



The Park Synagogue Bulletin

Anshe Emeth Beth Tefilo Congregation

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Rabbi Skoff's Annual Shavuot Study Session

Rabbi Skoff will interview:

Noa Cochva

MISS ISRAEL: Representing Israel Around The World & IDF Veteran

"Representing Israel Around the World: Embracing Friends & Confronting Antisemitism"

Thursday, May 21 • 7:15 pm • Park Synagogue

Noa Cochva was selected as **Miss Israel** in the **Miss Israel** pageant. Noa grew up in a loving yet disciplined home in Bnei Atarot, a moshav outside of Tel Aviv. She is also the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors. Her grandmother survived Auschwitz, and her grandfather escaped a death camp and fought against the Nazis.

After graduating high school, Noa enlisted in the IDF and served two years as a combat medic, eventually becoming the commander of her unit. After Hamas's brutal attack, Noa was among roughly 400,000 IDF reservists who defended the Jewish homeland.

Noa rose to national fame when she was crowned Miss Israel and earned the right to represent her country at the Miss Universe competition. Noa has also represented Israel around the

world, and experienced both heartfelt welcomes and confrontation in this role. She will share her experiences with us.

The evening includes a delicious dinner catered by **Cafe 56**.

Please RSVP by May 11 to
Mcorpora@parksyn.org



Friday Morning Services 1st Day Shavuot

Friday, May 22 • 9:30 am
Park Synagogue

Join **Our Clergy** and the **10th Grade Confirmation Class** for Services and a Congregational Luncheon afterward.

Shabbat Services 2nd Day Shavuot

Saturday, May 23 • 9:30 am
Park Synagogue

Join **Our Clergy** for Shavuot Services and **Yizkor** at 10:45 am.

Join us for Shabbat Services
& Kiddush Luncheon
**Honoring
Rabbi Sharon Marcus**

May 30 • 9:30 am • Park Synagogue

After many years of dedicated service, Rabbi Sharon Marcus will be leaving Park Synagogue to begin an exciting new chapter. Throughout her time with our community, Rabbi Marcus has touched countless lives through her leadership, wisdom, and compassion.



9:30 am - Shabbat Services
10:15 am - Torah Service
12:00 pm - Kiddush Luncheon

Please join us as we come together as a congregation to celebrate her years at Park, share our gratitude, and wish her well on her next journey.

We hope you will join us to say goodbye and to celebrate Rabbi Marcus's lasting impact on our community.

Please RSVP at www.parksynagogue.org/events.



Join us for Services & Kiddush Luncheon

**Honoring Ellen Petler's
on Her Retirement**

June 6 • 9:30 am • Park Synagogue

Open to Everyone!

Join us for Shabbat services and a special Kiddush as we honor Ellen Petler, a beloved longtime staff member and devoted Park Synagogue congregant. Since joining the staff on September 1, 1988, Ellen has served as our Membership, Program, & Volunteer Director with dedication, warmth, and an unwavering commitment to our community for 37 remarkable years.

As she prepares to retire at the end of June, we come together to celebrate her extraordinary career and the lasting impact she has made on Park Synagogue. Ellen's passion, care, and leadership have touched countless lives, and her presence will be deeply missed.

RSVP on our website at www.parksynagogue.org/events or use the QR code.



Sponsored by Park Synagogue, Park Senior Adults, Gesher, and Women of Park Groups.



Ellen Petler and Barbara Goldfarb in 1990 grilling for a Park event. Barbara nicknamed them the "Kugel Sisters."



Make your reservations for Park's annual trip to the Ohio Light Opera in Wooster to see



Wednesday, June 17

Join us for this special bus trip for a day of lunch, shopping, and wonderful musical theater! Our first stop will be at the Pine Tree Barn for lunch in a private room in this fun venue, filled with creative stores for your shopping delight! Then we head to the Freedlander Theater on the College of Wooster campus to see *My Fair Lady*, the Lerner & Loewe musical first staged on Broadway in 1956. No matter how many times you may have seen this iconic show, it is always a hit, filled with many well-known songs, beautiful costumes, and great characters! Don't miss joining us for this wonderful day!

Time:

9:30 am Meet at Park Synagogue

9:45 am Bus leaves for Wooster

6:00 pm Approximate return time to Park

Cost: \$96/Park members \$106/Guests

(Price includes luxury bus transportation, lunch, reserved seat at the theater, snacks, and bus driver's tip)

Lunch Choices:

Vegetable quiche and fresh fruit

Mandarin orange spinach salad

Veggie wrap and fresh fruit

Limited seats available, so make your reservations soon!

Open to all women & men---Park members and guests.

Prepaid reservations are required by May 11 through the Park website, Weekly Wrap, or by sending name(s), all contact information, lunch choice(s), theater seating requests, and a check (payable to Park Synagogue) to Ellen Petler, Park Synagogue, 27500 Shaker Blvd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124. Direct any questions to Ellen at epetler@parksyn.org or 216-371-2244 ext. 122.

Co-sponsored by the Park Senior Adults and Women of Park groups.

Help Strengthen Safety at Park Synagogue

A generous donor is prepared to make a **\$50,000 contribution** to support physical safety enhancements at Park Synagogue, including cameras, fencing, and other safeguards.

Each contribution you make will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000. Gifts from our community will directly support the safety of all who enter our campus.

We invite you to be part of this important effort. Your support will help us meet the match and invest in meaningful safety enhancements for our congregation.

For more information, please contact the synagogue office at (216) 371-2244 or email bweltman@parksyn.org.

Benjamin Weltman, Executive Director
Rabbi Joshua Skoff, Senior Rabbi
Bart Simon, President

WAYS TO DONATE



- 1) Use the QR Code on the right
- 2) Visit us at www.parksynagogue.org/donate to make an online donation.
- 3) Call our financial department at (216) 371-2244.

4) Send a check payable to Park Synagogue, c/o "Security Donation" to 27500 Shaker Boulevard, Pepper Pike, OH 44124.

Come Shop at the Women of Park Gift Shop's Special Sale

Watch the Weekly Wrap for dates and times the Park Gift Shop will be open for great prices on beautiful Judaic merchandise!

The Gift Shop has wonderful wedding, Confirmation, and house warming gifts galore! Come shop for real bargains on these special items! Cash or checks only.

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PRESENTS

Havdalah Under the Stars 2.0

Summer Kickoff Party!

Join us for:
Havdalah Services, Music,
Bonfire, and Refreshments
& more!

Free and open to all in their 20s and 30s

Registration encouraged. Please email osetnik@parksyn.org or scan the QR code to register.

Saturday, June 6th,
8:00 PM

Park Synagogue, 27500 Shaker Boulevard



Save the Date!

156th Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 7 • 10:30 am

President's Report, Student Awards,
Volunteer Recognition,
Elections of New Officers & Board Members
and Centerites of the Year Award!

The Spirit of Park

WINE TASTING

Free and Open to all ages 40+

Join us for a night of fine wines, delightful pairings, and sophisticated company.

Find your new favorite kosher-wine with Royal wines, because your table deserves the best!

Thursday, May 14
7:00 PM at Park

RSVP to Olivia Setnik at osetnik@parksyn.org or through the QR code




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JOIN OUR MAILING LIST!

Looking for Park Synagogue Lifecycle Anouncements? Please email Mcorpora@parksyn.org to make sure you are receiving them.

Join the Gesher Group for a
Historical Cemetery Walk
Sunday, June 14 • 11:00 am

at the Workmen's Circle Cemetery W., 50th & Theota Ave., Parma

Come for an historical walk around the Workmen's Circle Cemetery in Parma with Park's Gesher Group! Local expert Margaret Krolikowski will lead us on a leisurely hike and help us "meet" some of the "residents" buried in the cemetery. We'll also learn about the other Jewish cemeteries on the westside of Cleveland.

After the walk, stay for a BYO dairy or vegetarian lunch at a nearby park. Gesher will supply the dessert.

We will try to arrange carpools for everyone interested. Please indicate your willingness to drive or interest in getting a ride when registering.

RSVP by June 10 to Robin Leichtman, Chair of the event, through the Park website, Weekly Wrap, or at leichtmanr@gmail.com.

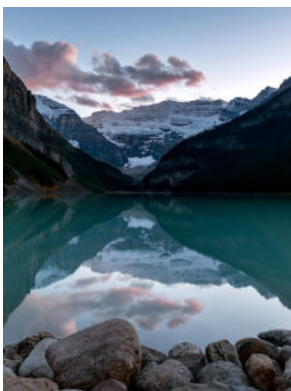
Free and open to everyone!

Sponsored by Park's Gesher Group for baby-boomer age members and friends.



WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

Tuesday, May 26th • 11:00 am • Garson Chapel



Join **Anne Sportas** for a warm and welcoming session of Jewish Women's Spirituality, open to women of all ages and backgrounds. Whether you're deeply rooted in Jewish learning or just beginning your journey, no prior knowledge is needed—just a curious spirit and an open

University Day Registration

Registration Deadline May 1

Park members \$30 Guests \$36

(Limited Scholarships Available - Contact Ellen Petler)

For questions or to inquire about a scholarship, please contact **Ellen Petler** at epetler@parksyn.org or at 216-371-2244 ext. 122.

REGISTRANT 1

Name _____

Email _____

Phone number _____

List any food allergies _____

WORKSHOP CHOICES:

(Indicate first & second choices for each session)

SESSION 1:

___ A: Combating Antisemitism

___ B: Federal Judge

___ C: Living Better Longer at Home

SESSION 2:

___ D: Port of Cleveland

___ E: Federal Reserve Bank

___ F: Jewish Musicals on Broadway

REGISTRANT 2

Name _____

Email _____

Phone number _____

List any food allergies _____

WORKSHOP CHOICES:

(Indicate first & second choices for each session)

SESSION 1:

___ A: Combating Antisemitism

___ B: Federal Judge

___ C: Living Better Longer at Home

SESSION 2:

___ D: Port of Cleveland

___ E: Federal Reserve Bank

___ F: Jewish Musicals on Broadway

___ # Park Members @ \$30 ___ # Guests @ \$36

\$ _____ Amount enclosed for your reservation(s)
 (make check payable to Park Synagogue)

**Send registration form and check(s) by May 1st to:
 University Day, Park Synagogue, 27500 Shaker Blvd., Pepper
 Pike, OH 44124 or register online @ www.parksynagogue.org**



33rd Annual University Day

Wednesday, May 6 • 9:00 am - 2:45 pm

Park Synagogue, 27500 Shaker Blvd., Pepper Pike

University Day is open to the entire congregation and community.

Participants of all ages are encouraged to attend this informative day!



9:00-9:25 am

Check-in and enjoy a light breakfast in the Davis Community Hall.

9:30 - 9:45 am

Welcome & opening remarks by Rabbi Sharon Marcus.

9:45 - 10:45 am

Ida & Herman Weinberg Fund Lecture: "The Next Chapter of Mendelsohn's Park Synagogue"

Featuring **Naomi Sabel**, Founding member of Sustainable Community Associates, and **Susan Ratner**, Past Park President

After four years of planning, the restoration and adaptive reuse of this celebrated synagogue in Cleveland Heights is underway. Plans will be presented for its designation as a National Landmark and transformation into **Park Arts**, a cultural and educational space that fosters the creative arts, lifelong learning, and community engagement.

11:00-11:55 am • SESSION 1

Choose one workshop per session.

Workshop A:

"How to Win Hearts & Minds: Communication Strategies for Combating Antisemitism"

Kelly Fishman, Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League's Cleveland Office

Antisemitic incidents have increased by 344% in just five years, and they continue to rise. We all need to learn to navigate challenging conversations and respond effectively. The key to making real change is knowing what to say and how to say it.

Workshop B:

"The Challenges of Being a Federal Judge in 2026"

Judge Dan Polster, Federal Court Judge, and Park member

Learn what challenges a Federal Court judge has in handling civil and criminal cases, and mediation. Discussion will include what the rule of law means, what the difference is between a democracy and a dictatorship, and the role of the judicial branch in making sure the rule of law is followed.

Workshop C:

"Living Better Longer....at Home"

Paul Sobel, Founder/Executive Director of Village in the Heights

Join us for a discussion about an option for older people who choose to live independently at home, what supports are available to them, and what services Village in the Heights offers individuals and the community.

12:00-12:45 pm • Lunch Break

Enjoy a delicious buffet with choices for everyone and time to chat with other participants.

2:00-2:45 pm • Closing Session

"The Ohio State University Marching Band: Defining Excellence"

Christopher Hoch, PhD, Director of the OSU Marching Band

Have you ever wondered why The Ohio State Marching Band has become one of the best college bands in the country? We are delighted to welcome Dr. Christopher Hoch from Columbus who will focus on the 148 years of band history, show some of the band's most important traditions (such as Script Ohio), and offer behind-the-scenes details of how the band's innovative halftime shows are developed. You won't want to miss this session! O-H-I-O!

1:00-1:55 pm • SESSION 2

Choose one workshop per session.

Workshop D:

"Port of Cleveland: Economic Leader for Growth & Innovation"

Jeff Epstein, President & CEO of the Port of Cleveland

The Port of Cleveland is one of the largest on the Great Lakes, yet most Clevelanders don't know much about the port and its economic impact on NE Ohio. It has the unique power to drive regional growth, create jobs, and revitalize communities through a mix of maritime, real estate, and innovative finance. Mr. Epstein will also discuss plans for the proposed lake front development.

Workshop E:

"The Federal Reserve and You: A Conversation with Beth Hammack"

Beth Hammack, President & CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, and Park member

Join us for a "fireside chat" with Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland President & CEO Beth Hammack, moderated by Brad Schlang of Arbor Group Advisors. President Hammack will share insights on how the Federal Reserve serves the public, and ways that you can engage with the Fed. Come for an informative discussion—and bring your questions.

Workshop F:

"Jewish Musicals on Broadway"

Arnold Hirshon, Vice Provost and Lindseth Family University Librarian Emeritus at Case Western Reserve University

Explore Jewish cultural, social and religious experiences as portrayed in Broadway musicals, with the presentation organized around these 3 themes: Jewish cultural and social acceptance, Judaism and religious identity, and Jewish memory and trauma. Presentation will include audiovisual examples to enjoy.

Milton & Roslyn Z. Wolf Education Center

Congratulations and much Hatzlacha to our Congregational graduating high school seniors!

Throughout your school years, you have grown in both mind and spirit; may you continue your journey, going from strength to strength. On April 11, our seniors were honored with a special Aliyah, marking this meaningful milestone in their Jewish lives.

Seniors who attend Rabbi Skoff's Monday night class will also receive a "Jewish Journey Care Package," gifted by the PSWRS Tribute Fund, as they embark on their exciting new endeavors.

May this next chapter be filled with purpose, growth, and blessings—we are so proud of all you have accomplished and all that lies ahead.



Our teens went to see Judge Dan Polster as he officiated at a Naturalization Ceremony.



PSWRS students participated in Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) this year in the Children's Chapel.



Todah Rabah to Sahar, Park Synagogue's ShinShin, for a great year. (As he set out on his ShinShin journey, far from his Israeli home, his parents gave him a north star necklace - a guiding light to remind him of where he comes from and to help him find his way.)

May Calendar

Saturday, May 2
Jr Congregation

Sunday, May 3
Last Day of Sunday School

Friday, May 8
Klezmer Family Service

Saturday, May 9
B/B Club Aliyah
Jr Congregation

Monday, May 11
11th & 12th Grade Class

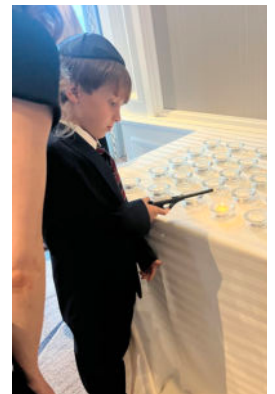
Sunday, May 17
Consecration Ceremony &
Family Brunch

Thursday, May 21
Erev Shavuot

Friday, May 22
Shavuot & Confirmation
Service

Saturday, May 23
Shavuot

Part of our Tapestry of Living Jewishly...



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Club Families celebrated Shabbat with Rabbi Skoff at the Ritz Carlton with a traditional Shabbat dinner where we all took a sacred pause.



Our wonderful teen klezmer band, who during the school year perform every second Friday evening during services. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!



Youth NEWS

Don't miss out on the fun!!

All Youth Group Zoo Scavenger Hunt

May 3 • 11:45 am - 3:00 pm

2nd-12th Graders

Join us for an all Youth Group trip to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo for a scavenger hunt! We are looking for Parent Chaperones. Meet at the Synagogue for lunch and then bus over to the Zoo to start our scavenger hunt!



Cost: \$10/Person

Questions? Contact Louis or Becky at youthgroups@parksyn.org.

Final USY Shabbat Dinner of the School Year

May 15 • 6:00 pm-8:30 pm

7th-12th Graders & Families

Calling all Park 7th-12th Graders and their families. We invite you to the final Shabbat Dinner of the school year, in addition to the 2026-2027 Park USY Board Installation. We will join the congregation for Friday night services and lead a few prayers ourselves! Then we'll enjoy a family style Shabbat dinner and installations. No charge, but RSVP is required.



Questions? Contact Louis at youthgroups@parksyn.org by May 10th. We hope to see everyone there!

Annual Mystery Bus Tour!

May 17 • 12:15 - 4:15 pm

7th-12th Graders & Families

Where are we going? What are we doing? YOU find out when we get there! Drop your kids off at Park Synagogue* to bus over to our surprise destination. Closed-toed shoes are REQUIRED.



*There is no Sunday School on May 17th, drop off will be in front of the Synagogue. In addition lunch will not be provided, though students are welcome to bring money to buy hot dairy items.

Cost: \$25/ Participant

Questions? Contact Louis at youthgroups@parksyn.org.

Park Day Camp



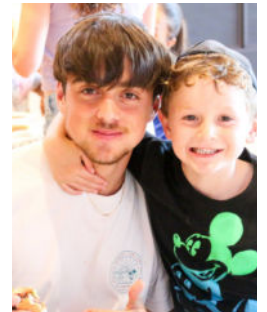
Kindergarten-5th Grade Tzofim Program-6th & 7th

June 15 - August 7 2-8 Weeks Sessions 9:00 am-4:00 pm

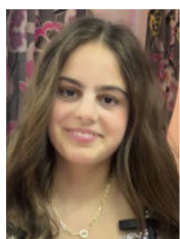
Deeply rooted in Jewish traditions, Park Day Camp provides a supportive and uplifting environment where campers connect to the richness of their heritage. Guided by the values of **Hakarat Hatov (gratitude)** and **Kehilah (community)**, we create a welcoming space where every camper feels celebrated and part of something special.



Register online at www.parksynagogue.org/park-day-camp.

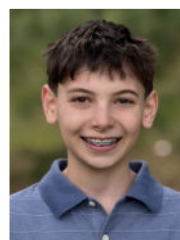


SIMAN TOV U'MAZEL TOV B'NEI MITZVAH



Noa Khazaei *May 2*

Noa attends Laurel School. She loves volleyball, swimming, track, cooking, traveling and exploring the world. For her mitzvah project, Noa is collecting gently used sporting equipment for donation to undeserved communities, with the goal of expanding access to athletics. Her parents are Karen Firstenberg & Kim Khazaei. Her brother is Eitan. Grandparents are Barbara Firstenberg, Rosa Bina, and of blessed memory, Steven Firstenberg and Itzhak Khazaei.



Alexander Polien *May 9*

Alex attends Solon Middle School. He enjoys soccer, running, playing trumpet, and enjoying time with friends and family. For his mitzvah project, Alex is collecting soccer items to be donated to the Hands On Sports Foundation. His parents are Rena & Brandon Polien. His sister is Leah. His grandparents are Shirley Snyder, Eva Polien, and of blessed memory, Morry Snyder and Michael Polien.



Skye Garfinkel *May 23*

Skye attends Solon Middle School. She enjoys basketball, soccer, swimming, watching movies, playing video games, animals, hanging out with her family and playing with her cat Princess Poppy. For her mitzvah project, Skye organized a toy drive for children on the diabetes floor at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, drawing from her own experience with type 1 diabetes to bring comfort and joy to young patients. Her parents are Stephanie Elk & Gregg Garfinkel. Her brother is Dylan Garfinkel. Her grandparents are Marilyn & David Elk and Lorraine Garfinkel, and of blessed memory Stuart Garfinkel.

Attention Park Parents & Grandparents!



In honor of your child/grandchild's Bar/Bat Mitzvah at Park Synagogue, look at this opportunity that is not to be missed. Purchase a **\$100 Mazel Tov Bond** for your child or grandchild & Park Synagogue will *match* your purchase with a **second \$100 Mazel Tov Bond!**

To take advantage of this partnership call the Israel Bonds Office at **(216) 454-0180**.

Development Corporation for Israel. This is not an offering, which can be made only by prospectus. Read the prospectus carefully before investing to fully evaluate the risks associated with investing in Israel bonds. Member FINRA.

PLEASE NOTIFY PARK

Because of HIPAA laws, we no longer are notified by hospitals or other facilities who is a patient. Park Clergy and Staff are always available to give our congregants the support they need.

We would appreciate if you could please notify Eva Simpson at Eva@parksyn.org or (216) 371-2244, ext. 127 if you or another Park Synagogue family member is in the hospital or scheduled for surgery, becomes a temporary or permanent resident of a rehab or senior facility, or has moved, changed their email address or phone number.

SHARE A MAZEL TOV!

Do you have a family member, friend, spouse or congregant you would like to honor in the Mazel Tov section of the Bulletin? You can send an email to Mackenzie at Mcorpora@parksyn.org with their name and their accomplishment, engagement or birth. It's important to us during these times to see the good in our community.

Mazel Tov!

Mazel tov to Dalton Barron Streit on becoming a Bar Mitzvah on March 14th, 2026. He is the son of **Stephanie and Mike Streit** and attends Mandel Jewish Day School. His grandparents are **Morry and Bonnie Barron** and his great grandparents of blessed memory were **Sandy and Rita Barron**. His Bar Mitzvah project was to build a snack cabinet for the kids at Temple. He enjoys playing football and basketball and acting in plays.

Mazel Tov to Aria Sportas on becoming a Bat Mitzvah last month. She is the daughter of **Jillian and Udi Sportas**. Her grandparents are **Anne & Josh Sportas**.

Mazel Tov to Sydney & Landon Slomovitz on the birth of their daughter, **Joey Hudson Slomovitz**. Grandparents are **Tammy & Matthew Friedman, Sheila Slomovitz**, and of blessed memory **Marc Slomovitz**. Great grandparents are **Rochelle Gottlieb** and **Mady Friedman**.

Mazel Tov to Dr. Samuel Milner and Cantor Alyssa Rosenbaum on their engagement. His parents are **Drs. Michael & Sherry Milner**. Her parents are **Dr. David & Donna Rosenbaum**.

Mazel Tov to Douglas Hochberg & Dr. Lauren Levine on their marriage.

May Milestone Anniversaries

Milestone anniversaries are recognized at the first year of marriage, at 5-year Intervals, then every year for 50+ years!

Please join ALL our May couples for Anniversary Shabbat on Saturday, May 2.

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| 5 Karen Brier & Rabbi Jared Skoff | 50 Terry & Jeffrey Young |
| 15 Amy & Michael Calderon | 52 Carol & Ron Savrin |
| 15 Carly & Michael Henry | 56 Judy & Les Fishman |
| 20 Cheryl & Jake Lyndon | 58 Judith & Andy Finger |
| 20 Edie & Michael Landy | 60 Sheila & Allan Farkas |
| 20 Jamie & Alan Feuerman | 63 Estelle & Barry Boncheck |
| 25 Lacey Roth & Bob Weiss | 64 Marlene & Michael Gordon |
| 40 Pamela & Steve Altman | 69 Fran & Morrie Schlechter |
| 50 Anne & Josh Sportas | |

RECENT EVENTS AT PARK!



WOMEN OF PARK

All Park Women are invited to attend the next



Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, May 12 • Park Synagogue

- 10:30 am** Yiddish Class with Chuck Faiman welcomes everyone, whether or not you have any background in Yiddish. Come for a fun class with Chuck!
- 11:15 am** Bible Class with Rabbi Skoff!
- 12:15 pm** Sit down for a delicious lunch and time to visit with everyone. Lunch cost is \$15/Park members and \$18/Guests, **prepaid by May 5** through the Park website, Weekly Wrap, or by sending a check into Ellen Petler. No walk-ins please.
- 1:00 pm** We will share fond and happy memories as we honor Rabbi Sharon Marcus and Ellen Petler for their longtime support and devotion to all the women of Park.

Women of Park Book Group

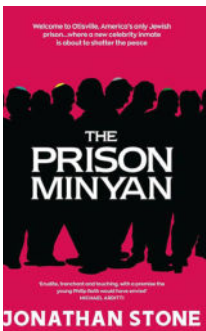
Tuesday, June 2 • 1:00 pm

Park Synagogue Library

The book group will be discussing

The Prison Minyan

by Jonathan Stone



The scene is Otisville Prison, a white-collar Jewish prison in upstate New York. A crew of fraudsters, tax evaders, bigamists and forgers discuss matters of right and wrong in a Talmudic study and prayer group, or 'minyan', led by a rabbi who's a fellow convict. When the prison is taken over by an antisemitic warden, the group's resistance is part of the adventures that ensue. The book is available in the Park Library and other area libraries.

Enjoy treats and tea before the discussion.

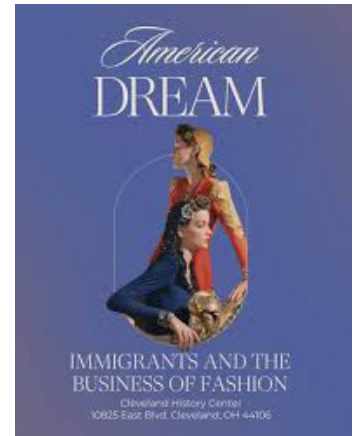
To RSVP or for questions, contact **Ellen Petler** at epetler@parksyn.org or 216-371-2244 ext. 122.

Join the Women of Park for a tour of *American Dream: Immigrants & the Business of Fashion*

Thursday, May 28 • 1:30 pm

Cleveland History Center of Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland

Take a guided tour of *American Dream: Immigrants & the Business of Fashion* with Patty Edmunson, Curator of Costumes & Fashion at the Cleveland History Center. The exhibit explores the lives and legacies of 4 Jewish immigrant women—**Hattie Carnegie, Nettie Rosenstein, Irene Zerner Gothé, and Pauline Trigère**—whose bold visions and entrepreneurial spirits transformed 20th century American fashion. Featured are clothes and stories from Clevelanders who wore the 4 designers' creations and the stores that brought their fashions to NE Ohio. There will be time after the tour to walk around the History Center to see other exhibits and ride the Euclid Beach carousel.



Tour open to only 25 people due to limited space in the exhibit gallery

Admission to the Cleveland History Center:

\$11/Seniors 60 & up \$13/adults 59 & under
(Parking in Cleveland History Center lot is extra.)

Time:

1:30 pm Meet at Cleveland History Center for refreshments

2:00 pm Tour of *American Dream* exhibit begins

We will arrange carpools for those interested. Please indicate if you can drive others or want a ride when registering.

Prepaid reservations are required by May 14 through the Park website, Weekly Wrap, or by sending name(s), contact information, and a check (payable to Park Synagogue) to Ellen Petler, Park Synagogue, 27500 Shaker Blvd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124. Direct any questions to **Ellen** at epetler@parksyn.org or 216-371-2244 ext. 122.

Sponsored by the Women of Park.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



SUPPORTING THOSE IMPACTED BY
CHILD ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Sundays, May 17th, and June 21st

Make a Meaningful Difference— Right from Your Kitchen

Join us in bringing warmth, comfort, and nourishment to families rebuilding their lives at the Journey Center for Safety & Healing. One Sunday a month, Park volunteers provide a homemade dinner for courageous mothers and resilient children staying at the shelter.



You can help—right from home. Sign up to prepare a veggie tray, salad, side dish, fresh fruit, or dessert. Then simply drop it off at the home of **Wendy & David Firestone** in Beachwood, our Journey Center Dinner Co-Chairs, who will deliver the full meal with care and love.

This is a perfect family mitzvah project and a powerful way to show support for survivors of domestic violence. Ingredient costs can be reimbursed if needed.

A small dish from your kitchen can mean the world to someone else's. Sign up today at www.parksynagogue.org or contact **Olivia Setnik** at osetnik@parksyn.org or (216) 371-2244, ext. 121, and be part of something truly healing.

Thank you to our April volunteers for their help in providing a hearty meal to the Journey Center families. Todah Rabah to **Miriam Rose, Stefanie Shein, and Nancy Wolf** for their help, and to **Wendy & David Firestone** for providing the entrée and delivering the meal to the shelter.

Park Synagogue Letter of Intent

Our Promise

In keeping with Jewish tradition and an abiding commitment to Park Synagogue, I/we wish to share my/our legacy with others. I/We sign this declaration in order to provide for future generations and assure continuity of our congregation.

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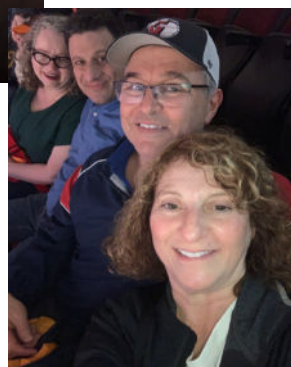
The Men's Club came together in a meaningful act of service and remembrance by carefully packing Yom HaShoah candles for distribution throughout the congregation. With care and intention, each candle was prepared and delivered to homes across the community, ensuring that every household had the opportunity to participate in this important moment of reflection. This thoughtful effort not only honored the memory of those lost in the Holocaust, but also strengthened the bonds of our congregation, bringing us together in shared remembrance and unity.



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Park Families had a blast with Men's Club at the Cleveland Cavs Basketball Game!



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In March, the Senkfor Library weeding project was completed. Our Librarian **Julie Moss** and two valuable volunteers – **Deborah Glass and Marcia Klein** – finished selecting, cancelling and packing 40 boxes of old or duplicate titles that were picked up by our partner Better World Books. As a result, the Senkfor Library's holdings will soon be available online through the Library page of the Park website. By accessing the OPAC (online public access catalog), you will be able to peruse our collection by author or subject, see if we own a specific book, and request to pick it up at a convenient time.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Shabbat Parshiot <i>Torah portions to be read during the month.</i> May 2/15 Iyyar - Emor Leviticus 21:1-24:23 Ezekiel 44:15-31 May 9/22 Iyyar - Behar-Bechukotai Leviticus 25:1-27:34 Jeremiah 16:19-17:14 May 16/29 Iyyar - Bamidbar Numbers 1:1-4:20 I Samuel 20:18-42 May 23/7 Sivan - Shavuot II Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17; Numbers 28:26-31; Ruth 1:1-4:22 Habakkuk 3:1-19 May 30/14 Sivan - Nasso Numbers 4:21-7:89 Judges 13:2-25					Candle Lighting Times Friday, May 1 8:05 pm Friday, May 8 8:13 pm Friday, May 15 8:20 pm Friday, May 22 8:27 pm Friday, May 29 8:33 pm		Morning Service 1 7:30 am • PS + Zoom Family Shabbat Service 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom	Shabbat Services 2 9:30 am • PS + Zoom Anniversary Shabbat Bat Mitzvah of Noa Khazaei Jr. Congregation 10:00 am • PS Tot Shabbat 9:30 am • PS Mincha After Services
Morning Minyan 3 8:30 am • PS + Zoom Last Day of Sunday School 9:30 am • PS Zoo Scavenger Hunt 11:45 am • Away Evening Minyan 5:30 pm • Zoom	Morning Minyan 4 7:30 am • PS + Zoom Evening Minyan 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom	Morning Minyan 5 7:30 am • PS + Zoom Evening Minyan 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom	Morning Minyan 6 7:30 am • PS + Zoom University Day 9:00 am • PS 19 Iyyar Evening Minyan 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom	Morning Minyan 7 7:30 am • PS + Zoom Evening Minyan 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom	Morning Service 8 7:30 am • PS + Zoom Family Shabbat Service & Teen Klezmer 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom	Shabbat Services 9 9:30 am • PS + Zoom Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Polien Bar/Bat Mitzvah Club Aliyah Tot Shabbat 9:30 am • PS Mincha After Services		
Morning Minyan 10 8:30 am • PS + Zoom Evening Minyan 5:30 pm • Zoom	Morning Minyan 11 7:30 am • PS + Zoom Evening Minyan 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom Rabbi Skoff's 11th & 12th Grade Class 6:45 pm • PS	Morning Minyan 12 7:30 am • PS + Zoom Women of Park Lunch & learn 10:30 am • Park Evening Minyan 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom	Morning Minyan 13 7:30 am • PS + Zoom 26 Iyyar Evening Minyan 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom	Morning Minyan 14 7:30 am • PS + Zoom Evening Minyan 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom Spirit of Park Wine Tasting 7:00 pm • PS	Morning Service 15 7:30 am • PS + Zoom Family Shabbat Service & Volunteer Choir 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom USY Shabbat Dinner 6:00 pm • Park	Shabbat Services 16 9:30 am • PS + Zoom BirthDay Shabbat Tot Shabbat 9:30 am • PS Mincha After Services		
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Morning Minyan 24 8:30 am • PS + Zoom Evening Minyan 5:30 pm • Zoom	Memorial Day Morning Minyan 8:30 am • PS + Zoom <i>Offices Closed</i>	Morning Minyan 26 7:30 am • PS + Zoom Women's Spirituality 1:00 am • PS Evening Minyan 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom	Morning Minyan 27 7:30 am • PS + Zoom 11 Sivan Evening Minyan 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom	Morning Minyan 28 7:30 am • PS + Zoom American Dream: Immigrants & the Business of Fashion 1:30 pm • Away Evening Minyan 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom	Morning Service 29 7:30 am • PS + Zoom Family Shabbat Service & Volunteer Choir 6:00 pm • PS + Zoom	Shabbat Services 30 9:30 am • PS + Zoom Honoring Rabbi Sharon Marcus Services & Congregational Luncheon 9:30 am • PS Tot Shabbat 9:30 am • PS Mincha After Services		
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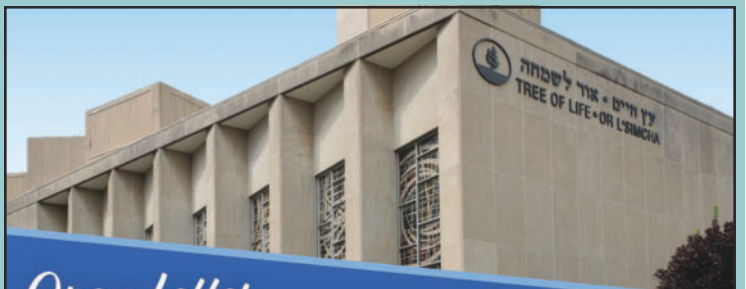


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