

OPINION



**Kfar Silver needs your help**

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

It 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, sending the students to safe locations around Israel.

The village is just 13 kilometers from the Gaza border on the outskirts of Ashkelon, where authorities reported a number of direct rocket hits on civilian targets. When the sirens sound, the Kfar Silver students have only seconds to reach the shelters at the youth village.

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

They were articulate, curious and intelligent with impressive ambitions. It is clear that Kfar 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. While progress has been made with the facilities, it is clear a lot has to be done.

We hope you will join us in supporting the students of Kfar Silver. They need our support now. Please feel free to contact the ORT Ohio Region office to learn how you can help at [ohio@ortamerica.org](mailto:ohio@ortamerica.org).

Trish and Mark Adler  
Orange

**Boker Tov 'outstanding'**

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

Darrel Baird  
Brimfield

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**Why I voted yes on Issue 1**

I've lost friends and family members to opioids and the sooner they and other drugs become legal, the better off users will be. Once legalized, there will then be government regulation for quantity and quality and street drugs, like fentanyl will become a thing of the past.

Furthermore, decriminalizing possession of LSD, marijuana and other entheogenic psychoactives, which have incredible beneficial properties, is the only logical step going forward. Moreover, as everyone now knows, including former President Bill Clinton who helped start it, the three-strike rule, which put people in prison for 25 years for getting caught possessing drugs three times, was a disaster.

Also, having a felony on your record for simple drug possession, which a majority of people could potentially get if caught at the wrong time, is ridiculous and very detrimental to job prospects. And, as we have recently learned in the new season of "Serial" - the podcast on the Cleveland justice system - many of these so called felons that Judge Francine Goldberg is referring to could very well have been wrongly convicted in the first place.

I stand with Rabbi Joshua Caruso and other clergy in saying there are many reasons why I voted yes on Issue 1 and these are but a few.

Ben Taylor  
University Heights

**ORT-Ohio thanks mahj supporters**

Thank you to everyone who participated in ORT Ohio's fifth annual Mahj & 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 Kfar 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.

Yael Amitz-Lev Sperber  
Associate Director  
ORT America-Ohio Region

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**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 Kowalczyk Kolk

I always thought of him as being a "mench".

- Edna Pearl

Thank you hank. Very respectfull of you.

- Abraham Neuberg

Good man. Thank you Tom Hanks!!!!

- Teresa Latimer

**Re: Dettelbach falls to Yost in Ohio AG race**

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

- Susan Dire

Steve Dettelbach was by far the better candidate. The Yost ads were ugly and inaccurate and misleading- so much for the Republican lemmings.

- 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

- Gail Melevan LeBauer

**Re: This Jewish actor's Thanksgiving stuffing involves pastrami**

What a good idea.

- Mark Ryan

**Re: At last, Barbra Streisand is a bubbe**

Cute as a button. Mazel tov bubbe and zeida.

- Abraham Neuberg

Now stay home and be a grandma and stay the hell away from political

- Terry Best Prondzinski

**Re: Swastika graffiti found on CWRU campus**

Blah blah blah.... let's git are panties in a twist, and give some more headline news to the few people who have nothing better to do than spread their fetish of their abnormal life on public places. It entertains them to see everyone scramble, crying, the sky is falling....where's my safe place? Wash it off, move on with your life and do something constructive.

- Mark Gwynn

that is a shame but maybe that is how the university wants it

- Jim Hicks

What is happening to our world?

- Susie Swerdlow 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 Babich

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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