



Turoff new general counsel for Hillel

KRISTEN MOTT
CJN Staff Reporter

Twenty years ago, Tracy A. Turoff worked alongside Eric Fingerhut as a legislative aide in Washington, D.C., when he represented Ohio's 19th congressional district. Turoff will be working with Fingerhut once again as she prepares to serve as the first general



Turoff

legal counsel of Hillel International.

"Ever since she was a freshman in college, I've known that Tracy was a really special talent," said Fingerhut, the president and CEO of Hillel International. "It's a combination of three things: she's very smart, she has tremendous people skills and just knows how to work with people, and finally, and most important, is her strong sense of Jewish identity. Her Jewish identity leads her to be a positive force in the world."

Turoff, 42, will begin working as vice president and general legal counsel for Hillel International on Thursday, May 1. She will handle all legal and compliance issues for the organization and help to establish and maintain relationships between Hillel International and its campus

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JTS leader Eisen: Conservative Judaism strong

HEATHER BEYER
CJN Staff Reporter

The future of the Conservative movement in Judaism is strong, according to Arnold M. Eisen, chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary.

"We have our flaws as everyone else," Eisen said in a speech to about 400 people at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation in Pepper Pike on April 1. "Our numbers are not increasing, but the movement is strong and certainly anybody who predicts our imminent demise is making a claim that is absurd."

Eisen said he became chancellor of JTS because of Conservative Judaism. He said that from birth to the present day, Conservative Judaism has enabled him to be a lover of Torah, a lover of the Jewish people and a passionate Zionist.

"Conservative Judaism is not a theoretical matter," Eisen said. "It's life experience. It's a love that's born of experience."

Eisen, 62, said he has been managing a blog and Twitter account for years. "This is not a form of technology that we can afford to ignore, nor should we," he said.

Eisen admitted he has come to enjoy blogging and tweeting and encouraged Jewish organizations to use the technology to communicate with the community.

"It's a sign of the times," Eisen said. "This is where we are."

Eisen recalled growing up as a teenager



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Jewish Theological Seminary Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen talks about Conservative Judaism April 1 at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation in Pepper Pike.

in Philadelphia. He said several of his teachers befriended him, especially a number of young Conservative rabbis who taught him their approach to Torah.

He said no matter how many doubts he brought to them, Torah would answer him. It was their leadership that led him down the path to where he is today.

Eisen said that in visits to synagogues across the country, he was impressed by the caliber of leadership the Conservative movement attracts.

"You can judge almost any organization or institution by the quality of the people it



Arnold M. Eisen talks to the CJN
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attracts," Eisen said. "And our people are second to none."

Eisen said reading columns about "Conservative Judaism that somehow suggests that Conservative Jewish lay people are not good enough Jews" angered him, as they suggested "somehow there are other Jews who are better than us."

When it comes to criticism of Conservative Judaism, Eisen said "we know from

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School bully suit decision satisfies parents, attorney

CARLO WOLFF
CJN Staff Reporter

Kenneth D. Myers, a Cleveland attorney known for handling bullying cases, has settled one involving Eric Mohat, a Mentor teenager who committed suicide seven years ago.

Myers said that even though



Myers

he could not disclose terms of the deal he secured for Eric's parents, Bill and Janis Mohat, in their suit against Mentor High School mathematics teacher Thomas Horvath, the parents are pleased by the outcome.

"We don't have to go to court," Myers said by telephone March 31. "We don't have to proceed from where we were. There's finality and certainty to it. I'm very happy."

According to the initial lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in 2009, 17-year-old Eric Mohat shot himself on

March 29, 2007 after months of persistent bullying in math class at Mentor High.

In addition to Horvath, the Mohats targeted the Mentor School Board, former Superintendent Jacqueline Hoynes and Mentor High School principal Joe Spiccia in that suit.

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Kasich addresses GOP Jewish donors in 'Adelson primary'

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LAS VEGAS – Two of the nation's highest-profile Republican governors called for more aggressive leadership on America's challenges abroad, emphasizing their support for Israel as they courted powerful Jewish donors.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker also stoked speculation about their presidential ambitions as they gave Republicans advice on how to reclaim the White House in 2016 after losing two straight elections.

The Republican speakers at the Republican Jewish Coalition's annual spring gathering last weekend largely avoided criticizing President Barack Obama by name in remarks that were thick with rhetoric faulting Obama's foreign policy while offering few specifics.

"We cannot have a world where our friends are unsure of whether we will be with them and our enemies are unsure of whether we will be against them," Christie said. "In New Jersey, nobody has to wonder whether I'm for them or against them."

Ohio Gov. John Kasich was the featured speaker during a March 26 luncheon that Sheldon Adelson attended, along with scores of Jewish donors.

"America must be engaged in the world and we should help the people who share our values," Kasich said in a speech that repeatedly referred to Adelson by name.

Adelson is known for his devotion to Israel, in addition to an aggressive American foreign policy.

Kasich closed his remarks by speaking directly to Adelson.

"Sheldon, thanks for inviting me," Kasich said. "I don't travel to these things much, but this was one that I thought was really, really important."

Walker declared that the nation needs a "swift and decisive" foreign policy, while insisting that the GOP must find a presidential nominee from "outside Washington."

The Republican governors, both considering presidential bids, appeared at Republican super donor Adelson's Venetian resort casino along Las Vegas' famed strip, speaking inside an ornate ballroom two floors from where gamblers crowded around blackjack and roulette tables.

Two years before the official beginning of the next presidential contest, the



AP / JULIE JACOBSON

Ohio Gov. John Kasich speaks at the Republican Jewish Coalition March 29 in Las Vegas.

lesser-known competition for the GOP's most influential donors is well underway. Establishment-minded fundraisers have long encouraged former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush to run, although many remain skeptical that Bush, the brother of former President George W. Bush, has the passion for a White House bid seven years after leaving office.

Some Republican officials have stepped up pressure on Bush to run in the wake of Christie's bridge scandal, although there remains significant interest in Walker or other prospective candidates in what is considered a wide-open GOP field.

But no single donor's endorsement may be more powerful than Adelson, who is among the 10 richest people in the world. The casino magnate almost single-handedly bankrolled the group behind former House Speaker Newt Gingrich's 2012 campaign. Now, he's casting for a new presidential candidate on whom to shower his millions in campaign cash.

Adelson did not attend Walker's speech, but he was seated directly in front of the podium as Christie spoke.

Walker conceded that he does not have extensive foreign policy experience, having been focused on state issues as the Wisconsin governor. But he called for a more consistent foreign policy, reflecting upon lessons he learned from raising his family.

"We make sure with both parents and grandparents that we were unified," Walker said. "We didn't waver. We didn't allow our sons to push the line."

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Shame on us Israelis for being fools



**MARCY OSTER
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KARNEI SHOMRON, Israel – Listening to news last weekend about a planned release of 26 Palestinian prisoners reminded me of an ancient Chinese proverb: "Fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice, shame on me."

The problem is, when it comes to Palestinian prisoner releases over the last eight months, we in Israel have been fooled at least three times.

The weekend release was the fourth planned of a total of 104 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails since before the 1993 Oslo Accords. So now we look like the biggest fools of all, because after we declined to release those 26, we offered to release a new batch of 400 Palestinian prisoners if the Palestinians would only agree to extend the (so far ineffective) peace talks by just six more months.

Back in August, Israel agreed to release the 104 prisoners, many with the blood of Israelis on their hands, in order – we were told – to sweeten the pot and bring the Palestinians to the peace negotiating table. It is still unclear if the phased releases were to be linked to progress in the talks or not, though probably not, since the releases have continued every second month or so and we still have not seen

real progress.

But chief Palestinian peace negotiator Saeb Erekat said in a March 30 statement to the Palestinian Maan news agency that the prisoner release deal had nothing to do with the negotiations; rather, it was in exchange for a Palestinian pledge not to bid for statehood at the United Nations or other international bodies.

The prisoner release scheduled for March 29 was to be exactly one month before the scheduled end of the current U.S.-backed peace negotiations. But the negotiations that U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry was once so sure would only take nine months are at a standstill and need more time, time that the Palestinians have said they are not willing to give without major inducements from Israel.

That's the reason, I assume, for the offer to release 400 more Palestinian prisoners so that they can return to Ramallah and Gaza City to a heroes' welcome.

But 400 prisoners aren't enough for the Palestinians. A day after the figure of 400 prisoners was banded about in the Israeli media – by unnamed sources of course – the Palestinians countered with a figure of 1,000 more prisoners, chosen by the Palestinian Authority, to be released. Oh, and Israel also should freeze construction in all West Bank settlements and transfer some West

Bank land under Israeli control to PA control.

For all that, we can continue peace talks until the end of 2014. In other words, the Palestinians will show up, continue to talk, and not agree to budge an inch since the concept of give and take in negotiations appears to elude them. And then in December 2014, when everyone wakes up and realizes no progress has been made, Israel will again be called on to release many more prisoners, for the privilege of continuing to sit at the sham-negotiating table and continue futile negotiations with the Palestinians.

Shame on me for the hundredth time!

When the relatively modest number of 104 prisoners, who have each spent at least 20 years behind bars in Israel, was first publicized last summer, I thought it was a reasonable sacrifice (as long as I did not look directly at the photos in the newspaper of the families who had lost loved ones at the hands of these prisoners). I thought if we had a real shot at a peace accord grown under the watchful eye of John Kerry that we could please the whole world and finally resolve things for ourselves.

But I see this is not a real peace process, it is an extortion ring led by Mahmoud Abbas.

Shame on all of us.

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The stateless people you've never heard of



**BEN COHEN
ON ISRAEL**

Here's the setting: a Middle Eastern state filled with skyscrapers and luxury hotels, and blessed with a booming business environment and the close friendship of the United States. Here's the problem: a substantial segment of its population lives with the constant threat of deportation hanging over it.

Its members cannot obtain birth or marriage certificates, or identity cards, or driving licenses. They are banned from access to public health and education services. Their second-class status means they have no access to the law courts in order to pursue their well-documented claims of discrimination. And on those rare occasions that they summon the will to protest publicly – as they did in 2011, when demonstrators held signs bearing slogans like “I Have a Dream” – the security forces respond with extraordinary brutality, using such weapons as water cannons, concussion grenades, and tear gas with reckless abandon.

All this is depressing enough, but what really saddens me is that many people

reading this will quickly conclude that I am talking about the Palestinians. After all, doesn't what I've outlined here sound suspiciously like the “apartheid” system which Israel's enemies insist has been imposed upon both Arab citizens of Israel and Palestinians in the West Bank? Isn't this further evidence of the righteousness of the campaign to boycott, divest from and sanction Israel?

The truth is that the Palestinians do not have to endure this kind of raw discrimination. The situation I'm describing is located in Kuwait, and the people in question are known as Bedoon jinsiya (also spelled “Bidoon” or “Bidun”) – around 120,000 human beings who live without nationality and with none of the rights that flow from citizenship.

Like the other Arab governments, the Kuwaitis are a harsh, unsentimental bunch. Ironically, the Palestinians know this only too well: in 1991, after a U.S.-led coalition liberated oil-rich Kuwait from Iraqi occupation, the entire Palestinian population there was accused of having collaborated with Saddam Hussein.

The fact that some did and that many others did not didn't matter. Over a six-month period, around 200,000 Palestinians

were booted out of the emirate in a campaign of violence and terror. PLO leader Yasser Arafat, in a rare moment of candor, asserted that Kuwait's ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians was “worse than what has been done by Israel to Palestinians in the occupied territories.”

The Bedoon have faced a similar but more gradual onslaught, albeit without the extensive media coverage which the Palestinians receive. Human rights organizations aren't in the habit of paying attention to them. As a result, not only do most of us not know who the Bedoon are, but it's probably also safe to say that the vast majority of westerners have never even heard of them.

Ethnically Arab, the Bedoon are drawn from three main sources. Firstly, those who failed to apply for nationality or lacked the right documentation when Kuwait attained independence in 1961. Secondly, those who were recruited to work in the Kuwaiti security forces during the 1960s, many of whom arrived in the emirate with their families. Thirdly, the children of Kuwaiti mothers and stateless or foreign fathers.

Kuwait's official position is that there is no problem of statelessness in the emirate. Half-hearted attempts by the government

to address the situation of the Bedoon have come to nothing, and over the last month, many Bedoon have begun protesting again. When one Bedoon leader, Abdullah Atallah, bravely declared that Kuwaiti Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah was to “blame” for the plight of his people, he was promptly arrested for this “insult,” and now faces a five-year prison sentence.

It's high time that Kuwait be held accountable for enforcing a system that looks like, well, apartheid. But no one is doing so. I haven't seen, for example, students at the elite Dartmouth College protesting against their university's “American University of Kuwait” program. I'm not aware of any campuses hosting “Kuwaiti Apartheid Week” events. There's a whole Division of Palestinian Rights at the U.N., but that organization is silent on the Bedoon of Kuwait.

We can whine about the double standards. Or we can press our own Jewish leaders to raise cases like the Bedoon with their government interlocutors, in the name of both universal human rights and protecting Israel's democratic reputation. It is time to go on the offensive.

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Sen. Brown not pro-Israel

In today's Washington, there are not too many issues that bring together Democrats and Republicans. Fortunately though, support for Israel is one of those issues that seems to transcend party lines. U.S. Reps. David Joyce, R-Russell Township, and Marcia Fudge, D-Warrensville Heights, should be praised for their signing of a recent letter to President Obama in support of Iran sanctions.

At the same time, U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Cleveland, should be exposed within the Jewish community for his refusal to sign this pro-Israel letter that every single congressman in Ohio signed, as well as 83 of his Senate colleagues. For many months, Jewish community leaders have been lobbying him to support Iran sanctions because a weaker radical Iran results in a safer Israel and a safer America.

Unfortunately, our own senator disagrees with the Jewish community on this issue and has exhibited that he is, in fact, not pro-Israel.

Charles Gruenspan
Pepper Pike

Sen. Brown an embarrassment

A bipartisan and pro-Israel letter in support of Iranian sanctions was circulated throughout Congress and sent to President Barack Obama.

Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Cleveland, was the only congressman from Ohio whose name was absent. As rockets bombard Israel and Iran's leaders call for the destruction of the Jewish state, Brown's silence is alarming. His refusal to sign this important letter separates him from the entire Ohio congressional delegation and exposes how "out-of-touch" he is in regard to Israel's security.

There will always be non-supportive senators regarding Israel. The fact that one of those individuals represents Ohio is an embarrassment and a real "shanda."

Les Keller
Beachwood

No Cavalcade this week

Cavalcade columnist Vi Spevack is off today.

President needs to stand tough

Saudi Arabia has denied a visa to an American Jewish reporter from the Jerusalem Post who wants to cover the visit of President Barack Obama. They did the same under Presidents Clinton and Bush.

Both of those administrations threatened cancellation if religious bigotry was employed on visa decisions. Visas were restored.

The Obama administration has expressed disappointment over this "unfortunate decision." According to Reuters news service, the visit will go forward. It appears that this president only believes in free speech if it does not conflict with his radical liberation socialist theology, infamous for its anti-capitalism and anti-Semitism.

Shame on this president for condoning this and appeasing the corrupt Saudi regime as well as signaling to all haters of Israel and Jews that the United States of America won't stand up against this growing international threat against Israel and Jews.

Mark Trau
Solon

Wolff story hits the mark

Staff Reporter Carlo Wolff's story about Bob Brown, Cleveland's city planner, truly captured the essence of his subject, both as a civil servant and simply a mensch. ("Brown's town: city planner helps shape Cleveland," March 28)

As a downtown developer, I have dealt with Bob on numerous occasions. He is the consummate professional, and is noted for being fair, thoughtful and quick to respond, yet remarkably modest and soft-spoken.

Thanks to Carlo for this excellent example of reporting and human interest writing.

Jerry Schmelzer
Pepper Pike

Schmelzer is a member of the Cleveland Jewish News Board of Directors.

Coverage missed the mark

I was disappointed to read the coverage of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's 67th community relations committee's annual meeting and Sidney Z. Vincent Memorial Lecture. ("Clinic's Cosgrove touts Abu Dhabi arrangement," March 21)

The article made no mention of the tremendous work of the community relations committee building consensus in our community on issues ranging from support for Israel to civil rights, from quality public education to anti-Semitism, and the successes it has achieved through its robust education and advocacy program. The community relations committee is the premier organization advocating on issues of vital concern on behalf of our Jewish community and the article did not in any way reflect the role this important entity plays in our community ensuring our Jewish security.

Moreover there was no mention of the fact that the main speaker was delivering the Vincent Memorial Lecture and the tremendous legacy that the late Sidney left as a former federation executive and community relations pioneer. Neither did it thank Rennie Wolfson for his outstanding leadership as former chair, nor congratulate Cheryl Davis, vice president and corporate secretary of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, for her election as chair. I expect better from our local Jewish community newspaper.

Barbara S. Rosenthal
Cleveland

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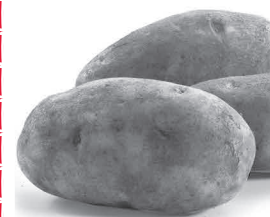


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Mayor meets 'mayor'

Larry Reiss, left, a 17-year resident of Stone Gardens Assisted Living in Beachwood, receives a proclamation from Beachwood Mayor Merle S. Gorden naming him as unofficial mayor of Stone Gardens recently at the facility on the campus of Menorah Park Center for Senior Living in Beachwood. The document lauded Reiss for his friendly personality and generosity of spirit and proclaimed the day in his honor in the city. A belly dancer in full costume was another highlight of the special day.

Teens to volunteer for J-Serve April 6

J-Serve 2014, a national day of Jewish youth service, will be held from 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday, April 6 starting at Hiram House Camp, 22775 Hiram Trail in Moreland Hills.

Jewish teens in eighth through 12 grades will join with their youth advisers and community partners to participate in tikkun olam, or repairing the world, in the local community. Participants will volunteer at service projects throughout Northeast Ohio, including the Cleveland Food Bank, Friendship Circle, Kosher Food Bank, Hiram House Camp, Autism Speaks and Youth Ability Nature Trail.

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Heights-Hillcrest chamber event May 8

The Heights-Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce will host the 20th annual Business Expo from 3 to 7 p.m., Thursday, May 8 at 700 Beta Banquet and Conference Center in Mayfield Village.

Hundreds of professionals, retailers, service providers, organizations and civic leaders attend the networking event every year. Exhibitor registration is now open and sponsorships are available.

For more information, call 216-397-7322 or visit www.hrcc.org.

Female Orthodox rabbi to speak May 18

Menorah Park in Beachwood will host "Serach Bat Asher: The Keeper of Secrets" presented by Judaic scholar Rabba Sara Hurwitz at 10:45 a.m., Sunday, May 18 in the Saltzman Auditorium, 27100 Cedar Road.

Hurwitz is the first Orthodox female clergy. She received ordination from Rabbi Avi Weiss and Rabbi Daniel Sperber. She serves as rabba at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale in New York and the dean of Yeshivat Maharat, also in New York.

Hurwitz has a rabbinic degree issued by Weiss in a private five-year study program.



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A sculptural fountain combining vegetation, water and stone, shown in this artist's rendering, will be a highlight of the Linden Family Courtyard renovation at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation in Pepper Pike.

Linden Family Courtyard renovation has two main goals

ED WITTENBERG
CJN Staff Reporter

Since 1980, when B'nai Jeshurun Congregation moved into its current home in Pepper Pike, people have entered the synagogue through the Linden Family Courtyard. But the years have taken their toll on the courtyard, and it needs a facelift.

A campaign began last fall to raise funds for a renovation of the courtyard. A groundbreaking ceremony for the project is set for 6:15 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at B'nai Jeshurun.

Rabbi Stephen Weiss, the synagogue's senior rabbi, said the renovation is being done for two primary reasons.

"We're coming up on the celebration of our 150th anniversary (in 2016), and we want to make our facilities look as beautiful as possible so we can welcome the world into our home during that time," he said. "But much more importantly, we're doing this because we want to enhance the outer courtyard and turn it into a place that can help us better meet the needs of a synagogue in the 21st century."

Highlights of the renovation include:

- A landscaped 7,500-square-foot plaza, including Friedman Chapel, along with many benches and trees and open space for informal gatherings and outdoor learning;
- A renovated Friedman Chapel, allowing for outdoor religious services, life-cycle events, concerts and other gatherings;
- A 3,750-square-foot garden featuring trees, shrubs and flowers;
- A sculptural fountain;
- A canopy for sheltered drop-off of loved ones;

WHAT: Groundbreaking ceremony for renovation of Linden Family Courtyard

WHEN: Thursday, April 10, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

WHERE: B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, 27501 Fairmount Blvd., Pepper Pike

SCHEDULE: In addition to the ceremony, there will be:

- A celebration of donors and community members who have made the project possible
- Activities for children, including photos with construction equipment and construction-related art projects
- Cake and refreshments

COST: Free and open to the public

INFO: Call Kim Cole, development director, at 216-831-6555, ext. 132.

- Three sizes of pavers with an opportunity to honor family members or friends, memorialize loved ones or recognize a special event.

"We want the entrance to be warm and welcoming, a place where people will want to linger, connect and celebrate," Weiss said.

The goal of the First Impressions, Lasting Connections campaign is to raise \$1.2 million, Weiss said. That will cover the cost of the 16,000-square-foot project, as well as additional money for maintenance and enhancement of the courtyard, he said.

Work on the project is to begin Thursday, April 17. The target date for completion is late August.

Adam Building Co. of Warrensville Heights is the construction manager. Cawrse and Associates of Chagrin Falls is the landscape architect.

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TOP: Sophie Madorsky, from left, of Cleveland Heights High School, and Revital Singer, Hodaya Yarden and Yechiel Ruimi, all of Cleveland's sister city Beit Sh'ean, rehearse under the watchful eye of conductor Sharon Shaffer on March 26 during a visit to the Mandel Jewish Community Center in Beachwood. BOTTOM: Rosalind Madorsky, left, of Cleveland Heights and Nicole Hayat of Beit Sh'ean sing a song. The teens are part of HaZamir: The International Jewish High School Choir. They were rehearsing for an event March 30 at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

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Hillel Campus Super Stars debuts April 10

KRISTEN MOTT
CJN Staff Reporter

Twelve local college students will showcase their vocal and instrumental talent while competing for cash prizes during the Cleveland Hillel Foundation's first Campus Super Stars event at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 10 at Nighttown in Cleveland Heights.

Campus Super Stars is a musical competition that highlights the talent of college students performing solo or in a duet. Cleveland Hillel is the fourth Hillel in the country to host the competition.

WHAT: Cleveland Hillel Foundation's first Campus Super Stars event
WHEN: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 10
WHERE: Nighttown, 12387 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights.
TICKETS: \$100 general admission, \$150 VIP tickets. Sponsorships are available.
INFO: To purchase tickets or for more information, call 216-231-0040.

"We're just excited to bring it to Cleveland for the first time. To have the chance to really showcase the talent here is amazing," said Barbara Gross, a development consultant for Cleveland Hillel.

"Cleveland is so rich with music because of the Cleveland Orchestra and the music programs at Oberlin College and Conservatory, Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Institute of Music, but not everybody has a chance to really listen. This event is really for the general community."

Nancy Levin, president of Cleveland Hillel's board of directors, learned about other Hillel chapters hosting Campus Super Stars from her husband several years ago. She thought the event would serve as a great fundraiser for the organization.

"It sounded amazing and certainly it was so different and something that was never done in Cleveland. I just thought it was so unique," Levin said.

The competition was open to any full-time undergraduate or graduate student at Cleveland State University, John Carroll University, CIM, the Cleveland Institute of Art, CWRU and Oberlin. About 20 students auditioned on March 2 at the Cleveland Hillel Building. Judges narrowed the pool of contestants to 10 final performances, two of which are duets.

"There's so many talented college students in this area," Levin said. "I don't think people realize how talented people are here and people come from all over the country to attend these schools."

The event at Nighttown will begin with wine and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m., followed by the competition at 8 p.m. The judges who will decide the winners are Donald Rosenberg, a former music critic at the Plain Dealer; Steve Greenman, a classically trained violinist who specializes in East European Jewish/Klezmer music; and Erin Cameron Miller, general manager at Cain Park.

Around 9:15 p.m. the winners will be announced, followed by performances by each of the top three acts. Prizes are \$1,500 for first place, \$1,000 for second place and \$500 for third place.

Tickets cost \$100 for general admission and \$150 for VIP seating. Proceeds benefit Cleveland Hillel and its annual campaign.

Gross said Cleveland Hillel hopes to make this an annual event.

"We know the potential could be huge," she said. "We would love to do this in the future and be able to showcase student talent and have people come out for a really fun and enjoyable evening."

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Campus Super Stars finalists

Susan Bengtson, Viola

Susan Bengtson, a native of Richland, Wash., is an undergraduate student who is studying viola at Cleveland Institute of Music. She has performed and won competitions and awards across the country, including the Mid-Columbia Young Artists Competition and Washington Music Educators Association Solo and Ensemble contest. Last summer Bengtson was the viola intern at the Endless Mountain Music Festival in Pennsylvania. The past three years, Susan has organized and led a World Relief Benefit Concert that raised funds to house refugees in her hometown through a federal match grant program.

Eric Graf, Cello

Eric Graf, from Alexandria, Va., started studying cello at age 10. His bachelor's degree in cello performance is from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Eric is a first year master's student at CIM studying cello performance. Though still a student, Eric holds the position of principal cellist with the Mansfield Symphony. He also has taught kindergarten through 12th grade cellists and teaches at the Aurora and Joyful Noise Schools of Music. This fall, he will travel to Denmark as part of the Acesco Quareter, which has been chosen as quartet of the year at the upcoming Hvide Sande Masterclass.

Brendan Hearn and Claire Slusarz, Guitar and vocalist duet

Brendan Hearn is a senior majoring in finance with a minor in music at Case Western Reserve University. As the musical director of CWRU's coed student a cappella choir, Hearn keeps busy. While growing up in Silver Spring, Md., his sister began studying violin. He began studying cello at age 8. After several years of cello lessons, he discovered he loved Irish, folk and bluegrass music and began learning different styles of music side by side. Hearn has played in the pit orchestra for the Case Footlighter's Theatre Group and performed at UPB's Spot Night and the Battle of the Bands. Claire Slusarz, a Chester Township resident, is a junior at CWRU majoring in nursing. She has been singing most of her life, performing in musical theater and several choirs, many as a student at West Geauga High School. She joined Case in Point, the student a cappella choir at CWRU, her first semester and now is president of the group. After she graduates, she plans to work as a nurse in pediatric oncology and become a nurse practitioner.

Jaewon Kim, Clarinet

Jaewon Kim was born in Seoul, South Korea, and grew up in Beachwood. He began his musical training on piano at CIM and clarinet at the Music School Settlement. He graduated from Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan and holds a performance diploma

from the Glenn Gould School in Toronto. In his 12th year of studying clarinet, Kim is pursuing a masters of music at CIM. He was the principal clarinetist of 2013 at the New York String Orchestra, and earlier this year he won the Vandoren Young Artist Competition and was the winner of the Glenn Gould School's Concerto Competition.

Siena Miller, Vocal performance, accompanied by Laura Spector

Siena Miller is a sophomore studying vocal performance at Oberlin Conservatory. She trained as a classical violinist for 15 years in her home state of Oregon and began classical vocal training in her junior year of high school. During her senior year of high school, Miller placed first at the OMEA Oregon State music competition and at the Classical Singer Regional Round in Portland. As the winner of the MetroArts Van Buren Concerto Competition, Miller was a soloist with the Oregon Symphony. In 2013, she was named a National Foundation of the Arts Young Arts Finalist and was chosen to participate in a master class with Placido Domingo. Miller will be traveling to Italy this summer to spend six weeks with the "Oberlin in Italy" program where she will study Italian language and music.

Laura Spector, piano

Laura Spector is a sophomore at Oberlin Conservatory pursuing a degree in piano performance. Born into a family of professional musicians, Spector's childhood consisted of piano lessons and recitals, starting at the age of 6. By the time she was 8, she performed for Steinway Hall in Dallas in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Steinway & Sons and at the age of 12 won first place at the Baylor University Concerto Competition. During the last 14 years, Spector has placed at three international competitions, received a diploma at the Russian International Piano Competition in San Jose, Calif., and performed at more than 60 concerts.

William Overcash, Violin

William Overcash is a junior studying violin performance at the Oberlin Conservatory. Born and raised in Arkansas, Overcash has performed solo recitals in his home state as well as concertos with the Delta Symphony after winning the orchestra's competition. In 2001, he was appointed concertmaster of WYSO, the orchestra of the Interlochen Arts Academy. In February, he performed in the Dannenburgh Honors Recital, an exhibition of Oberlin students.

Aditya Rengaswamy, Violin

Aditya Rengaswamy was born in Chennai (Madras), India and grew up in Troy, Mich. He has been studying violin for 7½ years as a hobby. He attends CWRU, where he is an accounting major and entrepreneurial

studies minor. He has been working with the nonprofit organization, Kids Against Hunger, since he was 13, and started the Cleveland chapter when he was a freshman in college. Rengaswamy adds Indian Carnatic music, a system of music associated with the southern part of India, and Western classical music to his performances.

Audrey Sproule, Violin

Audrey Sproule, a masters of music candidate at CIM, received her undergraduate degree from McGill University in Montreal, Canada, in 2012, where she studied violin. Born in Canada, Sproule is an active performer and community leader appearing regularly in solo and collaborative performances across Canada and the mid-Western U.S. She has been the recipient of major scholarships and awards and is a founding member and first violist of the Crimson String Quartet in Canada, which performs extensively across Canada and the Northern Atlantic. She also serves as educational director of the CityMusic Kidz free after-school orchestral program in Cleveland's Slavic Village and is a founding member and violinist of the Judson String Quartet.

Laurel Weir & Andrew Rosenblum, Voice and piano duet

Laurel Weir, a Canton native, is pursuing her master's degree at CIM after having received her Bachelor of Arts degrees in music and communication arts from Malone University in North Canton. Weir made her opera debut in 2012 performing the lead role in Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at Malone. In 2013 she placed first in the Tuesday Musical Scholarship Competition and presented a recital at Marble Hall in Salzburg, Austria as winner of the Schloss Mirabell Competition. In January, she participated in Marilyn Horne's weeklong master class series at Carnegie Hall. Most recently, she performed as a participant of "The Conservatory Project" at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Andrew Rosenblum was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in nearby Potomac, Md., where he began studying piano when he was 5. He is a double-major graduate student at CIM, where he studies piano and harpsichord. Rosenblum received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in piano performance at the California Institute of the Arts. He has worked as a vocal accompanist for opera companies in Los Angeles and accompanied classes and recitals at the California Institute of the Arts. He plans to graduate from CIM in May.

Submitted by Cleveland Hillel Foundation

Jewish population study grabs the spotlight April 9

SUE HOFFMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

The Jewish Federation of Cleveland's 2011 population study showed a strong, stable, highly engaged Jewish community in Northeast Ohio. A total of 80,800 Jewish people reside in Greater Cleveland, about the same as the number reported in the Federation's study of 1996.

The latest study also pinpointed areas of community need. It revealed a significant percentage of Jewish people who are economically vulnerable, a large "baby boomer" generation that will ultimately need aging-related services and a growing number of interfaith families.

These revelations are at the heart of several new initiatives by the Federation in conjunction with its community agency partners, according to Erika Rudin-Luria, Federation's vice president of community development.

"We're a dynamic community, and we should always be evaluating what we're



Rudin-Luria

WHO: Erika Rudin-Luria
WHAT: Lecture for educators and community
WHEN: 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 9
WHERE: Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, 2929

Richmond Road, Beachwood
INFO & REGISTRATION: Mark Davidson, manager of school and families at the Maltz Museum, 216-593-0593 or www.maltzmuseum.org

doing to respond to community needs," she said. The Federation is focusing on improving accessibility to those who are financially distressed, planning for the current and future needs of the older adult community, and connecting interfaith families through a variety of engaging programs.

Rudin-Luria will expound on these and other areas of need spotlighted by the population study in her lecture at

4 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Beachwood. The program also includes an open house for educators at 3 p.m. After the lecture, the Maltz Museum will offer a related tour:

The lecture is part of a series presented through a partnership of the Cleveland Jewish News Foundation, Teaching Cleveland Foundation and the Maltz Museum.

In her presentation, "Jewish Cleveland by the Numbers: Current Realities and Future Prospects," Rudin-Luria will discuss some of the "red flags" the 2011 study uncovered for community service providers. In the survey, 36 percent of Jewish households in Greater Cleveland said they are "just managing" economically and 5 percent said they cannot make ends meet.

"Access to services is a real challenge in the Jewish community," Rudin-Luria said. "Either someone doesn't feel comfortable or doesn't know what services

are available to them. There are a lot of services available and we're working to make them more accessible to the people that need them."

Rudin-Luria oversees the Federation's strategic planning, including the allocation of resources from the Federation's annual Campaign for Jewish Needs and all areas of health and human service planning. These areas include strengthening and growing Jewish Cleveland, planning for older adults and responding to Jewish identity issues.

Prior to her current position, Rudin-Luria worked for UJA-Federation of New York as a program executive, where she did planning and grant-making for Jewish education and identity in the New York City region. Originally from Syracuse, N.Y., she is a graduate of Brandeis University and has master's degrees in social work and Judaic studies.

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Live streaming of services comes to B'nai Jeshurun



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B'nai Jeshurun Congregation in Pepper Pike has become the first Conservative synagogue in Greater Cleveland to do live streaming over the Internet of services and programs.

Since mid-February, B'nai Jeshurun has been streaming its Shabbat morning services from the David J. Moskowitz Sanctuary, said **Jay Ross**, the synagogue's executive director. It also has streamed two Purim Megillah services, and it was scheduled to stream the lecture by **Arnold M. Eisen**, chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary, on April 1.

Only events that take place in the sanctuary can be live streamed at this time, as that is where the video camera is located, Ross said.

"If people are sick, out of town or just unable to attend services, they can now watch our services live on our website, or at their convenience from our archives," he said.

The streaming video portal can be accessed from the home page of the synagogue website: bnaijeshurun.org.

"In addition to Shabbat services, we will stream other services and events in the sanctuary as interest and funding permit," Ross said.

Other synagogues that are doing live streaming include Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple in Beachwood and The Temple-Tifereth Israel in Beachwood and

Cleveland, both Reform, and Kol HaLev, the Reconstructionist Jewish community in Reeper Pike.

B'nai Jeshurun is partnering with StreamSpot, a division of Cincinnati-based Maximum Media, which does live streaming for churches and synagogues. Fairmount Temple and The Temple-Tifereth Israel also do their streaming through Maximum Media.

"**Wendy Helfand**, (director of technology for) The Temple-Tifereth Israel, graciously assisted us in the start-up of our live streaming," Ross said. "It was very nice synagogue-to-synagogue cooperation."

An anonymous donor has provided funding to help support the project, Ross said.

"He said the donation and the streaming are in honor of our wonderful clergy: **Rabbi Stephen Weiss, Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria and Cantor Aaron Shifman**," he said.

Ross said the synagogue will charge a small fee for copies of DVDs from bar mitzvahs or other events that are recorded in the sanctuary.

"We hope that will generate some sales and that it will be a self-supporting operation, with revenue and-or donations," he said.

Scholarship opportunities, such as sponsoring the streaming of a Shabbat service, are also available, Ross said.

Ross said there are no plans at this time for the synagogue to purchase another camera to do live streaming in any other

rooms, although that may happen in the future.

Rabbi Stephen Weiss said all of the camera work is done remotely from Cincinnati, and the company that operates the camera is non-Jewish.

"Everything is done from Cincinnati," he said. "There's nothing here for us to touch. We have an ongoing contract with (StreamSpot), and it really is permissible for non-Jewish people to do work on Shabbat if you are able to benefit from the work."

"As for people using the stream, I have repeatedly told members of the congregation that if they are healthy and well, they should be coming to services. But for somebody who is infirm or ill or unable to travel, that is who the streaming is meant for. It's better they should use the stream than to not be connected at all."

Weiss added the streaming is also intended to be used as a permanent resource for anyone who wants to go back and watch a service or event via the archives on the website.

"We're very excited about it," he said. "It's gotten tremendous response from people."

Anyone interested in having an event streamed at the synagogue should contact Ross at 216-831-6555, ext. 107, or email jayross@bnaijeshurun.org.

MARCH OF THE LIVING: "L'dor V'dor – From Generation to Generation," a March of the Living intergenerational program, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at Montefiore, 1 David N. Myers

Parkway in Beachwood.

Edna Akrish, a Cleveland representative leading the Ohio delegation of the March of the Living trip, will present a program with Cleveland-area students attending this year's march. The students will meet with Montefiore residents and local Holocaust survivors and then collect personalized notes from the survivors for future placement inside the Kotel during their trip to Israel.

The March of the Living is an annual educational program that brings students from all over the world to Poland and Israel to study the history of the Holocaust and to see the rebuilding of the Jewish nation. The march – a three-kilometer walk from Auschwitz to Birkenau – is a silent tribute to Holocaust victims and will take place Monday, April 28. For more information, contact Akrish at 216-464-2006.

JFSA RECEIVES AWARD: Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland has earned first place for sustained programming in the Kovod Awards competition, the Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies announced.

The Kovod Awards honor AJFCA member agencies for excellence in client services and programming. JFSA Cleveland, based in Beachwood, received its award for its Ascentia Residential programming and services.

Since 1978, JFSA Cleveland's Ascentia Residential Services has been providing housing and supportive services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental illness.

Israeli columnist Shavit to headline Federation annual meeting

ED WITTENBERG
CJN Staff Reporter

Israeli columnist Ari Shavit said his bestselling book, "My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel," has generated a new conversation about Israel.

"I managed to challenge the dogmas of both right and left," Shavit said in a telephone interview from Texas, where he was on tour promoting his book. "I think I enabled many people on the left to understand some of the insights of people on the right and vice versa.

"I heard this from so many people around the country, and there is something promising about that, beyond myself and my book."

Shavit will discuss the book, which made The New York Times bestseller list, as the keynote speaker at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's 110th annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation in Pepper Pike.

"I'm really looking forward to it," he said. "I've heard a lot of impressive things about the Jewish community of Cleveland but have never been to the city, so I'm really

thrilled."

Shavit, who lives in a suburb of Tel Aviv, is a senior columnist for Ha'aretz, Israel's oldest daily newspaper that is published in both Hebrew and English. He described "My Promised Land" as "a unique nonfiction book about Israel."

"It's a very ambitious book, trying to tell the story of Israel over more than a century," he said. "It deals with our history, but it's not a history book. It's relevant to politics, but it's not a political book.

"I wrote this book because I thought Israelis and people who care about Israel have lost our narrative and lost sight of the big picture, the larger Israeli saga. It's about things that really happened in Israel, but it has the quality of fiction because my goal was to really bring the story back to the human level."

Shavit, 56, said the book uses the life stories of Israeli people, including his own, "to enable people to feel again what Israel is about in a personal and emotional way." He said the book's reviews have been "amazing."

"One reason for that is it puts most of the issues we usually discuss in a wider, deeper context," he said. "I put such things as settlements and peace in a larger framework, and



Shavit

WHO: Ari Shavit, senior columnist for Ha'aretz in Israel, will speak
WHAT: Jewish Federation of Cleveland's 110th annual meeting
WHEN: Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, 27501 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood
OTHER HIGHLIGHTS: The Charles

Eisenman Award for exceptional community service will be presented to Thomas W. Adler and the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

- Federation board chair Renee Chelm will offer remarks
- Federation trustees will be elected
- Coffee, tea and desserts will be available (kosher dietary laws observed)

COST: Free and open to the public. Reservations are requested.

INFO: Call 216-593-2900, ext. 744, or email info@jfcleve.org.

Adler to receive Eisenman Award

ED WITTENBERG
CJN Staff Reporter



Adler

Tom Adler has been actively involved in both the Jewish and the general communities of Greater Cleveland since he was a young man.

For his efforts, Adler will receive the Charles Eisenman Award at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's 110th annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation in Pepper Pike. He shares the award with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

"I was really gratified to be chosen for this award and to share it with the food bank," Adler said. "The work they do in Cleveland is phenomenal. To me, this is the highest civic honor one can receive in Cleveland from anyone or any institution."

The award is given annually by the Federation to individuals and organizations making significant contributions to the community. It is named for a founder and first president of the Federation, who served for 20

years until his death in 1923.

Adler, 73, will be unable to attend the program, as he will be at his Shaker Heights home recovering from knee replacement surgery. So Joanie, his wife of 51 years, will accept the award for him, and his acceptance remarks will be shown via video.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., who moved to Shaker Heights when he was in eighth grade, Adler said activism is a core value that has been passed from generation to generation in his family, dating to the 1850s.

"The Adlers have always been leaders in both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities," he said. "I can only assume it was part of their DNA. I picked it up from my father, who picked it up from his."

Adler said he has focused his time on both communities since his retirement from Cleveland Real Estate Partners in the late 1990s. He is a member of the Federation's board of trustees and has served on its executive committee.

The Adlers are longtime members of Suburban Temple-Kol Ami in Beachwood. They have three grown children, Peggy, Sally and Bill.

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I think that was refreshing for many people.

"A second reason is I made it a human story. It speaks not only to people's minds, but also to people's hearts, so it created a strong reaction."

A native of Rehovot, Israel, Shavit said his heart is in Jerusalem, where he grew up and has spent most of his life. He said he worked on "My Promised Land," his second book, from 2007 to 2012, and Random House published it in English last year.

"It's written in both Hebrew and English, and I still need a month or two to finish editing the Hebrew (edition), so I hope to do that soon," he said. "I didn't write it with a specific market or audience in mind.

"I'm planning several future projects, but my main concern is really to try and help in revitalizing the relationship between the Jewish communities in this country and in Israel. My great mission is to have more of a sincere, deep, intensive dialogue between Israeli Jews and American Jews."

Shavit, who joined the staff of Ha'aretz in 1995, is also a commentator on Israel's public television station, Channel 1. In the 1980s, he wrote for the progressive Israeli weekly magazine, Koteret Rashit, and was chair of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel in the early 1990s.

Shavit, who served as a paratrooper in the Israel Defense Forces, studied philosophy at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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BBYO Ohio Northern Region to honor Mostov, Ryb

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Julie Mostov and Michelle Ryb will receive the Aaron Grossman Volunteer Service Award when the BBYO Ohio Northern Region holds its annual welcome reception and awards banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at The Venue South inside the Days Inn and Suites, 4742 Brecksville Road in Richfield.



Mostov



Ryb

The event is part of the ONR's regional convention, set for Thursday, April 10, through Sunday, April 13.

Mostov, of South Euclid, and Ryb, of Lyndhurst, have been ac-

tive with BBYO for many years, said Todd Kay, director of the BBYO Ohio Northern Region. They were the ONR's first chairs of the Friends and Alumni Network – positions they still hold – and paved the way for how FAN operates in regions across the country, Kay said.

"Julie and Michelle have worked tirelessly to involve people with the local BBYO program," he said. "They coordinat-

ed several events to engage parents and alumni and have helped enhance BBYO programs for our teens. They have been a great asset, and we want to thank them for all they have done."

The Grossman award honors a person or people who have worked to make a difference in the BBYO and Jewish communities. It is named after a longtime leader of B'nai B'rith locally, nationally and internationally.

BBYO is an international Jewish youth movement based in Washington, D.C., that was formerly B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. The regional office is in Beachwood.

Cost of the banquet is \$25. For more information, email Kay at tkay@bbyo.org or call 216-360-0075.

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Fuchs Mizrachi presents first STEM fair



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From recreating tabletop saws to making their own pulleys, students in first through fifth grade put their knowledge of simple machines to work at Fuchs Mizrachi School's first STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fair March 9.

The fair, attended by students and their families, capped off a three-phase study of simple machines that started in December. In the first phase, students learned about simple machines, ranging from levers and pulleys to inclined planes, wheels, axels and gears.

"In phase two, they began to think like real-life engineers," said lower school principal **Malkie Ginsburg**.

They learned the math involved in simple machines, did calculations, and disassembled compound machines found in everyday life. They also began exploring mechanical advantage – how much easier and faster a machine could make their work.

"Phase three was the STEM fair itself," Ginsburg said. "The fifth-graders took on the

leadership role during the fair." They did registration, escorted parents, facilitated experiments and calculated the mechanical advantage for each big machine built.

Each grade level constructed a simple machine. First-graders built a real see-saw, which is a lever, for use in the school playground. Second-graders constructed a catapult, also for the playground. Third-graders built a pulley system which they experimented with using different weights, and fourth-graders experimented with the inclined plane.

ANNE FRANK: Students in two eighth-grade classes at Wiley Middle School in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District recently read "The Diary of Anne Frank" and presented visual displays, including dioramas, to their classmates. The diary, written in hiding during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, stimulated discussion of cultural biases, stereotypes and prejudices. Anne Frank, who perished in a concentration camp, was roughly the same age as the eighth-graders when she wrote her diary. Classes were taught by **Anisha Mahone** and **Christy Lemanowicz**.



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Eighth-graders at Wiley Middle show the dioramas they made after reading "The Diary of Anne Frank."



FUCHS MIZRACHI SCHOOL

Fuchs Mizrachi students, from left, Avigail Rudolph, Noa Becker, Tani Rudolph and Binyamin Rudolph enjoy the student-built sea saw at the school's STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fair.

SHABBAT SING: The Agnon School at 26500 Shaker Blvd. in Beachwood will host an early child "Shabbat Sing" from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Friday, April 11. The free, open program is for children 18 months to age 5 and their parents or caregivers. Contact **Cathy Schreiber**, director of early childhood, at (216) 464-4055 ext.128 or cschreiber@agnon.org.

OPEN HOUSE: Hawken's upper school will host visitation for grades nine to 12 at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, at 12465 County Line Road in Chester Township.

Call 440-423-2995 for reservations. Hawken's lower and middle schools will have an open house at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at 5000 Clubside Road in Lyndhurst for preschool through eighth grade. Call 440-423-2950.

MAZEL TOV: Hawken senior **Will Mascaro** of Shaker Heights was named champion of Congressional Debate at the recent Harvard University Speech and Debate Tournament. Mascaro placed first out of 392 competing students from 105 schools in 22 states.

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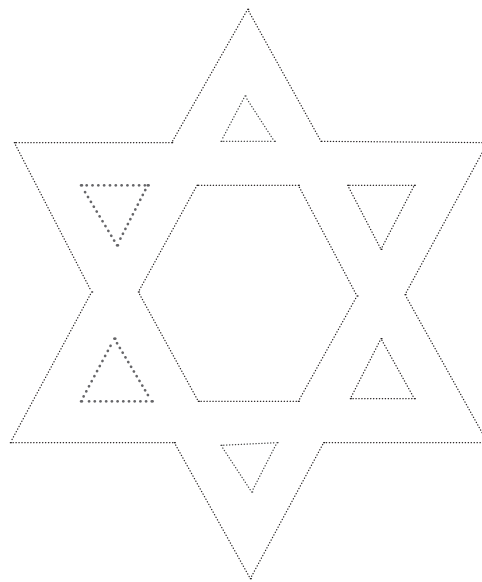
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U.S. District Court Judge Donald C. Nugent dismissed that suit, ruling that because Mentor High “did not have a special relationship” with Mohat, it did not have “heightened responsibility for his care and protection.”

In his ruling three years ago, Nugent dismissed the case without prejudice, meaning Myers could proceed to refile it on the state level, in Lake County Common Pleas Court, Myers explained. He narrowed the defendants to Horvath.

Horvath’s attorneys, who also represented the school district, asked the state to throw out the claim, alleging Horvath had immunity as a public employee. The case seemed headed for trial.

“It was a very, very tough case legally because there’s a presumption in the law that generally third parties like school districts or teachers are not responsible for altercations or disputes between two other parties, such as between a student and a group of students,” Myers said. “There are exceptions to that, which is where I felt this case fell, but you start with an uphill battle

when you’re trying to show that a school district or an administrator or a teacher is responsible for what happens when one group of students bullies another student.”

As the parties were set to begin the discovery process, attorneys for Horvath “approached me about trying to settle the case” in February, Myers said. The parties agreed to hire a private mediator and terms were reached within a day.

Myers, who lives in Solon and attends Temple Emanu El in Orange, also represents several other families whose children are said to have been bullied. Among them: Lisa and Jim Shively of Uniontown in suburban Akron, who have sued Green Local Schools claiming their daughter, who was 14 in 2011, was physically and emotionally bullied by classmates because she is Jewish.

The Shively girl was placed in another school following the filing of the suit. The case is pending in the 6th District Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

Myers also represents the family of Sladjana Vidovic, another Mentor teen who committed suicide following allegations of persistent

bullying. Like the Mohat case, the Vidovic case was filed in federal court and dismissed. It’s now in Lake County Common Pleas Court, where it’s supposed to go to trial in July. In the meantime, the 6th District Court of Appeals is supposed to rule on it, Myers said.

All these incidents – and ones involved in a bullying case in Chesapeake in southern Ohio – took place three to seven years ago, said Myers.

Times seem to have changed for the better.

“It just takes these cases a long time to get to court,” he said. “I don’t know if bullying is as bad as it was even five years ago because of high-publicity cases like these and because laws have changed. There’s a lot more awareness of bullying as a problem.

“To some extent, the pendulum has swung in the other direction,” he added. “I’ve represented a number of kids who’ve been accused of bullying for what I consider kind of minor incidents. Schools are now going overboard in disciplining these kids.”

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affiliations and external partnerships, which amount to 550 organizations across five continents.

Turoff, who previously worked as a partner for the law firm of Taft, Stettinius and Hollister in Cleveland, was approached by Fingerhut to fill the organization’s new position. After much consideration, Turoff thought working for Hillel International seemed like an exciting opportunity.

“Hillel is such a meaningful organization. A really big draw was getting to work with Eric Fingerhut again,” said Turoff, who serves on the Cleveland Jewish News Board of Directors.

“He’s really an inspiring person. He always approaches everything with a sense of vision and intelligence. He is very altruistic in his goals and really a true leader,” she said.

Adding a general legal counsel to the organization is part of Hillel’s Strategic Implementation Plan.

“Hillel is a large and complex organization,” Fingerhut said. “To be able to serve the students, which is our mission to serve all the Jewish students on campuses, in such a diverse set of campuses and locations, it has many ramifications that a general legal counsel will be enormously helpful with.”

Hillel has always been a welcoming environment for Turoff. After being granted a research fellowship while studying at Case Western Reserve University, Turoff found herself overseas interning with the British Parliament, but with no place to live.

“When I got there I had no place to live, I didn’t know where to look, and the first thought in my mind was to call Hillel,” Turoff recalled. “To me that was the safest option.

“Here I am in another part of the world, I had never been overseas before, and to me Hillel was a place with commonality that I could turn to.”

After graduating from CWRU, Turoff received her law degree from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University. During her career she has been selected as both an American Marshall Memorial Fellow and an Alliance of Civilizations International Fellow, positions that sent her to Europe, the Middle East and North Africa to foster relationships with government, business and community leaders.

Turoff is excited to bring her background and skills to Hillel International.

“I’m looking forward to the opportunity to join Eric Fingerhut and work for an organization that can have a significant impact on the future of the global Jewish community,” she said. “I’m hoping to help bring new relationships and opportunities to Hillel that will help Hillel’s mission of enriching the lives of the students it serves.”

Turoff lives in Solon with her husband, Ari Sherwin, and their 3-year-old son, Jaxon.

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our experience that something else is the case.

“We are not going down the tubes. We are not to be belittled. The kind of Judaism we stand for has deep roots. We know where we come from and I think we know where we are going.”

Eisen said things are moving faster than anyone could have predicted. After reading part of the 2013 Pew Report on American Religion, he concluded that religion in America is changing across the board.

“Americans are switchers,” he said. “We don’t stay put.”

The Pew Report said 44 percent of American Christians stay in the church in which they are raised. That means “almost half the Christians in America are not practicing the same religion that they WERE born and raised in,” Eisen said, labeling the fastest-growing religion in America “none.”

Eisen said he found in the study that Christianity declined by 5 percent between 2007 and 2012, losing 12 million people. He suggested such a move reflects a greater restlessness.

“People are not staying married to the people that they were married to, they are not staying loyal to the political party that they used to vote for, they are switching jobs because the economy is forcing them to switch jobs,” Eisen said.

That means Conservative Jews must hold onto what they have, he indicated.

“The first responsibility of any Jewish leader at synagogues is that people have to walk out of the space less lonely and isolated than they were when they walked in,” Eisen said. “They have to experience the greater connection.”

“Loneliness in this country is profound,” Eisen said. “We need the connection. Our job as Jews is to build communities of Torah.”

“I was excited by the creative energy

The complete video can be seen on B’nai Jeshurun Congregation’s website at: bnaijeshurun.org/streaming Click “on demand” and then click on Chancellor Eisen’s talk.

that Chancellor Eisen has brought to JTS and to the Conservative movement,” B’nai Jeshurun Rabbi Stephen Weiss said after the event. “He has an infectious passion for Conservative Judaism’s unique ability to bring together a commitment to tradition with science and modernity.”

Weiss said Eisen “understands the importance of inclusiveness, of reaching out and embracing individuals and creating spirituality through creating community.”

“Tonight he challenged us to take pride in our identity as Conservative Jews and to work creatively to strengthen their impact on the Jewish future.”

Before he came to JTS, Eisen was a professor of Jewish culture and religion for 20 years at Stanford University in Stanford, Calif. He also taught at Tel Aviv University in Israel and Columbia University in New York City.

Eisen said he would not trade those experiences for anything.

“Their passion for Jewish life, their passion for the general world and the passion that they take in any Jewish cause is beyond measure,” Eisen said. “That is a point of great pride to me.”

Eisen, who holds a Ph.D. in the history of Jewish thought from Hebrew University, told the audience that New York-based JTS is preparing better leaders today who are ready to deal with issues facing Conservative Jews.

His appearance was part of the Rabbi Rudolph M. Rosenthal Memorial Lecture. Rosenthal served as rabbi at B’nai Jeshurun for 46 years.

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Shaarey Tikvah, JFSA to hold special Seder

The Shaarey Tikvah mitzvah corps is collaborating with the Jewish Family Service Association’s Ascentia program to host “A Very Special Seder” at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9.

About 40 adult residents will come with their helpers from supportive living houses in Cleveland Heights, University Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield and Beachwood to participate in a Seder meal with a Haggadah specially written by Shaarey Tikvah Rabbi David Kosak.

This is the first time Shaarey Tikvah has hosted this event.

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Downtown Cleveland boosting East Side home sales

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CJN Staff Reporter

Experts in home sales say business is good in Cleveland's eastern suburbs, though how good varies by community and price point. No matter the variety, however, all cite the resurgence of downtown Cleveland – and downtown alone – as a harbinger of the area's residential health.

At the same time, they say that while interest rates are low and holding steady, low inventory is a problem.

Peggy Garr, a Realtor for Howard Hanna from Pepper Pike, has been selling in suburbs east and south of Cleveland for 35 years. She said the sales season started off with a bang, but has slowed. Others cited the long winter's grip as a problem.

Like several others, Garr said the trend is urban and pedestrian.

"People seem to want to stay closer in to the city," she said by email. "For a long time, buyers were going out farther east and south. They wanted newer homes, but it seems like convenience and getting closer to downtown Cleveland and University Circle has been a bigger draw."

Susie Loparo of Beachwood, a Realtor at RE/MAX Traditions, said, "Some of the younger people are appreciating what a great city we have. Some of the kids are moving back. They want to be close to their families and it's a wonderful, affordable place to live."

Loparo cited "excellent schools" in the suburbs of Mayfield, Beachwood and Solon, as well as the West Geauga and Kenston school districts, as a reason for the sales. That contrasts with the state of Cleveland schools.

While schools in Cleveland still drag residential sales there, downtown is booming, several Realtors said. But, as in the suburbs, supply is a concern.

"Downtown is doing very, very well, and the occupancy is hovering around 98 percent for rentals, with some buildings, such as 668 Euclid Ave., with a waiting list," said Sharon Friedman, broker associate at Berkshire Hathaway Home Services. "There are a few other condominium projects in downtown (with units) for sale, such as the Pinnacle, built from scratch; the Grand Arcade, an old warehouse building that



Sterling Lakes in Pepper Pike remains a favorite development for East Side buyers.

has been converted with units for sale, and the Water Street Condominiums in the Warehouse District."

Both Friedman and Loparo also cited Ohio City and Gordon Square's Battery Park area as up-and-coming neighborhoods. While properties selling for \$200,000 and up are available in Ohio City and Tremont, Loparo said the "inventory is limited at the moment."

People want to live in walkable neighborhoods, she said, citing ones available in Shaker Heights, Cleveland Heights and Ohio City.

The market is good, she said, though prices haven't quite returned to their 2007 peak. Lower inventory, however, is resulting in many multiple offers, so would-be buyers should act fast.

At this time of year, houses are selling at various price points, primarily for \$140,000 to \$300,000 and \$500,000 to \$1 million; the lower end applies in cities like University Heights and Beachwood, the higher in communities farther east such as Pepper Pike, Moreland Hills, Hunting Valley, and parts of Chagrin Falls, Bentleyville and Solon. Prices for single-family homes in the Thornbury and Signature subdivisions in Solon are \$500,000 to \$800,000 and up to more than \$1 million, respectively; Signature has a

golf course.

Whether it's a seller's or buyer's market depends on the community, Friedman suggested, calling Beachwood a seller's market.

While most of the Realtors interviewed were optimistic, Howard Hanna Realtor Paul Blumberg struck a cautionary note, calling the Greater Cleveland home sales market "bipolar."

"Our housing economy is kind of bouncing off the bottom, so when you hear national pundits say things are headed way up, they're only headed a little up here," he said. "So there are really two markets: There's all this old stuff that's been overpriced that's been on the market forever and there's anything that comes on now that's nice and priced at fair market value and is selling often times with more than one offer."

While housing inventory is low in Cleveland Heights, Solon and Pepper Pike, there's too much aging inventory, he suggested.

The upper end of the market – with single-family homes selling for \$500,000 and up – "is doing better than the middle and the lower end," Blumberg said, adding home sales in all the eastern suburbs are robust, though not in the

city of Cleveland, "which has been in a funk forever because its schools suck. But that's a bigger national, geopolitical problem.

"If it's priced right it's going to sell," he said. "That's the sweet spot." First-timers can buy homes for \$75,000 to \$150,000 in Cleveland Heights, for example; sales of homes for \$200,000 to \$500,000 are more stagnant, but "above that, I think, is doing pretty well," he said. "But that can't be taken out of context, and the context is, how is it priced in relation to the specific neighborhood?"

No matter the locale, a house's size and age don't matter as much as condition, Loparo suggested.

"Young people really seem to want updated, and a lot of the bargains and the good deals are over with," she said. "They would rather get something smaller and have what they want in it rather than buy a bigger house and look at the long-term project of slowly renovating it."

Like several of his colleagues, Realtor Adam Kaufman of Howard Hanna is bullish on the area, suggesting the vitality of downtown Cleveland is having a ripple effect.

"Downtown Cleveland is really coming into its own," said Kaufman, who sells many homes for \$500,000 to \$1 million-plus. "I would say that this is the first time in a long time where you are really seeing great stuff downtown," with ever more people living – and wanting to live – there.

"You're also going to see a strong push in the Heights," he added. "The real estate that is the most coveted and the most expensive is the real estate that is closest to the city, and as downtown gets better and better, you're going to see the real estate in the Heights is going to escalate in value. As a Realtor and having done it since I was 18 – I've been licensed for 25 years – this is the first time I really think the city is moving in a positive, wonderful direction."

That may be, but Blumberg remains skeptical. "I think Cleveland is still a great place to live – and an underpriced housing market as compared to the rest of the nation," he said. "We have a ton to offer as a locale. But until there are some major employment changes in this region, we're going to plod along."

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First-time buyers should heed these tips



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For people with good jobs and strong credit, today's real estate market is an attractive one – with low mortgage interest rates and continued affordability. However, some buyers, especially first-time ones, are struggling to enter the market and don't always find the home buying process easy.

According to the National Association of Realtors, first-time buyers accounted for 26 percent of home purchases in January. This is down from 27 percent in December and 30 percent a year ago, making it the lowest level for first-time buyers since October 2008. Normally, this group is closer to 40 percent.

Traditionally, first-time buyers are instrumental in housing recoveries because they help existing homeowners sell and make a trade up to a larger home. Factors like tight credit, limited inventory, and higher mortgage interest rates are making it difficult for these buyers to purchase a home in today's market. An NAR survey showed that of the first-time buyers who said it was difficult to save for a down payment, 54 percent said student loans were the culprit.

When we look at the eastern half of Cuyahoga County, there are some

noticeable trends. Though home values on the east side tend to be slightly lower than the county-wide average, we have seen around 3.2 percent growth in estimated home values across the county, though this could vary with a formal appraisal. It is important to note that the highly ranked school systems on the east side are experiencing a tightening of inventory, which is causing over double-digit appreciation in many areas.

It is easy to feel confused and hesitant about buying a home. However, here are a few tips for first-time buyers take into account:

- Determine what you can afford. Evaluate your income, savings and credit report. With proper documentation, a lender can evaluate your finances to qualify and approve you for a loan amount. Remember to factor in costs such as taxes, insurance and utilities.

- Determine your wish list. Once preapproved for a loan, consider what you need and want in a home. Whether it is a certain number of bedrooms, a large kitchen, or to be close to schools or public transportation, it is good to have an idea of what you are looking for in a home and community.

- Work with a Realtor. All real estate is local, making it important to work with a Realtor who is familiar with

your desired community. She or he can provide valuable counsel, discuss listings, show you homes in person, negotiate on your behalf, and help you stay focused on the issues that are most important.

With these tips in mind, Realtors are optimistic that first-time homebuyers will be able to achieve homeownership. Lastly, we expect to see the typical spring inventory increase and are hopeful that more sellers, including those that have been on the fence, will decide to sell as home values increase.

Seth Task is president of the Akron Cleveland Association of Realtors.



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Houses on the East Side of Cleveland are starting to sell again as seen by the "sold" sign in front of this South Euclid bungalow.



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Four Seasons luxury apartment to open first phase in June

ED WITTENBERG
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A fourth luxury apartment building is being added to the campus of the Four Seasons apartments in Beachwood, and construction of phase one is due to be completed in June.

Eric Bell, a principal of Goldberg Companies Inc., the Beachwood-based project developer, said the first phase includes about 77 units. Phase two, which will add about 66 units, should be complete around November, Bell said.

It will be the first new

building on the property, on George Zeiger Drive across from Beachwood Place, since 1988, when the third Four Seasons building was finished. The current project began last summer.

"We've always expected we would build a fourth building," Bell said. "We were waiting for the right time. Now there are such a large group of people who are renters by choice, so we felt the time was right to finish Four Seasons."

Cost of the five-story building, which sits on a 4.5-acre parcel that was vacant, is estimated at about \$17 million, Bell said.

Plans call for 143 customized one-, two- and three-bedroom suites of up to 1,865 square feet. Rental costs range from about \$1,600 for a one-bedroom suite to about \$3,000 for a three-bedroom unit, Bell said.

"There's a very broad range of rents and unit types in the four (Four Seasons) buildings," he said. "Each building is unique. I think building three, which is a nine-story, is the most beautiful apartment building in (Greater) Cleveland."

In Four Seasons 4, the suites are "big and luxurious," Bell said. They will



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This artist's rendering shows the exterior of the new Four Seasons apartment building under construction in Beachwood.

feature 6- to 8-foot windows, 9- and 10-foot ceilings and private balconies.

"One of the most unique things about it is just about every master bathroom has a garden tub and a separate glass shower," he said. "It's special."

The kitchens will offer granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, glass tile backsplashes and espresso-finished custom cabinets.

A landscaped court-

yard will be at the rear of the building, with walking paths, an outdoor kitchen, a pond and outdoor relaxation spaces. Residents can also enjoy outdoor entertainment areas or a state-of-the-art fitness center featuring Fitness on Request, a fully integrated fitness technology.

"A lot of services will be provided, including dry cleaning, bike rental, package delivery and a car detailing service,"

Bell said. "There will also be reservation assistance, pet services when people are on vacation and garage attendants who will walk groceries up to the unit."

Another special feature is walkability to Beachwood Place and Acacia Reservation, the 155-acre green space in Lyndhurst that is the former site of the Acacia Country Club, Bell said.

The architect for the project is ka architecture of Cleveland.

"We think it will be a beautiful, modern, contemporary addition to Four Seasons," he said. "Together with buildings one, two and three, we can offer anything to anyone who wants to live in the best location in (Greater) Cleveland."

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Oakwood, Cedar Center helping to revive neighborhoods

ED WITTENBERG
CJN Staff Reporter

Business has been good at the new Oakwood Commons shopping center on Warrensville Center Road in South Euclid, launched last October with the opening of a 181,000-square-foot Walmart Supercenter.

"The Walmart is doing terrific," said Mitchell Schneider, CEO of Lyndhurst-based First Interstate Properties, which developed Oakwood Commons. "There's a strong customer base, and we're very happy with their sales and the wonderful and innovative environment we and they have created."

Schneider proudly noted it's the first LEED-certified Walmart in the world. LED lights illuminate the entire store, its parking lot and its signage, and it also features a kosher food section.

Also at Oakwood Commons, Foot Locker, Penn Station, Great Clips and Sally Beauty Supply have opened in a building separate from Walmart that is also thriving, Schneider said. More tenants are expected as well, he said.

"We're in the process of marketing and working with several alternatives of large anchor tenants to balance out the rest of the shopping center," he said. "Our goal is to finalize an arrangement with one large anchor tenant, and that will determine how much additional space and how many stores we can bring."

Schneider said he hopes that determination will be made this year and that it will take about another year to build the stores and have them ready for business. The additional storefronts will be located south of Walmart, he said.

Oakwood Park, also in South Euclid on the southwest corner of the former Oakwood Country Club, will officially open this spring, probably in May, said Keith Benjamin, the city's director of community services. The parking lot and entrance to the park can be accessed off of East Antisdale Road.

"It's a 21-acre public green space, about the size of Cain Park (in Cleveland Heights)," Benjamin said. "It's a passive, Metroparks-like park, as opposed to having ball fields and playgrounds, which we have in other parts of the city."

South Euclid purchased the land for the park from First Interstate Properties for \$1, Benjamin said.

"First Interstate has spent over \$500,000 to turn the former golf course into a beautiful park space," he said. "They put in a walking path that creates about a one-mile loop."

The park also includes a natural wetlands area and serves as a wildlife habitat, Benjamin said.

The Oakwood Commons development, which comprises 62 acres in South Euclid and 92 acres in Cleveland Heights, was announced in 2011 as a mix of retail, residential and green space. Walmart Supercenter replaced a Walmart store at Severance Town Center in Cleveland Heights. That space remains vacant.

Schneider said First Interstate is "patiently developing plans" for the Cleveland Heights portion of the property.

"We want to engage with the new administration in Cleveland Heights before proceeding with any formal plans, and we're in the process of beginning that work," he said. "Our hope is a variety of senior

housing living options will be developed, along with some commercial property adjacent to the existing retail in South Euclid."

South Euclid is also pleased with the redevelopment of Cedar Center North, on Cedar Road between Fenwick and Warrensville Center roads, Benjamin said. The city purchased its side of the aging shopping center in 2006, and it has been entirely torn down and rebuilt within the past five years.

"The old Cedar Center was an example of a blighting influence," Benjamin said. "It was a commercial district that had suffered years of neglect, disrepair and decay, and it was at least 40 percent vacant at the time the city purchased it. So the new Cedar Center North is an investment in our community and a benefit to South Euclid residents of today and the future."

The Coral Co., based in Cleveland, was set to redevelop Cedar Center North after it had rebuilt Cedar Center South, across the street in University Heights. Then in December 2011, DeVille Developments of Canton became majority owner of Cedar Center North, forming a partnership with the Coral Co. called Cedar Center North LLC. DeVille and Coral own seven of the 12 acres on the property.

The new Cedar Center North was completed in 2012, and stores have been sprouting up on the 62,000-square-foot property ever since. Not counting Bob Evans restaurant and GFS Marketplace, each of which owns their land, there are 21 tenants at Cedar Center North with only one more space available on the seven acres, said Robert Brown, director of operations for DeVille Developments.



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Anchored by Walmart Supercenter, Oakwood Commons on Warrensville Center Road in South Euclid is beginning to see other stores open.

"It's doing very well," Brown said. "PetSmart is our largest tenant, and Levin Mattress is our next-biggest place. The restaurants are doing great; they bring a lot of dining selection to the area."

Those restaurants include Piada Italian Street Food, Panera Bread, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Five Guys Burgers and Fries, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, Little Caesars Pizza, China Gate and Wing Stop. Starbucks Coffee and Menchie's Frozen Yogurt also offer food options.

Another restaurant, Zoup!, is expected to open in about three months, Brown said.

"We have a couple prospects for the one space we have available, but nothing in writing," he said.

Brown said DeVille's goals for Cedar Center North are "to keep it full and in tip-top condition."

"The South Euclid administration and building department have been just fantastic to work with," he said. "We've worked with a lot of cities all over Ohio and the Midwest, and they are very cooperative and exhibit good common sense when addressing issues."

The revitalization of Cedar Center and the development of Oakwood Commons not only have benefited neighboring businesses in the city, but also have sparked the renovation of two long-vacant re-

tail parcels, Benjamin said.

The space formerly occupied by Mr. TV on Warrensville Center Road, just north of Cedar Center, will be the new home of Ark Jewelers, and Classic Memorials will move into a vacant storefront on Cedar Road near Warrensville Center. Ark Jewelers and Classic Memorials are both tenants in a building on

Cedar Road in University Heights that will be demolished so a new Dunkin' Donuts can be built there.

In addition, the building on Warrensville Center that houses such businesses as J&M Food Mart, The Bagel Shoppe and Battiste & Dupree Cajun Grill will undergo a complete renovation, Benjamin said.

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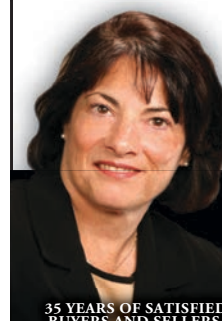
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PEPPER PIKE: \$549,000

Pottery Barn loves this home. The interior features an open flr plan, 3 fireplaces. French doors that lead to an office/music rm, state-of-the-art kitchen with stainless steel appliances. The kitchen opens to the family rm with yet another fireplace. There is an additional first floor family rm w/ vaulted, beamed ceilings, a wall of windows and another fireplace. Master suite features steam/audio shower & Jacuzzi tub surrounded by Travertine. Storage galore.



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Mayfield-Green rebirth high priority, S. Euclid official says

ED WITTENBERG
CJN Staff Reporter

The Mayfield-Green commercial district in South Euclid faces many challenges with vacant storefronts and the declining condition of existing businesses.

Keith Benjamin, the city's director of community services, said the city recently conducted a community survey. About 95 percent of the 340 responders indicated redevelopment and revitalization of the Mayfield-Green business district as a high priority, Benjamin said.

"Mayfield and Green is traditionally the downtown of South Euclid," he said. "It's the crossroads between the Heights communities and the Hillcrest communities.

"The issues now are a lack of cohesiveness and a lack of defining street character or streetscape along the Mayfield Road corridor. Existing commercial establishments need to revitalize their buildings and storefronts. How does the city work with building owners, businesses and potential new developers to re-establish the Mayfield-Green district as a more traditional downtown core?"

Benjamin said he did not know the percentage of vacant storefronts in the area of Mayfield and South Green roads. He said there are a variety of reasons for the business district's struggles in recent years.

"Historically, the city has had difficulty in getting the longtime owners of properties there to reinvest in them and provide the necessary amenities that today's successful retailers are looking

for," he said. "Some of those things are exterior, some are storefront renovations, but a lot of current building owners in the Mayfield Road corridor have been very resistant to put money into their buildings to attract the kind of retail our residents want."

Another issue on Mayfield near South Green, Benjamin said, is a lack of easy and accessible parking, with the exception of the Maymore Shopping Center, where there is a large lot behind Marc's, KeyBank and other businesses.

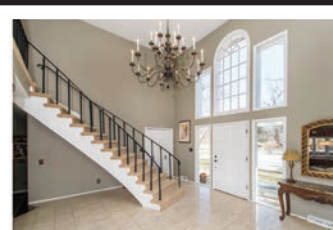
"Several decades ago, Mayfield Road was reconstructed by the state, and the on-street parking was eliminated," he said.

"In doing so, it also eliminated a sense of main-street character for the Mayfield-Green district. Probably 30 years ago, Mayfield and Green had a pedestrian-friendly feel to it that it does not have today as a main thoroughfare for vehicular traffic. So one of the things we need to do as a city is to promote streetscape initiatives to bring back a sense of character and community in the Mayfield-Green business district."

Benjamin said within the last decade, particularly between 2006 and 2008, some developers made offers to current building owners in the Mayfield-Green district to purchase their buildings. They also proposed new developments on the site.

"Unfortunately, the building owners at that time were not willing to sell or could not agree on a price to sell their property," he said. "It is our hope that with the improving economy, a developer will once again be interested in redeveloping."

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oping one or two of the corners.”

Benjamin said there has been “significant interest” from developers in redeveloping the northeast corner of Mayfield and South Green, where the Maymore Shopping Center is located, and the southwest corner, which includes True Value Hardware.

True Value Hardware is among the more successful businesses in the area, Benjamin said, along with Marc’s, KeyBank, CVS pharmacy, Eat at Joe’s and Kallie’s restaurants and Coffee Phix Café.

“Despite having issues of functional obsolescence in some of the buildings, there are some very good and stable businesses in the area,” he said. “KeyBank is a major anchor of the Mayfield-Green corridor. They have done a major renovation of their building and are committed to being an anchor on that corner for many years to come.

“Another positive is the continuing relevance of our religious institutions in that corridor. They have been very solid and have helped maintain the business district.”

Those institutions, Benjamin said, include Sacred Heart of Jesus and Garfield Memorial Church, both on South Green Road, and St. John Lutheran Church on Mayfield. Garfield Memorial is at the site of the former South Euclid-Hillcrest United Methodist Church.

Other factors that may make Mayfield-Green attractive for redevelopment, Benjamin said, include population density and high traffic volume.

“There are thousands of homes within a two-mile radius (of Mayfield and Green),” he said.

“Also there’s the continuing growth of Notre Dame College. In the last 12 years, Notre Dame has gone from 200 to 300 students to over 2,200 students. They’ve built new residence halls and athletic fields, and they have a student population that is attractive to new retailers.”

Benjamin added Senders Pediatrics, across from the college on South Green, has made a major investment to the Mayfield-Green corridor since moving there from University Heights.

Streetscape enhancements and developing a “complete street infrastructure” that is pedestrian, cyclist and car friendly would help revitalize the district, Benjamin said.

“Another positive sign of redevelopment will be the location of the new Cuyahoga County Public Library on Green Road, across the street from Notre Dame College,” he said, adding the library should be built this year and is expected to open in 2015.

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Two thumbs up for the Cleveland International Film Festival, held at Tower City Cinemas in downtown Cleveland and other venues around town that enjoyed a record-breaking run as 97,804 people attended 185 feature films and 168 short subjects, representing 68 countries. The event drew 200 guest filmmakers and debuted a state-of-the-art digital projection equipment and sound equipment, as well as new screens at Tower City Cinemas. The Cleveland Jewish News was a media supporter.



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Beachwood Chamber Fitness Challenge

The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce held its 2014 Fitness Challenge at the Mandel JCC in Beachwood. Participants scored points in spinning, walking, running, group exercise and basketball shoot-around. The theme was "Healthy Employees Mean Healthy Businesses."

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Preparing for Passover

Save time with these Seder tips

By **Joan Kekst**, Special to the CJN

“Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread-- the first day you shall put away leaven, out of your houses --” Exodus 12:15

First-time Seder makers can easily become intimidated or fearful of making mistakes as they prepare for Passover.

Even the most seasoned cooks can be challenged as this holiday turns every kitchen upside down. A Seder has to “be made.” It is a family event and everyone can participate. In the weeks before the Seder, with lots of lists and helping hands, organize, organize, organize.

The weeklong commemoration of the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt begins at sundown, Monday, April 14 this year.

With less than two weeks to go, here are some time-tested

tips:

Create a master list

- Review a Haggadah, literally, telling the story, which generally includes procedures.

- Know which foods are kosher for Passover. Kosher for Passover items are labeled. In general, foods that ferment are not. Use or remove open packages early on the day of the Seder.

- Let family members help clean cupboards and appliances of chometz, (leaven) to store Passover ingredients, or cooking utensils.

- Required ritual items are candles and candlesticks, a Haggadah and kipah for each male, Seder plate, matzah cover, kiddush cup and tablecloth.

- Invite guests and urge children to create artwork.

- Practice the Four Questions with the children.

Get ready to cook

- Outline menu and assemble recipes. Note special ingredients, create a shopping list. Buy staples first, matzah, canned goods, potatoes, onions, wine. Purchase items to prepare some dishes ahead. Only make foods that freeze well, like chicken soup, brisket, chicken casseroles, sorbet – and label clearly. Plan vegetable dishes to serve room temperature.

- Lastly, buy eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables. Plan family cooking sessions for side dishes and desserts, store properly.

- Count chairs, dinnerware, flatware, buy paper goods, foil pans.

- Conserve storage space, use square containers and make extra ice.

- Hire help for Seder night serving and cleanup or make as-



A Seder plate features a roasted egg, shank bone, charoset, bitter herb, greens and saltwater.

signments.

1-2 days before

- Purchase eggs, fresh fruits vegetables, fish and Seder plate items.

- Set tables with ritual items.
- Frost or trim baked goods/ make fruit desserts.

- Prepare items for the Seder plate – roast shank bone and egg, make charoset .

- Defrost frozen items and

plan oven space and heating times.

Seder day

- Make matzah balls and heat soup.

- Label serving platters with instructions

- Rest one hour before guests arrive at sundown. Join the Haggadah reading with your family. After kiddush and motzi, children can eat.

RECIPES / Passover begins sundown April 14

By **Joan Kekst**, Special to the CJN

CARROT CONSOMME – Pareve

4 lb. carrots
1 large white onion, unpeeled
2 whole cloves
2” piece fresh ginger, split lengthwise
2 ribs celery 2 bay leaves
5 black peppercorns
2 sprigs thyme
3 qt. water
OPTION – Serve with mini matzo balls
Combine all ingredients in a large

pot with 3 qt. water. Bring to simmer on medium high heat, reduce to a slow simmer for 3 hours. Remove from heat, cool one hour and strain through a fine mesh sieve. Discard vegetables, reserve broth. Season to taste with salt and pepper. If desired, puree some of the vegetables and return to the broth for a thicker soup. Garnish with a sprig of mint or parsley.

QUINOA PILAF - Pareve

2C prewashed white quinoa
2T high quality olive oil
1 medium onion, minced
3/4t salt; pepper to taste
2C water
1t saffron threads
1T lemon juice
4T chopped fresh parsley
3T sliced almonds

If not certain quinoa is rinsed, rinse several times to avoid bitterness. In a medium saucepan toast quinoa on medium high heat, stir frequently

until quinoa is fragrant and makes constant popping sounds, 5 - 8 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and reserve. Replace saucepan on heat at medium low, heat olive oil; add onion, salt, pepper and stir frequently until onion softens, 5 – 7 minutes. Increase heat, add water and quinoa, bring to a simmer. Cover, reduce heat to low and simmer until grains are just tender and liquid is absorbed, 18 – 20 minutes, stir occasionally while

cooking. Remove from heat, keep covered for 10 -12 minutes. Fluff with a fork, stir in saffron and lemon juice. Serve garnished with parsley. Serves 8. NOTE: Quinoa is from the Andes mountains and is often treated as a grain but is actually the seed of the goosefoot plant. Quinoa is accepted as kosher for Passover.

SPRING FRUIT COMPOTE – Pareve

2C seedless green grapes, cut in half
2 Kiwis, peeled, diced
3 Anjou pears, peeled sliced and cut in 1/2” pieces

1 cantaloupe, peeled and diced
1C blueberries
3/4C Passover white wine
2 – 3 mint leaves

Combine fruits in serving bowl. One hour before serving, bring to room temperature and gently toss with wine. Garnish with mint leaves and serve with cookies.

VEGETARIAN ASHKENAZI STYLE TSIMMES - Pareve

2 lb. carrots
2 lb. sweet potatoes
3 lb. white potatoes
4C water
1 apple, peeled and chunked
1/2C pitted prunes, optional
4T honey
4T brown sugar, to taste

1 cinnamon stick, optional
2t grated lemon zest
2T lemon juice
Salt and pepper to taste

Peel carrots, slice crosswise 1” thick; peel and cut all potatoes into 2” thick chunks. Preheat oven to 425° F. Toss carrots, potatoes, apple in a deep, heavy 10” x 15” baking pan; cover with water. Cover with foil,

reduce heat to 375°F, roast 20 minutes; shake pan occasionally. Add prunes, honey, sugars, cinnamon stick, lemon zest and juice, salt, pepper and stir well. Cook 20 to 30 minutes more; adjust flavor to be slightly sweet and sour. Uncover to evaporate juices and thicken slightly. Serve or refrigerate; reheat covered at 325°F. Vegetables should be tender, not mushy. Serves 12

Fligner's in Lorain named top grocer in Ohio

By **Heather Beyer**, CJN
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Running the family-owned supermarket Fligner's has been Kel Fligner's life.

On March 4, Fligner's Market in Lorain was honored for operational excellence, winning the 2014 Pinnacle Award.

The Ohio Grocers Association selected Fligner's in the single-store operation category. Kel and his son, Ben Fligner, were recognized along with about 100 of their employees with the Pinnacle Award.

The market is known for one of the largest, custom-cut meat counters in the country, Ben Fligner said in a telephone interview.

"It says we are doing stuff the right way. We try to be innovative in our industry and we also try to give back to the community what we can," Fligner said.

Kel's grandparents, Harry and Morry, started the market in 1924.

Then 25 years later, Kel, who is 74, started working at the store and fell in love with the business. Except for attending then Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea to earn a business degree, he has spent the past 65 years working there five to seven days a week – from 4:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"He is very dedicated to his business and his customers," employee Lois Glowacki said. "He loves every minute of it."

Glowacki, 80, has been working full time at Fligner's for 35 years.

"I love it," she said. "The people I work for are very kind and they are easy to work for. I really like what I am doing."

"I like the way they treat their customers," Glowacki said. "They are very good people to work for."

Glowacki said that she worked at a



ELYRIA CHRONICLE TELEGRAM

Kel Fligner, left, accepts the Pinnacle Award from Nate Filler, CEO of Ohio Grocers Association, during a ceremony last month at Fligner's Market in Lorain.

chain supermarket before Fligner's and appreciates how the Fligners go out of their way for their customers.

"If a customer can't find something, Ben or Kel will leave the counter and go get the product for the customer," Glowacki said. "You don't get that in a (chain) supermarket. They will just say 'over there' and you never could find it. That's why the customers keep coming back."

Nate Filler, president of the Ohio Grocers Association, called Fligner's a very "special and unique grocery store."

"Even down here in Columbus, we often hear stories of people who used to shopped at Fligner's when they lived in Lorain, or they wished there was a supermarket like Fligner's here," Filler said. "It's got a great buzz statewide."

When the store opened, it was called Lorain Cut-Rate Fruit Co. and became Fligner's in 1933. The 35,000-square-foot store is at 1854 Broadway Ave.

Ruhlman to speak April 27 at Beachwood library

Food writer Michael Ruhlman will present a talk on his new book, "Egg: A Culinary Exploration of the World's Most Versatile Ingredient," at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 27 at the Beachwood library, 25501 Shaker Blvd.

In his new novel, Ruhlman explains why the egg is so essential to the craft of cooking and shares an array of preparations and more than 100 recipes involving eggs.

Ruhlman starting writing about the lives of chefs 20 years ago and eventually trained to be a chef. He lives in Cleveland with his wife, Donna Turner Ruhlman.

For more information, call 216-831-6868 or www.cuyahogalibrary.org.

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SEPHARDIC FISH WITH TOMATO SAUCE

- Pareve

4T olive oil
1/2C minced white sweet onion
4 cloves garlic, minced
2 lb. sea bass, halibut or scrod
1 can 28 oz. crushed plum tomatoes, plus 6 fresh plum tomatoes
1T orange juice
2T fresh oregano leaves
Salt and pepper to taste
1/4C black olives, sliced
1/4C flat leaf Italian parsley sprigs

In an 11" saute pan, heat 3T olive oil on medium heat, saute onions 5 minutes, add garlic, cook 1 minute. Add all tomatoes, orange juice, oregano, salt, pepper and cook stirring frequently about 10 minutes. Sauce can be made one day ahead, covered and chilled. Reheat sauce. Add fish in a single layer, sprinkle with remaining olive oil, salt and pepper. Cover and cook on medium low heat, about 10-12 minutes; baste fish with sauce occasionally, until thick part of fish is white and flakes easily. Adjust seasoning; add black olives. Remove to a platter, spoon sauce over and garnish with parsley. Serve hot or room temperature. Can be made ahead; bring to room temperature before serving. 12 appetizer portions – 8 for a main course.

MOROCCAN LAMB SHANKS – Meat

3T matzo cake meal
1t salt, 1/4t black pepper, freshly ground
Pinches of cayenne pepper
3/4t cinnamon
5 - 6lb. meaty lamb shanks
3T vegetable oil
2C onion, thinly sliced
2 ribs celery, chopped
2 large garlic cloves, minced
3t fresh thyme leaves
1 bay leaf
4C water
1C firmly packed pitted prunes
1C dried apricots, sliced
21 small red skin potatoes, scrubbed (cut larger ones in half)
In a gallon size plastic bag, combine matzo cake meal, salt, black and cayenne peppers, cinnamon; shake to mix. Add a few pieces of lamb at a time, toss to coat. Reserve any leftover cake meal mixture. Heat a large skillet, preferably cast iron, add oil, heat until a film appears. Reduce to medium heat, brown lamb in batches 8 to 10 minutes. Add oil as needed. Remove to a bowl, reserve. Add remaining oil to pan, sauté onions and celery until golden. Sprinkle on remaining cake meal mixture. Cook 30 seconds. Transfer mixture to a Dutch oven; add lamb shanks and 4C water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, partially cover and simmer 1 hour. Add potatoes and prunes, cook 30 minutes longer until potatoes are tender. Reduce gravy to about 1 1/2 cups. Skim excess fat. Sephardi serve over rice or potatoes.

ASHKENAZI ROAST CAPON – Meat

1 large capon, 6-7 lb.
3T olive oil
1T grated lemon zest
1T fresh thyme leaves
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
1 medium onion, quartered
2 pieces garlic sliced
1C chicken stock or water
Fresh thyme sprigs to garnish
Preheat oven to 375°F. Remove excess fat from cavity of bird; rinse thoroughly in and out. Pat dry, season cavity with salt and pepper. Place in a large roasting pan; bring to room temperature. Meanwhile, combine olive oil, lemon zest, thyme leaves, salt and pepper in a small bowl to make a paste. Turn out the neck skin of the capon and lift the skin with fingers to expose the breast

meat. Slide fingers far down the breast area, insert garlic slices and evenly spread half the paste under the skin. Use remaining paste to spread on the skin. Place the quartered onion in the cavity of the bird and tie legs together with cotton twine. Roast the capon at center of oven; baste with pan juices occasionally, for about 1 1/2 - 2 hours. Thermometer inserted in thickest part of thigh should read 170°F. Increase heat to brown skin, if desired. Tilt the bird in the pan so cavity juices pour into the pan; remove capon to serving platter. Skim fat from pan juices, add 1C broth and place roaster across surface burners over medium high heat. Scrape up bits in pan and boil until juices are reduced to 1 cup, strain sauce. Carve capon, serve garnished with thyme sprigs.

PINE NUT COOKIES – Pareve and gluten free

1 1/2C slivered almonds
1 1/2C sugar
2 egg whites
dash of cinnamon
1C pine nuts
Position racks in upper and lower thirds of oven; preheat to 375°F. Line 2 cookie pans with parchment paper. Process almonds and sugar until finely ground, 30 seconds. Scrape bowl,

add egg whites, cinnamon and process until smooth, dough will be moist; transfer to a bowl. Place pine nuts on a sheet of waxed paper. Roll 1T dough at a time into a ball, roll into the pine nuts and space 2" apart on baking pan. Bake cookies 12 - 14 minutes, switch trays halfway through baking time. Cool on baking sheet 5 minutes, transfer to rack to cool completely. Store airtight.

The Nosh!

'He'brew' is the 'Chosen Beer'

By **Joshua E. London & Lou Marmon**
Special to the CJN

With the countdown to Passover upon us, we thought we'd take a departure from our usual wine and spirits to focus on some other tasty chametz: beer.

The nation is in the midst of something a beer revolution. While the market is still dominated by big names such as Budweiser, Miller and Coors, a visit to nearly every bar and liquor store reveals a growing list of previously unknown beer makers with unusual, if not bizarre, names such as Bad Martha, Flying Dog, Allagash, Dark Horse, Funkworks, Omission and Scuttlebutt.

The craft beer movement began in the United Kingdom in the 1970s and rapidly moved across the Atlantic. According to the Brewer's Association, the trade association representing the majority of U.S. brewing companies, there are more than 2,400 independent breweries operating in the U.S. focusing on traditional brewing techniques to create distinctly flavorful and unusual beers. These often begin as an at-home hobby that eventually morphs into a full-time business, complete with all the entrepreneurial risks and responsibilities. Creativity abounds with exotic recipes, sometimes including such flavors as chocolate, various spices, fruits, honey and even chilies.

As it happens, one of the most successful craft breweries is also certified kosher (by the KSA of Los Angeles). The Shmaltz Brewing Co. was established in 1996 by Jeremy Cowan. He decided his overwhelmingly Jewish volleyball team needed its own beer, so he created an ale. Declaring his "He'brew" as the "Chosen Beer," he took it commercial and followed up with a series of beers that have expressed his creativity, irreverence and, fortunately, considerable marketing savvy. Thankfully, these are also some mighty fine beers.

Moving from San Francisco to upstate New York, and from contract brewing to opening his own brewery, Cowan marked the opening with the release of his "Death of Contract Brewer" black IPA. Also tasty is his "Reunion Ale," made with cocoa nibs, vanilla cinnamon and coffee; sales help raise funds for Multiple Myeloma and bone cancer research.

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Matthew Kantin

Matthew Kantin will become a bar mitzvah Saturday morning, April 5 at Temple Emanu El. Matthew is the son of Cathy and Bob Kantin of Solon, and the brother of Ari and Maddie. He is the grandson of Nancy and Joel Schwartz of Lyndhurst, Sophia Kantin of Highland Heights and the late Matt Kantin. Matthew attends Solon Middle School and enjoys all sports, especially basketball. For his mitzvah project, Matthew volunteers at The Friendship Circle.



Gabriel Miles Perla

Gabriel Miles Perla will become a bar mitzvah on Saturday morning, April 5 at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation. Gabriel is the son of Heidi and Bernard Perla of Pepper Pike, and the brother of Isabelle. He is the grandson of Judy and Donald Schermer, Alma Perla and the late Herbert Perla. Gabriel attends Gross Schechter Day School. He enjoys playing tennis and violin. For his mitzvah project, he is donating a portion of his bar mitzvah money to the Israel Tennis Centers Foundation.



Noa Marcus

Noa Marcus will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday morning April 5 at Park Synagogue in Cleveland Heights. Noa is the daughter of Rabbi Sharon and John Marcus of Shaker Heights and the sister of Becky. She is the granddaughter of Rolly Goldberg of Boynton Beach, Fla., David Marcus of San Diego and Dr. Arnold and Harriet Young of Egg Harbor Township, N.J. Noa attends The Agnon School and is involved with dance and the JCC Playmakers. For her mitzvah project, Noa is supporting Fostering Hope, an organization that helps children entering foster care. She sold teddy bears to be given to each child on their birthday.



Samantha Wittenberg

Samantha Wittenberg will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday evening, April 5 at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple. Samantha is the daughter of Tracey Wittenberg and Danny Wittenberg and the brother of David. She is the granddaughter of Joan Wittenberg of Pepper Pike, Margo Roth of Scottsdale, Ariz., the late Stuart Wittenberg and the late Ralph Roth. Samantha attends Brady Middle School and Fairmount Temple Religious School. Her hobbies include baking, cooking and reading. She incorporated these hobbies into her mitzvah projects by baking cookies for the Pepper Pike police and fire departments and reading stories to the hearing impaired class at Bryden School. She will also make a donation to the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center to help defray the cost of hearing aides for those children that can't afford them.

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The Cowan and Becker families announce the marriage of their children, David Lawrence Cowan and Sarah Melissa Becker, on March 23, 2014, in Paradise Valley, Ariz.

The groom is the son of Deanna and Ronald Cowan and the brother of the late Lenny Cowan. The bride is the daughter of Phyllis Becker and the late Phillip Becker. Her brother, Josh, sister-in-law, Maxine and their children, Noah, Sadie and Matty participated in the wedding ceremony. The couple's friend, Jennifer Kaplan, designed their beautiful ketubah. The bride carried her late father's dog tags pinned to her bouquet. During the ceremony, the rabbi wrapped the couple in a tallit that had belonged to the bride's late grandfather, and the tallit of other beloved family members were also on display.

David is a graduate of The Ohio State University Knowlton School of Architecture. He works for Herschman Architects in Tucson, Ariz.

Sarah is a graduate of Midwestern University School of Medicine. She is completing her pediatric residency at the University of Arizona Medical Center. Beginning in July, she will work as a hospitalist in the pediatric intensive care unit at Tucson Medical Center.

BIRTHS

Daughter to Tolchinsky and Elbaum

Lori Tolchinsky and James Elbaum of Delray Beach, Fla., announce the birth of their daughter, Harper Lulu Elbaum on Feb. 21, 2014. Maternal grandparents are Carol and Allan Tolchinsky of Aurora. Paternal grandparents are Christine Walsh and Don Campbell and Marc Elbaum and Anne Lloyd, all of New Hampshire. Maternal great-grandmother is Ann Berk of Beachwood.

KRISTEN MOTT
CJN Staff Reporter

Passover begins at sunset on Monday, April 14, which means families will soon begin shopping and preparing for Passover Seders. A search of the Cleveland Jewish News Archive (cjn.org/archive) reveals some tips to make Passover shopping and cooking easy and stress-free.

- Beachwood resident Rachel Kessler was featured in a March 23, 2001, article as she shopped for food in preparation for Passover. Kessler, who was a member of Beachwood Kehilla, said she typically has at least 25 relatives and friends at her Seders. She advised readers to stock up on certain foods and plan menus in advance. "You have to think ahead and plan out the whole week. Once Passover starts, you're toast," she said.

- In an April 15, 2005, article, Stephanie Savir explained the trick to not being stressed out

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during Passover is proper planning and organization. Some of her tips to reduce Passover pressure included to start cleaning as early as possible, involve children in cleaning and shopping, review cookbooks for Passover recipes, take all new kitchenware to a mikvah in advance and look over the haggadah.

- Former CJN supplements editor Nina Light wrote in an April 18, 1997 article that Passover cooking can provide a challenge to even the most seasoned chefs. Rather than focusing on the task, Light recommended viewing Passover as an opportunity to challenge one's culinary

skills. Light said she used the holiday as a way to build on basic time saving and health-conscious

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Calipari, Lebron and Cavs – how would that look?



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Four years is a long time in a professional sports career. Cleveland Cavaliers fans have, for the most part, softened their stance on LeBron James, who had every right to become a free agent, but made the worst possible choice in how to do it.

It is not hard to justify why he left Cleveland, but it is nearly impossible, and James has pretty much admitted that, to defend his “decision.” While the national media focuses in on a James jersey being torched after the televised announcement, it is the general belief that only one jersey was torched, its owner urged on by a television crew.

If James decides to opt out of his Miami contract this summer, which is one of his options, and comes back home, there will be a segment of the fan base that will never accept this second decision. Others will have trouble accepting it, but by about halftime of his first game upon his return, they will be back in the fold.

Remembering how owner Dan Gilbert reacted the night of The Decision, fans would have never thought he would soften his stance and at least flirt with the idea of James coming back. The night he wrote the e-mail condemning James, he didn’t have the Horseshoe Casino up and operating. He does now. James wasn’t too far off when, just after being drafted by the Cavs, he said, “I’m going to light up the town like Vegas.” Remember, when the casino vote was taken, Gilbert, the front man, was a very popular man in town for taking the team to the NBA Finals in 2007.

John Calipari, who has taken his Kentucky Wildcats to the NCAA

Final Four this year, has been at the school since 2009. His hiring was fully supported by LeBron James, and Calipari welcomed the endorsement, knowing James could be used as a recruiting tool, despite the fact Ohio State has “adopted him” and has a locker set aside for him at Value City Arena. One of Calipari’s first moves was to hire Brandon Weems, a high school teammate of James, as a graduate assistant. Weems is an assistant at Oakland, a Michigan school in the Horizon League, where Cleveland State resides.

After a successful Marcus Camby run at UMass, Calipari had a short, three-year run as head coach of the New Jersey Nets, from 1996 to 1999, making the playoffs once on the last day of one season. He became an assistant at Philadelphia before going back to the college ranks at Memphis, where he had success. One of his assistants, Josh Pastner, now runs the show at Memphis.

While succeeding with one-and-done players at Kentucky, Calipari may want to make another run at the NBA. Dan Gilbert felt he had to fire Mike Brown four years ago in an attempt to keep James here. After his rehiring, he may have to fire him again to get James back. As unlikely as it sounds, a Gilbert-Calipari matchup could be the thing to get it done.

Think about it. Look at what the Miami Heat and Cleveland Cavaliers would look like next year. Put the rosters on a sheet of paper, without writing down LeBron James’ name. Then put him in the starting lineup on both teams, especially with the questionable health of Dwyane Wade. Which one looks better to you? Right now, James is carrying the Miami load mostly by himself, something that wore on him in Cleveland. And it would get worse for him next year if he stays. For a guy looking to chase down Michael Jordan’s title count, as strange as it sounds, it might be easier to continue the chase here instead of there. And John Calipari could be the guy to help get it done.

Les Levine can be seen statewide on “More Sports and Les Levine” on Time Warner Cable SportsChannel (1311 or 311) from 6 to 7 p.m. weekdays, with replays at 10 p.m. and 7 to 8 a.m. the next day. Connect with him on Facebook at ClevelandJewishNews, or on Twitter @LesLevine.

Make plans for Passover Seder in the community

Beth El Congregation

Beth El Congregation will host a Second Night Community Passover Seder at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 15.

The Seder, led by Rabbi Stephen and Judy Grundfast, will include creative songs, readings and lively discussions. Cost is \$28 for adults, \$12 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under. Paid reservations are due by April 2. Beth El Congregation is at 750 White Pond Drive in Akron. For more information, call 330-864-2105 or office@bethelakron.org.

Beth El-The Heights Synagogue

Beth El-The Heights Synagogue will host a Pre-Passover Pasta Palooza from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Sunday, April 13 in the synagogue’s social hall. Cost is \$12 per person or \$36 per household. Children age 5 and under are free. Prepaid reservations are requested by April 8, but walk-ins are welcome. Beth El-The Heights Synagogue is at 3245 Desota Ave. in Cleveland Heights. For more information, contact Scott Wachter at 216-932-5964 or wachter@nacs.net.

Congregation Kol Chadash

Congregation Kol Chadash will host a women’s Seder at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, April 12 at the synagogue. Women are invited to the Seder for an interactive explanation of the Seder from a women’s perspective. Cost is \$10 per person for dinner and a program. Kol Chadash brotherhood will host its third annual pre-Passover Pancake Pigout from 9 a.m. to noon, Sunday, April 13. Tickets are \$5 and include all-you-can-eat homemade pancakes, juice and coffee. The synagogue also will host its Second Night of Passover Seder at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 15. The Seder will include a homemade meal of salmon, chicken, matzah ball soup, gefilte fish, salad, potato kugel, drinks and desserts. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for children ages 4 to 12. Children under 4 are free. Congregation Kol Chadash is at 6545 SOM Center Road in Solon. For more information, call 440-263-5571 or visit www.kolchadash.org.

Montefiore

Montefiore in Beachwood is hosting programs and Seders in April to celebrate Passover. The programming starts at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 8 as Rabbi Enid Lader of Beth Israel-The West Temple discusses her life journey and memories of Passover. Later that day at 2:30 p.m. Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk, Rabbi Joshua Caruso and Cantor Sarah Sager of Anshe Chesed-Fairmount Temple in Beachwood will help residents prepare for Passover with teachings, music and discussions. Both programs will take place in the Maltz Chapel/Auditorium. A first night of Passover Seder will be held at 5 p.m., Monday, April 14 in the Maltz Chapel/Auditorium. A second night Seder will be at 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 15 in the resident dining rooms.

Services will be held throughout the week of Passover. Services are led by Rabbi Joel Chazin, Montefiore chaplain, with cantor soloist Cheryl Eitman and pianist Trina Miller

in the Maltz Chapel/Auditorium.

For more information, call 216-360-9080 or visit www.montefiorecare.org.

Park Synagogue East

Park Synagogue will begin its Passover celebration with a congregational Seder at 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, April 15 at Park Synagogue East, 27500 Shaker Blvd. in Pepper Pike. The Seder will be conducted by Rabbi Sharon Marcus. Cost is \$39 for adult synagogue members, \$45 for adult nonmembers, \$15 for children ages 4 to 10 and free for children 3 and under. Prepaid reservations are required by Friday, April 4. Families are invited to take a break and join the community for a Kosher for Passover dinner at 6:45 p.m., Friday, April 18 at Park Synagogue East. The evening will include a Passover dinner buffet. Cost is \$19.95 adults, \$13.95 children aged 4 to 10 and free children 3 and under. Prepaid reservations are required by Wednesday, April 9. Park Synagogue’s men’s club will host a special Shabbat service and luncheon at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 19 at Park Synagogue East. The sermon will be led by Justin Bachman of Solon, founder of the Tolerance Fair. Following services, guests are invited to attend a Kosher for Passover buffet lunch plus a lecture by Eric Fingerhut, president and CEO of Hillel International, who will speak on “The Importance of Hillel in College Life.” Cost is \$12 adults, \$13.95 children aged 4 to 10 and free children 3 and under. Prepaid reservations are required by Friday, April 11. For more information or to RSVP to an event, visit www.parksynagogue.org.

Temple Beth Shalom

Temple Beth Shalom will host its annual Family Passover Seder at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 15 in the temple’s Social Hall. A service led by Rabbi Sheldon Ezring will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a family-style dinner catered by Ivan Lefkowitz, a congregant and owner of Ivan’s Deli and Catering in Fairlawn. The cost for congregants is \$30 for adults and children ages 10 and over, \$12.50 for children ages 5 to 9 and free for children 4 and under. The cost for nonmembers is \$36 for adults and children. Temple Beth Shalom is at 50 Division St. in Hudson. For more information, call 330-656-1800 or visit www.tbshudson.org.

Temple Israel Ner Tamid

Temple Israel Ner Tamid will host a pre-Passover Model Seder at 6 p.m., Friday, April 11. Cost is \$5 per person. Children ages 6 and under are free. The temple will host its congregational second night Passover Seder at 5:45 p.m., Tuesday, April 15. Cost is \$36 for adults, \$10 for children ages 6 to 10, and free for children under 5. Temple Israel Ner Tamid is at 1732 Lander Road in Mayfield Heights. For more information, call 440-473-5120 or visit www.tintcleveland.org.

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Joan Ellison and Mark Flanders

Ken Burns Visits Kent State

Filmmaker Ken Burns will speak at the fifth Kent State University Presidential Speaker Series at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, in the Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center.

"It is a true honor to bring Ken Burns to Kent," said KSU President Lester A. Lefton. "As one of the most influential filmmakers of all time, he has brought history to life for millions around the world."

The Emmy Award-winning Burns has written, directed and produced some of the most acclaimed and highest-rated historical TV documentaries made, including his landmark PBS series, "The Civil War."

For more information, call 330-672-2216 or visit www.kent.edu.

Cleveland Ballet Youth Company debuts

Don't miss the first public performance of the Cleveland Ballet Youth Company and the newly formed Cleveland Ballet Orchestra at 7 p.m. Friday, April 25 in PlayhouseSquare's Hanna Theatre. "Where it All Began" will feature works by artistic director Gladisa Guadalupe and internationally renowned choreographer Medhi Bahiri, set to the sounds of prominent composers. With sights set on revitalizing a professional ballet company in Cleveland, this performance marks a milestone in the organization's efforts to return to the original home of the former Cleveland Ballet.

For tickets, which are \$39 to \$94, call 216-241-6000 or visit www.PlayhouseSquare.org.

Danceworks '14

Each year Cleveland Public Theatre showcases Northeast Ohio's contemporary dance companies as it premieres new work and revive celebrated performances at the Gordon Square Theatre. Six dance companies take the stage at 7:30 p.m. over four weeks: Inlet Dance Theatre (Thursday, April 10 to Saturday, April 12); Travesty Dance Group and Double-Edge Dance (Thursday, April 17 to Saturday, April 19); Antaeus Dance and Shen & Bones Performance Group (Thursday, April 24 to Saturday, April 26); and Verb Ballets (Thursday, May 1 to Saturday, May 3).

For tickets, which are \$12, call 216-631-2727 or go to www.cptonline.org.

Bob's Best Bet

Jason Odell Williams' "Handle With Care" – a new comedy about love and the importance of GPS-enabled tracking devices – is making its regional premiere at Actors' Summit in Akron. Director Connie Thackaberry, who attended the Actors Studio with the playwright and knew about his play during its early stages of development, snapped up its production rights.

The New York Times called the

recent off-Broadway production "hilarious and heartwarming. ... a Jewish Christmas story." Time Out New York referred to the work as a "mix of sitcom-level farce, intergenerational schmaltz and cross-cultural romance." Actors' Summit does schmaltz well.

The show runs through Sunday, April 13. For tickets, which range from \$10 to \$33, call 330-374-7568 or visit www.actorssummit.org.

Subscriptions on sale for 2014-15

- Great Lakes Theater will commence its 2014-15 season with Shakespeare's battle of the sexes, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," presented in rotating repertory with Boublil and Schönberg's Tony Award-winning musical epic, "Les Miserables" (Friday, Sept. 26 to Sunday, Nov. 9). The company's annual production of Dickens' holiday classic, "A Christmas Carol" (Saturday, Nov. 29 to Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2014) will bisect the season. In the spring, The Hanna Theatre stage will showcase the classic thriller "Dial 'M' for Murder" by Frederick Knott (Friday, Feb. 27 to Sunday, March 22, 2015) followed by Shakespeare's magical romance, "The Tempest" (Saturday, April 4 to Sunday, 19, 2015).

Subscriptions start at \$138 for adults and \$39 for students. Call 216-664-6064 or visit www.greatlakes theater.org.

- Opening the Cleveland Play House's 99th consecutive season is Lillian Hellman's drama "The Little Foxes" (Friday, Sept. 12 to Sunday, Oct. 5) followed by Idris Goodwin's "How We Got On" (Friday, Oct. 24 to Saturday, Nov. 16), a play that celebrates loyalty, friendship and the pursuit of joy. Hot music is in store for the cold winter when Olivier Award winner "Five Guys Named Moe" (Friday, Jan. 23 to Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015) burns up the Allen Theatre stage, followed by "The Pianist of Willesden Lane" (Friday, Feb. 27 to Sunday, March 22, 2015), adapted by noted composer, playwright and actor Hershey Felder. Two comedies round out the season: Christopher Durang's "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" (Friday, April 3 to Sunday, April 26, 2015) and a world premiere of

"Fairfield" (Friday, May 1 to Sunday, May 24, 2015) by Cleveland-based and Broadway-produced playwright Eric Coble.

Subscriptions range from \$90 (for students) to \$377. Call 216-400-7096 or go to www.clevelandplayhouse.com.

- In order to appease their current season ticket holder base of 29,000+ and new audiences alike, the next PlayhouseSquare's KeyBank Broadway Series will offer a range of musicals.

They are "Motown the Musical" (Friday, Oct. 3 to Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014), about Motown founder Berry Gordy's musical journey; "Newsies" (Tuesday, Nov. 4 to Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014), which is set in the late-1800s and tells the tale of a ragged band of teenaged newsies who dream of a better life; the classic holiday movie-turned-stage production "Irving Berlin's White Christmas" (Tuesday, Dec. 2 to Sunday, Dec. 14); "Pippin," the 2013 Tony Award winner for Best Musical Revival about a young prince on a death-defying journey; the film-turned stage production "Dirty Dancing" (Tuesday, March 3 to Sunday, March 22, 2015) about two fiercely independent young spirits from different worlds who come together for one short summer; "Kinky Boots" (Tuesday, April 7 to Sunday, April 9, 2015), which follows a struggling shoe factory owner who turns his business around with help from Lola, a guy looking for a sturdy set of stilettos; and the classic fairytale "Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella" (Tuesday, July 21 to Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015).

Season ticket packages, which range from \$70 to \$610, are available by calling 216-640-8800 or by going to www.PlayhouseSquare.org/broadway.

Fictional 'Clybourne Park' offers plenty of reality



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Sometimes a fictional address – such as the residence of Sherlock Holmes or Henry Higgins or Sweeney Todd – takes on significance beyond the place where a character hangs his hat. It becomes an integral part of the storytelling.

This is certainly the case with 406 Clybourne St.

This is the address that promised a better life to the Younger family in Lorraine Hansberry's classic play, "A Raisin in the Sun." It is 1959 and the house, which is located in the exclusively white neighborhood of fictional Clybourne Park in Chicago, is being sold to an African-American family. The story is told from the Youngers' perspective as they are approached in their inner-city apartment by Karl Lindner, a representative of the Clybourne Park neighborhood association who has been tasked with talking them out of moving in.

It is 1959 once again in Bruce Norris' Pulitzer Prize-, Tony Award- and Olivier Award-winning play "Clybourne Park," at the Cleveland Play House at PlayhouseSquare.

And, in a wonderfully conceived, cleverly written and socially conscious bit of storytelling, we witness a parallel conversation to the one taking place in "A Raisin in the Sun." It occurs in the residence of 406 Clybourne St. between Russ and Bev, the owners of the home, and disconcerted members of the neighborhood. Included is Lindner, fresh from his visit with the Youngers.

In the second act of this play, we fast-forward 50 years. Over time, Clybourne Park has changed into an African-American community that has seen better days. It is finally on the rise, however, and the now-dilapidated property at 406 Clybourne has been sold to an affluent white couple with plans to demolish and rebuild the house, much to the chagrin of the neighbors.

Collectively, the two acts of this play tell the troubling tale of middle class hypocrisy. We witness supposedly civilized people behaving badly when race becomes an issue and the



TAYLOR CRICHTON

Roya Shanks as Bev and Remi Sandri as Russ in Clybourne Park.

devaluation or gentrification of real estate becomes the battleground.

In 1959, prejudice is politely albeit blatantly acknowledged. In 2009, it is given a thin veneer of political correctness. By juxtaposing the two, the playwright is telling us is that, in American society, the more things change, the more they remain the same.

To drive home this point, the same performers appear in 1959 and 2009 but play different characters that sport the same hypocrisies. Identical fragments of conversations from the first act are cleverly woven into the second.

Added to the mix is strategically overlapping dialogue, escalating shouting matches, racist and sexist jokes that both build and relieve dramatic tension, and as many poignant moments as there are humorous ones. This play is brilliantly constructed.

So, too, is the set that represents the period-appropriate interior of 406 Clybourne St. The set was originally designed by G.W. Mercier for the Geva Theatre Center in Rochester, N.Y., which is co-producing this show with the

WHAT: "Clybourne Park"
WHERE: The Allen Theatre, PlayhouseSquare in downtown Cleveland
WHEN: Through Sunday, April 13
TICKETS: \$15-\$72, 216-241-6000 or to www.clevelandplayhouse.com

Cleveland Play House. Director Mark Cuddy, his creative team, and all but two of the actors in this CPH production just completed a four-week run in Rochester.

It shows, for this production is as tight as a drum and the acting by Remi Sandri, Roya Shanks, Kristen Adele, Jim Poulos, Jessica Kitchens, Christian Pedersen, Daniel Morgan Shelley and Bernard Bygott is superb.

Yet, some of the acting choices are not.

As if to help mine the humor out of a first act laden with much of the play's dramatic exposition, some of the characters are played like caricatures. Roya Shanks as Bev, Christian Pedersen as Karl Lindner and Jim Poulos as a well-intended neighbor seem to have stepped out of a 1950s TV sitcom and onto this stage. They play everything broadly, for the laugh, which would be fine – though not desired – if everyone on stage drank the same Kool-Aid. However, others manage to be realistic and effectively funny.

Remi Sandri as Bev's husband Russ, is brilliant. Understated in his actions, deliberate in his delivery and possessing perfect comic timing, Sandri – one of the actors who joined the cast for the CPH production – is a pleasure to watch.

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Handle 'Handle With Care' with some forgiveness



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At the start of Jason Odell Williams' new romantic comedy, "Handle With Care," at Actors' Summit in Akron, we find its characters stuck in a cheap motel room in a tiny rural Virginia community during a Christmas Eve snowstorm.

Ayelet is a young Israeli woman on a road trip with her grandmother, Edna, who died earlier that morning, and whose body has just been lost by the DHX shipping company in route to the airport.

Joining Ayelet in the room is Terrence, the dismayed deliveryman who lost the body, and his Jewish friend, Josh, who has been brought in to help communicate with Ayelet even though his Hebrew does not extend beyond the memorized Haftorah portion of his bar mitzvah.

Killing time and searching for common ground, they turn on the TV and find only the holiday standard, "It's a Wonderful Life."

Subtlety is not this playwright's strong suit, for this small, seemingly inconsequential contrivance serves to plow the path for the play's big payoff: a George Bailey-esque Christmas miracle. By the end of the play, the characters have found what has been lost, including faith in a divine plan, joy in life's simple pleasures, and of course, the dead grandmother.

Originality is not his strength either, for too many aspects of "It's a Wonderful Life" permeate the play's substance and structure. If homage was the intention, impudence is the result.

Frank Capra-inspired corniness dominates the writing. Set in the year 2008, "Handle With Care" often reads as if written in 1946.

And the play is similarly predictable, with upcoming plot points being seen a mile away because of the blatant hints dropped by the characters. It is obvious from the get-go that Ayelet, whom we are told is newly single and has sworn off men, will connect with Josh, whom we are told is a recent widower who has isolated himself from the world.

Even our guide on this journey – the deceptively dimwitted Terrence – is modeled after the film's angel, Clarence, from his stumbling wisdom to his private conversations with the heavens. The scene where



Ayelet (Natalie Sander Kern) and Josh (Keith E. Stevens) fall in love in "Handle With Care."

BRUCE FORD

he earns his wings must have been deleted in a final rewrite.

While "It's a Wonderful Life" manipulated time by citing a world without George Bailey inside a world with him, the action in "Handle With Care" flips back and forth between Dec. 24 and the day before, when Ayelet and her grandmother arrive at the motel. The result is less effective, for this tends to disrupt and then diffuse many of the dramatic and comedic moments that pepper this play.

But just as the film showcased the brilliant performances of Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed, this production puts on display the exceptional work of Keith E. Stevens as Josh and Natalie Sander Kern as Ayelet.

Both Stevens and Kern rise above the material by bringing charisma and chemistry to this production. They turn tepid and often banal writing into genuinely moving moments, charm their way through the play's more contrived instances, and even out the occasionally ungainly exchanges with Marci Paolucci as Edna and Arthur Chu as Terrence.

Director Constance Thackaberry keeps everything moving at a brisk pace, which is conducive to the comedy and distracts us from the inanity.

WHAT: "Handle With Care"
WHERE: Actors' Summit, Greystone Hall in downtown Akron
WHEN: Through Sunday, April 13
TICKETS: \$10 - \$33, 330-374-7568 or www.actorssummit.org

And with the assistance of Hebrew coach Oudi Singer, who has taught at Temple Beth Shalom in Hudson, The Agnon School in Beachwood, the Lippman School and Beth-El Congregation in Akron, and Kol Chadash in Solon, volumes of untranslated dialogue

and broken English spoken by Ayelet are given authenticity.

Though well delivered, Handle With Care comes COD by asking its audience to forgive the playwright's creative trespasses and accept fine storytelling in lieu of a fine story. For those willing to do so, a real George Bailey-esque Christmas miracle has occurred.



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Anne Frank's cousin to appear at forum

Trinity Cathedral in downtown Cleveland will host "The Life of Anne Frank" from 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, April 24 at 2240 Euclid Ave.

The forum will feature Frank's cousin Buddy Elias and his wife, Gerti. The Rev. Otis J. Moss will make introductory remarks. The forum commemorates the 85th birthdays of Frank and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

A dessert reception and book signing will follow.

For more information, contact Fern Ruth Levy, director and founder of the Anne Frank Moral Courage Project, at 216-752-1818 or fruthlevy@gmail.com.

'Do the Mu!' at Massillon Museum

The next "Do the Mu!" session will be held from noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 5 at the Massillon Museum, 121 Lincoln Way East.

Do the Mu! adds a hands-dimension to the museum, providing an intergenerational, interactive outlet for creativity. During the session, instructor Amber Smith will focus on "The Art of Transformation," teaching participants the benefits of art therapy and relating the process to the healing nature of art for Nelly Toll, whose childhood artwork created while hiding in Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II is currently on display at the museum.

The workshop is free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required.

For more information, call 330-833-4061 or visit www.massillonmuseum.org.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Kent Dance Ensemble presents "Movin' On Up," 8 p.m., Kent State Center for the Performing Arts, 1325 Theatre Drive, Kent. Tickets: \$8-\$16, students free. Thru April 6. 330-672-2787 or www.kent.edu/artscollege.

Quiet Riot concert, 8 p.m., Hard Rock Rocksino, 10777 Northfield Road, Northfield Park. \$15-\$25. 21+ older. www.hrrocksinonorthfieldpark.com.

Screening of "In No Great Hurry: 13 Lessons in Life with Saul Leiter," 7:30 p.m., Cleveland Museum of Art, 11150 East Blvd., Cleve. Tickets: \$9 general admission, \$7 CMA members, seniors and students. 216-421-7350 or www.clevelandart.org/film.

Opening performance of "Gidion's Knot," 8 p.m., None Too Fragile Theater, 1835 Merriman Road, Akron. \$20. Thru April 19. 330-671-4563 or www.nonetoofragile.com.

Opening performance of "Bye Bye Birdie," 7 p.m., Olmsted Performing Arts Center, 6941 Columbia Road, Olmsted Falls. \$12.25-\$16.25. Thru April 6. 440-235-6722 or www.olmstedperformingarts.com.

"All Shook Up! The Elvis Musical," 7 p.m., Notre Dame College's Regina Auditorium, 4545 College Road, South Euclid. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 seniors and students. Tickets can be purchased with cash at the door only. Thru April 6. 216-373-5189.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Joe Hunter Trio CD release party, 8:30 p.m., Nighttown, 12387 Cedar Road, Cleveland Hts. \$10. 216-795-0550 or www.nighttowncleveland.com.

Do the Mu! The Art of Transformation with Amber Smith, noon-2 p.m., Massillon Museum, 121 Lincoln Way East, Massillon. Free. www.massillonmuseum.org.

Opening performance of "As You Like It," 7:30 p.m., Hanna Theatre, 2067 E. 14th St., Cleve. \$15-\$70. Thru April 19. 216-241-6000 or www.greatlakestheater.org.

Wet plate collodion tintype/ambrotype portraiture by artist Greg Martin, by appointment, Cleveland Print Room, 2550 Superior Ave., Cleve. \$50 deposit plus cost of portrait. 216-401-5981.

Opening performance of Aesop's "Pirate Adventure," 7 p.m., Reinberger Auditorium, 5209 Detroit Ave., Cleve. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and students, \$10 children under 12. Thru April 27. 216-264-9680 or www.talespinnerchildrenstheatre.org.

Build-a-Book, noon-4 p.m., MOCA Cleveland, 11400 Euclid Ave., Cleve. Free. 216-421-8671 or www.mocacleveland.org.

Opening reception for BJohn Tillotson: 35 Years of Black and White Photography, 6 p.m., South Franklin Circle's Great Room Gallery, 16575 S. Franklin St., Bainbridge Twp. Free. 440-247-1300 or www.southfranklincircle.org.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Chagrin Arts presents "Gershwin on Air," 3-5 p.m., Chagrin Falls High School's Performing Arts Center, 400 E. Washington St. Tickets: \$25 adult, \$20 student. 440-247-9700 or www.chagrinarts.org.

Annual Young Soloists Concerto Concert, 3:30 p.m., Conway Hall, 20701 Brantley Road, Shaker Hts. Free. 440-220-2040.

Staged reading of "Veils," 2 p.m., Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, 2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood. \$12. 216-593-0575 or www.maltzmuseum.org.

Screening of "Vincent & Theo," 1:30 p.m., Cleveland Museum of Art, 11150 East Blvd., Cleve. Tickets: \$9 general admission, \$7 CMA members, seniors and students. 216-421-7350 or www.clevelandart.org/film.

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Staged reading of "Veils," 2 p.m., Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, 2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood. Tickets: \$10 nonmembers advance and \$8 members advance or \$12 nonmembers door and \$10 members door. 216-593-0575 or www.maltzmuseum.org.

Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen - Poets of the Trenches, 2 p.m., Beachwood library, 25501 Shaker Blvd. www.cuyahogalibrary.org.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Play reading of "Beneath's Place," 7 p.m., Allen Theatre, 1407 Euclid Ave., Cleve. Free. www.clevelandplayhouse.com.

"Return of the Carousel" talk, 7 p.m., Olmsted Falls Library, 8100 Mapleway Drive. www.clevelandcarousel.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

"Return of the Carousel" talk, 7 p.m., Garfield Heights Library, 5409 Turney Road. www.clevelandcarousel.org.

Painting Panache, 1-3 p.m., ArtSpace Studio at Ursuline College, 2600 Lander Road, Pepper Pike. Designed for adults, seniors and those with special needs. \$165. Tuesdays thru June 17. 216-791-9303 or www.arttherapiststudio.org.

The Cleveland Chamber Music Society presents the Pavel Haas Quartet, 7:30 p.m., Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Road, Shaker Hts. Tickets: \$30, \$28 seniors, \$5 students. 216-291-2777 or www.clevelandchambermusic.org.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Cleveland Institute of Music at Severance: A Celebration of Community, 8 p.m., Severance Hall, 11001 Euclid Ave., Cleve. Tickets: \$20 reserved box, \$10 dress circle, \$5 orchestra. 216-231-1111 or www.clevelandorchestra.com. www.cim.edu/promos/severance.

John Jorgenson Quintet performance, 7 p.m., Nighttown, 12387 Cedar Road, Cleveland Hts. \$25. 216-795-0550 or www.nighttowncleveland.com.

"Return of the Carousel" talk, 7 p.m., Parma-Snow Library, 2121 Snow Road. www.clevelandcarousel.org.

Opening reception for 2014 Beachwood Schools K-12 Student Art Show, 5-7 p.m., Beachwood Community Center, 25225 Fairmount Blvd. Thru May 4. 216-292-1970 or www.beachwoodarts.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

"Islamic Art: By medium and motif" art to go series, 10:30 a.m., Montefiore, 1 David N. Myers Parkway, Beachwood. Free. Register at 440-543-4221 or mbaker@theweils.org.

"The Contemporary Significance of 'Never Again'" guest lecture with Michael Scharf, 7 p.m., Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, 2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood. \$12. 216-593-0575 or www.maltzmuseum.org.

"Rambling in Dorset," 7 p.m., Orange library, 31300 Chagrin Blvd., Pepper Pike. Register at 216-831-4282 or www.cuyahogalibrary.org.

National Alliance on Mental Illness presents "Junior," 8 p.m., Akron Civic Theatre, 182 S. Main St. \$15. 330-253-2488 or www.akroncivic.com.

Ars Futura + MOCA: The Avant-Garde Idol, 7:30 p.m., MOCA Cleveland, 11400 Euclid Ave., Cleve. \$8, free to MOCA members and Baldwin Wallace University and Cleveland State University students. 216-421-8671 or www.mocacleveland.org.

Opening performance of "A Killing Game," 7 p.m., Cleveland Public Theatre's James Levin Theatre, 6415 Detroit Ave., Cleve. \$12-\$28. Thru April 26. 216-631-2727 ext. 501 or www.cptonline.org.

Tuesday Musical Concert with Susan Graham, 7:30 p.m., E.J. Thomas Hall, 198 Hill St., Akron. \$25-\$55. 330-972-7570 or www.susangraham.com.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Student Theatre Festival, 8 p.m., Kent State Center for the Performing Arts, 1325 Theatre Drive, Kent. Free. Thru April 13. 330-672-2787 or www.kent.edu/artscollege.

Opening performance of "A Streetcar Named Desire," 8 p.m., The Cassidy Theatre, 6200 Pearl Road, Parma Hts. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$14 seniors and students. Thru April 27. 440-842-4600 or www.cassidytheatre.com.

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Pollard's release would be high-stakes gamble for US

LARA JAKES

AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON – The Obama administration is bringing the U.S. closer than it has been in years to granting convicted spy Jonathan Pollard an early release in a high-stakes gamble to advance Mid-east peace talks.

ANALYSIS



Pollard

If Pollard's freedom leads to a final peace settlement, it could mark a major victory for Secretary of State John Kerry, who has toiled to achieve an agreement between the Israelis and Palestinians after decades of distrust and violence. But if Pollard is freed and the talks fail, it could be a costly embarrassment.

Every president since Ronald Reagan has refused to release Jonathan Pollard from prison. A CIA director once threatened to resign when Bill Clinton briefly considered freeing the convicted spy as part of the peace talks.

The White House insisted April 1 that President Barack Obama has not decided whether to release Pollard, a former U.S. Navy analyst who was sentenced to life in prison nearly 30 years ago for selling classified military documents to the Israeli government. Kerry, asked about prospects for Pollard's release, told reporters at a NATO meeting in Brussels, "There is no agreement, at this point in time, regarding anyone or any specific steps."

"There are a lot of different possibilities in play," Kerry said. "All I can tell you is that we are continuing, even now as I am standing up here speaking, to be engaged with both parties to find the best way forward."

The U.S. initially hoped to secure a peace agreement by the end of April. When it became clear several months ago that neither side was close to an agreement, Kerry said he aimed to reach a framework by then to serve as the basis for continuing negotiations.

Releasing Pollard now, just to keep Israeli-Palestinian negotiations going, "portrays a weakness on our part and a certain amount of desperation," said Aaron Miller, who was part of the U.S. negotiating team at two rounds of peace talks during the Clinton administration. "It guarantees almost nothing."

Israel has for years pushed for Pollard to be freed, and gave him citizenship in the late 1990s. His release now could be used to give Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu political cover from fallout at home in exchange for concessions that could be made to the Palestinians to keep the talks going.

People briefed on the matter said those concessions could include Israel freeing Palestinian prisoners considered terrorists by many Israelis. The conditions also might require Israel to freeze construction in settlements in disputed territory and to continue in the negotiations, according to two people who spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the sensitive diplomacy by name. Palestinian leaders have balked at proposals that would have them relinquish much of Jerusalem and recognize Israel as a Jewish state.



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An ultra-Orthodox Jewish man walks past a banner depicting U.S. President Barack Obama and Jonathan Pollard, a Jewish-American who was jailed for life in 1987 on charges of spying on the United States, in Jerusalem March 17, 2013.

Palestinians 'don't want Kerry mission to fail'

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) – The Palestinians are not walking away from U.S.-led efforts to reach a peace deal with Israel, a top Palestinian official said April 2, a day after their renewed bid for international recognition of a "state of Palestine" threw Washington's already troubled Mideast mission into further disarray.

Israeli, Palestinian and U.S. negotiators were to meet April 2, officials familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

As part of the terms for returning to negotiations in late July, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas had promised to suspend Palestinian membership applications to United Nations agencies and international conventions.

Israel, in turn, pledged to release 104 long-held Palestinian prisoners during the talks, which were to last until late April.

But in a surprise move April 1, Abbas signed letters of accession to 15 international conventions, saying this was a response to Israel's failure to release the last of four groups of prisoners by the end of March.

Israel has not responded. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry canceled plans to return April 2 to the Middle East, but also said it's "completely premature" to write off the Israeli-Palestinian talks.

There were some indications from Palestinian officials that Abbas' unexpected step largely was intended as a pressure tactic. Keeping on good terms with the U.S. and negotiating the terms of a Palestinian state with Israel remain pillars of Abbas' political strategy.

Ex-Israeli PM Olmert guilty of bribery

Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert was convicted by an Israeli court March 31 on charges related to bribes he took as part of a real-estate deal.

According to the 700-page verdict issued by the Israeli Justice Department, Olmert, 68, was found guilty of two bribery charges for accepting \$160,000 from the developers of the massive Holyland apartment complex in Jerusalem while he was mayor of the city more than a decade ago.

Olmert resigned as prime minister in 2008 amid a separate corruption scandal. He was later acquitted of most of the charges in that case.

The verdict represents the first time a former Israeli prime minister has been convicted of bribery.

Peres: Judge Iran on record, not words

Israeli President Shimon Peres met with International Atomic Energy Agency Director-General Yukiya Amano March 31 in Vienna.

"The international community has some issues it must deal with, among them the Iranian nuclear program and the dismantling of nuclear arms in the Middle East," Amano said.

Peres said Iran "continues to enrich uranium and maintains the ability to develop nuclear weapons," and that such a development "is something that can only be judged by actions – there is a huge gap between what Iran says and what Iran does."

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SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Women and Birth Symposium, Independence Library, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 6361 Selig Drive. Free. 440-543-5353 or www.icanofgreatercleveland.org.

The Gail Bash Memorial Symposium: Understanding BRCA 1 & 2, 8 a.m., Corporate College East, 4400 Richmond Road, Warrensville Hts. Free. Advance registration required. 216-595-9546 or www.touchedbycancer.org.

City Year "Rock the Red Jacket" Gala, 6:30 p.m., Ariel International Center, 1163 E. 40th St., Cleve. 216-373-3404 or kcourtis@cityyear.org.

Cirque de Cleve' to benefit WomenSafe, 6-11 p.m., Crystal Brook Farm, 19000 Snyder Road, Bainbridge Twp. \$78. RSVP by March 21. www.newclevelanders.com/pay-for-social.

"Walk Down the Aisle with a Smile: Insight From our Wedding Planning Team," 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, 714 N. Portage Path, Akron. Tickets: \$35 nonmembers, \$28 members. Reservations required. 330-836-5533 or www.stanhywet.org.

"Responses of Professionals to the Pandemic of Human Trafficking," 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.,

Case Western Reserve University's Robbins Building, 2210 Circle Drive, Cleve. \$60 professionals, \$15 students. 440-346-2254 or www.hmhousing.org.

Brandon's Place "Spa Day" fundraiser, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Brandon's Place, 26118 Broadway Ave., Oakwood Village. 440-232-9906 or www.brandonsplace.org.

Vintners Dinner, 7 p.m., The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake, 4888 North Broadway. \$265 per couple. Reservations requested at 1-866-442-9765 or www.thelodgeatgeneva.com.

University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center Family Fun and Fitness Fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Warrensville Heights Family YMCA, 4433 Northfield Road. Free. 216-285-4069 or www.uhahuja.org/warrensvilleheights.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

The Agnon School's 25th annual benefit auction and raffle, 6-10 p.m., 26500 Shaker Blvd., Beachwood. \$75. 216-464-4055 ext. 124 or www.agnon.org.

B'nai Jeshurun HAZAK Spring Fling luncheon, 12:30 p.m., B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, 27501 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood. 216-292-2665.

J-Serve 2014: National Day of Jewish Youth Service, 1-5 p.m., Hiram House Camp, 22775 Hiram Trail, Chagrin Falls. sites.google.com/site/clevelandjservice.

Congregation Kol Chadash Passover cooking demonstrations, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Market District Giant Eagle, 34310 Aurora Road, Solon. 440-263-5571.

"100 Years of Running on the Shaker Rapid," 3-5 p.m., Shaker Historical Society, 16740 South Park Blvd., Shaker Hts. \$5 nonmembers, free members. Reservations required. 216-921-1201.

Organic law benefits training session, 3-5 p.m., Heights Christian Church, 17300 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Hts. Free. Reservations recommended. 216-561-4800 or heightschristian@sbcglobal.net.

Sing Into Spring fundraiser, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Mandel JCC, 26001 S. Woodland Road, Beachwood. \$20-\$25. 216-831-0700 ext. 1375 or www.mandeljcc.org/spring.

"Civic Commons: Online Innovation, Results and Next Steps" with Mike Shaferanko, 9:30-10:45 a.m., First Unitarian Church of Cleveland, 21600 Shaker Blvd., Shaker Hts. 216-751-2320.

16th annual SCUBA for Diabetes, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Cleveland State University's Busbey Natatorium, 2420 Chester Ave., Cleve. \$100. Register at www.scubafordiabetes.org.

Cleveland National College Fair, 1-4 p.m., Wolstein Center, 2000 Prospect Ave., Cleve. Free. Pre-register at www.gotomyncf.com.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Town Hall of Cleveland speaker series with Bob Woodward, 6 p.m. Ohio Theatre, 1511 Euclid Ave., Cleve. \$45. 216-241-1919 or www.townhallofcleveland.org.

Forest City Hebrew Benevolent Association meeting, 7:45 p.m., Oheb Zedek-Cedar Sinai Synagogue, 23749 Cedar Road, Lyndhurst. 216-464-7390.

"Through the Eyes of the Artist" with Suzanne Valadon, 3 p.m., South Franklin Circle's Chautauqua Room, 16575 S. Franklin St., Bainbridge Twp. Free. Open to the public. RSVP to 440-247-1300 or www.southfranklincircle.org.

East Cuyahoga County Genealogical Society meeting, 7 p.m., Ross C. DeJohn Community Center, 6306 Marsol Road, Mayfield Hts. 216-379-0749 or murrystacie@yahoo.com.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Jewish Federation of Cleveland's 110th annual meeting featuring author Ari Shavit, 7:30 p.m., B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, 27501 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood. Free. Registration recommended. 216-593-2900 ext. 744 or info@jfcfcleveland.org.

Park Synagogue sisterhood meeting and luncheon with Annabelle Weiss, Ilana Skoff and Steve Taylor, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Park Synagogue East, 27500 Shaker Blvd., Pepper Pike. Lunch costs \$7. For lunch reservations, contact Terry Juntoff at 216-464-2364.

"Ellen Goodman and The Conversation Project," 7:30 p.m., E.J. Thomas Hall, 198 Hill St., Akron. \$10. www.ticketmaster.com or www.uaevents.com.

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Nia for those touched by cancer, 6:30 pm., The Gathering Place East, 23300 Commerce Park, Beachwood. Tuesdays thru April 29. Free. 216-595-9546 or www.touchedbycancer.org.

Survivorship support group for those touched by cancer, 6:30 p.m., The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Drive, Westlake. Free. 216-595-9546 or www.touchedbycancer.org.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Cuyahoga county Arthritis Expo, 1 p.m., Corporate College East, 4400 Richmond Road, Warrensville Hts. Free. Pre-registration required. 216-831-7000 or spring2014expo.kintera.org.

Jewish Genealogy Society of Cleveland meeting with Rabbi Edward Boraz, 7:30 p.m., Menorah Park's Miller Board Room, 27100 Cedar Road, Beachwood. Free. 440-473-5364.

Home Repair Resource Center Senior Day, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., HRRC's Office/Teaching Center, 2520 Noble Road, Cleveland Hts. Free. 216-381-6100 ext. 22 or www.hrrc-ch.org.

Congregation Kol Chadash Passover cooking demonstrations, 6-8 p.m., Market District Giant Eagle, 34310 Aurora Road, Solon. 440-263-5571.

Singles Scene

APRIL 10

Cleveland Jewish Singles 35-55 meetup, 6:30 p.m., B Spot, 28699 Chagrin Blvd., Woodmere. RSVP at meetup.com/Cleveland-Jewish-Singles-35-55.

OBITUARIES

DUBICK, IRWIN

Irwin Dubick, Aug. 7, 1928 to March 24, 2013. Born in Cleveland, a U.S. Marine and founding owner of Trianon Lanes, Irv Dubick passed away in Miami, Fla., where he lived for the last 25 years.

A passionate art and glass collector, Irv was also quite proud of his service as an honor guard for President Harry S. Truman.

Survived by the "love of his life" Betty; brother, Will Dubick; stepsons, Jimi (Joy) Marshall and Richard (Ilisa) Hoffman; and grandsons, Rob and Michael.

Irv lived a full and happy life. He was a kind and good man who will forever be missed.

Contributions in his honor can be made to Temple Beth Am or to South Miami Hospital in Miami, Fla.



Dubick

GLAZER, ROSE

Rose Glazer (nee Maybloom) died March 26, 2014. She was 101.

Rose was born in Cleveland on Jan. 7, 1913, to Tillie and Max Maybloom. After living for years in Montreal, Rose graduated from high school in New York City and attended business school. She worked as an administrative assistant in a doctor's office while living in New York, and then in Cleveland she entered the sales and marketing profession. Rose was a member of the Liberty Aid Society and enjoyed reading, traveling and spending time with her family and friends.

Rose is survived by her children, Toby (Steve) Eisenberg of Beachwood and Larry Glazer of Aventura, Fla.; grandchildren, Michael (Lynn) Eisenberg of Boca Raton, Fla., and Michelle Eisenberg of Lyndhurst; great-grandchildren, Matthew, Drew and Charlee Rose; and sister, Shirley Diamond of Boca Raton. She was predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Morris Glazer and her brother, Abraham Maybloom.

Contributions are suggested to The Rose Glazer and Family "Thank You" Fund, c/o The Menorah Park Foundation.

SCHUCHMANN, LYNNE

Lynne Schuchmann (nee Hibshman) of Henderson, Nev., died March 26, 2014. She was 61.

Born in Cleveland in 1952 to Betty Hibshman Young and Melvin Hibshman, Lynne graduated from Cleveland Heights High School. She earned a nursing degree from The Ohio State University.

Lynne enjoyed spending time with her family, and playing bridge and tennis.

Lynne is survived by her husband of 39 years, Bob Schuchmann; son, Brian (Holly) Schuchmann of Henderson; daughter, Sara Schuchmann of Henderson; grandsons, Connor and Colton Schuchmann; and brother, Randy (Debbie) Hibshman of Coral Springs, Fla.

Contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society or your favorite charity.

OBITUARIES



SCHWARTZ, JACK

Jack H. Schwartz, a lifelong Clevelander, died March 21 at age 91. Jack graduated from Shaker Heights High School and Adelbert College of Western Reserve University. He served as a surgical tech sergeant in the 222nd Airborne Medical Co. of the 13th Airborne Division in World War II.

He founded and owned Drapery Masters and later co-founded National Biological Corp. and volunteered at Bellefaire and the Ronald MacDonald House. He was a member of the Jewish Big Brothers, Jewish War Veterans and The Temple-Tifereth Israel for more than 60 years. He enjoyed tennis, was an avid bridge player and a lifelong Cleveland Indians fan.

"Papa Jack" will be remembered for his integrity, his kindness, the twinkle in his eye and the warmth in his voice as he shared numerous stories and life lessons with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The wisdom, humor and courage he displayed when confronted with life's challenges will continue to be an example to his family and to all who knew him. He was a sweet gentleman who had a smile for everyone he met.

Jack was predeceased by his beloved wife of 53 years, Marjorie (nee Klaus); sons, Kenneth and Dan Schwartz; and granddaughter, Rachel Schwartz. Jack is survived by his daughter, Ruth (Dr. Douglas) Mayers and daughter-in-law, Cathie Schwartz; grandchildren, Debra (Jason) Hollander, Joshua (Lisa) Mayers, David Mayers, Benjamin, Nathaniel and Alana Schwartz; and great-grandchildren, Maya, Adam and Noa Hollander and Ellie and Nina Mayers.

Contributions may be made to The Schwartz Family Fund at The Temple-Tifereth Israel.



ROSMAN, JACK

Jack W. Rosman, age 94, World War II Army Air Corps veteran. Loving husband for 24 years of Helene "Bobbie" Schwartz Rosman of and Helen Solomon Rosman, deceased, wife of 49 years; father of Fran (Jeffrey) Kravitz and Warren (Debra) Rosman; stepfather of Sue (Ray) Crampton and Michael (Chrys) Schwartz; brother of Gloria (Jerry, deceased) Frisch; grandfather of five and great-grandfather of six, as well as many loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jack was born on April 10, 1919, in Chicago, Ill. During his youth, he moved between Chicago, New York City and Cleveland. In Chicago, he was a wrestler in high school. He transferred to Cleveland Heights High School in his junior year and played on the varsity football and basketball teams. He graduated in 1937. Two years later, he married Helen Rosman.

During World War II, Jack was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Force. For much of the war he was stationed at the U.S.A.A.F. base in Yuma, Ariz., where he was a chief mechanic, working primarily on B-17s. After the war, Jack came back to Cleveland and founded the Ross Printing Co., which he operated for more than 40 years. It was located on East 4th Street near Prospect Avenue. Jack had a lifetime interest in boating. He was a member of Lakeside Yacht Club and served as commodore in 1975.

Jack's first wife, Helen, died in 1989. He remarried, to Bobbie Schwartz, and they retired to Florida. They first lived in Lauderhill, Fla., where Jack was on the board of trustees of Environ Condominium. Bobbie and Jack then moved to Boynton Beach, Fla., and then to Lake Mary, Fla. Jack died after a short illness on March 26, 2014, in Altamonte Springs, Fla., a few days short of his 95th birthday.

Donations may be made to Animal Advocates Florida, Inc., P.O. Box 4321, Sanford, FL 32772 www.animaladvocates.rescueme.org.



GLAZER, ALBERT

Albert Glazer, 89, of Scottsdale, Ariz., died March 23, 2014.

Born in Cleveland on July 3, 1924, to William and Gertrude Glazer, Albert was a World War II veteran. He worked for 30 years as a self-employed electrical contractor and also owned a chain of dry cleaning stores.

Albert was a longtime member of the Forest City Hebrew Benevolent Association. He enjoyed golfing and spending time with his family. Albert would always answer the phone with a "What's up, Doc?"

Albert was predeceased by his wife of 46 years, Betty (nee Jacobs). He is survived by his children, Neil (Vera), Tammy (Joseph) Levine, and Karen (the late Scott) Forbes; grandchildren, Michelle (Ray) Rosman, Joel, Alex, Brandon, Ashlee and Ian; brother Sanford Glazer; sister-in-law, Lillian Jacobs; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Contributions are suggested to V.A. Medical Center, Attn. Building No. 23 Hospice Unit, Code: GPF9981, 650 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ 85012-1892.



ELLIS, LAWRENCE

Lawrence Ellis died March 15, 2014. He was 64. Larry was born on Dec. 12, 1949, and graduated from Beachwood High School in 1967. He worked in the furniture industry for 38 years.

Larry will always be remembered as the guy who always had a smile on his face. He was a warm, loving, compassionate man who adored his family and always put others before himself. He loved the outdoors and spending time with his family and many friends. He never had a negative word to say about anyone. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. The world lost an amazing man with a beautiful soul.

Larry is survived by his wife of 38 years, Debora (Bonn); his daughters, Amanda (Maj. Daniel) Rosenberg of Stafford, Va., and Julie (Daniel) White of Gates Mills; five grandchildren, Abigail, Zachary and Hailey Rosenberg and Jordyn and Remington White; and niece, Brianne Ellis, along with his devoted golden retriever, Luke, which gave him great comfort in his last months. Larry was predeceased by his parents, Ozzy and Lillian Ellis and sister, Robin Ellis.

Contributions are suggested to The Animal Protective League (1729 Willey Ave., Cleveland, OH 44113) or the Geauga Humane Society (16349 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023).

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OBITUARIES



GOLDBERG, BETH

Beth Goldberg, a longtime resident of Beachwood, died on March 28 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. She was 74.

She was the wife of the Gerald "Jerry" Goldberg, who predeceased her on the same date a year earlier.

Goldberg

Beth was the beloved mother of Michael (Shari) Goldberg of Pepper Pike and Karen (Steve) Goff of Reston, Va. She was the devoted "Mimi" of Jackson and Noah Goldberg and Ryan Goff.

Beth was raised in Minneapolis and graduated from The Ohio State University in 1961. She moved to Cleveland in 1961 after marrying Jerry.

Beth worked as a social worker after college, but later stayed home to raise her children. She returned to work as a travel agent, working at several area travel agencies in the 1980s and early 1990s. She was a former member of Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple.

Beth was a lover of history and geography, reading stacks of books on those subjects. She enjoyed travel, from annual island vacations with her husband to a cross-country road trips with the entire family. She loved the outdoors after spending many happy summers at sleep-away camp and later at the Goldberg's cabin in upstate New York. She also could do The New York Times crossword puzzle and any Sudoku in ink.

Beth successfully beat breast cancer after her diagnosis in 1986. She continued to live a full life after the cancer returned in 2011.

Memorial contributions can be made to Vinney Hospice at Montefiore, where the staff took excellent care of Beth in her final months, or to the charity of your choice.

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KOCHMAN

In loving memory of Ben Kochman, husband of Frieda Kochman; father of Neal Kochman (Ellen Brondfield), Ellen Kochman-Simon (Edward Simon) and Shari Kochman; grandfather of Case Fernandes (Edgar Fernandes), Sharle Kochman, Ross Brondfield, and Drew Kochman; great-grandfather of two; brother of Abe Kochman and the late Leo Kochman, Adell Newby, Sanford Kochman, Liz Gates and Myrt Cohen, a monument will be dedicated at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13 at Mount Olive Cemetery. Rabbi Zachary Truboff will officiate. Monument provided by Solon Granite.

LAPIDUS

Dedication services in loving memory of Frances Esther Lapidus, mother of Joshua Karlen, Eli Karlen, Jessie Catan, Eva Santamaria and Zach Santamaria, grandmother of seven, sister of the late Tully Lapidus, sister-in-law of Roselyn Lapidus will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 6 at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

NEHMAN, LEONARD

Leonard R. Nehman, 95, of Bainbridge Township, died March 24, 2014.

Born in Cleveland on Nov. 15, 1918, Leonard graduated from John Adams High School and attended Case Institute of Technology. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, which took him to many locations, including Greenland.

Leonard worked as a manager of a State Liquor Store, and as a movie projectionist. As an electrical contractor, Leonard was the owner of Nehman Electric. He was also a member of IATSE Local 160. Leonard enjoyed operating his ham radio, and was very devoted to his family.

Leonard is survived by his children, Nanci Pompan of Springfield, N.J., and William Nehman (Susan Balon) of Montgomery, Texas; stepchildren, Mitchell Freiberg, Gail Hoicowitz and Alan Friberg; and grandchildren, Jonathan (Heidi Wicker) and Seth Pompan. Leonard was married twice and both wives predeceased him; Ruth (Zivov) to whom he was married for about 30 years, and then Shirely (Freiberg) to whom he was married for about 25 years. He was also predeceased by his parents, Barnet and Mary Nehman and brother, Arthur.

Contributions are suggested to The Weil's Staff Appreciation Fund, c/o Montefiore Foundation.



FIHN, PAUL

Paul David Fihn passed away Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014, in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where he resided for the past six years. Paul was born on April 27, 1945, in Cleveland.

He graduated from Charles F. Brush High School in 1963 and from Miami University in 1967 and completed his Master of Business Administration at the University of Chicago in 1972. Paul cultivated deep relationships and spread his curiosity and zest for life to family and friends in Cleveland and the cities he called home throughout his adult life: Chicago; Denver; Bellingham, Wash.; Los Angeles; and Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Paul's career began at Paper Moon Graphics in Chicago, and he later became business manager for a stained glass company in Denver. In 1986, he broke from the corporate world and journeyed to Southeast Asia, in what was the first of many visits to Thailand, the country that would become the inspiration and production base for his company, the Raintree Collection. "Inspired by the East ... Created for the West," Raintree first branded small wooden puzzles and games, later elevating the business to high-end home furnishings, largely made of bamboo and teak. Paul fell in love with Thailand and its people, which led to his retirement to Chiang Mai in 2007. Up until his last day, he lived a rich and active life often on the tennis court, hiking trail, art gallery, meditation retreat or travels to a new destination in Asia, Africa and beyond.

Highlighted in local magazines for its unique design quality, Paul's home in Chiang Mai suited him both as a comfortable venue for social gatherings and a sanctuary for peaceful reflection. Paul volunteered with Chiang Mai City Life, developing the arts in Chiang Mai. Paul also made a difference in the lives of many Thai orphans, working with The Bridge of Life, as well as with several other orphanages.

Paul was predeceased by his parents, Goldye and Irving Fihn. Paul is survived by his loving sisters, Noreen Siavoshi of Las Vegas and Jackie Fihn Lurie (Chuck), his devoted nephew and niece, Jay Lurie of Singapore and Alissa Lurie of Ann Arbor, Mich. Paul is also survived by his loving cousins and many close friends around the world.

A memorial/stone setting service will be held Friday, April 18 at Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland. Meet at 2:45 p.m. at the Mayfield Gate of Lake View Cemetery where we will be led to Paul's final resting place by the pond near Wade Chapel.



LANDIS, KENNETH

Kenneth Joseph Landis of Stow died March 21, 2014. He was 69. Loving husband of 35 years to Deborah; dear father of Kimberly Flowers (nee Landis) of Columbus, Ohio; Carolyn Landis of Columbus; Heather Grise (nee Landis) of Columbus; and Shannon Landis of Macedonia; adored grandfather of Braelin and Brody Flowers and Lily Grise; brother of Bruce Landis of Coral Springs, Fla.

Born on Dec. 3, 1944, in Cleveland to Jean and Stuart Landis, Ken lived here his entire life – "the best location in the nation." Ken graduated from Cleveland Heights High School in January 1963 and was able to achieve a major goal recently by attending his 50th reunion. Throughout high school, he worked at many jobs around town – selling children's shoes at May Co. at Cedar Center, selling and changing snow tires and serving as gas attendant at Ed Hahn's Sonoco station, selling clothes on West 23rd Street in Cleveland, selling concessions at Cleveland Municipal Stadium and ushering and parking cars at Temple Emanu El.

Ken attended John Carroll University before becoming owner of Allied Decals, Inc. on Miles Avenue and in Stow, and Allied Printing Solutions in Oakwood Village. Four years ago, Ken handed the reigns over to his daughter Shannon, owner and operator of Gen3Printing in Twinsburg to represent and honor him as the third generation of the family in the printing industry.

A lover of the game of golf, Ken was president at Lake Forest Country Club from 1991 to 1995, where he was instrumental in new construction at the club and a new direction for sustainability of the club. For 26 years, Ken served as a committee member of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America annual charity golf tournament. He also volunteered with Big Brothers and Toys for Tots. He was first and always a "Road Lord" and loved classic cars including his favorite, the '65 GTO. He was the ultimate fan of the Cleveland Indians, Browns and Cavs, a believer in the slogan "there is always next year..." He enjoyed movies and listening to music with his ear buds. His choice in music was not what one would have thought by looking at him; "Sweet Home Alabama" was his ringtone.

With a razor sharp wit and even quicker mind, Ken was a natural stand-up comedian. He saw the good in people, no matter what, and was a fighter for the underdog, never judging. He stood up time and time again for what was right, even when it was not the popular or easy thing to do. He had the gift of asking, listening and then becoming involved in people's lives. Ken always felt that he wanted to do more, and that his job was never done. He worked through his illnesses, and genuinely lived his life having the gift for concern and caring.

When Ken would see servicemen/women out for meals, he would approach their table, shake their hands and thank them for their service. Unbeknownst to them at the time, he would also pick up their check.

Contributions are suggested to the CCFA Northeast Ohio Chapter, 4700 Rockside Road No. 425, Independence, OH 44131.

CABAKOFF, FLORENCE

Florence G. Cabakoff of Columbus, Ohio, died March 27, 2014. She was 97.

Florence was born on Oct. 11, 1916, in Cleveland to Samuel and Dora Garber. She was very active in Congregation Agudas Achim in Columbus and also belonged to Hadassah and USO. She enjoyed classical music and golf.

Florence was predeceased by her husbands, Dr. Izador Cabakoff and Dr. Meyer Hantman; son, Howard Cabakoff; brother, Irwin Garber and sisters, Zeldia Miller and Betty Garber. She is survived by her children, Jerome Cabakoff of Columbus and Steven Cabakoff of Columbus; grandchildren, Aimee and Rachel Cabakoff and sister-in-law, Marilyn Garber.

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RABBI EDDIE SUKOL ON TORAH

Four lepers walk into a bar. ... Well that's not really how this week's haftarah (prophetic reading) begins, but it's pretty close. Accompanying this week's Torah portion, Metzora, is the reading of a story from the Book of First Kings, chapter seven. The story dates back to the ninth century B.C.E.

Four men stricken with leprosy (today identified as Hansen's disease) have been shut out from the Israelite community and are dwelling together outside of their city. They fear for their lives because of the possibility of starvation from being cast out in a time of famine and siege. These four decide it would be better to risk death at the hands of the Arameans, an adversary, rather than simply starve to death by doing nothing. They head toward the Aramean encampment and as they approach,

they are surprised to discover all inhabitants have fled, completely abandoning their homes.

Metzora

Leviticus 14.1-15:33
2 Kings 7:3-20

This narrative, one of several that tells of the

miraculous works of the prophet Elisha (successor to the more well known Elijah), says this, "The Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sounds of horses and chariots and the stirrings of a large army. Thus they said to each other that we are about to be attacked by the powerful Hittite and Egyptian armies working in concert with the Israelite king."

Of note here is not the reality of the situation, but rather that which was perceived by the Arameans. No Israelite-Hittite-Egyptian alliance existed. No attack was underway or about to take place. The Arameans acted against their best interests out of fear and confusion.

This is the essential message this week. Fear destabilizes. Fear promotes irrational behavior. Fear causes us to flee when we should stand firm, or to fight when we should extract ourselves from a dangerous circumstance. Fear causes us to think irrationally. Our better judgment is compromised. Our imagination takes over and causes us to make poor decisions, based on "what if." False perception becomes reality and we act accordingly, letting our fear carry the day, rather than being guided by our calm, rational, and thoughtful decision making capability.

Nate Silver's book, "The Signal and The Noise" in 2012 is a worthwhile read about how to separate useful and reliable information from extraneous and unimportant data. Clarity of thought, and the ability to perceive with accuracy the reality of any given situation is critical to sound decision making. In every arena of our daily lives, we are constantly assessing and reassessing situations and making decisions about how to act, what to do, and what to say. Whether in personal or professional situations, or interactions with family and friends, we are always receiving information and having to make decisions. Our decisions are rooted in both intellect and emotion, and it is good, most of the time, to trust our instincts. Yet as this week's prophetic reading teaches, our best decision making occurs when we are free of fear. Our strength, our surety, is based on clarity, not false perception.

Rabbi Eddie Sukol leads *The Shul*, an educational outreach initiative in the Cleveland Jewish community (www.theshul.us).

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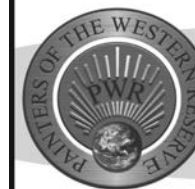


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