


FEDERATION NEWS

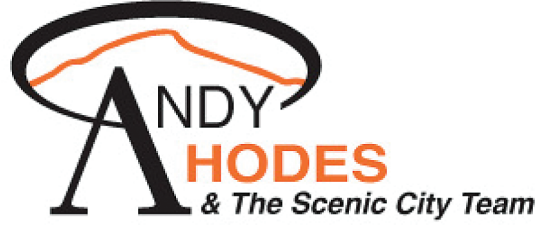
Farewell Amy Boulware Reception Dec. 14



BOHN & ASSOCIATES

JERRY L. BOHN
Insurance Specialist
7143 Revere Circle
Chattanooga, TN 37421
DrMoneyCHA@aol.com
423-553-9393





**The Shortest Distance Between
Listed and Sold**


Andy Hodes

● **Listed** ————— ● **Sold**


It is important to choose a real estate professional who understands the value of a straightforward approach. That's why people work with Andy.

With his dynamic marketing abilities, his extensive network, and his relentless energy, Andy can get your home sold. Period. End of Story.

**Don't take a winding path down the road of frustration.
Choose the shortest distance between listed and sold - Andy Hodes!**



423-664-1818 (Direct)
423-664-1600 (Office)
Andy@AndyHodes.com
www.AndyHodes.com



EACH KELLER WILLIAMS OFFICE IS INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

COMMUNITY LIFECYCLES

Eamon McFadden to Graduate from McCallie



Congratulations to Eamon McFadden, who will graduate from McCallie in spring 2016. Eamon is the son of Patrick and Hallie McFadden and the grandson of Lynn and Colman Hochman and Gene and the late Edward McFadden. Eamon's sister, Shehan McFadden, 18, attends Tulane University.

Eamon is active in McCallie Diving, Mock Trial, and Model United Nations. Favorite subjects include science and math, and he was awarded AP Scholar with Distinction. He will attend the Naval Academy, where he will study engineering.

Cassandra McCarley to Graduate from Baylor



Congratulations to Cassandra Harris McCarley who will graduate from Baylor in spring, 2016. Cassandra is the daughter of Dr. John and Tracy McCarley and the granddaughter of Les and Joni Janis and Peggy and David McCarley. She has one sister, Zoe, 15.

Cassandra is active in Community Service, Raiders Against Prejudice, Walkabout, Red Circle, Round Table, Gender Committee, Peer Support Network, Choir, and The Baylor Players. Her favorite subjects are physics and human geography. Cassandra was a National Merit Semifinalist, and is a member of the National Honors Society. When not in school Cassandra enjoys hiking, playing with her dogs, exploring new music, spending time with friends, and experimenting with recipes. She hopes to attend the University of Alabama Honors college and will study pre-med.

Mazel Tov

...to Bonnie and Stephen Black on the birth of their grandson Andrew Bernard Black (Drew), on Nov 24
...to Riki and Sean Odineal on the birth of their daughter. Rosemary Lilith, on November 18.

Condolences

We mourn the passing of the following beloved friends and family:
--**Joyce Cohn Friedman**, wife of Paul Friedman, sister of Herbert Cohn, aunt of Amy and Jon Cohen, Geoffrey Cohen, Ethan Cohen, Aliza Cohen, Gerry Cohn, Esther Cohn, Jethro Cohn.
--**Michael Melnick**, father of Lauren Lebovitz, on December 3.
--**Dennis Chester Perkins**, grandfather/grandfather-in-law of Brittany Thomas and Justin Faith, on December 4.

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

Tributes

In memory of

Ethel Rosenthal (Mary and Jay Susman, Janet Sivils, Teddi Mendel)
Ira Brukner (Fuzzy Spector, Lois Kiselik, Robert Kiselik, Anonymous, Dana and Sam Banks)

In honor of

Amy Boulware (Anita Levine, Sylvia Saloshin and Gene Kleiman)

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

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

An Open Letter from P2G Teacher Amit Shacham



We landed December 3 in a wonderful place, with perfect weather and wonderful people! The four of us, all Israeli teachers--we didn't know what to expect. But the small Jewish community in Chattanooga hugged us with a love I can't describe: a love for Israel, and with a strong desire for a mutual relationship.

During the week we visited private, public and Jewish religious schools. We met the rabbis. I had the privilege to meet Rabbi Bill Tepper and to be part of Torah Study. I listened to the Person of the Week and saw how that person was related to us. I enjoyed learning the Torah in a different way than what I know. We met non-Jewish kids and Jewish kids, and learned how it feels to be one of the only Jewish kids in a public school. Being Jewish in the US feels to me like a world within a world: you have to confront anti-semitism, strive to form a sense of identity, and work to keep the generations intact.

I'm back in Israel now, and I understand how important it is to maintain this relationship between the Jewish American community and those of us here. It's important for us to know that we have in the United States a strong back, and the support to keep us safe even though you are far away. I feel that I have a big mission and responsibility now, having taken part in this program.

I understand how we both (Israel and America) need each other. We give meaning to the vision of a Jewish nation. I understand now why we both want this connection and why we make this relationship real. We want the closeness and sense of belonging to something bigger.

I was surprised by the fact that Chattanooga loves Israel. I think most people in Israel are not even aware of it. It was empowering to know how many people stand with us and support Israel--Jews and non-Jews alike. The people who made this journey real are the wonderful people behind the scenes, those whom you can find under the name P2G: Yael Naali Ben Zion, Noa Hadad, Ann Treadwell, Lynn Howard, and of course Michael Dzik.

I have to say a special thank you to the community, and those who hosted us from their hearts, donating their time, their home and family. Thanks you host families Jon and Amy Cohen, Randi and Jeffery Weiss, Susan and Dennis Matzkin, and Rabbi Tendler and Ross Sadoff.

I want to finish with the words of the song we heard from the kids at the Federation's Community Chanukah Party, under the direction of Rachel Salomon. These words gave each of us teachers chills, as we heard the essence of being Jewish in USA: "*Israel is in every Jewish Heart.*"

Monica Gefter, M.D., FACP

Board Certified in Internal Medicine

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

New Patients are welcome

ACADEMIC INTERNAL MEDICINE

Erlanger Physician Office Building
Suite 601B

979 E. 3rd St., Chattanooga 37403



423-778-8179

By the Numbers

4234930270

For a good time
For assistance
For questions
For RSVPs
For YOU

CHATTANOOGA JEWISH CONGREGATIONAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Helping to Understand Israel

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

How does our joint religious school bring our children to an understanding of Israel?

I'm so glad you asked! Remember Hadas Peled (photo below), one of our recent schlichim (emissaries) from Israel? She is integral to a new program called *Ma'agalim* (Circles), which is a school-to-school Israel-Disapora virtual mifgash (assembly) program. (Verbiage below taken from program materials is in quotes.)

First, some background. "Yachdav (Together) from the Jewish Peoplehood Education Center has invited us to explore educational opportunities to strengthen the connections to Israel, Israelis, between Jewish communities, and our [own personal] Jewish identity."

"The Ma'agalim program is a wonderful opportunity that creates a personal connection between students – a connection that is fun and meaningful at the same time. In this program, we aspire to create personal connection between Chattanooga students to Hadera-Iron students. In other words, we will bring the P2G (Partnership Together) bridge alive!"

"Throughout the year, 5th grade students from the Sunday school and "Reut" school will exchange information that exposes each side to life in Israel and in Chattanooga. The direct connection with kids their own age is very special, and each side gets a real sense of what Judaism is here and there. Moreover, CJCRS 4th and 5th graders get a chance to experience 'real Israel' through their peers' eyes. That way, each side learns a lot and expands his/her own knowledge in many areas. Finally, the classes will conduct a video conference call (via Skype) which is a chance to meet face to face in real time."

"The 4th/5th grade group will begin by unfolding the theme of Identity/Who Am I? This topic brings to light what both groups of students have in common as members of the Jewish people, as well as the differences between them, as citizens of different countries and cultures. The parallel study begins with a focus on personal identity, then moves on to local/city identity and country/national identity, and concludes with the study of K'lal Yisrael identity. This process allows students to gradually learn about themselves and their new friends on the other side of the world by first tackling the "closer to home" and more concrete topic of personal identity, after which they can move on to the more abstract and far-reaching circle of identity."

We have already received materials from our coordinator, Hadas Peled. The first unit, "Personal Identity," includes (1) That Kid is ... Me!; (2) My Family and Me; and (3) Meeting New Friends.

"I [Hadas Peled] would like to emphasize that having the Federation's support in the program is truly a blessing for all sides! We all see this program



Hadas Peled, 2013/2014
Federation Shlichah

as an opportunity to create an ongoing connection between all students, starting from Ma'agalim program at an early age and eventually including teenagers at the Tikkun Olam delegation over the summer."

In a future Shofar article, we hope to share stories from our own children about what they have experienced and learn through this opportunity. Thank you for your support of our Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School and our Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga.



Israeli P2G Teachers visit CJCRS. L-r Paula Israel (CJCRS), Oshrit Tanami, Timor Lipker Dagan, Amit Shacham, Haiya Nuriel, Jackie Rosenfeld (CJCRS)



Mishpachot/Early Childhood group.



Kindergarten/First grade classroom



WELLS FARGO ADVISORS

Markets fluctuate. Relationships shouldn't.

We're with you every step of the way.



Warren Dropkin
Senior Vice President - Investment Officer
412 Georgia Avenue, Suite 215
Chattanooga, TN 37403
Tel: 423-265-4228
warren.dropkin@wellsfargo.com

Investment and Insurance Products: ▶ NOT FDIC Insured ▶ NO Bank Guarantee ▶ MAY Lose Value

Wells Fargo Advisors is the trade name used by two separate registered broker-dealers: Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC and Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, LLC. Members SIPC, non bank affiliates of Wells Fargo & Company. ©2010 Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC. All rights reserved. 0512-3417 (74029-v3) A1015

B'NAI ZION CONGREGATION



Open House Shabbat

Friday, January 8 @ 6:45 pm

Open House Shabbat
Friday, January 8: 6:45 PM

Hosted at the home of David Eichenenthal and Bea Lurie. This dairy/vegetarian Shabbat potluck is a new program of B'nai Zion. Join us for this twist on the traditional Shabbat dinner and an authentically Jewish way to celebrate life while strengthening community. There is no cost for the program. We just ask that you sign up with the office to bring a dish. We hope that you will enjoy this opportunity to engage in a meaningful Shabbat experience with friends, new and old, in our community.



Lunch & Learn

January 14 & 28 @ noon

Join us at BZ for an hour of delectable lim-mud. In January we will focus on the theme of Rest in our Congregational Read: *God's to-do List* by Dr. Ron Wolfson. As such, we will think about the whys and hows of rest in our tradition. \$5 for lunch (learning is free). RSVP to the synagogue office.



BLT

Sunday, January 3 @ 9:45 a.m.
Monthly Bagels, Lox and Tefillin Minyan. Come for the praying and stay for the food!



Sisterhood Women About Women:

A Tu b'Shevat Story
Thursday, Jan. 28: 7:00 p.m.



Sisterhood Shabbat

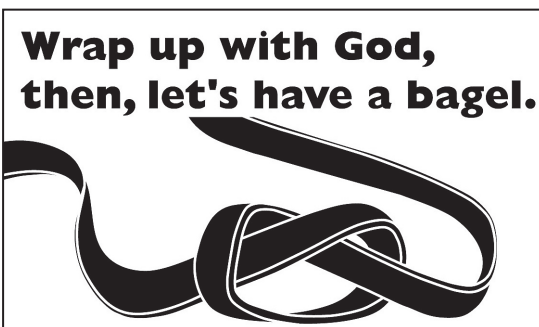
Shabbat, Jan. 23: 9:45 a.m.

Join as members of the B'nai Zion Sisterhood lead our congregation in prayer. A Kiddush luncheon sponsored by the organization will follow services.



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!



Voices-Listening to God's Voice" Breakfast served following program. This event is free and open to all members of the community.

Annual World Wide Wrap

Sunday, Feb. 7: 9:45 a.m.

The World Wide Wrap is an international program of Federation of Jewish Mens Clubs that allows Jews from all over the world to join together to practice and learn about the performance of the mitzvah of wrapping 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 series entitled "Hearing Men's

Fourth Annual Barnes & Noble Day, Dec. 2



Thank you so much to everyone who attended this very special program!



Save the Date!
Interfaith Shabbat
Friday, Feb. 26 @ 5:45 p.m.



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.

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

The BZ Weekly email provides details about upcoming events, holidays, and services.

Don't currently receive our weekly email?
Not sure if you are in our database?

Please contact the office to help us update your records.

You do not need to be a member to receive our weekly email.

B'nai Zion
Congregation

Contact Information:

114 McBrien Road Chattanooga, Tennessee 37411

Telephone: (423) 894-8900 Fax: (423) 894-8902

Email: office@bzcongregation.com

www.bnaizioncongregation.com

MIZPAH CONGREGATION



by Donna Etkin

January Worship Schedule

Friday, January 1

Oneg Shabbat refreshments and socializing, 5:45 pm
Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Services, 6:15 pm
Because today is the secular New Year's Day, there will be NO FIRST FRIDAY DINNER -- Dinner will be next week.

Saturday, January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Breakfast and Torah Study at 9:00 am
Shabbat morning service at 11 am

Sunday, January 10, 17, 24 & 31

CJCRS 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

NOTE: NO CJCRS January 3

Wednesday, January 6, 13, 20 & 27

Mizpah Academy at 4:30 pm

Friday, January 8

Oneg Shabbat refreshments and socializing, 5:45 pm
Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Services, 6:15 pm
FIRST FRIDAY DINNER, 7:15 pm

Sunday, January 10

Mizpah Book Club Potluck Brunch at the home of Helen & Stanley Smith, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Friday, January 15

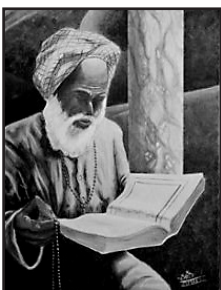
Oneg Shabbat refreshments and socializing, 5:45 pm
Shabbat Shirim Services, 6:15 pm

Tuesday, January 19 & 26

Early Morning Learning with Rabbi Bill, 7:30 am

Friday, January 22 & 29

Oneg Shabbat refreshments and socializing, 5:45 pm
Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Services, 6:15 pm



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 to 8:30, in Mizpah Congregation's Harris A. Gould Library. We will 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. While son Max recovers in Toronto, the dates for this class are

subject to change with the rabbi's travel schedule.

SEEKING B'NAI MITZVAH CANDIDATES Since my arrival at Mizpah Congregation, I have had the honor of guiding several adult members along the B'nai Mitzvah journey. For both the young and the younger, becoming a Bat or Bar Mitzvah is an experience involving profound emotional, intellectual and spiritual reward. Mizpah adults interested in this endeavor are welcome and encouraged to meet and speak with me. I look forward to our conversation pertaining to this excellent Jewish adventure!

MIZPAH BOOK GROUP: *The Shoemaker's Wife*

Sunday, January 10, 2016, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, Potluck Brunch
Mizpah Congregation's Book Group, which is part of the Mizpah Education Committee and chaired by Amy Cohen, will meet January 10 to discuss *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani. The group will meet from 10:30 am until 12:00 pm for a potluck brunch at the home of Helen and Stan Smith.



Amelia, Ava and Caroline Kaplan getting Mizpah's Rhonda Seeber Hanukkah Menorah project ready



Grateful Gobbler Walkers Micah and Andy Hodes, Richard Zachary, Rabbi Bill Tepper

On the Scene at Mizpah



Visitors to Mizpah from the Redemption Kids School of Ministry, November 30.

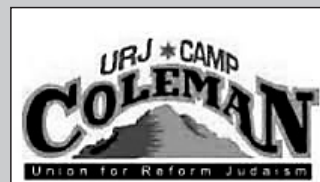


Mizpah participants at the Grateful Gobbler Walk. Kneeling: Geoffrey Cohen and Rabbi Bill S. Tepper; Standing, back row: Herb Cohn, Henry Shulson, Andy & Melody Hodes, Flossie Weill, Amy Cohen.



Mah Jong Mondays at Mizpah! Not to be missed!

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!

CHABAD OF CHATTANOOGA



Chabad
of Chattanooga

Rabbi Shaul Perlstein

from the Chabad.org website

Shraga was a simple wagon-driver. He eked out a meager living by taking people from one town to another. One windy and rainy day he noticed someone standing at the side of the road up to his ankles in mud, waving furiously and trying to shout through the howling wind. He stopped and yelled to the man to get in the wagon.

It was a Jew! What was he doing on the road in the middle of nowhere? They huddled together, and two hours later they had miraculously reached Shraga's home, put on dry clothes, and were sitting by the stove sipping hot soup.

The traveler turned out to be none other than the famous Rabbi Moshe Leib of Sassov, the holy Sassover Rebbe. "Well," the rebbe said, "now that you saved my life, I want to give you a blessing of riches and fame. What do you own? Do you have anything of value?" "Not much," Shraga shrugged his shoulders. "Except for, maybe, the only things worth anything are my two old horses." "Nu," answered the rebbe matter-of-factly, "one will be for Purim and one for Passover. Now I must be gone. Thank you again and G d bless you!"

A few months later, just before Purim, one of Shraga's horses suddenly died. Well, the only thing left to do was to sell the meat to the local

gentile butcher and the hide to the tanner, leaving the wagon-driver with enough money to celebrate the holiday in style and even to invite a few guests. Then, a week before Passover, the second horse died as well! Again Shraga had no choice but to mournfully sell its carcass, which yielded enough money to prepare a Passover holiday fit for a king. Now he understood what the Rebbe meant . . .

But although the holidays were wonderful, now he was left with no horses and no source of income. What would he do?

But Shraga did not lose hope. He talked it over with his wife and decided to take to the road. G d would certainly help. A few days later he was in an inn resting his weary bones, when two fellows came over excitedly "well you must be the man" they said. "The poritz (noble landowner) needs a manager for his lands," the first man explained. "he assigned us the task of finding him a manager. We were told we can find one here and you are the first man to visit for days!"

Shraga shrugged his shoulders and they took him to meet the poritz. For some reason, the man took a liking to him and gave him the job immediately! Shraga succeeded beyond his wildest dreams. He seemed to always be making the right decisions and saying the right things at the right time. And most importantly, the poritz loved him! The landowner kept on transferring to him more and more responsibility over his affairs, until our horseless wagon-driver became a wealthy and influential benefactor, providing a livelihood for hundreds of families in the area and helping many of his needy brethren. Until today the Yeshiva Bet Shraga is named after this wonderful man.

Chanukah on Ice



Thank you to the many who came out to make the 2015 Grand Menorah Lighting such a great event. A 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 around the rink to Chanukah music.

Of course, sufganiot and latkes were enjoyed by all. Competitors and spectators alike enjoyed the latke eating competition. The winner was Elisheva Holmes, who wolfed down a whopping 10 latkes! Second place winner was Philip Sadowitz. Thank you to Bruce Weiss, Sam Roistacher, Sythia Wolchuk, and Janet Thomas.



Home Depot Menorah Workshop

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.

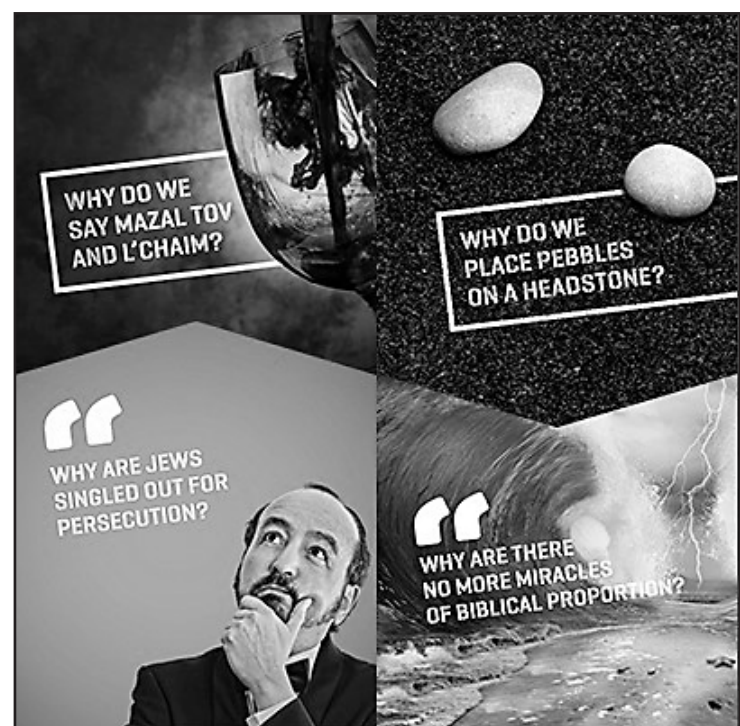


Menorah Picture Collage



Through art, singing, drama, and baking the children discovered the story, observances, and meaning of the 8 days of Chanukah. Enjoy this Menorah Picture Collage, of Hebrew School's First Semester.

What happens when you ask 30,000 people to submit the questions they are most curious about, and then you address those enigmas with insights from some of the greatest minds in Jewish history?
That is what we did.
The result:
The Jewish Course of Why.



Starting Feb. 9
Register today.