

FEDERATION SHLICHA



I am Definitely an Israeli, But Am I a Feminist?

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It was January 2013 when I made the decision to apply for the Jewish agency Shlichim program. After sending my resume, I got a life-changing phone call. I was told I'd passed the first step. I was then invited to a "sorting" workshop for which I had to plan a two-hour program for students. The subject was influential women of Israel.

My FemiIsrael exhibit, which will open February 13 and run through March 21, was "born" from that life-changing phone call. Because by the time I finished writing the program, I knew in my heart that two hours was not enough time to devote to such an important topic. I would create an entire program around it, and in the process, I would meet a whole new world of inspiring women.

When I planned the exhibit, I was looking for unique women of achievement who contributed significantly to the people of Israel—women from a variety of disciplines who left a mark on the Jewish people, Israeli society, and culture. I learned that history is replete with strong women who have helped to propel the Zionist dream of a Jewish state forward. These women broke psychological and cultural barriers, and inspired many others to follow in their footsteps. Myself included.

My research brought up many questions for me, but one in particular stayed with me: am I a feminist? Feminism is a collection of movements and ideologies aimed at defining, establishing, and defending equal political, economic, and social rights for women. A feminist is a woman who advocates or supports the rights and equality of women.

Feminism first appeared when Jewish women at the Yishuv (the body of Jewish residents in Palestine, before the establishment of the state of Israel) fought for the right to vote and be elected for Yishuv institutions. These struggles were called the "first wave," and they heralded in women's right to vote.

New Feminism in Israel (the "second wave") began in the 1970s, and was a period of initial enthusiasm and organization. At that time, questions about the legal and social status of women, abortion rights, and violence against women were all issues at the center of feminist concerns. Even though feminist activity sometimes drew derision and contempt, it was empowering for women and increased their self-awareness. Jewish women's fight for equality during the Yishuv period was the foundation of the feminist movement in Israel.

The way I see it, being a feminist means helping to create and support equal opportunities for women in society, and recognizing their contributions. It's a goal we should all support. Even though it's 2014, the question of how women's careers affect their family is still a concern, especially in Israel.

FemiIsrael opened my mind. I hope you will find, as I did, all of the women's stories motivating. Now I ask myself: can I be a leader for change? Am I a social activist? I find I'm now motivated to help break the glass ceiling, as they have. Thanks to them, I now know it's possible.

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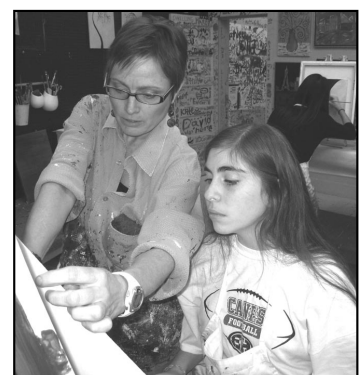
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Jew Crewers Make Their Mark at Gogh Paint-N-Party

Co-Advisors *Alison Lebovitz and Andy Hodes*

Jew Crewers hard at play, Jan 12



In January, the Jew Crew celebrated Tu B'shevat and the New Year by painting trees of all shapes and colors at Gogh Paint-N-Party. Of course, the frame-worthy masterpieces they created were nothing compared to the fun and fellowship they experienced. Once again this proved to be one of the favorite programs of the year. The Jew Crew is now gearing up for our annual retreat as we head to Camp Ramah Darom the weekend of February 28 - March 2 for a weekend full of activities and adventure. We look forward to creating more memories and bonds that will last a lifetime!

COMMUNITY VOICES

Jordan Snetman To Graduate in Spring



Jordan Snetman, daughter of Robert and Amy Snetman, will graduate from Baylor School this spring. She is the sister of 14 year-old Blake and the grand-daughter of the late Harrison and Toby Myers and Margie and the late Jay Snetman.

Jordan, whose is passionate about community service, has spent countless hours throughout her high school career volunteering in various capacities. She has been an after-school tutor at Hope for the Inner City in East Chattanooga, and has been a Site Leader for the children and their Baylor tutors. Jordan worked on the Baylor Grant Writing Committee, during which time she helped write two community service grants, both of which were fully funded. She has also taken the opportunity to live and work in the Asheville Homeless Shelter.

In addition to tutoring children, Jordan has been involved in peer tutoring, and was selected to the prestigious Red Circle. This selection, made by the Baylor School admission office, involves visiting with prospective Baylor families and answering their questions about the school.

Jordan's favorite subjects are Chinese and English; she has been taking Mandarin Chinese for six years, and this year she is taking post advanced-placement Chinese.

Jordan's honors and awards include the The Joe Key Award, the 2013 Jamaica Servant Leadership award, and admission to the National Honor Society. In addition to her busy school schedule, Jordan also attended Camp Ramah Darom for three summers, 6 Points Sports Academy in Greensboro, North Carolina for two years, was a Philanthropy Camp Counselor for 4 years, has been a member of Jew Crew since 9th grade, and is a Youth Representative of the B'nai Zion Board. She will be a counselor at 6 Points Sports Academy again this summer.

Outside of school, Jordan enjoys spending time with friends. While she doesn't yet know where she'll be going to college, her goal is to work with children.

Jewish Federation Offering Subsidies to TribeFest in New Orleans

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To encourage you to attend, the Jewish Federation will pay your registration fee (\$450)! Just register on the Tribefest website at tribefest.org using our TribeFest subsidy code, CHT450, when you get to the payment page.

Full cost of registration before Jan. 20 is \$450 (\$499 after Jan. 20). **We will give you \$450 toward registration**, so register early and all you will have to cover in order to attend this great conference is the cost of travel and lodging!

To be eligible for this subsidy, you must have made a pledge to the Federation's 2014 Annual Campaign and be willing to speak about the TribeFest experience to others in YL as well as to Federation Board and staff. Take advantage of an opportunity that shouldn't be missed.



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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...

Cindy Powell's Bat-Mitzvah
Helen Pregulan

In Memory of...

**Emily & Merle Liban and
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Camp Tikkun Olam Seeks Director



Camp Tikkun Olam is a one-week philanthropic day camp for rising seventh through ninth graders offered jointly by the Jewish Federation and Chattanooga First Church of the Nazarene.

During the five-day camp, campers visit at least four non-profit organizations to provide half days of service. They also receive educational sessions about volunteerism, participate in hands-on activities, and create a presentation for younger Philanthropy Camp

participants. A college-age counselor serves as an assistant when camp is in session.

The successful candidate must be 25 or older, upbeat, have a current driver's license, and have camp and volunteer experience. Must be available to participate in planning meetings, to assist with training, and for a minimum of 42 hours between July 28 through Aug. 1. The Camp Tikkun Olam director receives an honorarium for his/her service.

For information and to apply, contact Ann Treadwell at 493-0270, ext. 13 or atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com.

Philanthropy Camp Seeks Director

Philanthropy Camp is a one-week philanthropic day camp for rising first through sixth graders offered jointly by the Jewish Federation and Chattanooga First Church of the Nazarene.

During the five-days, campers participate in curriculum designed to teach about community service through interaction with the elderly, the environment, the economically disadvantaged, and those with disabilities. Campers participate in music, the arts, and hands-on activities. High school students serve as counselors under the guidance of the director, who also trains them before camp begins.

The successful candidate must be 25 or older, upbeat, have a current driver's license, and have camp and volunteer experience. Must be available to participate in planning meetings, to assist with training, and for a minimum of 42 hours between July 28 through Aug. 1. The Philanthropy Camp director is paid for his/her service.

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...to Bob and Rita Brook on the passing of Bob's father, Julius, who died on October 20.

...to Bea, David, and Emily Eichenenthal on the passing of Seth Lurie Eichenenthal on January 1, in Austria.

...Barbie and Steve Potts and family on the passing of Barbie's brother, Jeffrey Thal, on January 11.

...David and Susan DiStefano on the passing of David's father, James DiStefano, on December 30.

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

SHALOM Y'ALL

The Jewish Federation welcomes...

...Stuart and Carol Lewis, who moved to Chattanooga from Florida. Stuart is a business development trainer and Carol worked previously as a social services director. They have three children, Jeffrey, Rachel and Mallory, who live elsewhere.

...Robert Krigelman, who moved to Chattanooga from Huntsville, AL. Krigelman is a Senior Program Manager with TVA and enjoys camping and hiking.



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So how will you turn that passion into your legacy?

It's never too early to share your dreams and your passions with future generations. Call the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga today.

Contact Michael Dzik, 504-5518; mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com to start a conversation about how you can join others in the *Create a Jewish Legacy* effort.

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HADASSAH NEWS



by *Judy Sachsman*
Past President

Congratulations and thank you to Rhonda Seeber, Hadassah's 2013 Volunteer of the Year. Rhonda was recognized for her contribution to Hadassah at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Thank you also to Merav Balazs for coordinating the Room at the Inn annual dinner, which was donated by Hadassah. We also greatly appreciate each of the many volunteers who offered

time and food contributions. Hadassah followed with a brunch at Sandy Tabakin's home on Sunday, January 26. David Magan, a representative of Da'at Educational Expeditions, spoke about the Israeli travel agency that arranges Hadassah travel missions.

On Tuesday, February 4, Dr. Charlotte Boatwright will discuss domestic abuse at a joint Hadassah-Federation program at the Jewish Cultural Center. Ms. Boatwright is a nationally recognized expert on this topic.

In conjunction with the American Heart Association, Hadassah will host a lunch and speaker on Thursday, March 6, at the JCC. Please put this date on your calendar.

Start planning for the National Convention in Las Vegas, July 21-24: Inspire; Imagine; Ignite. Contact Dana Waxler (706) 820-4013 if you would like to attend.

Beautiful Hadassah certificates designed for every occasion are available for the cost of a contribution to JNF environmental projects such as trees or water conservation. New Hadassah Chai certificates start at \$18. Millie Lander is available to assist members with certificates and Phyllis Schwartz (504-0200) is now in charge of a wide assortment of Hadassah cards

Is all that loose change cluttering up your bureaus? JNF Blue Boxes and Hadassah Red Boxes are attractive ways to decorate your counter space and help support worthy projects. Millie Lander has both styles available. You can reach her at 698-1613.

Hadassah has developed a new giving plan called "Chai Society." It allows member to *Choose Where To Make Your Impact*. A monthly donation of \$15 or \$30 (or an annual donation of \$180 or \$360) will support Hadassah's amazing projects in Israel, including those affecting healthcare, medical research, youth projects, and education. Millie Lander can supply interested members with more information.

As newcomers arrive in Chattanooga, please bring them to Hadassah events so they can become part of this dedicated group. Remember: every lifecycle event deserves the gift that endures: membership in Hadassah.



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B'nai Zion Congregation

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**Sunday,
February 2
9:00 a.m.
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**Get ready to
wrap and roll.**

The World Wide Wrap is an international program of Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs that allows Jews from all over the world to join together to practice and learn about the performance of the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin. Breakfast following program. This event is free and open to all members of the community. RSVP jason@bzcongregation.com

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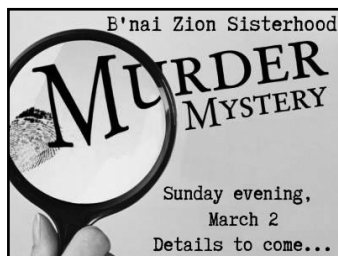
Men's Club
B'nai Zion Congregation

Men's Club Shabbat

Shabbat, Feb. 8: 9:45 a.m.
Join us as members of the B'nai Zion Men's Club lead our congregation in prayer. A Kiddush luncheon sponsored by the organization will follow services.



**Hazzak – Dinner
and a Movie**
Sunday, Feb. 16,
4:00 p.m.



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Sunday evening,
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Details to come...



Interfaith Shabbat: Common Ground-Uniting in Prayer
Friday, Feb. 21: 5:45 p.m. For three decades, Interfaith Shabbat has been one of B'nai Zion Congregation's most anticipated events of the year. This year we will focus on our commonalities in a new and meaningful way. 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.



...to Andy Hodes on the conclusion of two years of generous and transformative leadership as the Board Chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga.

...to Joe Kodsí on being named the B'nai Zion Volunteer of the Year. Joe doesn't miss a minyan,

serves as the co-chair of the Buildings and Grounds committee, chairs our community Shomrim, and used his skill and craftsmanship to construct the magnificent display case for our Illustrated Torah.

...to Hallie McFadden and Harold Shavin both of whom were inducted into the Chattanooga Regional Jewish Sports Hall of Fame last month at the Jewish Cultural Center with moving tributes about their accomplishments and who they are as inspirational human beings.

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BZ Service Times

Minyan - Tuesdays & Fridays - 5:45 p.m.
Shabbat - Saturdays - 9:45 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)
Services are open to all. Visitors are welcome.

Thursday, Feb. 13 & 27: 12 p.m. @ BZ
Join us for invigorating conversations about ethics as we eat tuna and egg salad sandwiches. RSVP to Marcia with your lunch preference. Cost is \$5.



Beginning in late Feb., join us for an **in-depth Hebrew course** looking at each service individually--the meaning, history, theology, sources. We'll pair it with a course in Tefillah (prayer) leading skills. For more information or to express your interest, contact Jason Cathcart or Rabbi Tendler and tell us more.

CJCRS Adult Sunday Morning Learning

Join teacher Barbara Paper as she explores the topic "Judaism and Sexuality." This three session course will be held: Feb. 2, 9, & 23. Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. and will end at noon. The course fee for members of a congregation for the three-week session is \$18.00.



L.O.L. - Lessons Of Leadership:
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Starting Thursday, March 6: 12 p.m.
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: one in East Brainerd and one downtown. Look for more details in next month's issue.

Questions about Adult education?

Contact Jason Cathcart at Jason@bzcongregation.com.

Beit Sefer Ivri

BSI is getting back in the swing of things. Students are back and hungry for more Jewish learning! Thanks to our Kochavim (5th-7th grade) teacher, David Fairchild, for bring us a wonderful Jewish Peoplehood Day program for Tu b'Shevat. It's a wonderful part of the Partnership 2Gether program that our community participates in.



The Fifth Annual BSI Mishloach Manot (sending food gifts to friends and family) fundraiser gets underway in mid-February. Besides the ability to share this mitzvah with friends and family throughout the B'nai Zion community, you are also able to make gifts to those in need (matanot l'evyonim) and purchase baskets for your own distribution at a discounted rate. Baskets can be purchased through HappyPurim.com with your personalized login code. If you have any questions please contact Jason Cathcart at 894.8900 x103 or jason@bzcongregation.com

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**Beit Sefer Ivri Meeting Dates – Feb. 5, 12, & 26
Junior Congregation--Feb 1 & 15, 10:00 a.m.**

Be sure to visit our blog at bsiednotes.blogspot.com. It is open 24/6 (please don't visit on Shabbat). There is a link to our online registration, a current calendar of our school activities, schedules of classes, resources for upcoming holidays, Youth Group information and more! Don't forget our Ashrei Society and Kiddush Society pages.

For more information about Hebrew School or upcoming youth events, please contact Jason Cathcart 894-8900 x103 or jason@bzcongregation.com.

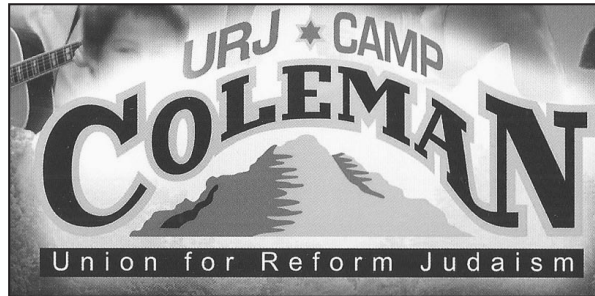
CONGREGATION NEWS



by Richard Zachary

Mizpah Shabbat Worship and Study Schedule

Sat., Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22	9:00 am Torah Study with Breakfast 11:00 am Shabbat Service with Torah and Haftarah
Sun., Feb. 2, 9, 23	9:30 am Adult Study at CJCRS: "Judaism and Sexuality," taught by Barbara Paper
Tues., Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25	7:30 am Early-Morning Study – "The Book of Job" - with Rabbi Bill S. Tepper
Fri., Feb. 7	5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> and <i>Shabbat</i> for Young Families 7:30 pm First Friday <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner Guest Speaker: AIPAC: America-Israel Public Affairs Committee
Fri., Feb 14, 28	5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service
Fri., Feb. 21	5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat 6:15 pm <i>Kabbalat Shabbat / Shabbat Shirim</i> – Shabbat of Song, Amy Cohen, song leader
Friday Feb. 28	4:00 pm Rabbi Bill S. Tepper to Hickory Valley Retirement Center for Shabbat Service



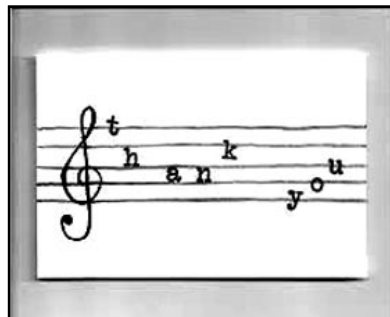
Union for Reform Judaism's Camp Coleman



Jaimee Boettcher, Director of Development at Camp Coleman, Camp Coleman Alum David Israel, and Rabbi Bill Tepper, Jan. 3, at Mizpah Camp Coleman Shabbat

Registration is well underway for the 2014 season at the Union for Reform Judaism's [URJ] Camp Coleman - our Reform Jewish residential summer camp in the Southeast. Athletics, swimming, overnight excursions, art, music, drama, nature study, Israel, Jewish learning, and life-long friendships are all part of the Coleman experience. Please contact Rabbi Bill S. Tepper - a Coleman Rabbinic Faculty Member - regarding registration. Subsidies and assistance are available.

Mizpah Choir Honored at Annual Meeting



This year Mizpah has chosen to honor our dedicated and outstanding choir as our "Volunteer of the Year." With voices raised together and with their *esprit de corps*, the choir continually enriches our worship experience through their musical talents, whether at High Holy Days with a full complement of members on our bimah, or at our Friday night services when two or more

choir members may together lead our musical liturgy.

Few members know of the hours of choir practice that take place behind the scenes. All members of our choir are unpaid volunteers.

We are delighted to honor this group, and we thank them for their contribution to Mizpah Congregation. **Members of the 2013 choir:**

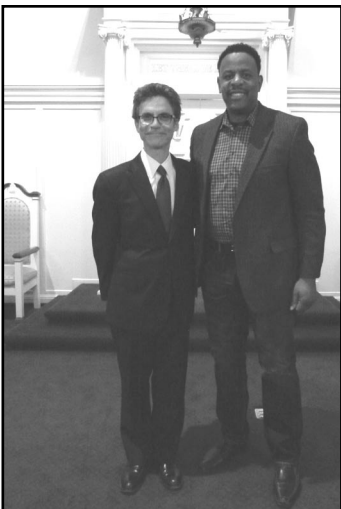
Bonnie Stoloff, Director; Marianna Allen; Karen Diamond; Madeleine Hartmann; David Laband; Bill Lefton; Ruth Longway; Jed Mescon; Melinda Rosenthal; Lisa Schubert; Helen Smith; John Steinberg; Richard Zachary; piano accompaniment: Beth Nichols and Tara Greer.



Early Morning Study: The Book of Job

Each Tuesday morning from 7:30 to 8:30a.m, adult learners meet in the Mizpah library to read, analyze and discuss the Bible's fascinating and important *Book of Job* - with fresh hot coffee on the side! No previous experience in Bible study is necessary and all are welcome!

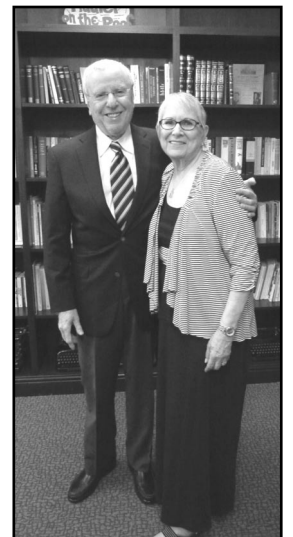
Pastor Kevin Adams, of Olivet Baptist Church, spoke at Mizpah's Shabbat Service Jan. 17 honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Cynthia Powell and husband Dale Powell



Beverly Rice and Cynthia Powell at their Bat Mitzvah, Jan. 18



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60 Days of Joy

One of my favorite Purim Torahs (a Talmudic exposition that is just skewered enough to be taken seriously on Purim) is the question of why Haman chose a particular day to destroy the Jewish people rather than spreading the destruction out over a month. The answer given is that Haman was a student of Jewish history, and he knew that if he failed in his mission, the Jewish people would turn it into a holiday, and he wanted to ensure that if they got a holiday, it lasted only one day.

Ironically, when Esther and Mordechai instituted the celebration of Purim, they ordained the entire “month that was transformed from sorrow to joy.” It is for this reason the Talmud teaches that when the month of Adar begins we must increase in our joy.

Additionally our sages teach that each month has a particular quality. Adar is the “Month of Transformation;” it is the month that transforms sorrow into joy, and a “scattered people” into a unified nation. The months on the Jewish calendar last 29 or 30 days, but every two or three years Adar doubles in size. These “pregnant years,” as they’re called, 30 days of “Adar I” followed by 29 days of “Adar II.” In addition, the 30th of Shevat is also the first of Adar I’s *Rosh Chodesh*. This makes for a total of 60 “Adar days.”

The Lubavitcher Rebbe points out that the number 60 represents the power of transformation. A rule of thumb in Torah law is the “nullified by sixty” principle. For example, if a piece of non-kosher food accidentally gets mixed into a pot of kosher food, the undesirable element is “nullified” if the desirable element is sixty times greater than it.

Thus, the Rebbe concludes, in a year blessed with a double, 60-day Adar, all undesirable elements -- every and any cause for pain, sadness, discouragement or dejection -- are nullified and sublimated by the transformative joy of Adar.



The Challenge of Modernity

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. Modernity promised security, acceptance, and affluence, with the escape from anti-Semitism and discrimination. But it also meant risk of assimilation, confusion of loyalties, and the possibility of disappearing as a nation.

In *To Be a Jew In The Free World*, we examine the personal and religious struggles that individuals and communities confronted as they faced the challenges of changing times. Hear stories that provoke debate and shed insight into what it means to live as a Jew today.

JLI has become the world’s largest and preeminent provider of Jewish learning. Join us for this educational and inspiring six week course that promises to be a thought-provoking and thrilling trip into our past to help us understand more of our present.

Six Tuesdays starting Feb 4 | 7:00 – 8:30pm

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

Chabad Hebrew School (CHS)

CHS students are doing a great job moving up in their Alef Champ levels. Alef Champ adopts the color system used in karate—white belt to black belt—to motivate Hebrew reading. The children have a great time creating letters using play dough, doing alef bet yoga, and alef bet crafts and races.

At the Hebrew School chanukah party, the children brought special sweaters and warm scarves, which they gift wrapped (see picture, below) to be sent to our needy brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, Israel.

Rabbi Shaul and Rosie distributed the gifts to needy orphans from Israel who were visiting New York. We are sure they will go to great use during these cold winter months in Israel. It felt special to give to the less fortunate during the holiday season, a time of receiving.



Motzei Shabbat Kumzitz, Saturday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Kumzits is a compound word in Hebrew derived from the Yiddish words “come” and “sit.” A Kumzits is an evening gathering whereby Jews sit together and sing spiritually moving songs that are punctuated by short inspirational folk stories. In order to establish ambiance, the lighting is often low and candles are lit, or, if outdoors, there might be a campfire. If it is not Shabbos then there will usually be musical instruments such as guitar or violin.

Bring your instrument of choice and join us! If you would like to receive the music to practice please email rabbishaulp@gmail.com.

Who Wants To Be a Minyanaire?

There is no better way, in starting your day
Better than coffee, even biscuits and gravy.

Mondays and Thursdays bright and early at seven
9 just won’t do it, we need ten for a minyan.

So wake up and face the king of all kings
He’s sure to repay you with lots of good things.

It’s worth more than a million I say with a dare
So join us today, become a minyanaire!

What: Minyan for Shacharit
When: 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Monday and Thursday

If you can commit or would like to receive weekly reminders please fill out the Minyanaire form at Chabad. We look forward to seeing you!

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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, 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 Deborah Tepper 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.

Mazel Tovs and Condolences

Please contact Dana Shavin (or dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270, ext. 12) with information regarding mazel tovs and condolences. 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 Voices page. Text and photo must be provided in accordance with *Shofar* deadline on the 8th of the month preceding the issue.

Corrections

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

Community Directory Updates

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 CJCRS 9:30am, MIZP	27 Deli Dinner 6pm JCC	28	29	30	31	1 Havdallah 6:49
2 CJCRS 9:30am, MIZP	3	4 What You Need to Know About Family Violence (Hadassah-Federation program) 7pm, JCC	5 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC Golden Agers & IG Lunch 12pm, JCC	6	7 Aleph Bet Shabbat 9:30am, JCC Candle Lighting 5:57	8 Havdallah 6:55
9 CJCRS 9:30am, MIZP AB PJ Library 4pm, JCC	10 Men's Night 6:00pm, JCC	11	12 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC Golden Agers Noon, JCC Federation Executive Committee Meeting 12pm, JCC	13 AB Book Fair 3:00-7pm AB Open House 4:30-6:30pm FeminIsrael community dessert reception 6pm, JCC	14 AB Book Fair 8:30-11am Aleph Bet Shabbat 9:30am, JCC Candle Lighting 6:04	15 Havdallah 7:02
16 No CJCRS	17	18 Noon Nosh with artist Judith Mogul 12:00pm, JCC	19 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC Golden Agers Noon, JCC	20 Federation Board Meeting JCC 5:30pm	21 Aleph Bet Shabbat 9:30am, JCC Candle Lighting 6:11	22 Havdallah 7:08
23 CJCRS 9:30am, MIZP YL Annual Meeting 3-4pm, JCC	24 Foreign Policy Supper Club Defense Technology in the 21st Century 6:00pm, JCC	25	26 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC Golden Agers Noon, JCC	27	28 Jew Crew Retreat starts YL Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:17	Mar.1 Jew Crew retreat continues

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

Key Jewish Federation Dates

What You Need To Know About Family Violence
(A Hadassah-Federation event) Tuesday, February 4

FeminIsrael Dessert Reception and Program
Thursday, February 13

Noon Nosh with Artist Judy Mogul
Tuesday, February 18

Young Leadership Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 23

Foreign Policy Supper Club
Monday, February 24

Calendar Abbreviation Key

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

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