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Commemorate the “Yoms” with Us Yom Hazikaron April 25, JCC

The Jewish Federation will commemorate Yom Hazikaron (Israel’s Memorial Day for fallen soldiers and victims of terror attacks) Saturday, April 25 at 9:15 p.m. at the Jewish Cultural Center.

The ceremony will led by Young Jewish Leadership and is based on the Israeli project, "Soon We Will Become A Song". This annual project chooses a number of personal stories written by and about fallen soldiers and the victims of the terror acts. From these stories, music is composed and recorded by various Israeli performers and then aired during the annual broadcasts of the “Galei Tzahal” on the IDF radio station. This year the Jewish Federation is dedicating its commemoration to this important project. There is no cost to attend.

Yom Ha’atzmaut for Adults April 26, JCC

This year the Jewish Federation is producing dinner and a concert in celebration of Israel’s 67th birthday on Sunday, April 26 at 6 p.m. Join us for a lively evening, which will include a band, great food, adult beverages, and dancing.

Barak Levy, the band’s leader, is the shaliach at the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama. The cabaret-style performance will include Hebrew and English songs such as *Hallelujah*, *Let it Be*, and *I Love Rock and Roll*. Cost for this event is \$18 per person.



Military band singers Barak Levy, Stav Kurtzberg, and Lior Peretz will perform at Yom Ha’atzmaut for adults Sunday, April 26 at 6:00pm.

Must be 21 or older to attend.



Yom Hazikaron Commemoration

Memorial Day for soldiers and victims of terrorism
Stories and songs of fallen soldiers
Saturday, April 25, 9:15 p.m.
Jewish Cultural Center . No cost to attend
Please wear a white shirt.

Dinner and Concert with former IDF musicians

Sunday , April 26, 6:00 p.m. , \$18
Jewish Cultural Center
21 years old and over.
Please wear blue and white.
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Yom Ha’atzmaut 2015
**Celebrate
Israel at 67**

Arthur Pais, Holocaust Survivor, To Speak at Yom HaShoah April 15, JCC



Arthur Pais, Knoxville resident and survivor of the Kovno ghetto and Dachau Concentration Camp, was born in Ukmerge, Lithuania in 1927. He was among the ten percent of Lithuanian Jews to survive the Holocaust.

“German soldiers came in during a work day and took all the children and older people and shot them.” Those who remained were loaded into boxcars. When the train stopped, Pais’s mother and sister were rerouted to Stutthof, a concentration camp in Poland. Pais says his only memory of that day is of his mother crying. He, his father, and his brother were sent to Dachau.

The inmates at Dachau worked fifteen-hour shifts for weeks, surviving on watery soup and a daily slice of moldy bread. When rumors about the advance of the American army surfaced, the Germans forced the prisoners into a death march. Pais’s father, too weak to move on, stayed behind while Pais and his brother, starving, exhausted, and ill, pressed on toward the Bavarian Alps.

When they awoke one May morning, they discovered that the guards had fled. They wandered to the nearest town where, a few days later, American troops met up with them and took them to Munich. Pais learned that his sister had carried their mother through the death march. In Munich Pais found his father, just barely alive, and learned that his mother had lived long enough to see her home once again. She died a month after liberation.

There is no cost to attend the commemoration.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

יום הזיכרון
לשואה ולגבורה

Wednesday, April 15
6:00 p.m. Reading of Names
7:00 p.m. Commemoration
Jewish Cultural Center

**The Jewish Federation kitchen will close for
Passover Fri., April 3 and reopen Mon., April 13.**



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NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



Never a Dull Moment

by Warren Dropkin
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The phrase “there’s never a dull moment” is an absolute truth at our Federation. The month of March was incredibly busy and I want to share a few of the high-lights:

- Federation kicked off a pilot program called Tuesday Café. Attendance has grown throughout the month and volunteers and staff are now reviewing the best ways to continue this hit.
- 65 volunteers came out on March 15 to join nearly 1 million others around the world for Good Deeds Day. Volunteers worked at the Federation, Aleph Bet, B’nai Zion, Chabad and Mizpah, and made home visits to many of our Jewish family members in retirement communities.
- Our YL group had its first out-of-town event, a Purim party in Nashville with other YL’ers.
- Our Chattanooga Jew Crew (high school youth group) held its annual retreat at the Wilderness at the Smokies lodge and indoor water park in Sevierville, Tennessee, bonding, learning, and sharing together.
- Our very own Amy Boulware was awarded Southeast TN Social Worker of the Year!
- Federation shlichah Noa Hadad’s Café Dilemma focused on the March 17 elections in Israel. We eagerly watched the Israeli political system from afar and

learned about the various options and possible coalition partners. Stay tuned!

April is one of my favorite months on the Jewish calendar. Although matzoh is not one of my favorite foods, I do love all the family and community time together as well as the special programming. Volunteers and staff have been planning three amazing “Yom” programs.

At our Yom HaShoah program Wednesday, April 15 we welcome Holocaust survivor Arthur Pais, who now lives in Knoxville. A visual essay of photographs of survivors, taken by former Chattanooga John Pregulman, will be presented as part of the commemoration.

On Saturday, April 25, the Federation will present a Yom Hazikaron commemoration in honor of fallen Israel soldiers. Our Young Jewish Leadership group has taken the leadership role with this event. Tal Cohen, a former Israeli soldier, will talk about his family’s experience of losing a relative in the First Lebanon War.

Finally, we will celebrate Israel’s birthday, Yom Ha’atzmaut on Sunday, April 26 with a singing and dancing and food celebration in the evening for adults over 21. Children, families, and community members are also invited to a special Yom Ha’atzmaut program with CJCRS the morning of Sunday, April 19 (see page 12 for details).

April is also exciting as we kickoff the 8th Annual Jewish Film Series. Sanford Winer and his team of volunteers have selected six diverse and outstanding films to show this year, beginning with the screening of the Academy Award winning film *Ida* at the sponsor-only event Wednesday, April 22. A dinner reception kicks off the evening. Please consider becoming a sponsor at the \$72 or \$90 level to ensure the ongoing success of this yearly community



Now And Later

by Michael Dzik
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Every day I’m challenged daily to balance the “now” with the “future”. The “now” is the Federation’s Annual Campaign and everything that surrounds it. It’s more than just raising money; it’s about engaging and inspiring volunteers, increasing the activism in our Jewish community, and ensuring successful and meaningful programs and services for our community. The “now” also includes some more mundane tasks, such as managing staff, attending meetings, and providing oversight of expenses and income.

Meanwhile, there is the “future” – by which I mean planning for the Federation’s future through estate planning and our endowment. To ensure that our Chattanooga Jewish community has the financial resources it needs for the future, along with some flexibility, we must increase our endowment. What happens when people pass away without leaving a legacy gift to the Federation? The gift(s) are lost and our community suffers. How are we to sustain the necessary services we provide throughout the Jewish community? It is imperative that we all do what we can today to plan for our community’s future.

I’m pleased to add two names to the Legacy Society this month. If you haven’t made provisions in your estate planning, or let the Federation know about your plans, please get with me about your intentions so that you too can be recognized in the Legacy Society. No plans or thoughts yet? Let’s meet over lunch or coffee and begin a conversation. Remember, I’m not asking for a gift now; I’m asking for an investment in the future.

On a completely different note, let’s talk about our amazing shlichah, Noa! Although many of you have already heard the great news, let me make it official and formal: Noa is staying in Chattanooga for a second year! She will continue to provide Israel programs as well as support for all of our congregations and organizations. We also look forward to new and creative programs with even deeper meaning and with deeper conversations. You’ll discover more opportunities for engagement, and to get involved with programs. I’m personally very proud of Noa’s ability to reach out, find, and engage so many young Jewish leaders and I’m thrilled that she will be in her Chattanooga home for another year. I’m confident that her impact in the community will grow and intensify in the coming months.

I was honored to attend the AIPAC policy conference this past month in Washington, DC. It had been 23 years since I last attended, when I was the Arizona State University representative to the conference in 1992. The conference has doubled/tripled in size since then. More students attend now – 3,000 college

and high school students, and 16,000 total attendees including Jews, Christians, clergy (of all faiths), students, African-Americans, Hispanics, and so many other groups. The energy throughout the three days was palpable. A special thank you to Pris and Robert Siskin for the added encouragement to get back to this amazing and growing conference!

Not surprisingly, I found a great deal of overlap in the work of the Federation and that of AIPAC. I attended many breakout sessions on topics that included Palestinian public perceptions, history of Israeli/Palestinian issues from 1880 to present, and the Israeli elections. The main plenary sessions were equally inspiring and meaningful. It was refreshing to feel the bipartisanship, at least on the Israeli issues, throughout the convention center. I truly look forward to participating in this policy conference again in the near future.

This month we commemorate and honor the various “Yoms” – Yom HaShoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha’atzmaut. The Federation has events for each and I hope you take advantage of the diversity of programs.

Wishing you a happy Passover.

Join the Legacy Society

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| Alper, Maxine (deceased) | Israel, David |
| Balser, Jeff | Jaffe, Dot |
| Binder, Claire | Jaffe, Sam |
| Chambers, Sandy | Lebovitz, Alison |
| Cohn, Herb | Lebovitz, Charles |
| Cohn, Sue (deceased) | Lebovitz, Lauren |
| Diamond, Karen | Malsh, Rebecca (deceased) |
| Dzik, Michael | Nash, Ike (deceased) |
| Fairchild, David | Pregulman, Helen |
| Hochman, Lynn | Richelson, Alan |
| Hodes, Alvin | Siskin, Pris |
| Howard, Lynn | Zachary, Richard |



The Legacy Society is made up of individuals who, in the tradition of our Jewish faith, wish to share their blessings with others by providing for the future needs of the Jewish community. There are a number of ways to contribute to the Jewish Federation’s Endowment through estate planning: a bequest in a will, contribution of the remainder of an IRA or other retirement plan, a life insurance policy, charitable remainder trust, donor advised fund, charitable gift annuity, piece of real estate, securities or other property, or the donation of other assets. However they choose to contribute, Legacy Society members can be sure that their planned gift will turn their dreams for a strong future Jewish community into a reality.

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Back to the Future

by Ann Treadwell, Program Director
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I have been doing a lot of thinking about the future. I'm not talking about the kind of future you think about when you are young, like graduating from high school, getting into a good college, starting a career, and marrying and raising a family. I'm talking about the kind of future you envision AFTER you've done all of that.

By the time my parents were my age they both had chronic, and then terminal, illnesses, as did my maternal grandmother and paternal grandfather. Their hope for the future was simply to survive. My paternal grandmother spent her remaining time learning how to do all the things my deceased grandfather hadn't allowed her to do before his death. Writing checks, paying bills, and dealing with lawyers became her future, which actually led to a career beginning in her late 70's.

My maternal grandfather was a teacher, principal, lifelong learner, and lifelong sharer. He always thought about the future, even into his 70's, 80's, 90's and 100's. His vision of the future was not how he could change the world; after all, he had lived in three centuries by the time he died and seen everything from the advent of running water and electricity at home to men walking on the moon to more than ten wars to the end of the Cold War. He had seen his once-vibrant family diminished by the deaths of his wife and daughter (my mother). The "future," to him, wasn't whatever new was on the horizon. It wasn't just about about introspection and selfishness. The future, and aging, was about sharing the gifts you have with others.

What does this have to do with Federation programming during the month of April? In thinking about the future I have asked myself some important questions: *How would the victims of the Shoah want us to envision the future? How can the stories of survivors be shared after they are gone? How do the victims of Israel's wars want us to see the future for Israel? If a victim of terrorism could give us ideas of how to create a future filled with peace, what would they say? How do the families of victims see the future?*

April is the month we commemorate those lost to hatred. Yom HaShoah will take place on April 15 and Yom Hazikaron (Memorial Day for soldiers and victims of terrorism) on April 25. Both are candle lighting services.

On April 22 the Film Series Sponsor Event will screen the award-winning film *Ida*. In this film we learn a great deal about how a young woman sees the future after the Shoah.

On April 27 the Foreign Policy Supper Club will discuss sectarianism in the Middle East.

This conversation will happen just as our community's children celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (April 19th) and adults celebrate Israel's birthday on April 26th.

And on April 29th we will see how an Israeli woman sees her future in Israel with the screening of *Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem*.

April is my birth month. As I age, I look to the future. For now and for years to come I hope that future includes sharing Jewish Federation's programs with you.

Middle Eastern (Belly) Dancing

Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., JCC

Jillanna Babb-Cheshul of Merry Bellies teaches this drop-in, one-hour, very fun class. Pay as you go. \$5/class. No RSVP.

Noon Nosh

Tuesday, April 21 @ 12 p.m. Avichai Peretz, former IDF soldier to speak. See Tuesday Cafe (below) for menu.

Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, April 27 @ 7p.m. Sectarianism in the Middle East

How does sectarianism fit into a larger narrative of the Middle East? How have governments manipulated sectarian differences? And what is the U.S. doing about it? \$10 includes dinner. RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 extension 10.

Tuesday Cafe

Tuesday April 7, April 21, April 28 @ 12p.m.

\$10 unless otherwise noted. RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 extension 10.



| April 7 | April 14 | April 21 | April 28 |
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| No Tuesday Cafe, kitchen closed for Passover | Deli Day – Kosher deli meats and all the trimmings (\$12 – note price difference) | Chicken paprikash, buttered noodles, roasted vegetables, apple pie | Cabbage roll, peas, mashed potatoes, coffee cake |

Avichai Peretz will speak at Noon Nosh April 21



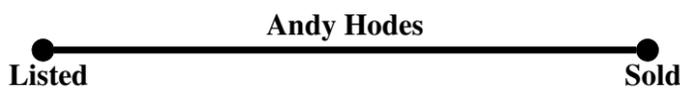
Former IDF soldier Avichai Peretz will be the featured speaker at Noon Nosh on Tuesday, April 21. Avichai is the brother of two fallen Golani Brigade soldiers, Uriel, killed in Lebanon in 1998 at the age of 22, and Eliraz, killed in Gaza in 2010 at the age of 32.

Says Avichai, "I have the right to participate in the defense of my country and our people. My mother has demonstrated that her faith crosses the areas of life and death and it is with me in every decision I make."

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Yesterday I met with a case manager at one of our area hospitals while I was advocating for one of our clients. She looked at me with recognition and said, "I know you."

I searched her face to see if I could recall having ever met her. And then we remembered: we had met over five years ago, during one of the most difficult times in my life. She was the primary hospice nurse for my mother.

Brianna became part of our daily existence during the six weeks my mother was dying. She was in and out of my parents' home, bringing needed care, medication, advice, and guidance as we watched my mother's life come to an end.

Brianna was embedded with our family in a way that gave her an intimate sense of how my mom lived her life as well as how we were coping with the end. We were sad and angry and confused, all while anticipating the grief that would come when she took her last breath. None of us wanted her to die, but neither did we want her to continue on without the quality of life she wanted and deserved.

Just thinking about this time brings tears to my eyes. My mother told me then that dying was hard work, that it was not as easy as people may think. It wasn't at all like in the movies, when the loved one says goodbye to everyone and then closes her eyes and is gone.

Congratulations Amy Boulware, S.E. Tennessee Social Worker of the Year!

What struck me about my chance meeting with Brianna was what she remembered about our family. She told me that we had provided her with the best hospice experience she had had as a nurse, and that in fact she had just talked about us the week before, to a colleague.

I looked at her with surprise. What could we have possibly done that was significant enough to have stayed with her for five years? I myself have been with a number of clients and families while their loved ones were dying. It is an honor and a privilege to be there and to bring comfort during such an emotional time. I'm sure Brianna felt the same way, but she'd only known us for six short weeks. What was the connection she felt to this day?

It was this: Our whole family was around my mom's bed as her breathing became more and more shallow. We heard the rattle that comes when death is near. Just moments before my mom took her last breath Amanda, my oldest daughter, began to read my mom's favorite children's book to her, called *Momma Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joosse. This book is about a mother's unconditional love for her child. What Brianna saw was that, in sadness just as we had in happier times, our family embraced the truth of unconditional love. It was that experience that stayed with Brianna all these years.

None of us are guaranteed tomorrow and each moment we live is an opportunity to impact others. Don't waste those opportunities.

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Have a Healthy & Happy Passover

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Have a healthy and happy Passover

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May you and your family and friends have a very happy and healthy Passover.
Judy Richelson and Family

Perfect Matzoh Balls

2 eggs slightly beaten
2 tablespoons oil or chicken fat
2 tablespoons soup stock or water
1/2 cup matzoh meal
1 teaspoon salt

Beat eggs slightly with fork. Add other ingredients, except matzoh meal, and mix. Add matzoh meal gradually until thick. Stir. Refrigerate for 20 minutes in covered bowl.

Wet hands and form into balls. Drop into bubbling chicken soup or into a large wide pot into which 1 quart water seasoned with 1 tablespoon salt has been added and has come to a boil. Cook for 30 minutes. Yields 4 balls per each 1/4 cup of matzoh meal.

Have a Healthy & Happy Passover.
The Dropkin Family

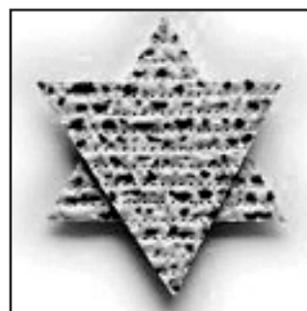
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FEDERATION SHLICHA



Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'aztmaut

by Noa Hadad, Federation Shlicha
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Every year in Israel we have the sharp transition between Memorial Day for fallen soldiers and victims of terror attacks, and Independence Day. It makes us change rapidly from sadness to joy, from remembrance of destruction to celebration of creation.

Sometimes the sadness is so overwhelming that the transition to joy is difficult to manage. There are many people for whom there is little joy, for whom Memorial day is every day. These are the families of the fallen soldiers, people whose sons/father/sister/niece/friend died protecting the rest of us.

Israel remains an independent state with her own rules, government, army and people. We are grateful that Israel continues to receive the support she needs to survive, despite the hardship and many losses.

I'd like to explain what happens in Israel on Yom Hazikaron. We don't take off from work or school. Instead, all schools organize ceremonies for the fallen. IDF soldiers go to cemeteries and stand next to a soldier's grave during a siren sounding. We ensure that every fallen soldier has somebody to remember and honor him for his sacrifice for Israel.

This is a day of mourning. Because we are a small country, everyone must serve in the army, which in turn means everyone in Israel has lost someone. On Yom Hazikaron we dress in white shirts and wear a 'Yizkor' sticker. The radio plays quiet, sad songs and the street is silent. You can feel in the atmosphere that loved ones are missing.

We do not take our soldiers for granted. We are grateful to them forever. They sacrificed their lives for our life. May their memory be blessed.

Scenes from Yom Hazikaron in Israel



Scenes from Israel in Its 67th Year



Hasidic family with children dressed as Santa for Purim

Hasidic family crossing

Soldier brings rifle on date

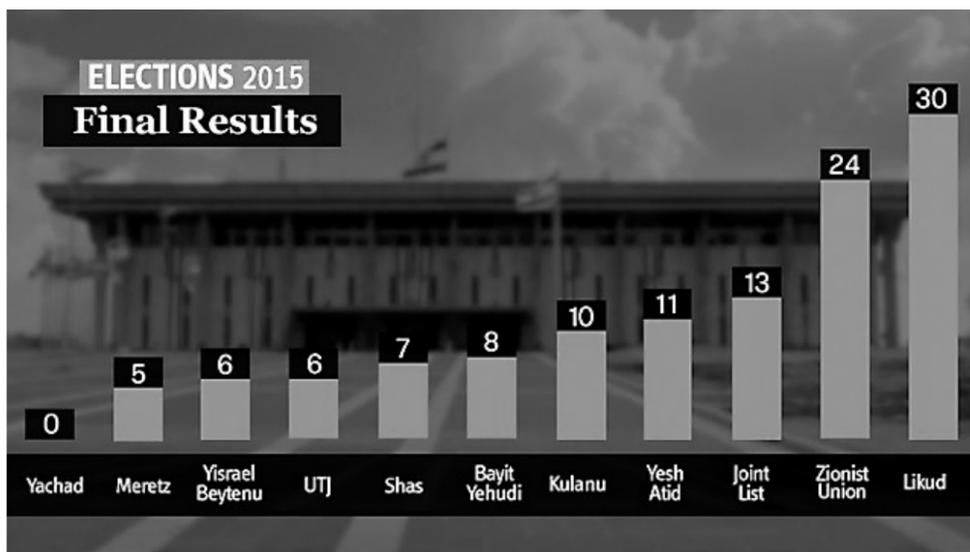


Camel parking

Israeli soldiers at convenience store

Israel Election 2015 Results

Real-time results in Israel's March 17 election

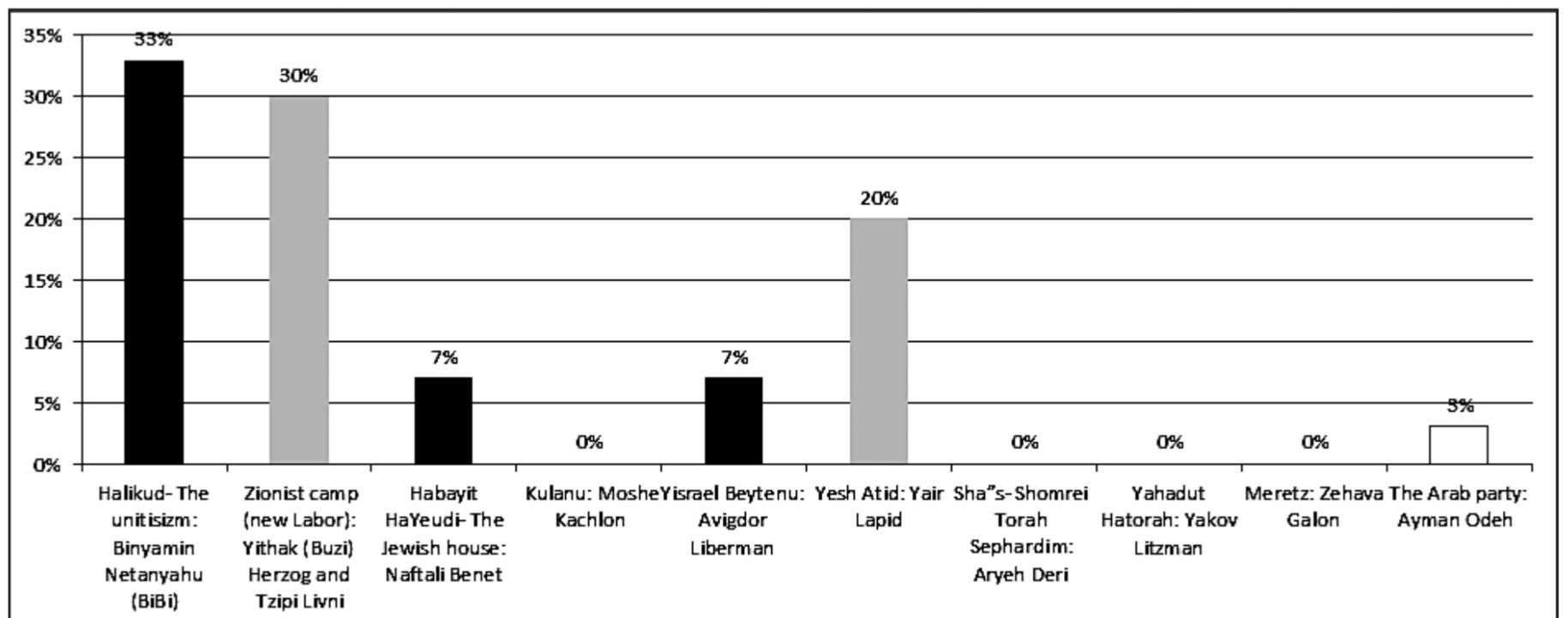


Kosher McDonald's



Holocaust remembrance

Below:
Chattanooga community members were asked to read information about Israeli candidates, discuss it, and then use a ballot box to vote.



FEDERATION PROGRAMS

Young Jewish Leadership (Ages 21-45)



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March 29:
Movie Night *Columbian Love*
April 17:
YJL Shabbat, home of Erica and Brandon Newman



YJL Shabbat at Meryl Stark and Rebeca Mejias

The Young Jewish Leadership Group, YJL, of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, is a vibrant mix of young adults from the Chattanooga area. Our mission is to engage 21 to 45 year-olds to participate in Jewish Federation, Shabbat dinners, community service, and social action events through a combination of local and national programs and social mixers.

Night Run Through Chattanooga



Join the Federation May 30 at 9:15 pm for a 5K run starting by the Hunter Museum and continuing onto the Riverwalk. Every mile will feature a music station. Runners can choose to participate in a fun run or a timed run. A family friendly food event will be available immediately after the run, and there will be an after-party for adults at Big River Grill downtown.

First Tennessee is our headline corporate sponsor. We still need sponsors and volunteers for the day of the run. Want to be a sponsor? See below.

A special thank you to our Night Run committee: Austin Center, Alan Lebovitz, Rob Lowe and Jay Nevans (Multi-sport). For more information about the run, contact Noa at Israel@jewishchattanooga.com. For information about sponsorship, contact Ann Treadwell at atreadwell@jewishfederation.com or 493-0270 ext. 13.

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Social Committee- Josh Schklar handles mixers/entertainment. Jbschklar@hotmail.com

Philanthropy-- Rachel Privett handles volunteer events and community service projects. 280-6588 rmp2h@comcast.net

Networking-- Erica Newman handles events for making new connections/growing relationships. Ericagnewman@gmail.com

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PHILANTHROPY CAMP: for rising 1st through rising 6th graders, July 27-July 31, 2015.

DATES 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Jewish Cultural Center and Chattanooga First Church of the Nazarene. This camp teaches children the value of *tikkun olam*, or “repairing the world.” Games and activities help children explore philanthropy, faith, family, and community. **Cost:** \$120 (\$100 for each additional sibling)

CAMP TIKKUN OLAM: for rising 7th through rising 9th graders, July 27-July 31, 2015.

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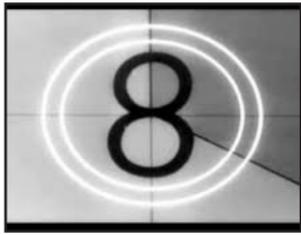
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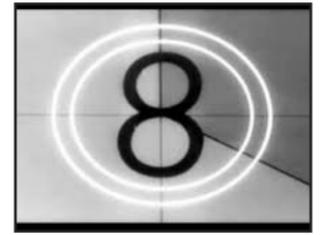
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The Films in Focus

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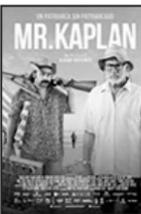
The purpose of the Chattanooga Jewish Film Series is to entertain while exploring Jewish social, cultural, religious, historical and family relationship topics throughout the world, utilizing Jewish themed movies. This year's Chattanooga Jewish Film Series is our biggest and best ever. The movies selected represent five countries (only Israel has two), making ours a truly international film event. Each movie is intended to be thought provoking and to promote interesting discussion within our community. Four of the films have garnered more than one hundred international film awards and nominations from Europe to North America to South America. The other two have been too recently released to be eligible. Three were their country's entry to the Academy Awards for best foreign language films, and a fourth entry was for best documentary. None should be missed.



Ida, winner of the 2015 Oscar for best foreign language film, takes place in 1962 post World War II communist Poland. Also winner of many international awards for cinematography, the movie is filmed in black and white showing a grim and dreary Poland, while at the same time creating an artistic canvas which complements the dialogue. *Ida* is an eerily stunning road movie about two contrasting women: a novice nun and a communist bureaucrat; a Catholic and a Jewish atheist; a niece and an aunt. The effect of each on the other is most interesting. A.O. Scott, film critic for *The New York Times* wrote, "*Ida* is one of the finest European films (and one of the most insightful films about Europe, past and present) in recent memory." Interestingly, our three-person selection committee had three different interpretations of the ending. This Oscar winning movie will open the film series for our sponsors. *Polish, subtitles, 82 minutes.*



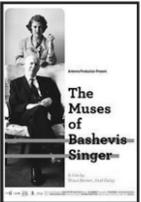
The second movie is **Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amselem**. This unforgettable movie was the winner of the Israeli Academy Awards Ophir for Best Film of 2014 as well as best movie at film festivals around the world. *Gett* is an intense courtroom drama portraying the social, legal and religious problems which can occur in Israeli divorce proceedings. This movie has proved to be such a powerful force that the Sephardic President of the High Rabbinic Court in Jerusalem agreed to a private screening for all the rabbis serving as judges in the Israel State Rabbinical Court which handles Jewish divorces in Israel. Many in Israel see this movie as an indictment of the Israeli justice system which does not provide for civil marriage or its dissolution, making divorce not just a personal choice, but a matter for God and a people. *Hebrew, French, Arabic, subtitles, 115 minutes.*



Mr. Kaplan was Uruguay's entry into the Academy Awards for best foreign language film. This movie won best Uruguayan film in 2014 as well as many of the North and South American film awards. *Mr. Kaplan*, a hilarious crowd-pleasing black comedy, is a contemporary retelling of *Don Quixote*. Mr. Kaplan asks himself whether his was a life well lived, whether he accomplished what he was meant to do, and whether the world is a better place because of his actions. His sidekick, Wilson, is a Sancho Panza-like character who follows Kaplan faithfully. The plot has many twists and turns and the movie has a great surprise ending. *Spanish subtitles, 98 minutes.*



The winner of the Best Movie of the San Diego Jewish Film Festival, **The Art Dealer** is a stylish Parisian thriller set in the murky world of Nazi-looted art recovery. The laws of many countries, primarily Europe, still make it extremely difficult to recover artwork stolen from Jews before and during World War II. *The Art Dealer* dramatizes the difficulties facing families of survivors who attempt to recover their rightful properties. This movie is like a well constructed novel with its domino-like ripples and inconvenient truths. *French subtitles, 95 minutes.*



The Muses of Isaac Bashevis Singer offers insights into the works and life of this 1978 Nobel prize winning author who wrote his novels and short stories in Yiddish. This glimpse of his life and loves reveals a new facet, however. Singer's translators were primarily female. At least one was his wife, one probably his mistress, and others were sometimes called his "harem". Each revered and loved him in her own way, and each contributed to his literary success. The movie is as much about the translation process and his relationships with the translators as it is about Singer and his work. *English, Hebrew, Yiddish subtitles, 72 minutes.*



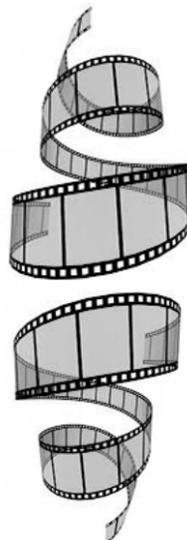
The Green Prince falls within the category of "truth is stranger than fiction". No novelist could have made up this story and still be deemed credible. Winner of the 2014 Israeli Ophir and Sundance Audience Awards for best documentary, *The Green Prince* is an engrossing tale about the son of Hamas founder Sheikh Hassan Yousef, turned Israeli spy. Mosab Hassan Yousef became disillusioned with the brutality of Hamas and was recruited and manipulated by Shin Bet. As a result, the intelligence he provided led to the prevention of dozens of suicide bombings and assassination attempts. *English, 99 minutes.*

A big "thank you" goes out to this year's selection committee: Frank Miller, Sheila St. Aubin, Ann Treadwell, and all our spouses for all of their insights and advice. We previewed over 25 movies to select these six. After many interesting and provocative discussions and e-mails, I think we will have the best ever Chattanooga Jewish Film Series.

Movies are listed in order of screening. Movies screen consecutive Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 22 with *Ida* (sponsors' event). \$7 includes popcorn and a soft drink.

Become a sponsor of this year's Jewish Film Series. Your support will facilitate the presentation of an extraordinary and thought-provoking collection of films.

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JEW CREW

Reflections on Jew Crew Retreat 2015

Written by Cassie McCarley on behalf of the Jew Crew

When Alison sent an e-mail saying that the Jew Crew retreat at Camp Ramah might be snowed out, Rachel Raisin and I immediately texted each other and talked about how upset we'd be if the retreat was cancelled. We didn't think that anything could compare to a relaxing weekend at Camp Ramah. Now, as I reflect on our weekend on the drive back to Chattanooga, I realize that we could not have been more wrong. Our Jew Crew retreat was filled with laughter, food, group bonding, and even more food. For those who don't know, Jew Crew is our high school youth group. One Sunday each month, we meet up for a few hours for fun-filled excursions around the Chattanooga area. Anyone in Jew Crew will tell you how important it is to spend time with other Jewish teens, who are often difficult to find in a small southern city like Chattanooga.

Our retreat took place in Sevierville, Tennessee at the Wilderness at the Smokies. We all stayed together in a villa. Why do we have a retreat out of town when we already meet once a month? The answer is simple: the special, tight-knit bonds that form after spending 48 consecutive hours together are impossible to create in your average two-hour monthly session. When teens' lives today are so dominated by social media and texting, it's crucial to spend real, face-to-face time with those around you.

On the retreat this weekend, my fellow Jew Crew members and I made a conscious effort to trade our phones for quality time with each other, and the result was hours of unending conversation and laughter. On Saturday morning, Alison, Andy, and Noa talked to us about the difficult situation in Israel, and the anti-Semitism right here in the United States. It was incredibly eye-opening to hear all the stories of anti-Semitism that have been witnessed in places all over the world, and the stories made all of us contemplate what it means to be Jewish and the responsibility we have to correct the prejudice we encounter in our lives.

On a lighter note, this weekend enabled us to disregard our everyday responsibilities and stress and put all our energy into conquering the ropes course in the WonderWorks Museum, where we slid down every water slide in the indoor water park and teamed up against each other in an extremely competitive game of laser tag. We loved using this time on the retreat to get to know our shlichah, Noa, who shared stories about living in Israel and taught us Hebrew through playing Taki, an Israeli version of Uno.

This weekend was a fun, educational experience that helped us bond as a group and realize what being Jewish is all about. This is my third year of Jew Crew, and I highly recommend that every high school student in the Chattanooga Jewish community join this group. Jew Crew is more than your average youth group. It's like a family.

(Attending Jew Crew Retreat: Hannah Berke, Rachel Raisin, Cassie McCarley, Zoe McCarley, Blake Snetman, Matthew Palermo, Will Potts, Arthur Lebovitz. Chaperoned by: Alison Lebovitz, Andy Hodes and Noa Hadad)

