

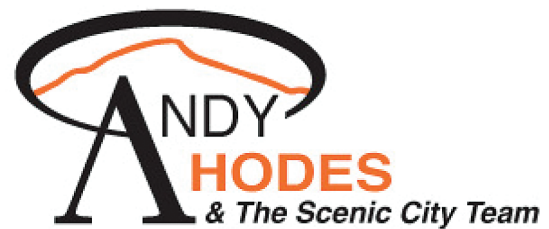
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If you missed the opportunity to donate, we gratefully accept tributes to Aleph Bet throughout the year. Please mail the information to Aleph Bet, Attn: Vicki Cathcart, 5461 N. Terrace Road, Chattanooga, TN 37411.

Congratulations Abe Lebovitz, Aleph Bet Volunteer of the Year!



Abe is a proud alumnus of Aleph Bet, and he finds ways to stay connected to the school. During Good Deeds' Day, Abe cleaned the Aleph Bet playground and classroom equipment. For the community Yom Ha'atzmaut program, Abe taught the children about Yaffo-Tel Aviv by playing clock tower Jenga and pretending to make shakshuka at the Aleph Bet/PJ Library booth. For his Bar Mitzvah Project, Abe wanted to raise money to remodel the teacher workroom. With Abe's hard work and philanthropic skills, Aleph Bet is now enjoying new countertops, shelving, cabinets, tables, a desk, and more. Abe will also help plan the Aleph Bet Children's Center Reunion scheduled for the Spring 2016. Thank you Abe!

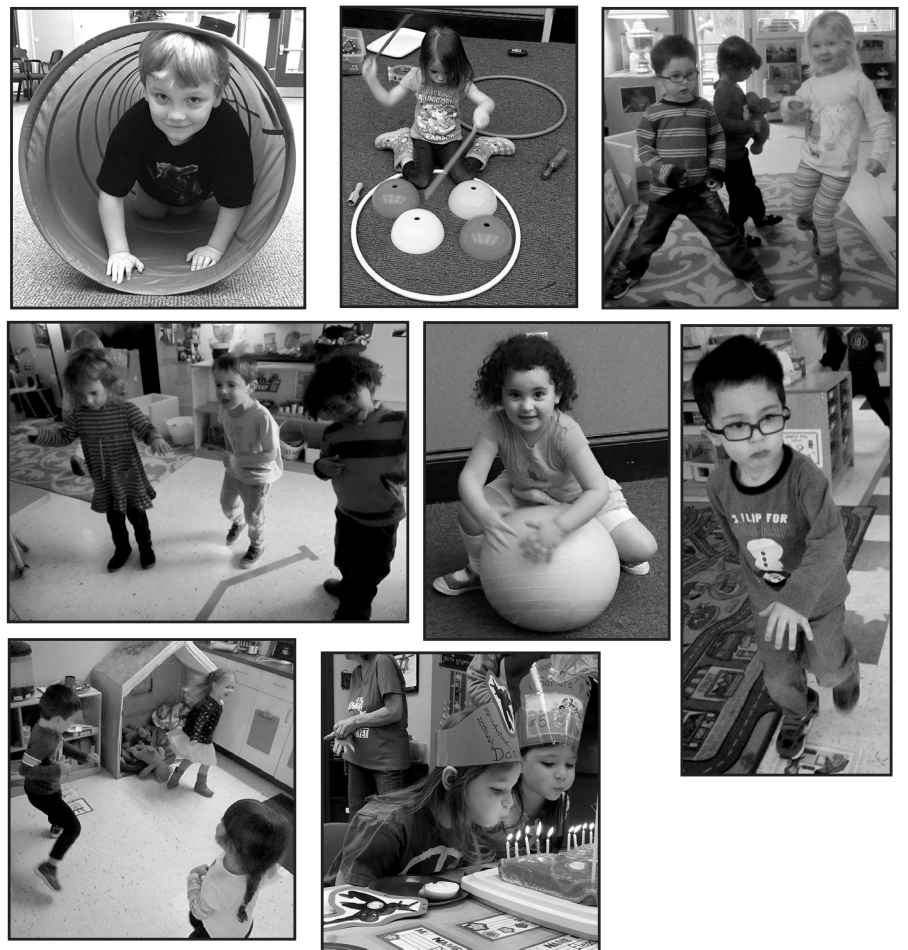
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Ronni and Chaim Charyn-school supplies
The Ferguson Family-Hebrew book



We are so fortunate to have so many people donate supplies for Aleph Bet. For your convenience, Aleph Bet Children's Center has set up a wish list on Amazon.com. Go to Amazon.com/wishlist and type in Aleph Bet. It's easy to see what we wish for!

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Jewish Early Childhood Initiative—Chattanooga funding generously provided by the Lebovitz Family Charitable Trust and private donors. The Jewish Right Start Program matching funding provided by the National Jewish Right Start program, an initiative of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, made possible through the generosity of local donors.

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It will be a SUPER bash! The Biggest Day in Football

Sunday, Feb. 7: 6:00 p.m.
Giant Screen TV, Chili, Hot Dogs, Beer, Lots of Fun! Admission without square is \$10.
Call B'nai Zion (894.8900) to get into the game!

Wrap up with God, then, let's have a bagel.



Annual World Wide Wrap

Sunday, Feb. 7: 9:45 a.m.
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. At this year's World Wide Wrap, we will be kicking off our first in a series of programs from the Federation of Jewish Men's Club's entitled, "Hearing Men's Voices-Listening to God's Voice" Breakfast served following program. This event is free and open to all members of the community.



Honoring our Chevra Kadisha

Shabbat morning, February 13: 9:45 a.m.
The truest Jewish act of kindness that can never be repaid is honoring our dead. B'nai Zion's Chevra Kadisha does just that. Chevra Kadisha means "Sacred Society," but is more commonly translated as "Jewish Burial Society." The tradition of having a Chevra Kadisha goes back more than 2000 years. It was, and is, considered a great honor to be a member. Their work is called chesed shel emet, the ultimate good deed, since

they can never be repaid for their kindness. Indeed, they are often called upon to serve with little or no notice, since they must spring into action promptly upon death. This year, we honor the Chevra Kadisha during the month of Adar, which is the month of Moses' birth and death. Please join us for Shabbat services followed by a Deli Day Kiddush lunch, sponsored by Charlotte Jacobson.



Lunch & Learn

February 11 & 25 @ noon at BZ
Join together for an hour of delectable limmud. In February we will focus on the theme of CALL in our Congregational Read: God's to-do List by Dr. Ron Wolfson. As such, we will think about how God, friends, family and community call on each and every one of us. Cost: \$5 for lunch (learning is free). RSVP to the synagogue office.



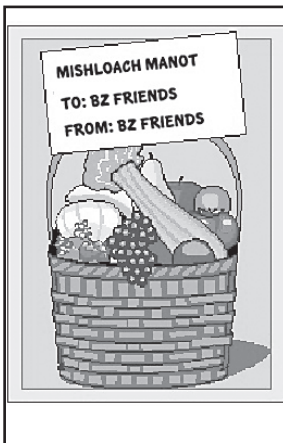
Open House Shabbat

Thank you to David Eichenthal and Bea Lurie for hosting our second Open House Shabbat. It was another great success! More than 25 people enjoyed an evening of food, friendship and Shabbat together. Next one is April 15.

Thank you to Lynn Hochman and Andy Hodes for spearheading our December 25 volunteer effort at Erlanger Hospital this year and a big todah rabbah to Kevin Spiegel for making the whole endeavor possible. More than 80 volunteers participated in this wonderful act of chesed for our community. This year's mitzvah was held in memory of both Seth Lurie Eichenthal and Sylvia Wygoda. (See photos, below.)



Beit Sefer Ivri Mishloach Manot!



Mishloach Manot—Sending food gifts to friends and family—is one of the four Mitzvot performed on Purim. It is a heartfelt way to emphasize the Jewish unity that lies at the core of the Purim holiday... and to create meaningful connections within our own community at the same time. For the SEVENTH YEAR in a row, BSI is selling Mishloach Manot baskets as a fundraiser for the school. For just \$4.00 per recipient, you can participate in the sending of a beautiful gift basket to anyone in our congregation. Through the help of our friends at HappyPurim.com it is an easy process. If you have any questions or need a copy of your personal log-in code, please contact Jason Cathcart at 894.8900 x103 or Jason@bzcongregation.com.

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For info about Hebrew school or upcoming youth events, contact Jason Cathcart: 894-8900 x103 or jason@bzcongregation.com

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The following articles were republished from the Institute of Southern Jewish Life.

Station Yourself for Success

By Ali Duhan, ISJL Education Fellow

Throughout the course of a religious school session, we teachers move through a variety of activities to keep students interested and engaged. But students may spend the entirety of their day sitting in the same seat. Although the topics may change and the activity may be different, with no opportunity for movement, each activity starts to run into the next, and the student can become less interested and more antsy.

Setting up your room with stations can incorporate a much needed break in the routine. Before the start of the class, take a look at what the curriculum has to offer and the different activities that you are going to try to accomplish. Maybe there is an art project about Daniel or a text reading about Jeremiah. Our natural inclination is to do all of these activities at the students' desks. Instead, have one corner of your classroom set up for the art projects, and then in another area have open floor space with a rug or some pillows for students to sit and read. It may not seem like a lot, but a change in setting can break up the day. This adjustment allows students to move, and marks a definite change in activity.

If your room is not big enough for different distinct areas, consider moving the desks or tables around between activities. Let students decide on a room configuration for art projects; when that activity comes up, allow students to move the furniture into their chosen formation. This movement allows students a brief moment to release energy and to feel like they are starting the next activity as opposed to a continuing the one before. In addition, it gives students ownership over the classroom, since they decided how to set it up, which will encourage them to be more engaged in the activity.

If moving furniture is not for you, try moving to a new room entirely. Often during the religious school day, there are underutilized rooms throughout the building, perhaps the sanctuary or the social hall are unoccupied for part of the day. Have students go into the sanctuary for text studies to give a more serious or spiritual feeling to the activity. For activities during which students are supposed to move around, the social hall could afford some much needed extra space. Once you finish that particular activity, students can return to their main classroom feeling like they have accomplished something.

You can use stations in a variety of different ways throughout the school day. Stations are a great way to mark a clear separation between activities. The physical act of moving might be all a student needs to refocus his or her energy and dig into learning.

Thinking Big – Larger Than Life Programs

By Abby Kliensky, ISJL Education Fellow

When your school and the ISJL education department enter a partnership, we promise you that you get access not only to our curriculum and existing programs, but also to ten brains that are all working to create the best, most innovative programming possible for you and your students. Ten brains, they say, are better than one. So what do we do with all that brain power? We THINK BIG. Literally. Over the past few years, we have created a number of larger-than-life games and programs that really get students up and moving around. Read more about some of our favorites, below.

Jewish Immigration Through Europe – takes high school students across a playing field of the map of Europe. As they move from country to country, students connect strings to show the paths that Jewish immigrants have taken over time. The game begins in the year 1012 C.E., when the king of Germany expels the Jews from that country, and continues through the middle ages. By the end of the game, students have a clear picture of how Jews ended up dispersed throughout Europe by the start of World War II.

Jewish Values Chutes and Ladders – is great for students in third grade and older, and it's Shabbat-friendly. The game includes forty Jewish values, in Hebrew and English, and challenges students to complete tasks and answer ques-

tions related to those values. The students themselves become the game pieces – an incorrect answer has them sliding through a chute to an earlier game square, whereas a correct answer lets them climb up a rope ladder to advance more quickly across the board.

Piku-ach Nefesh Stations – leads participants through a multi-part, multi-room, choose-your-own-adventure exploration of the Jewish value of piku-ach nefesh, or saving a life. As they navigate through various life-threatening scenarios, students decide whether to observe the Shabbat laws strictly or to break them in fulfillment of the higher commandment of saving a life. The program uses a ball pit, a memory game, and a Survivor-style rope game to give students a hands-on exploration of this important Jewish value.

Shabbat Nature Hike – offers participants the opportunity to explore the separation between mundane and holy that differentiates Shabbat from the rest of the week. On a nature hike, students focus on connecting to nature as a way of examining the beauty of separating from their daily lives. The hike combines a sensory exploration of the outdoors, a guided meditation, and a text study to give participants a full appreciation of the meaning of Shabbat.

We know you'll be hooked on our larger-than-life games and programs by the time you run these programs, and there are lots more in the very same Program Bank where those came from! As you begin to plan your next round of programming, be sure to take advantage of your partnership with the ISJL to the fullest extent possible, and bring some larger-than-life games that are sure to have your students excited to learn.

Seeking Directors for Philanthropy Camp, Camp Tikkun Olam for Summer 2016

The successful candidates 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 52 hours between July 27 – August 5. Israeli teens, as part of the P2G exchange program, will be involved in each camp. Each camp director receives an honorarium for his/her service.

Philanthropy Camp is a nationally recognized one-week camp that introduces children in rising first through rising sixth grade to community service through day themed service models. There are six high school-aged counselors and a lead counselor to help manage the approximately 50 children in camp.

Camp Tikkun Olam runs concurrently with Philanthropy Camp and is for rising seventh through ninth graders. 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. Approximately 17 teens participate in camp. A college-age counselor serves as an assistant when camp is in session.

The camps are offered jointly by the Jewish Federation and Chattanooga First Church of the Nazarene.

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MIZPAH CONGREGATION



by Donna Etkin

February Worship Schedule

Worship & Activities Schedule

Wednesday, February 3, 10, 17, & 24

4:30 pm, Mizpah Academy Hebrew Classes for Youth

Friday, February 5

5:45 pm, Oneg Shabbat refreshments and socializing

6:15 pm, Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Services

7:15 pm, FIRST FRIDAY DINNER – RSVP required

Saturday, February 6, 13, 20, & 27

8:45 am, Breakfast and Torah Study

11:00 am, Shabbat morning service

Monday, February 8

Rabbi Tepper teaches a Judaism class to inmates at Walker State Prison in Rock Springs, Georgia. He has undertaken these visits for the past several years, and they are always meaningful experiences for the Rabbi and his students.

Tuesday, February 9 (future dates to be announced)

7:30 am, Early morning Jewish Learning with Rabbi Tepper in the Mizpah Library

Friday, February 12 & 26

5:45 pm, Oneg Shabbat refreshments and socializing

6:15 pm, Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Services

Sunday, February 14

12:00 Confirmation Class

NOTE: NO CJCRS February 14

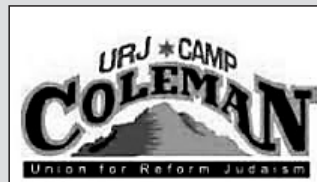
Friday, February 19

5:45 pm, Oneg Shabbat refreshments and socializing

6:15 pm, Shabbat Shirim --A Shabbat of Songs



Summers to Remember!



The Union for Reform Judaism [URJ] Camp Coleman

Registration for the Union for Reform Judaism [URJ] Camp Coleman's 2016 Summer Sessions is well underway. Located in beautiful Northeast Georgia, our region's Reform Jewish Camp has provided superb – and memorable - recreational, artistic, educational, environmental and spiritual experiences to the Reform Jewish youth of Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina and Florida for more than fifty years. Best of all, Coleman campers establish friendships that last a lifetime!

Please contact me, Rabbi Bill S. Tepper, now about your child/children attending Camp Coleman in 2016, and having a summer to remember. Financial assistance is available!

Mizpah Academy

Mizpah Academy is our Congregational weekly Hebrew Language Learning Program for children and youth. Using the Union for Reform Judaism's (URJ) Mitkadem (Progressive) Curriculum, our goal is to develop an understanding and love for the 'first language' of the Jewish people. Classes take place 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays in our newly updated Mizpah School Wing. Please contact Principal Rabbi Bill S. Tepper for further information.



On the Scene at Mizpah



Rabbi Tepper, Rikki and Sean Odineal and baby Rosemary, receiving her Hebrew name at Mizpah on January 15th: L'ora Lillith

Warmest Welcome



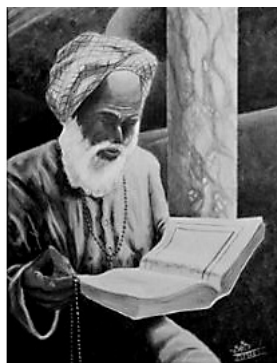
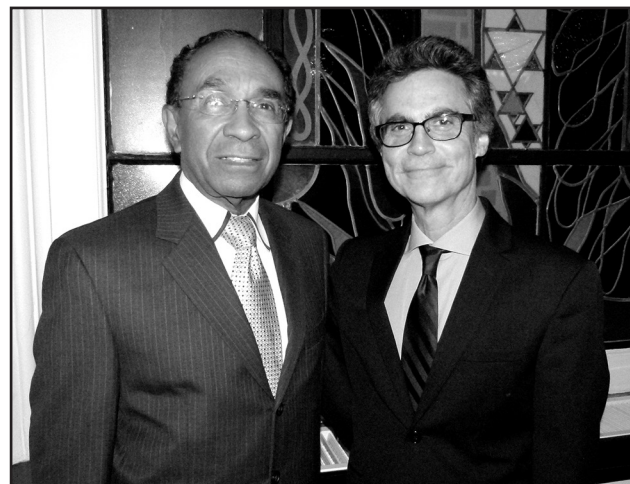
We are pleased to welcome our new Director of Jewish Education and Lifelong Learning, Laurie Fisher. Laurie is a lifelong educator with a particular passion for Jewish education.

Currently a resident of Knoxville, she has an internship with UTK Hillel, which fulfills a requirement for her dual master's degrees. She is also working on her Ed. D. in Jewish education. Her research interests include Teacher Education, Critical Reflective Practice and the Philosophy and History of Jewish Education.

Laurie and her husband, Matt Lauer (NOT the talk show host but every bit as distinguished, if not more so) have a daughter who will graduate from the University of Rochester Medical School in May and begin her OB/GYN residency next summer.

Laurie's extensive experience working with children, youth and adults within the Jewish community as well as the community at large, and her enthusiasm for working with B'Nei Mitzvah and Hebrew students, make her a welcome addition to Chattanooga's Jewish community.

Booker T. Scruggs and Rabbi Tepper. Mr. Scruggs was born and still lives in Chattanooga, and was the special speaker January 15th, honoring the memory and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



TUESDAYS WITH THE RABBI...GET TO KNOW SOME WELL- AND NOT SO WELL-KNOWN--JEWS

Enjoy coffee, conversation, learning and friendship on Tuesday Mornings, 7:30 am to 8:30 am in Mizpah Congregation's Harris A. Gould Library, as we explore the lives of Jewish personalities. There is no charge, all are welcome and the coffee is always fresh! This popular weekly program continues each Tuesday Rabbi Tepper is in town. Owing to his travel to Toronto, the dates for this class are subject to change.

Please contact our Office to verify.

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Rabbi Shaul Perlstein

from the Chabad.org website

Less than a week after Rabbi Levi Yitzchak moved to Berditchev to serve as chief rabbi, he received his very first case as a rabbinical judge in the city.

A wealthy merchant from the nearby town of Chmielnik had brought several barrels filled with honey to sell at the big fair in Berditchev. Unfortunately, just then the price of honey dropped sharply. Not wanting to suffer a loss on his investment, he asked an acquaintance to store the honey for him until the price rose again.

The two were old friends, and the local man was happy to oblige. Knowing each other to be completely honest, they didn't write down anything of their arrangement or call in witnesses.

Time went by. The price of honey remained low, so the barrels remained, untouched and unnoticed.

More time went by. The man on whose property the honey was stored contracted a fatal disease and passed away. Everything happened so quickly that he never had a chance to explain to his family anything about the state of his affairs.

Around this time the price of honey began to slowly climb. When the increase became significant, the owner of the barrels showed up at his deceased friend's house and claimed his honey from the sons who had inherited and taken over their father's business. They, however, having heard nothing about it from their father, refused to honor the Chmielniker merchant's claim. After some discussion, they decided to present the case before the new rabbi.

Rabbi Levi Yitzchak listened to the litigants carefully, even though the law in such a case was clear. Of course he would have to rule against the out-of-town merchant. Even if there had been witnesses or a signed document, Torah law stipulates that no claims against "orphans" (i.e., heirs who are disadvantaged by the fact that they have no way of knowing what transpired between the deceased and their litigant) can be collected without first swearing an oath as to the validity of one's claim; and here there were neither document nor witnesses.

Nevertheless, Rabbi Levi Yitzchak hesitated to pronounce his verdict and finalize the case. Firstly, why in his first days in his new position, did the Almighty arrange for his inaugural judgment to be something so straightforward and clear-cut, with no room left to budge and no right to attempt any sort of compromise? Could it be a hint from heaven that his practice to always pursue accommodation and compromise was not correct? That only adhering strictly to the letter of the law can be considered the way of truth?

And why did the Supernal Judge arrange it so that his very first ruling in this town would be considered bizarre by the entire populace? After all, the merchant from Chmielnik was well known to everyone in town as a scrupulously honest man, as someone who was already wealthy and as such immune to monetary pressures. Furthermore, everyone knew that the merchant and the deceased were old friends who trusted each other implicitly, never resorting to documents or witnesses in their transactions. Everyone was sure to wonder: Why should the law of the Torah be so opposite to common sense? "Why me, and why now?" he thought to himself.

The contradiction between the natural sense of what was right and the law of the Torah was too great. Rabbi Levi Yitzchak asked them to excuse him for a few more minutes. Turning aside to a corner of the room, he poured forth in silent prayer his frustration, beseeching G-d to enlighten him with understanding.

Suddenly, the owner of the honey jumped off his seat as if struck by a bolt of lightning, and exclaimed: "I remember! I remember! Honored Rabbi, please forgive me," he called out excitedly. "While waiting here I had the most amazing realization! An old memory, just flashed through my mind. Rescued from oblivion!

Fifty years ago, when I was just a young lad. Our father died suddenly, leaving us a large inheritance in cash and possessions. Included in this was a storage room filled with casks of wine and oil.

One day, the father of these two young men (may his rest be peaceful) came to our home in Chmielnik. He claimed that the wine and oil were his that he had stored it with our father for safekeeping. My brothers and I were still quite young then, and had never been involved in any of our father's business affairs. We had no idea what we were supposed to do, but we were reluctant to give up the merchandise just like that.

"We all went to the rabbi of the town and presented our case. He ruled in our favor, explaining that nothing can be taken from the inheritance of orphans without absolute proof and an oath. After a while, we sold the entire lot for a good price. What I just realized is that the money we



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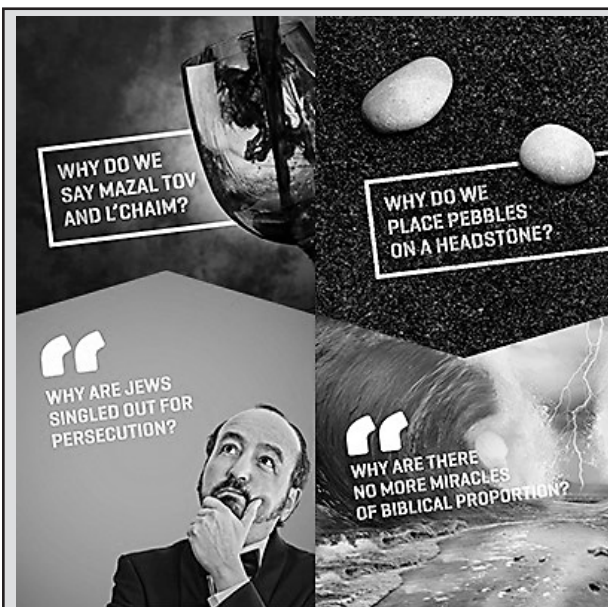
Hebrew School Days

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received for that wine and oil is exactly equal to the value of my honey, which is now in the possession of the sons of my departed friend!"

Now, all was clear to Rabbi Levi Yitzchak: divine providence had presented him this case, so early in his new tenure, to teach him an important lesson. Not always is what seems obvious and true to human eyes necessarily the truth, or even fair. Absolute truth resides only with the laws of the Torah. G-d's ledger is always open, and all accounts are forever being reckoned and balanced. Some may take fifty years for resolution, others more, others less. What is guaranteed is that the Master of the Universe constantly oversees to be sure that justice is done.



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HADASSAH NEWS



Hadassah Happenings

by Cathryn Cohen
Chapter Reporter



Mazel tov and thank you to Sandy Tabakin for her service as chapter president, 2014 and 2015. Sandy received the National Leadership Award during the Appreciation Luncheon for Keepers of the Gate donors and executive board members on December 13, 2015. The Chapter made a donation in Sandy's

honor to the Hadassah Medical Equipment Fund.

Thanks to June Collins for chairing the annual Room In The Inn Dinner held on January 11. Many thanks also go to all those who donated time and dinner items, which ensured the resident women and children enjoyed themselves fully. The Room In The Inn mission is to "empower homeless women and children to become self-sufficient by offering a temporary home while also providing programs and services to meet their goals."

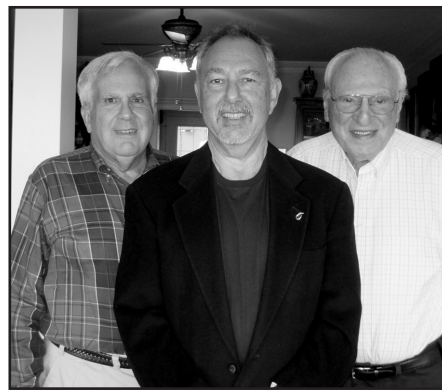
On January 24, Hadassah sponsored Jewish National Fund (JNF) Tu B'Shevat during Chattanooga Jewish Community Religious School (CJCRS) at Mizpah Congregation. Tu B'Shevat is Israel's Arbor Day. JNF Blue Boxes were distributed to all CJCRS students in December so that they could decorate the coin boxes and donate "gelt" for trees to be planted in Israel. The Best Decorated Boxes and Most Generous Donors received special recognition. Sunday school parents and faculty members had the opportunity to purchase JNF Tree and Water Certificates at \$18 each. These Certificates help fund reforestation projects and the building of dams, reservoirs and water reclamation centers in Israel. Thanks to Paula Israel, Millie Lander and Jackie Rosenfeld for coordinating this annual event.

Don't forget Israeli shlichah Noa Hadad's next fabulous cooking event to be held at the home of Karen Hinkes February 28 at 2:00 p.m. Noa will be sharing her challah-baking secrets and some of her favorite desserts. It promises to be just as great as last fall's cooking class. In addition to learning to prepare these traditional foods, participants will get to eat their results.

Showing your commitment to Hadassah by purchasing Life Memberships, Annual Memberships, Associate Memberships, and beautiful jewelry is always appreciated. The newest Hadassah jewelry features a heart necklace, priced at \$100, which supports the new addition to Hadassah Hospital. Three styles of bracelets, at \$25 each, support Young Judaea scholarships. The jewelry is available through Millie Lander. And for all Life-Cycle events, think of purchasing cards through Paula Israel.



Sandy Tabakin was honored for outstanding service as chapter president in 2014, 2015.



Associate Keepers of the Gate, Gary Lander, Richard Waxler, Ben Tabakin



June Collins, Cora Feintuch, Judy Sachsman



June Collins and Sandy Tabakin serve food donated by Hadassah members to Room In the Inn clients



Hadassah Volunteer of the Year Finette Winer with Barbara Oxenhandler and Helen Smith



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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.

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.

February 2016 Tevet/Shevat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC Hebrew class 6:30, JCC	3 Intergenerational Lunch Noon, JCC	4 <i>Dressed</i> Meet the artist reception 5:30, JCC	5 Candle Lighting 5:55	6 Candle Lighting 6:53
7 CJCRS Jew Crew Retreat	8	9 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC Hebrew class 6:30, JCC	10	11 Chattanooga Jewish Archives Meeting 1pm, JCC	12 Candle Lighting 6:02	13 Candle Lighting 7:00
14 No CJCRS	15	16 Tuesday Cafe JCC	17	18 Federation Board Meeting 5:30, JCC	19 YJL Shabbat Dinner Candle Lighting 6:09	20 Candle Lighting 7:06
21 CJCRS Genetic Screening 1-4pm, JCC	22	23 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	24	25	26 Candle Lighting 6:16	27 Candle Lighting 7:12
28 Israeli Wine Tasting 7pm, JCC	29 Foreign Policy Supper Club: Middle East Alliance 6pm, JCC	1	2	3	4 Candle Lighting 6:22	5 Candle Lighting 7:18

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

Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23
Tuesday Cafe
Wednesday, Feb. 3
Intergenerational Lunch
Thursday, Feb. 4
Meet the Artist Reception for *Dressed*
Sunday, Feb. 21
Genetic Screening
Sunday, Feb. 28
Israeli Wine Tasting
Monday, Feb. 29
Foreign Policy Supper Club

The Shofar is online at the Federation website.
Go to Jewishchattanooga.com/Shofar

The online Community Calendar is current.

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
YJL Jewish Federation Young Jewish Leadership
P2G Partnership 2Gether

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