

COMMUNITY LIFECYCLES

Mazel Tov

...to Max Poppel and Dan Rose, whose Flying Squirrel restaurant and bar has been selected as a finalist by the Los Angeles chapter of the American Institute of Architects as one of the best-designed cafes and bars in the U.S.

...Eddie and Gwen Richelson and Miriam Richelson on the birth of their grandchild/great grandchild Evelyn Davis Story, on May 5.

Condolences

We mourn the passing of the following beloved friends and family:

--Arnold Balser, father of Dr. Jeff Balser, on April 26, in Atlanta.

--Jacob "Jack" Kaset, brother of Marcia, Elaine and Leon, on May 12, in Nashville.

--Murray Porter, beloved father of Carol Kurtz, beloved father of Carol Kurtz, Ellen Freedman, and Joan Blumenfeld, on May 18, in Atlanta.

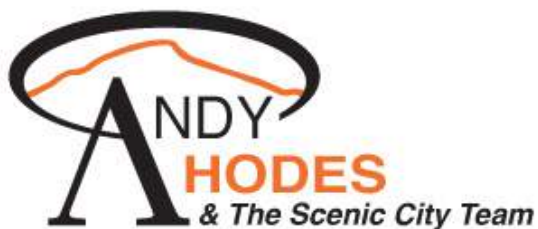
--William J. Reingold, father/father-in-law of Dana and Richard Waxler, grandfather/grandfather-in-law of Rachael Waxler Ruiz and Oscar Ruiz.

--Anne Reingold Richelson, mother/mother-in-law of Alan Richelson and Lynn Howard, beloved wife, sister, sister-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother, on May 9.

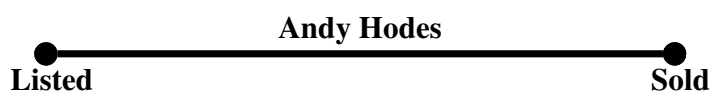
Although the Shofar deadline is the 8th of the month, mazel tovs and condolences are accepted at any time. Please contact Dana Shavin at 493-0270, ext. 12 or dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com

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In appreciation of

Amy Boulware (Charlotte Jacobson; Fuzzy Spector)
Noa Hadad (Charlotte Jacobson)

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.



The Jewish Federation and community welcomes:

--**Rebeca Mejias** moved to Chattanooga from St. Petersburg, Florida. She works at Unum Provident and is affiliated with B'nai Zion synagogue.

-- **Milton Spitzbart and Evelyn Dressler.** Milton, an antiques dealer, and Evelyn, a nurse, moved to Chattanooga from Brooklyn, NY. Milton has two daughters, Ellie and Hannah, and Evelyn has two daughters, Rebecca and Rachel.

--**Randi and Jeff Weiss and their children Aaron and Brandon.** The Weisses moved to Chattanooga from Pittsburgh. Randi is a physical therapist and Jeff is Director of Operations at Kindred Rehabilitation Services. They attend B'nai Zion synagogue.

-**Marilyn Goler and Warren Posternack** moved to Chattanooga from Chicago.

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FEDERATION PROGRAMS

“Faith in Chattanooga” Interfaith Panel, May 4, JCC

On May 4, five representatives of different faiths met on a panel at the Jewish Cultural Center to discuss what it’s like to live, work, and raise children of varying faiths in Chattanooga. The event drew over 70 people, also of varying faiths. Each panelist took five minutes to introduce him/herself and to talk about living in Chattanooga as a member of their faith. The second half of the program concentrated on questions from the audience. Charles Neal, Minister Emeritus at First-Centenary United Methodist Church, was the moderator. Representing the five faiths were (below, clockwise) Jewish Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik, Judaism; Sudha Srinivasan; Hinduism; Nur Sisworahardjo, Islamic; Brandon R. Jones, Atheism; David Cook, Christianity. Charles Neal, moderator, is bottom row, second from left. The series will continue throughout the year at various locations.



ADL’s Burdett Delivers Impassioned Message at Noon Nosh May 12

Stacy Burdett, Director of Government and National Affairs Anti-Defamation League, spoke at a Noon Nosh luncheon co-sponsored by the Federation and ADL. Burdett discussed strategies for countering anti-Semitism and hate crimes.



Amy Oppenheimer an Eloquent Speaker at Noon Nosh May 19

Amy Oppenheimer, creator and director of the film *Faces of Israel*, spoke at Noon Nosh at the JCC May 19th. *Faces of Israel* was created as a discussion piece for communities to explore the nature of the Jewish state and questions of Jewish identity.

Take Home Chef Alice Goss-Morgan’s “Bowls of Love”

Purchase matzo ball soup or chili for just \$4 for a one-bowl container or \$8 for a two-bowl size.

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FEDERATION PROGRAMS

Young Jewish Leadership (Ages 21-45)



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May YJL Shabbat dinner at home of Erica and Brandon Newman



Nashville YJL group visiting downtown Chattanooga in May

YJL is always looking for new members!

Your donation to campaign helps fund Young Jewish Leadership!

JEW CREW

Saying Goodbye--But Not for Long!

We had such an amazing year with the Jew Crew! It is always a bittersweet time as we bid farewell to our seniors, but welcome the incoming freshmen in the fall. We are already looking forward to and planning another fabulous and fun-filled year of the Jew Crew and hope all Jewish high school students in 9th through 12th grade will be a part of it. Please mark your calendars for our first program of 2015-2016, which will be the annual Jew Cruise on Sunday, August 30 from 12:15 to 3 p.m. Registration forms will come out in August as well. We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing all of our current and incoming members very soon! *L'Hitraot, Alison, Andy & Noa*

Your donation to campaign helps fund Jew Crew!



COMMUNITY LIFECYCLES



Phillip Jordan Sadowitz Graduates from Central High

Phillip Jordan Sadowitz, 22, graduated from Central High School this past spring. He is the son of Rachel Salomon-Sadowitz and Richard Sadowitz, and the brother of his twin, Sam Sadowitz and sister Rebecca. He is the grandson of Sarah Schaible, Marcel Salomon and Sandy Sadowitz, Phillip was B'nai Mitzvahed along with his sister Rebecca and twin brother Sam at B'nai Zion Congregation. He was the proud recipient of Student of the Week at Central High School this past spring.

Phillip has participated in Special Olympics basketball, track and field, and swimming sports. He loves adaptive water skiing and tubing. Phillip has participated in the Chalutzim program at Camp Barney Medintz for several years, and Camp Yofi at Ramah Darom. He loves movies and cookbooks, and his favorite festival is the National Cornbread Festival. Phillip will be working at the Orange Grove Recycling Center but hopes one day to work in a movie theatre.

Two Summer Mission Trips to Israel 2016



Trip #1 – June 14-June 27

Experience all that Israel has to offer – the sights, smells and tastes of Israel!

See Federation sites, visit our partnership region of Hadera, intimate tour of Jerusalem.

Explore Israel's north while visiting a Kibbutz and winery.

Connect with the land and connect with the people.

Approximate cost - \$4,500

(includes airfare, hotels, tips, most meals – Travel Insurance extra)



Trip #2 – Summer 2016 – Dates not confirmed at Press Time

Designed for Young Leadership – ages 21-45 (with some flexibility)

An active tour of Israel! Explore Israel while bonding with your YL peers

Get a better understanding of Israel while also learning about Federation sponsored sites.

Connect with the people of Israel through interactive site visits

Evening activities

Hiking, archeology and a service project

Approximate cost - \$4,200 (includes airfare, hotels, tips, most meals – Travel Insurance extra)



Subsidies available for BOTH trips!

Contact Michael Dzik for more information and/or to add your name to the list of interested participants! 893-5443 or mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com

Federation has a new receptionist/administrative assistant! Next time you call or come by, please say hello to Courtney McKenzie and welcome her to the team!



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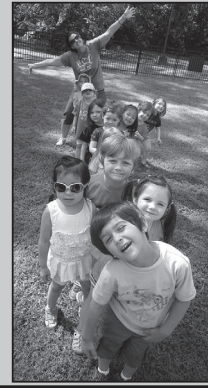
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ALEPH BET CHILDREN'S CENTER



by Vicki Cathcart
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Come learn and play with us! Aleph Bet is now enrolling for summer (Camp Aleph Bet 2015) and the 2015-2016 school-year. Space is limited! Registration forms are available to print at www.aleph-bet.com/registration. Schedule your personal tour! Call Vicki at 893-5486.

Aleph Bet Children's Center Receives Grant from National Jewish Right Start

Great news! The Jewish Early Childhood Initiative will continue to provide eligible families gift vouchers to attend Aleph Bet Children's Center. We are happy to announce that we have partnered with the National Jewish Right Start program and will be offering matching grants for Jewish families who are sending their first child to Aleph Bet. The gift voucher program was established in Chattanooga by the Lebovitz Family Charitable Trust to inspire the continuation of strong, vibrant Jewish communities. The program highlights the importance of connecting youngsters to their Jewish identity at an early age. To learn more about the program, specific eligibility guidelines, or to apply for a gift voucher, visit www.aleph-bet.com or contact Vicki Cathcart, director of the Aleph Bet Children's Center, at (423) 893-5486.

The Jewish Early Childhood Initiative in Chattanooga is made possible through the generosity of the Lebovitz Family Charitable Trust and local donors.

Matching funding is 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.

Congratulations to our Blue Room Graduates!



The following donations were made to the Aleph Bet Garden Fund. Thank you!

In honor of Samara, Daniella and their friends from Jason, Vicki, and Jordan Cathcart

In honor of Jason Cathcart's birthday from the Murray-Au Family

In honor of Hannah Sadoff's birthday from the Murray-Au Family

In honor of Kit Lewis from Ashley and Kevin Lewis

In honor of Aaron and Lilah Parker from Lenet Solomon-Parker

In honor of Vicki Cathcart from Dana Waxler

In honor of Lorena Dacoregio from Kenneth Payne II

In memory of my mother, Patricia Payne from David Fairchild

In memory of Genny Beards from Janet Surrells



FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

- Sharon Stratton- beads
- The Cathcart Family - School supply gift basket in honor of Hannah Sadoff's birthday
- The Cathcart Family- school supply gift basket in honor of Caroline Au's birthday
- The Whary Family- Big Box of chalk
- Marcia Menuskin-Crafting books
- The Shulkind Family-games and legos

- The Eiselstein Family-20 bags of beans
- Teddi Mendel-sidewalk chalk and Lysol disinfecting wipes
- The Parker Family -Cash Donation in honor of Hannah Sadoff's birthday and Caroline Au's birthday
- The Dacoregio Family -Cash Donation in honor of Hannah Sadoff's birthday
- The Palermo Family-Books
- Joel and Gail Susman-bingo, books, games, and toys
- Janet Surrells-books
- Josie Hendricks--School supplies in honor of Caroline Au's birthday
- Becca Dobbs-Target Gift card in honor of Caroline Au's birthday
- Sam and Sunshine Mansel--school supplies in honor of Caroline Au's birthday
- Romi Bielik-Walmart gift card in honor of Caroline Au's birthday
- Oliver Meyers-Toys R Us gift card in honor of Caroline Au's birthday
- The Smith Family-bubbles and stickers in honor of Caroline Au's birthday



Aleph Bet Children's Center, a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, aims to provide an educational, interactive and developmentally appropriate preschool program that is enriched by Jewish traditions and values and implemented by a trained, dedicated, and nurturing staff.

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CHATTANOOGA JEWISH CONGREGATIONAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



The Year in Review...and Looking Forward

by Co-Directors
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This past year at CJCRS, Paula and I have enjoyed working with many talented teachers, eager madrichim, and of course, our students! It's always interesting and sometimes challenging for Paula and me, but together we hope our students, madrichim, and teachers have all gained new insights about our Judaism, new ways to see the world, and made some new friends.

Five 8th graders have completed their formal studies at CJCRS: Kalli Agudo, Eva Binder, Ross Binder, Sadie Cowan, and Ben Hillner. Some of our madrichim have also moved on.

A few teachers are not returning to CJCRS: We wish Jake Balsler, Jessie Fine, and Riki Jordan Odineal well in their new endeavors and hope that we might occasionally call upon them as substitutes.

Some classes have created artworks and take-home pieces that I hope don't immediately go into the "circular file." Maybe you could help your younger kids create their own little classroom museum with their artwork and worksheets that will help them remember what they have learned.

A few classes have used consumable books – I hope you will add these to your at-home Jewish library. In Judaism we learn that it is important for us to teach l'dor v'dor, "from one generation to the next". Older siblings, being the "big kids," can talk about their favorite projects to the younger ones and infuse enthusiasm by helping them look forward to the exciting things they will learn in the coming year.

Speaking of next year, we have a tentative schedule for the CJCRS school year of 2015-2016. Please remember that we will hold classes at Mizpah Congregation, 923 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37403. Should you have questions about CJCRS over the summer, please contact us at the numbers and e-mail addresses above.

Tentative Schedule:

August 9 [teachers' in-service], 16, 23, 30 (also Jew Crew, Noa visit)
September 13, 20, 27 (also Jew Crew, Noa visit)
October 11, 18, 25 (also Jew Crew, Noa visit)
November 1, 8, 15 (also Jew Crew, Noa visit)
December 6, 13 (also Jew Crew, Noa visit)
January 3 [teachers' in-service], 10, 17, 24, 31
February 7 (also Jew Crew, Noa visit), 21, 28
March 6 (Jew Crew Retreat 4th-6th), 13, 20 (Purim Carnival, Noa visit), 27
April 3, 10 (also Jew Crew, Noa visit), 17
May 1 (also Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Jew Crew, Noa visit)

Finally, I want to close with an article written by Lex Rofes, 2nd Year ISJL Education Fellow. It is entitled, "We Will Return to You, Religious School!"

"One of the great strengths of our Jewish traditions is that by utilizing our religious texts and framework, we can mark all sorts of passages of time. While life cycle events such as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Brit Milah, along with Shabbat and our yearly cycle of holidays, are perhaps our best known examples of marking special events, we even have a traditional blessing spoken upon completing a holy text and recited at the end of every masechet (tractate) of the Talmud. The blessing reads as follows:

'We will return to you [Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School], and you will return to us. Our mind is on you [Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School], and your mind is on us. We will not forget you [Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School] and you will not forget us – not in this world and not in the world to come.'

"While it might seem that we should just put down our book and move on to the next one, we actually take a moment to express our affection for the text with which we just built a relationship."

This blessing is a perfect way to wrap up the year.

Scenes from the 2014-15 School Year



**Have a super fine terrific
summer. See you around
town and at Mizpah and
B'nai Zion.**

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BLT
Sunday, June 7, July 5 & August 2: 9:30 a.m.
Monthly Bagels, Lox and Tefillin Minyan
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B'nai Zion Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 14 @10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Please join us for the B'nai Zion Annual Meeting



For more information about Hebrew school or upcoming youth events, please contact Jason Cathcart: 894-8900 x103 or jason@bzcongregation.com. Be sure to check out our blog at bsiednotes.blogspot.com

Mazel Tov to our 2015/16 CHOOSY Board



Left-right, Lily Shire (Israel VP), Eamon McFadden, Murray Lebovitz (President), Rachel Dzik (Religious/Education VP), Arthur Lebovitz (Membership VP), Hannah Berke (Social Action VP), Sadie Cowan, and Ben Hillner. We are looking forward to a great USY year!



USY on Wheels – July 29, 2015
USY on Wheels loves Chattanooga so much that they are coming back to B'nai Zion for the fifth summer in a row! We are in need of 15-20 families to host 2 or more Wheelniks on Wednesday night, July 29.

USY on Wheels EAST is a 4 week bus tour of the United States for rising 9th graders. As part of the program, USY on Wheels uses home hospitality in communities all over the country. We ask for families to provide a place for them to sleep and have breakfast on Friday morning. Please contact Jason Cathcart if your family can help: 894-8900 x103 or Jason@bzcongregation.com.

Erev Tisha b'Av Services
Saturday, July 25 at 9:45 p.m.

Help us commemorate the destruction of the First and Second Temples as well as other tragedies in Jewish history through prayer, chanting and introspection.



Lunch & Learn
Thursdays, : 12 p.m. @ BZ
June 11 & 25 – Revelation: Bringing ourselves closer to God and holiness
July 9 & 23 – The Spirituality of fasting
August 13 & 27 – Elul: How we prepare to experience the High Holy Days
Please RSVP to office@bzcongregation.com.
We would love to have you join us!



The BZ Weekly e-mail provides details about upcoming events, holidays, and services. Don't currently receive our weekly e-mail? Not sure if you are in our e-mail database? Please contact the office to help us update your records. You do not need to be a member to receive our weekly e-mail.

Join us for regular services every week:
Minyan, Wednesday @ 6:00pm
Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday @ 5:45pm
Shabbat Morning, Saturday @ 9:45pm

Beit Sefer Ivri and BZ Youth

Thank you to all of the students, parents, grandparents, siblings and supporters of the Beit Sefer Ivri here at B'nai Zion. 2014/2015 was a fantastic year of learning together. We look forward to many more opportunities to share Jewish knowledge.

Be sure to check in at our webpage:
www.bsiednotes.blogspot.com.

Starting July 1 you will be able to find the 2015/2016 registration form, calendar of classes, Youth group information and more on our website.

Beit Sefer Ivri Resumes on August 19 at 4:30p.m.
Have a great summer!



MIZPAH CONGREGATION



by Donna Etkin

Worship and Learning Schedule - June 2015

Friday June 5

5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat Refreshments and Socializing
6:15 pm Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Service
First Friday Shabbat Dinner to follow

Friday June 12, 26

5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat Refreshments and Socializing
6:15 pm Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Service

Friday June 19

5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat Refreshments and Socializing
6:15 pm Shabbat Shirim - A Shabbat of Songs - with Confirmation Celebration

Saturday June 6, 13, 20, 27

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

Tuesday June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

7:30 am Early Morning Study: "Well-known Jews and their Achievements"

Worship and Study Schedule - July 2015

Friday July 3

5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat Refreshments and Socializing
6:15 pm Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Service
First Friday Shabbat Dinner to follow

Friday July 10, 24, 31

5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat Refreshments and Socializing
6:15 pm Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Service

Friday July 17

5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat Refreshments and Socializing
6:15 pm Shabbat Shirim - A Shabbat of Songs

Saturday July 4, 11, 18, 25

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

Tuesday July 7, 14, 21, 28

7:30 am Early Morning Study: "Well-known Jews and their Achievements"

Worship and Study Schedule - August 2015

Friday August 7

5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat Refreshments and Socializing
6:15 pm Kabbalat Erev Shabbat Service
First Friday Shabbat Dinner to follow

Friday August 14, 28

5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat Refreshments and Socializing
6:15 pm Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Service

Friday August 21

5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat Refreshments and Socializing
6:15 pm Shabbat Shirim - A Shabbat of Songs

Saturday August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

MAZEL TOV!

Elliott Samuel "Sam" Dropkin graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology on May 2 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Lillian "Lily" Dropkin graduated May 7 from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and was named the "Outstanding Graduate in Interdisciplinary Programs, Judaic Studies. Lily was also the recipient of the Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Scholarship in Judaic Studies for 2015 and the Dr. Ruben P. Robinson Judaic Studies Scholarship for 2014.

Rachel Raisin, from Girls Preparatory School, has been named President of the Partnership in Community for her senior year.

Teddi Mendel received the Juvenile Court Foster Care Review Board Volunteer of the Year.

Alexandria Center, daughter of Trent and Channing Center, granddaughter of Morton and Marilyn Center, was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 9.

Emma Gifter graduated from The Baylor School.

Greer Brody, Griffin Brody and Jake Adams graduated from The McCallie School.

David Brody graduated from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Ally Laband graduated from Simmons College in Boston.

... And We Shall Be Strong: Mizpah Looks Forward to Its 150th

The following paraphrases Rabbi Bill S. Tepper's remarks from his report to Mizpah Congregation at its Annual Meeting April 19, 2015.

There's something special about all of the activity that occurs within the sacred spaces of Mizpah Congregation.

... There is energy whenever we gather for meetings, study, socializing or worship, energy that is loving, joyful and rewarding.

... There is the desire to grow, perpetuate, create and extend ourselves to one another and the larger Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

... There is the yearning for progress, and the cultivation of liberal principles – Jewish and social – that are among the foundation stones of Reform Judaism.

... There is the longing to enhance Jewish lives, while fostering Mizpah's reputation as a center of Judaism in Chattanooga.

Challenges continue, they drive us to do better and can be overcome through involvement and collaboration, because nothing is achieved alone, and there is strength in numbers. One rule of Temple or Synagogue life that never changes is that you only get something out of Jewish life when you put something – yourself – in.

In 2016, we anticipate a celebration befitting all that we bring to our city while rejoicing in Mizpah's first 150 years of life in Chattanooga. Let's be partners and offer the best of ourselves toward sustaining all that is engaging, welcoming, compassionate and forward-thinking about Mizpah Congregation. There's much to be excited about. To borrow from the closing words of each of the Five Books of Moses, "hazak, hazak v'nithazek ... strong, strong and we shall be strong."

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AT MIZPAH'S ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 19

Pictured from left: June Collins, Board Secretary; Stacy Whited, VP-Administration; and Henry Schulson, President. Not Pictured: Cathryn Cohen, VP Programming; Richard Waxler, Treasurer; and Donna White-Dropkin, Immediate Past President.



MIZPAH BOOK CLUB Contact Amy Cohen at acohen@baylorschool.org if you have questions or wish to join this wonderful literary group! We will be reading *A Dual Inheritance* by Joanna Hershon.



MIZPAH ACADEMY HEBREW STUDENTS celebrate the end of a successful school year with planting a tree in front of the temple on McCallie Avenue.

GET TO KNOW SOME WELL-KNOWN [AND NOT-SO-WELL-KNOWN] JEWS Enjoy coffee, conversation, learning and friendship on Tuesday Mornings, 7:30 to 8:30am in Mizpah Congregation's Harris A. Gould Library, as we explore the lives of such Jewish figures as Israeli actress Gila Almagor; Jewish writer and philosopher Ahad Ha'am; and Pioneering Jewish educator Rebecca Gratz. There is no charge, all are welcome and the coffee is always fresh.

MIZPAH SOCIAL ACTION / FAMILY PROMISE Mizpah Volunteers are honored to have the opportunity to interact with wonderful, loving children whose families are temporarily homeless. With each encounter, we quickly see real potential and talent in these children from our community. Contact Flossie Weill, Social Action Chair, to volunteer.

RABBI TEPPER VISITS WALKER STATE PRISON

For a number of years Rabbi Bill S. Tepper has visited Walker State Prison in Rock Springs, Georgia. A faith-based correctional facility, Walker State Prison welcomes clergy of different religious backgrounds to teach and learn with its inmates.

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of Chattanooga

Rabbi Shaul Perlstein

The New Chabad Center for Jewish Life and Learning is Here



Imagine a place...

Where young and old come to study and explore the richness of their heritage. Where people come to discuss, discover, learn and teach. Where people care. And smile. And live life to the fullest. Where college and medical students can find a warm Jewish home, a lounge to study, socialize and enjoy kosher meals. Where professionals can find respite from

their hectic day in a safe Jewish environment...

The New Chabad Center for Jewish Life and Learning...Imagine no more!

Since its inception in July of 2009, the Chabad Jewish Center of Chattanooga has been providing critical educational, social, and cultural programs for the Chattanooga Jewish community and students at UTC. With its warm and inviting approach, Chabad is a place where people from all walks of life—regardless of background, affiliation or level of observance—feel welcome and at home.

It all began with a small dream of enhancing the Jewish lives in Chattanooga and has since blossomed into a vibrant community center serving the Chattanooga area with unique Jewish programming to experience the joy and meaning of Judaism. Including, Hebrew School classes, JLI - Jewish Learning Institute, Jew-TC, Woman's learning group, youth programs, social services, counseling, hospitality, vibrant activities, and synagogue services.

With the pride of success have come the challenges of growth. Greater activity enrollment and a growing Jewish student presence, coupled with tight space and limited facilities have escalated the urgent need for more spacious and conducive quarters to serve as the central hub of Chabad activities in the region.

Chabad of Chattanooga has dreamed of the day it would build a campus—buzzing with the laughter of children, the pursuit of knowledge and the spirit of community. That day is at hand. Chabad has recently purchased a property in the Historic Fort Wood district, at 950 Vine St. The 12000 Sq. ft. building is well suited for all the needs of Chabad's programming. The campaign to renovate the New Chabad Center for Jewish Life and Learning - is underway. The fulfillment of this dream depends on people of initiative and compassion, of vision and generosity.

We invite you to join us and be a part of this exciting initiative. For decades to come, let it be engraved in stone for all to see that there were those who lived not only for today and for themselves, but when standing at the historical crossroads, took that plunge and made that sacrifice to ensure and secure a strong and bright future for the greater Chattanooga Jewish Community.

For more information please contact Rabbi Perlstein 423.910.9770 Rabbi@jewishchatt.com Or visit the campaign website at JewishChatt.com/campaign



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Lag B'Omer a Huge Success!

Zip lining, boating, hiking the creek, barrel-smoked brisket and a bonfire! What more can you ask for to celebrate Lag b'omer? Lag b'omer is a joyous day that celebrates Jewish unity and love for fellow Jews. And we certainly celebrated in style! Thank you to David Lawrence and Pamela Odwyer for hosting us, and a special shout-out to all the helpers who ran the event!



Thanks for Another Inspiring Year at CHS

At CHS it has been an inspiring year of learning and celebrating Jewish life. Through spirited programming and the celebration of Jewish festivals, the children have nurtured their Jewish identity. By learning our Jewish heritage, Hebrew language, Torah, mitzvot, and Jewish values, they will be able to confidently take their place in the broader community with grounding and pride in their Jewish identity.

We are indebted to our dedicated staff and volunteers for their warmth, love and enthusiasm. We thank Merav Balazs and Federation shlichah Noa Hadad tremendously. The love for Israel and Hebrew they instill in the hearts of each student will remain with us forever. Todah rabah!

For more information on CHS or to enroll, call 490-1106



Have a happy and healthy summer and we can't wait for the new year!

HADASSAH NEWS



Hadassah Happenings

by *Judy Sachsman*
Past President



May Hadassah events started with "A Step Ahead," a short film and discussion with Rachel Schulson, Executive Director of the Step Ahead Foundation. This joint Hadassah-Federation event was chaired by Riki Jordan Odineal and Federation shlicha Noa Hadad.

Hadassah celebrated the Chattanooga Chapter's 100th Anniversary with a donor luncheon, chaired by Finette Winer and Ellyn Brooks at the Embassy Suites, Hamilton Place. The program, "Sons Reminisce About Their Mothers' Hadassah," introduced a year of celebration for the first Southern Region chapter of Hadassah. Members are encouraged to return their donations as promptly as possible.

On June 17, Sandy Tabakin will sponsor an encore Novel-Tea at her home from 2-4pm. Cathryn Cohen will return to lead the discussion of, "As a Driven Leaf" by Rabbi Milton Steinberg. Admission to the event is \$18 or a purchase of \$25 silver bracelets (3 for \$70), supporting Young Judaea, or a \$100 silver Tower Heart necklace, supporting the new addition to Hadassah Hospital. Contact Sandy to RSVP and for information about obtaining copies of the book. (706)820-0123 or sandyjtab@gmail.com.

In July Sandy Tabakin and Dana Waxler will be attending the National Hadassah Board meeting. Fall chapter meetings will include a panel discussion about "the sandwich generation."

Chapter members should be ready for a spectacular 100th year! Join Hadassah and make a commitment. Membership in Hadassah is the perfect gift that fits every occasion. And for every occasion, Hadassah cards are available from Paula Israel (423-802-8434). As mentioned above, the newest Hadassah jewelry is the silver Tower Heart necklace, priced at \$100. Proceeds go to support the new addition to Hadassah Hospital. Also as mentioned above three styles of bracelets, at \$25 each, support Young Judaea scholarships. Think Hadassah for lifecycle events!

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

Siskin Museum of Religious Artifacts Tour, April 22



Linda McReynolds welcomes Hadassah to the Siskin Museum. Right, Dana Banks, chair.



Left, Judy Sachsman with Siskin Museum volunteer Betty Martin. Right, members rest after the tour.



Health Awareness Program on Skin Care with Dr. Wesley Galen, Dermatologist, April 28



Elaine Winer, host of Health Awareness Program on skin care, with Dr. Wesley Galen.



Dr. Wesley Galen answers questions about skin care at Health Awareness Program

Chattanooga Chapter of Hadassah Celebrates 100th Anniversary

The local chapter of Hadassah celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a luncheon and entertainment on Sunday, May 17 at the Waterside Ballroom at Embassy Suites. Tennessee Schmaltz, a country klezmer band from Knoxville, provided the entertainment. Butch Frumin, Sanford Winer, and David Winer reminisced about their mothers' Hadassah. Mrs. Harry Winer was a close personal friend of Hadassah's founder, Henrietta Szold. Three years after the founding of Hadassah in 1912, the Chattanooga Chapter was chartered. Eighteen women met at Mrs. Harry Winer's home (Jenny Abelson Winer) and enrolled as the chapter's members. Thank you to Finette Winer and Ellyn Brooks for chairing this event.



Co-chairs Ellyn Brooks, Finette Winer



Arlene Dees, Javie Norris



Cindy Wood, Barbara Oxenhandler, and Helen Smith



Dana Banks, Sandy Tabakin, Joyce Thomas, and Cathryn Cohen



Gary and Susan Moye, Dana Waxler



Above: Guest speaker Doris Winer Greenberg, center, with daughters, Dr. Adena Greenberg and Rachel Greenberg.



Left: Speakers Butch Frumin, David Winer, and Sanford Winer

A Step Ahead Executive Director Rachel Schulson (right) Speaks at Joint Federation-Hadassah Event May 5



A Step Ahead Foundation provides long term birth control for women in need of assistance.



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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 Carolyn Sherman or Sarah DiStefano at the Federation (493-0270, ext. 10; federation@jewishchattanooga.com) before scheduling your event and/or to add your date to the calendar. View the online calendar by visiting www.jewishchattanooga.com and clicking the calendar tab.

Only Jewish Federation and Federation-sponsored events are listed on the *Shofar* calendar, which appears on the 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 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.

July 2015 Tammuz/Av 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC <hr/> Raoul Molnar arrives	2 Noa Hadad returns from Israel	3 Independence Day party 11:30 Fed. offices and AB closed Candle Lighting 8:41	4 Havdallah 9:43
5	6	7 Tuesday Cafe	8 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	9 Jewish Law Dinner and Panel 6pm, JCC	10 Candle Lighting 8:40	11 Havdallah 9:41
12 Hiking with Raoul Molnar 4pm <hr/> YJL Event see YJL Facebook page	13	14 No Tuesday Cafe <hr/> First Amendment Dinner 6pm, JCC	15 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	16 Jewish Peoplehood lunch with Raoul Molnar 12pm, JCC	17 Candle Lighting 8:37	18 Havdallah 9:37
19	20	21 Law and Order Noon Nosh 12pm, JCC	22 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC <hr/> Philanthropy Camp Training 4am-8pm, JCC	23 Philanthropy Camp Training 4-8pm JCC	24 Philanthropy Camp Training 10-2 JCC Candle Lighting 8:33	25 Havdallah 9:32
26	27 Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam	28 Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam <hr/> Community Lunch 11:30, JCC	29 Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam	30 Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam	31 Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam Candle Lighting 8:27	1

August 201 Av/Elul 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Havdallah 9:26
2 CJCRS Teacher Inservice	3	4 Tuesday Cafe Deli Day 12pm, JCC	5 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	6	7 AB Shabbat 9:30 Candle Lighting 8:21	8 Havdallah 9:18
9 CJCRS at MZP	10	11 Presidents and Professionals 4pm, JCC	12 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	13 BARK Exhibit reception 5:30pm	14 YJL (with Nashville visitors) Shabbat Dinner (see YJL page) Candle Lighting 8:13	15 Havdallah 9:10
16 CJCRS	17 Interfaith Panel	18 Noon Nosh 12pm, JCC	19 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	20 Federation Board Meeting	21 AB Shabbat 9:30 Candle Lighting 8:05	22 Havdallah 9:01
23 CJCRS <hr/> Jew Crew Campaign Kickoff 6pm	24 Foreign Policy Supper Club	25	26 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	27	28 Candle Lighting 7:56	29 Havdallah 8:51

June 2015 Sivan/Tammuz 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Tuesday Cafe 12pm JCC	3 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC <hr/> Noa Hadad leaves for Israel	4	5 Candle Lighting 8:34	6 Candle Lighting 9:37
7	8	9 Tuesday Cafe 12pm JCC	10 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	11 Law and Order Dinner 6pm, JCC	12 YJL Shabbat Candle Lighting 8:38	13 Candle Lighting 9:41
14	15 Jewish Archives Meeting 12:30, JCC	16 Noon Nosh with Valerie Radu, Family Justice Center 12pm JCC	17 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	18	19 Candle Lighting 8:40	20 Candle Lighting 9:43
21	22 Foreign Policy Supper Club 6pm, JCC	23 Tuesday Cafe 12pm JCC <hr/> AIPAC 6pm, JCC	24 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	25	26 Candle Lighting 8:41	27 Candle Lighting 9:44
28	29	30 Tuesday Cafe 12pm, JCC	1	2	3	4

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

Thursday, June 11
Law and Order Dinner
Tuesday, June 16
Noon Nosh with Valerie Radu
Friday, July 3
Independence Day Party
Tuesday, July 14
First Amendment Dinner
Tuesday, August 4
Deli Day
Thursday, August 13
Exhibit Reception
Monday, August 17
Interfaith Panel
Sunday, August 30
Campaign Kickoff

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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Seen on the Scene at the Jewish Cultural Center

“Congratulations and Hurray” Reception for Amy Boulware (SE TN Social Worker of the Year) and Noa Hadad (renewed shlichah contract for 2nd Year in Chattanooga)



Jewish Geography Exhibit Reception May 21 (through July 17)

