

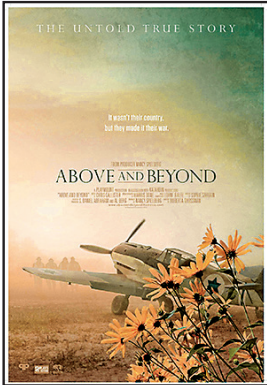
# FEDERATION PROGRAMS



## 3rd Annual Jewish Documentary Film Series

Films screen on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. at the Jewish Cultural Center. Individual Tickets: \$7 (includes popcorn and a soft drink or water). Films are suitable for ages 16 and older.

### ABOVE AND BEYOND



In 1948, just three years after the liberation of Nazi death camps, a group of Jewish American pilots answered a call for help. In secret and at great personal risk, they smuggled planes out of the U.S., trained behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia and flew for Israel in its War of Independence. This ragtag band of brothers not only turned the tide of the war; they also embarked on personal journeys of discovery, sacrifice and renewed Jewish pride. ABOVE AND BEYOND is their story.

The first major feature-length documentary about the foreign airmen in the '48 War, ABOVE AND BEYOND brings together new interviews as well as stunning aerial footage to present a fascinating, little-known tale filled with heart, heroism and high-flying chutzpah.

### BEFORE THE REVOLUTION



During the 60's and 70's thousands of Israelis are living in Tehran, enjoying a special relationship with the Shah and his dictatorial rule. Protected by large arms deals and complex financial ties, the Israeli community enjoy a wealthy and luxurious lifestyle; failing to note that the corrupt and despised ruling power to which they are connected, is collapsing.

By the time they understand that their 'Iranian Paradise' is turning into hell, it is almost too late, and they stand to find themselves in the middle of the Islamist revolution, due to take Iran by storm. Using rare archive footage, interviews with diplomats, Mossad agents, businessmen and their families, the director – whose family had been part of the very same community – reveals a new perspective on the revolution that changed the world. What starts as a nostalgic look at a lost era, becomes a thrilling story where huge dreams are shattered in a dark reality of greed, blindness and lust for power.

### Sponsor the Documentary Film Series!

**Researcher Level Sponsor** \$18: two tickets to each of the screenings plus recognition in *The Shofar*

**Interviewer Level Sponsor** \$36: four tickets to each of the screenings plus recognition in *The Shofar*

Contact Ann Treadwell 493-0270, ext. 13 or  
atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com

### Proposed 2015 Board of Directors

Federation Nominating Committee recommends the following Board and Executive committee positions:

#### Terms expiring January 2016

Amelia Allen David Israel Lauren Lebovitz  
Barbara Oxenhandler Kevin Rose

#### Terms expiring January 2017

Julie Cowan Izzie Frumin Adam Green Matt Kodsí  
Rachel Privett Arvin Reingold Elaine Winer

#### Terms expiring January 2018

Austin Center Tal Cohen Karen Diamond  
David Fairchild Caroline Kaplan Alison Lebovitz

#### One Year Board Chair Appointment

Jordan Parker Amy Snetman Sandy Tabakin

Thank you to our Board Members Rolling Off

We appreciate your service

Steven Sherman Dana Waxler

### Proposed Executive Committee Members

Warren Dropkin	Board Chair
Lee Brouner	Vice Board Chair
Scott Israel	Treasurer
Robin Balser	Secretary
Fern Shire	Member-at-Large
Alan Richelson	Member-at-Large
Roy Rosenfeld	Member-at-Large
Andy Hodes	Immediate Past Board Chair

## Coming in January Jewish Federation Annual Meeting



# FEDERATION PROGRAMS

## Young Leadership (Ages 21-45)



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

WEBSITE: <http://www.Jewishchattanooga.com>  
423-493-0270

YJL Shabbat and Chanukah Party  
December 12

Your gift to the Annual Campaign enables the Federation to partially fund Young Leadership. Thank you!



Left, *YL Shabbat*,  
Right, *YL Happy Hour*

Social Committee- Tal Cohen handles mixers and entertainment. (518) 256-5464  
Philanthropy- Rachel Privett handles volunteer events and community service projects. (423) 280-6588  
Networking- Erica Newman handles events for making new connections/growing relationships. [Ericagnewman@gmail.com](mailto:Ericagnewman@gmail.com)

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

**YJL is always  
looking for new  
members!**



## Learning the Ropes

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

The Jew Crew had a great day in Coolidge Park for our October program, led by our shlichah, Noa, and special Israeli guest Kfir (who lives in Nashville and commutes to Chattanooga for work). Using some basic bungee and climbing ropes, the teens engaged in some unique team building activities that challenged both their minds and bodies. The games yielded a few bruises, but tons of laughter too.

Your gift to the Annual Campaign enables the Federation to partially fund the Jew Crew. Thank you!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next program and especially at our annual Jew Crew Retreat which is scheduled for February 27 - March 1, 2015, at Camp Ramah Darom.



# CHANUKAH GREETINGS

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

*Greetings from*  
**Jacob Myer's Restaurant on the River**  
**Dayton, Tennessee**

Wishing you joy this Chanukah

*Greetings from*

**Claire Binder and Family**



Kosher products donated to the Federation are on hand from Pass-over. If you are interested, contact the front desk at 493-0270 or [federation@jewish-chattanooga.com](mailto:federation@jewish-chattanooga.com)

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

*Greetings from*

**Dr. Sam and Dana Banks and family**

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

**Barbara and Jerry Bohn**

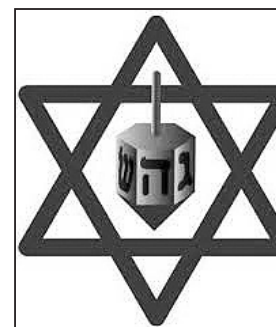
May the light of Chanukah bring you peace, health, and happiness.

**John and Ellyn Brooks**



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

**Arlene and Art Dees**



May the festival of lights bring you peace and joy.

*Happy Chanukah from*

**Mark and Carol Oshman**



TO GET INTO THE  
דעליירפ  
CHANUKAH MOOD  
LOG ONTO YOUTUBE  
AND SEARCH  
FOR BOOGIE  
WOOGIE  
CHANUKAH  
PAUL  
ROSENBERG  
The  
Lutins

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

**Pris & Robert Siskin and Family**

GIVE MANY GIFTS

Rejoice, have a Blessed eight days.

*Happy Chanukah*

**The Fick Family and your many Christian friends**

Wishing You Joy This Chanukah

**Rabbi Bill and Debra Tepper**



May the festival of lights bring you peace and joy.

**Helen Pregulman**



Happy Chanukah

**Elaine and Sanford Winer**

Happy Chanukah from  
**David and Judy Sachsman**

Happy Chanukah from the Jewish Federation and Aleph Bet Children's Center

**Jake Balser  
Amy Boulware  
Vicki Cathcart  
Sarah DiStefano  
Michael Dzik  
Jesse Fine  
Alice Goss-Morgan  
Meghan Graybeal  
Virginia Greene**

**Hollie Norwood  
Maurice Jones  
Kathy Kennedy  
Annette McJunkin  
Julie Newton  
Noa Hadad  
Edie Redish  
Eddie Reel  
Tammy Ruderman**

**Dana Shavin  
John Schneider  
Lisa Tatone  
Ann Treadwell  
Mary Lauren Upchurch  
Kathy Weber**

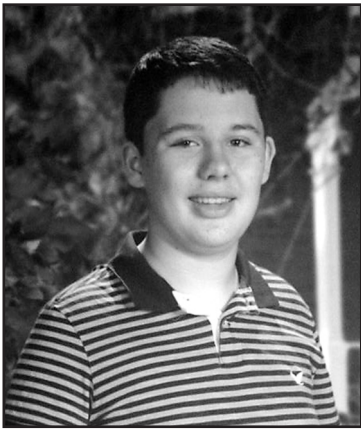
# COMMUNITY LIFECYCLES



## The Shofar wants to know!

Will your senior be graduating high school in 2015? Please send a short bio (activities, interests, honors and awards) and a photo to [dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com) so we can announce it.

## Benjamin Hillner to Become a Bar Mitzvah at B'nai Zion December 13



Benjamin Hillner is the son of Matthew and Shannon Pickett, and big brother to Joshua Hillner and Avery Kate Pickett. He is the grandson of Dr. William and Susan Hillner of Chattanooga, Andrew and Jean Smith of Knoxville, and Melinda Pickett of Chattanooga.

Ben is an 8th grader at Ringgold Middle School. He enjoys playing the tuba and is a proud member of the competitive Ringgold Middle School band. He has a natural talent for music and often plays by ear. He looks forward to continuing his musical journey with the Ringgold High School Marching Tiger Band next year.

Ben has attended summer sessions at both Camp Ramah Doram and Camp Coleman and he hopes to attend again in the future. Ben and his family enjoy vacationing at Walt Disney World; Ben has a knack for Disney Park trivia and even aspires to be a "Disney Imagineer," hoping to dream up designs for their newest rides and attractions. Other hobbies include antiques, vinyl records, and classic music. He enjoys music from the 1950's and 1960's, including artists such as the Everly Brothers, Bobby Vee, Buddy Holly, and Elvis Presley.

Ben's Bar Mitzvah project will center around Neve Michael Children's Village in Pardes Hanna, Israel. Neve Michael serves over 250 children aged 4-18 and provides them with shelter, food, counseling, and love and compassion. Neve Michael offers stability for these children, many of whom have been abused or traumatized. Ben hopes to raise both money and awareness for this worthy cause.

### Jewish Federation Tributes

To make a tribute, please contact the Federation at 493-0270, ext. 10 or [federation@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto: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.

#### In Honor Of Andy Hodes

**Paula Londe**

For the good health of Amy Boulware

**Helen Pregulman**

In appreciation of the Federation's Mitzvah Meals Program

**Lindsey & Associates**

#### In Memory Of

Marilyn Remeny Zucker

Wilma Gell

**Peter & Lucinde Metcalfe**

### MAZEL TOV

...to Max and Katie Poppel on the birth of Hattie Rose Poppel on October 22.

...to Tal and Erin Cohen on the birth of Dean Avraham on October 31.

### CONDOLENCES

We are saddened by the passing of the following beloved members of our Federation community:

Herbert Haber, who died on November 7.

Robert Lasky, who died November 14 in Dalton, Georgia.

*Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the bereaved.*

*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)*



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.

## 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 directly), 493-0270, ext. 13; [atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com) to get your order packaged and ready to go!



### HELP WANTED

B'nai Zion Office Manager

B'nai Zion Synagogue, Chattanooga, TN, is seeking a P/T Office Manager, 29 hours/week. The position requires an individual with excellent interpersonal skills who can coordinate the daily operations of the Synagogue. The individual selected will also manage the Kitchen Staff, Maintenance Staff, Contract Staff, Publication/Technology Tech, Volunteer Manager, Bulletin Manager, and provide other administrative needs on an ad hoc basis in support of B'nai Zion's professional staff.

Please submit your resume to: [shul@bzcongregation.com](mailto:shul@bzcongregation.com).

### Monica Gefter, M.D., FACP

Board Certified in Internal Medicine

Special Interest: Preventive Cardiology, Hypertension, Diabetes, Cholesterol, and Healthy Aging

*New Patients are welcome*

#### ACADEMIC INTERNAL MEDICINE

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# CHATTANOOGA JEWISH CONGREGATIONAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



## Mad for Madrichim

by Co-Directors Paula Israel  
CJCRSDir2@gmail.com;  
423-802-8434 and Jackie  
Rosenfeld; CJCRSDir@gmail.  
com; 423-762-0104

When I began to volunteer for the Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School nine years ago, I was not familiar with the word madrichim. Upon research, I learned that it means “aide or guide” in Hebrew. In our case, the word refers to young adults in grades 9-12 who serve as assistants to the teachers and staff. The majority attended the CJCRS themselves for many years as students before they began participating in the Madrichim Program.

There are many reasons why the CJCRS and the majority of Jewish education programs offer a Madrichim Program. First and foremost, they serve as a way for high school students to continue their Jewish education while learning important skills that will serve them throughout their lives, both personally and professionally. Additionally, madrichim learn many important and necessary 21st century skills, including communication, collaboration, creative thinking, flexibility, leadership and problem solving abilities, all of which help prepare them for further academic and employment opportunities.

Many times being a Madrich(a) is the first paying job for these young adults. Participating in this program allows them to experience the work world in a familiar environment with people they know. They get meaningful job training, such as learning the importance of punctuality, how to fill out tax forms, and how to cash a paycheck.

While serving as a member of the madrichim program, these young people help the teachers and students in many different ways. The majority of them help in the individual classes, while others may assist the non-teaching staff (such as directors) in the administrative office. Throughout the year, all of the madrichim interact with students of all ages, in a variety of capacities. They may help fix computer issues, take photographs, or teach a small group of students. They can also be special project coordinators, tutors, tear wipers, and so much more! The madrichim make a one year commitment when they begin as freshman, and most continue to participate throughout their high school years.

Another important aspect of the Madrichim Program is that the young guides act as role models for the students. Important relationships are formed (though some already exist: at times the Madrich(ah) may be an older sibling, cousin, or familiar face from temple or synagogue.

Often young students ask, “What do I have to do to be a madrich when I am older?” The answer is simple! Keep attending Sunday School, and we will be happy to have you join us! Many post-B’nai Mitzvah students continue to attend Sunday School just so they can participate in the Madrichim Program when they are older.

Parents often ask what type of training is given to the madrichim to prepare them for their jobs. We always provide both formal and informal training. Our madrichim advisor, Trent Center, meets with the Madrichim during bi-yearly teacher training sessions and also as a group each week. A variety of materials, including the ISJL madrichim curriculum and “The Madrichim Manual” by Lisa Bob Howard, are used to study and discuss issues, including how students learn, and working with students with disabilities. Group discussions and role playing also offer these young educators insight into specific and general concerns. Rabbi Tendler, Rabbi Tepper and community specialists in many fields also support the Madrichim by serving as speakers and answering questions. Trent Center along with Paula Israel observes the Madrichim in the classroom and also helps the teachers in their utilizing of their assistants. Experienced madrichim also mentor new madrichim in their first year in the program.

Recent studies on Jewish life show that young adults in their 20’s and 30’s are often “disconnected” from Judaism. Those who are involved with their Jewish communities often were active participants at Jewish camps, Jewish youth groups, and as Madrichim, during high school and college. It is a way to engage teens in congregational life, which strengthens their Jewish identity. In fact, there have

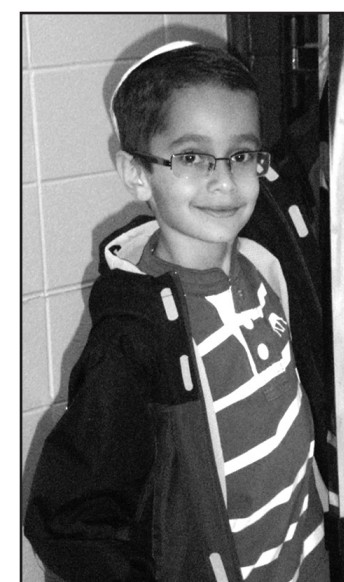
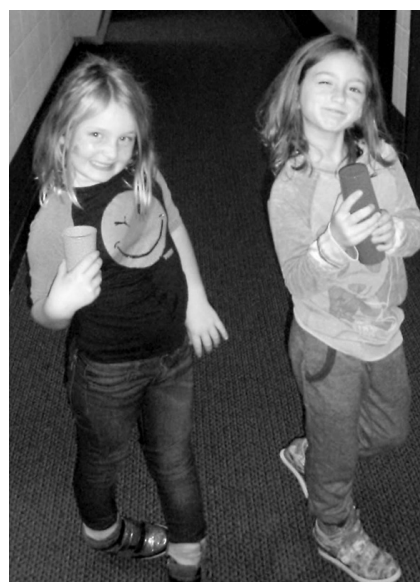
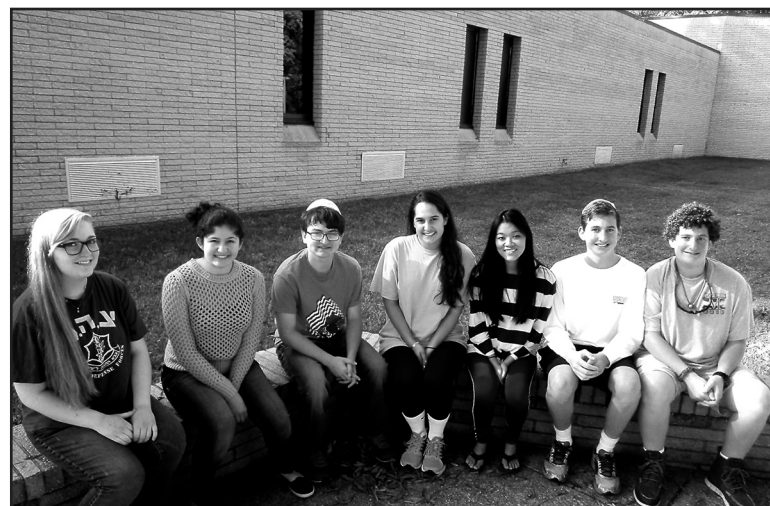
been many current and past teachers all over the world who served as madrichim in their youth.

Our madrichim are a vital part of our education team and our faculty. They enhance the Jewish educational and social experience for everyone. They build confidence in their skills and make new friends. The main goal is to be a leader in the Jewish community and the broader community. From my perspective, we at CJCRS are definitely meeting these goals.

Over the years I have spent many Sundays with these teens. I think I have learned more from them than they have from me. I have watched awkward 9th graders become more confident in their abilities and become leaders among their peers. I have also worked with a few who decided a career in education was right for them while others learned that a career in education was not what they were interested in. I believe that the Madrichim Program is a very important part of the educational opportunities available at the CJCRS.

If you have any questions or know of a high school student who may wish to become involved, please contact Paula Israel or Trent Center.

## Good Times at CJCRS



Your gift to the Annual Campaign enables the Federation to partially fund CJCRS. Thank you!

### BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

In the event of inclement weather, you can check for school closings on the news crawl at the bottom of your TV screen. Or feel free to contact Paula or Jackie at the above-listed emails and phone numbers.

# B'NAI ZION CONGREGATION



*B'nai Zion Congregation*  
*For Our Ancestors, For Us, For Our Descendants*

**BZ @ Barnes & Noble Day**  
Wednesday, Dec. 3



A day full of BZ programming at the Hamilton Place Barnes & Noble. A few highlights of the day include:

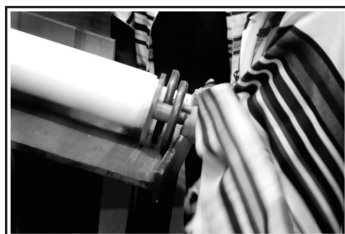
- Sisterhood Book Club @ 10 a.m.
- Chanukah Storytime for children @ 11 a.m.
- Special Lunch & Learn @ 12 p.m.

- Beit Sefer Ivri classes at Barnes and Noble @ 4:30 p.m.
- Chanukah Menorah lighting and singing @ 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Rabbi Tendler at [rabbi@bzcongregation.com](mailto:rabbi@bzcongregation.com).  
*PLUS earn money for BZ by using our Book Fair code 11478120 when shopping in-store or online!*

## Honoring our Gabbaim

Saturday, December 6, 2014, 6:30 pm  
B'nai Zion Congregation invites you to celebrate with us at our Gala Dinner Honoring our Gabbaim. Howard Gropper, Lester Cohen, Lester Votava, Dr. Reuben Dubrow, Joel Susman



Dinner: \$25.00/person, Patron: \$50.00/person,  
Reserved Table: \$500.00. To reserve your seat or ask questions, contact Marcia at [marcia@bzcongregation.com](mailto:marcia@bzcongregation.com)



**BLT**  
**Sunday, December 7: 9:30 a.m.**  
Monthly Bagels, Lox and Tefillin Minyan  
Come for the praying and stay for the food!

## BSI and Congregational Chanukah Candle Lighting

Wednesday, December 17: 6:00 p.m.  
Bring your own menorah and help us light up the lobby with the glowing lights of our chanukiyot. Candle lighting, singing and snack for all! We can't wait for you to join us.



**Chanukah Friday Night Services and Dinner**  
Friday, Dec. 19: 5:45 p.m. @ BZ  
We're bringing FUN to Friday nights! Snacks for everyone at 5:30pm, services at 5:45, dinner of chicken and latkes by 6:30. Promises to be a fun family Friday night! You don't have to be a family to join in the ruach. RSVP by Dec. 11 to Marcia at 894-8900 or [bzmarcia@gmail.com](mailto:bzmarcia@gmail.com).  
Adults-\$12, Youth 8 to 13-\$7, Children 2 to 8-\$4, Children under 2-free.

*For more information about Hebrew school or upcoming youth events, contact Jason Cathcart: 894-8900 x103 or [jason@bzcongregation.com](mailto:jason@bzcongregation.com)*

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[www.bnaizioncongregation.com](http://www.bnaizioncongregation.com)

## Adult Education



### Lessons Of Leadership: Timeless, Jewish, and Effective

Thursday, December 4: 12 p.m.  
Continuing this month, join us the first Thursday of the month for an invigorating conversation of how the Tanakh and today's leaders can influence our personal model of leadership. There will be two classes for your convenience:

East Brainerd – Barnes & Noble, Hamilton Place  
Downtown – Miller Plaza

Thursday, Dec. 11: 12 p.m. @ BZ

Join us for invigorating conversations with Rabbi Tendler. RSVP to Marcia with your lunch preference (tuna or egg salad). Cost is \$5.



### Questions about Adult education?

Contact Jason Cathcart at [Jason@bzcongregation.com](mailto:Jason@bzcongregation.com).

## Beit Sefer Ivri

November was a month filled to the brim with our thankfulness for the opportunity to be Jewish and December brings the opportunity to continue our dedication to Judaism.

Beit Sefer Ivri Meeting Dates – December 3, 10, & 17



## USY Event

USY & Kadima Convention, Dec. 5-7

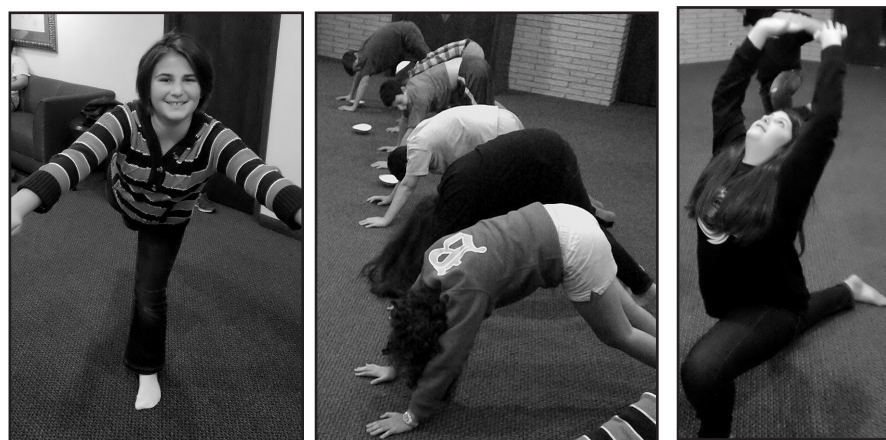
The convention will be a weekend full of fun, friends and amazing experiences. This fall's convention will be held at Wilderness in the Smokies in Sevierville, TN from December 5 to 7. For the second year in a row, USY & Kadima will join together for this amazing weekend. More than 75 USY'ers and Kadimaniks from Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee will participate in this great event.

Please RSVP to Jason Cathcart: ([Jason@bzcongregation.com](mailto:Jason@bzcongregation.com)) or Rachel Dzik, USY President: ([racheledzik@gmail.com](mailto:racheledzik@gmail.com)).

USY is for 9th-12th graders, Kadima is for 6th-8th graders.

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## Fun and Learning at BZ



Students stretching their minds and bodies with Noa during Hebrew Yoga.



# MIZPAH CONGREGATION



## We are proud to recognize ...

Flossie Weill joins the Cincinnati/Central Region Board of Overseers of the Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion. On behalf of Mizpah Congregation, Flossie will be serving a two-year term at the Cincinnati campus of HUC-JIR. HUC's mission is to educate and train Jewish leaders for today and tomorrow. HUC-JIR has a Board of Overseers for each of its campuses in Cincinnati, Jerusalem, Los Angeles, and New York. The Boards of Overseers are concerned with aid and support of HUC-JIR and the management of their respective schools, subject to the Board of Governors.

## December 2014 Worship and Learning Schedule:

<b>Friday December 5 Oneg Shabbat</b>	5:45pm
Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Service (welcoming Institute for Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) Education Fellow Noah Westreich	6:15pm
First Friday Shabbat Dinner to follow Service	
<b>Friday December 12, 26:</b>	
Oneg Shabbat	5:45pm
Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Service	6:15pm
<b>Friday December 19:</b>	
Special Hanukkah Oneg Shabbat	5:45pm
Shabbat Shirim/Shabbat of Song Service with Lighting of Hanukkah Candles	6:15pm
<b>Saturday December 6, 13, 20, 27:</b>	
Breakfast and Torah Study	9:00am
Shabbat Morning Service	11:00am
<b>Sunday December 7, 14:</b>	
Confirmation Classes	12:30 -1:30pm
[no classes December 21, 28 for Winter Break]	
<b>Tuesday December 2, 9, 16:</b> [additional December classes to be determined]	
Early Morning Study,	7:30-8:30am
<b>Wednesday December 3, 10, 17:</b>	
Mizpah Academy Hebrew Classes	4:30-6:00pm
[no classes December 24, 31 for Winter Break]	
<b>Thursday December 4, 11, 18:</b>	
Conversion to Judaism Classes	4:00-5:00 pm



## Tuesday Morning Learning with Rabbi Bill S. Tepper

In Mizpah's Harris A. Gould Library

**Dec. 2,9,16,29,30@ 7:30 a.m.**

*"Well-known [and not-so-well-known]*

*Jews and their*

*Achievements"*

Recent studies: Israeli Author S.Y Agnon, Rabbiner Regina Jonas [First ordained female rabbi in Europe], Nazi-Hunter Simon Wiesenthal, Joseph Trumpeldor and Lily Montagu.

There is no charge, all are welcome and the coffee is always fresh. Please join us!

## Social Action Committee Activities

Flossie Weill, Committee Chair

### The Suzanne Cohn Share the Warmth Project, June Collins, Project Chair



The annual "Share the Warmth" scarf project has been renamed in memory of the late Suzanne Cohn, who began the project and guided Mizpah's Social Action Committee's activities for many years, including making scarves for those in need. This year's scarves will be donated to La Paz and Room at the Inn. You can help make the scarves at the First Friday Dinner on December 5, 2014. It takes no sewing skills and anyone who can tie a knot can help make the scarves. It is a fun activity for children and adults. For more information on this project contact June Collins at [june.e.collins@gmail.com](mailto:june.e.collins@gmail.com).



### The Rhonda Seeber Menorah Project, Bryant Heinzelman, Project Chair

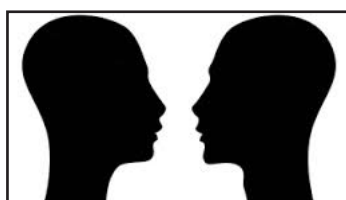
The annual "Mizpah Menorah Project" has been renamed in memory of the late Rhonda Seeber who, with her husband Michael Seeber, built the Menorah and headed this project for years. For 2014, we are collecting the following gently used items for needy families and individuals in our community: blankets, clothing, shoes, toiletries, items for our veterans, and anything that a young family might need. Questions? Please contact Bryant Heinzelman via the Temple office 267-9771.



### Kids on the Block, Helen Smith, Project Chair

It's time once again, for Mizpah volunteers to "save the day" (December 24th) for Chattanooga's "Kids on the Block Holiday Gift Wrap" at Hamilton Place Mall. Holiday Gift Wrap is one of the Kids' biggest fund raising events of the year. The proceeds help them to continue providing educational (and wonderfully entertaining) programs to children and adults in 16 Tennessee and North Georgia counties. The Kids' busiest day is always December 24th. We're asked to provide at least four people per shift at each station. First shift is 10 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.; the second is 2:00 - 6:00pm (when the mall closes). Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age or older. Each year's Kids on the Block Holiday Gift Wrap volunteer project concludes with a Dutch Treat dinner at a nearby Chinese all-you-can-eat" buffet. Wrappers from both shifts are invited to attend this "traditional" December 24th meal. To volunteer, contact Helen Smith [helen\\_smith01@epbf.com](mailto:helen_smith01@epbf.com).

Hebrew Language Program for Children and Youth: Learning "The First Language" of the Jewish People Using the Mitkadem ["Progressive"] Curriculum of the Union for Reform Judaism [URJ]  
Wednesdays 4:30 - 6:00 pm in the Temple's School Wing



### INTRIGUING CONVERSATIONS 2014

This Fall, our 6th Annual Intriguing Conversations series returns, planned and presented by a committee chaired by Herb Cohn. Each session begins with refreshments served at 7:00 pm. Programs start at 7:30 pm, with time for questions at the end.

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# CHABAD OF CHATTANOOGA



## Chabad of Chattanooga

by Rabbi Shaul Perlstein



In the small town in Galicia lived a learned and saintly man called Rabbi Hershelle Tschortkower. He was busy night and day, some people sought his advice; others his blessing. And then there were the poor widows, orphans, sick people, and old ones who needed money for their daily bread. He was forever collecting money for those who were unable to help themselves. Rabbi Hershelle had a shamash (secretary) to share his responsibilities with, Anshel Moses Rothschild, who was then a poor young man but a faithful and devoted assistant.

It happened on the night before Passover when a solemn search for leaven is conducted in the Jewish home, Rabbi Hershelle was examining the drawers in his desk, when he discovered that his purse with five hundred gulden collected to help the poor was missing!

The Rabbi pulled out the entire drawer and checked the desk more carefully. He looked under the desk and behind the desk, but the purse was not to be found. The Rabbi's heart was filled with pain.

Then he began to suddenly realized had known about Moses, who just had gotten married in the nearby town father-in-law opened Rabbi had always else could have was no other explanation.



feel even sadder, for he that the only one who the purse was Anshel two months earlier ried and moved to live of Sniatyn, where his a store for him. The trusted him; but who taken the money? There nation.

Could Anshel Moses be a thief? Perhaps, thought the Rabbi, Anshel Moses had borrowed the money when he went to Sniatyn to get married. Maybe he was already planning to return it? Not wanting to embarrass Anshel Moses, or let people know that he even suspected him, he decided to travel quietly to Sniatyn to discuss the matter and give Anshel Moshe an opportunity to clear up the matter.

Immediately after the festival, the Rabbi hired a wagon and went to visit Anshel Moses, who was very pleased to have such an honored visitor. Then the Rabbi told him the reason for his visit. The Rabbi said that he was sure Anshel Moses had only meant to borrow the money, G-d would forgive him for his wrongdoing, and no one would ever know about it. If it had been his own money, the Rabbi said, he would not have been so concerned, but this was money collected for the poor, so the stolen money had to be found immediately.

As the Rabbi spoke, Anshel grew pale and frightened, and his eyes filled with tears. He went to his money-box, emptied it, and without a word gave all the money to the Rabbi, it was only half of the total sum, but Anshel Moses promised to give the rest of the money to the Rabbi as quickly as possible.

The Rabbi was both relived and saddened. Anshel had not said word in self-defense, yet the tears in his eyes were proof that he realized his mistake. The Rabbi thanked Anshel Moses, assured him that everything was forgiven and forgotten and went on his way. Anshel Moses kept his promise working longer hours than ever and saving his money carefully to repay the Rabbi, proving his honesty and eagerness to make amends. One morning, there was a loud knock on the Rabbi's door. The Chief of police had come to ask the Rabbi to accompany him to the Police Station. Puzzled the Rabbi prayed to G-d that it should not be connected with any danger to the Jewish community.

The Police Chief brought the Rabbi to his office and asked him if anything had been stolen from his house recently. The Rabbi was surprised he had never spoken to anyone about the missing money. He responded that indeed there was a purse stolen but assured him that the one who took it had since returned the money.

"You Jews are a wonderful people," the Police Chief said with admiration. "Never in my life have I heard of anything like this!" Opening the drawer of his desk he pulled out the missing purse and handed it to the sur-

prised Rabbi.

The Chief of Police explained that a woman was hired to clean in the Rabbi's home before Passover. While cleaning she happened to find the purse and took it to her house, hiding it in the garden near a tree. It did not take long for the neighbors to become suspicious when she suddenly stopped working yet acquired new clothes and jewelry. They reported it to the police, who caught her digging in the garden, as soon as she uncovered the purse, the police arrested her.

"Here you are, Rabbi," said the Chief of Police with a friendly smile. "I just can't understand? Why did that young man pay for the theft when he was not guilty?"

The next day the Rabbi traveled to Sniatyn. He ran up to Anshel Moses, and tearfully asked his forgiveness. "Why did you not tell me that you were innocent?" asked the Rabbi in a trembling voice. Anshel Moses explained that the sadness and worry of the Rabbi had deeply touched him. He knew that if he said the truth and offered to help, the Rabbi would refuse it, knowing that he was far from a rich man. So Anshel Moses and his wife gave everything they owned to the Rabbi, and for months, saved every penny to complete the missing amount. The Rabbi embraced Anshel Moses and blessed him to have great riches, to always be able to help the poor and needy. The blessing of Rabbi Hershelle was fulfilled. Anshel Moses became a successful merchant and banker in Frankfurt. His children carried on their banking business increasing their wealth from generation to generation.

Anshel Moses' Great grandson, Baron Edmund de Rothschild of France, earned the name of Hanadiv Hayadua -- "The Famous Benefactor." He helped many Jews in many different ways.

So this was the secret of the Rothschilds' success -- the unselfish generosity of an ordinary man, a man who gave charity without letting anyone know of his great sacrifice.

### Fun and Learning at Chabad



For more information about any of the events on this page or to RSVP, please contact 423-490-1106 or rabbishaulp@gmail.com



# HADASSAH NEWS



## What We've Been Up To

by Judy Sachsman  
Past President

On November 9, Sandy Tabakin hosted the "Novel-Tea" with Cathryn Cohen, leading a discussion of the book *Gone to Soldiers* by Marge Piercy. Participants took this opportunity to dress up in vintage clothing and wear hats while Sandy poured the tea.

Hadassah celebrates Chanukah, in conjunction with Federation, chaired by Carolyn Sherman, on **Tuesday, December 16 at 7 p.m.** at the JCC with latkes and donuts. Members are asked to bring toiletries for donation as part of admission. RSVP to [atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com).

The annual Mizvah Day Project is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 23** at National Health Care (NHC), across from Memorial Hospital. It will be chaired by Rosalyn Vogel. Participants can set up for the NHC Christmas party at 1:00 p.m. or assist at the Christmas party at 2:30. Members should bring chips and candy for the NHC residents. Volunteers should contact Roz at 423-821-0788 or [rosalyn46@epbf.com](mailto:rosalyn46@epbf.com).

Millie Lander, Sandy Tabakin, and Dana Waxler have just returned from the Southern Region Fall Board meeting with some interesting news about the "rebranding" of Hadassah. January 5 is the scheduled roll-out of new logos, including the one on this page.

More national Hadassah news: Chattanooga's Dana Waxler is the National Vice Chair of Keepers of the Gate. Keepers of the Gate in the Chattanooga chapter include: Dana Banks, Claire Binder, Ellyn Brooks, Ronni Charyn, Cora Feintuch, Lynne Herman, Lynn Hochman, Millie Lander, Alison Lebovitz, Betty Lebovitz, Helen Pregulman, Judy Pressman, Rhonda Seeber (of blessed memory), Pris Siskin, Sandy Tabakin, and Dana Waxler.

Chapter members should be ready for an impressive 5775 to follow an incredible beginning. Join Hadassah and make a commitment. Membership

in Hadassah is the perfect gift that fits every occasion. Beth Lowe is the newest Life Member and Noa Hadad and Joy Gendreau are new Annual Members.

For every occasion, Hadassah cards are available from Paula Israel (423-802-8434). JNF trees and water certificates, starting at \$18, and a variety of Hadassah certificates, starting at \$18, are available from Millie Lander (423-698-1613). Think Hadassah for lifecycle events!

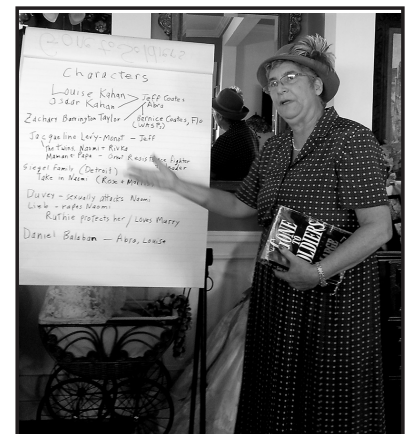


L-R, *New members Joy Gendreau and Noa Hadad honored at Margaritas & Mah Jongg event October 19, with Barbara Oxenhandler (left), Membership V. P.*



Sheryl Hill purchasing Hadassah bracelets from Millie Lander at Margarita & Mah Jongg

Below, *Cathryn Cohen leads a discussion of *Gone to Soldiers* by Marge Piercy*



## "Novel-Tea," November 9



Federation shlichah Noa Hadad, Program Director Ann Treadwell



Novel-Tea hostess Sandy Tabakin



Francese Byrd, Ellen Freiberg, Roz Vogel



Standing: hostess Sandy Tabakin, Arlene Dees; seated: Helen Smith, Joy Adam's guest, Joy Adams



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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.

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# December 2014 Kislev/Tevet 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC  Golden Agers Noon, JCC	4  Federation Executive Committee Meeting JCC 12pm	5  Candle Lighting 5:11	6  Candle Lighting 6:10
7  CJCRS  SUPER SUNDAY JCC 7pm	8  Foreign Policy Supper Club Local Topic	9  Cafe Dilemma Flying Squirrel 5:30pm	10  Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC  Intergenerational Lunch Noon, JCC	11  Federation Board meeting 5:30 pm	12  YL Shabbat and Chanukah Party Home of Zack Becker and Hannah Becker  Candle Lighting 5:12	13  Candle Lighting 6:12
14  CJCRS  Jew Crew 12:15-2pm	15  Archives Committee Meeting 12:30pm	16  Community Candlelighting and Chanukah Party 6:45  Erev Chanukah	17  Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC  Golden Agers Noon, JCC	18	19  Candle Lighting 5:14	20  Candle Lighting 6:14
21  No CJCRS	22	23	24  No Mideast Dance  No Golden Agers	25  FEDERATION CLOSED	26  Candle Lighting 5:18	27  Candle Lighting 6:18
28  No CJCRS	29	30	31  No Mideast Dance  No Golden Agers	1  HAPPY NEW YEAR!  FEDERATION CLOSED	2  Candle Lighting 5:23	3  Candle Lighting 6:23

**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](http://www.jewishchattanooga.com). The Shofar calendar lists only Jewish Federation and Federation-sponsored events.**

## Key Jewish Federation Dates

### Super Sunday

Sunday, December 7

### Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, December 8

### Community Candle Lighting and Chanukah Party

Tuesday, December 16

## Calendar Abbreviation Key

<b>Aleph Bet</b>	Aleph Bet Children's Center
<b>BZ</b>	B'nai Zion Congregation
<b>CJCRS</b>	Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School
<b>JCC</b>	Jewish Cultural Center
<b>YL</b>	Jewish Federation Young Leadership
<b>P2G</b>	Partnership 2Gether

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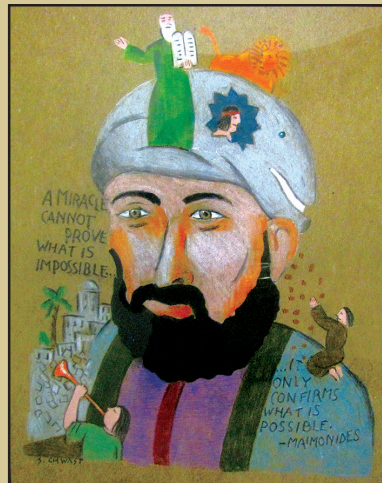


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# Seen on the Scene @ the Jewish Cultural Center

## Print Exhibit Opening Reception (Exhibit on view through December 12)



**Curator's Statement**

**I love words in all forms of print.**

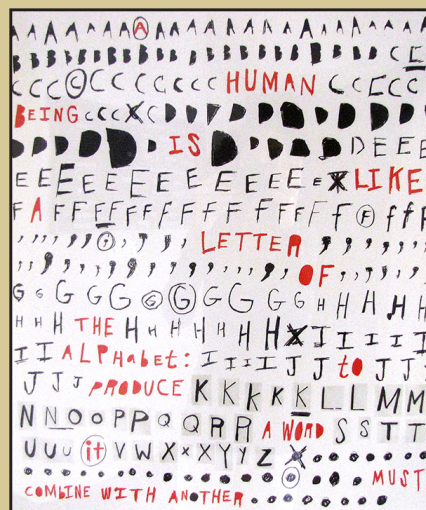
In this exhibit you will find words that have been manipulated (Judith Paul), words in traditional print... although sometimes from non-traditional media (Michael Schulson), handwritten words (Erik Haagensen), and words that have been illustrated as part of popular culture (Voices & Visions).

Words always have meaning. The *Print* exhibit came about as a way to look at words for their visual, conceptual and utilitarian ways to communicate a thought or idea.

Words can be funny, hurtful, information, meaningful as well as cryptic, comic and beautiful. I looked for various media as an expression of how a printed word could be used.

My hope is that in *Print* you will find words that make you reflect, laugh, ponder, inform or just say "wow" I wish I had put down that thought.

Ann Treadwell, Program Director



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