

# THE SHOFAAR

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## Community Candle Lighting at the JCC



The community is invited to a Chanukah candle lighting Tuesday, December 27 at 5:30 p.m. Bring your chanukiah and join in the celebration with latkes and sufganiyot (doughnuts)! Cost is \$5 per person, \$18 for a family of four. Rsvp to 493-0270 or [rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com). You can even pay right on the website. Go to <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com> and click on RSVP.

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## Tuesday Cafe to Benefit Area Charities of Greater Chattanooga

On Tuesday, December 20, the Chattanooga Jewish Federation along with Hadasah ask that you bring nonperishable food items and toiletries of any size to donate to the Chattanooga Area Food Bank and the Ronald McDonald House. For more information about what items are appropriate and desired for the Food Bank, visit their website at [chattfoodbank.org](http://chattfoodbank.org).

Lunch will be served at noon. Cost to attend is \$10; please [RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270.



## Federation and Community Members Attend General Assembly in Washington, DC



Federation and community members present at the General Assembly in Washington, DC this past month included Federation Board Chair Lee Bruner, Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik, JFNA Board of Trustee members Alison Lebovitz and Andy Hodes, Michael Lebovitz, 2017 Campaign Chair Austin Center, and Federation shlichah Shiran Amir. For information about what was discussed, please see Lee Bruner's article, page 2.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the GA

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## The Footprint We Make

by Austin Center  
2017 Campaign Chair

A little over 3 months ago, our Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga kicked off our 2017 Annual Campaign. As my first year as Campaign Chair, faced with the daunting task of raising money, the pressure was on! In a city like Chattanooga, with approximately 1500 Jews, why should I worry? After all, there are not any other cities our size, where a small Jewish Community has a greater impact

and makes a larger footprint.

So I wiped the sweat from my brow, hitched up my pants, and got to work. I knew there was no way to do this by myself, so I started to make calls and ask for help with the campaign. To my surprise, everyone said, "Yes of course!" It is precisely because of their passion and commitment—and yours—that in 2 months' time, our small community has already raised over a million dollars.

There are so many people in our community willing to help, to give their time and money, to give *tzedakah*. For my part, I have been able to travel to Israel to see first-hand our overseas dollars at work, so that when I ask you to give or help, I know from experience what our Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga does. We have all heard the tag line, "No gift touches more lives." But is this true? And if so, whom do our dollars help, and how?

Here in Chattanooga, our Jewish Federation's dollars have a huge impact. There is our nationally recognized Philanthropy Camp, where kids learn how giving back to others makes a positive difference in their community. Because of our donation dollars, this program was chosen to present at the General Assembly for Jewish Federations of North America this past month. Our dollars also fund our Social Services programs and services, which include Mitzvah Meals, transportation services, a Community Nurse advocate, and healthcare counseling services, to name just a few. In short, your dollars help many people, from the very young to the elderly and all ages in-between.

But the impact of your dollars doesn't stop there. With our overseas partner The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), we bring an Israel Emissary (Shaliach) to Chattanooga every year to two years, whose job it is to teach, learn, and engage our community about all things Israel. Just this past month, through our Partnership2Gether program with Hadera-Eiron, we hosted 25 young adults from that region as well as from Southeastern US communities. These young leaders pay it forward by creating programs like *See Footprint, page 9*

## FABRIC OF OUR LIVES Exhibit Coming in January



Fabric: it cloaks and reveals us. For the Federation's next exhibit, we're asking that you find a piece of fabric (clothing, cloth, quilt, table linen, challah cover—something bought, given, or made by person or machine) that in some way defines who you are. All we ask is that you write one paragraph about the piece you're submitting. And if you have a photo of the piece in action, all the better. All submissions due at Federation on or before January 6. The exhibit will run January 19 through March 10.

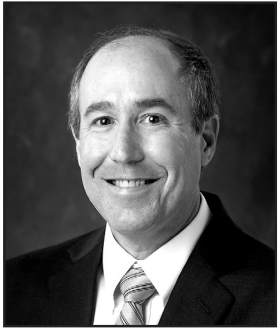
6. The exhibit will run January 19 through March 10.

## SAVE THESE DATES

January 14 Motown Night  
January 19 FABRIC OF OUR LIVES exhibit opens



# NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



## What We Talk About When We Talk About the General Assembly

*Lee Brouner, Federation Board Chair  
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I was off traveling a few days after the election to the Federation's annual General Assembly (GA) in Washington, DC. The GA is sponsored by the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), and brings together Jews (approximately 3,000 to this year's gathering) throughout the US and Canada to learn, collaborate, bond, refresh and unite. The GA attracts and recruits several prominent people to speak; this year's roster included Supreme Court Justice Ruth Ginsburg; Chuck Todd, moderator for NBC program Meet the Press; Natan Sharansky (among other accomplishments, former Soviet Union refusenik, recipient of Congressional Medal of Honor, and Chairman of Jewish Agency for Israel); and Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu (via Skype).

Our Chattanooga Federation was well represented at the GA, with Michael Lebovitz, Alison Lebovitz, Andy Hodes, Austin Center, Michael Dzik, and Federation shlichah Shiran Amir joining me. Programs sponsored by our Federation were highlighted; the opening plenary session began with a focus on our highly successful Philanthropy Camp, run by our Federation for the last 8 years. (A link to our Philanthropy Camp presentation has been posted on our Facebook page, Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga. I highly recommend that you view the presentation.)

Given the recency of the presidential election, a large portion of the GA focused on the results, the meaning, and the anticipated effect on the US and Israel. In general, the overall tone of the election moderators and presenters was cautious

concern, although there was also much "wait and see" as well. Most were not at all certain of many of Trump's views, and were unable to outline a clear vision of the future under his administration. However several of the presenters commented on the need to be cognizant of a potential uptick in anti-Semitic activity, given the views of some of Trump's more radical supporters.

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (aka 'the notorious RBG'), headlined the plenary session Monday afternoon. She told stories from her past and recounted the long history of Jews serving on the Supreme Court. Her speech concluded with a rousing ovation and a plea from the audience that she 'live a long life'!

At the final plenary session we received an update of JFNA's efforts in the continuing process to integrate the Ethiopian and Yemeni Jewish immigrants into mainstream Israeli society. We met Chemi Peres, son of long-time and recently-deceased Israeli leader Shimon Peres, who led a stirring tribute to the life and accomplishments of his father. The final presenter was Benjamin (Bibi) Netanyahu, via Skype, which consisted of a live question/answer session. This was my first opportunity to hear Netanyahu live, and I was not disappointed with his clarity and ability to communicate the current events and relationships between Israel and the U.S., U.N., Russia, and its neighbors in the Middle East.

Jewish education was also covered at the GA. I heard stories about the many successful and innovative Jewish education programs currently operating in other cities, some of similar size and demographics to Chattanooga. Hopefully we will be able to incorporate some of those programs here. Finally, I met several Federation professional and lay leaders from other cities, as well as leaders and educators from Israel. I am humbled to be associated with this fine group.

Please call or email me if you would like to discuss the activities of the GA further. And remember, next year's GA will be in Los Angeles, November 12-14. I hope to see you there.

**Happy Chanukah to you and yours!**



## Creating a Better Tomorrow Today

*Michael Dzik  
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Our Jewish community's offerings for Jewish educational opportunities are wide and vast. B'nai Zion, Mizpah and Chabad have formal weekly Hebrew schools. There is also a combined congregational Sunday school program that is funded by your Jewish Federation. Aleph Bet Children's Center meets the needs of our youngest children, ages 2-5. And there is also a long list of informal educational opportunities, including the Federation's Jew Crew for high school teens, congregational youth groups such as USY, NFTY and NCSY, and the summer Philanthropy and Tikkun Olam camps. Jewish summer excursions to Camp Ramah, Camp Coleman, and even Israel are also available to our youth.

In every healthy community it is good to review where we are, where we've been, and most importantly, to set goals for where we want to be. B'nai Zion and Mizpah leadership has asked the Federation to help convene a Jewish education conversation for our community to look at these very questions. All of the above opportunities will be discussed, with our first priority being the combined CJCRS Sunday School program.

I spoke with Robert Siskin recently about the CJCRS and how it came to be. Robert was an integral part of the conversation that eventually led to the creation of what was then called the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE). This BJE, like our CJCRS, was funded by the Federation. What was most important about this process was that every interested party was sitting at the table discussing how the Federation could create the best educational experiences for our children. The final results continue to pay dividends even today.

One of the biggest accomplishments, whether planned or not, is how the combined school brought our Chattanooga Jewish community together. Our congregational communities were much more isolated and the school, by default, introduced all of our children to each other. Meanwhile, if the children were learning together, their parents were also engaged with each other. CJCRS united the community in ways that continue to make us stronger, more cohesive, and unique. Thank you, Robert, and the many other leaders who were visionaries, who brought people to the table, and ensured a successful program.

But as the saying goes, we don't rest on our laurels. CJCRS has had many transitions over the past 20+ years. Today we are evaluating and looking to improve how the community provides Jewish education on Sundays to our children. We will be looking at curriculum, teachers, content, financial resources,

ownership, and more. Most importantly, all community members have the opportunity to provide their input – from our seasoned parents and community members to our newest of newcomers. Do you or have you had children attend CJCRS? We want to hear from you. Are you an educator (formal or informal) and want to give your input? We want to hear from you. In conjunction, the leadership of B'nai Zion, Mizpah and Chabad are convening to work together on how to provide the best Jewish education possible.

Yes, we have lots to do and many details to work out. There will probably be some disagreements, compromises, and healthy discussions along the way. However, as the leadership has already discussed, all of the partners have so much more in common than differences. Some of the common goals we've already discussed for our children include: instilling pride and a love of being Jewish; strong Jewish identity and literacy; making sure our children continue to be and learn together; inclusivity of all Jewish children; and finally, ensuring that our community thrives on Jewish unity.

Through the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA – the Federation's parent organization), we are engaging a facilitator to help us through the process. We are also looking at bringing in a Jewish educational consultant to give us some guidance on the many new educational models that people are using today. We are looking to speak with not only our rabbis, Jewish educators, and congregational/Chabad leadership, but any and all interested community members as well. We will create the best possible Jewish educational experiences by working together.

I'm excited that these conversations are happening. I'm excited about making positive changes for our youngest community members. I'm excited that our community leadership is on board and willing to have these discussions. No matter what happens or what the outcomes are, I know we will be in a better place tomorrow because of the process we are engaging in today. This is the true meaning of uniting and building a stronger Jewish community, and I'm proud that the Federation was asked to take on this role for the benefit of the entire Jewish community.





# 2017 Annual Campaign Honor Roll

## King David \$100,000+

Lebovitz Family Charitable Trust  
Charles Lebovitz

## Jerusalem \$75,000-\$99,000

Anita and Julian Saul

## Chalutzim \$50,000 - \$74,999

Michael Lebovitz

## Maccabi \$25,000 - \$49,999

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Alison Lebovitz  
Betty Lebovitz  
Lauren Lebovitz  
Helen Pregulman  
Pris Siskin  
Robert Siskin

## Kadima \$10,000 - \$17,999

Amelia Allen  
Claire Binder  
Sally and Gary Chazen  
Ernie Kresch  
Jackie and Roy Rosenfeld

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Dot and Rueben Dubrow  
Fran and Joseph Dzik  
Jan and Michael Hanan  
Colman Hochman  
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Jill and Jim Levine  
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Barbie and Steve Potts  
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Karen Diamond and Clark White  
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Shelton Goldblatt  
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Karen Diamond and John Gibling  
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David Fairchild  
Sheldon Gelburd  
Barry Gold  
Laura and Howard Grody  
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John Miles  
Allison and Brandon Lowry  
Erica and Brandon Newman  
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Carolyn and Bob Palermo  
Cassandra and Kevin Rose  
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Rosemary Wolff

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Wendy and Rauol Beker  
Carol Berz and Chuck Dupree  
Meghan Graybeal  
Erika Brouner  
Rosalee and Jerry Bogo  
Yogi Center  
Ronni and Chaim Charyn  
Arlene Dees  
Bea Lurie and David Eichenthal  
Irv Ginsburg  
Susan and Bill Hillner  
Brenda Hodges-Binder and David Binder  
Lindy and Ron Johnson  
Myrna and Howard Kaplan  
Millie Lander  
Sherie and William Lefton  
Bonnie and Rick Marcus  
Nona Martine and Mark Issenberg  
Leslie McWilliams  
Judie and Spence Misner  
Rose and Ken Opengart  
Rachel Privett  
Patricia and David Rose  
Sande Schulman  
Helen and Stan Smith  
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Susan and Alan Waxenberg  
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Mary Jane and Joe Wise  
Cindy Wood

## Chavarim \$1 - \$249

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Lindsey and Isaac Barukh  
Zachary Beker  
Elena and Boris Belinsky  
Jennifer Berz  
Janet and David Brodsky  
Martha Brown  
Jakob Burnstein  
Donna and Mark Butler  
Tania and Frank Castagnaro  
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Dean Cohen  
Edwina Cohen  
June and Robert Collins  
Stafanie and Val deOloqui  
Sam Diamond  
Sarah DiStefano  
Rachel Dzik  
Rebecca Dzik  
Donnajeane and Lawrence Etkin  
Marty Fanburg  
Rita and Leroy Fanning  
Debbie and Gary Fassino  
Ellen Freiberg  
Fifi Ginsberg  
Christine Goldberg  
Nancy and Harold Goldberg  
Debra Goldblatt  
Jay Goldblatt

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Marilee and Joe Kods  
Patricia and Ezra Lander  
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Carol and Bruce Lebovitz  
Bunny and Toby Leff  
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Sharon Plainstein  
Deborah and Charlie Poss  
Henry Poss Jr.  
Warren Posternack  
Rochelle Prigoff  
Steffi Prigoff  
Elizabeth Raisin  
Kathy and John Raisin  
Erin and Cliff Reade  
Edie Redish  
Eddie Reel  
Elizabeth and Irv Resnick  
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Leonard Richelson  
Liga Richelson  
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Beverly and David Rice

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Beth Roberts  
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Salomon  
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Bethany and Josh Schklar  
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# Federation News

## Wheeler to Teach Adult Education Class in January



Dr. Norton Wheeler, a retired history professor (Washburn University, Topeka, KS; Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, MO) who continues to teach the occasional history classes at UTC, will be offering a six-week adult education program, about the history of the Israel-Palestinian conflict. The series will begin in January and include dinner and discussion.

Classes will commence Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m., with discussion from 7-8p.m. Classes will run for six consecutive Wednesdays. Cost is \$72 and includes all meals and classroom materials.

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For more information about Dr. Wheeler, including his admission that he once took first place in a James Joyce Look-alike Contest, visit <http://www.nortonwheeler.com>. For more information about the program or to register for it, contact the Federation at 493-0270.

## Images from the November General Assembly in Washington, DC



Above, Congressman John Lewis and Professor Susannah Heschel (daughter of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel) at National Museum of African American History & Culture. Right, with Alison Lebovitz.

## Join the Legacy Society

Allen, Amelia	Dzik, Paula	Parker, Rebecca
Alper, Maxine (Deceased)	Fairchild, David	Pregulman, Helen
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Berz, Bob	Hochman, Lynn	Rosenfeld, Jackie
Binder, Claire	Hodes, Alvin	Rosenfeld, Roy
Bogo, Jerry	Hodes, Andy	Siskin, Pris
Bogo, Rosalee	Hodes, Melody	Spector, Mark (Deceased)
Brooks, Ellyn	Howard, Lynn	Spector, Michael
Brooks, John	Israel, David	Susman, Gail
Brouner, Betsy	Jaffe, Dot	Susman, Joel
Brouner, Lee	Jaffe, Sam (Deceased)	Cara Weiner
Center, Austin	Lebovitz, Alison	White Dropkin, Donna
Center, Marilyn	Lebovitz, Charles	Winer, David
Chambers, Sandy	Lebovitz, Lauren	Winer, Elaine
Cohen, Tal	Lebovitz, Michael	Winer, Finette
Cohn, Herb	Levine, Lawrence (Deceased)	Winer, Sanford
Cohn, Sue (Deceased)	Malsh, Rebecca (Deceased)	Zachary, Richard
Diamond, Karen	Nash, Ike (Deceased)	
DiStefano, David	Oxenhandler, Barbara	
DiStefano, Susan	Parker, Jordan	
Dropkin, Warren		
Dzik, Michael		

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.

*See how easy it is to join. Call Michael Dzik at 493-0270 ext. 15*

# Make Your Travel Plans Now



**Heart to Heart Women's Mission to Israel 2017**  
**Feb 5, 2017 to Feb 9, 2017**  
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**TRAVEL WITH US TO THE HEART OF ISRAEL**

Join smart, motivated, like-minded women on Heart to Heart Mission, a journey that will fill your soul, open your mind and renew your spirit. Find meaning in your Jewish community through an incredible experience that will change your life.

Spend two nights in Tel Aviv and two nights in Jerusalem. Experience the unbelievable sights, projects, and developments taking place in modern Israel. Meet Israeli women who work at the highest levels of business, government, technology, science, military, arts, and fashion. Participate in a hands-on service project with children in Tel Aviv, become a master chef in a cooking competition, rule the roads in a jeep adventure in Israel's south, and enjoy home hospitality with Israeli women who are just like you!

Return home invigorated and empowered, ready to bring your knowledge and experience to your community.

*Mission Costs: Per person costs are \$2,999 for double occupancy and \$3,569 for single occupancy. Flights are not included in the mission price and can be arranged upon request.*



# @JEWISH CULTURAL CENTER



## Reclaiming the Threads of Our Identity

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I am trying to reconcile the many issues surrounding the recent Presidential election with events in my life. As I witness the anger and the frustration in the streets, what stands out for me most is the disenfranchisement, the loss of a sense of identity. This loss of a collective sense of identity, ironically, seems to be the one thing we seem to all agree on, regardless of where we live in the United States, what our gender or race is, whether we are from a family of immigrants, and our socioeconomic level.

When my parents were alive, they were very clear what it meant to be American. Maybe this identity was forged from the collective experience of the Great Depression, or World War II, or living through the "Mad Men" years. Whatever galvanized my first-generation parents, their understanding of being American was a "truth" they held very dear.

At the same time, my mother would often tell my sisters and me that our world would be one of shifting ideas. She warned that it could lead to a fragmentation in our sense of community.

I grew up with a firm civic education. I marched in the civil rights movement, in the peace movement, and lost a bra or two in the women's rights movement. I danced to Motown and rock and roll, lost friends in the HIV/AIDS destruction, supported friends in the gender rights movement, skirted gang wars, lost friends to heroine and cocaine, and lived in the stability of a large, strong middle class that allowed and encouraged time for teenagers to challenge ideas and work. My grandfather's requirement that we work the farm kept us literally and physically grounded. Meanwhile, he would tell us tales of how the family came to the United States, keeping a sense of the past but always, always celebrating being American and the rights we had as a result.

In this election it seemed to me that our sense of being American, as a collective entity, was lost. So I'm looking to help others get back in touch with the identity that connects them to their firmly held values. As we enter a new age, the age of the truly global citizen and the responsibilities that brings, connecting to a sense of identity is all the more important.

Federation programs like Partnership2Gether exist in part for this reason. The recent leadership retreat in Chattanooga and the upcoming educators' delegation to Israel are just two programs that build and cement a sense of Jewish identity from both the American and Israeli perspective.

And as part of this idea of "reconnecting to identity," I want to mount an exhibit in January titled "The Fabric of Our Lives". I encourage you to find a piece of fabric--something bought, given, made by person or machine--that helps to define who you are and that captures a sense of your identity. Perhaps it's a dress, table linens, a challah cover, an athletic shirt, a baby blanket, or a stuffed animal. Use your imagination. I'm open to considering just about anything. However you must be willing to write one paragraph about the piece. (And if you have a photo of the fabric or item in use, I want to see that too!)

I will need your piece and your paragraph at the Federation no later than noon on Friday, January 6 (sooner if possible). The exhibit will run January 19 through March 10. Want more information? Contact me directly ([atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 ext. 13) for details.



*Leadership2Gether on the Walnut Street Bridge in November*



## Tuesday Cafe

Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 20. Always at noon.

Dec. 20: Hadassah/Federation joint luncheon and Food Bank/clothing drive. See front page for more info. Please see our menus on our website, <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/kosher-kitchen/>. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10. Cost: \$10.

## The Annual Jewish Documentary Film Series Continues

Wednesday, December 7 @ 7 p.m. "Peggy Guggenheim: Art Addict."

Wednesday, December 14 @ 7p.m.. "Morgenthau."

## Federation Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 7, noon, JCC.

## Federation Board Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 5:30 p.m., JCC.

## LIGHT Exhibit Closes

Friday, Dec. 16 @ 4p.m.

## Community Chanukah Candle Lighting

Wednesday, Dec. 28@5:30 pm

Bring your chanukiah from home or borrow one of ours. We will enjoy latkes and doughnuts and light candles. COST?? Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270.

## Federation closed Monday, Dec. 26



The Federation honors Alice Goss-Morgan, Kitchen Supervisor, on her birthday, at the November 15 Thanksgiving Tuesday Cafe.



About PJ Library:

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](http://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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# SHLICHIM PROGRAM



## The Challenges and Rewards of Behaving Jewishly

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During the first weekend of November, I took part in a special retreat. The P2G Hadera-Eiron-SE Consortium Leadership2gether Conference was held in Chattanooga. It was the highlight of the program, in which young adult leaders from southeastern America and Israel came together to meet each other face to face after a long period of studying leadership, Judaism, and building connections together online (“chavruta”). The group discussed the importance of building personal connections in order to form a strong community here, in Israel, and jointly. The conference gave us the opportunity to meet influential young leaders right here in our mighty community.

There is something very powerful and unique about the Jewish community, as one nation dispersed across the globe. As Jewish people living on different continents, we may have different lifestyles, but we are very similar. We speak different languages, but pray in the same language: the holy language. We live a life so different, and sanctify the centuries-old traditions in various ways, but on the same day, and in quite similar ways. I'm sure there was anxiety on both sides of the Leadership2gether Conference, about finally meeting one another, but the ice broke quickly. It was fascinating to witness the magic happen.

While everyone was sitting in the sessions talking and learning about leadership and different ways to make our communities better, I wondered: What is this Jewish soul that makes us so special? What is it that makes us who we are? Sometimes I wonder whether, as a daughter of the Jewish people, I feel unique for a reason, or because every son and daughter of every nation feels a unique and special connection to his or her history and traditions.

In Israel, and in communities in America with large Jewish populations, it's easier to be Jewish, and to get a religious education. But more and more I realize that being an observant Jew in smaller communities in America takes significant effort. The activism required to keep one's Jewishness in a small community like Chattanooga is huge. And I am amazed at the way people strive every day to live a Jewish life. What I know and understand about being an Israeli and a Jew is enormous compared to what is known about it here, but here there is an inner motivation and a strong desire to be Jewish and to know more—a desire that sometimes seems stronger than what I see in Israel.

Back in Israel I would not ask myself: what did I do Jewishly this week? Because back in Israel the answer would be “everything.” Speaking Hebrew, making Shabbat, giving a few shekels to a homeless beggar on the street, visiting a shiva—even my previous job, youth education, leadership and volunteering in a community center in Israel—was a Jewish act. So simple. But here? How can people behave Jewishly here? By donating money for Jewish causes? Going to synagogue? Observing the holidays? Seeing a show about American Jewry? Studying Hebrew? Or maybe behaving Jewishly is more internal, is about feeling the extremely strong “Jewish” emotions that cannot be measured in a specific, external way.

The Jewish community in Chattanooga is a single entity composed of many parts. Sometimes I try to figure out where the boundaries are as a community and where they are as individuals. Regardless, each and every person I meet in the community excites me. The fact they are part of the community means they care. Each individual is here because there is something deep inside of them, a unique Jewish soul.

This weekend I had the chance to re-experience the immediate bond that exists between American Jews and Israelis meeting for the first time, the strong familial feelings and deep connections. I heard wonderful things after personal discussions with the participants, who were eager to talk about what changed for them as a result of the P2G Leadership experience. One of the participants from Jacksonville, Florida told me that the biggest surprise for him was the Israelis' answer to the question: What is our responsibility as American Jews? For him the answer was always: to make aliyah - to come to Israel. To his surprise, he realized that was not necessarily the case.

"Our responsibility as American Jews is to stay here in our communities, to empower them and lead them to unity and joint action," he told me. And I was so happy with this insight of his, because I see it the same way. I believe the American Jewish community is one of the two legs of the Jewish world stability. The second leg is of course in Israel, and this is what makes us a strong and stable nation. Our communities are enriched and expanded and joined together by the vivid bridges we create through personal relationships.

We used to hear that young Americans who travel to Israel come back with a stronger Jewish identity. One Israeli participant told me that this trip to United States made her feel closer to her Judaism. It is indeed wonderfully surprising that a visit to the community on the other side of the world leads to the

same effect in reverse: Israelis who travel to visit the American Jewish communities return to Israel even more Jewish than before. There is definitely a special charm in this. Now there is no more appropriate question to ask than, “What is the next step?”

It actually depends on the group itself. How do they see the future of the communities they come from? How can they convey the intensity of the experience they had here, and carry it forward?

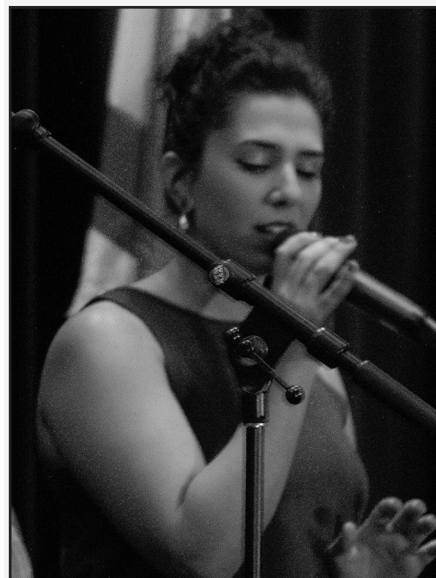
But I must say that I'm not worried at all. I know that each and every one of them will come back home and create circles of change around them. This is the part of the unique Jewish soul that makes us a thousands-year-old strong and great nation.

**The Shlichim Program is made possible by your campaign dollars.**

## Christians United for Israel (CUFI) Brings Erick Stakelbeck to Colonnade in Ringgold, Ga.



David Bean, Pastor Lyndon Allen, Erick Stakelbeck, and Paul McColloch



L-r: Shiran Amir, Pastor Lyndon Allen



Austin Center

Erick Stakelbeck spoke on Middle East Terrorism November 10, at The Colonnade in Ringgold, Georgia. Christians United For Israel (CUFI) hosted the 3rd Annual Night to Honor Israel.

Stakelbeck is the author of *ISIS Exposed: Beheadings, Slavery, and the Hellish Reality of Radical Islam*. Federation shlicha Shiran Amir sang, Pastor Lyndon Allen blew the Shofar and spoke, and 2017 Federation Campaign Chair Austin Center also spoke.



# SOCIAL SERVICES



## Getting a Handle on the Holidays

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The holidays can be a wonderful time of year. They can be full of time with friends, family, gifts, wonderful food and lots of enjoyable activities; time to reflect on the year past and the year to come, time to spend with those who mean the most to you.

You know what else the holidays can be? Stressful, depressing, anxiety inducing, way too busy, lonely and sad. The reality is that most of us will experience a little bit of all of the above—the good and the bad. So how do you plan for the holidays and handle this time the most effectively for your emotional, mental and physical health? Below is a simple list of some suggestions for helping to handle the holidays and all that comes with this time of year.

1. Be honest with yourself: Acknowledge how you are feeling. Recognize that you can't always be *happy happy happy* just because it's the holiday season. You may be dealing with feelings of sadness, grief or anxiety. Be gentle with yourself, and give yourself room to feel these feelings.
2. Be realistic: Don't try to be superman or superwoman. Just because you always host your 1,000-member family and cook a 10-course dinner for everyone doesn't mean you have to. Sometimes simpler is better. Don't take so much on that the holidays become a burden instead of a joy.
3. Reach out: reach out to positive people around you. Seek out what truly boosts your spirits—this may be your family and friends, or it may be your religious community, or other people who support you. A great way to deal with loneliness and sadness is to volunteer. There are many exciting volunteer opportunities available around the holidays.
4. Set aside differences: This is so much easier said than done. If possible, don't choose the holiday meal as a time to hash out family differences and grievances from the past. I am not usually a fan of putting off dealing with issues, but it is often more beneficial to set aside grievances during the holidays and deal with them at a later time.
5. Stick to a schedule and a budget: Do not overreach financially or in your schedule. Now let's be real: most of us spend more and do more over the holidays. This is completely normal, but adding financial burdens and adding too much to your schedule beyond what you can handle is not healthy. Sometimes you have to say no.
6. Look out for your physical health: Again, lets be real. We all indulge over the holidays, but try to make time to exercise and to eat healthily. It's so important to take care of yourself physically during stressful times.
7. Take time for yourself: In all the chaos, take a breather. Do something that calms your soul. Take time to actually enjoy what YOU enjoy about the holiday season and to do something that matters to YOU.
8. Seek professional help if needed: If you are having persistent struggles mentally, physically or emotionally, talk to a medical or mental health professional. Happy Holidays!!



## The Flu and You: What You Need to Know

December to February is peak flu season in the U.S. Below, a round-up of important facts in the fight against influenza:

- 5% to 20% :Percentage of the U.S. population that will get the flu, on average, each year.
- 200,000: Average number of Americans hospitalized each year because of problems with the illness.
- 3,000 to 49,000: Number of people who die each year from flu-related causes in the U.S.
- \$10 billion: Average costs of hospitalizations and outpatient doctor visits related to the flu.
- 1 to 4 days: Typical time it takes for symptoms to show up once you've caught the virus. Adults can be contagious from the day before symptoms begin through 5 to 10 days after the illness starts.
- 6 months: The youngest age for which the CDC recommends a flu shot.
- 2 weeks: Time it takes after vaccination for an adult to develop disease-fighting antibodies against the flu.
- 3 to 7 days: Time it takes for a regular case of the illness to go away. You might have a cough and fatigue for more than 2 weeks.

Source: WebMD

## Ride with Pride--On Us

Contact Rebecca Peck, Director of Social Services, for approval to receive transportation services. Once you have been approved, you may call the appropriate driver for the day you need transportation. See below for drivers' days/contact information.



Jason Shuman: 423-320-1480  
Rick Jacobs: 423-432-2222  
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Wednesdays- Rick  
Thursdays- Eddie

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**Community Nurse Edie Redish's**  
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**Her new number is 423-682-1401**



## Want the Fun Without the Food?



Want to come to a meal-time program but don't wish to eat? Now you can, at half the cost. (If lunch program is \$10, you'll pay \$5.) Why is there still a cost? Fees pay not just for the meal but for labor, marketing, and other associated expenses. **Regardless of whether or not you eat, you will still need to RSVP in order to reserve a seat.**

Note: Please do not bring outside food or beverages into the Federation. If you would like to suggest a beverage or food to be served at an event, please contact Ann Treadwell. She and Alice Goss-Morgan, Kitchen Supervisor, will consider your suggestion.

Food allergies or restrictions? Please contact Ann Treadwell. We will do our best to accommodate you. Atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 13.

## Take Home Chef Alice Goss-Morgan's "Bowls of Love"

Purchase matzo ball soup or chili for just \$4 for a one-bowl container or \$8 for a two-bowl size. **Call ahead to reserve; we do run out.** Contact Ann Treadwell (do not call the kitchen) at 493-0270, ext. 13; or atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com to get your order packaged and ready to go!



**Did you know? Your campaign dollars help fund Social Services!**



# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



May the light of Chanukah bring you peace, health, and happiness.

**Dr. Sam and Dana Banks**

May the festival of lights bring you peace and joy.

**Happy Chanukah from Harold and Yuppie Shavin and Family**

May the festival of lights bring you peace and joy.

**Jerry Bohn and Family**

Latkes, dreidels, a Chanukah filled with family, friends and love.

**Pris & Robert Siskin and Family**

May the light of Chanukah bring you peace, health, and happiness.

**Carol and Larry Young & Traci and Elijah Young**

May the festival of lights bring you peace and joy.

**Happy Chanukah Claire Binder and Family**

Happy Chanukah from **Amelia and Owen Allen**

Wishing you joy this Chanukah **David and Judy Sachsman**

Happy Chanukah May the Lord grant peace and security to the nation of Israel and to the dear Jewish people scattered worldwide.

**The Ficks and your many Christian friends**

May the light of Chanukah bring you peace, health, and happiness.

**Greetings from Valerie and Leonard Chill**

May the festival of lights bring you peace and joy.

**Robin Balser and Family**

## Mazel Tov

...to Elizabeth and Neil Heller on the birth of their daughter Hannah.  
.....to Dr. Sarah Margaret and Drew McKenzie on the birth of their daughter, Savannah Drew McKenzie on October 16. This is the first grandchild for Bev and Steve Coulter.  
...to Federation Social Services Director Rebecca Peck, on her engagement to Brian Mills on October 16.

## Condolences

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

- Estelle Frank, on November 7.
- Elliot Bloom, father of Traci Sloan, grandfather of Ari Sloan.
- Alfred Opengart, father/father-in-law of Ken and Rose Opengart, grandfather of Zachary, Juliana, and Aliya Opengart, on November, 4.
- Ruth Young, mother of Dr. Larry Young and Ellen Freiberg, mother-in-law of Carol Young, grandmother to Traci Young and Evan Young, great grandmother of Elijah Young, on November 6.

*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](mailto:dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com)*

## Do You Have Something to Tell Us?



Is your high school senior graduating next year? *The Shofar* wants to know! Please email [dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com) to find out how to have your child spotlighted in an upcoming issue of *The Shofar*.

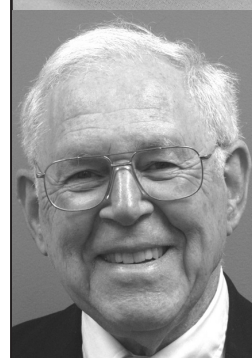
**Wishing you joy this Chanukah season from The Federation Staff and Aleph Bet Children's Center**

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# FEDERATION NEWS

## Documentary Film Series Continues Dec. 7 & 14: Screenings at 7 p.m., at JCC

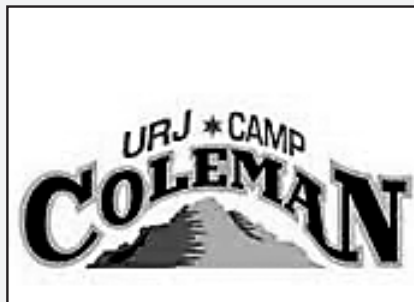


The Documentary Film Series continues Wednesday, December 7 with "Peggy Guggenheim: Art Addict" (sponsored by Austin Center and Acuity Merchant Services). This is an entertaining portrait of the collector and gallery owner who assembled one of the great troves of modern art at her museum in Venice. Lover of

both art, and many of the artists, the movie paints a portrait of Guggenheim as both a character and collector. This is a fascinating glimpse into the life of this unconventional and important woman.

The final film in this year's documentary series will be shown on December 14. "Morgenthau" (sponsored by Weill & Long, PLLC) is a movie about a three-generation dynasty that played a vital role in American history. The film draws from over 70 interviews with noted historians, journalists, politicians and the Morgenthau family. Henry (US ambassador to the Ottoman Empire); Henry Junior (US Secretary of the Treasury); and Robert (District Attorney of New York County) each epitomize their contributions to the American dream and the continual fight for justice.

## Jewish Resident Camp Grants Due Dec. 15



The Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga (JFGC) will provide a one-time grant (the amount will be based upon the number of applicants) for a recognized Jewish overnight camping experience. Its purpose is to encourage our youngsters to have an intensive Jewish camping experience as part of their growing up, and the grant reflects the Federation's desire to increase the number of young people who will have this opportunity.

For more information about camp grants and to fill out an application, go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/education-grants/grants-scholarships/review-qualifications-and-guidelines>.

Applications must be postmarked no later than December 15, 2016.

## P2G Tikkun Olam Teen Exchange Program (age 14-16 years old)

**US teens going to Israel:**  
June 27 – July 12

**Israeli teens coming to the US:**  
July 20 - August 6 (not confirmed)

For more information contact Shiran Amir  
[israel@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:israel@jewishchattanooga.com)

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

### THE FABRIC OF OUR LIVES

Fabric cloaks us, but it also reveals us. For our next exhibit, we're asking that you find a piece of fabric (clothing, cloth, quilt, table linen, challah cover--something bought, given, or made by person or machine) that helps define who you are. Is it the athletic shirt you wore in college? Your baby blanket? The favorite stuffed animal your child (or you) wouldn't let go of? We will consider just about anything, but there's a catch: you must be willing to write a paragraph about the piece. And, if you have a photo of the piece in action, all the better. I need all pieces at the Federation the week of January 2 (Friday the 6th is the cutoff date for submissions). The exhibit will run January 19 through March 10. For more information, [atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270.

## Footprint *(continued from front page)*



Night Run, which grows support for soccer programs for children of different backgrounds in Israel and here in Chattanooga, through a partnership with Chattanooga Football Club's Operation Get Active.

I have also had the pleasure to see first-hand how our overseas dollars support the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), whose mission is "committed to ensuring that every Jew is able to live in a safe and secure environment with a sense of dignity and with the

opportunity to thrive Jewishly." While in Israel and touring programs of the JDC, I met Cozta, a 26 year old college-educated Ukrainian engineer, who had only been in Israel for six days.

With our Federation dollars, Cozta was able to make aliyah to Israel from war-torn Ukraine. Your dollars help the JDC form organizations that identify Ukrainian Jews and then form interim camps in the Ukraine, to prepare them to immigrate to Israel. (In order for Cozta to make it to the interim camp, he had to risk his life by buying his way out of his city to travel to the safe haven of these camps.) Our Jewish Federations are giving Cozta and other Ukrainian Jews a chance for a better life in Israel.

And in Israel, our dollars support Absorption Centers, which help Cozta and all new immigrants to Israel, teaching them Hebrew in an academically stimulating environment, allowing them to network with their peers, finding them places to live, helping them open a bank account, and providing them with skills that are necessary to integrate successfully into Israeli society. Cozta is an engineer who can and will find a better life in Israel, because of us and our Jewish Federation donations.

In short, I have met many people who not only work for, but have been impacted by, our partnership dollars to the Jewish Agency, whose mission is to "inspire Jews throughout the world to connect with their people, heritage, and homeland, and empower them to build a thriving Jewish future and a strong Israel."

With three months of our Annual Campaign behind us, and a couple more months to go, we as a community can't stop now. Be proud of what we have all contributed in such a short time, but know that we can and will do more. If you have not given, please dig deep; if you have given to the Annual Campaign, ask yourself whether you can do more to support your Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, because together we make a difference.

Does your gift really touch more lives? Yes, it does. I am reminded of a Golda Meir quote, "Nothing in life just happens. It isn't enough to believe in something; you have to have the stamina to meet obstacles and overcome the struggle." Likewise, the great things we do here don't just happen. They are put in place because of all of us and our campaign dollars. This is the footprint we make, that furthers community, inspires the next generation, saves lives, and makes the world a better place.

What happens here—and in Israel and around the world—happens because of all of us working together. Thank you for your support of our Jewish Federation. While our work is not yet done, we are off to a great start!

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We would love your help in teaching the children about the world around them. The second Monday of each month, we like to welcome a volunteer to share a song, a special talent, or your favorite holiday traditions. To sign up, call or email Meghan today.

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## Aleph Bet Fall Program, November 17

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\*see application for specific eligibility requirements



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