horror. We are deeply troubled about the rising tide of anti-Semitism in the United States and abroad. We condemn all hate speech and violent acts and reaffirm our commitment to equality, human dignity, and peace.

Rick Marlin, President
Suzyn Schwebel-Epstein, Jewish Community Relations Council President
Andrew Lipkin, Executive Vice-President
Bonnie Deutsch Burdman, Director of Community Relations/ Government Affairs

Seniors from Girard, Poland Awarded Scholarships

Funds from Thomases Family Endowment Support This Women’s Empowerment Program

Two area high school seniors were awarded a total of $20,000 in scholarship money at the 25th annual YWCA Mahoning Valley Young Women with Bright Futures Awards program in April.

Kathryn Sharples, a senior at Girard High School, took home the $12,000 first-place scholarship. Sharples was also the winner of the YWCA’s Bright Futures Essay Contest. She plans to attend Cleveland State University and pursue a degree in pre-med.

Galena Lupochovsky, a senior at Poland Seminary High School, took home the second-place $8,000 scholarship. She intends to enroll in Youngstown State University’s BaccMed program and focus on biochemistry.

The scholarships are funded by the Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and are awarded to two young women attending college or university in northeast Ohio or western Pennsylvania.

Twenty-eight senior high school women were nominated by teachers and school administrators and were recognized for their leadership skills, academic achievement, creativity, and volunteerism at the awards banquet. All participants in the Young Women with Bright Futures program received a $500 award funded by Denise DeBartolo York.

Major sponsors of the Young Women With Bright Futures event are Akron Children’s Hospital Mahoning Valley, Compco Industries, Denise DeBartolo York, Home Savings Charitable Foundation, State Farm, Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation, and The Vindicator.
First Recipient of Kent State University Jewish Studies Scholarship Chosen

The first recipient of the Marion C. and William B. Risman Family Scholarship in Jewish Studies at Kent State University is Ariel Kogan.

Kogan, a sophomore, is majoring in biotechnology and minoring in Jewish studies. He recently returned from the Jewish Studies program's study abroad course in Poland. He has also been very active with Hillel and Chabad on campus since coming to Kent State. Ariel was born in Mexico City and immigrated with his family to Akron, Ohio in 2012.

The Marion C. and William B. Risman Family scholarship in Jewish Studies is a scholarship granted to a student with a minimum GPA of 3.5 who is pursuing a minor in Jewish Studies. It is renewable for up to two additional years. It may be applied to any of the costs associated with attending KSU.

Model Seder

Akiva Academy students and their families participated in a Model Seder. The children led the Model Seder with reading and singing from the Haggadah. The families learned about the 14 steps which are performed during the evening. They also ate the most traditional foods of Passover.

3rd Annual Community Mitzvah Day Held

The social action committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation held its 3rd Annual Community Mitzvah Day in April. Included were card making for first responders, blanket making at Levy, hygiene product organization and packaging, and a canned goods/ nonperishable sculpture contest with community partners. The canned goods used for the sculpture contest were donated to the Second Harvest Foodbank.

Mahoning Valley Young Professionals helped with packaging hygiene products at Mitzvah Day.
PERFORMING ARTS

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

JCC School of Dance
Summer Registration
Wednesday, May 1 | 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Five Week Session I: Monday, May 6 - Monday, June 10
Five Week Session II: Tuesday, June 25 - Monday, July 29
Adult Drop-In Classes: May 11, 18, June 8, July 13, & 27

Pricing
30 Min Class: $34/Member; $45/Non-Member per session for 1st class, 30/Member; $40/Non-Member per session for 2nd class
45 Min Class: $42/Member; $55/Non-Member per session for 1st class, $38/Member; $50/Non-Member per session for 2nd class, $34/Member; $45/Non-Member per session for 3rd class
90 Min Class: $75/Member; $100/Non-Member per session
Adult Drop-Ins: $15 per person

Adult Dance Program (Ages 18+)
Adult Tap I
A 45 minute class designed for adults to stay fit and active while learning how to create rhythms with their feet. Class exercises improve balance, hip mobility, and stamina. Class is taught at a Beginner to Intermediate level.
Summer Session I & II: Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Adult Ballet I
A 45 minute class designed for adults to stay fit and active while having fun in a relaxed atmosphere. Class exercises improve strength, posture, and balance. Class is taught at a Beginner level.
Summer Session I & II: Wednesdays 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

Adult Tap II
A 45 minute class for adults to explore the percussive dance style known as tap. Dancers gain listening skills & develop rhythm while moving to the beat & creating music with their feet. Class is taught at an Intermediate level.
Summer Session I & II: Wednesdays 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Adult Ballet II
A 45 minute class introduces the basic principles of ballet like body positions & movements. Improves posture & balance, & challenges students to remember patterns. Class is taught at an Intermediate level.
Summer Session I & II: Wednesdays 7:45 - 8:30 p.m.

Adult Drop-In Class
Various guest teachers lead a 90 minute Intermediate to Advanced level dance class the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, focusing on a different genre of dance ranging from hip-hop, contemporary, tap, modern, lyrical, and more.
Summer Session I: Saturdays 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. May 11, 18, & June 8
Session II: Saturdays 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. July 13 & 27

Parent & Me Program (Ages 4 mo-4 years)
Bitty Babies (4 months to pre-walking)
A 30 minute class for babies 4 months to pre-walking that introduces gross motor skills to babies with the interaction of a caregiver. Build loving relationships through sensory related play including song, dance, tummy time, and baby massage.
Summer Session I & II: Saturdays 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Music & Movement (18-36 months)
A 45 minute class for 18-36 month olds 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 I & II: Saturdays 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Dance Discovery (Ages 3-4)
A 45 minute class for 3 year olds that challenges children to use their minds and bodies to move to a variety of song styles. Props help stimulate creativity as we explore space, levels, and shapes. Parents do not participate in this class.
Session I & II: Thursdays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Creative Movement Program (Ages 4-6)
Creative Movement Tumbling Fun I (Ages 4-6)
A 45 minute combined level Creative Movement class that teaches the beginning principles of jazz dance and tumbling in a safe and controlled environment. The fun includes somersaults, backbend variations, and stretching.
Summer Session I & II: Wednesdays 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Mini Program (Ages 6-7)
Mini Baton (Ages 6-7)
A 30 minute class that introduces hand and eye coordination through learning how to handle and twirl a baton. Students learn basic patterns, marching, and tosses while working hard and having fun.
Summer Session I & II: Tuesdays 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Mini Acro/Jazz (Ages 6-7)
A 30 minute class that teaches the beginning principles of jazz dance and tumbling in a safe and controlled environment. The fun includes stretching, backbends, and movements to develop coordination of gross motor skills.
Summer Session I & II: Tuesdays 5:00-5:30 p.m.

Dance Curriculum Program (Ages 7-16)
Tap I & II (Ages 7-16)
A 45 minute class that teaches the percussive dance style of tap. Dancers gain listening skills and develop rhythm while moving to the beat and creating music with their feet. Variations of basic tap steps are learned and practiced.
Summer Tap I Session I & II: Thursdays 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.
Summer Tap II Session I & II: Mondays 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

Jazz I & II (Ages 7-16)
A 45 minute class that teaches the art of classic jazz dancing focusing on body lines, coordination, proper technique, and flexibility. This class aids in the development of spatial and kinesthetic awareness.
Summer Jazz I Session I & II: Thursdays 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
Summer Jazz II Session I & II: Mondays 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Ballet I & II (Ages 7-16)
A 45 minute class that emphasizes the basic principles of ballet like body positions and movements. Introduces balance skills and challenges students to remember patterns and choreography.
Summer Ballet I Session I & II: Thursdays 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.
Summer Ballet II Session I & II: Mondays 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.

Acro (Ages 7-13)
A 45 minute class that introduces students to basic tumbling and acrobatic stretches and exercises. Students will improve flexibility as well as upper body strength and coordination in a safe and controlled classroom setting.
Summer Session I & II: Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Baton I & II (Ages 7-13)
A 45 minute class designed to introduce the art of baton twirling to beginner level students. Develop hand/eye coordination by learning to twirl and toss a baton. Students will also learn marching and cadencing, as well as patterns and choreography.
Summer Baton I Session I & II: Tuesdays 6:15 - 7:00 p.m.
Summer Baton II Session I & II: Mondays 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Hip Hop Training Program (12 and up)
Apprentice Level (Ages 12 and up)
A 90 minute class for new hip hop dancers that want to develop better technique and cleaner moves. Basic popping, locking, gliding, and choreography will be taught at a Beginner to Intermediate level.
Summer Session I: Fridays 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Pre-Professional Level
A 90 minute class designed for serious students that are interested in honing their hip hop dance skills. Vigorous training in various styles of urban dance including popping, locking, tutting, krumping, and basic breaking. Students will present choreography at the end of the session. Class is taught at an Advanced level.
Summer Session II: Fridays 5:30 - 7 p.m.

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Private Lesson Availability (Any Age)
Lessons can be scheduled with any JCC School of Dance educators in half hour increments at a rate of $20/half hour. Privates can be recurring in any of the available time slots, or on an as needed basis.
Summer Session I: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.
Summer Session II: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

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

Ages 6 weeks - Pre-Kindergarten
New Infant & Toddler Private Swim Lessons
One-on-one swim lessons with children six months to three years to encourage children to become comfortable in the water from a young age.

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

NEW Free Family Membership to the JCC!
Full time students are eligible for a free family membership to the Jewish Community Center beginning in June! Some exclusions apply.

FITNESS

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

Get fit fast with Personal Training at the JCC!
Personal Training Benefits:
- personalized safe and effective fitness programs
- achievement of goals in a short time period

- improved muscle coordination, strength, endurance, and flexibility

To register call: 330.746.3250 ext. 182

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

Reach Your Goals With InBody
Are you at a standstill with your workouts, or looking for some help creating a fitness plan that achieves your personal goals? Then a personal trainer is right for you! No matter where you are in your fitness journey, our certified trainers will work with you one-on-one to build a program designed just for you! Each program uses our new InBody S70, a full body composition analysis to breakdown your body’s fat & lean mass composition, water retention, & more!
First scan is FREE to all members!
Monthly Unlimited Scans: $15/mo (Also includes 15 minutes with Personal Trainer 1x/mo)
Member: $25/test | Non Member: $35/test

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: 5:00–6:30 p.m.

Pickleball
Join us in our brand new outdoor pickleball complex for a fun-filled game of pickleball. A cross between tennis, badminton and ping-pong, this fast-paced game is fun for players of all skill levels. Equipment is provided. During inclement weather, games will be moved to the JCC gymnasium.
Date: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Time: 4:30 -7:30 p.m.
Location: JCC Outdoor Pickleball Complex

Care for the Caregiver
Presented by Robi Smith RN, CHPN with Hospice of the Valley, Mercy Health Youngstown. There is an estimated 44 million caregivers across the United States that have provided unpaid care to an individual. Ohioans make up approximately 1.7 million of the estimated caregiving population. Now more than ever men and women are sharing in the role of primary caregiver. You and your loved ones are not alone in the journey of caregiving. We invite you to join us for a review of skills that enable you to care for not only your loved one but also yourself.
Date: Friday, May 3
Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Register by Wednesday, May 1 at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195

How Did You Sleep Last Night?
Phil Kilbourne with Sleepy Hollow will explain the importance of sleep and how to improve the quality of your sleep.
Date: Friday, May 10
Time: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Register by Wednesday, May 8 at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195

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**AQUATICS**

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

Learn to Swim and You & Me Baby lessons run as sessions on a monthly basis. The last day to register for the current month is the Friday before the second week. It will not be prorated. After that date, all registrations will be for the following month. This is to ensure the safety of all participants.

To enroll in private or group swim lessons visit jcyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195.

**Group Lessons**

Registration is now required for Learn to Swim lessons prior to each monthly session.

**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.

**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.

**Private Swim Lessons**

Swimmers of any age or level can benefit from private swim lessons. Learn to swim or improve your skills with one of our certified swim instructors. Private lessons are also great for triathletes.

**Four 30-minute lessons**

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

**Water Women**

This free class is designed for women with little or no swimming ability. Participants will learn the skills needed to feel safe in the water. This program is funded by Chemical Bank.

Lessons will be limited to 12 women per session.

**Date:** Saturdays  
**Time:** 10:45-11:45 a.m.

**Session 3:** April 6 - May 11

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

**P.A.L.S.+ Private Swimming Lessons**

The JCC offers free one-on-one swim lessons for persons who are on the autism spectrum or who have developmental disabilities. This program is funded by Autism Speaks and the Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation.

To apply visit jccyoungstown.org/pals.

**SwimSafe 500**

This program provides free swim safety lessons for children in Kindergarten through eighth grade.

Scholarships are provided by The United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, The Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and The Redwoods Group.

To apply visit jccyoungstown.org/swimsafe500.

**Lifeguarding Classes and Recertifications**

After successfully completing this two-day class you will be certified by the American Red Cross in lifeguarding, first aid and AED.

**Date:** Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Cost: $187/Member | $250/Non Member

**Date:** Saturday & Sunday, June 8 & 9

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Cost: $187/Member | $250/Non Member

Lifeguard recertifications and CPR classes are also available upon request.

Cost: $75/Member | $100/Non Member

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

**Logan Ducks Swim Team**

Dates: May 27 - July 27

Monday through Friday

Advanced swimmers and 11 & older | Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Beginners and 10 & Under | Time: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Ducklings Swim Team**

This team is for children who can swim half the length of the pool, the whole pool with a backpack on, or teacher’s recommendation.

**Date:** June 3 - July 27

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Time: 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Ages 2 - 7

$100/Member for one child

$150/Member with multiple children

Member for one child

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

**Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation**

Funding for children in Kindergarten through eighth grade.

**Learn to Swim and You & Me Baby**

For more information on our Logan Campus contact Laura Weymer at 330.746.3250 ext. 299 or lweymer@jewishyoungstown.org

**Opening Day:** Saturday, May 25

**Everyday | 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Outdoor Tennis**

Youth Tennis Team (Ages 10-18) Join the Youth Tennis Team at our Logan Campus and compete in the Youngstown Tennis League. Practice begins June 10.

**Date:** Mondays & Wednesdays

**Time:** 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

$100/Member for one child

$150/Member with multiple children

$150/Non Member

**Youth Tennis Beginners Clinic - Begins June 10**

**Date:** Mondays (Ages 8-10)

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Free for Youth Tennis Team

**Footwork Clinic - Begins July 15**

**Date:** Mondays & Wednesdays Time: 1:00-2:00 p.m.

$50/Member | $67/Non Member

**Adult Beginner Clinics - Begins June 7**

**Date:** Fridays

**Time:** 6:00-7:00 p.m.

$100/Member | $133/Non Member

**Men’s Open Play Tennis - Begins June 10**

**Date:** Mondays

**Time:** 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Free/Member | $10/Non Member

**Women’s Open Play Tennis - Begins June 6**

**Date:** Thursdays

**Time:** 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Free/Member | $10/Non Member

**Mixed Doubles Night - Begins June 5**

**Date:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Free/Member | $10/Non Member

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

**Youth Tennis Team (Ages 10-18)**

Join the Youth Tennis Team at our Logan Campus and compete in the Youngstown Tennis League. Practice begins June 10.

**Date:** Mondays & Wednesdays

**Time:** 1:00-2:00 p.m.

$50/Member | $67/Non Member

**Register for swim team online at jccyoungstown.org or**
Cultural Arts

Swim Lessons
Beginner Group Lessons
Date: Tuesdays or Thursdays
Time: 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
$30/Member | $40 Non Member

Swim Team Tutors
1:1 student/coach ratio
Four 30-Minute Lessons
$82/Member | $110/Non Member
Register online at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195

Logan Open House
Date: Sunday, June 23
Time: 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Bring your friends and family to the JCC Logan Campus for food and games plus experience all the incredible programs our JCC has to offer! All are welcome!

S’more Saturday Nights
Join us rain or shine every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. around the firepit to make delicious s’mores!

Jewish Community Center of Youngstown Dash and Splash 5k and Family Fun Run/Walk
Sunday, July 21 | 9:00 a.m.
You don’t have to take part in the 5k to join us for the after bash! We’ll have free food and drinks at our Logan Campus beginning at 10:30 a.m. Kids can enjoy a bounce house and games. There will also be entertainment for the entire family including a DJ.
Register online at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER: Israeli Artist Workshop
Israeli artists Or-nah Ran and Koby Sibony will lead a Jewish themed workshop creating various types of art including freestyle with metal wire, colorful pipe cleaners, and mosaic on cork. Price includes workshop, personalized artwork, lecture and dinner. Space is limited. Register by Monday, May 6.
Option 1
Workshop, lecture and dinner
Workshop #1: mosaic on cork
Workshop #2: freestyle with metal wire
Date: Monday, May 13
Time: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Adult Lounge
$15/Member | $25/Non Member
Lecture only: Free | 7:00 p.m.

Option 2
Workshop and lunch Combined workshop: Mosaic & Metal Wire
Date: Tuesday, May 14
Time: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Hebrew 101
Israeli Educators Gon Erez and Matan Norani will teach this crash course in Hebrew reading. Once completed, you will be able to phonetically read any Hebrew word. Pizza will be served.
Date: Tuesdays May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25
Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Location: JCC
$30/Member | $40/Non Member
Register online at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195

Arab Political Parties in Israel’s Knesset
Arabs represent 20% of Israel’s population and are in the midst of a volatile political atmosphere. Mohammad Darawshe, Director of Planning, Equality and Shared Society at Givat Haviva Educational Center will discuss the various Arab political parties and their agendas in the Israeli Parliament (Knesset). This event is free and open to all. Dessert will be served.
Date: Thursday, May 23
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Register by Monday, May 20 at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195

JCC Israeli Scholar Series
Teaching Hebrew to Israeli Arab Students
Hebrew teacher Miri Sharon will share her inspiring story about teaching the Hebrew language to Bedouin students in southern Israel. Sharon has a Masters in Education Management and Leadership from Tel-Aviv University and teaches Hebrew as a second language in the U.S. This event is free and open to all. A light lunch will be served.
Date: Friday, June 7
Time: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Register by Monday, June 3 at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office: 330.746.3250 ext. 195

CAMP JCC

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

Registration Now Open!
Camp JCC provides a safe, fun environment for campers to build lifelong friendships through unforgettable adventures and quality care. Our traditional day camp is full of fun activities including arts and crafts, baking, kickball, dance, music, soccer, free swim, certified swim lessons, and so much more!

Specialty camps are either one or two weeks, and provide campers with experiences focused on specific areas of interest. These camps include: Horseback riding, 3D Printing, YSU Playmakers, Mad Science, and new Snapology Lego camp and Crayola Imagine Arts Academy World of Design.

Our Advanced Specialty Camps are also either one or two weeks, and are specifically designed to inspire our middle school age campers with more diverse and challenging experiences. These camps include: Broadway 360 with Liz Rubino and Backpacking Wilderness Camp.
Our Camp JCC team is committed to giving your child an unforgettable summer and we look forward to making your family part of the Camp JCC family!

Register online at jccyoungstown.org
An initial deposit of $75 is required at registration and will go towards the cost of your camp fees.
FEDERATION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Social Action Committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council 330.746.3250 ext. 195 bursar@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 help distribute food and make guests feel welcome during their visit.

Dates: May 3, June 7, July 15, August 2
Time: 9:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Location: 189 Churchill Rd, Youngstown, OH 44505

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

Date: May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9
Times: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Location: 7178 West Blvd, Ste E Youngstown, OH 44512

Diaper Packing with Making Kids Count

RENTALS

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

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

Meeting Rooms
Our small conference room seats up to eight 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.

Lower Level Multi-Purpose Room
This multi-purpose room is located on the ground floor and can accommodate up to 36 people. Great for parties, meetings, retreats or educational seminars. The open room feel offers multiple room configurations. In-house catering is available

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

Specialty Parties
Pool Party
Enjoy swim time in our full-size indoor heated pool.

All Star Celebration
Play basketball, volleyball, kickball, soccer, or wiffleball in our gymnasium then enjoy time in our party room.

Glow & Dance Hip-Hop Party
Enjoy your next celebration with glow accessories and a mini hip-hop lesson.

Ninja Games Celebration
Tackle our ninja obstacle course and participate in coordination activities.

Noah's Park Party
Play the day away at Noah's Park or our new Infant and Toddler playground.

Prince & Princess Royal Bash
Don your crowns and tiaras and take a mini ballet lesson.

Superhero Celebration
Dress up and participate in superhero activities in our secret lair.

Under the Sea Splish
Splash Mermaid Bash
Experience swimming and storytelling in our pool with the JCC mermaid.

All parties include time in our party room. Custom invitations are available!

Logan Campus Rentals
Pool Bash
You and your party guests can swim in our full-size heated pool and enjoy time celebrating at our on-site pavilion. Guests can also play basketball, volleyball, tennis, shuffleboard or bocce on our spacious grounds. Maximum party size is 50. Lifeguards will staff the pool at all times.

Pavilion
The JCC Logan Pavilion is a large, covered, outdoor pavilion a short walk from our pool. Round tables outfit the pavilion and you can decorate to suit your theme. Swim in our heated pool or play basketball, volleyball, tennis, shuffleboard, or bocce on our spacious grounds. Invited guests who are non members must pay the price of admission. Maximum capacity is 50.

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**JCC Mamanet Team in Columbus**

The Jewish Community Center of Youngstown’s Mamanet team traveled to Columbus in April to play with some teams at the JCC of Greater Columbus. Mamanet is a modified version of volleyball. The Mamanet league is the largest social-sports project in Israel. It promotes exercise and fitness, education, sports, professional networking, and is a great chance to build community with other women. The JCC Youngstown team meets from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Mondays at LYRIC-Liberty Youth Recreation Center (the Old Liberty High School Gym), 317 Churchill Hubbard Road, Youngstown. It’s free and open to women of all ages. The JCC of Youngstown is also planning its first Mamanet Tournament on June 30. For more information about Mamanet, call Laura Weymer at 330.746.3250 ext. 299.

JCC Mamanet Team participants visited the JCC of Greater Columbus to play with some teams there. Pictured from left to right are (back) Shannon Arcade, Kathy Fait, Diane Volosin, Maayan Sigler, (front) Laura Weymer, Courtney Lockshaw, and Rebecca Soldan.

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**Exhibit Tells About Life of Kent State University Shooting Victim**

Sandy Scheuer was Youngstown Native

By Elise Skolnick

Sandy Scheuer was walking to class at Kent State University on May 4, 1970. She never made it. Instead, she became one of four students to lose their lives when members of the Ohio National Guard opened fire on a crowd gathered to protest the Vietnam War. Nine others were injured.

An exhibit opening in the Thomases Art Gallery May 13 aims to tell viewers about Scheuer’s life through her own words and objects.

“Sandy’s Scrapbook” was curated using copies of writings and artifacts from scrapbooks Scheuer kept throughout her life, said Mindy Farmer, Ph.D., director of the May 4 Visitors Center at Kent State. The scrapbooks are part of the Ohio History Center collection.

“We wanted Sandy to tell her own story,” Farmer said.

Scheuer, a junior speech therapy major, grew up in Youngstown and was a member of Congregation Ohev Tzedek.

“It’s very special that it’ll be in Youngstown, especially at the Youngstown Jewish Community Center, because that was so important to Sandy and her family,” Farmer said. “I hope that some of the people there, if they didn’t know her, will learn about her; and those who did know her, I hope they’ll recognize her.”

“Sandy’s Scrapbook” was originally displayed at the May 4 Visitors Center as one of their temporary exhibits. The exhibit was sponsored by the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation, Hillel at Kent State University, and Kent State’s Jewish Studies program. The May 4 Visitors Center tells the story of the Kent State shootings set in the context of the 1960s.

The display at the Thomases Gallery is the first event in a series that will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the shooting, said Adam Hirsh, executive director of Hillel at Kent State.

“It’s a piece of our history that we need to tell the next generation,” Hirsh said. “Sandy grew up in Youngstown,” he added. “She was a member of the Jewish community. And this is a critical part of Jewish history. I would love for anyone from the age of 7 to 107 to be able to share this story and tell it ongoing.”

The exhibit will run from May 13 to July 1. An opening reception will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 22.

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*Sandy’s Scrapbook,* an exhibit that commemorates the life of Sandy Scheuer who died in the shooting at Kent State University May 4, 1970, opens in the Thomases Art Gallery May 13.

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Summer Camp Offers Valuable Experiences for Campers and Counselors

By Emily Blau
Camp Director

This may be my fifth summer as Camp Director at the Jewish Community Center, but long before I was a camp professional, I was a camper and counselor myself. I spent most of my elementary school summers swimming and playing at JCC day camp in Houston. My middle school and high school summers, I could be found horseback riding or playing sports at Camp Champions, an overnight camp in Marble Falls, Texas. My first college summer job was as a counselor in a bunk of 9- and 10-year-old girls at that same overnight camp. So, I’ve experienced the world of camp through several different perspectives.

As a camper, I can tell you that camp was one of the few places I truly felt like I could be myself and just have fun. The social cliques and pressures of school were replaced by new friends and carefree days full of fun. Camp was something that I looked forward to the entire school year, and I made lifelong friendships with some of my best friends who actually turned out to be bridesmaids in my wedding. I have so many fond memories of those summers that I wouldn’t trade for anything.

As a counselor, my eyes were opened to the other side of the camp: responsibility, exhaustion, and stress. However, the feeling of fulfillment when you realize you were able to make a difference in a child’s life seems to override those other negative feelings. When I saw the personal growth of a camper over a matter of weeks and knew that I had a hand in that transformation, it also added to my own personal growth as I became a young adult. I learned how to problem solve and think on my feet, the value of patience, and how my attitude and the way I acted on a daily basis had a significant effect on these children’s experiences at camp. So, I had to put on a smile and make sure to keep these girls happy while for example, I discovered one of them had lice, one had an accident in her bed overnight, and one was crying because she was homesick… all on the same day. The skills I learned that summer as a counselor were invaluable and have and will continue to translate into any job I take on in the future.

Now, as a camp director, I have experienced summer camp from the vantage point that most will never see. There is no way I could succeed in this position without my experiences as a camper and counselor. However, before my life as a camp director, my camp involvement helped in my previous career and life events, and it will absolutely do the same for your children. There are so many skills and important lessons we try to instill in our campers and our staff members that will be useful and beneficial in their futures. They must adapt to new situations and environments, step outside their comfort zones by trying new activities, make new friends or learn to get along with those who may have conflicting personalities or different opinions, and work together as a team to succeed. For these reasons and so many more, I encourage you to explore Camp JCC for your child, whether they are still young enough to be a camper or they are old enough to apply for a counselor position. We offer an incredible summer experience at the JCC that I believe no other organization in Youngstown comes close to offering. I hope you will join us this summer and see for yourself!

Camper registration and counselor applications can be found at jccyoungstown.org/camp. If you would like to discuss camp in further detail, I’d be happy to share more thoughts and experiences with you, so please feel free to call or email me anytime at eblau@jewishyoungstown.org or 330.746.3250 ext. 152.

For more information about Camp JCC visit: jccyoungstown.org
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Condolences

Donald Kornspan

Donald Kornspan, beloved husband of Riki Levenson and the late Shirley Kornspan. Loving father of Richard (Joy) Kornspan, Alan (Lisa) Kornspan, Susan (Jeff) Levy, Lindsay (fiancé Michael Walker) Silverstein, and Lindsay Silverstein. Devoted brother of Charlene (Lenny) Winer, Rabbi Mitchell (Penny) Kornspan, and Rabbi Gary Kornspan. Cherished grandfather of Matthew, Noah, Spencer, Zachary, and Justin Kornspan; Sydney, Isabelle, Dylan, and Sloane Levy; Illiana and Maddie Levenson; and Caden and Kendall Silverstein. Services were March 29 at the Berkowitz-Kumin-Bookatz Memorial Chapel, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Interment was at Zion Memorial Park, Bedford Heights, Ohio. Contributions are suggested to Fairmount Temple and the Kidney Foundation.

Audrey Malkin

Audrey Gail Malkin, 85, passed away peacefully March 24, 2019, at Heritage Manor, with her husband by her side. Audrey was born Aug. 15, 1933, in Youngstown, a daughter of the late Samuel and Dina Aron.

The Arons owned and operated Family Century Foods. Audrey graduated from South High School and attended The Ohio State University.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Ed, Harry, Jules and Norman Aron; her sisters, Mary Sherman, Lillian Zoldan, Judy Silvers and Helen Chevlen; and first husband, Maurice Greenberg; and is survived by stepbrother Sonja Schwartz (Marvin) and brother-in-law Dr. Harold Chevlen.

She leaves her husband, Dr. Walter Malkin of 42 years; her son, Brad (Jane) Greenberg; her daughter, Dana (David) Siegel; and her grandchildren, Brandon and Taylor Siegel. She is also survived by her stepson and stepdaughter, Jack and Shelley Malkin; her grandchildren, Neil (Allison) and Nicholas Malkin; and great-grandchildren Reese and Greyson Malkin.

The family wishes to thank Heritage Manor and their staff for their exceptional care, as well as Southern Care Hospice. Thank you to Handel’s Homemade Ice Cream on Belmont Avenue where she went every day to get a scoop of her favorite coffee ice cream.

Kenneth J. Rosen


He was born in Greenville, Pa. on July 2, 1959, the youngest son of Melvin and Rita (Falkinson) Rosen, and was a graduate of Jamestown High School. Ken had a wonderful sense of humor that was second to none and was always ready with a quick joke on the tip of his tongue. He was a frequent visitor to area flea markets, where he truly enjoyed the buying, selling, and conversations about various goods.

Ken was a member of Congregation Rodef Sholom, Youngstown, and previously a member of the former Temple Beth Israel.

He is survived by his brothers, Alan Rosen and Marc Rosen; his niece, Elana; and his nephew, Seth.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents.

Per her family’s wishes, there are no calling hours, and a private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Shriver-Allison-Courtney-Weller-King Funeral Home, 292 Madison Ave.
Zagotti JFS ‘Office Backbone’

Heidi Zagotti is the “office backbone” of Jewish Family Services, according to Ken Bielecki, director.

As administrative assistant, Zagotti handles a variety of duties.

“It’s just a little bit of everything, a lot of interaction with people,” she said. “It’s nice.”

Heidi “warmly greets old and new clients as they walk through our entrance, keeps our office organized, handles a wide variety of phone calls, and makes everyone feel welcomed,” Bielecki said. “I speak for all of our staff when I say that we are fortunate to have someone as dedicated as Heidi to assist us and our clients every day.”

Zagotti joined the JFS staff a year and a half ago. She said she enjoys the organization’s focus on helping people.

“I find that so much more rewarding [than my last job],” she said. “Here, it’s a matter of you want to help as many people as you can.”

Her favorite part of the job is the “daily differences,” she said. “It’s not the same boring job every day. You never know what you’re going to get.”

For example, Monday and Tuesday are meal packing days for meals on wheels. That brings workers from the Trumbull Board of Developmental Disabilities to the office, who help with the packing, sorting, and delivery of meals. Linda Kessler and Vivian Fantauzzi, counselors, see clients on different days.

“So you’ve got that constant revolving door of people coming and going,” Zagotti said.

Zagotti and her husband, Nick, have two children. Daniel is a senior and Hannah is in 6th grade. They live in the Liberty area.
May is Mental Health Awareness Month, so I want to share the importance of our personal coping skills. Each of us has healthy and/or unhealthy coping skills that we rely on in order to get us through difficult times. All of us, at some time in our lives, have experienced circumstances that we have no control over. It is during those difficult times that we choose to rely on our healthy or unhealthy coping skills to overcome obstacles. We should remember that, although we can’t control the circumstances we face, we can control the way we react to the circumstances.

First, it is important to share information on unhealthy coping skills. Through my professional experiences as a clinical social worker, I would advise against utilizing unhealthy coping skills as they only offer temporary relief and they are usually associated with poor outcomes. If any coping skills that we utilize to get through difficult stressors cause damage to our close relationships, to ourselves, or if they isolate us from others, they are most likely unhealthy. Examples of unhealthy coping skills include avoidance, overworking, drug use, or excessive alcohol intake, to name a few.

On the other hand, healthy coping skills can afford positive outcomes to us, and they can assist in overcoming life’s day-to-day stressors. We can begin to utilize healthy coping skills at the moment we face difficult stressors. It’s important for us to be aware of the internal and external forces that may provoke us with stress and what our individualized symptoms of stress looks like. Symptoms of stress may include lack of sleep or too much sleep, feeling on edge, or prolonged physical ailments.

Some positive coping skills that allow us to take a step back and regain control might include:

- Regular exercise (e.g. yoga, walking, jogging)
- Practicing relaxation, meditation, spirituality
- Spending quality time with supportive family and friends
- Allowing time for ourselves, setting boundaries, being able to say “no” when needed
- Identifying and participating in a hobby that is enjoyable

These healthy coping skills, and many more, assist each of us in taking a step back from stressful circumstances, allow for us to reformat our thinking, and move onward. With practice we can rely on our healthy coping skills whenever stressors arise. However, if your mental health symptoms continue to persist and become disruptive to your daily responsibilities, it is important to be aware that help is available through services such as counseling. Sometimes we can’t get through our stressors alone, and if mental health symptoms persist, it is important to reach out to a professional clinical social worker or counselor who can assess your situation and help guide you to a positive outcome. Mental Health Awareness Month is a good time to identify our healthy coping strategies in order to enjoy a fulfilling life. Be well!

Residents of Heritage Manor had a chance to do some shopping without leaving home. In April, Sunshine Brothers brought a variety of clothing items for men and women to the facility. Family members stopped in to help with shopping. Pictured is Phyllis Wilkoff checking out some options.

A Seder was led by Beth Holloway at Levy Gardens Assisted Living on the first night of Passover. Holloway, who has led Levy’s Seder for three years, is the daughter of tenant Natalie Greenblatt. Pictured from left to right is Barbara Verne, also Greenblatt’s daughter; Holloway, and Greenblatt.
Rehabilitation Helps Woman Walk Again

By Elise Skolnick

Getting back on your feet after having both hips replaced takes a lot of work, something Barbara Pihonsky knows first-hand. She recently left Heritage Manor Rehabilitation & Retirement Community after a 10-month stay.

“I think I’ve come a long, long way,” she said recently. “And tomorrow I’m getting out of here. I’m going home, so that’s good.”

After falling at home, Pihonsky lay on the floor for two days. She couldn’t stand or walk. Her joints had deteriorated. The result was two new hips, but that meant she needed rehabilitation.

At Heritage Manor, Pihonsky worked mainly with two therapists: Joann Armour, PTA and Patty Negro, COTA.

On a daily basis, Negro worked with Pihonsky on dressing herself with compensatory techniques, adaptive equipment, and problem solving for light homemaking. Armour worked on standing balance, functional transfers to all surfaces, and independent ambulation with a wheeled walker.

“Barb came in requiring total assistance,” said Laura Elmo, rehab director. “She worked tirelessly every day of the week to build her upper body, lower body, and core strength, and to re-learn proper body mechanics and to regain her center of balance when standing.”

Pihonsky was determined to get back on her feet.

“If you have a mind set on getting it done and be determined about it like I was, it’s going to be fine,” she said. “You just keep that attitude up there. Don’t let nobody bring you down. You just keep going and that’s what I did.”

Pihonsky’s rehab journey was long, noted Elmo.

“Her progress wasn’t in a straight line; she had many ups and downs along the way,” she said. “The nurses, STNA, activities, social services, and dietary staff all worked with rehab to keep Barb’s spirits up and keep her focused on her goals. I remember the first time Barb’s nurses saw her walk all the way down the hall with a walker, and there wasn’t a dry eye for any of us.”

Cristal Vincent, CEO, said, “For close to a year, we were able to provide therapy and nursing care to Barb. She came to us unable to walk due to some physical problems. She needed multiple surgical procedures and continued to work with the therapists to improve. She is one of our success stories, as eventually she was able to go home and resume an independent life. Improving the quality of life for the individuals we serve is what Heritage Manor is all about.”

Heritage Manor is a good place, Pihonsky said.

“They’re kind, generous,” she added. “It would be a good opportunity for people that need any kind of fixing up and therapy. They’re good girls, good people.”

Pihonsky is using a walker and said she’ll have no problems navigating the three steps into her home. She’s ready to get on with her life.

“Everything’s going to be OK,” she said.

Through the Music & Memory® program, Heritage Manor nursing home staff and other elder care professionals, as well as family caregivers, will be trained on how to create personalized playlists using iPods/MP3 Players and related digital audio systems that enable those struggling with Alzheimer’s, dementia and other cognitive and physical challenges to reconnect with the world through music-triggered memories. The playlists, made of musical favorites, tap deep memories not lost to dementia. Music & Memory® often brings a better quality of life for those struggling with Alzheimer’s and dementia.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Roberta Berkowitz at rberkowitz@jewishyoungstown.org or 330.746.1076.
Pittsburgh Jewish Leader to Light Torch at Israel Independence Day Ceremony

By Marcy Oster

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh will carry the torch set aside for Diaspora Jewry at Israel's Independence Day ceremony.

Jeff Finkelstein has led the Jewish community's efforts to cope and rebuild following the shooting attack on the Tree of Life synagogue building that left 11 worshippers dead. In the wake of the terror attack on two mosques in New Zealand, he established a fund for its victims on behalf of the Jewish community.

Finkelstein has served for over a decade as president and CEO of the Pittsburgh federation. Miri Regev, Israel’s minister of culture and sports, and the chairwoman of the Ministerial Committee on Symbols and Ceremonies, said in a statement that Finkelstein “represents the tree of life, the growing spirit of brotherhood and human togetherness, and the great soul of our Diaspora brothers and sisters. In his blessed work, Jeff Finkelstein expresses the spirit of greatness and social cohesion among our people as well as concern to spread the light of love of all humanity.”

Jay Ruderman, president of the Ruderman Family Foundation, congratulated Finkelstein on his selection to represent “the resilience and spirit of the Pittsburgh Jewish community” at the ceremony.

“Jeff’s leadership in the aftermath of the horrible Tree of Life shooting can serve as an inspiration for other Jewish leaders,” he said.

Other announced torch lighters include Gil Shlomo, a secondary school student from Sderot and one of the activists who organized November’s youth march from the Gaza border communities to Jerusalem; filmmaker Avi Nesher, whose teenage son was killed in a Tel Aviv hit-and-run earlier this year; Lt. Col. Shai Siman-Tov, who was critically injured in the 2014 Gaza battle in Shejalya and now uses a wheelchair; singer Yehudah Poliker, who is known for songs delving into the identity of the children of Holocaust survivors; Iris Yifrach, Bat-Galim Shaer; and Racheli Fraenkel, the mothers of three Israeli teenagers who were kidnapped and murdered in 2014; and Moran Samuel, a paraolympian rower who works with a nonprofit that raises awareness for disabled people and their challenges.

Religion and Ethics in Jewish/Christian Heritage

Torah Studies for Christians, with Rev. George Balasko, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. May 15 at Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, Pa. The topic of this session will be “Religion and Ethics in Jewish/Christian Heritage.” It is co-sponsored by Jewish/Christian Studies and the B’nai B’rith Guardian of the Menorah. A free will offering will be taken. Pre-registration is requested. To register, visit vmesc.org or call 330.964.8886.
Former DHS Secretaries Join ADL and JFNA to Protect Vulnerable Religious Communities From Violent Threats

(New York, NY) - Former DHS Secretaries Michael Chertoff and Jeh Johnson will co-chair a new Community Safety and Security Task Force convened by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), a leading anti-hate organization, and the Secure Community Network (SCN), the homeland security and safety initiative of The Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. The task force will work to enhance the safety, security and resiliency of religious communities.

Following the October 27 attack on the Jewish community in Pittsburgh, the ADL and SCN came together to address hate, anti-Semitism, and threats as well as violence targeted at the Jewish community in the United States. Given that many threats impact all faith-based institutions regardless of affiliation, and as seen in the tragic attack on the Muslim community in New Zealand, the Task Force will develop best practices that can enhance the safety, security, and resiliency of all faith-based communities.

The task force will develop best practices to increase coordination and cooperation related to incident tracking, information sharing, reporting and addressing threats, as well as building partnerships within and across communities. Building from the experience and expertise developed within the Jewish community, and inclusive of other faith-based communities, the Task Force will make recommendations to more effectively address hate crimes while enhancing safety and security for all faith-based institutions.

"Protecting our communities and creating cross-faith relationships will both promote the unity within our diverse society and also add critical resources to our security arsenals," said Michael Chertoff, former Secretary of Homeland Security under President George W. Bush.

"Law enforcement alone cannot protect our communities – communities themselves need to be prepared to work with law enforcement, and to maintain awareness of threats they may face," said Jeh Johnson, former Secretary of Homeland Security under President Barack Obama. "We need to build partnerships and lift up community capabilities before extremists have the opportunity to become threats."

A working group will include team members from ADL and SCN, a range of faith and community leaders, as well as representatives from local, state, and federal law enforcement, among others. ADL is a leading anti-hate organization. Founded in 1913 in response to an escalating climate of anti-Semitism and bigotry, its timeless mission is to protect the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment for all. Today, ADL continues to fight all forms of hate with the same vigor and passion.

ADL is the first call when acts of anti-Semitism occur. A global leader in exposing extremism, delivering anti-bias education, and fighting hate online, ADL's ultimate goal is a world in which no group or individual suffers from bias, discrimination, or hate. More at www.adl.org.

The Secure Community Network (SCN), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, is the official homeland security and safety initiative of the organized Jewish community in North America. Founded in 2004 under the auspices of The Jewish Federations of North America and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, SCN serves as the central organization dedicated exclusively to the safety and security of the American Jewish community, working across 147 federations, 50 partner organizations, over 300 independent communities as well as with other partners in the public, private, non-profit, and academic sectors. SCN is dedicated to ensuring that Jewish organizations, communities, as well as life and culture can not only exist safely and securely, but flourish.

The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) represents 147 Jewish Federations and over 300 Network communities, which raise and distribute more than $2 billion annually and through planned giving and endowment programs to support social welfare, social services, and educational needs. The Federation movement, collectively among the top 10 charities on the continent, protects and enhances the well-being of Jews worldwide through the values of tikun olam (repairing the world), tzedakah (charity and social justice), and Torah (Jewish learning).

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transportation between cities was free to help voters get to their polling places. More than 150,000 Israelis managed to visit national parks - hopefully after they went to the polls.

8. One man makes the final decision.

Israel’s president, Reuven Rivlin, decides which party head gets a chance to form the new government. Rivlin looks at which leader will be more likely to form a government. To do so, Rivlin met with each party head and asked who he or she (there is one she, Tamar Zandberg of the liberal Meretz party) recommends to lead the government.

Rivlin had the consultations broadcast live on Facebook, and the party heads were able to give official statements at a press center set up at the president’s residence. The post-election press center is nothing new, but the live broadcast certainly is, and is being done “in the name of transparency,” according to a statement from the president’s office.

9. What comes next?

Netanyahu will be the country’s longest-serving prime minister, and it looks like his coalition - 65 seats, giving him a strong 10-seat cushion over the opposition - will allow him to govern comfortably and effectively. Still, expect big bumps for him along the way.

Netanyahu promised at the very end of the campaign to annex the West Bank. If he follows through on the pledge, he is certain to provoke an enormous amount of international scrutiny, especially since the move would likely mean the end of a traditionally formulated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Trump administration is slated to roll out its Middle East peace plan not long after the dust settles from the election, and all signs have indicated that it will include full Israeli control of the West Bank.

Finally, Netanyahu’s apparent crowning as “King Bibi” does not mean that his corruption scandals and looming indictments are going away. News reports the day after the election indicated that Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit, who announced in February that he would indict Netanyahu in three cases pending a pre-indictment hearing, would schedule that hearing for some time in the coming three months. Netanyahu denies any wrongdoing in the cases.
those young men that made this decision

Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces (FIDF) provides support including flights to visit family and friends in their countries of origin; a “Fun Day” event for all Lone Soldiers at Shefayim Water Park, organized with the IDF, a 24-hour call center for soldiers and parents; grants and financial assistance; holiday gift packages and vouchers; Shabbat and holiday meals; a social network for soldiers; post-service scholarships to those eligible; and soldiers’ homes throughout Israel.

“The brave men and women of the Israel Defense Forces risk their lives to serve and protect Israel – and the Jewish people worldwide. FIDF stands by the IDF soldiers wherever they are and is committed to supporting them during times of increased tension as well as times of stability. I am proud of those Lone Soldiers that make the choice to defer college or after college to leave the comfort of their homes and serve in the IDF,” said Lane A. Schlessel, MSW, director, FIDF Ohio Chapter. “Avi is one of several young men that made this decision and our chapter is proud of him. Our mission last year visited Avi on his base and met his fellow soldiers and heard first hand about their life in the IDF.”

Hartstone’s mother, Karyn (Moyer) Hartstone, was surprised about his choice, at first. She knew he planned to attend university in Israel but not that he was considering enlisting.

“As a mother, at first it’s terrifying,” she said. “The whole first few months, I didn’t know what to expect. Now I’m calm with it; it’s fine.”

She added, “I just had to get over the fact that he carries around an M16 all day.”

And she sees positive outcomes from his participation, such as his fluency in Hebrew.

“If you want to live in Israel, I think that’s an amazing gift to give yourself,” she said. He’s also met people from all parts of Israel, she noted.

“He already had friends,” she said. “But these are people he never would have otherwise met. And they support him. And they always will, I feel like.”

She is able to speak with Avi every week. And she and his father Rob were able to visit him for a ceremony during his training.

Karyn is originally from Youngstown. Avi is the grandson of the late Sandra and John Moyer.

ARAB POLITICAL PARTIES IN ISRAEL’S KNESSET

Arabs represent 20% of Israel’s population and are in the midst of a volatile political atmosphere. Mohammad Darawshe, Director of Planning, Equality and Shared Society at Givat Haviva Educational Center will discuss the various Arab political parties and their agendas in the Israeli Parliament (Knesset).

Mohammad is considered a leading expert on Jewish-Arab relations and has presented lectures and papers at the European parliament, NATO Defense College, and World Economic Forum.

This event is free and open to all. Dessert will be served.

Date: Thursday, May 23 | Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Register by May 20 at jccyoungstown.org or contact the Bursar’s Office at 330.746.3250 ext. 195

Holocaust Education Workshop Being Offered

The Ohio Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education (OCHGE) and the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage - The Museum of Diversity and Tolerance will present a Holocaust workshop for educators, lawyers, students and community members. The workshop, “How and Why Did the Holocaust Occur; and What Do We Do About It Today?” will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, June 24 at the Maltz Museum, 2929 Richmond Rd., Beachwood, Ohio.

The day-long workshop features keynote Professor Kenneth Ledford from Case Western Reserve University on “The Role and Rule of Law in Nazi Germany.” It also features a tour of the Maltz Museum Holocaust Collection with Maltz educators.

The workshop includes presentations by Professor Mark Cole from Cleveland State University on “Using Artifacts to Understand Hate and the Holocaust,” and Professor Brad Beach from Walsh University on “Genocide: Can This Happen Again?” Cleveland Roman Frayman will share a survivor testimony.

“All are welcome to attend. The $30 registration fee includes workshop, materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks.”

For more information, or to register, visit ochge.org/events. If registering by mail, make check for $30 payable to OCHGE and mail to Sarah L. Weiss, executive director, OCHGE, Holocaust & Humanity Center, 1301 Western Ave., Suite 2101, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203.

The major sponsor for the event is the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust and Humanity Center. Paul and Marilyn Feldman are the continual breakfast sponsors.

The 2019 OCHGE workshop committee includes Marilyn Feldman (chair), Holocaust educator from Canton; Brad Beach; Mark Cole; Esther Hexter, Holocaust Educator from Akron; and Tim Mumen.

The mission of the Ohio Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education is to advance and improve Holocaust and genocide education in Ohio through professional development, educator workshops, and the dissemination of tools that connect educators and the public with accurate, relevant, and useful educational resources.

Founded in 1986, it currently serves as a clearinghouse of information about Holocaust and genocide educational opportunities and programming around the state of Ohio. The Council is comprised of leading educators at the middle, high school and college level and experts in Holocaust studies and community leaders from throughout Ohio. For more information about OCHGE visit ochge.org.
B’nai B’rith International President Speaks at Local Brunch

Charles O. Kaufman, B’nai B’rith International president, spoke about the agency and vital issues in the world today at a brunch hosted by the Aaron Grossman Lodge #339.

“Before October 27, 2018, and you know what that day was, perhaps Americans thought anti-Semitic incidents occurred mostly in Europe, South America, and the Middle East,” Kaufman told a group of about 60.

Anti-Semitism cannot be viewed as a left or right issue, he added. “And that’s what’s happening. What’s important, however, is that the hatred that is on full public display work to galvanize our community, not divide us” However, he noted, current political divisions are so deep that unity tents to be short-lived.

“That’s where a non-partisan organization like B’nai B’rith comes into play,” he said. “B’nai B’rith has maintained its focus without compromise as a uniquely Jewish organization standing firmly for Israel and Israeli security.”

Kaufman recounted the history of B’nai B’rith from its founding in 1843, when 12 German Jews met at Sinsheimer’s Café and pooled $27 to help Jewish widows and orphans. B’nai B’rith International is celebrating its 175th anniversary. It is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people around the globe. They work to advance human rights; advocate for Israel; to ensure access to safe and affordable housing for low-income seniors and advocacy on vital issues concerning seniors and their families; diversity education; improving communities, and helping communities in crisis. Making the world a safer, more tolerant, and better place is the mission that still drives the organization.

The Mahoning Lodge, Youngstown, Ohio was founded in 1883 and renamed in 2010 in memory of Aaron Grossman, a distinguished B’nai B’rith leader.

Kaufman, a Dallas native, is the third generation of his family active in B’nai B’rith. He’s been a leader in the organization since 1980 and has served at the local, national, and international levels, starting as the president of a B’nai B’rith district composed of seven southern states.

2019 COMMUNITY YOM HASHOAH EVENTS

“Do Not Stand Silent: Remembering Kristallnacht”

Annual Community Holocaust Commemoration
Thursday, May 2, 2019 | Noon
Rotunda, Mahoning County Courthouse
FEATURING:
Annual Community Holocaust Commemoration
Recognition of Winners of the Student Holocaust Writing Contest
Mayor’s Proclamation Presentation
Candlelighting Processional Commemorating the Martyrs of the Holocaust

Shoah Memorial Ceremony
Sunday, May 5, 2019 | 4:00 p.m.
Jewish Community Center
FEATURING:
Keynote speaker, Dr. Lauren Apter Bairnsfather, Director, Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh
Announcement of YSU Holocaust Exhibit
Memorial Ceremony Including Holocaust Inspired Readings
Candlelighting Ceremony Led by Family Members of Survivors

SPECIAL EVENT ADDED!

Club Gelbe Stern Cabaret Night
Starring Broadway Performer Alexis Fishman
A one-woman musical telling the story of Erika Stern, a fictional Jewish chanteuse living and performing in Berlin as the Nazis rise to power.
Thursday, May 16, 2019 | 6:00 p.m. | JCC Multi-Purpose Room
$15/person - Dinner included
Tickets may be purchased through the Bursar’s Office at 330.746.3250 ext 195

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