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Friday Facts

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Sabbath Candle Lighting 8:30 PM

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We hope that this Friday Facts email finds the community enjoying the sunny, hot Toledo weather. Summer activities have not taken a break at the United Jewish Council. This week finishes a wonderful week of Camp L'Chaim for our seniors and the Women in the Middle "Summer at the Docks" program featuring Judge Connie Zimmelman. Next week, the Young Adult Division has a Network & Nosh Program and the Department of Jewish Programs is showing a movie from its summer film series.

Business is continuing as usual at the UJC, with Arleen Levine and Nancy Newbury both filling the position of interim CEO until such time as a CEO is hired. Please feel free to contact either Arleen or Nancy at the UJC offices if you have any questions.

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Upcoming UJC Events



Department of Jewish Programs

At a Glance

Jewish Heritage Collection Feature

The Sorrow and the Pity - After France surrendered to the German army in 1940, the puppet Vichy regime in southern France vigorously enforced anti-Jewish legislation and deportations, while French police helped the Germans carry out these policies in the Occupied Zone. Nevertheless, for many years the myth prevailed that French citizens had united in heroic resistance against the Germans. It took Marcel Ophüls's epic documentary *The Sorrow and the Pity* to shatter that illusion. The film relates how French people at all levels of society really behaved during the war years—how little appetite they had for battle, how willing many were to get along with their captors in return for rewards, and how easily they became accomplices to the Nazis, zealously rounding up the Jews who lived among them. Riveting interviews with farmers, teachers,



Presents: *Beau Jest*, Monday, August 9: 7:00 pm – Showings will begin promptly at Darlington Hall – Leo and Vera Sekach Community

Services Building

6505 Sylvania Ave. These films will be shown free of charge, but registration is requested one week prior to each showing. Please bring non-perishable

can goods for the JFS Food Bank.

Light refreshments will be offered, but feel free to bring your own favorite kosher snacks. Lainie Kazan stars as the classic Jewish mother obsessed with finding a “nice Jewish boy” for her disinterested daughter in this funny, warm, movie. Based on an off-Broadway hit “Beau Jest” offers a tale about falling in love that gets complicated when the daughter’s little white lies spin out of control!

To make a reservation for a DJP Film, please call Barb Hager at 419-724-0357 or

Barb@JewishToledo.org. To learn more about the DJP Films, please call Rene Rusgo at 419-724-0365 or Rene@JewishToledo.org.

YAD Network & Nosh Lunch: Toledo Choose

Local! Wednesday, August 11 12:15pm at Pam’s Corner – 116 10th Street, Toledo 43604. Lunch is on your own. Join YAD at Pam’s Corner in downtown Toledo to learn more about Toledo Choose Local and the importance of supporting our Local Community and how you can help! Toledo Choose Local, formed in August 2007, is a non-profit dedicated to creating awareness of the importance of local, independently-owned businesses in the Toledo area. Toledo Choose Local is a coalition of people from local businesses and non-profits, concerned citizens and government representatives working together to strengthen the viability and competitiveness of local businesses in the Toledo area, and to promote the overall social, economic, and environmental health of our economy and communities. **RSVP requested by Tuesday, August 10.**

Sunday's A Funday Pool Party- Sunday, August 22 1-2:30 p.m. UJC Campus, Romanoff Patio. Free for Jewish 2nd and 3rd graders. Join Sunday's A Fun Day

businessmen, resistance fighters and soldiers, and government officials shocked French audiences by revealing a moral cynicism that, even years later, rationalized acts of complicity and justified antisemitism. Could the French have responded differently to the Occupation and still saved their families? The film raises complex questions about courage, honor, and individual responsibility. **Arranging to borrow a DVD can be done during business hours (9:00 am – 4:00 pm) Monday through Friday, by contacting Kelly Tilimon at 419-724-0354 or Kelly@jewishtoledo.org or Barb Hager at 419-724-0357 or Barb@jewishtoledo.org.**

And at Home

Be certain that your special birthday, anniversary, or birth announcement is included in the Friday Facts. E-mail Kelly Tilimon at Kelly@JewishToledo.org or call 419-724-0354. Birthdays are listed every 5 years beginning at age 50. Anniversaries are listed every 5 years.

Mazel Tov to Sheridan Wagner who will become a Bat Mitzvah this week. May you always go from strength to strength.

Many happy returns to Carol Friedman who will be celebrating a special birthday this week.

for our third year of programming! Come and hang out with all of your Sunday A Funday friends before school starts for an afternoon of water games and so much more! Make sure to dress to get wet and bring a towel! Don't forget to bring some spare change to donate to our giant tzedekah jar! ****Emergency Form and Code of Conduct must be on file to participate****
RSVP required by Monday, August 16. **No walk-ins will be accepted**

NOW IS THE TIME TO THINK MACCABI – SUMMER 2011! You and your parents are cordially invited to join us for an informal chat about Maccabi and what an amazing experience it can be for YOU on **Tuesday, August 24, 2010- JCC/YMCA Campus – Leonard Lounge- 6:30 pm.** Learn about security, housing accommodations, family travel and so much more! **Reservations are required for this meeting by August 23 to Barb Hager 419-724-0357 or Barb@JewishToledo.org. For questions about the program please contact Rene Rusgo 419-724-0365 or Rene@JewishToledo.org or Kacy Myers 419-724-0306 or KMyers@ymcatoledo.org.**

Difficult Decisions: Older Adults & Financial Planning: How to Afford Long Term Care- Tuesday, August 24, 2010 14 Elul 5770 6 – 8:00 pm. A light dinner will be served. \$5.00 per person. **Reservations are required by Friday, August 20 to Barb Hager, Barb@JewishToledo.org or 419-724-0357.**

BBYO BBG Free Car Wash!!! August 29th @ 12:30- 3:30, Temple Shomer Emunim Parking Lot - 6453 Sylvania Avenue. Come and help support your local BBYO BBG chapter, B'not Shalom, before, after and during the 7th Annual Helping Families Live Jewishly Summer Fun Carnival (1-2:30) B'not Shalom is a part of the Jewish Youth Organization BBYO which is a non-profit organization. **Donations are appreciated.**

Helping Families Live Jewishly 7th Annual Summer Fun Carnival Sunday, August 29 1:00 –

Happy Anniversary to Linda and Thomas Dorn (20), Sandra and Lawrence Fink (20), Anne and Mark Gordon (20), Marc and Nancy Jacobson (25), Gary and Ilene Katz (50), Ilana and Richard Kennell (35), Sandra and Steven Marcus (35), and Teri and Glenn Swimmer (30). **May you have many more years of health and happiness together.**

Make a contribution in honor of a Simcha or a memorial tribute. Contact Barb Hager at 419-724-0357 or Barb@JewishToledo.org. All contributions are acknowledged in writing and in the Toledo Jewish News. Contribution categories: \$10+ General \$18+ Chai \$25+ Silver \$36+ Double Chai \$50+ Gold \$100+ Platinum \$250+ Diamond

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2:30 pm. UJC Campus –Grassy Area by the JCC Playground \$10.00 per family in advance / \$15.00 at the door. A little something for everyone young and old! Dress for fun in the sun! Brand New Inflatables, Jousting Arena, Balloons, Crafts and so much more! A great way to spend a Sunday Afternoon as a family! **RSVP and payment requested by Monday, August 23 to Barb@jewishtoledo.org or 419-724-0357.**

Around Jewish Toledo

CONGREGATION ETZ CHAYIM ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC- Congregation Etz Chayim is planning its annual family picnic for **Sunday, August 15, 2010. From 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** There will be games for everyone. Come and play poker, bingo, mah jong and any other game you want to bring. There will also be activities for the children. Refreshments will be served. **From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** a delicious BBQ menu will be served. Foods included are: BBQ Chicken and Brisket, Hotdogs, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Pickles, Chips, Watermelon, Brownies and Drinks. The cost of the picnic is \$15.00 per person. Children ages 3-10 are \$6.00 and under 3 years old are free. Raffle tickets are also available at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Monetary prizes will be awarded. **Please send your reservations in to the synagogue office or call for additional information.**

Around the Jewish World

Update from last week's Friday Facts
[Two weeks after the American Jewish Congress suspended its operations, the American Jewish Committee has hired its highest-ranking professional.](#)

Two opposing Jewish views on the proposed Islamic Center near Ground Zero in Manhattan.

ADL Statement:

New York, NY, July 28, 2010 ... The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) today issued the following statement regarding the proposed Islamic Center near Ground Zero in Manhattan:

We regard freedom of religion as a cornerstone of the American democracy, and that freedom must include the right of all Americans - Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and other faiths - to build community centers and houses of worship.

We categorically reject appeals to bigotry on the basis of religion, and condemn those whose opposition to this proposed Islamic Center is a manifestation of such bigotry.

However, there are understandably strong passions and keen sensitivities surrounding the World Trade Center site. We are ever mindful of the tragedy which befell our nation there, the pain we all still feel - and especially the anguish of the families and friends of those who were killed on September 11, 2001.

The controversy which has emerged regarding the building of an Islamic Center at this location is counterproductive to the healing process. Therefore, under these unique circumstances, we believe the City of New York would be better served if an alternative location could be found.

In recommending that a different location be found for the Islamic Center, we are mindful that some legitimate questions have been raised about who is providing the funding to build it, and what connections, if any, its leaders might have with groups whose ideologies stand in contradiction to our shared values. These questions deserve a response, and we hope those backing the project will be transparent and forthcoming. But regardless of how they respond, the issue at stake is a broader one.

Proponents of the Islamic Center may have every right to build at this site, and may even have chosen the site to send a positive message about Islam. The bigotry some

have expressed in attacking them is unfair, and wrong. But ultimately this is not a question of rights, but a question of what is right. In our judgment, building an Islamic Center in the shadow of the World Trade Center will cause some victims more pain - unnecessarily - and that is not right.

AJC Statement

August 2, 2010 -- New York -- Drawing on its long and extensive history of involvement with interfaith and inter-group relations, AJC declared today that the Cordoba Islamic Center - the subject of an intense public debate in New York City and across the country - "has a right to be built." At the same time, AJC urged the founders of the center to urgently address concerns about funding and support for terrorism. The proposed location of the center is two blocks from the site of the World Trade Center twin towers destroyed in the Al Qaeda terrorist atrocity of September 11, 2001.

In an article published today on The Huffington Post, AJC Executive Director David Harris wrote:

"Unlike many Muslim countries, where it can be difficult, if not impossible, to get a building permit for non-Muslim houses of worship, in America we celebrate our tradition of freedom of worship and seek to set an example for others.

While intolerance is rapidly growing in some European countries - witness the recent referendum in Switzerland to ban the construction of minarets - we reject that kind of narrow-mindedness and the fear it bespeaks.

We hope the Cordoba Center will fulfill the lofty mission its founders have articulated. They have set the bar high, describing it as a Muslim-inspired institution similar to the 92nd Street Y (a well-known Jewish community center in Manhattan.) If so, it means a facility truly open to the entire community - and to a wide spectrum of ideas based on peace and coexistence.

Once up and running, it won't be long before we know if the founders have delivered on their promise. If so, New York and America will be enriched. If not, the center should be shunned."

In addition, Harris urged the leaders of the proposed center to fully reveal their sources of funding and to unconditionally condemn terrorism inspired by Islamist ideology.

"If these concerns can be addressed, we will join in welcoming the Cordoba Center to New York. In doing so, we would wish to reaffirm the noble values for which our country stands - the very values so detested by the perpetrators of the September 11th attacks," Harris wrote.

JCRC Tidbits

Wednesday afternoon, I sat on a conference call sponsored by JCPA featuring Israeli Ambassador to the US Michael Oren. The Ambassador spoke about the events of the Israeli/Lebanese incident that took place on Tuesday. Please read below for the details of the event. What should be noted is that, the Ambassador reported that it has been confirmed that both the UN and the US has found that the incident was unprovoked and unjustified by the Lebanese government.

-Wendy Goldstein, JCRC Director

IDF and Lebanon Clash on Border. Violence broke out on the northern Israeli border with Lebanon on Tuesday. The Israeli Defense Force (IDF) claimed that the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) opened fire on Israeli troops performing maintenance work on the border. While Lebanon has claimed that Israel violated UN Resolution 1701 ending the 2006 war, Israel insists that the UN was informed of the border crossing. Three Lebanese soldiers and a Lebanese journalist were killed.

Read more in the Jerusalem Post [here](#). See the IDF's statement [here](#).

Israel to Participate in U.N. Flotilla Panel. After discussions with U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, Prime Minister Netanyahu has agreed to Israel's participation in a United Nations panel set to review the events of the flotilla incident. Netanyahu stated that, "Israel has nothing to hide. The opposite is true. It is in the national interest of the State of Israel to ensure that the factual truth of the overall flotilla events comes to light throughout the world and this is exactly the principle that we are advancing." Read the complete statement from the Prime Minister's Office [here](#).



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