

# MENORAH PARK CAMPUS NEWS

Menorah Park Center for Senior Living Community Newsletter

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## The Award Goes to Helene Weinberger!

Special by Menorah Park Intern Caitlyn Kahan



With all of the hard work and dedication that Helene Weinberger has put forth over the years, it's no wonder that she was a prime choice for the 2010 AOPHA Volunteer

Service Award; the AOPHA committee thought so too! According to their website, AOPHA "proudly honors an outstanding member each year in a number of categories, recognizing organizational

excellence and individual leadership in not-for-profit services for older Ohioans."

Eighty-six year old Helene received the Volunteer Service Award because of her passion and commitment of more than 10,000 hours of service. In her usual gracious and humble way, Helene said the award was ten percent her, fifty percent staff and forty percent everyone that she has met along the way who helped her find joy and a feeling of belonging. Helene said she believes that Menorah Park is a combination of a second family and community which makes coming to work everyday something to look forward to.

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## I Love You More Today...

The August 1st Vow-Renewal Ceremony at The R.H. Myers Apartments was a touching and beautiful event. The idea was originally a dream of Natalie and David Rothenberg, who wished to renew their vows, and from there, 12 other couples joined in to re-declare their love and commitment to one another. Rabbi Howard Kutner officiated at the ceremony during which each couple spoke from the heart; some sang, some told funny stories and some cried. Friends and family took pictures, smiled, and also wept tears of joy. The Rothenbergs thanked the Rabbi and all those who helped make their dream of renewing their vows come true. Menorah Park Campus residents are asked to post their dreams on a dream board, and staff and the community work to make their wishes come true. This beautiful ceremony shows it's never too late to share your dreams, and on this Campus, dreams do come true!



*Wishing You A Sweet  
New Year!*

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## From The Administrator's Desk

# New Strategic Fundraising Plan



**Steven Raichilson,**  
**Menorah Park**  
**Executive Director**

Over the last few months, Menorah Park has received two special honors, which are extraordinary because they occurred during stressful economic times. First, the Cleveland Plain Dealer awarded Menorah Park the distinction and ranking of being the third best employer to work for in Northeastern Ohio, a Top Workplace 2010 status, in a competition involving hundreds of employers. Second, we

received a "perfect" deficiency-free inspection of our nursing home patient care programs from the Ohio Department of Health, during their annual week-long surprise inspection of Menorah Park, conducted by five state inspectors.

The common denominator between these two honors is staffing. A senior living organization such as Menorah Park cannot give high quality client care without excellent staffing ratios and low staff turnover. Our frail seniors do not respond well to having new staff caregivers constantly, with different care routines, varying knowledge of care assignments, and impersonal interaction. Our seniors also do not respond well when our social workers, recreational specialists, physical and occupational therapists, dieticians, nurses, nursing aides and medical staff are overworked because of budget reductions. Care becomes rushed, results deteriorate, resident and family concerns increase, and our clients do not receive the first-class care they deserve.

During these tough economic times, Menorah Park's management team and trustees have made the strategic and conscious decision to fully retain our high caliber workforce, and to provide the financial support and resources necessary to offer first-class compensation, benefits and staffing levels to maintain the best senior living staff in the area. Our nursing facility for example, is staffed almost exclusively with Registered Nurses, instead of more economical Licensed Practical Nurses. Our therapy teams stress individual therapy sessions with rehabilitation clients, instead of group sessions where a therapist provides service to several patients at the same time. Our full time staff annual turnover rate last year was 7%, compared to national senior industry norms of above 50%.

As we view the future however, we obviously see that our traditional income sources such as Medicare and Medicaid will decrease over time, and our previous methods of financially supporting our staffing levels and programs

will not be sufficient. Instead of planning for cuts and retrenchment, however, as an organization we have decided to transform Menorah Park into one of Greater Cleveland's significant fundraising organizations.

We provide care to more than 1,200 clients per day. Including family members, we touch the lives of thousands of people each year. We believe that with a new, expanded fundraising emphasis, we can greatly expand our Annual Appeals program, as well as Planned Giving opportunities, such as encouraging grateful clients and families to include Menorah Park in their estate planning programs.

Much like a major university or large medical center, Menorah Park will now be devoting significant financial resources to hire additional fundraising and development staff to transform our Menorah Park Foundation into a larger and more effective fundraising organization. The Cleveland Foundation, one of the nation's premier organizations supporting needy and worthwhile causes, has graciously given Menorah Park a two-year grant to help subsidize our initial fundraising transformation efforts. Our new fundraising and development staff will focus on grateful clients, their families and other donors who are appreciative of Menorah Park's mission and expect us to provide first-class care to our seniors in the difficult years ahead.

## The Stuffed Bus!



The Wiggins Place Social Action Committee would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to Alpha Office Products and Dennis Bednar of Meritech, along with everyone who participated in the school supply drive, for all your generosity! We collected ten boxes of supplies including crayons, paper, scissors, markers, book bags and so much more! This will now be an annual event! Again, thank you so much!

# Spirit and Art – A Wondrous Combination



**Rabbi Ephraim Karp,  
Director of Spiritual  
Living**

On the side walls of the Menorah Park Jennie & Jacob Sapirstein Synagogue, are large material squares which serve as spiritual windows into the symbols of our tradition. They were created by two extraordinarily talented women, Phyllis Kantor and Judith Hankin. Their stories reveal their spiritual connection to G-d and to our tradition.

When Phyllis was very young, she learned several fiber arts at her grandmother's knee. The largest of her many woven creations is in our Synagogue. Her friend and collaborator, Judith Hankin, drew up the designs, with the inspiring messages they offer us. They both are deeply involved in Jewish identity and Jewish culture.

The holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are represented by the image of the Shofar sounding over Jerusalem. The sound of the Shofar represents the outcry of our soul as it has struggled with the challenges of the past year. It is also the sound of G-d's response that embraces us with forgiveness and compassion and enables us to face a new year.

The symbolism continues with the plants of Sukkot and the Torah scroll. The leaves of the myrtle are shaped like eyes, for those who appreciate the beauty of creation. The leaves of the willow are shaped like lips, for those who find G-d's presence in our communication with each other. The date palm branch is shaped like the spine, for those who stand up for the rights and dignity of others. And the citron is shaped like a heart, for those whose emotions guide them close to spiritual service. We are all united through the Divine Wisdom expressed in the Torah.

\*A special thank you for interviews with the tapestry creators, contributed by volunteer Helene Weinberger.



**These tapestries were created by Phyllis Kantor and Judith Hankin.**

# Miracles Do Happen



Stanley and Arlene Bernath met in New York City in 1947. In 1948 he joined the army in time for the Korean War, and they lost touch. In the army for four years, he worked in the Intelligence Department overseas. When he was

discharged in 1948 there was no connection between the two. But he went to a dance in the Catskill Mountains and the destined couple found each other. They spent much time together in the city. He was driving a taxi in New York when he proposed to her.

It was a very small wedding with five women and nine men (not enough for a minyan). They talked to an additional Jewish man, which brought the total attendance to 15 witnesses. They later had twin daughters, and three grandchildren. He says, "When you make a commitment, it is for life!" And this loving marriage is the embodiment of that statement. Due to their very small wedding ceremony they were both hugely thrilled by the wonderful Vow Renewal in which they participated on August 1st at The R.H. Myers Apartments.

Arlene had a very serious surgery 15 years ago. One of their miracles is that she survived, and they are still together all the time. She does everything possible to keep herself strong and functioning, including a daily walk and exercise at the Peter B. Lewis Aquatic & Therapy Center. Arlene and Stanley both know that they live a miracle every day!

## Scholar Coming

Please join us for special performances and discussions by Dancing Wheels. Dance is an expression of the human spirit, best expressed by people of all abilities; the fundamental belief behind the Dancing Wheels Company & School. A premier arts and disabilities



organization in the U.S., Dancing Wheels is a professional, physically integrated dance company uniting the talents of dancers with and without disabilities. This program is scheduled for October 18th through October 21st; please see the October Campus Newsletter for specific times.

# The Path That Amy Found



Years ago, people spoke about Shirley Temple's cute dimples. They don't compare with those of our new Menorah Park Activities Director Amy Vedova-Phillips. Her charming dimples accompany her smile as she describes finding her path to the Menorah

Park community. Born on Cleveland's west side, she went to Marietta College, and majored in corporate communications. This led her to a job behind the scenes, producing TV in Cincinnati. It sounded really exciting, but Amy found it to be tense and stressful, and simply not fulfilling. Amy learned during her early years that she wanted to be of use to people of all ages - and her job at the time simply was not the answer for her.

# Distance Learning Award



**Lillian McGuire and LeAnne Stuver**

Menorah Park's Distance Learning Program, led by LeAnne Stuver, is honored to receive the 2010 EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE FOR HOUSING AWARD from AOPHA. Menorah Park campus officially launched the program in 2007.

"In this century we have moved beyond the misconception

of retirement facilities as holding patterns. Aging adults require active living focusing on capabilities, not disabilities," according to Beth Silver, Public Relations and Marketing Director. Due to the amazing advances in technology it is now possible for residents and others to become a part of stimulating classes without having to leave their communities.

Recently people gathered to explore, on an "up close and personal" basis, the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Virginia. This is only one of the weekly classes that are offered at Menorah Park, while like programs are shown at Wiggins Place, Stone Gardens, and The R. H. Myers Apartments. Each building makes its own choice of available cultural and artistic learning opportunities. The viewers are participating in a real and fulfilling experience, and both socialization and comments ensue!

*Special by Volunteer Helene Weinberger*

Amy's Grandma was in a nursing home diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, and from the time spent with her grandmother, she understood the value of appropriate activities for the residents. She decided this would be a valuable field for her to enter. She obtained proper certification with required classes through the non-profit organization where she was working at the time, and has been happily involved in this profession for ten years.

Amy has, for the last five years, been the head of the Adult Day Center at Menorah Park. She is now "spreading her wings" and has taken over the responsibility of Activities Director for Menorah Park.

Amy looks forward to the challenges of this new job, and speaks movingly of this community. She enjoys each day that she comes to work! Her concept of "giving back" is a great inspiration to all who meet her!

*Special by Volunteer Helene Weinberger*

As a pediatric nurse, LeAnne found that it was important to educate parents about their children's chronic conditions. She studied for her Masters degree in Health Education. When Menorah Park was seeking an assistant to work at the Rose Institute, she applied for the position of Director and has since accepted the challenge of implementing the Distance Learning program. She is amazed at its immense development.

She has accomplished many near-miracles and has grown and developed many unanticipated skills. AOPHA, the entity that represents the non-profit nursing facilities in Ohio, has recognized this deserving program.

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# Generous Gifts From Thoughtful People

Donations to the Menorah Park Foundation benefit the residents of Menorah Park skilled nursing home, The R.H. Myers Apartments, Stone Gardens, and Wiggins Place. The donations listed here were received July 1-31, 2010. We make every effort to ensure that the information is accurate. Please let us know of any mistakes or omissions. Thank you.

## 2010 Annual Campaign

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*In honor of Ed Singer's 80th birthday - Judith & Burton Saltzman, Deanna & Mayer Wainstein*

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*In honor of Naomi & Ed Singer - Carole & Robert Weisberger*

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*In memory of Ruth Kiwi - Deborah & Joel Glass, Abigail Silverman*

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*In honor of Herman Weinberg's birthday - Adelle Gross*

*In honor of the speedy recoveries of Leonard Bernstein and Michael Rocker, and in memory of Robert Zober - Harriet & Mel Morris*

**Myra & Howard Whitelaw Celebration of Life Fund**

*In honor of Rabbi Joshua Skoff's 20th anniversary at Park Synagogue - Barry Henkin*

**Jean & William Wilkoff Judaic Art Fund**

*In honor of Lois & Marty Marcus's 55th anniversary and Marilyn & Marshall Bedol's grandson winning on Jeopardy, and in memory of the aunt of Eileen Sill, Lois Marcus, and Bobbie Rosner - Susan Schermer*

*In honor of Charles Hyman's 80th birthday and the speedy recoveries of Michael Rocker and Roland Moskowitz, and in memory of Betty Levinson - Lois & Marty Marcus*

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*In honor of Larry Wymor - Julie & Gary Berman*

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*In memory of Morris Lewkowitz - Illein Youngman*

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*In honor of Walter Wertheim's special birthday - Elizabeth Singer*

*In memory of Elizabeth Green and Seymour Kasimov - Barry Henkin*

*In memory of Rabbi David Hachen - Elizabeth Singer*

*In memory of Cecelia Vender - Michael Vender*

*In memory of Miriam Wanne - Mildred Wanne*

*Yahrzeit of Marc Felder - Sheila & William Weisheit*

*Yahrzeit of William Sherman - Dianne Millstein*

**RH Myers Apartments**

*In honor of David & Nathalie Rothenberg's 62nd wedding anniversary and marriage vow renewal - Sandy, Harold, & Janet Covitt, Pearl Goldstein, Bertha Solonitz*

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*In memory of Roz Cameron - Nancy & Sheldon Hartman*

**Stone Gardens**

*In memory of Belle Goodman - Nancy & Martin Krieger, Carole & Robert Langus, Mona & Lawrence Roman, Jeffrey Smith*

**Wiggins Place**

*Concierge Grant - Wolf Family Foundation*

*In honor of his birthday - Irwin Beckenstein*

*In honor of Shirley Kronenberg's special birthday - Raizelle Laskin*

*In memory of Robert Zober - Marilyn & Richard Myers*

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*In honor of the dietary staff - Miriam Kaufman*

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**General Support**

*In honor of Chavy & Shuli's marriage - Judith & Larry Klein*

*In honor of Leah Kramer's 90th birthday - Ruth Ann & Ronald Blank*

*In honor of Ira Sherman's milestone birthday - Marilyn & Richard Myers*

*In memory of Jack Fox - Eleanor & Lester Einhorn*

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*In memory of Gertrude Weissman - Ann Berk, Lois Gaynor, Edie Hauptman, Lisa & Mark Leszynski, Alice & Richard Petruilis, Constance Walker*

*In memory of Florence Azoff Wish - Nora & Brian Berman*

*In memory of Robert Zober - Phyllis & Joel Gecht, Faye Madorsky, Sam Weingard*

*For annual staff trip to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC - George F., Stephanie M., & George L. Traub Fund*

## Every Right to be Thrilled *Special by Volunteer Helene Weinberger*



Even after sixty-nine years of happily wedded life together, Shirley and Sol Gerth were thrilled by the August Vow-Renewal Ceremony. Because of their family's attendance, their many years of connection with Menorah Park and

more recently, with The R. H. Myers Apartments, they each speak of their past years and current life with total enthusiasm.

Shirley Gerth's mother, Goldie Strauss, was one of the first residents of Menorah Park when it moved from Lakeview Avenue in the 1960's. She exclaimed, "I'm so glad I'm here; I love it!" And who was on the building committee, raising funds so that that Menorah could be built - Sol Gerth, of course!

More than sixty-nine years ago Shirley worked with her father in his grocery store, and Sol walked into the store - and into her life! They have had a special time over the years, and are overjoyed to be a part of the Myers community and to share in its many activities. They previously lived in Florida for ten years but happily returned to Cleveland. They keep in touch constantly with family; Shirley is one of six children with lots of nieces and nephews; she and Sol have a daughter and a son. Fortunately both of their children, with distinguished lives of their own, attended the moving ceremony, along with grandchildren and a great-grandchild!

Sol said of the reaffirmation of their wedding vows, it afforded them the opportunity to recall "memorable moments and a rare review of rewards" during the years, and the recognition that today they know how to "balance budgets better!" On a more serious note, they both appreciate the quality of their lives now and said their children are comfortable knowing that their parents are exactly where they need to be during their golden years!

## Dining Pleasure Choices

Residents of The R.H. Myers Apartments, Stone Gardens and Wiggins Place now have increased options in campus dining. The new Neighborhood Dining Program provides the pleasure of choices!

Each Tuesday and Thursday, residents can dine at any of the three residences – each providing exceptional service and meals prepared by renowned chefs. This service is free of charge for residents. Transportation is provided for residents, and reservations by residents can be made with each residence's reception staff. More information is available at each residence including menus, and dinner times.

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## Build A Sukkah



Join the wonderful volunteers of Menorah Park's Women's & Men's Association on Tuesday, September 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium to transform the nearby outdoor space into a beautiful sukkah for the enjoyment of residents, families and guests.

Participate in some new fun this year too. Beginning

October 20th, campus residents and staff will pull out all of the stops on creativity to come up with the most ingenious sukkahs. Come see the display in the auditorium and judge for yourself as contest winners are named on Tuesday, September 28th at 10:30 a.m.

## A Day in the Life

By *Menorah Park Junior Volunteer Erika Kahn*



What exactly does a Jr. Volunteer do at Menorah Park? Well, there are endless possibilities as to the activities we do. As a volunteer, I have done many things, ranging from taking pictures to transporting the wheelchair-bound residents. After all, many people around the facility have tasks for volunteers to do. Helping others around Menorah Park has been so much fun! One of my favorite activities was painting little fish and seashells for a scene that the Activities Department was displaying. It was so cool knowing that I played a part in making that display.

As for why we volunteer, well, there are so many reasons! I volunteer because helping others makes me feel proud of myself for being able to show other people that helping others is fun, and not a chore, but something that you really can enjoy. The fact that we volunteers put smiles on people's faces and eliminate stress really pushes us to keep helping others. Vicki Snyder, Menorah Park's Director of Volunteer Services, says "We would not know what to do without them," when I asked her about the junior volunteers here. Many other people show their appreciation for what we do as well, whether saying a simple "thank you" or breaking into a huge grin when we walk into the room. All the appreciation makes this experience so much better.

This summer, I have met many wonderful people, done some really cool things, and learned a lot. One lesson that I will carry with me forever is that by helping others, you're helping yourself become a better person!

## A Rewarding Summer!

Special by *Intern Caitlyn Kahan*



Working as a summer intern at Menorah Park has been a rewarding and very fun experience. When I first found out that I was going to be working here, I wasn't sure what to expect or what I would be doing. Although the perception of a Center for Senior Living is not a lively and exciting place, I soon realized that Menorah Park was a fast paced environment with a lot of energetic residents and staff.

While working in the Marketing and Public Relations offices, Beth Silver and Sherry Gavanditti have been amazing advisors. They have been so supportive and have helped me in so many ways to gain experience that I will take with me to future jobs. I have had so

much fun working in the PR and Marketing offices where I have been writing news articles, interviewing amazing residents and working with the Peter B. Lewis Aquatic & Therapy Center (Check out their new blog)!

I can honestly say that I have learned a tremendous amount from working at Menorah Park. Beth always said that this internship should be beneficial for both Menorah Park and myself, and working with so many amazing people has really fulfilled that for me! I hope I was able to do the same!

## It's All About Memories

By *Volunteer Helene Weinberger*



Jane and Harvey Zwerin recognize the importance of the truly memorable Vow-Renewal ceremony!

Jane has the original Bible that she carried when they were married. She brought it again on Sunday, August 1st. Her corsage was pinned to the Bible, and had great significance to both of them. Harvey enjoyed the fun of the 13 men stomping on the glasses at the conclusion.

Jane and Harvey met in Cincinnati at Jane's workplace. Their "eyes twinkled at the same time." Apparently the twinkle worked; they celebrated their wedding on November 21st, 1954.

Jane stayed home with their two daughters, and Harvey continued in the printing business for 40 years. When the children were in high school, she went to work for a social work agency and attended college classes. They had special "dates" on Saturday nights. Harvey's eyes sparkle as he describes that time in their lives.

Their daughter and granddaughter were there for the celebration, and the enjoyment continued upstairs afterwards. Most importantly, Harvey is overwhelmed at the sense of community that exists at The R.H. Myers Apartments, and the sense of caring.

## And the Award Goes to Helene Weinberger!

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Helene volunteered since September, 1993. With 17 years of service to her credit, she said Menorah Park is like a second home. She began volunteering at the Pierre's Parlor in the Park on campus to give back for all that she received when her husband was a resident here for twelve and a half years. She said her service turned into a "feeling

of wonderful fulfillment." About four years ago, Helene was recommended to assist in the Public Relations and Marketing office and has been a great addition!

Thank you Helene for all of your hard-work and congratulations!

## Blind Date = 64 Years

*Special by Helene Weinberger*



When Ralph Davis returned from United States military service after the end of World War 11, his cousin set up a blind date for him

with Gertie, who had made her own arrangement. If she did not like Ralph's looks when she met him, she would tell the cousin she couldn't go. Instead she knew immediately when he came to the door that this was a "go." He was still in his uniform and the two couples went out to a steak dinner, Ralph's favorite.

Gertie left for New York the next day, and Ralph called every day. On December 28th, 1946, in Rabbi Hugo Klein's study, they wed. The two continue to live in happiness.

During the ceremony for renewing the vows at The R. H. Myers Apartment on August 1st, Gertie was thrilled that their son and his wife, their daughter, granddaughter, and their great granddaughter were all able to be witnesses. Her eyes lit up as she spoke of the emotional quality of the entire religious ceremony, as well as the lovely violin music that accompanied it. Afterward the entire family went to a steak dinner, still Ralph's favorite. A fitting conclusion to a memorable day!

## 62 Years and Counting



After World War II, when Nathan visited a friend, he met an attractive young lady named Selma; it was love at first sight. They started dating right away and after three years of going to dinners and meeting family members they were married in Cleveland in a Reform ceremony in March, 1948. After the war, they lived for a time with Selma's parents.

Nathan was stationed outside of Baltimore and then in New Orleans, where they honeymooned. They might have enjoyed an airplane more than a road trip, since they encountered a huge storm - but the travel bug bit. They have since gone from Israel to Las Vegas and much of the U.S. in between, especially since their four children live in four different states. Their trips hold special memories.

What they felt most strongly during the Vow Renewal ceremony is that their one daughter, who is Orthodox, so thoroughly appreciated the celebration in accordance with her religious values, and that three of their four children, as well as a granddaughter and a great grandson, were able to join in this unbelievably beautiful ceremony commemorating their past sixty-two years of wedded life.

## A Warm Welcome to Portage Home Health Services' Newest



We warmly welcome Kristen Lattimer, R.N., B.S.N., to Portage Home Health Services. Kristen attended Kent State University where she received her B.S.N. in nursing, and formerly worked with LifeBanc as their Director of Organ Recovery Services. Former experience with Robinson Memorial Hospital, Alliance Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice help round out her

medical career. "I've been in nursing for more than 20 years in a variety of settings: critical care, hemodialysis, organ donation and transplantation, hospice and home health," she said. "I enjoy home health because we can truly make a difference in an individual's life. I am really looking forward to extending the standard of care that Menorah Park delivers to the residents of Portage County," Kristen said. She is married with two children, and truly loves animals as well, owning three dogs and four puppies.

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## September- Menorah Park Skilled Nursing Home Activities/Outings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Reservations Required • All Outings at 10:30 a.m. Except When Noted • All Services in Synagogue • All High Teas in Front Lobby • RCAC = Rosenbluth Creative Arts Center • MBR = Miller Board Room • All programs in the auditorium unless specified <i>Please note, activities are subject to change</i>			<b>1</b> <b>Music of the High Holidays</b> 10:30 a.m. <b>Cabaret Lounge</b> 2:45 p.m. Bear Town Weinberg 1 & Friedman	<b>2</b> <b>Music with Chuck Tamblyn</b> 2:45 p.m. Ho Wah Weinberg 2	<b>3</b> <b>Essence Club</b> 10:30 a.m. <b>Oneg Shabbat</b> 2:45 p.m.	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Music with Vince Orlandi</b> 2:45 p.m.	<b>6</b> <b>Music Program with Tom Lanigen</b> 2:30 p.m.	<b>7</b> <b>High Tea with Mike Leamon</b> 3:00 p.m. T.G.I. Friday's Beachwood & Fairmount 1	<b>8</b> <b>Evening Services</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Rosh Hashanah Banquet*</b> 5:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah	<b>9</b> <b>Morning Service</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>Shofar Service</b> 10:30 a.m. <b>Evening Service</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Rosh Hashanah Banquet*</b> 5:00 p.m. Rosh Hashanah	<b>10</b> <b>Morning Service</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>Shofar Service</b> 10:30 a.m. <b>Family Prayer Education</b> 3:15 p.m. <b>Evening Service</b> 4:15 p.m.	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>International Music with Ludmila Sorin</b> 2:45 p.m.	<b>13</b> <b>Prayer Gathering</b> RCAC • 10:30 a.m. <b>Distance Learning</b> MBR • 2:30 p.m. Big Bear Lake Fairmount	<b>14</b> <b>High Tea with Mary Beth Ions • 3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Menorah Café*</b> 5:00 p.m. Claddagh's Irish Pub Euclid	<b>15</b> <b>Music Program</b> 2:45 p.m. Movie & Lunch Weinberg 1 & Friedman	<b>16</b> <b>Residents' Council</b> 2:45 p.m.	<b>17</b> <b>Afternoon Service</b> 2:00 p.m. <b>Abbreviated Kol Nidre Service • 2:30 p.m.</b> <b>Kol Nidre Service</b> 6:30 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur	<b>18</b> <b>Morning Service</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>Yizkor</b> 11:30 a.m. <b>Family Prayer Educational Program</b> 2:30 p.m. <b>Ne'ilah Service</b> 5:00 p.m. Yom Kippur
<b>19</b> <b>Pancake Breakfast</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Show Stoppers</b> 2:45 p.m.	<b>20</b> <b>Movie Time</b> 10:30 a.m. <b>Distance Learning</b> MBR • 2:30 p.m. Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Fairmount	<b>21</b> <b>Russian Group</b> Fairmount 1 • 10:30 a.m. <b>Drumming</b> Fairmount 2 • 10:30 a.m. <b>Sukkot Film Presentation: Ushpizin • 2:15 p.m.</b> <b>Outing</b> Beachwood & Fairmount 1	<b>22</b> <b>Erev Sukkot Oneg</b> 2:30 p.m. <b>Evening Service</b> 4:15 p.m. Patterson's Apple Farm Weinberg 1 & Friedman Erev Sukkot	<b>23</b> <b>Sukkot Service • 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Kiddush Sukkah</b> 11:30 a.m. <b>Evening Service</b> 4:15 p.m.	<b>24</b> <b>Sukkot Service</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Kiddush Sukkah</b> 11:30 a.m.	<b>25</b> <b>Service • 9:00 a.m</b> <b>Kiddush Sukkah</b> 11:30 a.m. <b>Evening Service</b> 4:15 p.m.
<b>26</b> <b>Bagel Brunch</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>27</b> <b>Sukkah Visits</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Sukkah Visits</b> 2:00 p.m. <b>Distance Learning</b> MBR • 2:30 p.m.	<b>28</b> <b>Sukkah Visits</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Russian Club</b> 10:30 a.m. <b>Sukkah Visits • 2:00 p.m.</b> <b>High Tea with Peter Tavens • 3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Sukkah Party</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>29</b> <b>Farewell Sukkah Visits</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Evening Service</b> 4:15 p.m. Brio Weinberg 2	<b>30</b> <b>Shemini Atzeret Service</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Yizkor • 10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Simchat Torah Service</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Simchat Torah Celebration</b> 7:00 p.m.	Sukkot	

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