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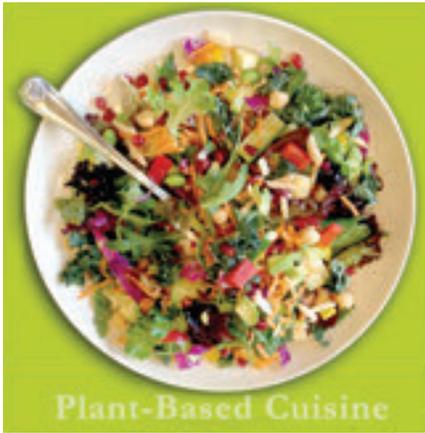
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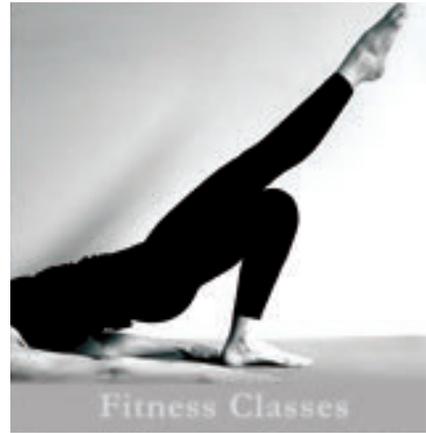
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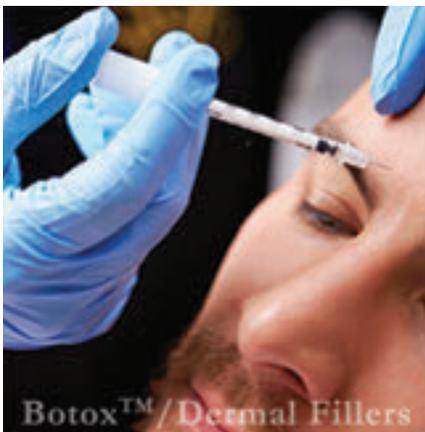
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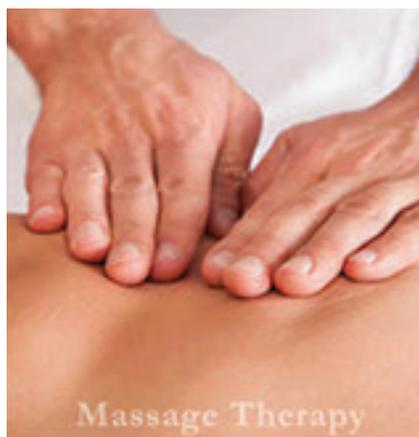
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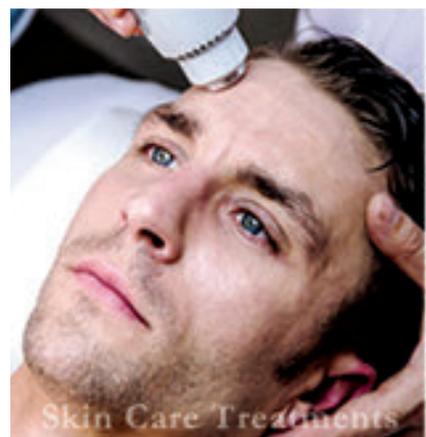
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When we are attuned to positive attributes, our focus shifts from what our lives lack to the abundance that is already present.

For the past several months, I've been starting my day listening to guided meditation tapes. I find it inspirational to begin each day with a centering thought and message. These tapes help set the tone of peace, joy and wellbeing.

Repetition confirms what we already know, and meditation often reminds me that happiness is a state of mind, and not determined by external circumstances. Meditation helps slow down the thought process to let us "just be." When focusing on our breath, distracting thoughts are replaced with a sense of inner peace and relaxation.

A Taoist proverb states, "We cannot see our reflection in running water. It is only in still water that we can see." According to this proverb, it is important for our minds to be still if we truly want to see who we are.

Some of the centering thoughts from a 21-day Oprah/Deepak meditation series that I've been listening to include:

- Today I am open to the presence of miracles.
- I am a radiant spiritual being.
- I cherish the beauty in myself and others.
- I attract what I am.
- I nurture relationships with attention and appreciation.
- I use my energy to heal and transform.
- I am present.
- Forgiveness sets me free.
- The world is my mirror.

When I start my day with an inspirational message, an introspective feeling is set for being positive, feeling grateful and living in the present.

While all of these topics share powerful messages, the one about our world's being our mirror struck a chord as Thanksgiving approaches.

Deepak says, "Through reflection, we see who we are through others. What we put out is what we attract, or hope to attract in our lives. With increased awareness, we can envision what is possible. What we see is not always beauty, sweetness and compassion; yet to transform that which no longer serves us to what we truly desire in our hearts, we must embrace both the dark and light of who we are."

With Thanksgiving approaching, here are some mirrored thoughts for which we can be grateful:

- The good you find in others is in you too.
- The faults you find in others are your faults as well. After all, to recognize something, you must know it.
- The beauty you see around you is your beauty.
- See the best in others and you will be your best.
- Give to others, and you give to yourself.
- Appreciate beauty and you will be beautiful.
- Admire creativity, and you will be creative.
- Love and you will be loved.
- Listen and your voice will be heard.
- Seek to understand and you will be understood.

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With Thanksgiving just a few weeks away, it is a good time to recognize the abundance in our lives. We are never too old to rewrite our own story and bestow a happy ending.

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BHS Grads Filled with Bison Spirit Over Their Return to District

By June Scharf

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Beachwood's strengths. And, not insignificantly, they all learned to overcome their universal discomfort of calling their former teachers by their first names. Superintendent Bob Hardis says, "I'm thrilled for our students that the roads of these four alumni led back to Beachwood. They each expressed how much this community had invested in them and now, they have the opportunity to pay it forward."

Here they share their paths through near and distant forests, back to the 'wood.

CARRIE (GELLIN) SHAPIRO, Class of 2003



Noting the differences between BHS and an inner-city Chicago school where she previously taught, particularly with respect to resources like the Internet and to small class size here: "We shouldn't take anything for granted."

didn't enjoy the nature of my work."

The notion of teaching, at that point, dawned on her when she realized she wanted to be working at a job where connection and communication with others are key components. Teaching also provides a creative outlet, which is a priority, and no day is the ever the same, she adds.

She enrolled at the University of Illinois in Chicago where she earned an M.A. in education and a teaching certificate. She was then hired at an inner-city school, on the north side of Chicago.

"It was a tough place," she recalls of her three years there, noting that it taught her a great deal about classroom management. "It was a real roller coaster – I had some of the best and worst moments, and I learned from my mistakes." But most of all, she connected with her classes.

"I loved my students," she says of the diverse population, including many foreign cultures and languages.

It was her husband's career transition early this year that drew the couple back to Cleveland, compelling Carrie to look for a teaching job in town. When she heard that there was an opening at BHS to teach English to 9th and 10th graders, she says she wanted the position very badly. She reports being intensely nervous when she interviewed with her former English teacher, Evan Luzar, but she tried not to show it. "He treated me like a colleague, which helped."

Being back has given rise to many flashbacks to her experiences here, which makes her feel sentimental and nostalgic. But she also remembers how hard it is to be a teenager. "If I had known then what I know now, I would have worked a lot harder," she admits.

She is quick to note the differences between BHS and her Chicago environment, particularly with respect to resources like the internet and to small class size here. "We shouldn't take anything for granted."

In her classroom at BHS, she tends to structure her methods according to how she learned them in her Master's program and

through her student teaching. In other words, she's not copying her experiences here. "I like trying new approaches."

While attending BHS, Carrie served as a drill team co-captain; she played softball and was involved with the yearbook and literary journal. She says she especially enjoyed becoming very involved with the high school community through her extra-curriculars.

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Her path home, however, was slightly circuitous, as many are. After her BHS graduation, she attended Indiana University where she earned a B.A. in English and communications. She says she was staying true to her passion which lay in literature.

"I was in love with books," she explains, but...not so much with her first job. She worked for three years as an in-house publicist at Sourcebooks, where she handled many genres, including cookbooks, young adult fiction and college guides. Eventually, however, she became disillusioned.

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DAMION CREEL, Class of 1994



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the kids. I don't think about myself. It's the kids that I'm focused on, making sure their needs are met and protected."

He does, however, describe a surreal feeling when returning to the fields. But now, at age 39 – 21 years later – he finds it hard to remember much from those days. "I thought I'd be able to recall a lot more."

Although, what he doesn't remember, some others do. And his students have been asking his former teachers about his past. Dee Milne, currently a substitute teacher, is one who has tagged certain memories and gladly shares them with the kids.

"I was small and skinny, so she wanted me to be a kicker, not a quarterback and receiver. She didn't want me to get hurt, and she told me that. Now the kids know, too," he says with some amusement.

Since his time at BHS, he says the whole school system is different. "It's a lot more diverse, and that's great to see."

While he can identify many differences between his previous work environment at Glenville and Beachwood, some things remain consistent. "The kids all have social, emotional and academic needs."

Creel says his most immediate goal involves fundamental transformation. "I want the football program here at Beachwood to mean something. I want the program to be important to the school and the community. I've learned from great people – both what to do and what not to do. I can really spread my wings here."

Damion Creel is the new head football coach and physical education teacher at the Middle School. His presence heralds the return of a champion, being the sole BHS athlete to ever earn 1st Team All Ohio Honors in two sports, both baseball and football. He was a four-year quarterback, and he also played basketball here.

His arrival comes after serving six seasons with the nationally-ranked Glenville football team as an offensive coordinator, with some time also spent serving as a defensive coordinator. Prior to that post, he was a quarterback coach at St. Edward's, and he also held coaching positions in Cleveland Heights, Richmond Heights and Bedford. For the past 10 years, he has been the director of the summer Beachwood Sports Camp.

After graduating from BHS, he played football and baseball at Hiram College where he earned a B.A. degree in education.

He takes his new roles in the district very seriously, leaving him little time for flashbacks, but those years here helped mold and inspire him, he says.

"I'm charting new waters now, and I'm trying to create great opportunities and experiences for

MELISSA FRIEDMAN, Class of 2008



One lesson Melissa Friedman, age 25, learned while attending BHS was that she should definitely be a teacher.

She already was inclined to pursue a career in education, but she gained greater confidence in that choice through hands-on experience acquired by enrolling in the Excel TECC program, a unique offering with several different concentrations, early childhood education being one of them. The program is designed to help students prepare for future careers with classes offered at area high schools. Fairmount's Early Childhood Center houses the program in which Melissa participated.

"I've always wanted to teach, and I have a passion for making learning fun," she explains. With her classroom at Bryden filled with 22 first graders, she believes she's achieving her goals. She explains how elementary school provides the major building blocks for the future, so she sees her mission as helping to create

Concerning her advocacy of BHS's two-year Excel TECC program in early childhood education where half the days are spent in BHS classes with the balance spent learning about teaching: "The program helped get me to where I wanted to be."

a sense of self and excitement for learning among her students.

Before arriving in Beachwood this fall, Melissa taught special education, then second and third grades at Joseph and Florence Mandel Jewish Day School (the former Agnon School) for two years. And she filled the past 10 summers with work at the JCC's Playland pre-school camp.

She began establishing a connection to the Beachwood community in ninth grade when she arrived as a new student, fresh from the Mandel Jewish Day School. By jumping right in to sports, she quickly developed friendships, and her extra-curriculars grew to include cross country, track and basketball.

Her radar had been up for a position in Beachwood, and when one opened up, she eagerly pursued it, without regard for the grade level. As an elementary school teacher, she understands that one needs to be flexible and willing to teach the grade where the needs lie.

"You need to mold yourself to what you are given and work with what's there."

She finds her first graders very enjoyable, and she's struck by the variety of personalities in her class, including students from China, Japan and Dubai, among others. With such cultural range, she celebrates the diversity with an event every Friday when a parent spends time in the classroom telling stories and allowing students to sample native food.

Melissa also takes delight in the funny things that first graders are wont to say. One calls her "Ms. Freedom." Another has said, "I love you!"

For those thinking about teaching, Melissa's an absolute advocate of the two-year Excel TECC program. Half of each day is spent in BHS classes with the balance spent learning about teaching. "The experience provides a good grasp on what it's like to be a teacher by being around different types of students."

"The program helped get me to where I wanted to be." And now, Bryden is the beneficiary.

NERISSA DARVIN, Class of 2009



The reaction to learning of an open teacher position in Beachwood: "You do not pass up a dream-come-true story."

And at that point, I could tell everyone!"

When her contract was officially approved, she says she received many emails and text messages from teachers who were welcoming her to the staff.

"It made me feel so good to see everything come around full circle!"

While in high school, Nerissa was vice president of her class, served on the yearbook staff and graduated magna cum laude. "I worked my tail off."

"I always loved school – I was super nerdy about how much I was into it," she adds in her characteristically enthusiastic manner.

Her journey after BHS took her to Vanderbilt University, where she earned a B.S. in elementary education and graduated summa cum laude. Before her departure, though, she describes having a deep-felt attachment to this community.

"During the 'senior superlative' voting at the end of senior year, kids were nervous that they would get picked as 'the most likely to return to Beachwood.' I didn't get it, and I wasn't sure then where I would end up, but I did always know that Beachwood was my long-term goal."

And now that she's here, she's found transitioning to a peer relationship with her former teachers to be "exciting, yet strange." Most cumbersome, of course, is addressing them by their first names.

When she faced her own students at the beginning of the school year, she happily introduced them to her personal history with Beachwood. She told them that she has vivid memories of her time in Hilltop's halls, but some of her favorite recollections relate to the start of school.

"I loved getting new school supplies and writing down homework assignments," she says. "I was so into school."

She clearly continues to carry that torch, with Hilltop's students now reaping the rewards.

There is one definitive reason why Nerissa Darvin, age 24, is now a 5th grade math teacher here: Shelly Lewis, her own 5th grade math teacher at Hilltop, had made a stunning impression and ignited her interest in pursuing a career in education.

Nerissa completed her senior search project with Shelly and stayed in touch with her after graduation. When Shelly revealed to Nerissa that she would be retiring at the end of the 2014-15 school year, Nerissa did not hesitate to begin the application process for the position.

"You do not pass up a dream-come-true story," she says with tremendous conviction.

She had been teaching 4th grade for two years in Nashville, where she was very happy, loved the weather and really wasn't looking for another opportunity. But then her plans changed.

"My first round of interviews was with Ms. (Carole) Katz, and I started crying! I became emotional because I felt it would be so incredible to come back and replace the person who made me want to teach. But it was so embarrassing! I thought I blew it. Then I called my mom and started bawling again when I told her what happened."

The whirlwind continued when a text appeared from (then-Assistant Superintendent) Robert Hardis, asking about the number of hours she had completed toward her Master's degree, which she will earn in about a year from Cleveland State University. After her reply, the drama reached a climax when he requested her email address to send her an "intent to hire" document.

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Rocker Eddie Money to Help Local Animal Rescue!

Last January, Barkley Pet Hotel creator and entertainment industry executive Howard Perlmutter produced Rock & Roll to the Rescue – a musical evening (starring Chubby Checker) to raise money for the homeless animals of Geauga Humane Society's Rescue Village. The sold-out, inaugural event was so successful, Perlmutter immediately began working on an encore.

As a result, on Sunday, Nov. 8, legendary Rocker Eddie Money will headline Rock & Roll to the Rescue (Part 2) at the Hard Rock Rocksino – Northfield Park. It will be the first Rocksino appearance for the multi-platinum artist known for hits such as Two Tickets to Paradise, Take Me Home Tonight, and Baby Hold On.

In addition to Money's headlining performance, many other celebrity guests are slated to share the spotlight as well.

While Perlmutter prefers to keep his celebrities a surprise, so far we have learned appearances are scheduled for Fox 8's Dick Goddard, recording artist Aleem, Brown's mascot Swagger and more. Word also has it that the three-hour spectacular will be hosted by the original MTV DJ, Nina Blackwood, who may be heard daily on Sirius/XM's 80's on 8 channel.

Once again, proceeds from the evening will benefit the dogs, cats, horses and other animals of Rescue Village. At Rescue Village, animals are cared for until they find a new home and are never euthanized due to age, special needs or lack of space. 100% of the care of these animals comes from private sources and donations.

Ganley Subaru of Bedford will again sponsor the gala. Michael Friedman, also known as the "Ganley Man," says, "Subaru is a very pet-friendly company and we extend those beliefs as a pet-friendly dealership." As a proud supporter of many charitable organizations, he adds, "This event is truly one-of-a-kind and puts the fun back in fundraising."

Rock & Roll to the Rescue (Part 2) will take place Sunday, Nov. 8 at the Hard Rock Rocksino – Northfield Park. A pre-show cocktail fundraiser will begin at 6 pm with showtime set for 7:30 pm. Tickets start at just \$25 and are available at the Rocksino box office or via any Ticketmaster outlet. Attendees must be 21 and over.

Perlmutter says, "Part 2 will be a unique extension of the prototype." He goes on to promise, "a great show for an even better cause."



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Dr. Burgun is a practicing endocrinologist at University Hospitals. He is the Division Chief of Endocrinology at UH Ahuja Medical Center and the Medical Director of Endocrinology at UH Geauga Medical Center. He is board-certified in internal medicine, endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism.

Joann Mraz, a diabetes advocate, has over 15 years serving 22 counties in Northeast Ohio in the role of Director of Mission Delivery for a national diabetes nonprofit. Joann's company, Blue Iris Consulting, focuses on "Bridging Awareness and Action" regarding health and wellness to educate, engage and enable individuals to take ownership of their health.

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BHS Students Named National Merit Semifinalists, Commended Scholars

The Beachwood Board of Education is proud to recognize two Beachwood High School seniors who qualified as semifinalists in the 61st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Bagatur Askaryan and Junyoung Lee are two of the 16,000 semifinalists who qualified across the country. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition.

In addition to Bagatur and

Junyoung's accomplishments, nine seniors were recognized with National Merit commendations. They are: Paul Corty, Clarissa Djohari, Henry Grasso, Madeline Haas, Inkyu Kim, Hannah Leland, Emily Melzak, Simon Perilla and Srividya Uppalapati.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and by meeting program entry and participation requirements. Of the 1.5 million entrants, 50,000 students with the highest PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index

scores qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship

Program as either a commended student or semifinalist.



Pictured are National Merit semifinalist Junyoung Lee and commended students Paul Corty, Henry Grasso, Madeline Haas, Inkyu Kim, Hannah Leland, Simon Perilla and Srividya Uppalapati with Superintendent Bob Hardis, Dr. Ed Klein, BHS Principal, and School Board Members Mitch Luxenburg, president; Dr. Brian Weiss, vice president; Joshua Mintz and Steve Rosen.

Not pictured: Bagatur Askaryan, Clarissa Djohari and Emily Melzak.

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BHS Celebrates City's Centennial

The Beachwood High School Marketing and Junior Achievement Program has been committed to making a difference in the local community, state and globe through a variety of projects over the last ten years. Last year, in conjunction with the City's Centennial, the students created the 100 Leaves Project. The project was dual focused, a public art exhibit, which featured six foot tall fiberglass beech leaf sculptures and the re-population of the beech trees that Beachwood was named for, of which fewer than 10 remained in Beachwood in 2015. This past spring, the City of Beachwood planted 100 beech trees on city land and during homecoming weekend, the first of 45 additional beech trees were planted at Beachwood High School and Middle School.

The 45 trees will be assets to Beachwood that will increase in value as the trees grow taller and stronger. Annually, each tree will contribute more than \$350 in economic benefits, including: decreased storm water run off, improved air quality, increased property values, electricity savings and carbon dioxide reduction. Together, the 45 trees will contribute

more than \$16,000 in economic benefits and with a lifespan of 200-300 years, should realize over \$3.2 million dollars in savings. In addition, the trees will eliminate over 270 tons of CO2.

A sincere thank you to the sponsors of the 100 Leaves Project for their commitment

to and investment in entrepreneurship at Beachwood High School. The Beachwood High School Marketing and Junior Achievement Program is led by Gregory Perry. Karen Carmen, Beachwood Community Services Director, is an advisor to the class.



Standing, from left: Joylen Perkins (Brush), Meredith Lichtcsien (Solon Alumni), Steve Rosen (School Board), Alec Isaacson (City Council), Dr. Ed Klein (BHS Principal), Mayor Merle S. Gorden, Bob Hardis (Superintendent), Josh Mintz (School Board), Jackson Webster (CEO, Chagrin Falls), Michael Carovac (West Geauga), Michael Archiable (West Geauga), Dr. Brian Weiss (School Board) Lindsey Mink (Brush) and Camiron Shimrak (Chagrin Falls).
Kneeling, from left: Sophie Schoen (Beachwood), Joseph Vinci (Chagrin Falls) and Shelby Deacon (West Geauga).

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Upcoming Jewish Federation of Cleveland Events

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Gallery Open House: Amnon's Workshop • Sunday, Nov. 8, 1-4 pm
Gallery Talks with the artist at 1:30 and 3 pm • Roe Green Gallery

Please join the Jewish Federation's Cleveland Israel Arts Connection for a free Open House of "Amnon's Workshop," a new exhibition by celebrated Cleveland photographer, Daniel Levin, M.F.A.

Chanukah in a Basket

Donation drop-off through Friday, Nov. 13, 8 am – 6 pm

Share the light of Chanukah by donating gifts to our Jewish community's neediest children and families. Visit www.jewishcleveland.org for a list of suggested items like toys, books and games. Gifts will be distributed to families through day schools, synagogues and other local organizations that care for those in our community who are undergoing financial distress.

YLD Big Event

Saturday, Nov. 14, 8:30 pm
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Pictured top: Ben Milgrom, Andy Isaacs, Aaron Krieger, Taryn Isaacs and Natan Milgrom toast to a great night at last year's YLD Big Event! Bottom: Having a blast at the 2014 YLD Big Event are Jordan and Rochie Berkowitz, Ben Milgrom, Margaret and Jonathan Frankel, and Halle and Eric Kogelschatz.

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10th Annual BHS PTO

Unique Boutique

The Beachwood High School PTO Unique Boutique is an arts and crafts holiday boutique, featuring the work of local artists. The event is a fundraiser for the Class of 2016's After Prom. Several local artists will be selling a variety of items, including ceramics, wearable arts, jewelry, specialty items and gift items, for the upcoming holiday season.

The Unique Boutique will be held on Sunday, Nov. 15, 10 am to 4 pm at Beachwood High School. It is a great way to support the BHS senior class and also complete a lot of holiday shopping! Local vendors also donate one item that is used in a silent auction during the event. The proceeds of the day go to the 2016 After Prom; which is held each year to provide students with a fun, safe atmosphere to continue their prom festivities.

Admission is \$3 for adults; 12 and under are free. For more information, Nancy Rich Eisenberg may be reached at Beachwooduniqueboutique2015@gmail.com.

Skyzone Fundraiser Benefits Kids in Sderot

Andrew Baker, Drew Dubin, Jordan Levin and Ethan Winger invite you to Skyzone to help raise funds for their joint Bar Mitzvah project, "Soaring for Sderot," to benefit children in Israel.

Instead of undertaking individual projects, the young men have joined forces to plan one big FUNdraiser event and your children can help!

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, Beachwood schools are closed due to election day, and your children can join in the fun(d) with a \$20/ticket donation. Each ticket is good for 90 minutes of jump time at Skyzone/Highland Heights, pizza and drinks, between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm.

Proceeds will benefit kids in Sderot, a town located on the Israel-Gaza border that is under constant attack by terrorists. Funds raised will be donated to the Jewish National Fund (JNF) to support an underground playground/bomb shelter that will provide a safe place for children in Israel during the rocket bombardment.

For tickets or more details, please contact Marci Baker at 216.593.0321 or any of the boys. To make a donation without purchasing a ticket, visit <http://tinyurl.com/Soaring4Sderot>. Their goal is \$1,800. Thank you for your consideration in supporting this great cause.

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Pictured from left: Ethan Winger, Drew Dubin, Andrew Baker and Jordan Levin

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	<p></p> <p>MALTZ MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE The Museum of Diversity & Tolerance</p> <p>2929 Richmond Road, Beachwood, OH 216.593.0575 maltzmuseum.org</p> <p>This multisensory exhibition is part of Violins of Hope Cleveland, a community-wide collaboration of The Cleveland Orchestra, Case Western Reserve University, the Cleveland Institute of Music, Facing History and Ourselves, ideastream, the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and the Maltz Museum. For more info on related lectures, films, performances and exhibits, visit violinsofhopecle.org.</p>

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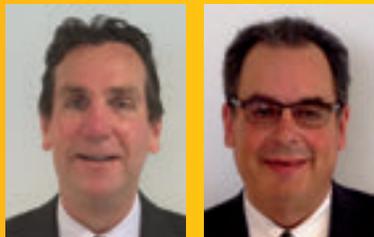


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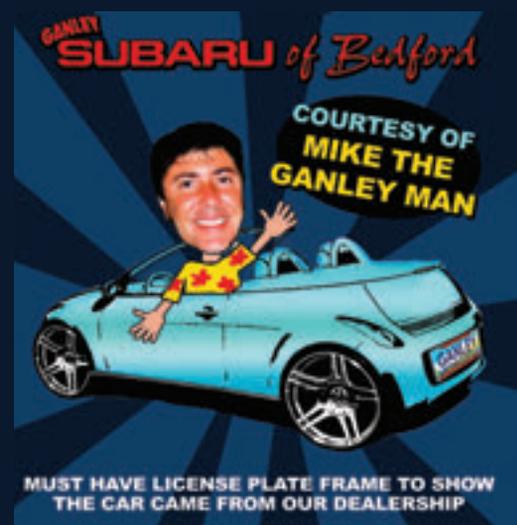
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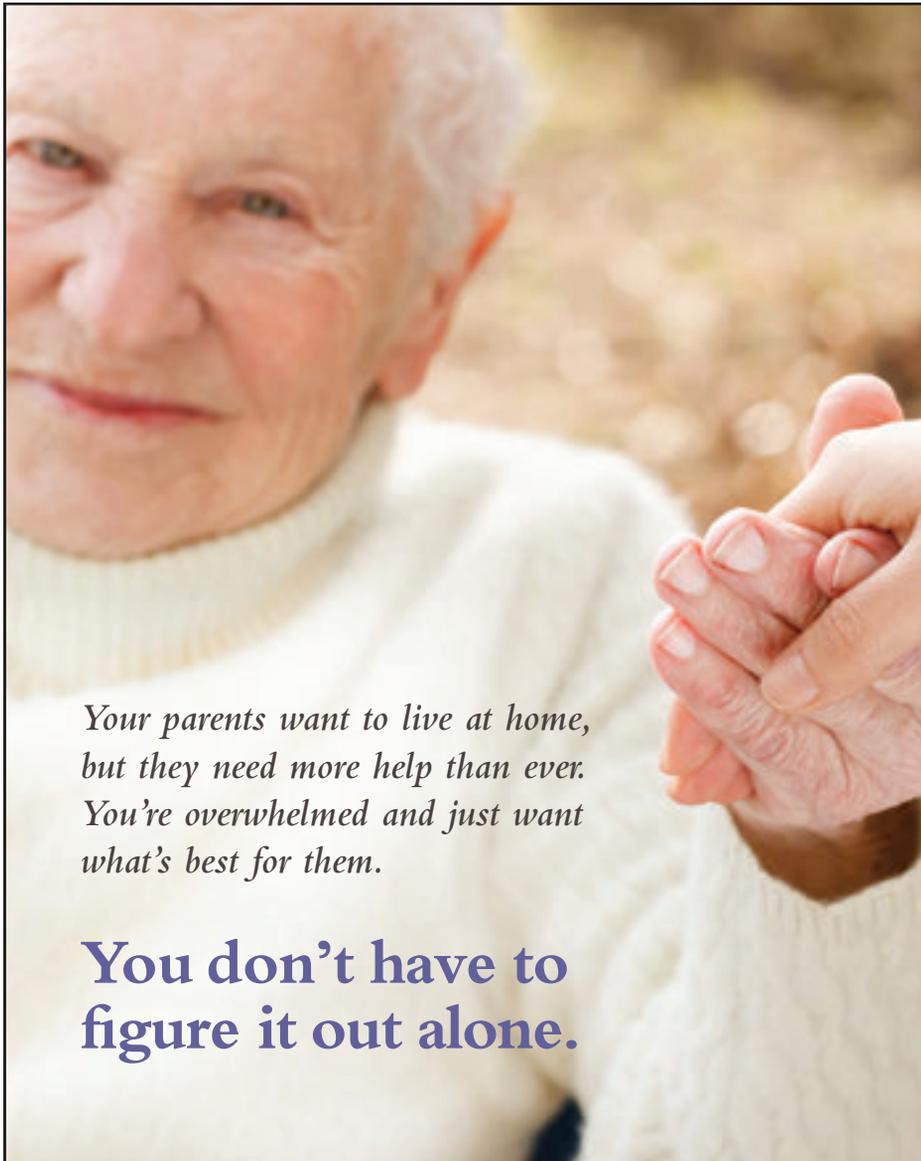
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with rhythms such as bolero, baião, xote, afoxé, frevo, forró, and especially samba and bossa nova, which are basic to his performances. Borges is dedicated to broadening the audience for Brazilian music by performing solo and with his band. Free and open to the community. Reception with refreshments to follow.

Chagrin Valley Camera Club

The Chagrin Valley Camera Club meets twice a month from 7 to 9 pm at the Beachwood Library. Here's the schedule:

Tuesday, Nov. 3

Urban Exploring, the searching and photography of abandoned places and buildings, presented by Glen Petranek. His web site is <http://photoeye.zenfolio.com/pixel-mania>. Guests are welcome.

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Critique of "Things that Fly," for members only. Guests are welcome to attend.

Raise Your Hands For Milestones Autism Resources on December 5

Raise Your Hands for Milestones Autism Resources 2015 Annual Benefit will take place on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Cleveland Marriott East (26300 Harvard Road). This year, the benefit will honor Joyce Goldberg Fromson, Andrea Kanter Grodin and Donna Yanowitz in recognition of their board leadership and extraordinary service to Milestones, a nonprofit dedicated to educating, coaching, and connecting family members and professionals throughout Northeast Ohio affected by autism. Proceeds from the event directly support local families impacted by autism.

Honorary chairs are Allison and Tom Frazier, Cathy and Larry Goldberg, Diane and Steve Rosen, Kyla and Mitchell Schneider, Barbara and Jon Shane, Margaret and Larry Singerman, Judy and Steve Willensky, and Dara and Alan Yanowitz.

For more information about tickets or advertising opportunities, please visit www.milestones.org. RSVP is encouraged by November 13.

Rebecca's Boardwalk –

Rebecca's Gift, a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to providing family vacations after the death of a child, invites the community to attend its first annual Rebecca's Boardwalk fundraising event on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 2 to 5 pm at Fairmount Temple.

Rebecca's Gift supports and assists the family's healing process by providing a place to reconnect, rebuild and relax.

This family-friendly carnival will feature games, crafts, food, games, mini-golf and prizes; and echoes one of the favorite places of the organization's namesake, Rebecca, who passed away in 2014 from brain cancer at the age of six. Event tickets, partially tax deductible, are available at www.rebeccasgift.org/events/.

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- » Teen drivers are at the highest risk. The crash rate per mile driven for 16 year olds is 4X that of adult drivers.
- » Having passengers is a serious distraction for teen drivers. Carrying three or more passengers quadruples the risk of a crash for 16 and 17 year olds compared to driving alone.

For Information or To RSVP, contact Nancy Schaumburg, LISW-S SAY Coalition Coordinator, at 216.320.8469 or schaumburng@bellefairejcb.org; or visit www.e-say.org.



Cleveland Jewish News presents 18 Difference Makers on Nov. 18

Thirty-six individuals and a Lifetime Achievement Award winner will be recognized on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6 pm, when the *Cleveland Jewish News* presents its inaugural class of 18 Difference Makers at a cocktail reception, featuring food stations and desserts. The event will be held at Executive Caterers of Landerhaven, 6111 Landerhaven Drive in Mayfield Heights. Tickets for the event are \$72 each and may be purchased at cjn.org/differencemakers.

The recipients who were nominated by the community must embody tikkun olam – repairing the world – and encourage it among others. Due to the overwhelming number of high-quality nominations, the inaugural class was doubled to 36, or “double chai,” which in Hebrew means “life.”

“Choosing only 18 Difference Makers in this inaugural class wouldn’t have done justice to the many who are helping to improve Northeast Ohio’s Jewish community,” said Kevin S. Adelstein, CJN publisher and CEO. “We were thrilled to receive such an overwhelming response for nominations, and we’re even more thrilled to honor these 36 deserving and talented individuals.”

Here is the inaugural class of Difference Makers:

- Justin Bachman: Student, Syracuse University
- Samantha Baskind: Professor of art history, Cleveland State University
- Ronald Berkman: President, Cleveland State University
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- Lisa Hacker, Director, women’s philanthropy at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland
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- Benjamin Sattin: Attorney, Norchi Forbes LLC
- Bradley Schlang: Partner, Cedar Brook Financial Partners
- Lane Schlessel: Director, Ohio Chapter of of the Friends of Israel Defense Forces
- Ilana Hoffer Skoff: Executive director, Milestones Autism Resources
- Heidi Solomon: Program coordinator, Horvitz YouthAbility program of Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland
- Jerry Isaak-Shapiro: Head of school, Joseph and Florence Mandel Jewish Day School
- Rabbi Zachary Truboff: Spiritual leader, Oheb Zedek-Cedar Sinai Synagogue
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The Beachwood FOP Lodge 86 expresses its gratitude to Mr. Daniel Barnett and International XS Program Managers, a Beachwood business, for their generous support. A special thank you goes out to Target in University Heights for its amazing support of our Shop-With-A-Cop event.

A special thank you goes to Valenti's restaurant for opening its doors to host a clambake for members of the Beachwood FOP Lodge 86 and their families. Food was excellent and wait staff was incredibly accommodating. The Valenti's are staunch supporters of law enforcement and are appreciated within our community.



Beachwood Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #86 Hosts Shop With a Cop

As part of its mission, Beachwood Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #86 enjoys giving back to our community. As such, FOP members recently hosted a Shop-With-A-Cop event to benefit children who attend St. Marks Presbyterian Church, located in Beachwood.

Shop-With-A-Cop was coordinated by Kevin Owens, FOP Lodge #86 vice president, and funded by DDR.

On three separate occasions, the St. Marks congregation prepared homemade holiday meals for on-duty Beachwood police officers; so when Shop-With-A-Cop was incepted, Reverend Carmen Cox Harwell was contacted to see if she had congregants who could benefit.

"The idea was created to advance social, charitable and educational undertakings among police officers, as established in our bylaws," Owens told us.

Shop-With-A-Cop took place on Saturday, Sept. 26, and was a great success. There were tears of appreciation, personal stories shared and gratitude felt from the personal bonds made between officers, kids and their families after the kids selected winter coats, shoes, clothes and some fun items. Following the event, officers, kids and their families enjoyed snacks at the Target café.

Special thanks to Target, and Target's Charles Donaldson, executive team leader of guest experience, for orchestrating this program and preparing gift bags for the children of St. Marks.

Additional thanks to CBRE, a commercial real estate firm; DDR and DDR CEO, David Oakes, for making this event possible.

Beachwood FOP Lodge #86 also thanks Reverend Carmen Cox Harwell of St. Marks Presbyterian Church and participating FOP members.

Any Beachwood-based or other local business that wishes to contribute to the endeavors of the Beachwood FOP Lodge #86, please contact Officer Preston LaFrance, lodge president, at 216.464.2343. The FOP's relationships with local businesses allow it to assist the community in accordance with its bylaws.



Pictured: Beachwood FOP Lodge #86 members enjoyed their Shop-With-A-Cop experience with congregants of St. Marks Presbyterian Church.

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Don't miss Music! Music! Music!, sponsored by Park Synagogue Senior Adults and B'nai Jeshurun's Hazak Group, on Sunday, Nov. 15, 3:30 pm, at Park Synagogue East, 27500 Shaker Blvd., Pepper Pike, featuring the Laura Varcho Trio in an upbeat musical program. The event concludes with a table-served dinner.



The Laura Varcho Trio, made up of vocalist Laura Varcho, premier jazz pianist Joe Hunter, and bass-player Bryan Thomas, will play a wide variety of music from past and present eras, including songs from Gershwin, Porter, Lloyd Weber, and many other talented composers. There will be something for all music lovers to enjoy!

The event is open to people of all ages in the community. Cost is \$30 per person for community members. Prepaid reservations are required by November 6. For registration information, please contact Ellen Petler, Park Synagogue program and volunteer director, at epetler@parksyn.org or 216.371.2244, ext. 122.

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About the Hebrew Free Loan Association

by Michal Marcus, HFLA Executive Director

As I sat at the Western Reserve Historical Society reading through log books dating back to the first decade of the last century, it amazed me how one organization could remain so relevant, even 111 years after its inception.

The Hebrew Free Loan Association (HFLA) of Northeast Ohio's core belief that people would rather have a hand up than a handout continues to inspire the more than 26,000 recipients of the organization's interest-free loans.

"Our model of lending small amounts of money to those who cannot qualify for conventional bank loans still raises eyebrows in some sectors, with people not understanding how we manage to operate," said HFLA Executive Director Michal Marcus. "Even after economist Muhammad Yunus and his Grameen Bank received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for establishing micro lending in Bangladesh, beginning in 1976, our non-sectarian lending and our interest-free model continues to fly under the radar, although we started more than 70 years before Grameen Bank."

Perhaps the reason is that most people do not perceive the need for our services. HFLA is not incorporated as a bank, and our community would prefer to believe that it does not have the same needs as a developing country like Bangladesh. The truth is, however, that for many Northeast Ohioans, one paycheck can stand between their families and financial ruin.

This is where HFLA comes in. Following Biblical precepts (Exodus 22:24), HFLA provides interest-free loans to people in need who, typically, may be considered high risk and unqualified for conventional bank loans. That being said, the HFLA default rate is only 3%.

"How do we do this? We listen to people and try to understand their story," Marcus told us. "We build relationships, examine applicants' income and expenses, and make a loan determination based on our belief that they will repay it so that the next person in need will have access to these funds."

Lynda Hirsh was living at Sherri Park when the fire broke out, and overnight she had to figure out how to move. Her insurance had lapsed and she didn't have the extra income for this unforeseen event. HFLA was there to help her with an interest-free loan so she could relocate and start afresh.

And here's a story from Jane, who shared the transformative impact of interest-free loans on the lives of her children:

"HFLA has been an enormous blessing to my family. As a single parent with three children, the collapse of a 20-year marriage and a family business failure left me facing huge financial stresses as I attempted to rebuild our lives.

"As a teacher, I know the value of education. When my son wanted to attend college, I could not

secure a traditional bank loan. HFLA lent our family the money to fill in the gaps that the three jobs I was holding could not fill. My son got a job and together we were able to pay his tuition. He continued to thrive at university and today is a successful businessman.

"My second son also wanted to pursue a psychology degree. Again, HFLA was there to help him achieve that goal. He is currently a senior and is a published researcher in the field of psychology. He plans to pursue a doctorate in psychology next fall.

"My daughter recently began pursuit of a nursing degree at the University. HFLA was there for our family again.

"Without these loans, my children would not have been able to achieve their dreams. They took the blessing that we were given and used it to set goals and work hard to achieve them. We are grateful for the financial support we were given and hope to someday help others as HFLA has helped us in our time of great need."

For more information about HFLA, visit hflaclev.org.

Come to Party 111 and support the next 111 years of interest-free lending!

Saturday, November 14

Temple Emanu El

6:30 to 10 pm

On Saturday, Nov. 14, join HFLA to support 111 years of interest-free lending in Northeast Ohio with a sit-down dinner, open bar, live music and silent auction. Meet some of the 25,000 people that HFLA has helped since 1904. This gala takes place from 6:30 to 10 pm at Temple Emanu El, 4545 Brainard Road in Orange Village. Please register by calling 216.378.9042, emailing team@hflaclev.org or visiting hflaclev.org. Sponsorship information is also available.

Beachwood Ph.D Receives Two Publishing Contracts for Two Books... The Same Night

Beachwood resident Brian S. Johnson, PhD, had a night maybe not even Stephen King has experienced.

"I was watching TV with my family and checking email on my laptop," Johnson said. "Suddenly, I told them to pause the show and I read aloud that Lexington Press is going to publish the book I authored. The contract was attached for my approval."

"My wife screamed so loud at the news that it frightened our youngest to tears."

The book itself is a study of America's use of Nazism postwar in its anti-Communist campaign. It's a look at the way the use of Nazi comparisons began, even just after the war, to describe political enemies and social evils—a trend that has since continued.

Once his family had recovered from the astonishment, his children were about to re-start their show when he said, "Wait, there's something else."

The next email in his queue was also from Lexington Press, announcing that they would publish the collection of essays that Johnson had co-edited with Malcah Efron, Ph.D., from an international scholars' conference about evil held in 2014 at Case Western Reserve University. The contract was attached for the collection, as well.

"Nobody screamed that time," his wife Lynn recounted. "It was too phenomenal to even sink in."

Johnson is an adjunct professor at Cleveland State University in the English department. In a world of publish or perish, receiving contracts for two books simultaneously is a Herculean feat.

"My wife put on her Facebook wall, 'Hey, has Stephen King ever sold two (non-series) books in the same day? Because my husband Brian Johnson just did!'"



Call to Artists: 2015/2016 Artist Fellowship program

The Cleveland Jewish Arts and Culture Lab seeks creative practitioners to apply to its 2015/2016 Artist Fellowship program. Founded in partnership with the Mandel Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, about a dozen Cleveland artists are selected to participate each year and create original artwork in the spirit of the theme. The theme is studied through the use of Torah, text study and philosophy, and each fellow receives a stipend of \$750 towards their work.

The group studies together for six months, and an exhibition takes place at the Mandel JCC in the spring.

Fellows have worked in many media, including visual arts, writing, playwriting, music, film and dance. Applications are due November 13. To request and application, please email admin@j-artsclturelab.org.



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Beachwood Convention & Visitors Bureau Receives Four Marketing Awards

by Patty Lampert, President

The Ohio Association of Convention & Visitors Bureaus (OACVB) held its 18th Annual Awards of Excellence Luncheon in Gahanna, Ohio on Thursday, September 17, 2015. At this event, MIDDY Awards were presented for destination marketing and tourism development; and recipients were recognized for excellence in objective, results, creativity and originality. More than 100 entries were received in print, advertising, promotion, social media, TV/Video, website and marketing campaign categories. All entries were judged by a team of experts in the communications, advertising, public relations, publications and/or tourism fields from outside of the OACVB membership. Monica Day, from NBC4, served as master of ceremonies.

The Beachwood Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) won four awards for its creative promotion of Beachwood as an overnight leisure destination for dining, shopping and entertainment, as well as for being a great location

for business meetings and events. Awards were given for: the website, ads for Ohio Has It and Ohio Travel Guide, and tour group marketing. Many outstanding marketing projects were submitted for the annual awards competition. Being recognized for a job well-done in the promotion of travel and tourism throughout the state of Ohio is a highly valued achievement.

The Beachwood CVB is honored to be recognized by its peers and to receive these four prestigious awards. The CVB continually works to strengthen the tourism industry in Beachwood and showcase the wonderful amenities in and around the city. We believe once you visit, **"The Experience Will Bring You Back!"**

We invite you to explore possible ways the CVB can partner with your company to improve your visitors' experiences and to enhance their perceptions of Beachwood. Please call us at 216-378-9333, or send an email to Patty@VisitBeachwoodOhio.com.

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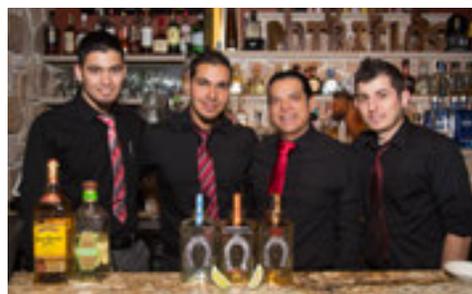
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Beachwood Historical Society
Beachwood Library (2)
Beachwood Bistro
City of Beachwood and Western Reserve Historical Society
Cedar Creek Grille
Fred Astaire (at Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage)
Giovanni's
Hale Farm & Village
NatureVation
(at Hotel Indigo)
Maggiano's Little Italy
The Cleveland Orchestra
The Powder Room –
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The Pub
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The CVB is currently planning its 2016 events. Please contact Patty Lampert at 216.378.9333 for additional information.



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SHRED DAY RESULTS

Thank you to the residents who participated in Beachwood's Personal Shred Day and Habitat for Humanity Drop-Off. Through your good efforts, we recycled more than 4.5 tons of paper and helped save 75 trees, 13.175 cubic yards of landfill and 90 gallons of water. Habitat Humanity also received 141 pieces for their Re-Store, making Beachwood the sixth highest contributing community in the area.



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

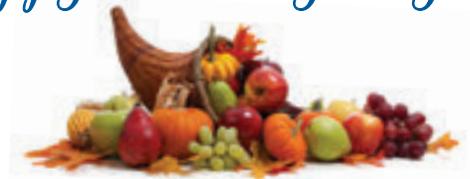
NOVEMBER 8, 2015 • 11:00 A.M. • BEACHWOOD CEMETERY



The Beachwood Historical Society and the City will partner to commemorate Veterans Day at the Beachwood Cemetery. This event will feature dignitaries, local veterans, presentation of the colors and tours. The Beachwood Cemetery, located near the corner of Green and Halburton Roads, is the final resting place of over 40 soldiers. Join us for a reception at Beachwood Community Center immediately following the commemoration. Free and open to the community.

The Service Department will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in celebration of Thanksgiving. PLEASE NOTE: If your rubbish day is Thursday, your trash will be picked up Wednesday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving



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EXCELLENT AUDIT OPINION FROM STATE

NO FINDINGS FOR RECOVERY; NO ISSUES FOUND WITH POOL PASS DISTRIBUTION

The 2014 State Audit Report for the City of Beachwood contained no findings for recovery or non-compliance citations. As part of the Audit, the Auditor further explored issues including the Mayor's issuance of swimming pool passes and other issues.

The Audit indicates the City was either rightfully conducting business within the guidelines of its policies and procedures or has already addressed issues raised in a prior audit.

"The Administration and Council have made several adjustments in recent years, and we have respectfully complied with past recommendations from the Auditor's Office," said Beachwood City Council President Fred Goodman. We are pleased by the audit and related review."

The Auditor's Office issued a management letter addressing nine issues that had been raised and made no recommendations for changes on all but one – involving the use of City meeting rooms by organizations not conducting City business.

The following issues were alleged by some to constitute some sort of wrongdoing and resulted in no citations or internal control recommendations by the auditor:

POOL PASSES – The Auditor's response noted that City ordinance allows the Mayor to distribute pool passes.

MOTORCYCLE BIDS – There was an allegation that the City improperly followed procedures involving bids to replace Beachwood Police Department motorcycles. The Auditor notes that the City received two bids and the lowest bid was selected.

CELL PHONE BILL –The Auditor did not note any issues with the use of the Mayor's cell phone and noted that the Mayor, like other City employees, is given a monthly allowance and is taxed accordingly.

TRAVEL–The Auditor's letter does not find improper travel as alleged and points out that the Mayor was not reimbursed for any overnight travel or per diems in 2014.

VACATIONS –The Auditor examined vacation allegations and noted the Mayor did use vacation and his payout was for unused vacation time, which had been questioned.

INCENTIVE – An allegation was made that a company was inappropriately given a \$75,000 incentive. The company never met City requirements and thus never received the \$75,000.

WEDDING GRATUITIES – The Mayor's acceptance of gratuities for performing wedding ceremonies was questioned. The Auditor wrote that City Council in 2015 eliminated language that allowed the Mayor to accept such gratuities.

PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS – The Auditor also reviewed the City's adherence to public records request laws. The Auditor said the City has the necessary logs and support information to comply with public records requests, but also noted that a letter was sent to the City earlier this year that criticized the City's inability to locate records showing which City workers had received pool passes.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL

Usually meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings: Mondays, November 2 and 16. Questions? Call 216.595.5462.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Usually meets the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meeting: Thursday, December 10. Questions? Call 216.292.1914.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Meets at 5:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings: Mondays, November 2 and 16. Questions? Please call 216.292.1914.

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Honkin' Haulin Hands-On Trucks

On Sunday, September 20, The City of Beachwood held its 16th annual Honkin' Haulin' Hands-On Trucks event at its Municipal Service Center on Mercantile Road. While kids enjoyed crafts, cruising in safety town cars and getting up close and personal with more than 30 trucks, parents had an opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at the city's Municipal Service Center.

Each child had an opportunity to receive his own driver's license and keychain; and photo opportunities were plentiful at this day of exploration, imagination and plain old fun.



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1. Drew and Izzy Mintz pose by the City's Centennial birthday cake.
2. Nathaniel Huck rides a motorcycle.
3. Nicky Filsinger buckles up for safety.
4. Jacob Isaacson rides in a service truck.
5. Temima, Yedidya, Sarah and Emunah Fried enjoy their photo op.
6. Rami Mosenkis gets up close with a Truckster utility cart.
7. TJ Filsinger checks out the fire truck.
8. Azriel and Gabi Schwartz pose with Sparky.
9. Sammy Filsinger poses by the fire truck.
10. Noam Landman enjoys driving his car.
11. Nolan Chattman rides in a Sno Pusher.
12. Brody Miller rides in a Wacker Roller.
13. Nolan Walsh poses by a big wheel.
14. Cooper Walsh gest up close with a Caterpillar Loader.
15. Desmond Thatcher shows us his driver's license.
16. Brennan Wohl tries his luck at the football toss.
17. Rachel Isaacson poses by the traffic light.
18. Chris and Graham Keller enjoy truck painting.
19. Mayer Gancz dresses as a fireman.
20. Adeline Wohl and Reese Miller rest on a tire.
21. Romi, Rayna, Moselle and Lauren Freiman enjoy family fun.

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FALL LEAF PICK-UP

Running continuously through December, leaf trucks will be in operation daily throughout the City (weather permitting).

Collection is on-going from one end of town to the other end of town. Therefore, there is no need to call for a special pickup.



Place UNBAGGED leaves on the tree-lawn only. DO NOT PLACE IN STREET. Leaf piles mixed with other debris – such as grass – WILL NOT be picked up. After January 1, all leaves need to be bagged. Leaf bags will then be picked up with your regular rubbish on your collection day. Questions? Call the Service Department at 216.292.1922.

Art Exhibits

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 SATURDAY • 10 AM – 3 PM SUNDAY • 10 AM – 1 PM

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Council Update

BEACHWOOD RECREATION COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS



PERFORMANCE DATES

- Saturday, November 14 • 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 15 • 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 20 • 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 21 • 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 22 • 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 4 • 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 5 • 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 6 • 2:00 p.m.

Beachwood Middle School Auditorium
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Pictured left: Beachwood Residents Sherry Comet-Epstein (Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch) and Kyra Cone (Dorothy) don't see eye to eye regarding Toto (Baxter Bauer of Solon) Pictured right: Glinda (Erin Fogarty of Mentor) instructs Dorothy (Ryan Kacmar of Aurora) to click her heels together three times and repeat "There's no place like home..."



December Give-Back Event

A message from
Executive Director Cindy Caldwell



This year, the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce is dedicating its December luncheon as a give-back event and the following organizations have been selected by our membership as recipients. As a group, we feel grateful for individual successes and recognize the importance of not-for-profit organizations and how they benefit our community.

The luncheon will take place at Maggiano's Little Italy at Beachwood Place, December 16, 2015 at 11:30 am. We are marketing this luncheon to our membership, encouraging them to make contributions to benefit at least one of the these organizations. Additionally, a representative from each organization will speak for 10 minutes to educate luncheon guests about what their organization does. We invite you to visit our website at www.beachwood.org to register for this luncheon and spread the holiday spirit.

A Kid Again exists to foster hope, happiness and healing for families raising kids with life threatening illnesses. It helps to restore a sense of normalcy for the family and strives to make life more like "life" again by helping families gain back moments of solace and a sense of control over their circumstances. It strives to give these kids an opportunity to have fun and feel like they should – the kid they are meant to be each day. Its adventures are designed for kids

to have something to look forward to, and to give their sisters, brothers and parents some respite as well. Its network also provides resources and family network opportunities. For more information, visit www.akidagain.org.

InMotion is a nonprofit center and community located in Warrensville Heights. We serve the needs of people with Parkinson's and other movement disorders. InMotion supports our clients and those that care about them through education, exercise, support groups, and healing arts. Our programs are provided free of charge and open to all. The InMotion space welcomes visitors to a multipurpose room for exercise and speaker presentations, a resource center, and small healing arts and support group meeting rooms. For more information, visit www.beinmotion.org.

The Gathering Place, with locations in Beachwood and Westlake, offers a wide variety of free programs and services to those touched by cancer. When you give to The Gathering Place you're helping to support individuals and families in our communities who are touched by cancer. Our free programs and services help Northeast Ohio families, neighbors, colleagues and friends cope with the emotional, spiritual, physical and social impact of a cancer diagnosis. For more information, visit www.touchedbycancer.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS Open to the Community

NOVEMBER

4th, Wednesday 7 pm

Beachwood Athletic Boosters Fall Athlete Recognition (BHS Community Room)

8th, Sunday 3 - 5pm

Beachwood Orchestra Fundraiser (Freeway Lanes - Solon)

10th, Tuesday 7 pm

BHS Open House for 8th Graders (open to all 8th grade private school attendee and parents)

12th, Thursday 12 - 2pm

Elderclass Lunch & Program "Showstoppers" (BHS)

15th, Sunday 10am - 4pm

Unique Boutique (BHS)

16th, Monday 7:30 pm

Board of Education Meeting (High School Community Room)
Presentation on Athletic Field and Elementary Facilities Studies

18th, Wednesday 7:30 pm

Beachwood Schools Foundation Board Meeting (Fairmount Board Room)

23rd, Monday 7:30 pm

Board of Education Meeting (Fairmount Board Room)

Hilltop, A Blue Ribbon School



Congratulations to Beachwood's Hilltop Elementary School for being named by the United States Department of Education as a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School. Just 285 public schools across the nation received this designation. Former Hilltop principal, and current Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Linda LoGalbo learned last year that Hilltop had been nominated by the Ohio Department of Education for this honor. Ms. LoGalbo and her staff, along with former Superintendent Markwardt, submitted the application materials and we recently learned that Hilltop had been officially named a winner and will be honored at a recognition ceremony on November 9th in Washington DC.



Hilltop's Blue Ribbon award recognizes its academic excellence, exemplified by its outstanding State Report Card and also its wide range of academic, artistic and athletic programming. The award also recognizes the extensive supports Hilltop provides to all students, the atmosphere of professional learning fostered among the school staff, and the collaborative culture that exists between Hilltop Elementary and the broader community.

Our entire community should be proud of this accomplishment!



Hilltop students celebrate the news of the Blue Ribbon with blue suckers and blue mouths.

LEGO Club



Bryden students were hard at work during the LEGO Club. Students attempted to build a skyscraper sturdy enough to endure the "earthquake" they created on the trampoline. Students measured the height of their skyscrapers and discussed strategies for structurally sound buildings. LEGO Club is advised by Michelle Mayer.

Friends of Beachwood Orchestras 2015 Fundraiser

The Friends of the Beachwood Orchestras is dedicated to providing valuable support for the strings program in grades 4-12.

Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, music, and a silent auction* full of wonderful opportunities!

Sunday, November 8, 2015

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Freeway Lanes - Solon

33185 Bainbridge Road, Solon, Ohio

\$25 per adult admission (cash bar available)

\$15 per student not performing for the fundraiser

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HOMECOMING

The community came out to celebrate alongside the students during Beachwood's annual homecoming pep rally and festival. Stilt walkers entertained the crowd, while two airbrushers had long lines all night as kids (and adults) showed off their newly painted creations. The high school fall athletes were introduced, along with their coaches and food trucks delivered a steady stream of delicious treats throughout the night while Ben & Jerry's scooped 400 cups of ice cream. Representatives from Beachwood Schools' support organizations manned booths, selling various spirit wear, tattoos and neon glow sticks. The Beachwood Federation of Teachers donated 30 dozen glazed donuts that were gobbled up. A DJ kept the crowd dancing until nightfall, but the next morning the party continued as Beachwood again turned out to cheer on boys and girls soccer and boys football. A good number of alumni impressed the crowd during halftime with a spirited Band and Drill Team performance. What a wonderful weekend!



**Elderclass Lunch & Program
"Showstoppers"**

Thursday, November 12



Enjoy a concert of some of your favorite songs and arias from well-known opera and Broadway shows, including Show Boat, Porgy and Bess and many others. Featuring Cleveland Opera Theater performers, Angela Mitchell, soprano, William Clarence Marshall, bass and Patrick Wickliffe, pianist.

Sponsored by the Beachwood Board of Education, Elderclass affords residents an opportunity for learning and entertainment in a high school environment. Excellent lunches, catered by the vocational culinary arts class, are \$5 for Beachwood residents and \$8 for non-residents, if space is available. Programs are free and open to the public.

Lunch will be served in the Beachwood Bistro at noon with the program to follow at 1 pm. A bus will begin pickups going from the northeast corner of the parking lot to the front entrance, beginning at 11:15 am and ending at noon. The bus will return you to your car following the program.

Please register for the lunch by using the flyer you will receive in the mail. If you are not registered to receive Elderclass monthly program flyers, please **contact Marlene Dunger at the Beachwood Board of Education, 216.464.2600**. Reservations will be accepted by mail only. Checks can be mailed to or dropped off at the Beachwood Board of Education, 24601 Fairmount Blvd., Beachwood, Ohio 44122. No walk-ins for lunch.

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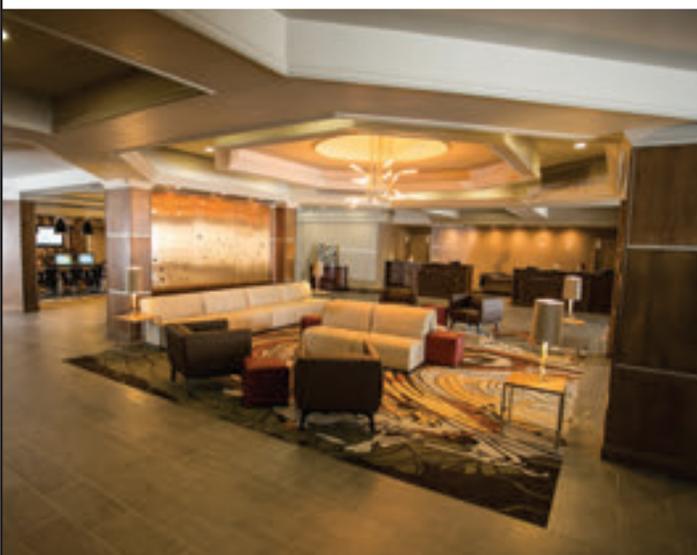
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Free; Complete rules and inspiration at maltzmuseum.org/stop-the-hate. Opportunities to make a positive change in the world present themselves every day. Youth Speak Out celebrates Northeast Ohio students who seize those opportunities and commit to making a difference. By reflecting on a real-life situation and detailing ways to create a more accepting, inclusive community, this next generation of leaders can win big. \$100,000 in scholarships, awards and anti-bias education grants are available for 6th to 12th graders in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull and Wayne counties.

Violins of Hope

Through Sunday, Jan. 3 • Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage

Tuesday – Sunday, 11 am – 5 pm; Wednesday, 11 am – 9pm

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Nineteen violins that survived the Holocaust speak for those who perished. The instruments and their stories—shared through video, imagery and live performances—honor the past and give hope for the future. The 4,000-square-foot multisensory Violins of Hope exhibition and related programming at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage is part of a community-wide VIOLINS OF HOPE CLEVELAND collaboration.

The Holocaust Survivor Band Concert

Sunday, Nov. 8, 1 pm • Mandel JCC Stonehill Auditorium

Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share in the healing power of music and hear two Holocaust survivors' stories of courage and resistance. Led by Saul Dreier and Reuwen Sosnowicz and featuring children and grandchildren of survivors, the group has been profiled in the *New York Times*. Presented in conjunction with Mandel JCC.

Behind the Creative Process with GroundWorks DanceTheater

Sunday, Nov. 15, 2 pm • Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage

GroundWorks DanceTheater presents fragments of the new work inspired by the Violins of Hope. Learn about the creative process and the inspiration from David Shimotakahara, GroundWorks artistic director; Israeli composer Oded Zehavi, and other members of the company. Presented in partnership with GroundWorks DanceTheater, the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Israel Arts Connection and the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Friends of the Maltz Museum: Northeast Ohio's Funniest Rabbi

Sunday, Nov. 15, 7 pm • Congregation Shaarey Tikvah

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Words From the Ward

By the time this gets to your mailbox, you may have already cast your vote. Each election cycle we see an increase in the number of people who choose to vote by mail using an absentee ballot. It is a trend we expect to continue and will result in candidates having to reach out to voters in a different manner.

A group of your Democratic Ward club members have been working on revising our by-laws to ensure they cover the issues of today. The goal of the committee is to have a copy available for the members to ratify at the November meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 pm at the Beachwood Library.

We are also planning the 2016 Speaker Series. If you have an interesting speaker you would like to hear, please send your thoughts to BeachwoodDemocrat@gmail.com.

For more information about the Democratic Ward Club, please call Steve Rosen at 216.292.5562 or email BeachwoodDemocrat@gmail.com. You can also follow us on Facebook.

Happy 100th Birthday, Lilyan Torch

Lilyan Torch was brought into this world on October 6, 1915. It was a year when Woodrow Wilson was President, World War I was continuing, the Boston Braves went from last place all the way to World Series champs, and the first intercontinental radio message was sent.

Lilyan and her husband, Sam, were married for more than 25 years and owned an open-air market, where they sold fruits, vegetables and flowers. They have two sons, Ron and Mark; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, all boys.

Lilyan loves to eat milk chocolate and ice cream, and enjoys trivia, music and playing bingo. She also loves to ride in convertibles.

In honor of her milestone birthday, Mayor Merle S. Gorden and City Council proclaimed Tuesday, Oct. 6 as "Lilyan Torch Day" in the City of Beachwood. Councilman Melvin Jacobs joined Menorah Park staff and Lilyan's friends and family to present her with this proclamation and wish her a happy and healthy 100th birthday.



Pictured: Melvin Jacobs with Lilyan Torch, and her son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Michele Torch.

Miracles and Magic: A benefit for the Northern Ohio Chapter of A Kid Again

On Friday, Nov. 6, Maggiano's will again host the 6th Annual Miracles and Magic for A Kid Again of Northern Ohio. The event is presented by Maggiano's, Frank Novak and Sons Companies and Runyon and Sons Roofing.

In addition to fabulous food, Miracles and Magic will also feature live magical entertainment by award-winning magician David Anthony and a silent auction. Event honorary chair will be Bruce Hooley of ESPN WKNR 850 radio.

The silent auction will feature unique items, including a weekend rental of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle provided by Southeast Harley-Davidson, a ride on the Goodyear Blimp, Elite Island Resorts accommodations, Cavs tickets, entertainment packages, home services and so much more.

Tickets are only \$75 in advance, or you can purchase a patron ticket that includes a swag bag valued at \$150.

Also, back by popular demand, will be the destination raffle to Napa Valley (Wine and Rails) or Cancun Mexico, winner's choice, with airfare, lodging and more included. The winner will be drawn at Miracles and Magic but the winner need not be present, providing a great opportunity to support this local charitable organization even if you cannot attend.

At any given time in this country alone, 500,000 children are living with what is considered to be a life-threatening illness, and 5,000 children are living out their final six months.

A Kid Again is an Ohio-based 501 (c) 3 nonprofit with chapters in Columbus, Cincinnati/Dayton and Northern Ohio. All chapters are responsible for their own adventures and fundraising.

"In other words," says Ms. Bucknell, "all funds raised in Northern Ohio remains in Northern Ohio so that our children have the opportunity to put illness aside so that they can be...A Kid Again."

To learn more about A Kid Again or to purchase tickets, visit www.akidagain.org/miraclesandmagic or email cbucknell@akidagain.org.

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This year's recipient is the Renee Jones Empowerment Center, a 501(C) 3 non-profit organization that fosters opportunities for disadvantaged individuals. The Center's mission is to empower these individuals to advocate for themselves and to improve their quality of life through personal, social and professional development. One area of focus is human trafficking. It's a somewhat unknown fact that Cleveland sits in the middle of one of the worst human trafficking corridors in the country. Women and young girls are kidnapped and sold into prostitution. The Renee Jones Empowerment Center works tirelessly to eradicate this plight on humankind.

WINCleveland president, Suzanne Carle, sits on the Center's board of directors while a number of WINCleveland members volunteer their time to mentor the women at the Center. In addition, the members of WINCleveland collect toiletries and clothing, and donate money to support this worthy cause.

These efforts culminate in the WINCleveland Annual Holiday Benefit Luncheon held on Monday, Dec. 7 at Landerhaven. The luncheon is filled with camaraderie, connection and giving. Some members sell their wares with portions of their proceeds going to the Center. There is also a silent auction with incredible items and a lottery tree, with proceeds benefitting The Renee Jones Empowerment Center.

This event provides an opportunity for WINCleveland members to engage with each other, give back, give thanks for what we have, and pay it forward to those who need it most. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend the luncheon as well.

For more information, visit www.wincleveland.org.

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This year, two sessions will be offered to teach people how to wrap all sizes and shapes of gifts. Both will be held at Montefiore (One David N. Myers Parkway, Beachwood). The first one is Sunday, Nov. 22, from 1 - 2:30 pm; and the second is Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 6:30 - 8 pm.

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Balancing a Busy Schedule and Your Blood Sugar

Diabetes is a very common disease. Almost 30 million people in the United States have either type 1 or type 2 diabetes, though type 2 is significantly more common. Diabetes is a disorder in which the body does not produce enough insulin, which results in elevated blood glucose levels. Insulin is a hormone naturally produced by the pancreas, and is used to help the body store sugars and starches as energy. Over time, this imbalance can have negative effects on your eyes, kidneys, nervous system and heart. The symptoms of diabetes can appear as normal discomforts, but should be reported to your physician if they persist for a length of time.

Symptoms include:

- Frequent urination
- Strong feelings of hunger or thirst, even if food is being consumed
- Extreme fatigue
- Blurry vision
- Slow healing of cuts and bruises
- Weight loss, despite any dietary habits – especially in uncontrolled type 1
- Tingling, pain or numbness in hands or feet

“Managing a chronic condition like diabetes can feel overwhelming at times,” says Stephen J. Burgun, MD,

the Division Chief of Endocrinology at University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center and the Medical Director of Endocrinology at University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center. “Having to watch what you eat, stay active, take your meds and check your blood sugar is a lifelong challenge.”

Diabetes can become apparent in three forms. Type 1 diabetes is more commonly diagnosed in children and young adults and requires lifelong insulin treatment. Type 2 diabetes is typically diagnosed in adults, but with an increasing frequency of diagnosis in children. Gestational diabetes is a temporary diabetic state, similar to type 2, in women who are pregnant. Gestational diabetes usually only lasts for part of the pregnancy and disappears after giving birth.

Having a healthy lifestyle is key to helping the body take better care of itself. “While there is no known cure for diabetes, the disease can become more manageable with significant lifestyle changes,” says Dr. Burgun. “An estimated 85 percent of people with type 2 diabetes are overweight. Losing weight and eating healthier can help the body better manage its insulin needs. These changes can also help

prevent diabetes in those at risk for future diabetes.”

Dr. Burgun practices at University Hospitals and is board-certified in endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism. If you would like to be seen by a UH endocrinologist, call 216-844-8500 to schedule an appointment.

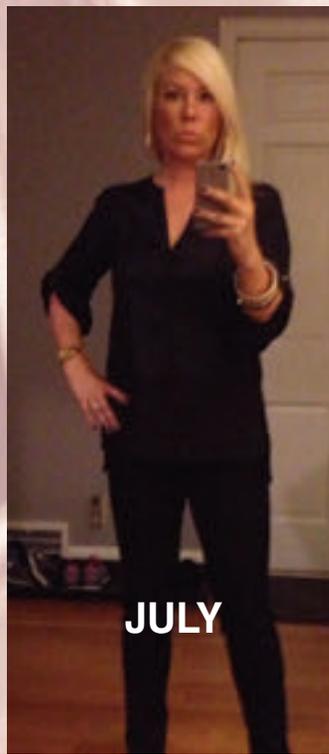
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The new Center 4 Brain Health, located on the Menorah Park Campus, launches its programming this month. The Center is registered as a Community Awareness-Raising and Education Site (C.A.R.E.S.) with the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

"I hope participants will enjoy our new center and programs, including: brain aerobics classes, vocational/volunteer opportunities, memory-status assessments, and our brain health information resource center," stated the Center's director, Krystal Culler.

"The overall goal of all our programming is to provide older adults, residents of the community, with support, assessments and classes to engage in a brain-healthy lifestyle."

As part of the National Memory Screening day events, community adults are invited to the Center, located at 27100 Cedar Road, for free memory screenings from 1 - 4 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (Nov. 10, 11 and 12). Appointments are available and walk-ins are welcome for the November screenings. (Free memory screenings are also available by appointment throughout the year.)

The Center will offer four-week cognitive fitness classes from November 16 through December 18. By translating current research into everyday activities, each class will address a different area of brain health and wellness. For example, the "Mind Spa" class will provide experiential exercises, education, and discussions intended to reduce stress. The Center's full Winter 2016 schedule will start on Monday, Jan. 4, and will offer eight different brain aerobics classes, along with monthly special events such as a Bright Minds adult coloring book club.

"Our goal is for participants to be able to leave our Center with simple tricks and tips to enhance their daily lives and, ultimately, their brain health," Culler said. "We have the ability to make a difference in the everyday lives of adults. I look forward to the opportunity to provide innovative, quality services to our community."

For more information or to make an appointment for a memory screening, contact Krystal L. Culler, M.A., Director, Center 4 Brain Health, at 216.839.6685 or kculler@menorahpark.org.

Distance Learning

Menorah Park Rose Institute for Lifelong Learning presents:
Distance Learning – Programs Open to the Community

Monday, Nov. 9 • 2:30-3:15 pm
"So You Know the Election?"
by the Creative Learning Factory
at the Ohio Historical Society
(Columbus, Ohio)

Monday, Nov. 16 • 2:30-3:15 pm
"Arctic Discoveries:
Polar Bears 101"
by the Alaska Zoo
(Anchorage, Alaska)

Monday, Nov. 23 • 2:30-3:15 pm
"Music of Inner Asia"
by the Inner Asian and Uralic
National Resource Center
(Indiana University –
Bloomington, Indiana)

Monday, Nov. 30 • 2:30-3:30 pm
"A Day of Infamy: The Japanese
Attack on Pearl Harbor"
by The National WWII Museum
(New Orleans, Louisiana)

Thank You from FUNdamentals Day Care Center

The Debra Ann November Outdoor Intergenerational Garden was recently installed at FUNdamentals Day Care Center on the Menorah Park Campus. Made possible through a grant from the Phyllis and Debra Ann November Children's Fund of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, the childcare outdoor playgrounds were completely rebuilt and transformed into a vibrant educational and intergenerational classroom with state-of-the-art climbing and exercise equipment for preschoolers and toddlers, and tricycle and wagon paths that accommodate wheelchairs. This new physical activity and outdoor classroom, a gift of Mort and Iris November, is the first of its kind in a nursing home in the state.

Pictured:
After dancing in the sunshine and singing "Let it Go" as a group, all the FUNdamentals children enjoyed the photo op with Iris November.



Art across the Campus

A beautiful art exhibition occurred recently in the Menorah Park auditorium and more than 50 residents displayed their works. Menorah Park is constantly encouraging creativity through various art and painting programs offered throughout its campus.



Wiggins Place on the Menorah Park Campus recently began offering Wine and Paint classes with instructor Jamie Cohen-Kiraly.

"There were so many different and wonderful interpretations of the painting that were being taught and everyone seemed to have such a great time!" Cohen-Kiraly said.



Pictured: Anne Berk and Bert Rosenbluth pose by one of Anne's beautiful paintings.

Lisa Cohen-Kiraly admires the artistic ability of Phil Sugerman.

Author Paula McLain to Share Experiences as a Foster Child at NCJW's Lois Zaas Advocacy Lecture

Noted author Paula McLain and Bellefaiere JCB COO Jeff Lox come together on Wednesday, Nov. 18, to discuss "Aging Out of Foster Care: Overcoming the Odds," the 12th annual Lois Zaas Advocacy Lecture presented by National Council of Jewish Women/Cleveland (NCJW). The event takes place at Temple Emanu El, 4545 Brainard Rd. in Orange Village. Doors open at 6 pm.

This forum features a best-selling author's odyssey as a foster-care child and a social worker's overview of foster-care children and the system, as well as the Ohio legislature's responsibility for foster care. The event includes a Resource Fair prior to the program where attendees can learn about organizations and services supporting foster children.

McLain, author of *The Paris Wife*

and *Circling the Sun*, was born in Fresno, California. After their abandonment by both parents, she and her two sisters became wards of the California Court System, moving in and out of foster homes for the next fourteen years. Her book, *Like Family: Growing Up in Other People's Houses*, A Memoir, is the powerful and haunting story of the years she and her sisters spent as foster children.

When McLain aged out of the system, she supported herself by working as a nurses' aide, a pizza-delivery girl, an auto-plant worker and a cocktail waitress before discovering her writing talent. She received her MFA in poetry from the University of Michigan in 1996.

Jeffrey A. Lox, MSSA, LISW-S, ACSW, is chief operating officer

for Bellefaiere JCB. He is the agency's chief clinician and clinical liaison to the community and is responsible for administering operations of the agency's program divisions, program development, agency performance-improvement initiatives, and clinical-training programs.

Lox is chair of the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation's Mental Health Disaster Team and chair of an Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) project supporting the mental health consultation needs of a "special populations" branch in Israel. His areas of clinical interest include disruptive behavior disorders, juvenile offenders, reactive attachment disorder and improving the quality of life for foster children.

"There are 1,600 children in foster care in Cuyahoga County

who are susceptible to poverty, homelessness and human trafficking when they age out," said Linda Barnett, president, NCJW/Cleveland. "NCJW has developed programs with a focus on foster care to educate the community and serve these young people."

The Lois Zaas Annual Memorial Advocacy Lecture is sponsored by the family of the late Lois Zaas, who was an NCJW local and national activist. The event is free and open to the public with reservations requested at 216.379.2204, ext. 100, or www.ncjwcleveland.org. A dessert reception follows the program. Dietary laws observed.

Attendees are requested to consider bringing a new stuffed animal to be given to foster children, to offer security as they are shuffled from place to place.



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2015 Highlights

Beachwood Men's Softball League

The Beachwood Softball League ended its year with three teams winning titles. Its Round Robin Tournament winner was the Gilbert/Gellis Team, coached by co-managers Ben Gellis and Randy Gilbert. Gellis, known for wearing orange socks, underwent a liver transplant late in the season and was honored by his entire team's wearing orange socks for the rest of the season. Who knows, maybe it brought him good luck!

The annual Legends Game was again a major attraction featuring 60+ year olds, most of whom showed up in some sort of medical device to sustain them for five innings. To cheer them on, a group of 60+-year-old cheerleaders in full rooting attire, complete with pom poms, brought extra spirit to the game. They included Joanne Adelman, Tedda Nathan, Sharon Cohen, Judy Wolf, Ricki Carr and Sheila Rosenblum. Adelman's Army (three years undefeated) defeated Nathan's Navy 8-0.

The All-Star Game followed the Legends game, which, for the third straight year, was determined by one run, with the "Even" team, managed by Randy Gilbert, Larry Wolkoff and Marc Berkowitz, winning 6-5. The previously undefeated "Odd" team was managed by Todd Adelman, Freddy Gross,

Adam Baker and Mark Weiskind.

This year's championship games were held "under the lights" at Solon field. The games (best 2 of 3) featured 1st-half winners (Adelman/Gross, Black Team) vs. 2nd-half winners (Baker/Weiskind, Red Team). The first game was won by the Black Team 13-1, the second by the Red Team 9-8. The final game was won by the Black Team 15-3, thus becoming the 2015 champions.

Congrats also go to batting champion, Scott Winograd, and rookie of the year, Matt Zeiger.

Finally, the league's newest Hall of Fame 2015 inductees are Jonathon Gill and David Kowitz.

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The league's annual banquet, later this month at Landerhaven, will feature a food charity drive and charitable raffle.

League commissioners are Larry Adelman, Dick Cohen, Jim Heller and Manny Nathan.

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(Above) Winning managers Todd Adelman, Larry Adelman and Fred Gross.

(Below) Combined photo of both teams commemorates the first-ever "night" game in Beachwood softball history.

Back Row – Larry Adelman (commissioner/manager), Mike Goldstein, Brad Meyer, Paul Rosenblitt, Marty Baker (manager), Cory Jackson, Matt Zeiger, Adam Baker, Matthew Bloom, Brian Abraham, Robert Fields, Todd Harford, Jerry Fant, Ken McDaniel, Aaron Kazen, Josh Neidus, Neal Nudelman and Mitch Seifert. Front Row – Eddie Bloom, Scott Moses, Rick Solomon, Todd Adelman, Sam Malek, Fred Gross, Seth Task, Larry Entis, Mark Weiskind, Jacob Kazen, Barry Goldman and Robert LaRiccia.

Cleveland Jewish Book Festival

The Mandel JCC's 16th Annual Cleveland Jewish Book Festival, presented in partnership with Cuyahoga County Public Library, will feature an exceptional lineup of 16 authors, including Dennis Ross, former Ambassador to Israel. This year's festival, which is in town from November 3-16, provides opportunities to meet and greet a stellar lineup of authors.

Opening Event

Tuesday, Nov. 3 • 7:30 pm

Dennis Ross

DOOMED TO SUCCEED

When it comes to Israel, U.S. policy has always emphasized the unbreakable bond between the two countries and The United States' ironclad commitment to Israel's security. In *Doomed to Succeed*, Dennis Ross analyzes presidential attitudes toward Israel and the region from Truman to Obama, the often tumultuous debates between key advisors, and the events that drove the policies and at times led to a shift in approach.

Other featured authors include:

Sunday, Nov. 8 • 7:30 pm

Daniel Cohen

SINGLE HANDED

Single Handed is the story of Tibor Rubin, the only Holocaust survivor to have received the Medal of Honor. In 1950, he volunteered for service in the Korean War and was later captured. He drew upon his experience in the concentration camp to help his fellow GIs survive two and half years of captivity. Tibor returned from Korea in 1953, but it wasn't until 2005 — at age 76 — that he was invited to the White House, where he received the Medal of Honor from President George W. Bush.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Dinner at 6 pm

Lecture at 6:30 pm

Karen Goen

SEARCHING FOR BUBBE

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JONGG WISDOM

Taking one's seat at the Mah Jongg table has been a rite of passage among Jewish women (and men) for almost 100 years. Novice player Karen Goen loved the game and wanted to take her skills to the next level. She hoped to find the ultimate "Mah Jongg Maven" — the mythical Bubbe Fischer — and learn all her secrets. Told with self-deprecating humor and a great deal of insight, this book will appeal to players at any skill level — from the beginner to the seasoned expert — even to Bubbe, herself.

Thursday, Nov. 12 • 7:30 pm

Rebecca Alexander

NOT FADE AWAY – MEMOIR OF SENSES

Born with a rare genetic mutation called Usher Syndrome type III, Rebecca Alexander has been simultaneously losing both her sight and hearing since she was a child and was told that she would likely be completely blind

and deaf by age 30. Then, at 18, a fall from a window left her athletic body completely shattered. Rebecca Alexander meditates on what she's lost and what she's found in return. *Not Fade Away* is both a memoir of the senses and a unique look at the obstacles we all face — physical, psychological, and philosophical — exploring the extraordinary powers of memory, love, and perseverance.

Rebecca Alexander is a psychotherapist, extreme athlete, and activist who is almost completely blind and deaf. She is the sister of Peter Alexander, NBC News National Correspondent.

The above-listed programs will take place at the Mandel JCC. Registration is required. Prices vary. For complete information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.mandeljcc.org/bookfest.

New Friends Are in the Neighborhood

New friends are in the neighborhood this fall. The Friends of Jewish Lifelong Learning, formerly Friends of The Aaron Garber Library, has redirected its programming and support since the closing of the Library and Siegal College of Jewish Studies.

The 2015-16 year will begin with the Jewish Studies Division of Siegal Lifelong Learning at Case Western Reserve University, and the support of Jonathan Sarna's November 15 lecture of his newest book, "Lincoln and the Jews," as part of the Mandel Jewish Community Center Book Festival.

Member benefits for the new organization now include:

- Free lectures at the Siegal Facility, 26500 Shaker Blvd., including topics ranging from *Violins of Hope*, school readi-

ness, and the BDS Debate on college campuses.

- A 15% discount on Jewish Studies Division courses at Siegal Lifelong Learning
 - A 10% discount on all other courses at Siegal Lifelong Learning
 - Special member rates for all JCC Book Festival lectures
- Friends' programming will continue to present the always popular Lunch 'N Learns and Book Reviews. Members will receive emails and newsletters with program details.

Friends also seek donations in support of their work as a non-profit to continue meeting the growing demands of the young and vital, education-oriented Jewish community. Donations, as well as membership dues, are

tax-deductible and may be made to honor an occasion or in memory of friends or family members. Friends invite active participation in the organization by volunteering on a committee, as a greeter at Siegal facility events or in the Treasures Gift Shop.

Treasures Gift Shop is the group's major fundraiser, with locations at the Siegal facility, 26500 Shaker Blvd., and at Mandel JCC, 26001 South Woodland Rd. Both locations are open to the community and sell fine Judaica and fashion jewelry from Israeli artists at 20% off retail prices. Call 216.831.0700 ext. 1441 for current hours of operation, to get information on upcoming shows or to volunteer.

Friends of Jewish Lifelong Learning is a nonprofit organi-

zation dedicated to promoting and supporting the continuing interest in Jewish learning through programming, volunteer service and fundraising. Friends' activities may be followed at its website, www.FriendsJLL.org or by calling co-president Rita Saslaw at 216.464.8563.

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Shalom Baby, a Free Series for Expectant Parents

Gross Schechter Day School and Alexandria School for Nannies' founder and executive director, Carolyn Stulberg, welcome expectant parents to participate in Shalom Baby, a specialized series for families in the Jewish community, providing valuable information about topics relevant for new parents, fantastic giveaways and an opportunity to connect with other expectant couples. All are welcome to participate in this wonderful new program held at Gross Schechter Day School.

This program is generously sponsored by a Shores Grant from the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland. For more information or to register online, visit www.grossschechter.org/shalombaby. Space is limited, so RSVP today! Classes run from 7 to 8:30 pm.

Practical and Meaningful: Your Child's Baby Naming or Bris

Tuesday, Nov. 3 • 7-8:30 pm

This session will explore ritual and meaningful options for a naming ceremony or brit milah for your baby. Hear from a local mohel and local rabbi about different types of traditions and customs.

Daddy Boot Camp and Mother's First 36 Hours

Tuesday, Nov. 10 • 7-8:30 pm

We're home from the hospital, now what? The first 36 hours can be the most exciting and the most daunting. Let our experts walk you through what to expect and answer your questions.

"Jewish Mothers" and Other Experts

Tuesday, Nov. 17 • 7-8:30 pm

Interested in hearing from other moms about the work/family balance, how to make choices about returning to work, how to manage finances with a growing family or other issues? Join us for a panel of experts, including a pediatrician and financial planner, to get some practical information about these exciting life changes.

Dad's First 36 Hours, Mom's Scoop

Tuesday, Dec. 1 • 7-8:30 pm

This evening will feature break-out sessions, separate for moms and dads, to discuss the first exciting days of parenthood.

Sharing is Caring: Shalom Baby Alumni Share

Tuesday, Dec. 8 • 7-8:30 pm

Join us for a final session to hear from Shalom Baby alumni about their experiences as new parents.

A "Boo"tiful Family Tradition

Josh Mintz remembers hearing stories about his grandfather and how he said Halloween is the only kids holiday.

Then, last year, Mintz told his children about a friend who creates a haunted house for their grandkids, and the kids liked the idea and wanted to decorate their home.

"They had so much fun that we went much bigger this year, even adding a hand-built coffin," Mintz told us.

Although Mintz never got to know his grandfather since he passed away when Mintz was only three, he feels that his grandfather is now looking down on the family's display and that this is becoming a new "boo"tiful family tradition!



Programs at The Gathering Place



The Gathering Place is a caring community that supports, educates and empowers individuals and families touched by cancer through programs and services provided free of charge. The programs and services offered provide education and information, support, and ways to help manage the stress of a cancer diagnosis. The Gathering Place has two locations in Beachwood and a location in Westlake. Below is a listing of upcoming programs at The Gathering Place located at 23300 Commerce Park in Beachwood. All listed programs require advance registration by calling 216.595.9546 unless otherwise noted. For more information visit www.touchedby-cancer.org.

Prostate Partners' Partners

Wednesday, Nov. 4 • 2-3:30 pm

No registration required.

A opportunity for candid discussion with women who support a spouse or significant other with prostate cancer.

Managing Stress Through Movement

Thursday, Nov. 5 • 6:30-8 pm.

Experience a variety of gentle and relaxing movement techniques to help reduce stress and the tension of daily life while improving and increasing your energy. Find balance and harmony as you move and meditate.

Couples Cooking & Communication

Saturday, Nov. 14 • 1-4 pm

Make healthy appetizers, learn simple meditations and practice gentle movement for self-care during the holiday season.

Gift of Touch

Tuesday, Nov. 17 • 6-8 pm.

Learn hand and foot massage to nurture yourself and loved ones. A great holiday gift, a great strategy for handling holiday stress.

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Dates for this year are:

- October 19, 26
- November 2, 9, 16, 23
- December 7, 14
- January 10, 25
- February 1, 8, 22, 29
- March 7, 14, 21, 28
- April 4, 11, 18
- May 2, 10, 16, 23

For more information, visit www.grossschechter.org/mondayfunday or call 216.763.1400, ext. 417. Register online today!

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Upcoming Programs at the Library

The following programs are free and open to the community.

For complete programming information, please visit www.cuyaogalibrary.org.

Through the Eyes of the Artist: Pablo Picasso

Friday, Nov. 20 • 10 am

Art historian Felicia Zavarella Stadelmen returns with her popular series on the lives and works of beloved artists. Picasso's enormous output kept his name before the public, even though his work seemed to be far from the mainstream. His powers of invention spanned more than 80 years. He became the very prototype of the modern artist as public figure. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Through the Eyes of the Artist: Paul Gauguin

Friday, Dec. 4 • 10 am

Art historian Felicia Zavarella Stadelmen returns with her popular series on the lives and works of beloved artists. There remains a profound sense of mystery in his work. Of all the images created by the artist Paul Gauguin, none was more striking than the one he crafted for himself. It's often said that he painted and dreamed at the same time. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Please register at www.cuyaogalibrary.org or call 216.831.6868.

Empowering Young Retirees

Saturday, Dec. 5 • 10 am

Are you approaching retirement or have recently retired, but feel a little unanchored about what this time will bring? You are not alone. Many retirees feel a need to reinvent themselves. This workshop will shift

your view of retirement as a whole and open your eyes to the unlimited opportunities it offers you. You will walk away not only with a clearer vision of who you are today, but also with a game plan of ideas for all areas of your life: meaningful activities, social connections, artistic expression, spirituality, lifelong learning, finances and health. Instructor: Anja Sassenberg-De-Georgia, FORWARD Life Coaching, LLC.

Jeanette Melnick Art Reception

Sunday, Dec. 6 • 2-4 pm

Paintings of Jeanette Arax Melnick are in an international folk-art style. They are influenced by her love of Matisse and by her Armenian heritage – medieval Armenian manuscript images, Iznik ceramics, and Armenian-Caucasian oriental rugs. There have been shows of her paintings in the Museum of Folk Art in Yerevan, Armenia; Cambridge, England; Berkeley and Fresno, California; and Cleveland. Her paintings have also appeared in *Ararat Magazine* and on the cover of three books by her husband, Daniel Melnick, including his latest novel, "The Ash Tree."

Great Lakes Light Opera Presents: It's MY Story!

Nov. 9 • 6:30 pm

Families

The Great Lakes Light Opera Education Department is proud to present "It's MY Story!" Join Wilhelm Grimm of the famous Grimm Brothers and Gretel from Humperdinck's opera, as the two

sing and tell the famous fairy tale "Hansel and Gretel." Children are encouraged to come to the performance dressed as their favorite fairy tale character.

ASL/English Family Storytime

Wednesday, Nov. 11 • 4 pm

Families

Enjoy stories, music, rhymes and felt stories geared toward deaf/hard of hearing children but suitable for children of all ages and abilities and their parents and caregivers. ASL interpreters will be present during the program.

Build-O-Rama

Thursday, Nov. 12 • 4 pm

Grades K-5

Calling all LEGO lovers! Bring your mad skills and create your own masterpieces using our LEGO pieces and a different building theme each month.

Friday Family Fun:

Pete the Cat Party!

Friday, Nov. 13 • 10:30 am

Ages 2-6 with a caregiver

Come for some fun with everyone's favorite wild and crazy cat, Pete! We'll celebrate with groovy stories, songs, crafts and games.

Hebrew Storytime

Wednesday, Nov. 18 • 4 pm

Families

Join us for a Hebrew/English storytime where we will hear stories and songs in Hebrew and English. Presented in cooperation with the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland.

Afternoon Art Adventures with U-EarthH

Tuesday, Nov. 24 • 4 pm

Grades K-5

Join us as we create art projects based on fun children's stories. Hosted by U-EarthH (Ursuline Endless Art Healing), a student art therapy organization at Ursuline College.

Storytimes:

Toddler Storytime

Mondays at 4 pm and

Wednesdays at 10 am

Ages 19-35 months

with a caregiver

Join us for books, rhymes, songs and fingerplays.

Baby & Me Storytime

Tuesdays at 4 pm and

Thursdays at 10 am

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Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and books perfect for baby.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 2:30 pm and

Wednesdays at 1:30 pm

Ages 3-5 not yet in kindergarten and their caregivers

Enjoy stories, books, rhymes, songs and fingerplays with your little one.

Registration is required for all programs except storytimes. To register, please call 216.831.6868 or visit cuyahogalibrary.org.

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