A happy secular new year to one and all. At Rosh Hashanah time, the Jewish new year is often shown with Hebrew letters. Currently we are in the year 5780, which would be represented as Tav-Shin-Pey. Tav has the numerical value of 400, Shin 300 and Pey 80, totaling 780 (the 5000 is assumed).

Using the ancient Jewish mathematical system called Gematria, a Hebrew word, root, or sometimes an acronym can be deciphered, yielding a definitive meaning for the year in question. For example, 25 years ago was 5755, depicted as Tav-Shin-Nun-Hey, which forms the word “Tishnah,” meaning “you will change,” certainly an appropriate thought with the onset of a new year. Not so much this year, as the only Hebrew word that comes close to Tav-Shin-Pey means “cosmetics!”

So let’s try something else. If you will permit me to take a bit of interpretive Gematria license here, we can apply this concept to the new secular year. 2020 is a number that usually has to do with vision. Quite literally, we talk about our eyes being 20-20 at the ophthalmologist’s office. There is the expression of looking at a particular problem with 20-20 hindsight, or overconfidence, something we certainly should try not to do. There’s even a news show on television called “20/20,” implying the viewing of current events with clarity and insight.

This new year 2020 can thus refer to having a sense of vision about how we see and perceive the world around us. It could mean seeing the big picture, not missing the forest for the trees, having insight into what will bring about a productive future. All these ideas are relevant to the big changes that will take place this coming year at Rodef Sholom and in our Jewish community. They may apply to your personal life as well. Are there any major changes looming on the horizon for you or your family in this secular new year? Will you meet these new challenges with vision and...
Upcoming Events

Tu Bishvat Pajama Seder (Tot Shabbat)
Saturday, February 1st
9:00am
Location: Wilkoff Library

VIEW FROM THE PULPIT CONT.

foresight, or will you be shortsighted in your approach, perhaps even blind to the possible effects or ramifications of these changes? G-d willing, each of us will respond to the changes in our lives with creative solutions, honest answers and sound approaches. Having a sense of vision is critical to achieving success for individuals, businesses and institutions alike.

This month we honor an American hero who had a great vision for our country—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will celebrate Dr. King’s legacy with a special service at Rodef Sholom on Friday evening, January 17, joined by our usual interfaith partners. Our guest speaker will be Robyn Woodbury, Director of the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches. Please mark this special event on your calendar and plan to attend. Details can be found further on in this bulletin.

May 2020 be a year of happiness, good health and blessings for all of us. May G-d give each of us, our Temple, our Jewish community, and our nation a sense of vision as we begin a new decade on the secular calendar.

Rabbi Muller

Should you need to reach Rabbi Muller after normal Temple office hours, in the evenings, or on the weekends, his cell phone number is (330)531-1461.
Imagine over 5,000 Reform Jews singing and dancing with Jewish Rock artist Michelle Citrin. Imagine a room full of Jewish professionals sharing the in Shechianu prayer as they enter into a week of intensive learning and professional development. Imagine having countless choices to strengthen our Jewish community—ranging from early childhood through transition and preparing for change programming. Imagine celebrating our heritage and religion in song and dance with 5,000 of your peers.

These are the experiences of participants at the 2019 NATA Conference and URJ Biennial. Reform Jews from around the world gathered to celebrate and strengthen their communities; our community.

The first weeks of December were immeasurably impactful for both myself and our Congregation Rodef Sholom community.

I was lucky enough to spend a week in December with synagogue Executive Directors from around the country. While at the National Association for Temple Administration (NATA) conference, we delved into the concepts of recreating sacred spaces to meet the needs of our congregation, recognizing the needs of our community, and the value of being prepared. We learned and studied with world-renowned speakers, rabbis, executive directors, and others. Informally, connections between Youngstown and synagogues around the country took place—enabling us to look and learn beyond ourselves.

What's more is what took place following the NATA conference. It was time for the 2019 URJ Biennial.

As the only representative from Congregation Rodef Sholom, I did not expect to know very many individuals at the conference; I was wrong. Much as promised, my NATA colleagues guided me throughout the conference and ensure that the appropriate connections were made. Meeting the URJ professionals, such as Rabbi David Fine, Rabbi Sam Joseph, Larry Glickman, Rabbi Cindy Enger, Rabbi Paula Feldstein, and Amy Aisin helped strengthen Rodef Sholom’s connection to the movement and created a sense of belonging and introduction to the bigger URJ picture.

During the conference we also heard from Rabbi Jonah Pesner, Director of the Reform Action Committee. We discussed how URJ policies and resolutions are formed and how our congregation can be at the table and involved in the big-picture conversation.

Our Temple is not on an island by itself. Our Reform beliefs, Jewish heritage, and congregational expectations have a vast network of people that are eager to bring us into the fold and greater URJ community. I look forward to working within our congregation to strengthen our connection to the URJ movement and implementing the lessons learned during my time at NATA and the 2019 URJ Biennial.

Sarah B. Wilschek
One of 5 double-sided panels with the names of all the affiliated URJ Congregations

Sarah standing proudly by Congregation Rodef Sholom’s leaf—representing a piece of the Etz Haim (Tree of Life) within the URJ

Sarah is pictured with the executive directors from three Cleveland Reform congregations. Pictured from left to right are Rene Higer, Brett Shankman, Steve Borstein, and Sarah Wilschek

Sarah joined over one thousand URJ Biennial participants in a spiritual song session welcoming Shabbat by marching from the hotel into Friday night services
JANUARY SERVICES

Friday, January 3rd, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Torah Portion: Vayigash, Genesis 44:18—47:27
Lay-Led Shabbat Service in Tamarkin Chapel

Friday, January 10th, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Torah Portion: Vayechi, Genesis 47:28—50:26
Shabbat Service in Tamarkin Chapel

Friday, January 17th, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Torah Portion: Shemot, Exodus 1:1—6:1
Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Shabbat Service in the Sanctuary with area churches and guest speaker, Robyn Woodbury, the Director of the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches.

Friday, January 24th, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Torah Portion: Va-eyra, Exodus 6:2—9:35
Shabbat Service in Tamarkin Chapel

Friday, January 31st, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Torah Portion: Bo, Exodus 10:1—13:16
Shabbat Service in Tamarkin Chapel

HAPPY NEW YEAR
In the rising of the sun and in its going down
We remember them
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter
We remember them

JANUARY 3, 2020

*Irving Bursack
Sally Chudakoff
*Morris Cohen
Harry Falkinson
*Curtis J. Fisher, M.D.
*Jerome H. Frankle, Jr.
*Charles I. Friedlob
*Lee Harold Garson
*Stanley Goldich
*Bella Gordon
*Celia Greenberg
*Sadie H. Henkin
Aron Henry
Esther Hersh
Jean Carolyn Jonas
*Dr. Bertram Katz
*Cindy Joy Kirkorsky
Grace Klein
Mathilda Leebaw
Herbert Leebaw
Bernard Levaur
*Ida Mallek Libby
Walter Morosko
*Polly Pass
*Manuel Pass
Marc Prizant
Francisco Rebon
*Lena Reese
Celia Resnick
*Bessie Rosenblum
*Lucille Rosen Rudick
*Sue M. Sackerman
Gladys Saul
*Joel Schlesinger
Sanford Schwaber
Daniel Severe
Chester Sheakoski
*Anna Sisman
Lois Ann Snitzer
*Carl M. Turk
*Leo Waldman
*Dr. H.W. Weinberg M.D.
*Dore A. Weiss
*Leo S. Wilkoff
*Fannie Wilkoff

JANUARY 10, 2020

Dr. Mac Abrams
*Sarah Aronoff
*Rebecca Beck
*Dr. Harold H. Bender
*Ronna Lynne Berk
Maurine Black
*Hyman W. Brunswick
Beatrice Cohen
*Anne M. Cohen
*Lillian Hoffman Cook
*Eugene Crow
*Esther Lipscher Cummins
Bill Davis
*Bella Riva Ehrlich
*Charles Ephraim
*Milton L. Fallenberg
*Sylvia Gelfand
*Samuel Joseph Gluck
Clara Grumet
Doris Harris
Elwood H. Heilman
*Alex Ipp
*Ray Kornhauser
*Jacob L. Kranitz
Hyman Lackey
Morris Lehman
*Roland J. Levy
Samuel Lurie
Jerome Matz
Felice Mirkin
Jeanette Penner
*Minnie Polster
*A.S. Robins
*Pauline Schmidt
Betty Jane Seng
*David Shermer
*Harriet Sussman
Charles Szabo
*Ida B. Tamarkin
*Madeline F. Ullman
Clara Virzi
*Molly Kline Waldhorn
*David J. Wilkoff

* Denotes permanent memorial plaque
### JANUARY 17, 2020

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|                            |                          | *Henry Lubow, M.D.*     |
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| Robert H. Bogen             | *Harry B. Hoffman*       | Alice Polk             |
| *Sylvia L. Drucker*         | *Morris Hoffman*         | *Bert H. Printz*        |
| *Dr. Alfons P. Falkenstein* | Arnold Hume              | *Emma Printz*           |
| Frank Charles Fischio       | Jerry Kayne              | *Donald Richstone*      |
| *Joseph Frank*              | Barbara Levine Kesselman | *Morris Rogovin*        |
| *Frances G. Gantman*        | *Pearl J. Krause*        | *Clare T. Rosen*        |
| *Esther Giber*              | Esther Heinick Leebaw    | *Max Rosenblum*         |
| *Eli Goldston*              | *Esther Levine*          | David Routman          |
| *Margaret Greenberg*        | *Joseph Lieberman*       |                   |

### JANUARY 31, 2020

| Sam Aron                    | *Albert Elias Friedman*  | Henry Malkoff         |
| *Ethel Berkowitz*           | *Arthur S. Gaffin*       | *Phillip A. Millstone*|
| *Simon Bostocky*            | *Mildred M. Goldberger*  | *Jane L. Minkin*      |
| *Jennie Brunswick*          | *Jacob S. Gottlieb*      | Harold D. Mittman     |
| Lois Friedman Davidow       | *Henry Greenwald*        | *Ben I. Mizel*        |
| *Robert Maxwell DeBroff*    | *Joseph Hill*            | Estelle Ortman        |
| *Glenda Rich DeBroff*       | *Florence Olive Kannensohn* | *Dr. Charles E. Padoll* |
| *Constance Roth Deutsch*    | *Norman S. Kurlander*    | Joan Livingston Preston|
| *Bess Epstein*              | Harry Lev                | *Irene Krause Ragosin*|
| *Friedl Polk Fisher*        | *Joseph Rodney Lipscher* | *Mollie Rheuban*      |
| *J.J. Freidland*            | *Charles Livingston*     | *Belle Robins*        |

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Oneg Shabbats offer a time to meet new people, renew friendships and enjoy each others company. We are inviting congregants to sponsor an Oneg for the upcoming year. Sponsor an Oneg in memory of a loved one, the commemoration of a yahrzeit or in honor of a special occasion to be shared with our congregants. Choose to prepare and provide the food to be served or make a minimum donation of $54.00 to the Oneg Fund which will be used to provide a welcoming array of foods and delicacies. Commit to attending services, sponsor an Oneg, and be part of the celebration of weekly Shabbat at Congregation Rodef Sholom.

To sponsor an Oneg, please contact the Temple office at 330.744.5001 or office@congregationrodefsholom.org.
The Ritual Committee Needs New Members

The Ritual Committee of Rodef Sholom has the important role of working with Rabbi to develop service ideas, to review past services, to suggest changes in ritual procedures. The committee is active and is always looking to broaden input from the congregation. Our role may become even more important as Rodef transitions from Rabbi Muller’s long service to an interim Rabbi and a year or two later to a new permanent Rabbi. We welcome membership from congregants with diverse viewpoints and ritual experiences. The Ritual Committee meets every two to three months. Our meeting times are adjusted to try and accommodate the greatest number of participants. We most often meet at noon, but have been known to hold meetings at 8 am or 4 pm.

If you have any questions about the committee, please feel free to contact me. If you would like to join the committee, please advise the office and me.

Elliot Legow, Ritual Chair  |  phone 330-519-1907 or 330-759-7988  |  ELegow@gmail.com

Lay-Led Shabbat List

Here is the list of lay-led Shabbat Services through the winter months.

**Friday, January 3rd, 2020**
Lay-Led Shabbat Service with Elliot Legow

**Friday, February 7th, 2020**
Randy Goldberg will lead a Musical Shabbat Service with Elliot Legow

**Saturday, March 7th, 2020**
To be determined

If you would like to help participate in any of the services, please contact Elliot Legow as well as the Temple office.

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Phone 330-744-5001
Elliot Phone: cell 330-519-1907 or home 330-759-7988
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Office Closed |       | Lay-Led Shabbat  
Service in Tamarkin Chapel  
6:00 pm |       |
| 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  |
|     |     |     | CRS Board Meeting  
6:45 pm |       | Shabbat Service in Tamarkin Chapel  
6:00 pm | Tot Shabbat  
9:00 am |
| 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  |
|     |     |     |     |     | MLK Interfaith Shabbat  
Service in the Sanctuary  
6:00 pm |       |
| 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  |
|     | Martin Luther King Jr. Day |     |     |     | Shabbat Service in Tamarkin Chapel  
6:00 pm |     |
| 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |     |
|     |     |     |     |     | Shabbat Service in Tamarkin Chapel  
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The Power of Sisterhood: Strategies and Successes for 2020

In the coming New Year 2020, our hope for Kandy and I, is that Sisterhood will continue programs and projects which consist of a variety of topics including, Tikkun Olam, Education, Remembrance (Mitzvah Meals), and Interfaith. These programs and projects are the values of our Sisterhood.

We, as co-presidents, want to thank our very generous and kind Sisterhood Members, Temple Family, and all our supporters who have enabled us to fulfill the promises we made to our Temple - Congregation Rodef Sholom. Kandy and I feel very proud and inspired that together, with our Sisterhood Members, that we have nurtured and cultivated personal and spiritual growth. Please come join us in 2020 and, “Discover Your Inner Strength With Congregation Rodef Sholom Sisterhood.”

To all our Sisterhood Members, Families, Friends and Temple Family-

Happy Hanukkah!
“Chag Uriel Sameach”
Hanukkah it’s not just the Festival of Lights.
May it also be a festival of hope, happiness, love and health.
Happy New Year 2020!
With Love and Sisterhood-

Co-Preisdents, Sally M. Blau and Kandy Rawl

A very special Todah Rabbah to those Sisterhood members who helped out with Hanukkah Celebration and/or the Mitzvah Meal held at the Temple in December: Brigit Berk, Sandy Mallen, Nancy Burnett, Bonnie Lehman, Phyllis Freedman, Kim Trachtman, Marilyn Sniderman, Jane Pollack, Samie Winick, Ivy Rawl, Thomas Rawl, Lawren Rawl, Kandy Rawl, and Sally M. Blau.

Save the Date!
The Annual Sisterhood Interfaith Tea Party
Where: Congregation Rodef Sholom
When: Tuesday, February 18th, 2020
Time: 1:00 pm

RODEF SHOLOM GIFT SHOP NEWS

Following the tragedies in Pittsburgh and Poway, CA, we now have the “Stronger Than Hate” yarmulkes for $12. Supply is limited.

**The Jewish Museum of New York 16 month calendar September 2019-December 2020 are available in the Rodef Sholom Gift Shop, limited supply $12.00.

Inspired Generations contemporary giftware is available for weddings, hostess gifts, or just to update your home! Inspired Generations giftware is also being sold at local fine giftware stores so why not support your Temple gift shop!

Please contact Darlene Muller at 330.759.4576 for inquiries regarding special item orders and new products. Thank you for your continued support!
CONGREGATION RODEF SHOLOM

TOT SHABBAT

Saturday, January 11, 2020 | 9:00a

RSVP TO THE OFFICE: (330) 744-5001 | OFFICE@CONGREGATIONRODEFSHOLOM.ORG
INTERFAITH SHABBAT SERVICE HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Special guest speaker 
Robyn Woodbury 
Director of the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches

When: January 17, 2020 | 6pm

Location: Congregation Rodef Sholom

1119 Elm Street | Youngstown, OH

Please RSVP by January 15th to the Temple office at 330-744-5001 or register online at www.congregationrodefsholom.org
CONGREGATION RODEF SHOLOM PRESENTS

TU BISHVAT PAJAMA SEDER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020 | 9:00 AM
WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS AND YOUR SLIPPERS
RSVP TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE@CONGREGATIONRODEFSHOLOM.ORG
(330) 744-5001
FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!
SAVE THE DATE:
RABBI MULLER’S RETIREMENT GALA EVENT

SATURDAY EVENING
MAY 30, 2020

More details to follow in the coming months.
Additional pictures from Bob’s Retirement Oneg 11/22/19

Tot Shabbat Children’s Service | December 7, 2019
On Sunday, December 15, 2019, we celebrated the Community Hanukkah Party with the area Temples and the Jewish Community. There were performances by the MSJS students, the L’dor V’dor Band, Mordechai the Magician, and professional illusionist, David Anthony.
We extend our heartfelt condolences to our members who have lost loved ones:

**Joanne Aubrey**
Sister of Barry Solomon  
Cousin of Samie Winick

May their memories be for a blessing and may their loved ones be given comfort and strength.

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**Mazel Tov to the following members on their January Anniversaries:**

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*Mazel Tov* to the following members for a *special birthday* in January:

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**Mazel Tov!**

- Mazel Tov to **Barry Solomon** on his recent marriage to **Nina Conte** on October 11th, 2019. The couple resides in Fort Lauderdale, FL.
Todah Rabbah ~ Many Thanks!

- Todah Rabbah to Sally Blau for sponsoring the Oneg after the December 7th Shabbat Service in memory of her sister and brother-in-law, Rhoda & Marvin Mostov.

TOILETRY PROJECT
LITTLE THINGS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE
Shampoos, conditioners, lotions, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, soaps, razors...small toiletries that you might pick up in hotels when traveling would be so appreciated by those in need. I have been distributing baggies filled with all of the above items to people at the Food Bank, Sojourner House, Homeless Shelters and others in need. I will pick up at the following drop off places: Jewish Community Center, Congregation Rodef Sholom, Temple El Emeth, Ohev Tzedek, Universalist Unitarian Church and Churchill Methodist Church.

An easy way to help in a big way. Thank you so much. ~Linda Palumbo

TZEDAKAH CIRCLE

ENDOWMENT FUND
In celebration of:
Rabbi Muller’s 65th Birthday
Kay & Jerry Tamarkin’s 60th Anniversary
Linda & Bill Shapiro’s 50th Anniversary
Dan Roth’s 90th Birthday
Bob Golubich’s Retirement
Jacob Wilschek’s Consecration

In loving memory of:
Jack Lebby
By Marvin Lebby

In loving memory of:
Joan Schwebel
By Florence Harshman

MARILYN’S MITZVAH MEAL FUND
In loving memory of:
Joan Schwebel
Rhoda Mostov

In loving memory of:
Joan Schwebel
By Kandy & Bob Rawl and Family
By Inez Heal
By Yetta & Paul Gluck

In loving memory of mother:
Leona Stecker
By Judy & David Waldman

In loving memory of husband:
Curtis J. Fisher, M.D.
By Ruth Fisher Stein

In loving memory of:
Jerome Frankle Jr.
By Ilene Malasky Frankle

RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
In appreciation:
By Jeannie & Gerald Peskin

In loving memory of grandmother:
Eva Epstein
By Nancy & Michael Barr
By Alyse Barr

By Anita & Dick Shapiro
In loving memory of:
Curtis Chevlen
Carol Polonsky
By Laura & Dave Gorsky
In loving memory of parents:
Theresa & Henry Gluck
By Yetta & Paul Gluck

In loving memory of sister:
Joanne Aubrey
By Barry Solomon

By Yetta & Paul Gluck
In loving memory of:
Joan Schwebel
By Karen O’Malia & Philip Zauderer

By Kandy & Bob Rawl and Family
By Inez Heal
By Yetta & Paul Gluck

By Barry Solomon
TZEDAKAH CONT.

In loving memory of father:
Harry Feld
By Shari & Ron Della Penna

In loving memory of husband:
Harold Mehr

In loving memory of mother:
Pearl Weingarten Mazer
By Lillian M. Mehr

In loving memory of:
Gladys & Don Anderson
By Barbara Drabkin

In loving memory of:
Joan Schwebel
By Sally and Jeff Fleck

ONEG FUND
In loving memory of:
Joan Schwebel
By Alan Samuels
By Sandy & Gene Mallen

SECURITY FUND
In celebration of:
Linda & Fred Knox’s 55th Anniversary
Lynn & Peter Mendelson’s 50th Anniversary

Kay & Jerry Tamarkin’s 60th Anniversary
Sally Cohen Frohman’s Special Birthday
Daniel Roth’s Special Birthday
Doris Tamarkin’s Special Birthday
In loving memory of:
Barb Hendricks
Donald Malasky
By Louise & Fred Kannensohn

BROTHERHOOD FUND
In celebration of:
Rabbi Muller’s 65th Birthday
By Dianne & Bert Newman

MUSIC FUND
In loving memory of father:
Samuel Belinky
By Paula Lipton Domsky
In loving memory of:
Marilyn Oyer
By Lana Shagrin Oyer

SISTERHOOD FUND
In loving memory of:
Joan Schwebel
By Beverly & Alan Nathan

In loving memory of:
Ronna Lynne Berk
By Brigitt & Rob Berk and Family
Events in the Community

Lunch & Learn

ISRAEL’S POLITICAL TURMOIL
The JCC program director and Israeli native, Gnon Erez, will explain the Israeli political system, it’s structure, history and the current state which led the country to hold three consecutive elections in less than a year.

Date: Friday, January 10th
Time: Noon - 1:00 pm
Location: JCC Multi-Purpose Room

CAPTURED IN A GOLDEN CAGE
Israeli women who are married to US citizens often find themselves alone when going through a divorce. They live in a foreign country without the ability to support themselves and are unable to move back to their country with their children. Efrat Alovog will describe the cultural differences that exist between these women and their spouses during their marriage and divorce process.

Ms. Efrat Alovog is an expert in the field of mediation and negotiation. She is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Family, Civil-Circuit, Country and Appellate Mediator, and a PhD student in the Conflict Resolution Department at NOVA University. The event is free and open to the public. Registration is required by January 20th. Light refreshments will be served.

Date: Thursday, January 23rd
Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: JCC Multi-Purpose Room

PJ LIBRARY

CHALLAH TOTS
Join other PJ Library families at the JCC as we learn how to make and braid challah dough for Shabbat! Each child will leave with a loaf of challah dough and instructions for how to bake it at home.

Date: Thursday, January 16th
Time: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Location: JCC Adult Lounge

Paul & Yetta Gluck School of Visual Arts

WINTER SIP & PAINT
Enjoy some hot cocoa and cookies as a local artist guides you through a winter themed painting project. Each participant will take home a painting of their own. This family event is for children in 1st grade or older, and children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Adults:
Date: Wednesday, January 22nd
Time: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Location: JCC Lower Level Multi-Purpose Room
Price: $15/member and $20/non-member

Family:
Date: Wednesday, January 22nd
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Location: JCC Lower Level Multi-Purpose Room
Price: $15/member and $20/non-member

PAPER QUILLING CRAFTS
Take ordinary strips of paper and turn them into beautiful works of art in this workshop with a local artist. Students learn how to roll, fold, and glue paper to create magnificent shapes and pictures. Every person will design a card or project to take home.

Adults:
Date: Wednesday, February 12
Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: JCC Lower Level Multi-Purpose Room
Price: $15/member and $20/non-member

Family:
Date: Wednesday, February 12th
Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Location: JCC Lower Level Multi-Purpose Room
Price: $15/member and $20/non-member

Sam Kooperman Endowment
Applications for camp scholarships and study in Israel are being accepted.

The deadline to apply for camp scholarships is Dec. 31.
The deadline to apply for study in Israel scholarships is Dec. 31 & June 30.

For more information, contact Lisa Long at 330.746.3250 ext 175 or llong@jewishyoungstown.org
B’NAI B’RITH INTERNATIONAL

B’NAI B’RITH DISTRIBUTES PITTSBURGH HEALING FUND TO SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING VICTIMS

(Washington, D.C., Dec. 6, 2019)—Members of B’nai B’rith International affiliated with the Aaron Grossman Lodge, Allegheny Ohio Valley region, today presented a check for programs for survivors of the horrific attack at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh a year ago. They were joined by Disaster Relief Committee Chair and Senior Vice President Rebecca Saltzman and member of the B’nai B’rith International Executive Board of Directors (and Pittsburgh native) Steve Smiga. The check presentation took place at the Jewish Family and Community Services of Pittsburgh (JFCS), and the B’nai B’rith delegation benefitted from the JFCS staff’s insights.

Staff members from the Jewish Family and Community Services of Pittsburgh (JFCS) and representatives of the Fraternal Order of Police Benevolent Fund received the check. Jordan Golin, president and CEO; Dana Gold, COO; Stefanie Small, director of clinical services; and Rebecca Remson, director of development and communications, were present. Jonathan Gromek and Susan Hillen, the president and vice president of the Fraternal Order of Police Benevolent Fund, also attended the presentation ceremony.

In the immediate aftermath of the Oct. 27, 2018 attack, which left 11 worshipers dead and wounded others, the B’nai B’rith Disaster and Emergency Relief Committee raised money for the Pittsburgh Healing Fund. We are now distributing these donations toward mental health support for survivors and a program to assist first responders.

In choosing where to offer aid, the B’nai B’rith committee wanted to focus on the mental health needs of the community and allocated funds to support programs administered by JFCS of Pittsburgh, including ongoing support groups to assist with treatment of trauma. JFCS will run projects for youth and teens through the schools, including an art therapy program professionally staffed to provide art services and traditional psychotherapy. There will also be programs for seniors and young professionals.

The B’nai B’rith fund will also support a program to assist first responders, coordinated by the Police Benevolent Fund.

A symbolic tribute to victims from the three congregations worshipping at the Tree of Life Synagogue building at the time of the attack (Or L’Simcha, Dor Hadash and New Light) will be made to a future community memorial.

B’nai B’rith International has helped after natural and man-made disasters around the world since 1865. If you would like to help us help communities in need, donate here to our Disaster Relief Fund: https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/bbi-disaster-relief

Donors can also call 800-573-9057 to make a credit card contribution over the phone. Or can send a check payable to the B’nai B’rith Disaster Relief Fund to:

B’nai B’rith International
Disaster Relief Fund
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