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Deacon Bluz to Play Independence Day Party July 3 at 11:30 a.m.



This is one of the few remaining blues bands in the southeast that plays traditional blues dance music. The band, composed of professional musicians, has been performing since 1997 under the direction of Dr. Clark "Deaconbluz" White, Ph.D. A "bluesologist," White is currently directing the Chattanooga Center for Blues Studies working group and is one of the producers of the annual grass roots community-based "Blues in the Knob," sponsored by the Orchard Knob Watch Association. He has taught at Michigan State University, Temple University, Northeastern University, Brown University and Morehouse College (his

alma mater Class of 1971). He was also a Visiting Scholar at the WEB DuBois Center for African American Studies at Harvard University and the Delta Cultural and Research Center at Mississippi Valley State University.

Dr. White is nationally known and in demand as a blues artist and educator who teaches "Blues in the Schools" programs and consults with schools, museums, universities, senior citizen programs, recreation/cultural centers and arts organizations. He produced the "Deaconbluz Radio Show" which was broadcast over National Public Radio affiliated stations. He has been a consultant to the National Jazz Service Organization, the Pew Foundation, the Delta Blues Museum, the Chattanooga African American Museum, the Afro-American Museum of Philadelphia, the High Museum of Atlanta, and the Jewish Cultural Center of Chattanooga.

The band has performed at such diverse venues as the Riverbend Festival, the Bessie Smith Strut, and Nightfall in Chattanooga and at numerous venues in Atlanta including Variety Playhouse, The National Black Arts Festival, Blind Willies Blues Club, and the Atlanta Blues Festival, and The Philadelphia African-American Museum. More at <http://www.deaconbluz.com>. **Before July 1 \$10/adults, \$5/kids age 8-16; \$25/family of four. At the door \$14/\$9/\$35. Children 7 and under free.**

Morris Dees, Lawyer, Founder of Southern Poverty Law Center, to Speak at First Amendment Dinner



Morris Dees will speak at the Jewish Federation's annual First Amendment Dinner Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jewish Cultural Center. Dees was born in 1936 in Shorter, Alabama, the son of cotton farmers. As a young boy he worked the fields alongside blacks servants, witnessing first-hand social and economic deprivation and Jim Crow treatment at its worse.

While at the University of Alabama Law School, he met Millard Fuller, and the two formed a highly successful publishing company while still in law school. After graduation they moved the

business to Montgomery, Alabama. Fuller left the company in 1965 and later founded Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Dees continued the business and also began taking on controversial civil rights cases.

Mr. Dees sold his publishing company in 1970 and formed the Southern Poverty Law Center. Early cases included integrating the Alabama State Troopers and desegregating the Montgomery YMCA. Funded by donations from over 300,000 citizens across the nation, the center quickly grew into one of America's most successful and innovative public interest law firms.

Mr. Dees has received numerous awards in conjunction with his work. The U.S. Jaycees chose him as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of America for his early business success. Trial Lawyers for Public Justice named him Trial Lawyer of the Year in 1987. In 2009, he was inducted into the Trial Lawyers' Hall of Fame by the American Trial Lawyers' Association. The American Bar Association honored him in 2012 with the ABA Medal, their highest honor.

The cost for this annual event is \$12 (free for veterans) if reserved before July 9. After July 9 the cost is \$14 for both veterans and non-veterans. RSVP 493-0270, ext. 10 or rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com.

Aleph Bet Children's Center received a grant from the National Jewish Right Start Program. See page 15 for details.

Last Shofar until September! Stay Connected!
See pgs 22 & 23 for June-August calendars.
Check in regularly at <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>
and our Facebook page
(Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga).
Contact Ann Treadwell regarding programs:
493-0270 ext. 13 or atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com



Jewish Geography
Exhibit runs through July 17. Come be a part of the conversation! Locate yourself on our interactive map at the Jewish Cultural Center. Exhibit open Monday through Thursday, 9-5 and Friday 9-4. No cost to attend.



2016 Campaign Kickoff with comedian Tim Ryan Sunday, August 30

(see page 10 for details)

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NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



The Summer Doldrums? NOT!

by Warren Dropkin
Federation Board Chair
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The summer issue of *The Shofar* is here and the year is half over. Many things have been happening here at the Federation. Every month there is an opportunity to listen, learn and involve ourselves in the daily Jewish life of Chattanooga. Yes, it does get a little quieter in the summer months, as people take vacations and time off to be with family and friends, but we are still here and open for business. The social services department stays busy, Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam gear up, and new exhibits are opening and others are in the planning stages. Summer doldrums? NOT!

One of the more defining programs of the summer, for me, is the leadership mission trips to Israel. Both Michael Dzik and our incoming Board Chair Lee Brouner will be going on the CCD Mission to Tblisi and Israel in July. This will give Michael and Lee a first hand look at what the Jewish Federations of North America is doing overseas. These trips only enhance my belief in how important our work is--and that our work is far from being done.

Also heading to Israel this summer are Austin Center and Will Potts. Austin, one of our very active Young Jewish Leaders, is going on a Campaign workers mission. Will Potts, son of Barbie and Steve Potts, is taking part in the P2G program this summer and will be going to our partnership region of Hadera, Israel. Later in the summer, we will be hosting Israeli students here in Chattanooga. We are looking for a few families to host the Israeli teens, so please call the Federation if you are interested. Donna and I still hear from Gal Kalibrakov, the Israeli teen who stayed with us for two weeks and now serves in the IDF. Trust me when I say you will build a lasting relationship.

Of course none of this would be possible without the support of all of you. And on that note, with the summer months also comes final planning for the next campaign. Campaign 2016 will kick off August 30. Many thanks to Roy Rosenfeld and Richard Zachary for again volunteering to be Campaign Co-Chairs. I am continually amazed and appreciative of the leadership in our community and the willingness to step up to the plate.

One more note about Campaign 2016: the Cabinet and Executive committee have decided to move the Major Gifts level from \$3000 to \$3600 by Campaign 2017. We will be asking those not at that level yet to reach it in two years. I hope you will join us at Major Gifts this year, chaired by Lauren Lebovitz, who is also joining us on the Federation executive committee. Her knowledge, wisdom and commitment to Federation will be an important addition to our already great group of leaders.

Lastly, I want to take a minute to wish the very best to Carolyn Sherman, who has retired from the front desk at the Federation. Her always happy voice on the phone and great smile when you came in to the building will be missed. Her organizational skills and work ethic was greatly appreciated. And to Michael Dzik and Paula Londe, who will marry June 7, I wish you happiness and health.

Have a great next few months. There will be anything but summer doldrums!



Jewish Federation says goodbye to Carolyn Sherman (front, 3rd from left).



The Future is Now

by Michael Dzik
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We all need time for reflection now and then. Many people do this around Rosh HaShanah or Yom Kippur. Many people will also re-evaluate their lives when there are life-changing events – a birth, death, divorce, marriage – or even when we pass certain milestones, like graduating high school or college, having a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, getting a job promotion or making a career change. All of these and many more are opportunities to look at who we are and what our goals are, immediate and for the future.

I did some research and reflection recently on our Jewish community regarding our annual campaign. The results were quite amazing, not just in the growth of giving amount over the past 10 years but also in *how* our donors are giving. For example, we have more major donors today than 10 years ago. We also have an incredible number of donors who have been giving for over 25 years. The commitment and support from our community is strong. And as our community has evolved, I have also seen an influx of new donors, who are equally committed to and equally invested in our Jewish community. Our Young Jewish Leadership group, for example, participates fully in campaign as well as in many leadership positions.

I feel that this commitment goes hand in hand with passion. You understand the needs and you step forward year after year. For this I say, "Thank You!"

Our Federation and our Jewish community was here for many years before all of us were, and with your continued passion and commitment, will be here long after we, our children and even our grandchildren are gone. Which is where we need to turn our passion and commitment into real action through estate planning. Many of you have already made these plans (thank you; see page 3). Others might be in the process while some of you may not have even consid-

ered leaving a legacy gift to your Jewish community.

Fifteen years ago I created my first will. Ten years ago I purchased a life insurance policy to increase my charitable giving when I die. Last year I increased this life insurance policy to \$150,000 dollars. This money will eventually go to the Federation, congregations, Hadassah, AIPAC, ADL and Camp Ramah – Jewish organizations that are special to me and ones that I already support during my lifetime. As our personal life changes in just a few short days with marriage, Paula and I have discussed the merging of our households and finances in great detail. Do we have shared goals? What Jewish causes can we both support? What example do we want to set for others?

My goal is to meet face-to-face with every donor to the Federation – a lofty goal for sure, but one that is achievable over time. I've met with 15-20 people over the last two months; we've had conversations about what they want in the Federation of the future. Building our endowment is the number one priority; we must insure that our Federation can support the needs of the community, whatever they are, down the road. Additionally, we can look at the support of specific programs/services. For example, maybe someone wants to specifically insure that we always have van transportation services. They want to "endow" this program by leaving \$500,000. The interest from this gift could insure this program is supported in perpetuity.

The time and future is now. Help me plant the seeds of tomorrow today. I look forward to many conversations over this summer and in the years to come. Have a wonderful summer.



Jewish Federation
Annual Meeting
Thursday, August 20
6 p.m.
Jewish Cultural Center

ENDOWMENTS

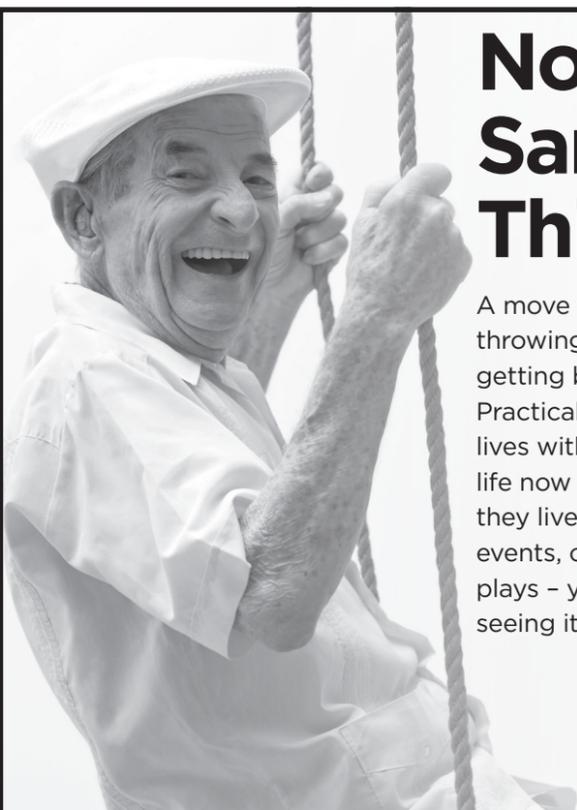


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Summer "Vacation" Means a Potpourri of Activities

by Ann Treadwell, Program Director
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I have been living my life on a school year calendar. Ever since Jacob started kindergarten my life has revolved around years which "ended" in May. My work vacations corresponded to his school vacations. I thought when he went to college that would change, but it was just altered slightly, as I learned to schedule my work vacations with his visits home. When he graduated from college and entered the adult world of work, I thought I would at last join the rest of the world and schedule my time according to the calendar year. But no. Because now Jacob works for the school system, which means once again, our schedules are dictated by the academic year.

I give up! I accept that the conclusion of my "work year" will always be in May. As part of this year's conclusion, I'm evaluating what went well over the past 12 months, what didn't go as well, and what changes I should consider as we navigate through the summer into the next year. I hear some voices saying to do fewer programs, but not saying which programs to cut. Some voices are saying we should keep up the programs and diversity. And some are saying they want more programs, particularly for 40-65 year-olds. I hear a few voices saying our programming focuses too much on Israel, and a few saying we need to encourage more interaction with Israel. What does YOUR voice say? Let me hear it.

For the upcoming summer I have planned a potpourri of events. We will be bringing back favorites like the First Amendment Dinner, this year with Morris Dees (see front page). The annual Independence Day Party will have us dancing to the tunes of Deacon Bluz. And Philanthropy Camp will engage about 60 children from rising first grade through high school. Back by popular demand will be Tuesday Cafe, informal lunches for people of all ages.

If you have not already visited the Jewish Geography exhibit, and you contributed your family information, I urge you to do so. Not only will you be able to see where people in the Chattanooga community have come from, it will provide future resource information for the Chattanooga Jewish Archives. The members of the Archives Committee have been working diligently to digitally record the oral histories of people throughout the community. Be a part. Tell your story.

Summer will start off quietly. Noa Hadad, our shlichah, will be in Israel for the month of June. Israel won't be forgotten here, however, because with the help of Robert and Pris Siskin, the Annual AIPAC dinner will take place on June 23rd. In July, Raoul Molnar, our 2011-2012 shaliach, will be back for an almost three-week visit. He will take us for a hike, talk about Jewish Peoplehood, and tell us stories about his life in the four years since leaving Chattanooga.

Before you know it, it will be August and our year will have started again. We will be mounting a light-hearted exhibit called BARK, we'll enjoy a comedian at our annual Campaign Kick-off event, and we will feast on Deli Day. I bet there will also be a few surprises in the mix!



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.

Law and Order Dinner

Thursday, June 11 @ 6p.m. \$12. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or 493-0270 ext. 10.

Noon Nosh/Tuesday Cafe with Valerie Radu, Director of Family Justice Center

Tuesday, June 16 @ 12 PM. \$10. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or 493-0270 ext. 10

Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, June 22 @ 6pm

The U.S. and Africa: The rise and fall of Obama-mania
How can U.S. policy live up to its promise and values while securing its interests in the region? \$10/person. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or 493-0270 ext. 10

AIPAC (See page 10 for details)

Tuesday, June 23 @ 6p.m.



June 2

Salmon
Corn
Green beans
Lemon pound cake

June 9

Pasta with meat or marinara sauce
Really good Siskin Salad
Garlic bread

June 16

Brisket
Dinner rolls
Mashed potatoes
Green beans
Coffee cake

June 23

Roasted chicken with dried fruit and almonds
Roasted garlic zucchini and tomatoes
Corn
Fruit parfait

June 30

Hamburgers
French fries
Cole slaw
Strawberry cake with Cool Whip

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Independence Day Party

Friday, July 3 @ 11:30 a.m. See front page for details.

Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or 493-0270 ext. 10

Jewish Law Dinner and Panel

Thursday, July 9 @ 6p.m. Rabbis Tendler, Tepper, & Perlstein.

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Hiking with Raoul Molnar

Sunday, July 12 @ 4p.m. No cost to attend. Contact Noa Hadad for more information Israel@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270, ext. 31

Jewish Peoplehood Lunch with Raoul Molnar

Thursday, July 16 @ 12p.m. \$10. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or 493-0270 ext. 10

First Amendment Dinner

Tuesday, July 14 @ 6p.m. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or 493-0270 ext. 10. See front page for details.

Noon Nosh/Tuesday Cafe with Law and Order

Tuesday, July 21 @ 12p.m. See menu, right. \$10. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or 493-0270 ext. 10

Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam. See page 9 for details.

Monday, July 27-31

Tuesday Cafe/Community Lunch with Philanthropy Camp

Tuesday, July 28 at 11:30 p.m. See menu, right. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or 493-0270, ext. 10. No cost to attend.

Tuesday

Café



July 7

Tilapia

Couscous salad

Summer vegetable mix

Punch bowl cake

July 21

Salmon

Rice Pilaf

Zucchini tomato garlic medley

Lemon pound cake

July 28 – Community Lunch with Philanthropy Camp

Pasta noodles

Meatless and meat spaghetti sauce

Garlic bread

Salad

Brownies

August

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

Deli Day/Tuesday Cafe

Tuesday, August 4 @ 12p.m. See menu, right. \$12. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or 493-0270, ext. 10

Presidents and Professionals

Tuesday, August 11 @ 4p.m.

“BARK” Exhibit Reception

Thursday, August 13 @ 5:30 p.m. No RSVP.

Interfaith Panel

Monday, August 17. Place TBA. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or 493-0270 ext. 10

Noon Nosh/Tuesday Cafe Topic TBA

Tuesday, August 18 @ 12 p.m. \$10. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or 493-0270, ext. 10

Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, June 22 @ 6p.m. 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. \$10/person. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or 493-0270 ext. 10.

2016 Campaign Kickoff

Sunday, August 30 @ 6 p.m. Includes appetizers, desserts, and laughter with Tim Ryan. No cost to attend. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or 493-0270 ext. 10.

Tuesday

Café



August 4

Deli Day

August 11

BBQ beef

Baked beans

Cole slaw

Pecan pie

August 18 Noon Nosh

Oven fried Chicken

Rolls

Salad

Mashed potatoes

Peas

Lemon Cake

August 25

Meat loaf

Red skin potatoes

Brussel sprouts

Fresh fruit cup

FEDERATION SHLICHA (AND SHALIACH!)



There's No Place Like Home... Except my Second Home

by Noa Hadad, Federation Shlichah
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Being a shaliach in a Jewish community in the United States is definitely rewarding, but it's not an easy job. It takes a lot of energy and effort. It especially makes you think about who you are as a Jewish person, as an

Israeli, and even as a simple human being in a different culture. I think it's the best therapy I will ever get.

Since I've been here, I've noticed that I am connecting more and more with my Jewish identity. I'm becoming prouder of being Israeli than I already was.

I love discussions about Israel and about our Jewish nation. I believe that my job is making a small change in the way people think and feel about Israel. Even if it's the smallest change, I'm happy, because that means I'm doing my job well.

I struggled with deciding whether or not to stay a second year. It's so hard to be in a foreign country and culture. I don't have family or friends from home, and I always feel like I'm missing out on things in Israel. I'm missing my friend's wedding, my niece's birth, my grandmother's funeral, holidays and even just small, simple things like going out on Friday afternoon for a beer with my friends, or having a Friday dinner with my family. I don't think it will get any easier.

On the other hand, I have to say that I love our amazing Chattanooga community; we are so small but so very mighty! I feel like we are one big family. We all have our own opinions but we are still together and united. We have a very active community. A lot of the people from the Jewish community really care about what is going on in Israel, they want to learn more, and learn how they can help. There is always someone who will be here for you, as a Jew. You are never alone – and I

think that's one of our biggest benefits.

And I love Chattanooga as a city. It actually feels like a village. We have a lot of nature and green spaces, beautiful views, warm and friendly people, and that really funny accent that goes along with interesting sayings (like "bless your heart"). I really feel like Chattanooga has become my second home. I LOVE IT! I want to thank each of you for everything you've done for me. You've made me feel part of the community, getting together with me, coming for programs, asking questions, helping with any ideas I have, and always giving me a smile. It means so much to me.

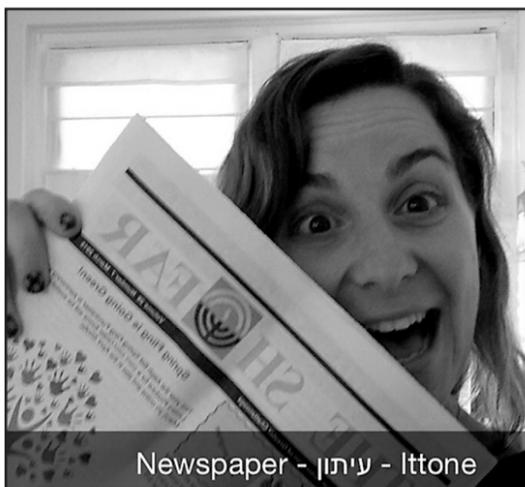
After thinking about everything, I've decided to stay a second year. YES! I'm coming back for more! You will have to be nice to me for another whole year! As a community social worker, I believe that if you want to make a difference you have to go through a process. You can't change things overnight. But if you believe in what you're doing, you can make it happen. I have already seen how wonderful it is when we work together as a one big, united community. I do believe that as a Jewish community, we can do amazing things!

So I'm going to refresh my energy in Israel. I will be there for the month of June, so you will have a little quiet time away from me. I will visit my family, hang out with my friends, get my diploma, celebrate two of my best friends' weddings, dive, hike and just enjoy being HOME. Israel will always be my home.

Thank y'all for a wonderful year! I could never ask for a better community! Chattanooga is my second HOME, and you are my FAMILY. Bless your hearts. . .

I love y'all!

Learning Hebrew with Noa



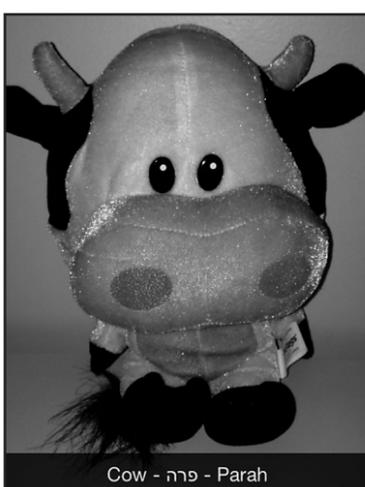
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Cow - פרה - Parah



Bottle of water - בקבוק מים - Bakbook Ma'eim

2011-2012 Federation Shaliach Raoul Molnar Brings Programs to JCC in July



We are excited to welcome 2011-2012 Federation shaliach Raoul Molnar back to Chattanooga this July! We hope you'll reach out to him during his visit between July 1 and July 19, and join us for one or more of his programs. In addition to his special programming, he will be at the Independence Day party at the JCC on Friday, July 3, and at the First Amendment Dinner Tuesday, July 14. Don't miss his visit!

Special Programming with Raoul Molnar

Sunday, July 12th @ 4 p.m.

Hiking with Raoul and Noa

Sunday July 12th @ 7:30 p.m.

YJL outing

Thursday, July 16 @ 12 p.m.

Lunch and Learn with Raoul:

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22 Iyyar 5775
May 11, 2015

Noa Hadad
Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga
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Dear Noa, *נאוה היקרה,*

Thank you for coordinating and hosting last month's Noon Nosh with special guest, Avichai Peretz, bereaved brother of fallen Israeli soldiers Uriel and Eliraz, z"l.

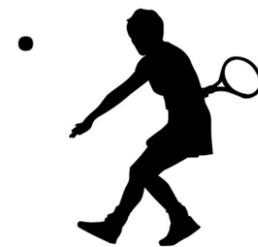
Yom Hazikaron, the Day of Remembrance for Israeli Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terror, is one of the most important and meaningful holidays of the Israeli calendar. It gives us an opportunity to remember those who have paid the ultimate price in defense of the country, and serves as a special time for both Israelis and others alike to pause to reflect upon the many years of sacrifice and triumph that have built the great nation that exists today, 67 years later.

Though I was unable to attend the event, I understand there was great turnout and Avichai's story really resonated with the attendees. Your hospitality and organization made it a special event, and we thank you for your hard work to commemorate such an important observance.

It is always a pleasure to work with the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, and I look forward to future opportunities for us to join together in support of Israel and the Jewish people.

Sincerely,

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PJ LIBRARY IS A JEWISH FAMILY ENGAGEMENT program implemented on a local level throughout North America. Participants receive high-quality Jewish children's literature on a monthly basis. Families raising Jewish children from age six months of age eight years (depending on the community) are encouraged to enroll at www.pjlibrary.org. PJ Library in Chattanooga is sponsored through the generosity of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, Aleph Bet Children's Center, and Diagnostic Pathology Services, P.C.

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SOCIAL SERVICES



A Mother's Day Gift of Words

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

I am writing this on Mother's Day. The house is quiet and I am sitting in the living room listening to the birds singing outside the window. My girls are still sleeping, and while I am sure they will come downstairs soon and bring me a gift and cards, what I will really remember as I recall this year's Mother's Day is a cherished gift that will forever be in my heart. Something that wasn't purchased.

Last week as I was getting ready for bed my eldest daughter Amanda came in and said she wanted to thank me. I said, "You're welcome. Now what are you thanking me for?"

Amanda has recently come home from a wonderful year in Israel working as a research assistant at Hebrew University and is actively looking for a job that will help her put some money in the bank to help fund her next adventure: graduate school in London, England.

She proceeded to tell me about her day of job hunting. For those of you who haven't looked for a job in a long time, the world of job hunting really has changed. You put your resume on a computer data base, and apply for jobs at companies that don't disclose their names and that you'll probably never hear back from. It seems like an exercise in futility to a new college graduate who has been told she has too much and not enough experience all in the same day.

You may be wondering what this has to do with my true Mother's Day gift. Well, that day Amanda had attended a community job fair where there were tables and tables of potential employers. Most were not a good fit for her, and so she was feeling somewhat glum, when a woman called out from one of the booths. It turns out she had accompanied us on the Hill the day we'd gone to advocate for Alzheimer's research. Amanda re-introduced herself as "Amy Boulware's daughter" and told her what kind of job she was looking for. While the woman did not have a job for Amanda, she recommended that she come to another event where she could introduce her to more potential employers. She told Amanda that because she was my daughter, she would do everything she could to help her find a job.

At that second event Amanda met lots of people working with elders in our community, and all of them mentioned how much they respect me and the work I do. The same day she went to talk with a local jeweler who had mentioned to me that he was looking for some part time help. She had no sooner introduced herself as my daughter than the owner hired her.

After Amanda told me thank-you that evening, she continued with words that will forever warm my heart. She said, "Mom, thank you for being you. I am always proud of everything you do and the person you are. Our family knows what you are like as a mom, a wife, a sister, a daughter and a granddaughter because we live with you every day, but when people out in the community embrace me just because I'm your daughter, I am profoundly touched. You live your life with integrity, kindness and love, and there is nothing that makes me prouder than to call you my mom."

There are no tangible gifts in the world that could top that!

Don't Forget About Mitzvah Meals!

- Weekly kosher meals are prepared in the Federation kitchen.
- Meals must be ordered through either Amy Boulware or Alice Morgan
- Meals are delivered on Thursdays
- All menus to be determined by Alice Morgan.
- We have suggested cost but if clients are unable to pay that fee there is a sliding scale.
- \$ 7 per meal
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HELP WANTED

Van Driver

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REQUIREMENTS:

Must be rising 10, 11, or 12th grader, up to 18 years old.

Camp Dates: July 27 – July 31, 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily (you must be available every day, all day).

Compulsory Training Sessions: Wed. & Thursday, July 22 & 23; Friday, 4-8 p.m. (meals included) and July 24, 10-2p.m. (lunch included)

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Both camps run July 27-July 31, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation
and at the Chattanooga First Church of the Nazarene.

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(\$100 for each additional sibling)

Registration WITH PAYMENT must be received to hold your spot.

For registration and information, contact
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Enroll Now for Camp Tikkun Olam

A camp for rising 7th through rising 9th graders



Each day, campers will do hands-on service at a different local non-profit organization and have fun learning about each of those organizations. On Friday, the group will give a presentation to Philanthropy Camp.

Call today! Space in both camps is limited!

FEDERATION NEWS

Comedian Tom Ryan to Perform at Campaign Kickoff Sunday, August 30 at 6p.m.



“Comedy comes from the most unexpected sources,” says Tom Ryan. Throughout his very funny act, Tom intersperses topical material with date and audience-specific jokes, along with his prepared litany of jokes, stories and humorous observations. He interacts with and teases audience members, finding humor in the most ordinary things, including Morton salt, baking soda, rotary phones, car dash warning lights, and the transition from being cool by saying “man” to being cool by saying “dude”. He also skillfully incorporates sound effects, including phone tones and

car alarms.

With more than 20 years of stand-up performance and comedic writing experience under his belt, Tom deftly blends the old and new, and improvises throughout his set. Ryan has toured with the likes of Jerry Seinfeld, Dennis Miller, Brian Regan, B.B. King, Aretha Franklin, and many other showbiz greats, and has had multiple appearances on Late Night with David Letterman. *No cost to attend but PLEASE Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10.*

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What Is the True Meaning of Tzedakah? A Riddle for the Ages

Two women pass a person in need on the street. They have the exact same income and expenses. The first weeps at the suffering of the person in need and gives him \$5 out of the goodness of her heart. The second notices but rushes past. Later in the day, however, she feels compelled, because of her religious beliefs, to return and give the beggar \$100. Who is the more truly charitable person?

Tzedakah is sometimes defined as “charity”, but as Jews, we know tzedakah to be much more than that. As Jews we believe charity is our obligation – a righteous obligation. We see tzedakah as similar to paying our taxes. We pay taxes, however begrudgingly, because it is the right thing to do as a United States citizen, for society. Taxes are not discretionary. Similarly, neither is tzedakah. It is our obligation to take care of other Jews, our duty. It’s part of our Judaism to lead a good life, which means in part to act justly and to care for those in need. We just do it!

What we give is not so much for our own enjoyment (although it does feel good to help others!) but to sustain and improve the world for the current as well as future generations. It’s not a choice, but a requirement, to make our entire community a better place for everyone. Jewish philanthropy is both faith-based giving AND “peoplehood” giving. We have a long history of persecution which leads us to ask ourselves, “If we don’t take care of each other, who will?”

So let’s return to the story about the two women and the beggar. Who is the more truly charitable person, the one who gave \$5 out of emotional impulse or the one who gave \$100 out of obligation? If you chose the first person, here’s a follow up question: Would your answer be different if you were the person in need?

There are of course no right or wrong answers. How do you, as a Jew, define the meaning of tzedakah?



AIPAC Brings Carmiel Arbit to Chattanooga to Speak June 23

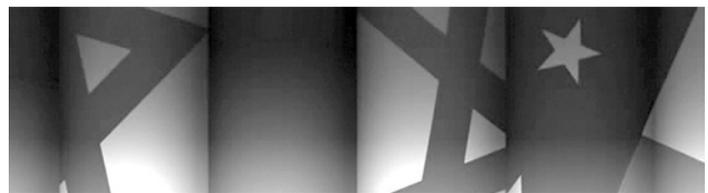


Carmiel Arbit is the Assistant Director of Policy and Government Affairs at AIPAC, where she focuses on U.S. policy on the Middle East. She previously worked at the Brookings Institution’s Saban Center for Middle East Policy. A co-founder of Key Bridge Strategies, Carmiel has consulted for USAID and State Department-sponsored programs in Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Sudan and Sri Lanka. Prior to

that, she worked in the American Jewish Committee’s Office of Government and International Affairs as the Project Manager for the Arabian Peninsula and Levant.

Carmiel has worked as a Global Government Affairs Specialist for Thomson Reuters and spent three years with political consultant and media strategist Mark Penn, at Penn Schoen Berland in Washington, DC. She earned her B.A. from George Washington University and her M.S. from Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service. In 2013, she was listed as a top Washington influencer in Diplomatic Courier’s Top 99 Under 33 Foreign Policy Leaders. She is a Truman National Security Fellow.

Carmiel will speak at the AIPAC Annual Dinner at the Jewish Cultural Center June 23. See box, right, for details.



AIPAC SOUTHEAST REGION PRESENTS

(American Israel Public Affairs Committee)

Annual Dinner

Tuesday, June 23, Jewish Cultural Center

6:00 p.m. ~ Buffet Dinner

7:15 p.m. ~ Community Briefing

Featured Speaker Carmiel Arbit

AIPAC Assistant Director of Policy and Government Affairs

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COMMUNITY LIFECYCLES

Mazel Tov

...to Max Poppel and Dan Rose, whose Flying Squirrel restaurant and bar has been selected as a finalist by the Los Angeles chapter of the American Institute of Architects as one of the best-designed cafes and bars in the U.S.

...Eddie and Gwen Richelson and Miriam Richelson on the birth of their grandchild/great grandchild Evelyn Davis Story, on May 5.

Condolences

We mourn the passing of the following beloved friends and family:

--Arnold Balser, father of Dr. Jeff Balser, on April 26, in Atlanta.

--Jacob "Jack" Kaset, brother of Marcia, Elaine and Leon, on May 12, in Nashville.

--Murray Porter, beloved father of Carol Kurtz, beloved father of Carol Kurtz, Ellen Freedman, and Joan Blumenfeld, on May 18, in Atlanta.

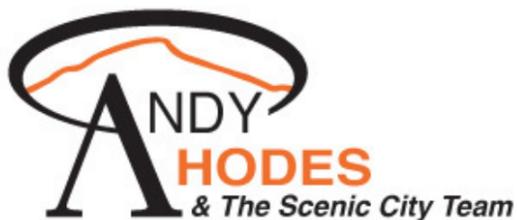
--William J. Reingold, father/father-in-law of Dana and Richard Waxler, grandfather/grandfather-in-law of Rachael Waxler Ruiz and Oscar Ruiz.

--Anne Reingold Richelson, mother/mother-in-law of Alan Richelson and Lynn Howard, beloved wife, sister, sister-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother, on May 9.

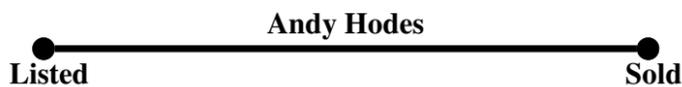
Although the Shofar deadline is the 8th of the month, mazel tovs and condolences are accepted at any time. Please contact Dana Shavin at 493-0270, ext. 12 or dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com

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In appreciation of

Amy Boulware (Charlotte Jacobson; Fuzzy Spector)
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To make a tribute, please contact the Federation at 493-0270, ext. 10 or federation@jewishchattanooga.com. Tributes of any amount are payable in cash, by check (to JFGC), or by MC, Visa, Discover, or Amex.

When you make a tribute, you may designate who receives a card acknowledging your tribute, and you will also receive a written record of your donation. Tributes made after *The Shofar* goes to press will appear the following month. You may choose to make a tribute anonymously.



The Jewish Federation and community welcomes:

--**Rebeca Mejias** moved to Chattanooga from St. Petersburg, Florida. She works at Unum Provident and is affiliated with B'nai Zion synagogue.

-- **Milton Spitzbart and Evelyn Dressler.** Milton, an antiques dealer, and Evelyn, a nurse, moved to Chattanooga from Brooklyn, NY. Milton has two daughters, Ellie and Hannah, and Evelyn has two daughters, Rebecca and Rachel.

--**Randi and Jeff Weiss and their children Aaron and Brandon.** The Weisses moved to Chattanooga from Pittsburgh. Randi is a physical therapist and Jeff is Director of Operations at Kindred Rehabilitation Services. They attend B'nai Zion synagogue.

-**Marilyn Goler and Warren Posternack** moved to Chattanooga from Chicago.

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FEDERATION PROGRAMS

“Faith in Chattanooga” Interfaith Panel, May 4, JCC

On May 4, five representatives of different faiths met on a panel at the Jewish Cultural Center to discuss what it’s like to live, work, and raise children of varying faiths in Chattanooga. The event drew over 70 people, also of varying faiths. Each panelist took five minutes to introduce him/herself and to talk about living in Chattanooga as a member of their faith. The second half of the program concentrated on questions from the audience. Charles Neal, Minister Emeritus at First-Centenary United Methodist Church, was the moderator. Representing the five faiths were (below, clockwise) Jewish Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik, Judaism; Sudha Srinivasan; Hinduism; Nur Sisworahardjo, Islamic; Brandon R. Jones, Atheism; David Cook, Christianity. Charles Neal, moderator, is bottom row, second from left. The series will continue throughout the year at various locations.



ADL’s Burdett Delivers Impassioned Message at Noon Nosh May 12

Stacy Burdett, Director of Government and National Affairs Anti-Defamation League, spoke at a Noon Nosh luncheon co-sponsored by the Federation and ADL. Burdett discussed strategies for countering anti-Semitism and hate crimes.



Amy Oppenheimer an Eloquent Speaker at Noon Nosh May 19

Amy Oppenheimer, creator and director of the film *Faces of Israel*, spoke at Noon Nosh at the JCC May 19th. *Faces of Israel* was created as a discussion piece for communities to explore the nature of the Jewish state and questions of Jewish identity.

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