

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Motown Music Rocks the JCC January 14



Jew Crew

Handing it to Artsy-U: Jew Crew Designs Hamsas

On January 22, Jew Crews met at Artsy-U and set to work learning about and creating their own good luck hamsas. *Shofar* editor Dana Shavin introduced the topic, after which the fabulous instructors at Artsy-U took over, deconstructing the secret behind blending colors and designing picture perfect hamsas. Talent was in full view!

Don't Miss This!
Jew Crew Retreat Feb 24-26 at Camp Ramah Darom
An Unforgettable Experience Awaits



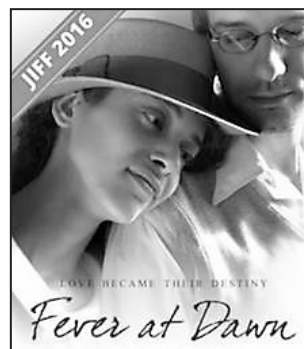
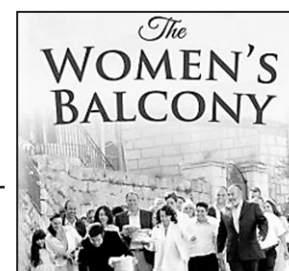
10th Annual Jewish Film Series

Join us for the 10th Annual Jewish Film Series at the JCC! Running for 6 consecutive Wednesdays (excluding Passover, April 12), this series brings you the most entertaining and hard-hitting recent films. The series begins with a sponsor event, complete with amazing cocktail buffet and live music, followed by a screening of the first film, *Harmonia*. See below for more information.



HARMONIA Sarah, the harpist of the Jerusalem Philharmonic, is married to Abraham, the conductor of the orchestra. They have no children. When Hagar, a young horn-player from East Jerusalem joins the Western side Orchestra, Sarah's world changes. The two women are irresistibly attracted to each other, developing a unique friendship that is challenged when Hagar offers Sarah to have a baby for her, from Abraham. **98 minutes. Hebrew with English subtitles. March 15 THIS IS THE SPONSOR EVENT**

THE WOMEN'S BALCONY A close-knit congregation fractures along gender lines after a catastrophe at their synagogue, The film shows the relationships and tensions between different groups within Orthodox Judaism in Jerusalem, and provides a cautionary (and universally understandable) tale about religious fundamentalism. **1 hour, 36 minutes. Hebrew with English subtitles. March 22**



FEVER AT DAWN The story of a love born in the strangest of circumstances between two long-suffering survivors of the hell that was the Holocaust. Their love overcomes all obstacles in its path. The story is set in the Swedish rehabilitation camps during the autumn and winter of 1945. **100 minutes, Swedish, Hungarian with English subtitles. March 29**



1945 On an August day in 1945 two Orthodox Jews arrive at the train station of a European village with mysterious boxes labeled "fragrances." The town clerk fears the men may be heirs of the village's deported Jews and expects them to demand back their illegally acquired property which was confiscated during the war. Other villagers are afraid more survivors will come and pose a threat to the property and possessions they have claimed as their own. **91 minutes. Hungarian with English subtitles. April 5.**



THE LAST MENSCH Born as Menachem Teitelbaum, Marcus Schwarz escaped Auschwitz with his life, only to exterminate his Jewishness. When faced with his own mortality, Marcus sets out with an unlikely friend on a journey that will irrevocably change them both. **93 minutes, German, Hungarian with English subtitles. April 19.**

AKA NADIA Maya is a happily married mother of two. She is a successful choreographer and everything seems to be perfect...but this life is a lie. Unbeknownst to her family and everyone around her, she has a hidden past. **115 minutes. Hebrew; English; Arabic with English subtitles. April 26**



A Decade in the Life of the Jewish Film and Documentary Series

By Sanford Winer

Ten years ago, after a Community Relations Committee meeting, I mentioned to Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik that Chattanooga needed a Jewish film festival. Michael agreed—and then surprised me by asking if I would start it. I had no idea what might be involved in such a task. Nevertheless, I agreed. And I'm so glad I did. In May 2008, we had our first Jewish Film Series: four terrific, Jewish themed movies. Ten years later, the Jewish Film and Documentary Series is still going strong. And it's growing.

Chairing the Jewish Film and Documentary Series has to the best job at the Jewish Cultural Center. We have a great committee: under the guidance of Federation Programs Director Ann Treadwell, Sheila St. Aubin, Frank Miller, Stephen Black, and I preview 20 or 25 films from all over the world. Then we discuss each film, offering our individual interpretations and opinions, many of which are often quite diverse. After much deliberation, we choose the six films we feel are best.

Most of the movies we choose for the Jewish Film Series have won international awards, including Academy Awards and awards at the Cannes, Toronto, Venice, Jerusalem, Sundance, and Ophir (Israel) film festivals. This makes us the most unique and perhaps most significant film festival in Chattanooga. Over the course of nine years, we have shown movies from twelve different countries. Although all have Jewish themes and connections, they are also chosen for their universal messages.

And we have grown! This year we will be showing ten films: six during the upcoming Jewish Film Series, three during the Documentary Film Series in December, and one for Young Jewish Leadership. Our audience grows each year as well. Last year we averaged a record 125 people per movie. Of note, about one-third of our audience is non-Jewish, meaning we serve a very important role for the Jewish and non-Jewish communities alike. For some of our movie-goers, it is their first experience at the Jewish Cultural Center.

As you can see, the Jewish Film and Documentary Series, which began humbly in 2008, has grown into an important cultural force, promoting community-wide unity, and discussion around Jewish themes, their historical significance, and Jewish values and problems. This year will be no different. I hope you'll make a point to join us.

Become a sponsor of the 10th Annual Jewish Film Series



Producer's Circle: \$90 includes ten single admission tickets plus two tickets to the March 15 screening of *Harmonia* and Sponsor Reception at the JCC

Director's Circle: \$72 Includes five single admission tickets plus two tickets to the March 15 screening of *Harmonia* and Sponsor Reception at the JCC

Sponsors will enjoy an amazing culinary event, live music, and a private screening of *Harmonia*. *Harmonia* is a modern adaptation of the biblical story of Sarah, Abraham, Hagar, Yitzhak and Ismail from the book of Genesis, set in the world of a philharmonic orchestra in present day Israel.

All sponsorships received by March 11 will be recognized on a poster at each Jewish Film Series screening. Additionally, sponsors' names will appear in *The Shofar*.

Thank you to our corporate sponsors!

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Emphasis on "Ability"

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February is Special Needs Month. Please take a minute to think about the pronunciation of the word "disability." On which syllable do you place the most emphasis? It's important to remember that "ability" is what we should focus on. Below is an article about inclusion within our classroom settings and why it is important. There truly is beauty in diversity!

From: ExchangeEveryDay.com

To be great is to be misunderstood.-Ralph Waldo Emerson, in Self Reliance

"Inclusion is about community: Inclusion is more than a placement or a service. It is about creating shared spaces, bringing people together, and giving them a voice.

"Inclusion is a dynamic process: It takes place within a living classroom community that continually changes, according to its members, their interests, and their needs.

"In their joint position statement on inclusion, the Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children and the National Association for the Education of Young Children encourage a holistic approach. The statement articulates three primary areas that are essential components of inclusion: access, participation, and support," note authors Yoon-Joo Lee and Susan L. Recchia in their article "Early Childhood Inclusion: Fostering Classroom Community for Diverse Learners" (Young Children, November 2016).

"...Rather than being simply a type of placement, high quality inclusion is about belonging and membership, positive social relationships and friendships, and development and learning. Most importantly, an inclusive community must be conceptualized for all children, not just those with disabilities."



On February 12th, Hadassah will be back for Tu B' Shevat! The annual JNF Tu B'Shevat Sunday with the Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School (CJCRS) will be held at 9:00 a.m. This celebration is in honor of the New Year for Trees and Israel Arbor Day. Students will participate in the JNF

Blue Box decorating competition and Blue Box tzedakah project.

The tzedakah project is an opportunity for students to buy trees for planting in Israel. Best Decorated Box, Most Generous Donor, and Best Class Participation in the Mitzvah Project will be recognized. Parents and faculty will have the opportunity to purchase JNF Tree and Water Certificates at \$18 each. Blue Boxes and Certificates help to underwrite the reforestation, land reclamation, and water conservation projects undertaken by JNF in Israel.

Chattanooga Hadassah takes great pride in this program because for many of the students, this is their introduction to tzedakah and the importance of charitable giving. Please keep in mind again that reforestation is of special importance this year.

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

In the event of inclement weather, please make sure you are getting our text alerts on Remind, as we will use this and Facebook to inform our families of possible closing. Here's the link to sign up.

<https://www.remind.com/join/cjcrs>



CJCRS 2016-17 Schedule

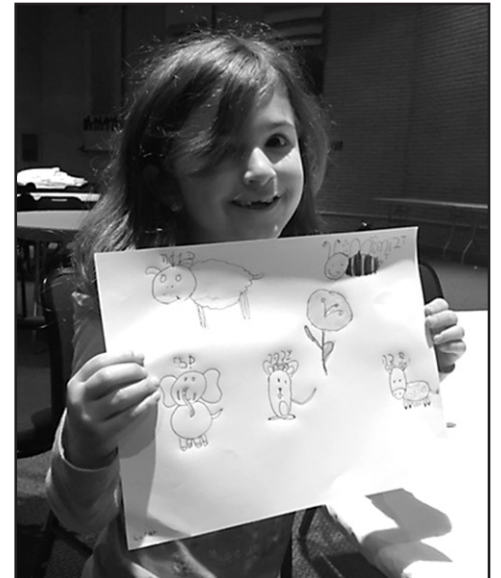
SPRING

February 5, 12, 26

March 5, 12

April 2, 9, 23, 30

May 7



MIZPAH CONGREGATION



First Friday Shabbat Dinner
February 3, 2107
7:00 pm Feinstein Hall

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER AND SHABBAT DINNER

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2017
6:00 PM
FEINSTEIN HALL

RSVP a MUST!
Deadline: Tuesday Feb. 7th
(non-reserved will wait to eat)
267-9771

- COME ENJOY:
- KABBALAT SHABBAT
 - TU B'SHEVAT SEDER
 - DINNER TO BE SERVED

NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT



TU B'SHVAT SEDER

Celebrate the
New Year of Trees!



WORSHIP AND STUDY SCHEDULE

Wednesdays: Mizpah Hinukh Ivrit -Hebrew Education 4:30 pm
Fridays: Oneg/Kabbalat Shabbat Services 5:30/6:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE NEW EARLIER START TIMES

February 3rd: Family service 6:00 pm
First Friday Shabbat dinner 6:45 pm
University Students & Military eat free

February 10th: Tu B'Shevat Seder 6:00 pm
February 17th: Shabbat Shirim 6:00 pm

Saturdays: Torah Study w/ breakfast 9:00 am
Shabbat Worship services 11:00 am

Sundays: CJCRS 9:30 am

Special Events:

Saturday, February 4th: 10:30 am
Bat Mitzvah of Emily Fischer
(No Torah Study)

Friday, February 10th: 6:00 pm
No Oneg; Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Tu B'Shevat Seder and Dinner

February 17-20:
Teens at NFTY Convention

Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM)

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February 2017



February is Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) at Mizpah Congregation. Throughout the month, there will be special sermons, discussions, and events to further our awareness and inclusion of those with a wide range of disabilities and special needs.

Details to follow.

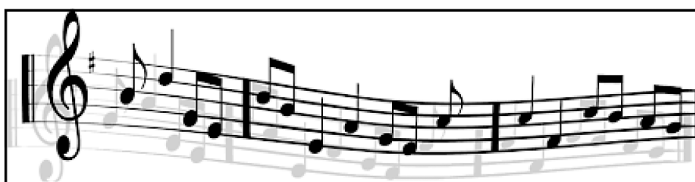
MIZPAH HINUKH IVRIT (MIZPAH HEBREW EDUCATION)



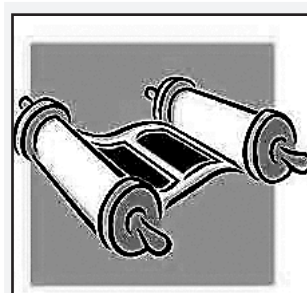
Mizpah Hinukh Ivrit (Mizpah Hebrew Education), our congregational Hebrew classes for kids, meets each

Wednesday from 4:30-6:00. For more information, contact Rabbi Teri Appleby: MizpahRabbi@epbf.com or call 267-9771.

MUSIC AT MIZPAH—SAVE THE DATE



Mizpah Congregation will present "Hear, O Israel!: Classical Vocal Music in the Jewish Tradition" on Sunday April 23, 2017 at 3pm in the Mizpah sanctuary at 923 McCallie Avenue. This concert will feature members of Voci Virili Men's Consort and Voice of Reason Women's Ensemble (over 40 voices strong) in choral and solo music by Jewish composers and on Jewish themes. Watch for more details

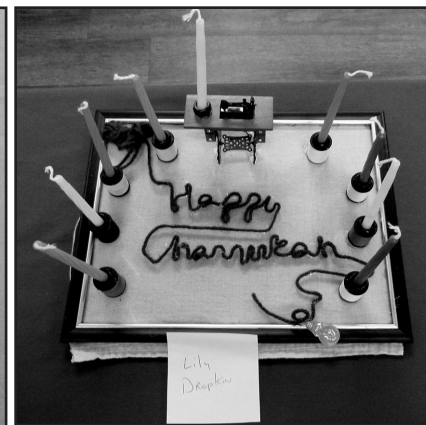
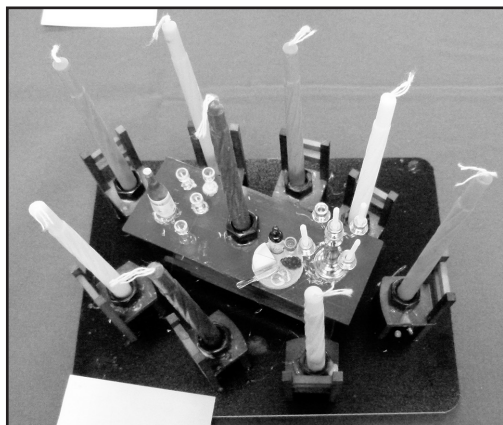


Torah Study

Each Shabbat morning, join us for Torah Study held in our Mizpah Feinstein Hall. We'll enjoy a light breakfast beforehand and begin our Torah Study about 9:30 a.m.. Shabbat worship services follow at 11:00 am. Rabbi Teri Appleby leads this long-running favorite

Mizpah activity. All are welcome. Knowledge of Hebrew or Torah commentary is not required. Please contact Richard Zachary (ZacharyRA@gmail.com) or Amy Cohen (Acohen@baylorschool.org) for further info, or call Mizpah at 267-9771.

Mizpah and B'nai Zion members serving food at Erlanger, Dec. 25. Many additional Mizpah members participated. Thanks to Andy Hodes for leading the volunteers. Erlanger, Panera Bread provided food.



Hanukkah celebration: some of the entries in our menorah-making contest

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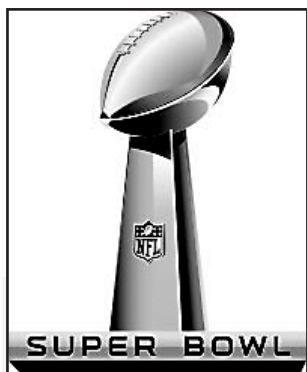
B'NAI ZION CONGREGATION



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BLT & World Wide Wrap XVII

Come for the praying and stay for the food as BLT participates in the 17th annual World Wide Wrap. Join Men's Clubs and congregations around the world as we teach the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin. The World Wide Wrap unites men, women and children in prayer. **Sunday, February 5th at 9:30 a.m.** in the B'nai Zion Chapel!



Super Bowl

Spend the Biggest Day in Football with your BZ Family! Super Bowl **Sunday, February 5th at 6:00 p.m.** Giant Screen TV, Chili, Hot Dogs, Mah Jongg, Activities for Kids, and All of Your Friends! Admission without a square is \$10. Call Jackie Rosenfeld (423-762-0104) to get in the game!

Women about Women Challah with a Twist

Women about Women is a lay-leadership education program where we simultaneously gain insight into the women of our tradition and into our own lives. We hope you can join us for a wonderful time together! On **Thursday, February 9th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** We'll be making challah with a ton of different options! Contact the office (423-894-8900 or office@bzcongregation.com) if you are interested in attending.



Reuben Dubrow's 90th Birthday and Retirement Party!

Dr. Reuben Dubrow has been a part of the B'nai Zion community for his entire life. He is always by our side and we will always be by his.

On **Saturday, February 11th at 9:30 a.m.** we will be honoring Dr. Dubrow on both his 90th birthday and his retirement! Come celebrate two AMAZING milestones in Reuben's life. Join us in recognizing a great man!

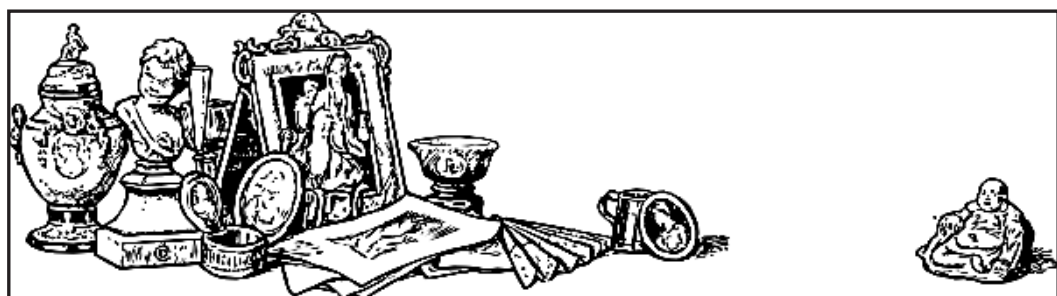
Tu B'shevat

The world gets a birthday! You get a birthday! We all get a birthday! How about a birthday for the trees! Tu B'Shevat (the 15th of Shevat) is that day! We'll be planting a new tree to the BZ parking lot earlier that week (Wednesday, February 8th) during BSI. Come welcome it to our community, **Saturday, February 11th at 9:30 a.m.**



Hazak Appraise-A-Thon

Come find out how valuable your "valuables" really are! Hazak welcomes an appraisal expert to BZ for our first annual Appraise-A-Thon! Bring in your antiques **Thursday, Feb. 23rd** to get them evaluated! A certified appraiser will be at B'nai Zion to inspect and appraise whatever you can bring in. Contact Mariln Goler (mgoler5@gmail.com) with any questions. We hope to see you there!



For more information about Hebrew school or upcoming events contact Eytan Oren: (423)894-8900 ext. 103 or Educator@BZcongregation.com.

Interfaith Shabbat



Join the community at large for Shabbat, **Friday, Feb. 24th**

@5:45 p.m., for fellowship, learning and fantastic food. Table Sponsorships and individual reservations are available. The cost to sponsor a table (of 8) is \$125. Individual RSVPs are \$18 per adult, \$10 for children under 12 years old

and children under 2 are free. For more information or to sponsor a table please contact Randi Weiss at 412-849-2092 or email her at diggets@aol.com.

Israel Trip – Join Beth Am and B'nai Zion in Israel



This Israel tour, with Rabbi Tendler and Rabbi Sherwin, will cover Israel's many wonders while strengthening our sense of community along the way. The itinerary is specifically designed with exciting activities for families of

all ages. Your senses will be filled with the life, smells, tastes, sounds, and textures of modern Israel, along with an appreciation of the connections of our Jewish roots and biblical history, greater awareness of contemporary events and challenges facing Israel today. A fantastic tour filled with meaningful experiences and fun! Let Rabbi Tendler know if you are interested today!

Youth Programming Mechina and Bagrut

B'nai Zion's Post B'nai Mitzvah Program is in full swing! Our Mechina (8th – 10th) and Bagrut (11th – 12th) programs offer our teens both formal and informal opportunities to kindle their Jewish Identities and learn what they want! We meet Friday nights, Shabbat mornings, and another time, date, and location (coffee anyone?) during the month; whatever is easiest for our students. Contact Eytan Oren at (423) 894-8900 or educator@bzcongregation.com.

Friday Night Services and Dinner

March 3rd

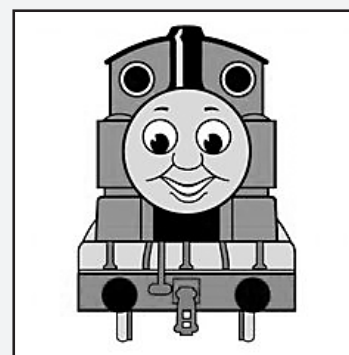
Shabbat Morning

Feb. 11th, Mar. 11th, Apr. 22nd

Other Dates – Once a Month

We will send out a Doodle form to gauge the best day, time, and location for each month.

ChooUSY 2017 Events



Wed., Jan. 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Inaugural ChooUSY Lounge Night – Taco Bar and a Movie!

Wed., Feb. 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Tu B'Shevat Lounge Night – Tu B'Shevat Seder and Fun!

Sat., Mar. 4th at 7:00 p.m.

ChooUSY Lock-In and Elections!

Wed., April 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Fondue and Fun! Chocolate Seder before Pesach!

Sun., April 30th at 12:00 p.m.

Israeli Lunch for Yom HaAtzma'ut

CHABAD OF CHATTANOOGA

Our Story in Bits and Pieces

Rabbi Shaul Perlstein

From Chabad.org

More than 1000 years ago, there lived a great and holy leader and teacher called Rabbi Saadiah Gaon (882–942). The Gaon had many hundreds of pupils, and all of them had a great thirst to learn. Even a casual movement or word from their revered teacher provided them a lesson for life.

One winter morning, two of his pupils happened to be walking in the mountains when they heard a strange sound on the other side of a hill. When they approached the summit they saw, to their great surprise, their master sitting on the snow-covered ground, weeping, praying and engaging in other acts of penitence. What could a perfectly righteous person such as their teacher possibly need to repent for? Could he have committed some sin, G d forbid? They hurriedly departed from that place. But later that day, they could no longer restrain themselves and asked their teacher what the scene they had witnessed had been about.

“I do that every day,” he said to them. “Every day I repent and plead with G d to forgive my shortcomings and failings in my service of Him.”

“Your failings?” they asked. “Of what failings does the Gaon speak?”

“Let me tell you a story,” said Rabbi Saadiah. “Something that happened to me a while ago.”

“At one point in my life, I decided that all the honor and attention I was receiving from everyone around me was interfering with my service of the Creator. G d must be served with joy, and without complete humility, joy is impossible. So I decided that I would spend several months in a place where no one recognized me.

“I dressed in simple garments and began my self-imposed exile, wandering from town to town. One night I was in a small inn run by an old Jew. He was a very kind and simple man, and we spoke for a while before I went to sleep. Early the next morning, after I had prayed the morning prayer, I bade him farewell and was again on my way.

“What I didn’t know was that several of my pupils had been searching for me, and several hours after I left the inn they appeared, hot on my trail. ‘Did you see Rabbi Saadiah Gaon?’ they asked him. ‘We have reason to believe that he was here.’

“Saadiah Gaon?” replied the bewildered old Jew. ‘What would the great Rav Saadiah be doing in a place like mine? I’m sure that you are very mistaken! There was no Rav Saadiah Gaon here!’

“But when the young men described me to him and explained about my exile and ‘disguise,’ the old Jew grabbed his head and cried: ‘Oy! Rav Saadiah was here! You are right! Oy, Oy!’ and he ran outside, jumped into his wagon and began urging his horse to go as fast as possible in the direction I had taken.

“After a short time he caught up to me, jumped from his carriage and fell at my feet, weeping: ‘Please forgive me, Rav Saadiah. Please forgive me. I didn’t know that it was you!’

“I made him stand up and brush himself off, and then said to him: ‘But my dear friend, you treated me very well, you were very kind and hospitable. Why are you so sorry? You have nothing to apologize for.’

“No, no, Rabbi,” he replied. ‘If I would have known who you are, I would have served you completely differently!’

“Suddenly I realized that this man was teaching me a very important lesson in the service of G d, and that the purpose of my exile had been fulfilled. I thanked and blessed him, and returned home.

“Since then, every evening when I say the prayer before sleeping, I go over in my mind how I served G d that day. Then I think of that old innkeeper, and say to myself: ‘Oy! If I had known about G d in the beginning of the day what I know now, I would have served Him completely differently!’

“And that is what I was repenting for this morning.”

Home Depot Menorah Workshop and Menorah Car Parade

Each child (and some adults) got to build and paint their own beautiful menorah at Home Depot. It was a fabulous morning for all and a great way to prepare for the holiday, of course, with plenty sufganiot for all. Also thank you to the many who made history with “The First Ever Menorah Car Parade in Chattanooga!”

Chanukah on Ice was truly spectacular. Special thanks to the dignitaries for their attendance and inspiring words. There was a feeling of Jewish unity and pride as we kindled the beautiful ice menorah and skated to Chanukah music and video. Of course, sufganiot and latkes were enjoyed by all, competitors and spectators alike enjoyed the latke eating competition. Thanks to Bruce Weiss and the amazing team of volunteers for all the Chanukah deliciousness. From our entire Jewish community to our sponsors: an epic Chanukah was enjoyed by all ages in a truly spectacular way. We’re forever grateful!



A Historic Evening With
ANNE FRANK'S STEP SISTER
 Mrs. Eva Schloss
 Tuesday, February 21, 2017
 Tuesday, Feb 21
 Knoxville Civic Auditorium

Learning from the PAST | Living the PRESENT | Looking to the FUTURE

Chabad of Chattanooga will be chartering a bus. If you might be interested in joining please speak with Rabbi Perlstein to reserve a seat

BRAIN TWISTING
 A new six week course from The Rohr Jewish Learning Institute JOIN NOW

the **DILEMMA** { Modern Conundrums Talmudic Debates Your Solutions

TESLA
 Among other companies, Tesla Motors is currently programming their self-driving cars for instances where death is inevitable.

- Should it swerve to avoid killing more pedestrians, but kill one whose life was previously unendangered?
- Should it favor the lives of pedestrians or passengers?
- Should it favor the lives of younger people over those who are older?
- Should owners be given the ability to determine these settings?

Six week course

Option 1
 Sundays 10:00 - 11:30 am
 Jan 31 - March 7

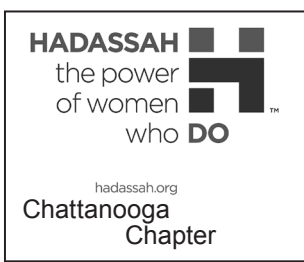
Option 2
 Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 PM
 Feb. 5 - March 12

HADASSAH NEWS



Hadassah Happenings

by Cathryn Cohen
Communications Chair



We are pleased to announce the addition of the following new members: Life Members Arlene Dees, Sandy Brandt Dittus, Sherie Lefton, Janet Suhrbier, Traci Young and Patti Alverson; Annual Member Leta Berger and Associate Member Les Goins. Welcome aboard friends – we look forward to many years of friendship, service and good works. What a great way to end 2016!

A call for help has gone out to support the Jewish National Fund (JNF) as they assess the damage and replace trees lost to fires near Haifa. Thousands of acres full of trees that help sustain life in Israel have fallen to carelessness and arson, and reforestation can't begin too soon. Please help revive the scorched land with the purchase of JNF Tree Certificates at \$18 per tree. Certificates may be given for any life cycle event including get well, thinking of you, condolences, weddings and B'nai Mitzvahs. JNF Blue Boxes (coin collection boxes) are also a great way to support JNF. For more information, contact Millie Lander.

Need gift ideas for Life Cycle events or "Just For Instance" and want to support Hadassah and Young Judea? We have jewelry and certificates that can be just the right thing. Brand new on the scene is the Endless Beginnings pendant that supports medical research at Hadassah Medical Center. These beautiful pendants can be purchased for \$150. We also have the Floating Heart Pendant that supports the completion of the new patient tower at Hadassah Medical Center for \$100. Bangle charm bracelets support our Young Judeans and Camp Judea facilities. Charms include the Young Judea lion, hamsa, and Star of David. Purchase one for \$25, two for \$48 or three for \$70. You can also always buy Hadassah certificates for \$18, \$25, \$36 or \$50. For all jewelry and certificates, contact Millie Lander (802-9117). To purchase cards, contact Paula Israel (802-8434).

Many events are coming up in the near months for your education and entertainment. The annual JNF Tu B'Shevat Sunday with the Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School (CJCRS) will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 12 at B'nai Zion Congregation. This celebration is in honor of the New Year for Trees and Israel Arbor Day. Students will participate in the JNF Blue Box decorating competition and Blue Box tzedakah project. The tzedakah project is an opportunity for students to buy trees for planting in Israel. Best Decorated Box, Most Generous Donor and Best Class Participation in the mitzvah project will be recognized. Parents and faculty will have the opportunity to purchase JNF Tree and Water Certificates at \$18 each.

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Also on February 12 at 1:00 p.m., Sandy Tabakin will host a Tu B'Shevat Seder in celebration of Israel Arbor Day and in support of the JNF. Coming up on Sunday, February 26 at the Jewish Cultural Center, there will be brunch with an update on Hadassah Medical Research including a film on breast cancer and a talk to follow (see this page and front page). The event, in conjunction with the Federation and Hadassah Chattanooga Chapter, will be chaired by Judy Sachsmann. Please contact her with any questions. Also highlighting early February is the annual Dinner at the Inn, chaired by Cathryn Cohen.

Be sure to save the date for the Southeastern, Southern and Southern Seaboard Tri-Region Conference coming up April 21-23 in Charlotte, NC. The theme will be "Together We Are One!" representing 3 Regions, 3 Priorities: Zionism, Health and Advocacy and 1 Hadassah. There will be Region collaboration, top notch speakers, inspiring and engaging sessions and workshops and, our special guest, Hadassah National President Ellen Hershkin. Associates are welcome, so all-in-all, something great for everyone.

Finally, keep up with the wonderful articles, book reviews and so much more in our Region's online Hadassah Magazine. If you have questions about the articles you see in the magazine, contact the editors at magazine@hadassah.org. Enjoy the read as always.

Supporting Hadassah means putting our Jewish values into action: advocacy, health and well-being; building community in Israel and in the United States.

Darkness into Light: Brunch with Journalist Ruth Ebenstein Sunday, February 26



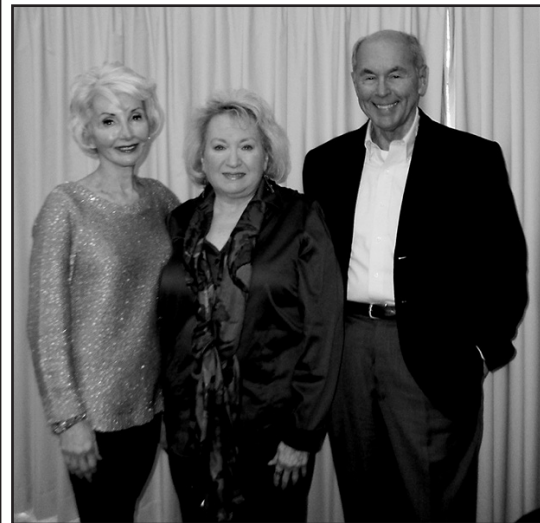
Join Hadassah and the Federation for this very important and entertaining talk by Ruth Ebenstein, American-Israeli writer, historian, and breast cancer survivor. Ebenstein was diagnosed with breast cancer while nursing her baby. Uncertain where to turn, she joined an Israeli-Palestinian breast cancer support group and befriended Ibtisam Erekat, a Muslim Palestinian woman, and together they helped each other navigate the terrifying world of breast cancer. For more information, see front page. Cost to attend is \$8 and includes brunch and talk. Please wear pink! Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270.

Hadassah Volunteer of the Year Cathryn Cohen



Cathryn Cohen was named Hadassah's 2016 Volunteer of the Year. She is a Life Member and a member of the Chapter's Executive Board. Last summer she was the sole Chattanooga representative helping out at the Hadassah National Convention in Atlanta. For the last two years, Cathryn has been the "voice" of the chapter, writing their monthly column for *The Shofar*. Cathryn embodies what it means to be a Volunteer of the Year.

Extending a Warm Welcome!



Membership Chair Barbara Oxenhandler, center, with new Hadassah Life Member Arlene Dees and new Hadassah Associate Les Goins. Additional new Life Members include Sandy Brandt Dittus, Sherie Lefton, Janet Suhrbier, Traci Young, and Patti Alverson. Congratulations and a very warm welcome to all!

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Jewish Federation Mission Statement

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

Jewish Cultural Center Statement of Purpose

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

Shofar Policies and Procedures

Article/Advertising Deadline

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

The Shofar calendar

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

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

Letters to the Editor

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

Mazel Tovs and Condolences

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

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

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Community Directory Updates

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February 2017 T Shevat/Adar 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	1 Norton Wheeler "Israel in Conflict: Origins to BDS," 6:30, JCC	2 Karaoke Night with Shiran 7pm, JCC	3 Candle Lighting 5:54	4 Candle Lighting 6:52
5 CJCRS	6 Legacy Celebration Event 4:30-6:30pm	7 Matter of Balance 10-12 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	8 Norton Wheeler "Israel in Conflict: Origins to BDS," 6:30, JCC	9	10 Candle Lighting 6:01	11 Tu B'Shevat Candle Lighting 6:59
12 CJCRS	13 Foreign Policy Supper Club 6p.m, JCC	14 Matter of Balance 10-12 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	15 NO Norton Wheeler Class	16 Federation Board Meeting	17 YJL Shabbat at home of Josh and Edie Weiss Candle Lighting 6:08	18 Candle Lighting 7:05
19 No CJCRS	20	21 Matter of Balance 10-12 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC Interfaith Panel St. Timothy's Church on Signal Mtn., 7pm	22 Norton Wheeler "Israel in Conflict: Origins to BDS," 6:30, JCC	23	24 Jew Crew Retreat Camp Ramah Darom through Feb. 26 Candle Lighting 6:15	25 Candle Lighting 7:11
26 CJCRS Darkness in Light Hadassah/Federa- tion Brunch with Ruth Ebenstein 11am, JCC	27	28 Matter of Balance 10-12 Tuesday Cafe with DJ Music by Warren Posternack	1 Norton Wheeler "Israel in Conflict: Origins to BDS," 6:30, JCC	2	3	4 YJL Purim Party

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

Key February Dates

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28

Tuesday Cafe

Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 22

"Israel in Conflict: Origins to BDS"

Thursday, February 2

Karaoke Night with Shiran

Monday, February 13

Foreign Policy Supper Club

Sunday, February 26

Hadassah/Federation Brunch: Darkness Into Light with Ruth Ebenstein

Calendar Abbreviation Key

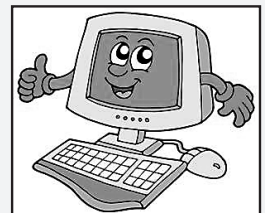
AB	Aleph Bet Children's Center
CJCRS	Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School
JCC	Jewish Cultural Center
YJL	Jewish Federation Young Jewish Leadership
P2G	Partnership 2Gether

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