

## COMMUNITY

### Temple Israel holds fundraiser for NATAL

Temple Israel members, Amira and Jack Bernstein, hosted a benefit wine tasting, with food and fellowship, to raise funds for NATAL, Israel's outstanding Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War. Naomi Kane, Board Member for American Friends of NATAL presented a video, which vividly portrayed life under the shadow of attack that many Israelis experience on a daily basis. She said that since its inception in the wake of the infatada in 1998, NATAL has treated over 140,000 people, on an average of 10,000 people per year. NATAL has become the "go-to" group, said Kane, for treatment of PTSD, working in cooperation with the IDF as well as for providing training for other organizations - like Magen David Adom - who deal with the populace in crisis situations. NATAL was at the forefront of providing support to the Shalit family when captured soldier Gilad was finally released. "And they treat every-

body," said Amira Bernstein, "not only Jews; they treat Christians, Muslims - anyone who is in Israel."

"Over 25% of the population suffers from post-traumatic stress," says Temple Israel Rabbi, Misha Zinkow. NATAL embodies the value that all Jews are responsible for each other. They do amazing work through their network of professional and volunteer responders."

Sher Bliss was on hand for the wine tasting, which featured kosher Israeli wines, including wine from the winery of Judith Yovel Recanati, NATAL Chairperson and Co-Founder. Recanati donates the entire operating budget for NATAL every year so that 100% of donations can go directly to fund projects. For her contribution, She was honored with the President's Award for Volunteerism from Shimon Peres, President of Israel. For more information and to contribute to this effort see the website [www.afnata.org](http://www.afnata.org).



Above (l. to r.) Amira Bernstein, Rabbi Zinkow, Naomi Kane and Jack Bernstein, welcome guests to the event; Cheryl Sher of Sher Bliss (r.) poured the wine of Recanati vineyards as well as other kosher wines.



### Hazon cross-country bicyclists pass through Columbus

Hazon, the nation's leading faith-based environmental organization has organized Hazon-Cross-USA Ride. Jewish bicycle riders who are participating in the a cross country ride are gathering signatures on a petition that calls for the government to make healthy food systems a priority. The petition will be delivered to the White House and USDA later in August. Hazon Cross-USA Riders were in Columbus this past week-end and enjoyed a dinner at the JCC with Mayor Ben Kessler of Bexley, Rabbi Misha Zinkow of Temple Israel and Rabbi Mitchell Levine of Agudas Achim. The dinner was sponsored by Agudas Achim brotherhood and Grow and Behold.

### Beth Tikvah Seniors to host musical program August 11

The opening event for the Senior Group at Congregation Beth Tikvah will be an evening of music. "Over the Rainbow and Into Our Hearts," featuring Cindy Leland vocalist, and Ted Horwitz, keyboards, is a sampler of music by Jewish composers whose works are part of the American Songbook. The event will be held on Saturday, August 11, at 7:30 pm, at the home of Dora and Ed Sterling, 4773 Shire Ridge Road East 43026. RSVP by Wednesday, August 8th to Joyce Sabgir 614-761-0570 or [jsabgir@gmail.com](mailto:jsabgir@gmail.com). The program is free but donations are accepted.

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