

# FEDERATION PROGRAMS

## Teachers Reflect on their P2G Experience

Four Chattanooga teachers recently traveled to Israel as part of the P2G (Partnership Together) program. Here are their summaries of their experiences.



SE P2G group in the Cardo section of Old Jerusalem

**Riki Jordan Odineal:** As an educator, there is nothing better than experiencing the education system of another area or country. When I went on the P2G Educator's Delegation over winter break, I knew I was in for a special trip. I was not disappointed! I spent two days at Mevot Eron High School in Hadera in history, geography, art, and science classrooms. This is the kibbutz school for the four kibbutzim in the area. The students were engaged and curious. They also enjoyed the pencils, Little Debbie's, and homemade tzedekeh box (made by my Sunday school class) I brought with me.

I also had the opportunity to stay on a kibbutz with my new Israeli family. I stayed on Kibbutz Barkai, which is 15 minutes northeast of Hadera. There are no words for the warmth and hospitality I received from everyone on the kibbutz. I've never had more fresh produce in my life! I was definitely a fan of kibbutz life. Most importantly, I made many connections in both our Southeastern Region in the U.S. and our partnership region in Israel. It was amazing networking with our Israeli counterparts and planning future activities between our schools. We've also made plans to socialize with our Nashville and Knoxville counterparts. This trip was life-changing, and I am so thankful to the Federation for the opportunity!



**Rebecca Sadowitz:** I want to thank the Federation so much for sending me to Israel for the educator's consortium, Partnership Together. One of the most important lessons I learned is how important Israel is to the Jewish people there and how important it is to the diaspora (Jews living outside Israel). We need Israel as a place to go home to, to know that there is a place for us regardless of what is happening where we live. One of the questions posed to me the last day of the consortium was, "Should all the Jews in the diaspora emigrate to Israel?" I don't think so, because as Jews living outside Israel, we can lend our voices from wherever we are to help our Jewish Family.

One of our speakers made a huge impact on me. Avraham Infield moved to Israel as a young adult. At that time the Israelis said, "You can stop being so Jewish because you are in Israel." This sent him on a quest to find out what being Jewish meant to him, and he coined the phrase "Judaism is a Race, not a religion".

This might seem like a foreign concept, but let's look at a five legged table. As long as there are at least three legs, they can stand and support each other, but with five legs, the table is as sturdy as

possible. Judaism has five main pillars: memory, family, a covenant, Israel, and Hebrew. Avraham Infield taught us that the important thing to remember is to be united among all of Judaism, and that even though we have our differences, we are a family.

As he spoke about the Jewish Family, I immediately thought of our Sunday School CJCRS. CJCRS is a very special religious school in that it is a joint congregational effort. I have not heard of another school like this, which gives weight to what he was talking about. While I would argue that there is definitely a religious component to Judaism with our rituals and practices, it is also a race.

I have grown so much from this experience. I had heard about Israel from friends who had been, and the media, but I learned how important it is to not just go to Israel, but to return again and again. My Jewish roots were strengthened in a way that only traveling to Israel can do. I cannot wait to go on Birthright, because I now realize how important it is for young Jewish people to see the homeland we have fought for centuries. It is our responsibility to continue instilling a love for Judaism so that we will always remember not just where we come from, but where we will go. **Photo, l-r: Raoul Molnar (Chattanooga's first shaliach), Rachel Sadowitz, Bethany Schklar, Riki Jordan Odineal, Hadas Peled, Rebecca Sadowitz**



**Rachel Salomon-Sadowitz:** P2G is a partnership between educators in the Southeastern US and the Hadera region in Israel. But it's more than that. For me, it was a blessing, a gift, and a long awaited dream realized. Words and photographs could never capture what is in my heart. I had to breathe the air, smell the invigorating aromas, taste the water, and touch the earth where my ancestors walked to fully comprehend what a journey to Eretz Israel would have on me.

If I was only taking a special trip with my daughter, Dayenu (it would have been enough). If only we were going to see my father, 3 brothers and their families, Dayenu. If we were to spend time with them in their homes, Dayenu. If we were going to meet new family and friends, Dayenu. If we were going to Eretz Israel, celebrate Chanukah with family, meet amazing new friends from all over the Southeast region, collaborate and strengthen our bond to fellow Jewish Educators, stay with an Israeli family, teach a lesson to Israeli students, visit a school for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, visit Yerushalayim, visit Tel Aviv, Haifa, Modiin, Neriya, Efrat, and many other cities, visit the Oz VeGaon Forest in honor of the boys of Efrat, swim in the Dead Sea, taste of the water from the falls of Ein Gedi, look to the mountains from the top of Masada and cry at its beauty, be

humbled by the blessings of Hashem...any one of these things... Dayenu.

I hold in my hands rocks from the many cities we visited in Israel as a reminder that it is MY homeland. While this was my first trip home, it is not my last, and I now understand why Hashem put the burning desire in my heart from the time I was 11 years old to go HOME! I am eternally grateful to David Fairchild, P2G and our Chattanooga Jewish Community Federation. Todah Rabah!



**Bethany Schklar:** I've never been to Israel and it was the trip of a lifetime! We stayed with host families, went on tours of specific areas and museums, and spent time in host schools. The purpose of the trip was to promote understanding of what it means to be Jewish-- both in and out of Israel-- and find ways to partner and collaborate with Jewish teachers around the world.

During my time at my host school, Alonim Elementary, I was welcomed like a superstar. Every child I met was excited to practice English and wanted to learn about me. Teachers spend a lot of their classroom time on character education and it shows. The students were kind, helpful, and took special care of each other. They also have a great deal of freedom and autonomy in choices of clubs, classes, and activities within the classroom. I found this very inspiring. Materials are hard to come by in Israel so teachers were very creative and students used a lot of found and recycled materials to create projects--which I also found amazing.

Before going to Israel I had some preconceived notions about how it would be based on what I had seen on the news, but I found the country to be very different from those notions. I was welcomed by everyone I met as family-- and my host treated me as a daughter. I was struck by how much Israeli Jews love their country, even when they talked about the conflicts, and how much they loved each other and were willing to include me in their daily lives. I was fascinated by the tours and the access we were given to all the museums. We had opportunities to see artwork and even do some of our own. The experience spoke to me on so many levels, and while I'm still processing everything I learned, I find myself extremely grateful to both my local friends who helped me get to Israel and to the new friends I met across the ocean.

# COMMUNITY LIFECYCLES



## From Fighter Pilot to Gold Medalist

Nine years ago, Noam Gershony (photo, left) served as an IDF Apache helicopter pilot during the 2nd Lebanon War. When his Apache helicopter crashed during the Second Lebanon War in 2006, Noam was severely injured in the operation that brought two helicopters down. Doctors did not believe he would survive. Thanks to the initial work of the IDF's rescue unit - Battalion 669, the doctors, and Noam's positive attitude, he not only survived but in September 2012 won a gold medal in wheelchair tennis, and inspiring millions around the world.

Noam is a symbol of hope, determination and triumph. He tells the story of how he slowly came back to life, to play tennis, ski and ride a bike. Besides his sports career, Gershony volunteers at "Makom Acher", a hostel for at-risk youth in Tel Aviv, and teaches mathematics to teenagers.

Guest Speaker\*

Sergeant Eran

Paratrooper Brigade - Battalion 202

Atlanta Lone Soldier

IDF Veteran, Operation Protective Edge

Former SGA President, Georgia Tech

\*Scheduled to Appear, Pending IDF Approval

Jewish Cultural Center

6:45 Registration Opens - Please bring photo ID to check-in

7:00 pm Reception: Dessert, fruit, coffee, sodas

7:30 - 9:00 pm

Main Program

Due to security purposes, an advanced RSVP is required

Contact Jamie Perry (678) 250-9027 or southeast@fidf.org

This event is free and open to the pro-Israel community of Chattanooga.

## Tributes

### In memory of:

**Dr. Alan Jacobson** (Claire E. Binder)

**Milton Silver** (Michael Dzik & Paula Londe)

**Mildred Berson** (Mark and Cindy McManus)

### In appreciation of:

**Amy Boulware and Edie Redish (Roy Marshall and Jeannine Flynn)**

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

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

## MAZEL TOV

...to Andy Hodes, whose niece, Erin Cooper, and her husband Seth, welcomed a baby girl, Elle Paige Cooper, on January 19.

...to Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik on his engagement to Paul Londe.

...to Karen Diamond and Clark White on their marriage.

## CONDOLENCES

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

--Mildred Berson, mother of Melanie Berson and Barbara Long; sister of Howard Schwartz, who died January 9.

--Raja Binen-Lurie, wife of Sol Lurie, stepmother of Bea Lurie (David Eichenhal).

--Dr. Alan Jacobson, husband of Charlotte, who died January 6.

--Dr. Brian Kalla, husband of Suzanne and father of Joseph and Sarah

--Dorothy Marquis, mother of Karen Hinkes and grandmother of Traci Sloan.

--Milton Silver, father of Beth (Rob) Lowe and grandfather of Rachel and Hannah.

*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*



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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!



# CHATTANOOGA JEWISH CONGREGATIONAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



## Our Foundation

by Co-Directors Paula Israel  
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Hello, my friends.

In January, we had a great in-service session with teachers and madrichim. In addition to reviewing the past and planning for the future, it's always a good time to exchange feedback. On January 18th, Noa Hadad, her brother Yair, and her mother Hana joined us on Sunday morning. While Noa's mom worked with the youngest kids, Noa and her brother wore their IDF (Israeli Defense Forces) uniforms and led two groups of students through team building exercises and physical exercises. Tal Beit-Yosef, this year's Annual Meeting keynote speaker, discussed the geography of Israel.

In February, in honor of Tu b'shevat, a day to celebrate the birthday of trees, Noa will help our kids make homemade Chia Pets. This year we are growing grass instead of parsley for Passover.

Also in February we will begin taking orders for Passover candy. This year we will have an additional catalog of various practical items at very reasonable prices. Please support our efforts as our school can make a good profit and kids can earn prizes for their sales.

Coming up on March 8th, we will have a school-wide Purim carnival. Federation's Young Leadership will be involved with our madrichim (teacher's aides) to set up and run various game booths relating to Purim.

As you may know, our CJCRS curriculum was designed by ISJL (the Institute of Southern Jewish Life). Read on to find out about some of the other things they do.

From ISJL.org: The Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life: "ISJL promotes Judaism and our heritage through innovative programs and shared resources. The ISJL delivers rabbinic services, an education program, and cultural events to communities seeking new solutions, or where Jewish resources are limited. The ISJL also provides historic preservation and community engagement throughout the South.

The Institute began as the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience in 1986. The Museum, now a subsidiary of the ISJL, was formed as a response to an outcry from small-town southern Jews in need of a repository for artifacts, sacred objects, historical documents, and stories. The museum helps small Jewish communities make the transition from active to inactive status and ensures that the stories and impact of the southern Jewish community will not be forgotten.

In 2000, the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience expanded its mission and changed its name to the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life. In addition to maintaining the museum and preserving historical documents and artifacts, the ISJL works to provide Judaic services and cultural programs to Jewish communities across the South. The Institute covers thirteen states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

Today, the Institute provides rabbinic services to small congregations across the region. It has developed a comprehensive religious school curriculum and support program that is being used by dozens of congregations in thirteen states. The History Department works to preserve and interpret the rich legacy of the southern Jewish experience. Its Encyclopedia of Southern Jewish Communities offers detailed histories of over 200 Jewish communities and congregations in the South. The ISJL also sponsors a range of cultural programs throughout the region."

### 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.

## WHAT IS THE ISJL?

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What does that look like? Here's what each of our departments offer.

**Community Engagement:** We partner with nonprofits, schools, individuals and congregations to pursue *tikkun olam*, repairing our world. From literacy to peer mediation to healthy lifestyle choices, our focus is on sustainable, meaningful initiatives that engage not only volunteers but also the populations served.

**Education:** Our education department currently serves 70 congregations throughout our region. With an innovative approach to regional educational services, we have a "3-C" System, which includes a *conference* (held annually, attended by all partner communities), *curriculum* (user-friendly, fully scripted religious school lesson plans for pre-K through High School), and *community visits* (thrice annual visits from ISJL Education Fellows, and constant support).



**History:** Our history department documents and disseminates information about the rich history of Jewish life in the American South. Oral histories, lectures, publications, and a digital state-by-state Encyclopedia of Southern Jewish Communities are some of the ways this department contributes to cultural preservation.



**Museum:** Currently operating as a "museum without walls," this department preserves Southern Jewish history and creates inclusive programs by collecting artifacts, photographs, art, and manuscripts, then using the collection for traveling exhibitions and education programs such as the Traveling Trunk.

**Programming:** With the goal of offering inclusive cultural programs to cities big and small, we bring authors, speakers, musicians, comedians, and films to the region, sharing the joy of Jewish culture with a diverse audience while fostering shared experiences and community-building.

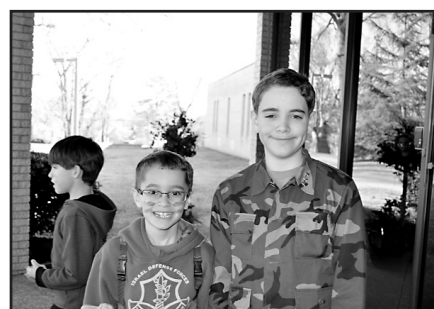


**Rabbinic Services:** Throughout the region, small congregations lack rabbinic leadership. The ISJL's itinerant rabbi travels to these under-served congregations, speaking, teaching, and supporting Jewish life in every corner of the South. We also coordinate visits from other clergy through our "Rabbis on the Road" series.



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## Fun and Learning at CJCRS



# B'NAI ZION CONGREGATION



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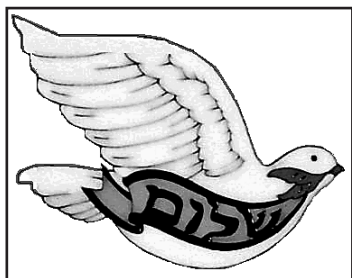
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Sunday, Feb. 1: 5:00 p.m.  
Giant Screen TV, Chili, Hot Dogs, Beer, Lots of Fun!  
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## Interfaith Shabbat Building Bridges

Friday, Feb. 20: 5:45 p.m.

For three decades, Interfaith Shabbat has been one of B'nai Zion Congregation's most anticipated events of the year. As we recognize the civil unrest that continues to besiege our mighty nation, we would like to focus on the theme of "Building Bridges". We are hoping to make strides towards this lofty goal through song and words directed towards building bridges through our faith communities, within our local community, or on a larger scale. Join us for a Shabbat filled with fellowship, learning and fantastic food.

Table sponsorships are available for \$118.  
Please contact the office if you are interested

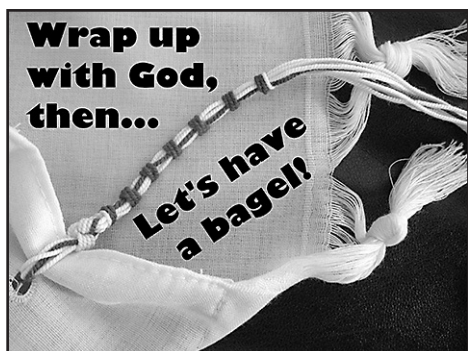


## Annual World Wide Wrap Sunday, Feb. 22: 9:30 a.m.

The World Wide Wrap is an international program of Federation of Jewish Mens Clubs that allows Jews from all over the world to join together to practice and learn about the performance of the mitzvah of wrapping talit and tefillin. This year we will be focusing on the mitzvah of tzitzit and learning about the idea of techelet, the blue thread. If you would like to order a blue thread and learn to tie your own tzitzit, please email Jason at [jason@bzcongregation.com](mailto:jason@bzcongregation.com).

Breakfast will be served following program.

This event is free and open to all members of the community.



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## Adult Education



**Lessons Of Leadership: Timeless, Jewish, and Effective**  
Thurs., February 5: 12 p.m.  
Continuing this month, join us the first Thursday of the month for an invigorating conversation about 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 – Waterside Pavillion at Miller Plaza

## Thursday, Feb. 12 & 26: 12 p.m. @ BZ

Join us for invigorating conversations with Rabbi Tendler. RSVP to the office 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



Left and above, *Beit Sefer Ivri* virtual race through Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem

## Beit Sefer Ivri

2015 is off to a great start. Thanks to Noa Hadad, community shlichah, for an amazing virtual race through Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem!

**Beit Sefer Ivri Meeting Dates – February 4, 11, 18, 25**

**Junior Congregation – February 7 & 21**

## super-Sized שבת Shabbat

February 21 ~ Join us for our new Shabbat Morning program for children!  
Mini-Minyan - 10:30 to 11:15 AM (for Pre-K to 2nd grade)  
Junior Congregation - 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (for 3rd to 6th grade)  
Bagrut—10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (for 8th to 10th grade)  
We will celebrate Shabbat through tefillah, hands-on learning, study and games!

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

# MIZPAH CONGREGATION



by Donna Etkin

## February 2015 Worship and Learning Schedule:

### Friday, February 6

Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm  
Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Service at 6:15 With First Friday Shabbat Dinner/Tu B'Shevat Seder and Celebration of the Jewish New Year of Trees!

### Friday, February 13, 27

Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm  
Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Service at 6:15 pm

### Friday, February 20

Oneg Shabbat at 5:45 pm  
Shabbat Shirim / A Shabbat Of Songs at 6:15 pm

### Saturday February 7, 14, 21, 28

Breakfast and Torah Study at 9:00 am  
Shabbat Morning Service at 11:00 am

### Sunday, February 1, 8, 22 [No Class February 15: President's Day Weekend]

Confirmation Classes, 12:30 to 1:30 pm

### Tuesday, February 3, 10, 17, 24

Early-Morning Study, 7:30 to 8:30 am: "Well-known Jews (and some not-so-well-known) and their Achievements"

Recent Studies: Naomi Shemer, Al Jolson, Susanna of the Apocrypha, Kivie Kaplan.

### Wednesday, February 4, 11, 18, 25

Mizpah Academy Hebrew Classes, 4:30 to 6:00pm, for children and youth: "Learning the First Language of the Jewish People," using the Mitkadem (Progressive) curriculum of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ)

### Thursday, February 5, 12, 19, 26 - See Rabbi Tepper for Information

Conversion to Judaism Classes, 4:00 to 5:00 pm

### And Save the Date!

### Friday March 6 ["First Friday"]

Shabbat and Mizpah's Purim Shpiel – with a Meal! More Information to follow!



### Mizpah Archives Requests Your Help

In preparation for the upcoming 150th Anniversary of Mizpah Congregation, we are collecting old documents related to the congregation. If you have any of these squirreled away, we would like them. We can copy and return the originals or keep them. Contact: Mizpah Archives Committee/Dr. Max D. Brener: 9westover@gmail.com

### Thank you to our Volunteers of the Year



Social action has been a hallmark of Mizpah Congregation since it was established in 1866. So it's fitting that we honor and thank our Social Action Committee and the more than 65 members who participated in social action projects during 2014 by selecting them as our 2014 Volunteers of the Year. Chaired by Flossie Weill and organized by Stefanie deOlloqui, the Social Action Committee made a difference through several projects, including: The Family Promise shelter program, Habitat for Humanity and Christmas Eve gift wrapping at

Hamilton Place Mall to benefit Kids on the Block.

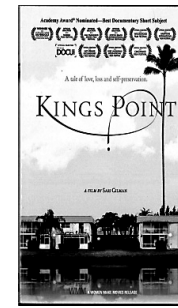
In addition, two ongoing Social Action Committee activities, the Warm Scarves Project and the Hanukkah Menorah Project, were renamed to honor the memories of two greatly missed, lifelong socially active congregants who we lost in 2014, Sue Cohn and Rhonda Seeber. The Suzanne Cohn Warm Scarves Project engaged committee and congregation members in creating 150 hand-tied scarves for Room in the Inn and La Paz; and the Rhonda Seeber Hanukkah Menorah Project collected warm clothing and other essentials for neighbors in need.



Above, Livia Furr & Dorian Furr with donations for the Rhonda Seeber Hanukkah Menorah Project



Above, Suzanne Cohn Warm Scarves Project volunteers Helen Smith, Dorothy Seeber and Mike Seeber



Mizpah Congregation Presents  
Viewing of "Kings Point" a film by Sari Gilman  
Monday, February 9, 2015

6:30 PM

Admission is free and there will be Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres

Mizpah Feinstein Hall

923 McCallie Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37403

This film is for Adults

Please RSVP to Cathryn Cohen

at cohenmarder@epbf.com

## Deborah Levine Book Signing leads to "it's a small world" moment for author

by Margaret Friedman-Vaughan

It was a surprise and delight to discover, during her recent book signing at Mizpah Congregation, that Deborah Levine and I share a common link. When I introduced myself to Deborah, her eyes lit up and she asked me if I had ever heard of Estelle Levine. I said yes, that I had given an award in Estelle's honor each year of my tenure at Rockdale Temple. Turns out Estelle Levine was Deborah's mother.

As the Director of Education and Administration for the past ten years at Rockdale Temple in Cincinnati, one of my joys was awarding the Estelle Doris Levine Award. This award, established in 1990, was presented each year to an eighth grade student who exemplified commitment to and exercise of the principles and values of Judaism.



I was thrilled to link the pieces of the chain together and bring it full circle. Estelle Levine left an indelible mark in the fabric of Jewish life in Cincinnati just as her daughter Deborah has done in Chattanooga. It truly was a l'dor v'dor moment. May

Estelle's memory continue to be a blessing for generations still to come.

Above, Margaret Friedman-Vaughan, Past Director of Education & Administration, Rockdale Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio, with Deborah Levine



Registration is well underway for the 2015 Summer Sessions of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Camp Coleman. Located in northeast Georgia, and approximately two and one-half hours driving from Chattanooga, Camp Coleman has, for over fifty years, served the Reform Jewish communities of the Southeast U.S.A. Athletics, Art, Music, Drama, Dance, Nature Study and Jewish Learning are incorporated into camp life. The camp is led by a highly experienced administration, while campers are guided by skilled and caring counselors, complemented each summer by specialist staff from Israel and rabbis representing Reform Congregations of the Southeast. The Camp Coleman experience does so much to enhance our children's Jewish identities and self-esteem. As well, campers establish friendships that last a lifetime. Please peruse the Camp Coleman website (coleman.urjcamps.org), and/or arrange to speak, as soon as possible, with Rabbi Bill Tepper, a Camp Rabbinic Faculty Member. Scholarships and tuition assistance are available!

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# CHABAD OF CHATTANOOGA



## A Tale of Two Rescues

From jewishchatt.com

Rabbi Moshe Leib of Sassov dedicated his life to pidyon shevuyim, rescuing hapless Jews who had been imprisoned for “crimes” such as falling behind on their rent or otherwise incurring the disfavor of local landowners.

Rabbi Moshe Leib traveled from city to city, and whenever he heard of a fellow Jew languishing in prison, he endeavored to meet with the landlord and do what he could to secure the unfortunate prisoner’s release. Generally, the negotiations were clinched by substantial sums of money that Rabbi Moshe Leib raised from

The story is Leib’s days on earth ascended on high, he was he going to serve there were no chal- nothing from him?

As he was crossed his mind. a sinner, he decided the rewards of Gan Eden, but would be sent to Gehinnom (Purgatory).



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He then realized that there was something he could do for G d. He could run with alacrity to Gehinnom, thus fulfilling G d’s will. Not waiting another moment, he jumped into the fiery depths of Gehinnom.

The angels immediately flew into panic: how terrible it would be if the pure soul of Rabbi Moshe Leib would be harmed! Left with no alternative, they cooled down the fires of Gehinnom and approached Rabbi Moshe Leib, hoping to convince him to take his rightful place amongst the holy souls so that they could turn the heat back up.

Rabbi Moshe Leib was quick to respond. “If my presence here is bringing respite to so many tortured souls,” he said, “how can I possibly leave? During my lifetime, I was constantly involved in pidyon shevuyim, and now is no different. I am ready to go to Gan Eden, but only on the condition that I can take my new companions with me.”

Not knowing how to respond to the strange request, the angels submitted Rabbi Moshe Leib’s case to the heavenly court.

After much deliberation, the response was handed down: Rabbi Moshe Leib’s deeds were to be examined. If indeed his performance of pidyon shevuyim had been flawless, then he would be allowed to do the mitzvah one last time. However, if it would be found that he neglected to save the unjustly imprisoned even once, his demand would not be honored.

Sure enough, it was revealed that Rabbi Moshe Leib had been perfect in his performance of the mitzvah. Never once had he failed to come to the rescue of those in need.

On that day, the story concludes, Gehinnom emptied out, as Rabbi Moshe Leib led the long line of sinners on their way to the delights of Gan Eden.



## Chabad of Chattanooga

Rabbi Shaul Perlstein

### Chabad Thanks. . .

In the weeks leading up to Chanukah there was a great buzz in the halls and classrooms, as we discovered the history and significance of this wonderful holiday of light and miracles. Through art, singing, drama, and baking, the children discovered the story, observances, and meaning of the 8 days of Chanukah.

Thank you to the many who came out to make the 2014 Grand Menorah Lighting such a great event. A special thanks to Mayor Andy Berke and Congressman Chuck Fleishmann for their attendance and inspiring words. There was a feeling of Jewish unity and pride as we kindled the beautiful Ice Menorah and skated around the rink to Chanukah music. Of course, sufganiot and latkes were enjoyed by all!

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Left, Chanukah on Ice at the Grand Menorah Lighting, Dec. 16.



Right, Rabbi Shaul Perlstein with children at Grand Menorah Lighting



Latke making at Chabad in December



Hebrew Yoga with Federation shlichah Noa Hadad

For more information about any of the events on this page or to RSVP, please contact  
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# HADASSAH NEWS



by *Judy Sachsman*  
Past President

Chattanooga members started 2015 with an inspiring installation/pot-luck dinner, "Brilliant Babes Brainstorming Buffet and officer installation. The 2015 Hundred-Year Anniversary of the Chattanooga Chapter will be a year to remember as the chapter enters its second century! Congratulations to the newly installed board members.

The annual Hadassah-hosted Dinner for Chattanooga Room in the Inn residents, coordinated by Helen Smith, marked another successful start to 2015 Hadassah. And thanks to Roz Vogel for such a successful Mitzvah Day at NHC in December and Carolyn Sherman for the joint Hadassah-Federation Chanukah party.

As the Chattanooga Chapter of Hadassah launches its new year, Hadassah National has launched a new logo as part of its rebranding. You can see it at the top of this page and in the photo following this column.

Congratulations to Hadassah's Volunteer of the Year, Dana Banks, who is

honored for the splendid job she did as Donor Chair last year.

Members are encouraged to celebrate the Hadassah-sponsored Shabbat service at B'nai Zion Synagogue on Friday, February 27 at 5:45. All members, and their daughters and granddaughters, are welcome to participate in this service that honors both Hadassah and her namesake and founder.

Save the date, May 17, for a fabulous Donor Event celebrating the chapter's 100th anniversary. Finette Winer and Ellyn Brooks are arranging the donor luncheon at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse at the Hamilton Place Embassy Suites.

Chapter members should be ready for a spectacular 100th chapter year! Join Hadassah and make a commitment. Membership in Hadassah is the perfect gift that fits every occasion. A special welcome to Hadassah's newest Life Members, Susan Matzkin and Kathy Kessler, and the newest Annual Member, Beth Stephens!

And 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!

HADASSAH: Putting our Jewish values into action: advocacy, health and well being, building community in Israel and the United States.



**Save the Date: April 17-19, 2015**

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The Speakers are among Hadassah's most gifted:  
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Stay and extend your visit.  
A historical tour of Jewish New Orleans will be available!  
Associates are invited to attend Spring Conference!  
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Above, Chattanooga chapter of Hadassah shows off new logo

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## Jewish Federation Mission Statement

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

## Jewish Cultural Center Statement of Purpose

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

## Shofar Policies and Procedures

### Article/Advertising Deadline

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

### The *Shofar* calendar

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

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

### Letters to the Editor

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

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

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### Community Directory Updates

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# February 2015 Shevat/Adar 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CJCRS	2	3	4 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	5	6 Candle Lighting 5:57	7 Candle Lighting 6:55
8 Federation Board Retreat 9:30am, JCC	9	10 Smart Phone 101 with Jacob McKee 7pm	11 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC Intergenerational Lunch 12pm	12	13 YL Shabbat Dinner Candle Lighting 6:04	14 Candle Lighting 7:01
15	16	17 Noon Nosh with artist Daryl Thetford 12pm, JCC	18 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	19 Federation Board Meeting 5:30pm Israeli Music Night 7pm	20 Candle Lighting 6:10	21 Candle Lighting 7:07
22 CJCRS	23 Foreign Policy Supper Club 6 pm, JCC	24 Tablet 101 with Jacob McKee 7pm	25 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	26 Crowdsourcing Committee Meeting 7 p.m.	27 Jew Crew Retreat Begins Candle Lighting 6:17	28 Jew Crew Retreat Candle Lighting 7:13
1 Jew Crew Retreat	2	3 Cafe Dilemma 7pm	4 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	5 Purim	6 Israel To Me and Sound of Many Waters exhibits close Candle Lighting 6:23	7 Candle Lighting 7:19

*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

### Smart Phone 101

Tuesday, February 10

### Intergenerational Lunch

Wednesday, February 11

### Noon Nosh with Daryl Thetford

Tuesday, February 17

### Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, February 23

### Tablet 101

Tuesday, February 24

## 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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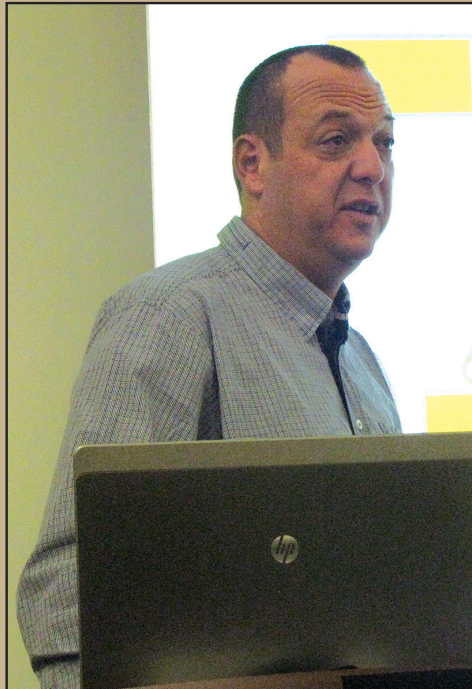
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# Seen on the Scene @ the Jewish Cultural Center Annual Meeting January 11



*Federation President Warren Dropkin introduced keynote speaker Tal Beit -Yosef*



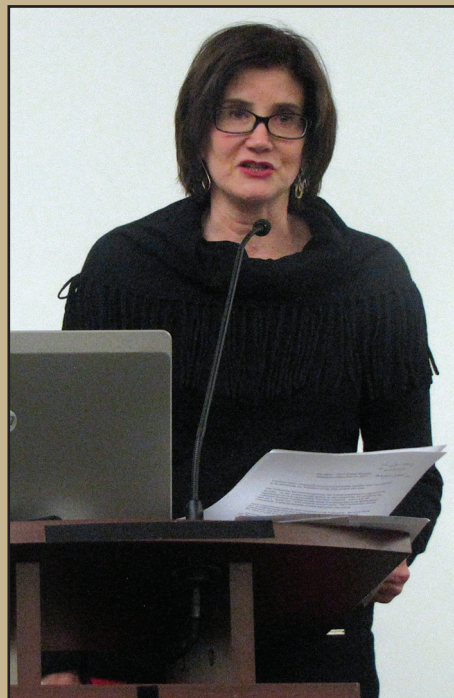
*Tal Beit-Yosef, Jewish Federation's guide in Israel and friend to the Chattanooga community*



*Beit-Yosef discusses the changing face of Israeli leadership*



*Annual Campaign Chairs Roy Rosenfeld and Richard Zachary give a final update on the 2015 campaign*



*Fern Shire announces Volunteers of the Year*



*Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik congratulates Federation Volunteer of the Year Rachel Privett*



*Outgoing board members Steven Sherman and Dana Banks receive thanks for their service. Not pictured: Jordan Parker*



*Volunteers of the Year, Millie Lander, Rachel Privett, Amy Snetman, Paula Israel, June Collins, Stefanie DeOlloqui, Flossie Weill, and Izzy Goldberg*



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