OPINION

Kfir Silver needs your help

Earlier this year, we visited the Kfir Silver Youth Village, a World ORT school in Israel, which we have been supporting through the work of the Ohio Region of ORT America.

Is with heavy hearts this week we are following the news of the rocket attacks from Gaza, which have forced the entire village to be evacuated, and the students to safe locations around Israel.

The village is just 11 kilometers from the Gaza border on the outskirts of Ashkelon, where authorities reported 1,200 direct rocket hits on civilian targets. When the sirens sound, the Kfir Silver students have only seconds to reach the shelters at the youth village.

The Kfir Silver students met quite impressive, despite the tremendous challenges they face, with most of them coming from disadvantaged households, including many of recent immigrants to Israel.

They are articulate, curious, and intelligent with impressive ambitions. It is clear that Kfir Silver fosters these lofty ambitions.

Our visit was sobering in a number of respects. Most notably, the shortage of bomb shelters which puts the students and staff in potential grave danger, and, of course, constant emotional distress.

We hope you will join us in supporting the students of Kfir Silver. They need our support now. Please give to the ORT Ohio Region office to learn how you can help at ohioortamerica.org.

Tish and Mark Adler
Orange

Boker Torah ‘outstanding’

Boker Torah does an outstanding job of relating personal accomplishments to the accomplishments of community. Thank you.

Dan Balz
Bryn Mawr

ORT Ohio thanks maji supporters

Thank you to everyone who participated in ORT Ohio’s Fifth Annual Maji & Canasta Night on Nov. 1. Your support will help ORT Ohio meet its end-of-the-year goal of finishing the renovations of the science building at Kfir Silver Youth Village in Israel, a project our region has been supporting for the past two years.

We’re looking forward to doing it again next year.

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What our readers are saying about our stories online. Read the full comments and more at cjn.org and Facebook.com/ClevelandJewishNews.

Re: Tom Hanks joins rally in honor of victims of Pittsburgh synagogue shooting

I saw video of this event. It was touching and full of love. Tom Hanks was so sincere and caring.

— Mary Ruth Kowalzyk Kolk

I always thought of him as being a “mensch.”

— Edna Pearl

Thank you very much. Very respectfully.

— Abraham Neuber

Good man. Thank you Tom Hanks!!!!

— Terese Latimer

Re: Dettelbach falls to Ohio State in OHAG race

Watch out Ohio now we have a new hoops network/corporation takeover. Ohio never learns to follow the money. Shameful.

— Suan Dire

Steve Dettelbach was far by the better candidate. The Yost ads were ugly and inaccurate and misleading – so much for the Republican ‘spinman’.

— Iris November

Re: North Carolina congressional candidate has said Jews must accept Jesus as savior

Jesus may be the vine, but Judaism is the root. The vine cannot destroy nor disrespect its root and expect to flourish.

— Gill Meleven LeBauer

Re: This Jewish actor’s Thanksgiving stuffing involves pastrami

What a good idea.

— Mark Ryan

Re: At last, Barbara Streisand is a bubble
cute as a button. Mazel tov bubble and zeida.

— Abraham Neuber

Now stay home and be a grandma and stay the hell away from politics.

— Terry Best Prondzinski

Re: Swastika graffiti found on CSU campus

Blah blah blah... let's get on with it. It's a matter of priorities.

— Jim Hida

What is happening to our world?

— Sue G. Swardlow Clark

Re: Ginsburg, 85, hospitalized after fracturing 3 ribs in fall

Very sad that she fell and suffered such painful injuries. Political differences aside, she needs to retire and enjoy the rest of her days. Since we are close in years, just my sincere opinion.

— Shirley Stevenson

Wishing her a speedy return to full and robust health. Dear RBG.

— Beth Babiich

Broken ribs hurt...a lot, I wish her comfort.

— Nancy Levin

Don’t want nothing bad to happen to you but you could do us a favor and just retire.

— Robert Williams

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