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Some months are more trying than others, and when things aren't going smoothly, stress settles in. Because of an illness of a loved one, last month was one of those months for me and my family. And when stress settles in, we need to remember what's really important and what's not – and not to sweat the small stuff.

Life is what you
make it, and all the
little choices add up.
Improve the quality
of those choices, and
you will improve
the quality of your
situation.

Since we each deal with stress differently, we have to remember to rely on tools that effectively work for us individually.

A few weeks ago, my sister, Darcy Alter, sent me the following words, written by Ralph S. Marson, Jr. She was thinking about our mother at the time, and felt they may help to motivate her

and do what was necessary for her to rebuild her strength. The words are direct, have clarity and totally fit the situation on a physical level. Not only did I feel they were spot on, but I also felt that they applied to me, as well, and can apply to each of us in most situations. Here's what Marson wrote:

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As comfortable as your old habit may be, it's not taking you where you want to go. Very soon, you can be just as comfortable, and a whole lot more satisfied, with a new, more positive habit.

Life is what you make it, and all the little choices add up. Improve the quality of those choices, and you will improve the quality of your situation.

Get the moments of this day working in your favor by making more of your actions work in your favor. Improve some little something you do, and experience the power you have to change your life.

The message is short, but pointed. Where do you want to be, and where are you now? Whether overcoming a physical or emotional obstacle, we can each push ourselves just a little bit each day to make things just a little bit better. Small chang-

es build up to something big, and big changes improve our lives.

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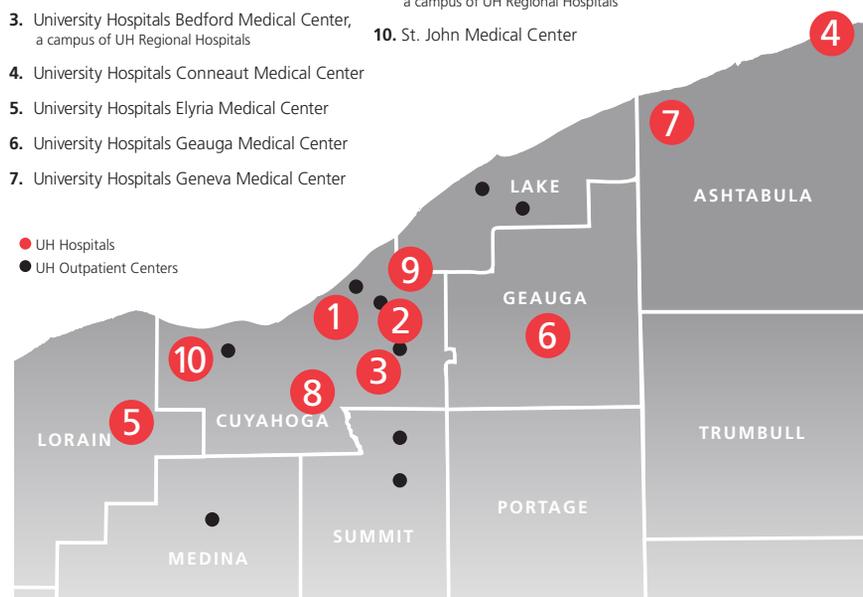
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We know that Ohio school districts anticipate funding changes if the governor's current budget recommendations go into effect. Generally speaking, the changes are consistent with a "Robin Hood" funding philosophy designed to shift resources to economically-challenged districts. Funding adjustments would be made according to a district's placement in one of five wealth quintiles. Beachwood, one of Ohio's wealthiest districts due to the combined value of our commercial and residential tax bases, is in Ohio's fifth quintile with a wealth rank of 607 among 610 public school districts. Thus, Beachwood is among those scheduled to lose the greatest percentage of state revenue.

The greatest reduction in state monies for the Beachwood City School District would result from the proposed phase-out of the hold-harmless provision related to the elimination of the Tangible Personal Property tax. If implemented as presently proposed by the governor, the loss would be \$689,271 in Fiscal Year 2016 with an additional reduction of \$624,855 in FY2017, for a total permanent loss of \$1,314,126 to Beachwood Schools over two years.

Please keep in mind that these funding concerns are rooted in the governor's preliminary budget plan. We do not yet know if the final version of the budget will contain these reductions. However, please know that we and state educational advocacy groups monitor such matters closely, and we will keep you apprised of developments as they occur.

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Beachwood Filmmakers

Meet the Silver Screen at
2015 Cleveland
International Film Festival

BY Douglas J. Guth

Cleveland has been in the Hollywood spotlight these last few years, thanks to big-ticket productions getting filmed on downtown streets. That Tinseltown glow has given rise to quality short films being made locally, a trend that two cinematically minded Beachwood residents have harnessed for their own brightly lit visions.

Maria Alvarez's "The Waiting Game" and Steven Hacker's "On a Technicality" will be among the short films screened at this year's Cleveland International Film Festival, which runs March 18 through March 29 at Tower City Cinemas. More than 1,600 independent short film entries were submitted for review this year to the CIFF selection committee, with only 238 films chosen for screening. Alvarez's short "Carrie's Wish" played at last year's festival, while Hacker's CIFF offering will be his first.

"With the growth of filmmaking here in the Cleveland market, I think it is important that we reflect that growth," says Paul Sloop, short films programming manager for the festival.

Their movies may be vastly different, but Alvarez and Hacker are thrilled to be part of Cleveland's rising artistic tide. The pair of dream-makers shared their inspirations, hopes and future projects with *Beachwood Buzz*.

The girl who would change the world

Alvarez, a Beachwood High School senior, traveled far both in a physical and emotional sense to make "The Waiting Game," a contemplative, beautifully shot study about finding hope at the end of life. The short film tells the story of a struggling writer who travels to Amsterdam to say goodbye to her dying grandmother.

There she learns how to balance the pain of loss with happy memories shared with her *oma*, giving her the purpose and inspiration to start writing again.

Though the movie has fictional elements, it was inspired by true events. Alvarez shot

the entire project in Amsterdam while visiting her grandmother, who had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's years before. Upon arrival, the family was taken aback by how far her condition had deteriorated, and were told by doctors that the approaching end was "a waiting game."

Alvarez spent those last days documenting her *oma's* life with a crew that consisted of her sister, Monroe, and herself, functioning as the director, cinematographer, editor and screenwriter. Monroe played the writer role in "The Waiting Game," which was written and shot over two weeks before Alvarez's grandmother's death a few days before New Year's Eve 2013.

Though filming her grandmother's final days was difficult, it was also therapeutic, Alvarez maintains. "For me, it was the most beautiful and accurate way that I could depict my devotion to her," she says. "In a sense, movies are how I speak. Making this film was the best way that I could tell her how much I love her."

Reaction to "The Waiting Game" has been overwhelmingly positive. Along with its entry into CIFF, the movie has played at 14 festivals worldwide and won five awards, two for best overall film. Among its accolades was a best high school docudrama at the International Student Film Festival Hollywood.

Having no budget and family members in leading roles, "The Waiting Game" is the very

definition of an amateur project, says Alvarez. It's also the film she's most proud of.

"People who've seen it said they called their grandma afterward to tell her how much they loved her," she says.

Tackling serious themes is nothing new to Alvarez. "Carrie's Wish," her previous CIFF entry, is a nine-minute film about a woman who completes her sister's bucket list after she dies in a car accident.

Movies can have a real-world influence, an ideal that has shaped Alvarez's burgeoning career. She began dabbling in the medium at age 9, after getting a flip camera for her birthday. Home movies were followed by a YouTube music-video phase. Then came more structured short films, an effort supported by her parents, Luis and Wanda, both of whom came from arts and photography backgrounds.

For "The Waiting Game," her folks allowed her to film in the hospital where her grandmother was staying, as well as at the funeral. In setting these scenes, Alvarez followed her "artistic gut," something she gleans from favorite director, David Fincher.

"When I see a great film, I can't forget about it," she says. "I want to have the same effect and tell stories that can impact how people live their lives."

BHS video production teacher Kevin Houchins, who has known Alvarez since she was a freshman, is confident his student can reach whatever movie-making heights she aspires to. Though Houchins is proud of all of his pupils, Alvarez's skills with a camera were immediately apparent.

"Maria is a very gifted in the art of cinematography," says Houchins. "Much like a painter using a canvas, she has her own unique style of





Pictured left: Still shot from "The Waiting Game."

Pictured right: Five characters in "On a Technicality" made a bet. Much like a pinky swear, they each picked up a pickle to seal the deal.

expressing herself through film."

"The Waiting Game" is perhaps the most telling example of Alvarez's still growing talents, he adds. "I don't think there is any question that Maria is destined for greatness," Houchins says. "She has the drive, vision and ability to be a star."

Alvarez herself doesn't know about that, but she is excited about her plans to attend film school this fall in either Los Angeles or New York City. From there, she hopes to land an internship with a film company or work summers interning with the Cleveland Film Festival. She also recently finished a three-minute short, called "Between You and Me," about volunteerism and giving back to the community through service. Otherwise, she's kicking around an idea for a documentary on a factory that produces wigs for young cancer patients. The film, "From My Head to Hers," has a page on the crowd-funding website, Indiegogo (www.indiegogo.com/projects/from-my-head-to-hers-a-documentary).

Whatever's next, Alvarez strives to make films that will make its viewers want to go out and transform the world. "I don't need to win an Oscar, but I want to make sure people can relate to my stories and create change," she says.

The man who sets the scene

Steven Hacker has been in the film-production game a bit longer than his younger counterpart. Hacker worked at ABC New York in the '70s as an audio editor, enmeshed in stories about Watergate and the resignation of President Richard Nixon. He came back to Cleveland twice, once to work as a producer for WJW TV 8 and for the final time to make TV commercials for clients, including Sea World and Kay Jewelers.

All that time behind the camera translated nicely to the world of fiction film making, says Hacker, cinematographer and co-producer of "On a Technicality," a drama

about the fragility of human existence.

The film, directed by Andrew Gorell, is loosely based on five Cleveland-area men who the film's writer, Jeffrey Grover, has known for more than two decades. These men are best friends and loosely inspired the story. They meet weekly for breakfast, and during one of these meals, the friends conjure up a preposterous bet, a circumstance that leads the group to learn about the nature of life and their own vulnerabilities.

Grover is also the film's co-producer and plays a principle character in the short. Most of the movie was shot after hours at Jack's Deli in University Heights over three days in October and December of last year. It wasn't uncommon for a handful of the 30-member cast and crew to be on set until 5:30 a.m. on shooting days. Though they filmed at night, the team used lighting and other effects to make the scenes look and feel like morning.

"The owners, Alvie Markowitz and Gary Lebowitz, gave me the keys and said to lock up when we were done," says Hacker. "We would do the wider shots of the restaurant first so the extras wouldn't be there all night."

"On a Technicality" is Hacker's second work of fiction. His first film, "Both Sides of the Family," is an hour-long drama on the complexities surrounding interfaith marriage. He also produced a documentary on the Holocaust for Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. Fiction presents its own particular challenges, the greatest of which is creating an all-important suspension of disbelief, says Hacker.

"Lighting, lens choice and composition must all work in tandem with the actors' performances to allow the audience to get lost in the story," he says. "I approach my documentary work in a similar fashion by creating environments conducive for storytelling."

Now that "On a Technicality" is finished, Hacker and Grover have shown it

in rough-cut form to a select group of industry professionals in the run-up to CIFF. Feedback so far has been satisfying as a piled-high corned-beef sandwich from a favorite deli, he maintains.

"One actor told us it took him back to the glory days of delicatessens and the tales he remembers his grandfather spinning," says Hacker.

Script-writer Grover wanted to craft a story that emphasized the role friends play as people get older. "Friends will be there in the best of times and when things aren't working out so well," he says. "I hope that idea gets people to appreciate the people in their lives."

Hacker, who has lived with his wife, Ellen, at The Village for 16 years, attributes his authentic style to Polish-born cinematographer Janusz Kaminski ("Schindler's List," "Saving Private Ryan"), who is able to create stunning imagery while remaining within the confines of the narrative.

Hacker himself was about 10 when his mother, Faye, put an 8mm camera in his hands. His fledgling career began with short comedy scenes, which his mom helped him edit. "I can still remember the smell of film cement and the small editing block she used," he says. "That was the beginning. I don't know how many cameras I've held since."

The Beachwood movie maker will be holding a few more cameras in 2015, that's for certain. Among his upcoming projects is a 10th-anniversary film for Maltz Museum. He will also be collaborating with clinical psychologist and TV news contributor, Lori Stevic-Rust, on commercials and television programming.

Whatever the future holds for Beachwood's pair of movie-directing aces, Sloop of the Cleveland film festival is happy to add their contributions to the 18 other movies created by area filmmakers.

"Playing films like 'The Waiting Game' and 'On a Technicality' allows us to showcase some of that emerging talent," Sloop says.

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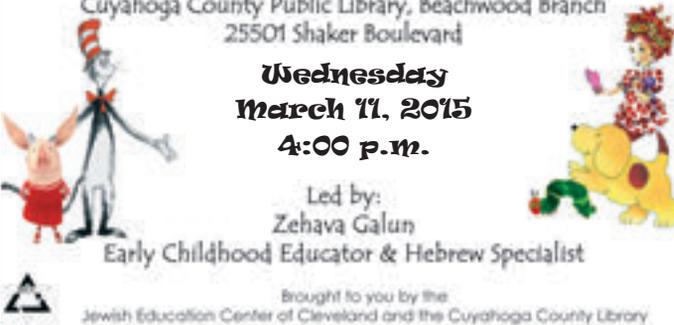
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Hartstein Champions for Spot On OSU's Marching Band

By June Scharf

Andrew Hartstein, BHS Class of '13, set a lofty goal for himself when he was a sophomore. He became determined to earn a spot on The Ohio State University's marching band.

But playing the bass clarinet and tenor saxophone for the BHS band was not going to get him there since OSU's band is all brass. So he strategically switched to the sousaphone, which is the marching band's version of the tuba. The player of this instrument also is the person privileged with dotting the "i" in the "script Ohio" formation on the field.

Hartstein achieved his dream. But not without brass resolve and dedication.

The fourth generation Buckeye – his parents Steven and Debbie, in fact, met at OSU – describes himself as very musically inclined ("it comes easily"), and the only one in his family to manifest this trait.

He learned early on that OSU is different from all other bands with respect to its marching style. Most colleges use the traditional roll step, from heel to toe. But OSU features the chair step which is "more flashy," with the knee raised, creating a 90-degree angle between the shin and thigh. The toe lands first, then the foot rolls to the heel.

"It's very hard to do initially," he says. "It takes a lot of practice."

He feels that there may be better

bands at playing music, and there may be better bands at marching, but OSU is the best band at executing both. Knowing all this, he wasn't so certain he could make it. But to ensure that he did, he attended summer sessions to master the band's music and marching fundamentals. Tryouts occur over two days and, despite his diligence, his freshman year he was cut.

This year, however, as a sophomore, he earned a place among the 27 other sousaphone players. By the time he's in his fourth year, as long as he continues to merit his position, he'll be able to perform the legendary dotting of the "i," something that's determined by seniority.

"I like these types of traditions. They're special to a lot of people, particularly the active and enthusiastic alumni."

But Hartstein, who's majoring in biology and minoring in music, feels the best part of being a band member is the bonds he has forged among other sousaphone players, calling them "friends for life." So far, his fondest memories, he says, are the ones created with them off the field.

How about that championship game in Dallas though?

"The crowd went absolutely nuts – screaming – when we went out on the field," he says, also noting that OSU had many more fans present than the opposing Oregon's team. Winning the first-ever



national championship is a real point of pride for him, too.

"Everyone remembers that the Green Bay Packers won the first Super Bowl, and we did something similarly unprecedented and memorable with our victory."

He also enjoyed marching on the same field that the Dallas Cowboys play on, and he took a thrill in having the pre-game and half-time shows air on ESPN Classics.

His advice to anyone interested in pursuing band membership: it's never too early to start working at it. Summer sessions in Columbus are open to everyone, on Tuesdays and Thursdays in June and July, 6 – 9 p.m.

Pictured: Andrew Hartstein (right) with fellow band member Marc Reis.

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Our March 10 meeting will have Judge Michael Astrab with a candid and informative discussion about the heroin epidemic in the area. The scourge of heroin has been increasing steadily and suburban heroin use has been rising at alarming rates. The typical heroin user is not who you think it is. Come hear Judge Astrab as he shares facts and figures as well as solutions to dealing with the scourge of heroin.

The featured speaker April 14 is Cuyahoga County Democratic Party Executive Director Nick Martin, who will share his wisdoms and insights into the election process and the GOTV efforts of the party that are second to none. Nick will also let us know about what the party has in store for the upcoming election cycle.

There are so many great reasons to come to a meeting of the Beachwood Democratic Ward Club. Our meetings start at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers and are free and open to all Democrats. For more information, call 216.292.5562 or email BeachwoodDemocrat@gmail.com. As always, I am Beachwood Democratic Ward Club president Steve Rosen, and I approve this message.

New Observation Unit at Ahuja

Sometimes, when a patient is in a hospital's Emergency Department, it isn't immediately clear whether he or she should be admitted. That is why an interim location – the observation unit – is helpful. It allows physicians more time to determine what's best for patients.

To meet this need, University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center recently added a new 10-bed observation unit where hospital staff can closely monitor patients and expedite testing and treatment. In most cases, a decision on admission is made within 3 to 23 hours.

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Montefiore's memory-care network offers a variety of memory support services at home and at its two campuses (Montefiore in Beachwood and The Weils in Chagrin Falls). Proceeds from the event will go toward Montefiore's new in-home memory-care program to assist individuals and families in navigating available services and providing social work and nursing support.

To be part of this exciting event, call The Montefiore Foundation at 216.910.2633 or visit montefiorecare.org/benefitbrunch to see how you can be a sponsor, participate in the tribute book, purchase tickets or make a donation. All are welcome!

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To register, please call 216.595.3400 and leave your name and telephone number to reserve your space. You will be called back.

Mary Beth Ions Concert: Violin, Up Close and Personal

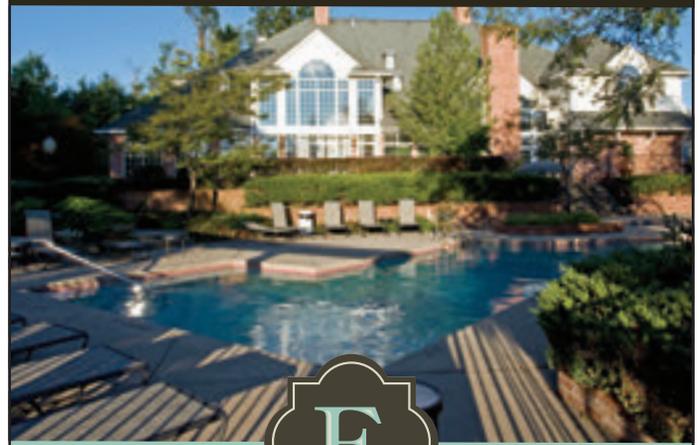
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Let Mary Beth take you on a fantastic journey, covering music from the Golden Age of Baroque to modern times. Learn about the history and repertoire of the violin. Reception with refreshments to follow. Suggested donation is \$10/person.

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"The Wolfsburg Crest Club Award validates everything the Ganley team has been building upon in terms of delivering top customer satisfaction, new and pre-owned sales, and parts and service excellence," said General Manager Michael Friedman. "This is the highest award a dealership can receive from Volkswagen and we're proud to be a part of this prestigious group. You can always replace a car, but you can't replace a customer."

Friedman told us that this is the 4th year in a row the dealership has won this award and there will be a celebration party in June for current and future customers.



Jeremy Eisenberg, Tom Ganley and Michael Friedman receive the Wolfsburg Crest Club Awards.

Is Toastmasters for You?

Do you panic, get tongue-tied or break out in a sweat when you have to speak in front of a group? If so, then Toastmasters is for you. Toastmasters is an international organization designed to help people overcome their fear of public speaking through practicing proven-success methods in a friendly setting. Its mission is to provide a supportive and positive learning experience that develops communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

A local club, Transformative Toastmasters, meets every Tuesday evening, 6:30-8:00 p.m., inside Heights Christian Church, 17300 Van Aken Boulevard, Shaker Heights. For more information, contact Janet Wasserman at japawa1@aol.com.

Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery is Theme of NCJW Women's Seder

Women of all generations are invited to enjoy the National Council of Jewish Women's Annual Women's Seder at Point East Community room, 27500 Cedar Rd., Beachwood on Monday, March 16. Although the theme this year – Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery – is a serious issue, the Seder will feature a fun and

informative night of good food, storytelling, song, and tradition.

Human Trafficking is NCJW's newest initiative. NCJW/Cleveland is currently exploring the crime and researching ways in which the organization can collaborate with other organizations in the area to help raise awareness of this modern day slavery and help victims of the

crime. With freedom from slavery as the overriding theme of the Passover celebration, NCJW has deemed human trafficking an appropriate and timely topic on which to focus this year.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and younger. RSVP requested by March 9. Call 216.378.2204.

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- March 8 Freddie Prinze, Jr. (39)
- March 10 Carrie Underwood (32)
Sharon Stone (56)
Chuck Norris (76)
- March 11 Rupert Murdoch (84)
- March 12 Darryl Strawberry (53)
James Taylor (67)
Liza Minelli (69)
- March 13 Neil Sedaka (76)
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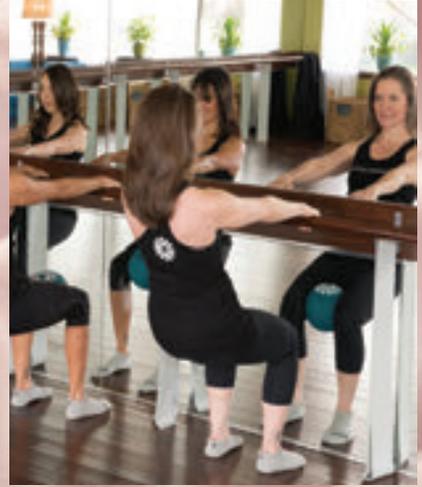
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Memory Care Expanded at Willensky Residence

In Montefiore's ongoing efforts to meet the needs and demands of the community, they have once again expanded The Willensky Residence, an assisted-living memory-care community, on its Beachwood campus. This new expansion houses five studios and two suites.

The Willensky Residence, a Montefiore Assisted-Living Memor-Care Community, will now offer 25 studios/suites and includes a newly renovated area with "life stations" that will center on careers, hobbies, interests and familiar daily activities for residents facing memory loss. This new expansion comes a year after Phase II of The Willensky Residence, which added ten studios/suites, dining and living rooms and a laundry room.

In addition to the Beachwood campus expansion, The Weils, a Montefiore Senior Community in Chagrin Falls, OH, is set to open The David and Freda Robinson Residence, an assisted-living memory-care pavilion, in spring 2015. This beautiful new pavilion will offer a safe, homelike environment as an alternative for individuals who need supervision and assistance with the activities of daily living.

The Willensky Residence is an innovative addition to Montefiore's continuum of services by providing individuals with dementia an assisted-living and memory-care support housing option. This secure and homelike environment offers services and specialized programming for those whose needs go beyond the care in a traditional assisted-living facility and who do not yet need comprehensive services at a nursing home level.

Summer College Internships Available

Summer college Internships are available at Montefiore. With the tight job market, this type of work experience can distinguish a candidate who is looking to break into a professional field. Montefiore is offering six 30-hour-week internships with a small stipend. If you know someone who is interested in learning about development and fundraising, marketing and public relations, human resources, activities, social services or finance, have them contact Katherine Perry, Human Resources Recruiter at kperry@montefiorecare.org, and put "Summer Intern Candidate" on the subject line.

Applications are available at www.montefiorecare.org – just click on Careers, and go to Apply Online. All applicants will be screened and asked for two letters of reference. The registration deadline is Friday, May 22, 2015.

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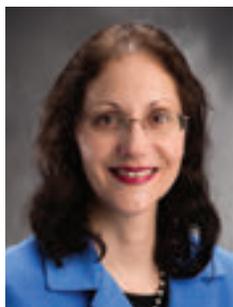

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BCVB Website Is Now More User Friendly Than Ever!

By Patty Lampert, President

This is an exciting time to visit Beachwood! The Beachwood Convention & Visitors Bureau (BCVB) recently updated its website and optimized the mobile site for smart phones and tablets. You'll find new information about events,

travel packages, family fun ideas, entertainment, and three new itineraries: Passport to Beachwood, All Rise! Presidents of the U.S., and bird watching. You can also find additional details on speakers, art & culture, parks & recreation, dining events, happy hours, and sports.

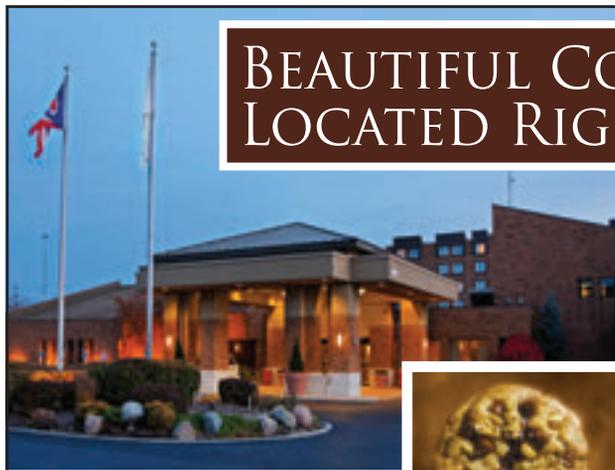
Discover great outdoor adventures at Beachwood Park, the Cleveland Metroparks and Cuyahoga Valley National Park. These locations are ideal for hiking, biking, bird watching and golfing.

We encourage you to visit us online at VisitBeachwoodOhio.com to see why Beachwood is the perfect destination for a full day of fun and adventure. Whether you're visiting Beachwood for business, a family occasion, romantic getaway, or attending a sporting event, you'll find there's something for everyone. Beachwood is the perfect hub location for exploring all of Northeast Ohio.

We invite you to create your own memorable experience by spending the day or staying overnight in Beachwood. Book a room, suite or extended stay at any of these Beachwood hotels: Aloft, Clarion, DoubleTree, Embassy Suites, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Homewood Suites, Indigo or Residence Inn.

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March of the Living Intergenerational Program

On Sunday, March 15, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Montefiore, Edna Akrish, leader of the Ohio March of the Living delegation, will present a program at Montefiore with area students attending this year's March of the Living. They will meet with Montefiore residents and local Holocaust survivors and listen to their harrowing stories of suffering and the strength of hope and survival in one of the darkest times in history. This year the Ohio delegation will walk in honor of their beloved Todd Kay, senior regional director of the Ohio Northern Region of BBYO, who died suddenly in January 2015 at his home in Beachwood at the age of 37.

Additionally, The Remembering Project, an oral history video highlighting Holocaust survivor experiences, will be shown. The video was produced by Natalie Bauman of The Digital Mosaic with assistance from high school students and features Montefiore residents, Irene and Marv Weiner and community members. After the video presentation, the student delegation to Poland and Israel will then collect personalized notes from the survivors to place inside the holy walls of the Kotel during their trip to Israel.

The March of the Living is an annual educational program that brings students from all over the world to Poland and Israel, in order to study the history of the Holocaust and examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance and hate – and to see the rebuilding of the Jewish nation.

The March of the Living itself, a three-kilometer walk from Auschwitz to Birkenau, is a silent tribute to all victims of the Holocaust. From April 13-27, when thousands of Jewish teens from countries around the world will share in a once-in-a-lifetime experience when they march three kilometers from Auschwitz to Birkenau, the largest concentration camp complex built by the Nazis during World War II.

Community Invitation – Pesach Seder

Join the Fromovitz Jewish Learning Academy and Chabad of Cleveland for a Community Pesach Seder, Friday, April 3 at 7:15 p.m. The event will take place at Waxman Chabad Center, 2479 S. Green Road, Beachwood.

The Community Pesach Seder, led by Rabbi Moshe Gancz, will feature a four-course meal, hand baked Shmura Matzah, four cups of wine, Hebrew-English Hagaddahs, traditional Pesach songs and insights into the Festival of Freedom.

The cost is \$45/adult and \$25/child, 3-12. Sponsorships are available. To make a reservation, please visit www.clevelandjewishlearning.com or call 216.647.4884. No Jew will be turned away for lack of funds.

Sunny Simon at Beachwood Elderclass – Mark March 25 on your Calendar!

Beachwood Elderclass proudly brings to you Sunny Simon, our District 11 Cuyahoga County Council representative since 2011. She was the inaugural vice president and is currently chair of the Education, Environment and Sustainability Committee. Since taking office, Simon has worked to make our County Council government accessible and transparent. She assisted in establishing the Office of Inspector General and creating a strong ethics policy. She has also supported increased funding for education, safety, youth and senior services.

Plan to meet and greet Simon and hear her thoughts of what we can expect from Cuyahoga County Council in 2015.

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 in the new Community Room are free and open to the public.

Elderclass coordinator Mort Biel reminds attendees that lunch will be served in the Beachwood Bistro at noon with the program to follow at 1 p.m.

A bus will begin pickups going from the northeast corner of the parking lot to the front entrance beginning at 11:15 a.m. 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. No walk-ins for lunch. No reservations needed for the program only.

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Women4Women Knitting 4 Peace

Women4Women, Knitting4Peace will hold its next meetings on March 6 and April 3, at the Beachwood Library, from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Thanks to those who have been participating! Because of your help, 92 items – shawls, scarves, adult caps, birthing kits, wash cloths, dolls and baby blankets – are being distributed near and far, improving the lives of others.

Your participation is encouraged! For more information, contact Iris November at lbertyclub@gmail.com.



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The Cleveland POPS Orchestra with conductor Carl Topilow will present "CENTENNIAL SINATRA," starring Steve Lippia on Friday, March 6. The concert will take place at 8 p.m. in Severance Hall. The performance is a celebration of the life and music of the 20th century's most remarkable singer of the American Songbook – a star of radio, television, movies and countless live performances throughout the world. With voice, charisma, and stage presence, Lippia captures the essence of Sinatra.

The Cleveland POPS Orchestra with its charismatic leader, Carl Topilow, will provide the rich, full orchestra background to nearly two dozen of Frank Sinatra's greatest and most beloved hits – including My Way, Fly Me to the Moon, Luck Be a Lady, One for My Baby, New York, New York, and many more.

Lippia will be making his second appearance with The Cleveland POPS, having performed with them in 2008 in a concert titled, "Simply Sinatra."

Tickets, starting at \$20, are available for purchase at the Severance Hall box-office, by calling 216.231.1111 or visiting www.clevelandpops.com. Student tickets, available the day of the concert for \$10, may be purchased at the Severance Hall ticket office by showing a school ID.

For more concert information, visit www.clevelandpops.com.

Jackie Elsner Honored as Life Trustee

Jackie Elsner was recently honored as a Life Trustee at Menorah Park Center for Senior Living. Elsner was past president of the Women's and Men's Association, a board member for 10 years, and a dedicated



Pictured: Enid Rosenberg and Peter Meisel present the award to Jackie Elsner.

volunteer for 18 years, starting when her mom became a resident.

Elsner helps at Pearl's Place snack shop twice a week, bartends at Wiggins Place every Thursday evening, is a Hospice volunteer, and is always available to help at all the Menorah Park special events.

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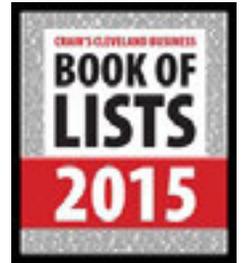
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STYROFOAM RECYCLING

The City of Beachwood has expanded its recycling program and is now accepting styrofoam (ESP #6), the “block type” that is used in packaging.

Residents can bring their styrofoam to the Public Service Department, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and place it in the appropriate box in our recycling area on the west side of the Service Center Building.

We are partnering with Buckeye Industries, a company providing meaningful employment to individuals with disabilities in our community.

The recycled styrofoam is condensed into heavy bricks that are sold to other industries for the production of picture frames and crown molding. By recycling this styrofoam, the city is diverting more material from the landfill and supporting a socially beneficial program.



Styrofoam peanuts or styrofoam used to package food cannot be accepted at this time. Packing peanuts can be recycled at any UPS store, with the closest to Beachwood being located at:

13940 Cedar Road, University Heights
30799 Pinetree Road, Pepper Pike
16781 Chagrin Blvd., Shaker Heights

DID YOU KNOW? CENTENNIAL FACT

Originally part of Warrensville Township, the Village of Beachwood became an independent community in 1915. Beachwood attained city status in 1960. The City was initially called Beechwood, but a clerical error was made during the City's incorporation and the "e" was swapped for an "a".

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District is hosting a Rain Barrel Workshop with the City of Beachwood and Friends of Euclid Creek on Monday, April 20 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Beachwood Community Center.

A rain barrel is a container used to collect and store rainwater that would otherwise be lost to runoff and likely diverted to a storm drain. Collected water may then be used to water lawns and gardens. The cost is \$60 (Friends of Euclid Creek members receive a \$10 discount) and includes the barrel, all materials and the downspout diverter.

To register for this workshop (registration is required by April 15), contact Claire Posius at 216.524.6580, ext. 16, or cposius@cuyahogawcd.org. Additional workshops are listed at www.EuclidCreekWatershed.org.



WELCOME

The City of Beachwood welcomes Erin Schaad as its new Assistant Clerk of Council. Schaad was sworn in by Law Director Brian A. Reali at a recent City Council meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL

Usually meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings: Monday, March 16 and Monday, April 6. 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, March 26. Questions? Call 216.292.1914.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Meets at 5:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings: Monday, March 16 and Monday, April 6. Questions? Please call 216.292.1914.

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SUMMER DAY CAMPS RESIDENT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Beachwood Summer Day Camps registration for residents is now open. Register for Kidz, Bison, Sports, Teen Travel and Theater Camp between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at Beachwood City Hall (Recreation Office). Proof of residency required.

An early-bird fee will be offered to all residents who register by March 6.

Non-resident registration begins March 10.



Photo above: 2014 non-resident sign up
VISIT WWW.BEACHWOODOHIO.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION

OF SPECIAL NOTE

Get in the know - Visit WWW.BEACHWOODOHIO.COM to sign up for news alerts, see the City calendar of events and view meeting agendas/minutes.

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Council Update

Beachwood Recreation
Community Theatre Presents

SEUSSICAL the Musical

This musical takes audiences to the land of WHO where they will meet Thing 1 and Thing II. The Cat in the Hat narrates the show with music and adventure—oh the places you'll go! This show for all ages will enchant and amuse bring the whole family—see the magic of Seuss!

Saturday, February 28	4:00 pm
Sunday, March 1	2:00 pm
Friday, March 6	8:00 pm
Saturday, March 7	4:00 pm
Sunday, March 8	2:00 pm
Friday, March 13	8:00 pm
Saturday, March 14	4:00 pm
Sunday, March 15	2:00 pm

Beachwood Middle School
\$7 Students/Seniors
\$8 Adults


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SEUSSICAL is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. Based on the works of Dr. Seuss

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A community party helping to raise money for local schools, not for profits and charitable organizations while celebrating the City of Beachwood's Centennial

Sunday, May 3 • 1-3 PM
Beachwood Community Center

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***** **Celebrate Beachwood Centennial** *****
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ART EXHIBIT



Beachwood Community Center

MONDAY – FRIDAY • 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
SATURDAY • 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
SUNDAY • 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**BEACHWOOD ARTS COUNCIL
KATHRYN HOLZHEIMER ART EXHIBIT:
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By using brushless painting techniques, Kathryn creates art that brings peace, contentment, balance and enjoyment to the viewer.

Show Dates: February 28 – March 21

Artists' Reception: Saturday, Feb. 28 • 5 – 8 p.m.

Meet the artist and enjoy refreshments.

Free and open to the public.



SPRING INTO COLOR

*Featuring: Seneca Bankston – Acrylic
Megan Frankenfield – Photography and Acrylic
Karen Jewell-Kett – Acrylic*

Dennis L. Zimmerman – Watercolor

Show Dates: March 25 – April 19

Artists' Reception: Saturday, Mar. 29 • 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Meet the artist and enjoy refreshments.

Free and open to the public.

**BEACHWOOD RECREATION
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUES**

Sign up now for Youth Baseball & Softball Spring/Summer 2015 Leagues!

BASEBALL PROGRAM

Novice Coed T-Ball: 5 – 6 yrs
Rookie Boys Machine Pitch: 7 – 8 yrs
Minor Boys Player Pitch: 9 – 10 yrs
Major Boys: 11 – 12 yrs

SOFTBALL PROGRAM

Rookie Girls: 7 – 8 yrs
Minor Girls Player Pitch: 9 – 12 yrs
Fees: \$55 Resident/\$75 Non-Resident

For more information: See Winter Recreation Guide or call 216.292.1970

QUILT SHOW

**TO CELEBRATE CITY'S
CENTENNIAL**



The Beachwood Historical Society is looking to fill the Beachwood Community Center with handmade quilts. If you have a quilt you wish to lend for this summer exhibit, please contact Rosemary Nemeth at rnemeth001@aol.com or Susan Merdler at 216.292.1911 before April 2.

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Academic Challenge Team Rolls to TV Victory



Beachwood High School's Academic Challenge team cruised to victory during its televised game show appearance that aired Jan. 17th on WEWS – Channel 5. Senior **Ryan Reilly** and juniors **Jodi Shapiro** and **Henry Grasso** led the Bison to victory over Lake Center Christian and Sandy Valley by the respective scores of 650-420-330. The team's adviser is **Mr. Matthew Kostelnik**.

Science Olympiad



Jennifer Yen and **Mukul Govande** placed first in the Dynamic Planet category at the Kenston High School Science Olympiad Invitational. More than 1,000 students from 69 schools competed. The following BHS students placed:

- ▶ Dynamic Planet, 1st place:
Mukul Govande and **Jennifer Yen**
- ▶ Chemistry Lab, 8th place:
William Zhang and **Janet Wang**
- ▶ Compound Machines, 8th place:
Janet Wang and **John (Zhonghan) Li**
- ▶ Experimental Design, 8th place:
Lynn Jiao, **SriVidya Uppalapatti**,
Jess Tall



BHS Student Stars in *The Fantasticks*

Beachwood senior **Nnamdi Okpala** starred as Mortimer in The Chagrin Falls Performing Arts Academy's performance of *The Fantasticks* last month.

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Spelling Bee Champ

Seventh grader **Stephanie Yen** is the Beachwood Middle School Spelling Bee champion and will represent BMS at the Northeast Ohio Media Group Cuyahoga County Spelling Bee on March 7. Good luck, Stephanie!



Go Bison!

Congratulations to the BHS cheerleaders, who won the Cleveland Big Chill Cheer and Dance Challenge!

Preschool, Young 5's, and Summer Camp Registration

Limited spaces remain for 2015-2016 preschool enrollment and 2015 summer camp.

- ▶ Ask about our new Young 5's class.
- ▶ Find how Fairmount Preschool prepares children for Kindergarten and Ohio's new 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee.

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Join Us for Lunch at the BHS Bistro



The Beachwood Bistro welcomes you to join us in March for a culinary experience created by our future restaurant and hospitality professionals. Each dish is prepared by our first-year chefs under the supervision of our experienced instructional staff. This month, The Bistro is open on March 4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 25th and 27th. Restaurant hours are 11 am - 12:30 pm.

Beachwood Author Festival

*Join us for this exciting, inaugural event –
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**April 25th @ Beachwood Middle School and
the CCPL Beachwood Branch**

- ▶ Presented by Beachwood Schools and the Cuyahoga County Public Library – Beachwood Branch
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- ▶ On-site bookstore to purchase books for signing.
- ▶ Refreshments provided.

Confirmed featured authors include:

- ▶ Neal Shusterman
- ▶ Marc Brown
- ▶ Angela Johnson
- ▶ Shelley Pearsall
- ▶ Lindsay Ward
- ▶ John David Anderson



See the complete schedule and more information at www.BeachwoodSchools.org/AuthorFestival.aspx.

One Book One School

Students at Bryden and Hilltop, together with their families, read *Because of Winn-Dixie* during the month of January. At the Jan. 26th Board of Education meeting, families read the final chapter together. A special thank you to the Beachwood Community PTO and Elementary PTO for their support of this program.



The Future Looks Bright for Beachwood Swimming!

The Beachwood Bison Swim Team recently traveled to Columbus to compete in Middle School Championship "The Best of Central Ohio" swim meet. As a team, they placed 7th, with the boys finishing in 4th place and the girls in 7th place. Here's the breakdown:

Boys top 10 finishes:

- 200 Medley Relay of Noah Shore, Spencer Bystrom, Matt Keyerleber, Gabe Colmenares placed 2nd. (Pictured in order.)
- The 200 Free Relay, with the same four swimmers, placed 3rd.
- Bystrom placed 2nd in the 50 free and 50 back.
- Shore placed 3rd in the 100 free and 4th in the 50 breast.
- Keyerleber placed 2nd in the 100 free and 8th in the 50 breast.
- Colmenares placed 7th in the 50 free and 9th in the 50 breast.
- Ryan Muencz placed 7th in the 50 fly.

Girls top 10 finishes:

- The girls 200 Medley Relay of Erika Jung, Mei Hashimoto, Macie Berkley and Sanchari Chakrabarti placed 10th.
- Berkley placed 5th in the 50 free.
- Hashimoto placed 7th in the 50 fly.



PTO Garage Sale News!

Beachwood PTO's community-wide garage sale is back!

This sale is a huge undertaking that raises thousands of dollars that directly support Beachwood schools and student programs.

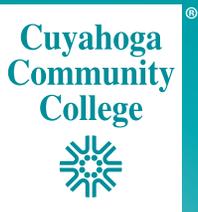
Donations and volunteers are needed to make this event a success!



- Donation drop-off days are April 12, 19, and 26.
- Please start saving those wonderful items, such as new or gently used clothing, toys, household items, furniture, etc. for donation!
- Corporate and retail donations, as well as estate items, are welcome and are 100-percent tax-deductible.
- Pick-up services are available for large items and to individuals who are home-bound.
- Sale dates are April 30 – May 3, and we need volunteers!

Please consider volunteering for one or more shifts. Help is needed on donation drop-off days, sorting and pricing days (week of April 20), and sale days. Many volunteers are needed to make this fundraiser a success!

For more information or to volunteer, please e-mail beachwoodgaragesale2015@gmail.com.



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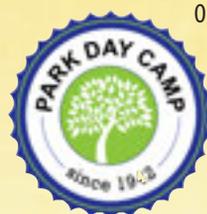
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You'll Flip Over Their Pancakes

On Sunday, March 15, the Chagrin Highlands Rotary Club (formerly the Beachwood Rotary) will hold its 23rd annual pancake breakfast at Orange High School. This highly successful fundraiser benefits both our local and worldwide communities with proceeds going to projects that help people truly in need. Rotary has now just about eradicated POLIO in the entire world.

As a result of past pancake breakfasts, the Chagrin Highlands Rotary Club has been able to fund the following worthwhile projects:

- Sports Challenge Unlimited (Held twice each year)
- Water Pumping Station (For a village of 450 people in Bolivia)
- Dictionary Donations (Annually)
- Police and Fire Fighter's awards (For outstanding achievement)
- Medical Missions (In undeveloped countries)

Rotary members will be flipping both regular and blueberry pancakes, and providing sausage and pure Ohio maple syrup. Hours are 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., March 15, at Orange High School, 32000 Chagrin Blvd., Pepper Pike. Tickets may be pre-purchased or purchased at the door for \$7/adults and \$5/seniors and children under 12. For more information, to purchase tickets or to become a Rotary member, contact Harold Levine at 216.464.4299. Just come and have a great time!



Come Celebrate Purim at Fairmount Temple

Friday, March 6, 5:30 p.m.

Come enjoy Purim Simchat Shabbat

Bring your preschoolers (children/grandchildren) to this Simchat Shabbat and enjoy Purim story and songs. Bring them in costume, if you like, and plan to stay after the service for a free light meal, Shabbat blessing and a craft for the kids.

Sunday, March 8, at 10:30 a.m.

Family PurimSpiel, Enjoy Shushan Idol

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Sunday, March 8, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Purim Carnival

Includes games, moonwalk, bungee run, balloon animals, and Jungle Terry with plenty of food to eat and prizes to win. To learn more about Purim at Fairmount Temple, call 216-464-1330 or visit the website at fairmounttemple.org.

Sing Into Spring

Sing Into Spring, is Sunday, March 22 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. This family-friendly morning includes 90 minutes of non-stop food, fun and fundraising that features entertainment, a cereal bar, face painting, arts and crafts, and a truly one-of-a-kind silent auction! This event is open to the community and is perfect for families with young children or grandchildren, birth to age 5. For complete details, visit www.mandeljcc.org/spring. Ticket info: \$20 Family Pass – Parents and Kids; \$25 Extended Family Pass – Includes parents, kids and grandparents. To purchase tickets, contact Kathy Newman at knewman@mandeljcc.org or 216.831.0700, ext. 1375. Tickets are available at the door.

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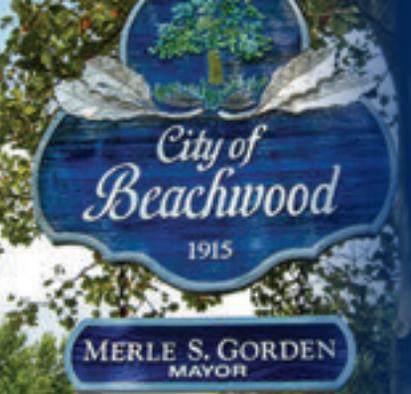
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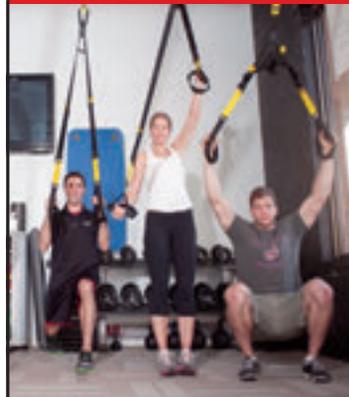


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Foremost Israeli Political Analyst to Address ORT Forum, March 12

David Jablinowitz, noted Israeli political analyst and managing editor and correspondent of Israel Radio English News, will speak to the Cleveland community on the upcoming Israeli election at ORT America's Northeast Ohio Forum. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held on Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m., at B'nai Jeshurun, 27501 Fairmount Blvd., Pepper Pike.

Jablinowitz has covered the Knesset since 1989, interviewing every Prime Minister and reporting on historic events, such as the Oslo peace process and the only no-confidence vote to topple a government. He is on a U.S. speaking tour to provide a unique behind-the-scenes look at the players and the issues involved in the Israeli election, including the implications on US-Israel relations and the negotiations with a nuclear Iran. He returns to Israel after his Cleveland stop to anchor the Election News Coverage.

In addition to the keynote address, the audience will help celebrate 135 years of ORT by viewing the national "ORT Saved My Life" photo exhibit, profiling ORT alumni whose lives have been positively impacted by ORT.

Michelle Hirsch will receive the Northeast Ohio Region's prestigious "Sadie and Maurice Friedman ORT Leadership Award." This is the Region's highest award presented to an individual whose emerging leadership and initiative have significantly enhanced ORT's presence in the region.

Carole and Bart Bookatz, Ilana Isakov Katz and Steve Katz, and Niki and Brian Schaefer serve as co-chairs.

The event is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. For additional information or to register, visit www.ORTamerica.org/NEOForum, call ORT 216.464.3022 or email at ohio@ortamerica.org. The *Cleveland Jewish News* is the media sponsor for this event.

The Northeast Ohio Region of ORT America is rooted in Jewish heritage and values. Its mission is to raise funds to support educational programs that enrich entire communities, by teaching marketable skills that empower students of all faiths to attain success and life with dignity.

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Distance Learning – Community Invitation!

The community is invited to attend the following Distance Learning programs at Menorah Park, in the Miller Boardroom. Each session begins at 2:30 p.m. and lasts about an hour. Please RSVP to LeAnne Stuver, director of Lifelong Learning, at 216.831.6500 or email lastuver@menorahpark.org.

Monday, March 9 • 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.
"Introduction to 20th Century Music"
by the Cleveland Institute of Music

Monday, March 16 • 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.
"Rock'n Rainforest"
by the Lee Richardson Zoo (Garden City, Kansas)

Monday, March 23 • 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
"Our History in BroadSides"
by History Connects from the Virginia Historical Society (Richmond, Virginia)

Monday, March 30 • 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
"Renaissance Painting"
by the Cleveland Museum of Art

Monday, April 6 • 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
"The Alpine Zone"
by Mount Washington Observatory (New Hampshire)

Programs by Women of Fairmount Temple

Tuesday, March 10 • 11 a.m.
World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) and Rebecca Brickner Remembrance brunch event.

Tuesday, March 17 • Noon
Brunch and Demonstration
Chef Tim McCoy will demonstrate "Healthy Spring Brunch Ideas."

Sunday, March 29 • 9:30 – 11 a.m.
Mitzvah Morning Projects
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Tuesday, March 31 • 7 to 9 p.m.
Women's Intergenerational Dessert Seder led by Cantor Sarah Sager. Charoset and dessert, family and friends, this has become a holiday tradition.

Tuesday, April 7 • 1-2 p.m.
Cleveland Institute of Music will perform arias from various operas.

For more information on these programs, call 440.461.7921 or 216.464.1330

Autism Social Center, the Only One of its Kind, Needs Your Help

Brandon's Place is a very qualified, unique, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Oakwood Village that was created in 2013 to fill the need to personalize social and vocational services to individuals with autism and their families in a non-therapeutic lifestyle center.

The organization provides social opportunities for those with autism – from childhood through adulthood. Participants just sign up and have fun!

The national statistic for individuals impacted by autism is one in 68, and one out of 50 boys. There is a huge need for this type of programming and Brandon's Place has filled the demand. Each day, Brandon's Place touches the lives of hundreds impacted by autism.

If you had the ability to help the thousands of people in your community, would you? This community has come to depend on a place that they can call their own, and Brandon's place needs help

from our community to continue its mission.

"Funding our programs has been more challenging than we ever could have anticipated," said Karen Forbes, founder and executive director. "Our families, a large percentage of which are already dealing with financial challenges, are charged a nominal fee to participate in our programs. Our qualified staff either volunteer or are paid a minimal salary for their services. Based on our current financial situation, we need funding to continue serving our community."

Forbes explained how this bridge funding will hold them over until Brandon's Place completes its qualification to participate in the Medicaid Waiver Vocational Habilitation Training Program, administered by the State of Ohio. This program is set to launch in the fourth quarter of 2015, and that funding and reimbursement will kick in at

the second quarter of 2016. To survive, Brandon's Place needs to raise \$120,000 by May of this year.

To learn more about Brandon's Place, Forbes encourages you to watch the short video on the organization's homepage, at www.brandonsplace.org.

"This is about helping families," Forbes added. "They would be so

grateful to have their kids continue to participate in our programs – programs that are essential to their emotional, social and mental well-being."

If you are interested in stopping at Brandon's Place, please call us at 440.232.9906 or email info@brandonsplace.org.



New Cleveland Ballet Brings World Class Dancers to Stage

On April 17, the Cleveland Ballet Youth Company and very special guest artists Carlos Lopez and Adiaris Almeida, accompanied by the Cleveland Ballet Orchestra, will perform *Classic, Elegant, Timeless* at the historic Ohio Theatre at Cleveland's Playhouse Square on April 17 at 7pm.

Lopez and Almeida will perform the *White Swan* pas de deux from the ballet, *Swan Lake*.

The performance will be accompanied by live music, performed by the Cleveland Ballet Orchestra, under the direction of Alexandra Preucil, assistant concertmaster of the Cleveland Orchestra. Special guest William Preucil, the Cleveland Orchestra concertmaster since April 1995, will accompany Lopez and Almeida in Peter Tchaikovsky's *White Swan* pas de deux.

Guest choreographer Robert Wesner, co-founder and artistic director of Neos Dance Theatre, has created a new world premier choreography for this event. Wesner has traveled and performed with various companies all over the northeast region of the U.S. and in Italy.

The event will allow the public to experience young dancers at the height of their training as the 14-member Cleveland Youth Ballet Company takes the stage.

Special pre-show activities for children ages 5 to 14

From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., children are invited to experience the magical world of ballet. Guests will meet dancers, learn about ballet and take home a craft. Cost: Free for ticket holders of *Classic, Elegant, Timeless*.

VIP Post Performance Reception at Bin 216 Wine Bar

Due to its overwhelming success last year, the Cleveland Ballet will host a post-performance VIP reception. Guests can meet Carlos Lopez, Adiaris Almeida, members of the Cleveland Youth Ballet and orchestra musicians. Light refreshments and cocktails will be served.

For ticket and VIP post-performance reception information, visit www.playhousesquare.org or call 216.241.6000.

Special Master Class

On Saturday, April 18, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Cleveland Ballet studios, guest Principal Ballerina Adiaris Almeida will conduct a master ballet class. The class is free for any ticket holders who are classical ballet students, ages 12 to 19, with an intermediate to advanced level. There is a \$10 fee for non-ticket holding ballet students.



Upcoming 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 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 programs require advance registration by calling 216.595.9546. For more information, visit www.touchedbycancer.org.

Survivorship Support Groups

Thursday, March 12, 6:30-8 p.m. and/or
Wednesday, March 25, 1:30-3 p.m.

For individuals who have completed cancer treatment.

Prostate Partners Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 6:30-8 p.m.

Hear from other prostate cancer survivors about the challenges they face and strategies they use to cope. Spouses and significant others welcome. No registration required.

Group for Those with Oral, Head and Neck Cancer

Tuesday, March 17, 6:30-8 p.m.

Addressing Issues of Cancer Recurrence – Presented by Shlomo Koyfman, MD, Radiation Oncologist. No registration required for this program

Tai Chi: Balance and Well-being for Women with Breast Cancer

Thursday, March 26, 6:30-8 p.m.

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Lori Weinstein Leads Diabetes Partnership of Cleveland into the Future

Lori Weinstein has been named president and CEO of Diabetes Partnership of Cleveland after serving on the Board of Directors for five years. Weinstein has substantial experience in marketing and communications, branding, and business development in the non-profit sector of healthcare and medical markets. She resides in Beachwood.

"I am delighted to continue leading the vital mission of Diabetes Partnership of Cleveland and ensure that we provide the right services to the community to help children, adults and families affected by diabetes. One in every eight Cleveland adults has diabetes, over 330,000 people in Cuyahoga County, and the incidence continues to increase, underlining how imperative it is to meet the critical needs that no one else is serving."

The emphasis in adult programs will be on offering diabetes management and support programs

to help people lead healthy, productive lives and avoid the devastating effects of uncontrolled diabetes.

Diabetes Partnership is accredited by the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE), a designation based on the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education which allows the Partnership to accept Medicaid and Medicare. Diabetes Partnership will continue to provide a confidential call-in service for anyone with diabetes questions, referring needs for diabetes assistance, emergency diabetes supplies, glucose screening for initial diagnosis and diabetes education.

Camp Ho Mita Koda, the oldest camp for children with diabetes in the country, continues its 81 years of providing the highest quality, self-care education and medical



care. The 72-wooded-acre camp in Geauga County is open four weeks each summer to teach children life-long wellness habits in a nurturing, active, and fun-filled environment.

Previously, Weinstein served as senior director-service line marketing at Cleveland Clinic. She is a graduate of Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University MBA program and received her BA from Skidmore College.

Diabetes Partnership of Cleveland, founded in 1954, is a local and independent nonprofit organization, providing life-long programs and services to more than 8,000 children and adults with type 1 or type 2 diabetes in Greater Cleveland each year. For more information, please visit www.diabetespartnership.org or call 216.591.0800.

Suburban Symphony Orchestra

The Suburban Symphony's 60th anniversary event, The Diamond and Silver Jubilee Concert: A Salute to 100 Years of Music Making in Cleveland, will take place Sunday, March 15, at 3:30 p.m., at The Masonic Auditorium.

Enjoy Bizet's Carmen, The Complete Opera in Concert, featuring:

- Audrey Babcock, soprano, as Carmen
- Scott Ramsay, tenor, as Don Jose
- Marian Vogel, soprano, as Michaela
- Brian Keith Johnson, baritone, as Escamillo

This show will be presented with the Choral Arts Society of Cleveland. Seating begins at 2:45 p.m. Tickets start at \$15. For ticket information, call 216.881.6350 or visit www.clevelandmasonicauditorium.com. The Masonic Auditorium is located at 3615 Euclid Ave.

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BAC's 20th Annual Juried Regional High School Art Show

The Beachwood Arts Council proudly continues its tradition of partnering with area high school art teachers to identify and show the work, in a variety of media, of the region's finest student artists. Bringing together students, teachers and friends of the arts throughout Cleveland for a unique cultural experience, this show aims to encourage creative expression, hone artistic skills, promote professionalism among high school art students through the experience of a competitive juried exhibition, and endorse art in the schools.

On Sunday, February 1, the BAC held an opening reception for its 20th Annual Juried Regional High School Art Show at which talented students from area high schools exhibited their works.

Jurors included Grafton Nunes, president and chief executive officer of the Cleveland Institute of Art; Kevin O'Donnell, managing director and owner, Lee Hayden Gallery, LLC; and Diane Pinchot, MFA, professor of art, Ursuline College.

"This show is very near and dear to me. It's the show that brought me into the Beachwood Arts Council," said chairperson Ileen Kelner. "In its 20th year, this is one of my favorite shows, and I thank each of you who made it possible."

Under the direction of art teacher Heather Grano, Beachwood High School participants included Sam Connor, Jisung Kim and Maria Alvarez. Corey Shupp, a Beachwood resident who attends Hawken School, also participated.

Congratulations to the following students:

- Honorable Mention recipients include Jiansu Liu (Andrews Osborne Academy), Katherine Decker (Gilmour Academy), Daja Lee (Bedford High School), Sarah Myers (Beaumont School), and Kaylie Harden (Bay High School).
- Third Place was awarded to Olivia Etzman (Bay High School) for "Pipelines."
- Second Place was awarded to Rachel Parks (Lakewood High School) for "Subway Blues."
- First Place was awarded to Martel Tinsley (Aurora High School) for "Blue Ocean."



Top: "Blue Ocean" by Martel Tinsley, and "Hallway" by Jisung Kim. Middle: "Poison Ivy" by Maria Alvarez, "Self Portrait" by Sam Connor, and "Eye to Eye" by Maria Alvarez. Bottom: Sam Connor, Maria Alvarez, Heather Grano and Jisung Kim; and "Shoe" by Corey Shupp.

Local Preteens Become Online Book Reviewers for National PJ Our Way Pilot Program

The Jewish Federation of Cleveland has partnered with the Mandel Jewish Community Center to introduce PJ Our Way, a new pilot program created by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. This pilot program was designed to give 9- to 11-year-olds ownership over the material they read by allowing them to select their own books and express their opinions online. Families may register for this free program at www.pjourway.org.

Fifteen preteens from Beachwood, Moreland Hills, Pepper Pike, Shaker Heights, and Solon

were selected by PJ Our Way as youth leaders for "Cleveland's Local Design Team." This prestigious post gives young people the opportunity to develop leadership skills, while connecting with nine other PJ Our Way pilot communities across the country.

"We are so proud of our local design team, which is representing Cleveland on the national PJ Library stage," said Kelly Rubanenko, director of Growing Jewish Cleveland & Young Family Outreach. "We know they will inspire many other Jewish Cleveland children

to participate in this amazing, free, book program."

PJ Our Way allows participants to select one of four books every month, giving them more choice on their journey toward being life-long readers while introducing them to Jewish ideas. What makes this program unique is its online discussion portal that lives on the PJ Our Way website, www.pjourway.org. Here, PJ Our Way participants can create book trailers, videos, quizzes, author interviews, and other media to communicate with peers about the books.

PJ Our Way is an extension of the successful PJ Library program. Since PJ Library began in 2009, more than 4,200 Cleveland children, ages 6 months to 8 years have enrolled in the program. And, 100,000+ Jewish books and CDs have been delivered to the homes of local children at no cost, strengthening their Jewish connection.

For more information or to register for PJ Our Way, contact the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Kelly Rubanenko at krubanenko@jfcleve.org, 216.593.2865, or visit www.pjourway.org.

Is Isolation Hurting You? Adult Day Center May be The Answer: Better Health for You and Your Caregiver

While many of us want to believe that warmer weather is approaching and vow to get more active, it's not always the icy claws of winter that keep us indoors. Regardless of the weather, for seniors with health issues that prohibit them from taking long walks, driving, or being independent, the isolation can be excruciating and harmful to their health. Those who have family members who are full- or part-time caregivers may not realize that the demands of caregiving may be harmful to their health as well.

For those who receive no help or reprieve from taking care of their loved ones, the stress is unrelenting, and continuous, especially so for more than ten percent of the caregivers who live more than an hour away. Studies show that they experience more depression, anxiety, and feelings of being in limbo. They can't be with their loved ones at all times, and that can cause feelings of guilt and additional stress.

Interestingly, women bear the brunt of unpaid caregiving and lose about \$324 thousand dollars in lost wages and benefits throughout their careers due to caregiving. American businesses lose 10 billion dollars per year in lost employees and wages.

An Adult Day Center (ADC) may be the answer to better health and a more fulfilling life for everyone. While isolation is known to increase risks for early mortality, dementia, depression, re-hospitalizations and falls, it can be countered by the many benefits to the care, nutrition, social and educational interactions that occur daily at an ADC. Attendees can still live in their own homes, but get out each day and are more engaged in daily living and experience a stronger need to contribute to society, equaling less isolation. Attending an ADC can help smooth the transitions into skilled nursing facilities if the need arises later. There are government programs and some insurance companies that cover ADC.

The Mandel Adult Day Center on the Menorah Park Campus is among the oldest established adult day centers in the nation, and offers specialized programs and services for adults of all ages.

"We're changing lives, and we're changing how people age," explains Director Tina Witt. "ADC services enhance mood, energy level, and quality of life for seniors. Our staff and experts provide excellent structured activities and outings that keep their minds sharp and their bodies in motion, while promoting socialization. New activities, events and programs are developed on Campus as needed, including a memory-care protocol that is in practice internationally."

According to Witt, the ADC welcomes all adults, from those who are independent and in need of socialization, to those who experience memory loss or physical challenges. Joining the ADC and attending even as seldom as once per week

enhances mood and energy level, and improves quality of life. Witt said that because transportation to the Center is half the battle, the Mandel Day Center picks clients up at their homes for no additional fee, within the service area.

She said to ease the fear of trying something new, the Center is offering five free days so people can come and see what it's all about for a limited time, so anyone interested in attending can try it out first, without charge. If a week is too much to start with, the Menorah Park ADC also hosts Club Menorah, a free community program each month that also offers seniors a chef-prepared lunch, educational and exercise programming, free transportation in the service area, and much more – a sampling of what one would experience in the ADC.

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A World Premier Play by David Hansen

Sunday, March 8, at 2 p.m.

Women In History: The Unsinkable Molly Brown

Wednesday, March 11, at 7 p.m.

Opera in Pop Culture

Friday, March 27, at 10: 30 a.m.

Teen Programs

League of Minecrafters

Wednesday, March 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m. • Registration required • Grades 5-10

If you dig Minecraft, join us and check out our new monthly club! Activities include building projects and Minecraft papercrafts. Space is limited.

After School Creativity for Teens

Thursday, March 19, 4-5 p.m. • No registration required • Grades 6-12

Join our after school program, hosted by U-EarthH (Ursuline Endless art Healing), a student art therapy organization at Ursuline College, for a chance to learn techniques to create altered books as well as other featured projects. All supplies provided.

Anime Daze: Teen Anime Club

Tuesday, March 24, 4-5:30 p.m.

Registration required / Grades 6-12

Come hang out, watch some anime, read some manga, play some games, eat all the snacks and talk about the mediums and the culture we all love. A parent/guardian must sign a release form before the program.

Children's Programs

Reader Bootcamp

March 2, 9, 16 and 23, at 6:30 p.m. • Grade 1-3

Parents with children who are struggling with their reading skills are invited to join us for a two-part program of information and fun. For the first part, parents go separately with a learning specialist to learn tips for working with their child at home, while children remain with the librarian for fun, reading-based activities. During the second session, families participate together. This is a four-week program.

Afternoon Art Adventures With U-EarthH

March 3 – 4 p.m. • Grades 2 and 3

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.

Hebrew Storytime

March 11 – 4 p.m. • Ages 2-8 with a caregiver

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

Build-o-Rama

March 12 – 4 p.m. • Grades K-5

Calling all LEGO® bricks lovers! Join us for our building blocks program. Bring your mad skills and create your own masterpiece using our LEGO® pieces and a different building theme each month!

Announcements – New!

Beachwood Buzz will now publicize birth, bar/bat mitzvah, wedding announcements, etc. Please email your announcement, with a photo, to beachwoodbuzz@gmail.com.



Sandra and Emmanuel Agwa Announce Birth of Their Son



Sandra and Emmanuel Agwa proudly announce the birth of their son, Ugwumsinachi Nnanna Agwa, who was born January 26 at 6:19 p.m. He was 7 lbs. 14 oz. and 21 inches; and is the proud brother of Munachimso and Ihuoma Agwa.

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