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## Jewish Cultural Center Goes Higher Tech



Administrative Assistant Carolyn Sherman and Office Manager Annette McJunkin strike a pose with the new phone system.

After nearly fifteen years, the Jewish Cultural Center is happy to report it has a new phone system. Can you say Ring in the New Year?

“The new phones are clearer and much more user friendly,” explains Office Manager Annette McJunkin. With this new system, the Aleph Bet classrooms now have cordless phones in every room. With easy to program call-forwarding features, calls can be routed to individual cell phones if needed, and transferability of calls between stations is much simpler. All extensions are the same as they were before. The new phones are sleek, clean and clear, which gives a new meaning to “we look forward to hearing from you”!

On the subject of technology, many of you have been asking when the new Federation website will be completed. Please know we are working feverishly to get it done! The website is extremely image and content-rich. Federation has been working since last September with MacMedia Marketing in Birmingham to redesign and update the site. Look for it to be completed this spring. You won't be disappointed.

## Israel To Me and Sound of Many Waters Open at JCC

Two exhibits, *Israel To Me* and *Sound of Many Waters* opened at the JCC January 15. Thirty local artists and thirty Israeli artists were represented in *Israel To Me*, an exhibit which asked the question, “What is Israel to you?”

Local artists Austin Center and Roslynn Steinberg were the Chattanooga representatives in the 2014 P2G *Sound of Many Waters* traveling exhibit.



Federation board member David Israel celebrates the opening of *Israel To Me*. More pictures on page 10.

## Preparing for Tikkun Olam in 2015



P2G. It's short for Partnership Together, and it refers to the relationship between the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga and the Hadera-Erion region in Israel. We, along with Nashville,

Knoxville, Charlotte, Jacksonville, Pinellas, Ft. Myers, Richmond, Charleston, and Daytona Beach make up the Southeast United States Jewish consortium. For the past several years we have participated in the Tikkun Olam program, which is a unique high school student exchange program with Hadera. We are excited to announce that we will be participating again this summer.

There are two parts to Tikkun Olam. Part one is where our teens journey to Israel and spend two weeks with teens from Hadera. They will travel the country, participate in service projects, and learn about Israel's politics, culture and society. They will enjoy Israeli hospitality and experience teen life in Israel. Part two is where we return the favor and welcome the Hadera teens to the Southeastern United States. (The Israeli teen family that hosts your child in Israel will be the teen you host when he/she comes to Chattanooga.) We will spend approximately two weeks in Chattanooga, Knoxville and Nashville, both touring and volunteering at various locations.

The dates for this summer's program are as follows: Chattanooga teens to Israel: July 13-26; Israeli teens hosted in Chattanooga: July 29-August 11. We are hoping for at least four Chattanooga teens' participation. The Israeli teens in Chattanooga will overlap with the last two days of Philanthropy Camp. The dates will NOT conflict with Camp Ramah's first session. The cost is \$2,000 for the four-week program. Payment plans and subsidies are available. Additionally, if you would like to hear first-hand experiences, Jake Balsler, Hannah Boulware, Stefanie Johnson and Sophie Epstein will be happy to share their stories with you.

For more information, to view past itineraries, or to enroll your teen in this program, please contact Ann Treadwell at your earliest convenience (atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com) or Noa Hadad (Israel@jewishchattanooga.com). Don't miss out!

**Save the Date**  
**March 20**  
**8:45 a.m.**  
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# NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



## We Are Family

by **Warren Dropkin**  
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As many of you heard at the Annual Meeting, I was able to open a new chapter in Warren's Book of Life this past January. I met my second cousins--family members who, up until almost two years ago, I did not know existed.

I flew to Alexandria, Virginia for the bat mitzvah of my mother's first cousin--who is 83! Her daughter and family were there from Israel, another daughter flew in from Tucson, AZ, her son and his family came from New Jersey, and another daughter and family from Alexandria were all in attendance. We hugged, laughed, and looked at old photographs of my parents and grandparents and even my great grandparents. I got to see photographs of family members I had never heard of.

It was revelatory. Donna and I were taken in by these family members, previously strangers, and made to feel as though we had been there forever.

"Thanksgiving next November, a bat mitzvah in New York in February.... you must come!" they said.

How great this was for someone like myself, to add this extended family to my current extended family--which is all of you, my Chattanooga family. You have taken me in and always made me feel that this is where I belong. I thank you for that. And I hope that over this next year we can continue to grow together, and continue to make our family and our community even stronger than it is today.

Along with a strong community at home is our commitment to helping those who are in need and/or who are oppressed in other parts of the world. I would be remiss if I did not mention the events that happened recently in France. We must help, support and stand in solidarity with our brethren against any act of terrorism upon Jews and Christians. We must hope that the world learns that ISIS,

Al-Qaeda, and other terrorist organizations are not just an Israel problem. We must remind people that terrorist attacks can and do happen anywhere.

Please know that there are opportunities on the national level of JFNA that you can involve yourself with, to help support and show solidarity with our World Jewish Family. If you would like to find out how you can help, call Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik.

Lastly, I would like to once again recognize two individuals who spearheaded our most successful Annual Campaign. The everpresent faces of Roy Rosenfeld and Richard Zachary pushed and supported the many volunteers who were successful in raising an amount above our ambitious \$1.1 million dollar goal. Please join me in thanking them and the many other volunteers who, as a result of their combined efforts, make a huge difference both here and abroad.

We take care of business. It's in our nature. We are family.



## Caring is What Holds Us All Together

by **Michael Dzik**  
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This month I want to brag on our Federation staff. Many of you hear about, or know first-hand, what the Federation does. But something happened this week that was poignant and memorable. It's the type of story we don't often share with the community. But I want to make an exception here.

Recently, a member of our community passed away. She had been a member of our Jewish community for about 10 years, attending various programs, including our weekly and monthly luncheons, as well as many evening programs at the Federation. Amy Bouwlaire and Edie Redish, our social services director and nurse, were by her bedside, along with her daughter, when she died. They sat with her, and held her daughter's hand, throughout.

A few days after the funeral, the daughter came to my office to speak with me. She wanted to say "thank you" to the Federation for being there for her mom for so many years. She went on to say that she felt connected to our Federation--felt, like her mother, that she was a member of our Jewish community and family.

And what she said next really struck me. She not only thanked me for the work that Amy and Edie had done for her family, but went on to list many other Federation staff members, including Eddie Reel, John Schneider, Alice Goss-Morgan, and Ann Treadwell, who had made a difference. She recognized that the Federation is a team -- and a family--for this Jewish community.

She cried a little, as her mother's death had been quite sudden. I held her hand and gave her a hug. As we talked, I got choked up too. I have a saying, which is, "I can teach the Federation staff members to do their job, but I can't teach them to care." And caring is much more than a job.

The Federation staff truly does care about our community members and their family, both young and old, in town and out of town. And that's not teachable. It gives me a warm feeling to know that my staff has what it takes.

I'm so proud to be part of this Jewish community. I'm proud of every staff member and how they conduct themselves, professionally and personally, every day, in and out of the office. It's easy to claim that an organization cares about its community, but it's another to actually know it, and see it in action, as I do, every day of the week.



### Being Faithful in Chattanooga

Sponsored by the Hunter Museum

Thursday, February 26 @ 6p.m.

What does faith mean in Chattanooga today? Join a panel of Chattanoogaans, including Michael Dzik, as they lead a discussion of faith in our community. Hindu, Muslim, Atheist, Jewish and Christian traditions will be represented. A work of art will serve as a launching point to explore faith as expressed in art and life. Free and open to all.



# SOCIAL SERVICES



## From Autopilot to Mindfulness

by Amy Boulware  
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- Senior Programming
- Intergenerational Programming
- Family Support
- Community Partnering, Friendly Visits, Excursions, Advocacy

By the time you get this edition of *The Shofar*, many of you will have made and broken your New Year's resolutions. We have all done that and I am no exception. We think we're finally going to lose weight, or exercise more, or change some bad habit we have practiced for years. In reality, though, many of our resolutions are not well thought-out, and therefore the keeping of them is difficult at best.

On that note, I'd like to share with you something I'm hearing more and more that's giving me pause.

"If I had known a year ago that I would be in this position (or have this health problem or be granted this opportunity) I would (or wouldn't) have.....(fill in the blank)."

In my daughter Amanda's case, she said it with excitement in her voice--she was talking about her travel and studies in a foreign country. She opened herself up to a new and scary experience and has thrived. (This is the girl who, as a child, never wanted to go anywhere without someone she knew.)

On the other hand, my friend Sally called to tell me that a mutual friend of ours had died suddenly of a heart attack in his early 40's. She was stunned, as she had just seen him the week before.

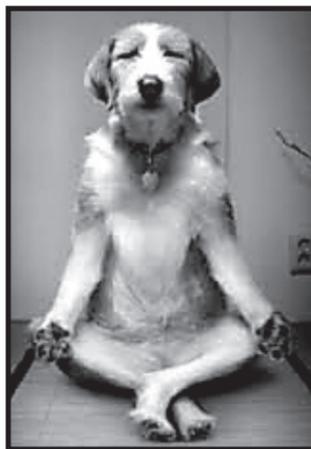
And in yet another instance, I was sitting with my father in the emergency room after he fell recently, and he couldn't believe how quickly he went from standing upright to being sprawled on the floor.

Sometimes it takes only an instant and sometimes it happens over time, that our lives change for better or worse and either way it's surprising. I wonder whether, had my friend who passed away so suddenly been forewarned about his imminent death, he'd have lived his last year differently. Would he have kissed his kids more often, taken off early from work on Fridays, maybe gone to the Macy's Day Parade?

I know that my father might have been more careful if he had read that dizziness was a side effect of the medication he was taking.

I recently read an article about mindfulness. In it, the author talked about our multi-tasking society, and said that we live on "auto-pilot," not paying full attention to anything, and therefore not appreciating what is happening in our lives right now.

On this note I encourage you to take three minutes each day to stop and take stock of what is going on in your life. What are you are feeling? What beauty is around you? What you are thankful for, and what do you truly want to experience in your life? It is in taking notice of what is around and within you that you will find yourself fully living each day.



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## Get Smart!

by Ann Treadwell, Program Director  
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I call it my leash. It's not a dog leash, but one that connects me to everything all the time. It's my Smart phone, and I really dislike it. I even disliked it when it was just a not-so-smart flip phone. The idea that I must be available for calls and emails all the time really concerns me. I am a person who needs time

to reflect, time for things to "gel," before I take action.

And now that my cell phone has gotten "smart," I resent it even more. It's bad enough that it can track me down at all times of the day and night, through rings and texts. Now it tells me everything from how few funds I have in my checking account to the hourly weather for the next ten days—whether I want to know or not. And let's not even talk about selfies! Ugh!

For almost a year I lived with a flip phone, which I tolerated, and a tablet, which only had wifi and not cell connectivity, like my novel to e-mails to could watch mov-



demand anything from me. And my flip phone only made calls and short texts, period. If I had to be tethered, this was manageable...albeit still bulky and cumbersome for a woman who dislikes even carrying a pocket book.

And then my flip phone died, and I agreed to enter the world of apps with a Smart phone. My son said "Mom, the phone has the same apps as the tablet. You will adjust easily."

But really, I haven't. This leash reminds me of the ankle bracelets authorities put on convicts to track their movements. Truthfully, I neglect my Smart phone because it scares me. Yes, I know it can help me be a better consumer, a better communicator, even possibly a better friend and parent. But if being technologically neglectful were a crime, I'd be sentenced to six months hard labor.

And I bet I'm not alone.

Are you using your laptop or Smart phone and tablet to their fullest capabilities? Because here's the truth: technologically, there is no going back. It's time to stop neglecting our instruments. It is time for all of us to get smarter, regardless of our age or fears. And with this in mind, I have planned two short seminars in February. On Thursday, February 10 at 7p.m. Jacob McKee will walk us patiently through Smart Phone 101, and on Thursday, February 24 he will do the same in Tablet 101 (also 7p.m.).

I never thought that "Get Smart" would take this form!

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### Interviewer Level

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Cora and Ted Feintuch

Jackie and Roy Rosenfeld

Elaine and Sanford Winer



In attendance at the film *Above and Beyond* were Alyssa Hall and Nicole Himler, nieces of George Lichter, one of the pilots featured.

## We come Back, Alice



Please join us in welcoming Alice Goss-Morgan back to work after her wrist surgery. Alice returns as Federation Kitchen Supervisor February 2.



Federation shlichah Noa Hadad spoke to the Dalton Kiwanis club in January. Noa is available to speak to civic and social clubs. Contact her directly at [Israel@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:Israel@jewishchattanooga.com)

## Call to Photographers

The Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga and A Step Ahead Foundation Chattanooga invite you to submit photographs for the exhibition

*Leading Roles*

(March 26 – May 1, 2015)

Meet-the-Photographer Reception and Celebration:  
Thursday, March 26, 5:30 p.m.

**Concept:** Photographic images of women fully experiencing life: working, studying, creating, hiking, traveling, interacting with children, playing with pets, or just relaxing.

**Eligibility:** Area artists over 18 years old. Work will be selected from digital submissions. Professional and amateur photographs may submit up to three pieces for consideration. Acknowledgement of acceptance: February 20, 2015

**Guidelines:** Selected images will be printed and temporarily matted and framed by The Jewish Federation. Participants grant the use of the selected image(s) to be copied and placed on permanent loan at A Step Ahead Foundation offices. Photographers will be credited for all images.

**Deadline for submission:** Thursday, February 16, 2015. Email a high resolution image to [atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com). The Jewish Federation will be printing selected images.

**Other:** Artists retain all copyright to the images but allow images to be displayed in the exhibit and at A Step Ahead Foundation offices. Other than as previously mentioned, the image will not be used for any other purpose without the sole permission of the photographer with the exception of media and press releases about the exhibit. Federation will not handle sales of images but will direct inquiries to photographers.

**Contact information:** Ann Treadwell, Program Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga/ Jewish Cultural Center: [atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com), or 493-0270 ext. 13

*The exhibit is co-sponsored by A Step Ahead Foundation Chattanooga whose mission is to ensure that any Chattanooga-area woman seeking birth control has access to long-term, reversible methods regardless of ability to pay. The tie-in to this exhibit is that when women plan their pregnancies, they can take a leading role in the direction their lives take. Access to effective birth control enables women to make (and stick to) life plans—whether those plans include pursuing an education, learning a trade, exploring the world, or advancing a career. And, of course, doing these things can co-exist with having relationships and/or being a mother when she feels ready.*

# FEDERATION PROGRAMS

## 2015 Foreign Policy Supper Club Dates & Topics

Join us at the Jewish Cultural Center for another year of great discussions about important topics. Video, reading materials, and when possible a speaker will be provided. Monday nights every month except July, September, and December. 6:00 p.m. \$10 includes dinner. [RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 extension 10.



### February 20 *Russia and The Near Abroad*

If Putin's Russia isn't afraid to take an aggressive stance against Europeanization in Ukraine, what does that mean for the rest of Russia's neighbors?



### March 30 *Privacy in the Digital Age*

Legislation, both at home and abroad, hasn't kept pace with technological developments, leaving some wondering if privacy as we know it is long dead.



### April 27 *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?



### May 11 *India Changes Courses*

For the U.S., change in India brings its own set of unknowns, heralding an age ruled by a prime minister new to national office and other policymakers who have been out of the public eye for a decade.



### June 22 *The U.S. and Africa: The rise and fall of Obamamania*

How can U.S. policy live up to its promise and values while securing its interests in the region?



### August 24 *Syria's Refugee Crisis*

As Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and other neighbors strive to accommodate the millions of Syrians, the risk of allowing Syrians to become dependent on emergency aid and forming a "lost generation" remains.



### October 26 *Human Trafficking*

The U.S. and the international community have adopted various treaties and laws to prevent trafficking, but to truly understand and combat the issue, they must find the root causes enabling traffickers to exploit millions of victims.



### November 9 *Brazil's Metamorphosis*

Some of Brazil's trickiest problems, including deep divisions over how to tackle serious income inequality, weak civic institutions and poor regional leadership, have held it back.

## 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.

## Smart Phone 101

Tuesday, Feb. 10 @ 7p.m.

Join Jacob McKee at the JCC for a short course on how to get the most out of your Smart phone. No cost to attend. [RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 extension 10.



## Noon Nosh with artist Daryl Thetford

Tuesday, February 17, 12p.m.

\$8 includes lunch. RSVP.

Artist Daryl Thetford shares the secrets behind his unique fine art collages. Thetford's work has been in solo exhibitions in the Jung Center in Houston, Texas and at Tanner-Hill Art Gallery in Chattanooga. He has been represented at *Spectrum* at the Hunter Museum of American Art, and was a featured artist at

*Artsapes*, Knoxville Museum of Art's exhibit and auction. Thetford has upcoming solo shows at Artspace in Raleigh, North Carolina and at Penn College in Williamsport, Penn. Corporate collectors include Scripps, the Menard Financial Group in Houston, Texas, the Mullins Group and Hotel Red in Madison, Wisconsin, the National Security Agency in Collierville, Tennessee, the mayor's office in the city of Hoover, Alabama, and Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Iowa. [RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 extension 10.

## Young Leadership Shabbat Dinner

Friday, Feb. 13 See page 7.

## Israeli History through Songs

Thursday, Feb. 19 @ 7:00p.m.

Learn about Israeli music through the decades. \$5 Coffee and dessert. [RSVP](mailto:RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com) to 493-0230 or [rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com)

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## Crowdsourcing Committee Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 26 @ 7p.m.

## Chattanooga Harp Ensemble Noon Nosh, January 20



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# FEDERATION SHLICHA



## What does it mean to be Jewish?

by Noa Hadad, Federation Shlicha  
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I would like share a story: When I got here, I met many people from our community, and I asked them: What do you think my job should be? What do you want me to bring and do? I got a variety of answers, but all of them said that we need to have a connection with Israel, for many reasons.

I believe that my job is more than bringing Israel to you. It's to learn from y'all about Israel, your connection to Judaism, and to discuss the U.S. relationship with Israel. I truly believe that what makes Judaism so powerful is the people and our strong belief that everything is possible if you just believe. I will add that this connection depends on us, the people behind it. And that brings me to my article subject: Jewish peoplehood.

If you ask any Holocaust survivor who lost family in the Holocaust, whether they believed that the state of Israel would ever exist, they would probably say no. They hoped for it, but after all they had been through, they had their doubts. But guess what? We got it. After 2000 years of Galut, the Jewish people have a state of their own. And not just in a random territory. It's the Promised Land: Israel.

Since Israel was established in 1948, we keep fighting for our freedom. The nations surrounding us want us dead and to take our land. They see that we have something that is unique to us, that can't be found anywhere else. We have a vision for our country; we are definitely not there yet, and haven't achieved everything we hoped for, but we are making a great effort to get there. It took us 2000 years to get our homeland. Does anyone really believe that we are just going to give up?

Golda Meir, former prime minister of Israel, once said: "We Jews have a secret weapon in our struggle with the Arabs: we have no place to go."

I wonder: is it true? Some will say no. That here in United States of America, we live in a united Jewish Community, and no one is interrupting our practice or culture of Judaism. So it seems that we do have another place to go, maybe a better one. Jews in Europe might say they are proud to be Jewish, but fear making it too public because of the anti-Semitism that is on the rise.

So I'm asking a very big question: What is connecting us, as a people? What is "Jewish peoplehood"? Avraham Einfeld, a Zionist educator in the Jewish world, has offered "5 legs" to keep us united as a people, as Jewish people:

1. The first is our *collective memory*: knowing our history, understanding what happened in the past, is the tool which turns raw facts into deeply held values. My grandfather was a prisoner at Tunis in the Nazi jail, and endured great suffering. Through his memory, I, his granddaughter, born in Israel, the only state that I know as my homeland, know that there is nowhere else for me to go, and that I have to continue to fight for my freedom. I took his memory of being persecuted in the Galut and turned it into the value of being a Zionist.

2. The second "leg" supporting our connection to our Jewish peoplehood is *family*. When we ask the question, "Who are we?" the answer is Mishpaha: a family. You were either born to the family or you were adopted, but you do not get out of it!

When I first got to Chattanooga I had a very interesting conversation with Jewish Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik, about Israel-US relations.



**Noa, brother Yair and mom Hana deliver Eyewitness Report from Gaza, Jan. 22 at the JCC**

## Israeli History through Songs Thurs., February 19 @ 7p.m.

We will explore how Israeli music has changed through history, what happened in the decades between 1940 and 2014, what the impact was on the Israeli people, and how you have a connection to all of it. \$5 includes coffee and dessert. RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 extension 10. All ages welcome.

"Israel and America are like brother and sister, sometimes we are mad at each other, sometimes we drive each other insane. BUT we are always there for each other. We will always stand behind Israel. Israel has our back," he said.

Israel is America's annoying younger sister. We are always showing an insulted face and saying "We don't need you America! We can and we will make it on our own!" But the truth is we do need you, America, because as a family we are much stronger and more powerful.

3. The third leg of the table is the Biblical Mount Sinai. When we ask who we are as a peoplehood, what our main values are, what is similar and what is different about us from others, what are our rituals, we look to the promises and lessons from Mount Sinai:

a. To be witnesses to the existence of God in the world. We may not be aware of it, but God is everywhere, especially in the smallest details. Whether it's birth, a bar mitzvah, a wedding or a funeral. It's our personal connection to family and friends, part of our life always there for us and within us.

b. To be partners with God in Tikkun Olam: leaving a better world for future generations. Every mitzvah that we do brings us closer to a better world, maybe not in our time, but definitely for future generations.

c. We are to do things that will remind us who we are as a Jewish peoplehood. Next month is Purim. Take an active part in the community, be involved and help us as a Jewish family work together for our people.

4. The fourth leg of the table connecting us to our Jewish peoplehood is Israel herself. Israel's land is the stock of the Jewish people's collective memory; it is where we Jewish people came from. "Jew" comes from the name Judea which is the biblical, Roman, and modern name of the mountainous southern part of the historic Land of Israel, also known as the West Bank. When you say "I'm Jewish" what you are really saying is that your roots and your family come from Israel- nowhere else.

There's a big difference between LOVING Israel as a state to LIKING her. Love means Israel is in your heart and concern, which I believe most of us do. Like means you appreciate and agree with what Israel is doing. You DO NOT have to like us, personally I find myself sometimes not liking what Israel has become, and there are times when I want to press the "reset" button to Israel in order to fix it. Again, you DO NOT have to like us, but you do HAVE to love us, because it means you really care.

5. Language is the fifth leg of the table. It is the tool through which culture passes from one generation to another. Sometimes I go to the synagogues in America and I don't hear people speaking Hebrew, or reading the prayers in Hebrew. Maybe it's just a bunch of tones and sounds for them. Our people, the Jewish people, are reading in Hebrew because they know that their parents, and grandfathers, and 100 generations before did exactly what we are doing and that is what all Jews, all around the world, are doing. You can go to any synagogue in the world and it will be the same. Same culture, same language, same people.

Avraham ends his lecture by saying that all Jews should commit to at least 3 of the 5 legs: memory, mishpaha, Mount Sinai, Israel and language. This way, whenever we meet another Jew who has made the same commitment, they will always have at least one of the legs in common.

Israel is where my heart is. That's the warmest, safest and most amazing place on earth, and I can never imagine leaving her, no matter how her struggles. The Jewish people had a dream, and it came true. Now we have to live in a way that fosters the dream.

I would love keep talking with you about this. Please feel free to contact me and share your thoughts and opinions. Come see the exhibit *Israel for Me*. It is a great way to start a conversation about Jewish peoplehood with other members of the community.

Your Shlicha,  
Noa Hadad

## SAVE THE DATE

### Cafe Dilemma

Tuesday, Mar. 3 @ 6p.m., place TBA

Elections in Israel: what / why/ how and who. Who is the best candidate to lead Israel? Everything you want know about the close election in Israel on this March 2015. What is your opinion? To whom will you give your vote?

Come share with us! Everyone is welcome!

# FEDERATION PROGRAMS

## Young Leadership (Ages 21-45)



Find us on facebook [facebook.com/groups/YJLCHA/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/YJLCHA/) or email us to get on the mailing list at [Israel@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:Israel@jewishchattanooga.com).

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The Young 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.

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*YJL is always looking for new members!*



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- **Next Shabbat Dinner** •
- **Friday, Feb. 13** •
- **Home of Becca Sadowitz** •
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*Rachel Lowe (left) and Rachel Privett horse around at last month's Shabbat dinner*

*Your donation to campaign helps fund Young Leadership!*



## Jew Crew Simulates IDF Training

*by Alison Lebovitz and Andy Hodes, co-advisors, and Noa Hadad*

The Jew Crew went through some extensive (and somewhat exhausting) IDF training when Noa Hadad's brother, Yair, led a special program in January. The teens got the chance to ask questions and learn firsthand what it is like to be in the IDF and serve in the special Diamond Unit. Yair shared heartfelt as well as harrowing stories about his time in the service, including stories about dismantling bombs, and about his daily routine defending the state of Israel. He also put the Jew Crew through a fun but rigorous obstacle course, and awarded the first prizes for the top finishing men and women. Congratulations to Matthew Palermo and Giliyah Frauwirth. Many left with rugs burns from the activity, but everyone left with a greater sense of pride, respect and understanding for the IDF and all who serve.



*Federation Shlichah Noa Hadad and her brother Yair (kneeling, left) with current and former Jew Crewers*

Below, Jew Crewers prepare to run the obstacle courses



*Above, Federation shlichah Noa Hadad (left) with Matthew Palermo and Giliyah Frauwirth, winners of obstacle course trials, and Noa's brother, Yair.*



*Left, Jew Crew co-advisors Alison Lebovitz (far left) and Andy Hodes (middle) with happy (and tired) former Jew Crewers Jessie Fine, Hannah Boulware and Jake Balser.*

# FEDERATION NEWS



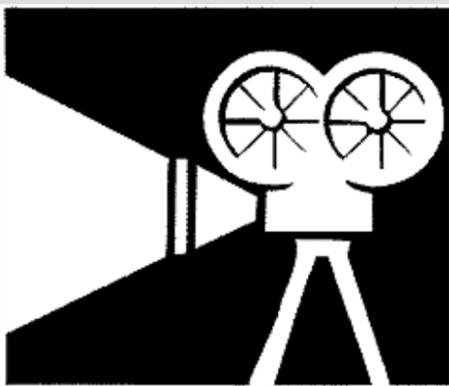
## Eliza Lebovitz to Graduate from GPS in the Spring

Eliza Lebovitz, daughter of Michael and Lauren Lebovitz, and granddaughter of Betty and Charles Lebovitz and Amelia and Owen Allen, will graduate from GPS in the spring. Eliza has two siblings, Baras, age 20, and Murray, 15. At GPS she is a member of Key Club and GyPSys, a school spirit club. Her favorite subjects are science and math.

Eliza was a Schusterman Fellow at the AIPAC High School Summit and is involved in varsity tennis. She is an active member of United Synagogue Youth (USY), AIPAC, Girls Inc., and is Ein Gedi Sub-Regional President. Her favorite activities are volunteering, hanging out with friends and family, and traveling.

Eliza will attend American University in Washington DC. She plans to major in International Studies.

## SAVE THE DATE Jewish Film Series



**Kicks Off April 22 with Sponsor Event. Continues for five consecutive Wednesdays. Check the March Shofar for more information.**

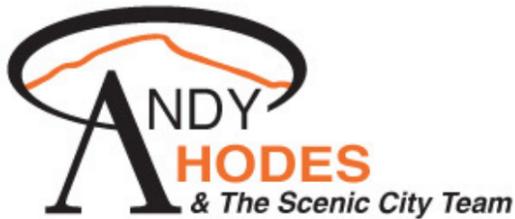
## Join the Legacy Society

Balser, Jeff  
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Jaffe, Dot

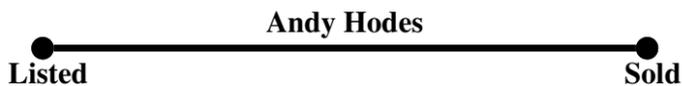


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Lebovitz, Lauren  
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Nash, Ike (Deceased)  
Pregulman, Helen  
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The Legacy Society is made up of individuals who, in the tradition of our Jewish 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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# ALEPH BET CHILDREN'S CENTER



by Vicki Cathcart  
Aleph Bet Children's Center  
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Now Enrolling  
Camp Aleph Bet 2015 and 2015-2016 School Year!  
Early Bird Registration  
January 19-February 11  
Open Enrollment begins on February 17

With the help and support of Chattanooga's loving community, we exceeded our goal. We raised

**\$9,554** for our 100 Reasons, 100 Hours of Giving!

The money raised will allow Aleph Bet Children's Center to continue to provide a high-quality educational and nurturing environment, open to all children and families in the Greater Chattanooga area, that is enriched by Jewish traditions and values.

Thank you for the ADDITIONAL donations we received for Aleph Bet's 100 Reasons, 100 Hours of Giving! (donations received after December 19)

Leta Berger  
Anita Levine  
Sharon, Larry, Marjorie, Naomi, and Jessica Levine  
Ashley, Kevin, and Kit Lewis  
Dr. David and Judy Monen  
Rachel Pritchett  
Lucas, Laura, and Livia Richards  
Gail and Joel Susman  
Ryan, Baley, and Eleanor Whary

**We appreciate the following donations:**

Amelia and Owen Allen	100 piece art kit (2)
The Ankar-Burdette Family	cleaning, teacher, and classroom supplies
The Cathcart Family	iTikes Microscopes (3) in honor of Samara's and Daniella's birthday
Herb Cohn	books
The Dacoregio Family	Lysol spray (3), Lysol wipes (3), and mega box Kleenex
Emily Eiselstein	books and classroom decorations
The Ellis Family	Classroom wish list baskets (3)
Lindsey Griffith	Chanukah Book
Virginia and Ralph Murray	paper and glue sticks
Carolyn Palermo	Hebrew stickers
The Smith Family	A to Z Treasure Chest of wish list supplies

**Save the Date**  
Aleph Bet's Spring Fling  
Children Performances-Silent and Live  
Auction-Breakfast  
March 20, 2015  
8:45 a.m.

Please contact Vicki Cathcart if you would like to volunteer or donate goods/services.



*Aleph Bet Children's Center, a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, aims to provide an educational, interactive and developmentally appropriate preschool program that is enriched by Jewish traditions and values and implemented by a trained, dedicated, and nurturing staff.*

Aleph Bet is recognized by the State of Tenn. for its commitment to good health

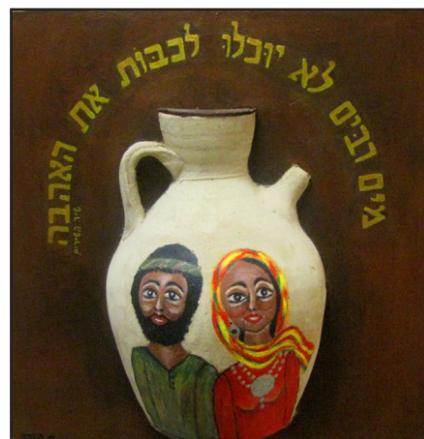
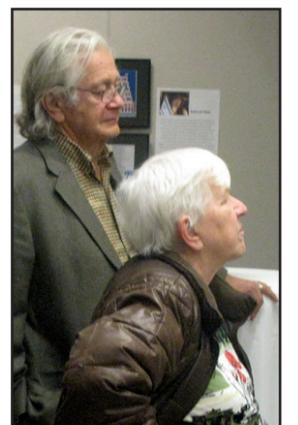
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# FEDERATION PROGRAMS

## Israel To Me and Sound of Many Waters

Exhibit Reception January 15

Exhibit runs through March 6



Exhibits are free of charge. The gallery is open from 9-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.