

CHABAD OF CHATTANOOGA



Chabad
of Chattanooga

Rabbi Shaul Perlstein

from the Chabad.org website



The two brothers, the famed Rabbi Elimelech of Lizensk and Rabbi Zushe of Anipoli, often wandered about together, posing as simple beggars. They would mingle with the masses, listening, teaching, speaking, helping and guiding whomever and whenever they could. Once, while they were traveling with a group of vagabonds, members of the group were accused of being thieves, resulting in the entire bunch being thrown into jail. Confident of their innocence and eventual release, the two brothers sat quietly. As the afternoon progressed, Rabbi Elimelech stood up to prepare himself to pray the afternoon service.

“What are you doing?” his brother asked.

“I’m getting ready for minchah,” replied Rabbi Elimelech.

“Dear brother,” advised Rabbi Zushe, “it is forbidden to pray in this cell, because there is a pail that serves as a toilet nearby, making the room unfit for prayer.”

Dejected, the holy Rabbi Elimelech sat down. Soon after, Rabbi Elimelech began to cry. “Why are you crying?” said Rabbi Zushe. “Is it because you are unable to pray?” Rebb Elimelech answered affirmatively.

“But why weep?” continued Rabbi Zushe. “Don’t you know that the same G d who commanded you to pray, also commanded you not to pray when the room is unfit for prayer? By not praying in this room, you have achieved a connection with G d. True, it is not the connection that you had sought. Yet, if you truly want the divine connection, you would be happy that G d has afforded you the opportunity to obey His law at this time, no matter what it is.”

“You are right, my brother!” exclaimed Rabbi Elimelech, suddenly smiling. The feelings of dejection banished from his heart and mind, Rabbi Elimelech took his brother’s arm and began to dance from joy as a result of performing the mitzvah of not praying in an inappropriate place.

The guards heard the commotion and came running. Witnessing the two brothers dancing—with their long beards and flowing tzitzit—the guards asked the other prisoners what had happened.

“We have no idea!” they answered, mystified. “Those two Jews were discussing the pail in the corner, when all of a sudden they came to some happy conclusion and began to dance.”

“Is that right?” sneered the guards. “They’re happy because of the pail, are they? We’ll show them!” They promptly removed the pail from the cell. The holy brothers then prayed minchah undisturbed . . .

Hebrew School Days



Mini Chefs: March 20
3:30-5 pm. At Chabad
Calling children ages 0-8 to showcase your talents in the kitchen. Join us for an afternoon of fun baking hamantashen. You are sure to walk out with a trophy of your own.

Jewish Womens Circle 6th Annual Hamantash Bake with Gayle Roistacher

Sunday, March 6 @ 7 p.m.

Roll up your sleeves, bake, and bring home a variety of delicious samples in new and classic flavors.

Learn the basic story of Purim, its deeper dimensions, and its life lessons.

Enjoy a delicious Purim buffet!

The New Chabad Center for Jewish Life and Learning: A Photo Update



Finishing the stage in the shul



Electricians wiring for new lights

This is just some of the progress over the last couple of months. We are getting close to completion!

BS'D

Purim Under the Sea

Join the Chattanooga Jewish Community for a Purim "Under the Sea" extravaganza!

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Fun for all ages

- Megilla reading
- Make your own Sushi
- Sea theme crafts and games
- Masquerade in Sea attire
- Extra raffle for costumes

HADASSAH NEWS



Hadassah Happenings

by Cathryn Cohen
Chapter Reporter



Thank you Karen Hinkes for opening her home to Hadassah and hosting, "In the Kitchen with Noa." Thank you to Noa Hadad, our fabulous Israeli shlichah, for holding her cooking event on February 28 and teaching us her secrets for turning out yummy challah and rugelach and downing them with her famous Israeli coffee.

Beginning in December, Hadassah celebrated Jewish National Fund (JNF) Tu B'Shevat during Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School (CJCRS) at Mizpah Congregation. Tu B'Shevat is Israel's Arbor Day. JNF Blue Boxes had been distributed to all CJCRS students in December so that they could decorate the coin boxes and donate "gelt" for trees to be planted in Israel in January and February. The Best Decorated Boxes and Most Generous Donors received special recognition. Sunday school parents and faculty members purchased many JNF Tree and Water Certificates at \$18 each.

These Certificates help fund reforestation projects and the building of dams, reservoirs and water reclamation centers in Israel. Thank you again to CJCRS Co-Directors Jackie Rosenfield and Paula Israel for their creativity and enthusiasm for this very special program. JNF Certificates are a wonderful way of honoring life cycle events such as milestone birthdays or anniversaries. Tree or Water Certificates are \$18 each. Contact Millie Lander for information.

Commitment to Hadassah by purchasing Life Memberships, Annual Memberships, Associate Memberships and beautiful jewelry is always appreciated. In 2016, Hadassah annual members may upgrade to Life Membership before their annual membership expires at a reduced enrollment fee of \$180. For more information, contact Barbara Oxenhandler. Membership in Hadassah is the perfect gift that fits every occasion.

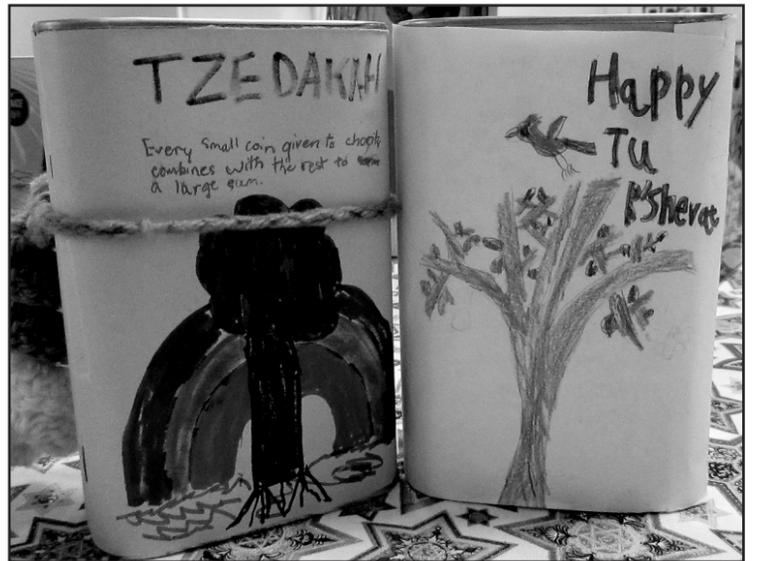
The newest Hadassah jewelry features a heart necklace, priced at \$100, which supports the new addition to Hadassah Hospital. Three styles of bracelets at \$25 each support Young Judea scholarships. The jewelry is available through Millie Lander. For all lifecycle events, think of purchasing cards through Paula Israel.

Save the Dates: Hadassah National just announced that their 2016 National Convention will be held in Atlanta July 25-28. Members can attend for one or all three days. More information will be available later this spring.

Supporting Hadassah means putting our Jewish values into action: Advocacy, Health and Well-being; Building community in Israel and the United States.



Student supporter of JNF with Sandy Tabakin and Millie Lander



Best decorated JNF Blue Boxes



Religious School Co-Directors (l-r) Paula Israel and Jackie Rosenfeld, with Sandy Tabakin



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Jewish Federation Mission Statement

The Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga builds and fosters a strong unified Jewish community and strives to ensure its well-being and continuity locally, in Israel, and throughout the world.

Jewish Cultural Center Statement of Purpose

The Jewish Cultural Center, funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, is a venue for programs, classes, and exhibits; social services; and a preschool—all rooted in Jewish values. The facility enables the Jewish community to raise its visibility, foster relationships, and strengthen its identity in the Chattanooga area.

Shofar Policies and Procedures

Article/Advertising Deadline

The deadline for *Shofar* articles, announcements, photos and advertising is the 8th of the preceding month. Submit articles via email to *Shofar* editor Dana Shavin at dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com. Photos should be e-mailed as high resolution (300 dpi) jpeg files. Hard copies of photos will be returned once they are scanned and the issue has gone to press.

The Shofar calendar

The Federation maintains an online calendar for the community that includes congregational events, social activities, special services and celebrations. Contact Courtney McKenzie at the Federation (493-0270, ext. 10; federation@jewishchattanooga.com) before scheduling your event and/or to add your date to the calendar. View the online calendar by visiting www.jewishchattanooga.com and clicking the calendar tab.

Only Jewish Federation and Federation-sponsored events are listed on the *Shofar* calendar, which appears on the inside back page of each issue.

Letters to the Editor

It is the policy of *The Shofar* to encourage letters to the editor. For a letter to be published, it must be signed. The writer's name will be printed. Letters may be edited for length and are selected for publication at the discretion of the editor. Letters should be no more than 200 words.

Mazel Tovs and Condolences

Please contact Dana Shavin (or dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270, ext. 12) with information regarding mazel tovs and condolences. Whenever possible, dates of death will be printed. These announcements are accepted until the 20th of the month.

Articles about upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and other special events are featured on the Community Lifecycles page. Text and photo must be provided in accordance with *Shofar* deadline on the 8th of the month preceding the issue.

Corrections

Please contact *Shofar* editor Dana Shavin if you find an error in *The Shofar*. We aim for accuracy.

Community Directory Updates

If you have updates/corrections to the community directory, please contact the Federation at federation@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270, ext. 10. You can also make corrections at our website, jewishchattanooga.com.

March 2016 Adar I/Adar II 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	1 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	2	3	4 Candle Lighting 6:22	5 Candle Lighting 7:18
6 CJCRS	7	8 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC YESOD 5:30 pm JCC	9 Friends of the IDF	10	11 DRESSED Exhibit closes at 4pm Candle Lighting 6:28	12 YJL Film Event Candle Lighting 7:24
13 CJCRS	14	15 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC YESOD 5:30 pm JCC	16 Film Series Sponsor Event <i>In Search of Israeli Cuisine</i> 6pm, JCC	17	18 Candle Lighting 7:34	19 Candle Lighting 8:30
20 CJCRS	21	22 Noon Nosh Social Security Program JCC YESOD 5:30 pm JCC	23	24 Purim 	25 Candle Lighting 7:39	26 YJL Purim Party Candle Lighting 8:36
27 CJCRS	28 Foreign Policy Supper Club 6pm, JCC	29 Tuesday Cafe JCC YESOD 5:30 pm JCC	30 Screening of <i>Labyrinth of Lies</i> 7pm, JCC	31	1 Candle Lighting 7:45	2 Candle Lighting 8:42

For an up-to-the-minute version of a calendar that displays events for all Jewish community organizations, click the **Community Calendar** tab on the homepage of www.jewishchattanooga.com. The Shofar calendar lists only Jewish Federation and Federation-sponsored events.

Key Jewish Federation Dates

Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 29
Tuesday Cafe
Tuesday, March 8, 15, 22, 29
YESOD Leadership
Wednesday, March 9
Friends of the IDF
Wednesday, March 16
Film Series Sponsor Event
Tuesday, March 22
Noon Nosh with SS Administration
Wednesday, March 30
Screening of *Labyrinth of Lies*

The Shofar is online at the Federation website.
Go to Jewishchattanooga.com/Shofar

The online Community Calendar is current.

Calendar Abbreviation Key

Aleph Bet Aleph Bet Children's Center
CJCRS Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School
JCC Jewish Cultural Center
YJL Jewish Federation Young Jewish Leadership
P2G Partnership 2Gether

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