

# THE SHOFAR



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## TUESDAY

*Pilot program*

*Cafe*

*Pilot program*

The Jewish Federation is excited to announce the launch of an all-new pilot lunch program called Tuesday Cafe. Join us every Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Jewish Cultural Center during the month of March and enjoy a special menu selection from Alice Goss-Morgan's kosher kitchen. Cost: \$10. Vegetarian option if requested at time of RSVP. **RSVP REQUIRED!\***

March 3 	Baked chicken Roasted vegetables Red-skin oven roasted potatoes Heavenly chocolate cake	RSVP by February 26 
March 10 <i>Intergenerational</i>	Brisket Carrots and potatoes Salad Apple cake	RSVP by March 5 
March 17 <i>Noon Nosh</i> with program	Meat loaf Mashed potatoes Green beans Lemon pound cake	RSVP by March 12 
March 24	Salmon Rice pilaf Asparagus Punch bowl cake	RSVP by March 19 
March 31	Fried chicken Potato salad Cole slaw Peach pie	RSVP by March 26 

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Yom HaShoah commemoration  
April 15  
Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Memorial Day)  
April 25  
Yom HaAtzmaut (Independence Day)  
April 26

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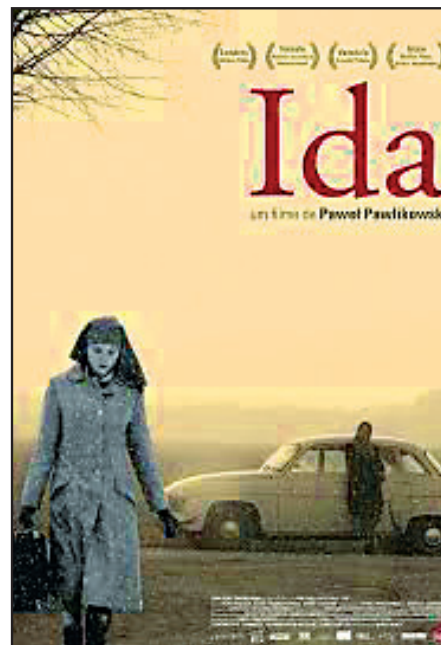
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(details on page 11)

# NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



## The Challenges Ahead

by Warren Dropkin  
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As we move into 2015 it's hard for me to believe another decade is almost half over. What have I accomplished? What differences have I made in these last few years? How can I make a difference going forward? These are all questions I ask myself, and I suspect some of you ask yourself, too.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga is always asking itself this question. What have we done? What are we doing? How can we do things better? What are the challenges ahead? This last is the hardest question to answer. Is it our physical plant, Jewish life in Chattanooga, Aleph Bet, leadership, money, an aging population, our relationship with the synagogues and other Jewish organizations? I am afraid to tell you that the answer is most likely yes, yes and yes again.

Here in Chattanooga, Tennessee the known Jewish population is approximately 1500 Jewish folks. We have one fantastic Federation that works on the behalf of all of us, and, in many ways, on behalf of our entire community. We are blessed to have a giving community with an extremely successful campaign that helps support our programs here at home as well as overseas.

But while our greater Chattanooga Jewish community is a thriving one, it is not a growing one. Demographically we are not getting any bigger, and we are getting older. Many of our programs will need to grow with our aging population, and some programs will need to be changed or phased out. The challenges are to make decisions about which programs are ultimately the most important.

Ideally, we don't want to have to make those tough decisions. We want to find ways to fund programs that don't put a drain on the budget. How do we do that, you ask? There are ways for us to build programs that focus on taking care of what is important to you. What at the Federation over the years has meant the most to you? Has it been that we have vans available to get loved ones out and about? Has something about our Social Services department been especially meaningful? Have the art exhibits spoken to you? Does the "Mitzvah Wheels" program make a difference in the life of a loved one? Would you like the Film Series to happen indefinitely? Would you like there to be an annual Jewish Music Festival?

These and many more are all programs that could be endowed by "restricted" funds at the Federation. Interest and earnings from a "Named" restricted endowment can keep the program that has been important to you going forever. Naming and restricting a fund that memorializes your family or a loved one is a great way to support a specific Federation program, and could help in future budgeting for that program.

If you or your family have ever thought about making either a living gift or a memorial estate gift to the Federation, why not endow a program that would keep it going? Please take the time to call Michael Dzik or me at the Federation if this sounds like something that might be of interest to you. Help us meet some of our challenges for the future.

With Tu b' shevat gone, I wish you the best till the next holiday...a happy Purim.



## Teaching Our Kids the Value of Values

by Michael Dzik  
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It happened again last week. Many of you may remember the story I told last year about a young community member who donated 3 quarters, 2 dimes and a nickel to the Federation's annual campaign. It was a moving and heartwarming story. This kid "got it." And he learned about the Federation and our message through his parents and *The Shofar*. Could there be a better story?

Last week it happened again. The act of giving was no less amazing than last year's. This time I was approached by a brother and sister duo. Apparently, their family puts money in their tzedakah box every Friday before Shabbat. Once the box is full, they decide where they want to give the money. Here's a family that is passing along so many gifts to their children. It warmed my heart.

I know there are so many stories just like this one, where kids and families are doing for others. I see it all the time in our community. B'nai Zion and Mizpah both have very active social action groups and can be seen throughout the year helping others. Our community is setting a great example and truly is doing great things.

What struck me about this second story, however, was not so much that brother and sister came in together to hand me their money. It was that this family had only been in Chattanooga for two months. That's right – just a handful of weeks, and they were already engaged and committed to our--and their new--community.

I asked the kids a few questions, like "How did you know about the Federation?" and "Why did you want to give to us?". Apparently the parents and Federation had already made a connection, and this family

was already receiving the Shofar (and community e-mails too!). These kids looked through the paper and saw our list of donors – the Honor Roll. They asked their parents some questions and learned about the various programs and services we provide (including our allocation to the community Sunday School!). I also learned that the mom had turned this moment into a second learning experience: having the kids put their math skills to work to count the money.

Although the Honor Roll listing is complete for the 2015 campaign season, I wanted to say thank you to these two young investors in our Jewish community. Abigail and Benjamin Shulkin, thank you. And welcome to Chattanooga. I hope you already feel at home and are making many new friends. Your gift to the Federation touches so many lives. You're already making an impact in your new city. Make sure to give your parents a huge hug. They're sharing and teaching you more than you'll ever know.



**25 (and 6)**  
**Number of movies screened for the**  
**8th Annual**  
**Jewish Film Series**  
**(and number of movies chosen)**

# SOCIAL SERVICES



## At Home Far Away

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-Senior Programming  
-Intergenerational Programming  
-Family Support  
-Community Partnering, Friendly Visits, Excursions, Advocacy

“The world can be a small place sometimes,” my daughter Amanda said one recent morning.

I rubbed the sleep out of my eyes as she explained further. She had just received a text message from a high school friend who is going to college in Toronto. This friend asked Amanda if she knew a boy named Jesse who was from Canada. The fact that Canada is a huge country and there are probably lots of people named Jesse didn't seem to keep Amanda from responding with a resounding yes--she was sure she knew him! Amanda had just spent seven months in Israel on her MASA program with a Jesse--and it *had* to be the same guy.

Turns out it was. What are the odds of a girl from Chattanooga going to Israel and meeting a guy from Toronto, and then him going home to Toronto and meeting *another* girl from Chattanooga, who happens to be friends with the first girl?

I felt a similar connectedness when I visited our partner city of Hadera while I was in Israel. No matter where I go, I always view things through the lens of a social worker. I'm interested in how people live their daily lives, how people who need assistance are treated, and of course the care provided to the elderly.

Before my trip I had contacted our P2G partnership coordinator, Maya, to ask her to arrange for me to see some social services agencies and senior centers. I'm sure that most tourists visiting Israel probably don't have Hadera on their list of must see places, but I was eager to visit.

You see, Hadera opened its homes and heart to my daughter Hannah while she was participating in a Tikkun Olam program four years ago. She spent two weeks living and traveling with kids from the region, and then the same kids came to stay with our family in Chattanooga. Before I even arrived in Hadera, the word was out that Hannah's parents were coming. I received a Facebook message from one of the adult chaperones of that trip asking us to come for dinner and to spend the night. In the message she said she fondly remembered a dinner we hosted at our house four years earlier, and wanted to return the hospitality.

I then received another message from the family that hosted Hannah, saying they wanted to see us as well. They had a full day planned for us and we were made to feel very special.

The day started with a cheerful welcome from the head social worker of several senior centers. We saw wonderful programming, including music class, exercise class, and a sewing group. Other elders were sitting in the dining room sipping coffee and playing cards. Not only did this center have rooms full of activities going on, it had a clinic, a physical therapy room, and a hairdresser. I could feel that everyone felt loved and cared for. The staff knew everyone by name and greeted each participant with a hug. Most significant, however, was the connection I felt with the social workers. We had meaningful conversations about what works, where they have problems, and what they hope for in the future.

We visited five more agencies and it was the same everywhere we went. We saw that we were all Jewish professionals trying to do the best for our community members. We saw that although we live thousands of miles away from one another and speak a different language, the struggles and successes are the same. Our similarities far outweighed our differences.

In Israel, I felt at home. I felt connected. Whether through friends, or our children, or our professional counterparts, the larger Jewish community is joined in a way that is profoundly comforting.



## Cure for March Madness

By Edie (Maynard) Redish, Staff RN  
(and former basketball star)

Cold and flu season might be subsiding, but March Madness basketball season brings about its own set of maladies. Implement these techniques to assure you have selected your brackets carefully and you'll be on your way to a winning season.

1. **SUIT UP.** No matter how you feel, get up, get dressed, and never give up. Sometimes you have

to put on the lip gloss and/or chap-stick and pretend to be psyched.

2. **TIP OFF.** Moving around and getting the heart rate up causes the body to release endorphins. Exercise, walk, lift weights in a chair, anything to get your blood moving.

3. **HOOPS.** Jump through the hoops and volunteer. Being involved in community gives a sense of purpose and satisfaction.

4. **BENCHED.** Put your feet up. Escape from reality by reading. Reading can help de-stress by taking your mind off everyday life.

5. **FREE THROW.** After all, they are free. Make time for your family and friends. These relationships need to be nurtured. If taken for granted, they will dwindle and not be there to share life's joys and sorrows.

6. **HALF TIME.** Make those recipes you've been intending to make. Double the recipe and give some to a neighbor or someone who would love that you thought of them.

7. **COACHED.** Having friends who are willing to listen and support you through good and bad is essential. Adding humor to that friendship can help lighten the mood. Don't forget to also BE a supportive friend.

8. **SWISHED (SLAM DUNK) Nutrition.** Eating healthy foods that are good for you not only improve physical health, but play a major role in your mental health. When your body gets the proper nutrients, it functions better in every capacity.

9. **TIME OUT.** Meditation and relaxation techniques. Relaxation exercises are a great way to reduce stress. Believe it or not, a massage or just ten minutes of quiet calm can make a difference in your day.

10. **SCOREBOARD.** Take care of yourself - Number one. Learn to be at peace with yourself. Get to know who you are or re-examine yourself and make positive changes. Find out what makes you really happy and learn to accept what you can and cannot change about yourself. *Adapted from Canadian Mental Health Association of Richmond, BC*



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## For the Love of Goodness

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What makes a person good? For a moment let's take out the religious references to good and goodness and talk about how a good person functions in the real world.

Is a good person one who regularly provides goodies in the office? Is a good person the one who makes you crack a smile? Is a good person one who tips you for doing your job well? Is a good person the one who takes care of his or her family? Is a good person one who participates in community? Is a good person one who helps make the world safe and secure? Is a good person always good?

This month we have the opportunity to explore the concept of goodness in many ways. For example: Voting is good! Come to Café Dilemma on March 3, listen to Noa speak about the Israeli election, and get your chance to vote.

A good person promotes and pays attention to safety and security. Join us on March 30 for the Foreign Policy Supper Club discussion on privacy in the digital age.

Closer to home, what do good people do? They participate in Good Deeds Day on March 15. Good Deeds Day was established in Israel, and now includes more than 500,000 volunteers worldwide. This event makes it possible to be part of a global movement while helping locally. Following an afternoon of volunteer service, the volunteers will be treated to a dinner.

And on March 26, meet the photographers and their subjects participating in *Leading Roles*, the new exhibit at the Jewish Cultural Center. *Leading Roles* is being produced in conjunction with A Step Ahead Foundation Chattanooga. The mission of A Step Ahead Foundation Chattanooga is to ensure that any Chattanooga-area woman seeking birth control has access to long-term, reversible methods, regardless of ability to pay.

The Federation is also piloting the opportunity to break bread at lunchtime with other members of the community. We think of this program as not only a way to provide people with a hearty kosher meal, but as a way to interact with people you may not otherwise see. Think of it as a way for the Federation to create an environment where good can occur. The conversations that will take place are likely to lead to future programs and activities.

What makes a person good? To me a good person actively participates in community, realizing that the health and welfare of the community leads to individual health and welfare. The common good is one of the values we emphasize at the Jewish Federation. So come. Be part of our community. Participate.



## Good Clean Fun! Make a Charoset Pot for Passover

Charoset, a mixture generally made from apples, nuts, raisins, and wine or grape juice, is traditionally eaten at the Seder. This craft turns an ordinary clay pot into a homemade charoset dish.

Consider the symbolism of the clay pot, and try to have your guests comprehend what life was like as slaves in Egypt. Pretend that the tiles are bricks and the glue is mortar. Talk about what it means to be a slave and compare that to the freedom of being an artist. One large clay pot can be decorated for the Seder table. Or, decorate mini clay pots that can be placed at individual place settings for each guest.

### Materials:

- Clay garden pot in any size
- Tiles, beads, and other mosaic pieces
- Glue, poured into a dish
- Craft sticks
- Plastic or glass cup to insert inside the clay pot (use shot-size glasses for mini pots)
- Ribbon trim

### Instructions:

Turn the clay pot upside down and place it on a flat surface. Dip a craft stick into the glue and apply glue all over the pot. Starting at the base of the lip and working in a circular pattern around the pot, cover the pot with the tiles, adding more glue as necessary. Fill in the gaps by gluing beads or additional mosaic pieces.

When dry, about 30 minutes, turn the pot right side up and insert the plastic or glass cup that will hold the charoset at the Seder table. Embellish by tying a ribbon around the edge of the glass.

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# FEDERATION PROGRAMS

## Middle Eastern (Belly) Dancing

Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., JCC

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## Tuesday Cafe

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ 12-1 p.m.

Join your friends at the JCC for a delicious lunch every Tuesday in March. \$10 gets you a main course, two vegetables, dessert and a beverage. You MUST RSVP to [rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 extension 10. See front page for menu!

## Cafe Dilemma

Tuesday, March 3 @ 7pm

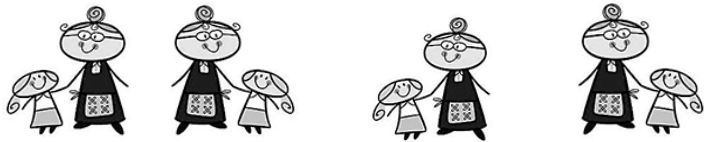
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Join Federation shlichah Noa Hadad for a discussion of the current political parties and upcoming elections in Israel. RSVP to [Israel@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:Israel@jewishchattanooga.com).

## Intergenerational Lunch

Tuesday, March 10 @ 12-1 (concurrent with Tuesday Cafe)

Cost: \$10. You MUST RSVP to [rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 extension 10.



## Good Deeds Day and Volunteer Dinner

Sunday, March 15 @ 2-7pm, JCC.

Come and do good in our community! For more information and to RSVP, contact [Israel@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:Israel@jewishchattanooga.com).

## Noon Nosh (concurrent with Tuesday Cafe) with Ann Law of Barking Legs

Tuesday, March 17 @ 12 pm, JCC



Barking Legs Theater (BLT) is an intimate black box theater at 1307 Dodds Avenue. For the past 21 years, this unassuming venue has supported everyone from Grammy award-winning musicians to emerging artists. Founded by Ann Law (left) and Bruce Kaplan, the non-profit BLT is known for pushing boundaries and challenging conventions. Its mission is to provide a supportive space that encourages all forms of dance, music, film, theater, poetry, and the performance arts

by developing a thoughtful audience and cultivating a strong arts community. It has become the Chattanooga home to some of the world's most acclaimed musicians including Beppe Gambetta (Genoa), Pierre Bensusan (Paris), Matthew Shipp (NYC), David Grier (Nashville), and Norman Blake (Rising Fawn). The theater also serves and supports active, local organizations such as the Shaking Ray Levi Society, Jaz-zanooga, Flying Fingers Production, ArtFRONT, New Dischord Festival, Mise En Scenester Film Club, WEAVE Contemporary Dance, Chattanooga Dance Projects, Un/Sound Improvisors Collective, and The Blooming Pot Pre-School. Renovations last year created a more flexible venue for both performers and audience and continues its commitment to supporting culturally diverse artists, arts organizations and audiences.



Left, exterior of Barking Legs Theater; right, newly renovated lobby.

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## Aleph Bet Spring Fling

Friday, March 20

Doors open at 8:45a.m.; breakfast at 9. Page 9 for more information.

## Leading Roles Exhibit Reception

Thursday, March 26 @ 5:30pm. No cost to attend.



Photographic images of women fully experiencing life: working, studying, creating, hiking, traveling, interacting with children, playing with pets, or just relaxing. (Photo credit: Scott Shoup)

*The exhibit is co-sponsored by A Step Ahead Foundation Chattanooga, whose mission is to ensure that any Chattanooga-area woman seeking birth control has access to long-term, reversible methods regardless of ability to pay. The tie-in to this exhibit is that when women plan their pregnancies, they can take a leading role in*

*the direction their lives take. Access to effective birth control enables women to make (and stick to) life plans—whether those plans include pursuing an education, learning a trade, exploring the world, or advancing a career. And, of course, doing these things can co-exist with having relationships and/or being a mother when she feels ready.*

## YL Movie Night (Columbian Run)

Sunday, March 29 @ 7pm, JCC.

No cost to attend. Please see page 7 for details and to RSVP.

Popcorn and beverage!



## Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, March 30 @ 7p.m.



\$10 includes dinner. RSVP@ [jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 extension 10. This month: Privacy in the Digital Age. Legislation, both at home and abroad, hasn't kept pace with technological developments, leaving some wondering if privacy as we know it is long dead.

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# FEDERATION SHLICHA



## Deconstructing the Elections

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December 2014 the Israeli government decided to hold elections. Why? How? And who is running anyway?

Elections in Israel are based on nationwide proportional representation. The electoral threshold is currently set at 3.25%, with the number of seats a party receives in the Knesset proportional to the number of votes it receives. The Knesset is elected for a term of four years, although most governments have not served a full term, and early elections are a frequent occurrence. Israel has a multi-party system based on coalition governments as no party has ever won a majority of seats in a national election.

Early elections can be called by a vote of the majority of Knesset members, or by an edict of the President, and normally occur on occasions of political stalemate and the inability of the government to get the parliament's support for its policy.

After an election, the President, following consultations with the elected party leaders, chooses the Knesset member most likely to form a viable coalition government. While this typically is the leader of the party receiving the most seats, it is not required. This member has up to 42 days to negotiate with the different parties, and then present his or her government to the Knesset for a vote of confidence. Once the government is approved (by a vote of at least 61 members), he or she becomes Prime Minister.

The Knesset numbers 120 members, a subject which has often been a cause for proposed reforms. General elections use closed lists: voters vote only for party lists and cannot affect the order of candidates within the lists. There are no separate electoral districts; all voters vote on the same party lists. See breakdown of parties, below.

world and its meaning. At the same time this sub-theme would address the nature of Jewish collectivity.

### 3. Free

The nature of freedom as embodied in the creation of the State. Not simply the freedom of Pesach, which celebrates a freedom from suffering and persecution, but also the very particular form of freedom that Statehood has brought: the freedom to take responsibility for oneself, the freedom to grant or refuse freedoms to others. Freedom would also refer to the freedom to create, to innovate, and to renew.

### 4. In Our Land

The specificity of Israel as a geographical, political, and historical entity with deep significance to the Jewish people. This sub-theme would also address the question of ownership: the proof of ownership and the expectations and responsibility of 'owners'.

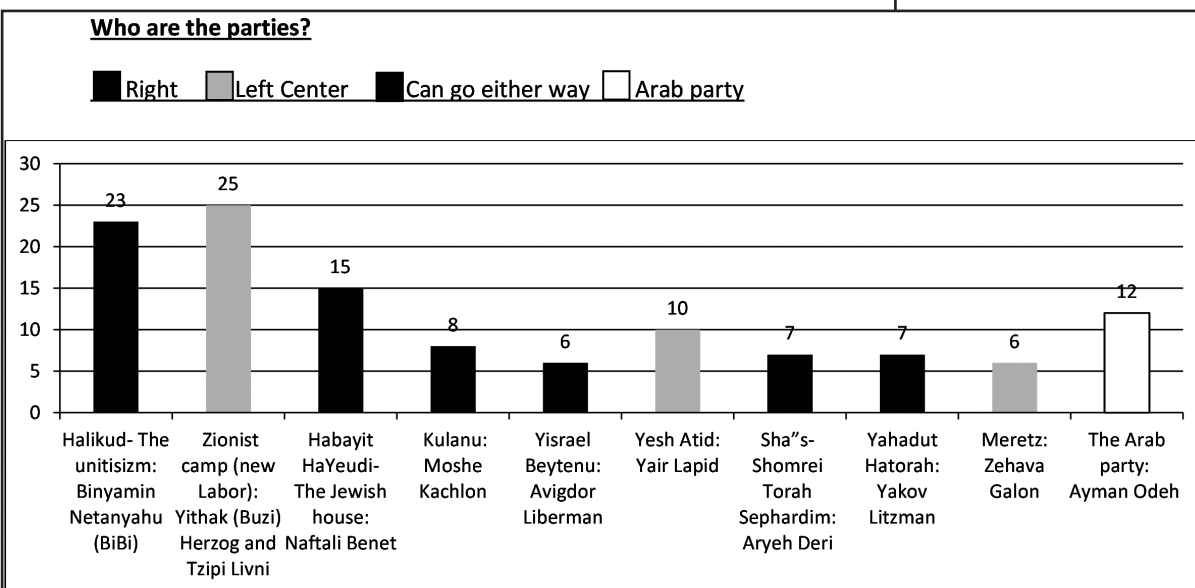
Were we to remove the word "people" from this phrase, we would be left with what was the Meretz slogan in favor of the Gay Pride March in Jerusalem 2006. To be free in our land is a worthy aspiration that pays no heed to a shared Jewish collective. Were we to remove the word free we might sum up the cultural non-military approach of R. Yochanan ben Zachai, establishing Roman protection of Yavneh's scholars. And removal of people in our land would leave our theme with no reference to Israel!

To my mind, the other advantage of this four-point organizing theme is that it can give respect to unresolved questions and concerns:

- To what extent Israel has ensured the continued survival of the Jewish people?
- How far has Israel strayed from or developed its culture?
- Whether or not Israelis take full responsibility for their collective and individual actions;
- and what is a diaspora Jew's connection to the land?

All of these are issues that can be aired and housed within this overall structure.

This four-point set of principles can also offer us an effective pathway into rejoicing, reflecting, and defending. For no matter how one chooses to define our current situation, the Jewish people are closer to normality and more equipped to survive and fend for themselves as a country than they were before 1948, are more capable of acting as a collective, more free than ever before in history, and now living in the land of our forefathers. Looking at Israel through these principles, we can find reason for joy as well as reflection. Through these questions we can find the best candidate for Prime Minister of Israel. Think about it and let me know who you think will be the best prime minister for us, for Israel.



Think you're politically correct? Join us at the next Café Dilemma, March 3rd, 5:30 pm at River Street Deli. We will discuss the Israeli election. Learn more about the parties and the candidates--we'll even have our own election! You can try to convince everyone your choice is the best choice. RSVP at Israel@jewishchattanooga.com.

## How do you choose your party?

Our National Anthem: HaTikvah (The Hope) presents four values/elements that we can use as questions to find a worthy candidate for Prime Minister of Israel. Understanding what Israel means to the Jewish people boils down to these four values as expressed in the penultimate line of Israel's National Anthem. An exploration of the four elements might be at the heart of every Israel Engagement curriculum, the theme of Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations, the basis on which a 'broad tent' of Israel advocacy might be built or even the basic ideas we must follow when we look for a worthy candidate for Prime Minister of Israel:

TO BE A FREE PEOPLE IN OUR LAND

### 1. To Be

The way in which the creation of the State of Israel served and serves the survival or the Jewish people. To be in the sense of 'exist'. It would likewise explore the idea of 'normality' that Israel was expected to engender. To be in the sense of 'let it be'...

### 2. People

The way in which Israel is connected to the Jewish people culturally, historically, religiously. Where Israel expresses its connection to the Jewish

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**March 15 2015**

Good Deeds Day

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## GOOD DEEDS DAY

Sunday, March 15, 2015  
2PM-7PM

(includes a special dinner for all the volunteers)  
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# FEDERATION PROGRAMS

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## MARCH *at a glance*

Saturday March 14 , YJL Purim Masquerade Party in Nashville  
Sunday March 15, YJL Good Deeds Day  
Sunday March 29, YJL Israeli Movie *Columbian Run* (see below)



YJL group at UTC basketball game Jan. 24



YJL January happy hour

## SAVE THE DATE!

### YJL Movie Night at the JCC



Sunday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.  
Screening: *Columbian Love*  
What is the Israeli man like when he's looking for true love?

This is the story of three best friends trying to bridge the gap between lust, love and marriage.

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A Film by Shay Kanot  
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No cost to attend. Popcorn and beverage provided.  
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**YJL is always looking for new members!**

The Young Leadership Group, YJL, of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, is a vibrant mix of young adults from the Chattanooga area. Our mission is to engage 21 to 45 year olds to participate in Jewish Federation, Shabbat dinners, community service, and social action events, through a combination of local and national programs, and social mixers.



## NIGHT RUN 5K CHATTANOOGA

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All Ages Welcome

Saturday, May 30 9:45 pm  
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*Your donation to campaign helps fund  
Young Leadership!*

# FEDERATION NEWS

## Katie Rose to Graduate from Signal Mountain Middle/High School in the Spring



Katie Rose is the daughter of David and Patricia Rose and the granddaughter of the late Mildred Rose and Alfred Rose (both deceased) and Ruth and Ollen Huff (deceased). Older siblings are Alexandra, 28, and Jordan, 27. Katie has been very active in a variety of high school clubs including Youth in Government; Model United Nations; Baylor Swim Club; Signal Mountain Swim Club; Beta Club; Leo Club; and Recycling Club. She was also named one of Distinguished Young Women of Signal Mountain 2014.

Katie's favorite subjects are Mathematics and Chemistry. Awards and recognitions include National Honor Society, History Award, and Tennessee State Swimming and Diving Championship Qualifier. She has been a competitive swimmer for eight years. Outside of school Katie enjoys thrifting and hiking. She has been a lifeguard for two years and Signal Mountain Green Giants Swim Team Coach for 3 years. She has also been a madrichim at CJCRS for 3 years. Katie plans to attend UTK and to major in Speech and Language Pathology.

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Hochman, Lynn  
Hodes, Alvin  
Howard, Lynn  
Jaffe, Dot



Jaffe, Sam  
Lebovitz, Alison  
Lebovitz, Charles  
Lebovitz, Lauren  
Malsh, Rebecca (Deceased)  
Nash, Ike (Deceased)  
Pregulman, Helen  
Richelson, Alan  
Siskin, Pris  
Zachary, Richard

The Legacy Society is made up of individuals who, in the tradition of our Jewish faith, wish to share their blessings with others by providing for the future needs of the Jewish community. There are a number of ways to contribute to the Jewish Federation's Endowment through estate planning: a bequest in a will, contribution of the remainder of an IRA or other retirement plan, a life insurance policy, charitable remainder trust, donor advised fund, charitable gift annuity, piece of real estate, securities or other property, or the donation of other assets. However they choose to contribute, Legacy Society members can be sure that their planned gift will turn their dreams for a strong future Jewish community into a reality.



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### Helping the Most Vulnerable



The Jewish Federations of North America represents 152 Jewish Federations and over 300 Network communities, which raise and distribute more than \$3 billion annually for social welfare, social services and educational needs. The Federation movement, collectively among the top 10 charities on the continent, protects and enhances the well-being of Jews worldwide through the values of tikkun olam (repairing the world), tzedakah (charity and social justice) and Torah (Jewish learning). There are humanitarian emergencies all over the world affecting Jews and non-Jews alike. Jewish Federations of North America and its partners take seriously their ethical responsibility to ensure the welfare of all people. While there is still much to be done, our work on behalf of those in need has literally touched thousands and thousands around the globe.

#### Operation Promise

A Jewish Federations initiative to mainstream the Ethiopian-Israeli community, feed poor Jews in the former Soviet Union and strengthen Jewish identity.

#### Save Darfur

Jewish Federations of North America helped launch the Save Darfur Coalition, an alliance of faith-based, humanitarian and human rights organizations to stop the genocide in the Sudan.

#### Supporting Seniors

Jewish Federations of North America funds a continuum of services to the elderly, providing social activities, healthcare, medical transportation, housing, food and counseling.



# ALEPH BET CHILDREN'S CENTER



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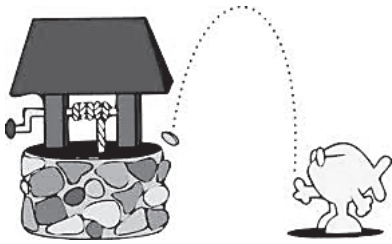
Aleph Bet is now enrolling for Camp Aleph Bet 2015 and the 2015-2016 school-year. Registration forms are available to print at [www.aleph-bet.com/registration](http://www.aleph-bet.com/registration). To schedule your personal tour, please call Vicki at 893-5486.

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Spring Fling  
Friday, March 20  
8:45 a.m.  
See front page for details



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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# FEDERATION PROGRAMS

## Enroll Now for Summer Camps!

**PHILANTHROPY CAMP:** for rising 1st through rising 6th graders, July 27-July 31, 2015.

**DATES 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Jewish Cultural Center and Chattanooga First Church of the Nazarene. This camp teaches children the value of *tikkun olam*, or “repairing the world.” Games and activities help children explore philanthropy, faith, family, and community. **Cost:** \$120 (\$100 for each additional sibling)

**CAMP TIKKUN OLAM:** for rising 7th through rising 9th graders, July 27-July 31, 2015.

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each day, campers will do hands-on service at a different local, non-profit organization and have fun learning experiences about each of those organizations. On Friday, the group will give a presentation to Philanthropy Camp. **Cost:** \$120/camper (\$100 for each additional sibling). Space is limited!

**For registration and information about either camp, contact [camp@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:camp@jewishchattanooga.com) or contact Ann Treadwell at 493-0270 ext 13. Registration WITH PAYMENT must be received to hold your spot.**



### Could YOU be a Camp Counselor?

Jewish Federation is looking for 3 organized, responsible, fun people to become Philanthropy Camp counselors. **REQUIREMENTS:**

**Must be rising 10, 11, 12th grader, up to 18yrs old**  
**Camp Dates: July 27 – July 31**

**8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily (you must be available every day, all day)**

**Compulsory Training Sessions:**

**Wed. & Thursday, July 22 & 23**

**Friday, July 24, 10-2pm (meals included)**

**For an application contact Ann Treadwell, Program Director at 423 493-0270 ext. 13 or [atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com)**

## Messages From the Heart (to Heart)

*Lauren Lebovitz, Barbie Potts and Amy Boulware participated in this year's Heart to Heart trip to Israel. Below, reflections from Lauren and Barbie.*

**LAUREN LEBOVITZ:** Barbie Potts, Amy Boulware and I arrived in Tel Aviv, starting our Heart to Heart journey with a celebration of 100 women from 22 JFNA communities. The first morning started with a briefing on Operation Protection Edge, then off we went to learn Krav Maga (self defense) and then a day of adventure with fashion, graffiti and Segway tours.

On day two we headed south to meet IDF soldiers protecting the border near Gaza. While looking over a wall only 1/4 mile from the tunnel openings we visited Moshav Netiv Ha'asara to listen to stories by people terrified from war but who still have hopes for peace. We participated in making a mosaic called the “Path to Peace” Then we attended Sapir College where we heard about amazing inclusion and disability programs funded by the JDC, a Federation partner agency.

We then entered Jerusalem with a Shehecheyanu (feelings no words can describe), a morning at Yad Vashem and then a walk in the Old City. Then the ultimate highlight of the trip: a bat mitzvah service. Barbie and Amy spoke words from their hearts and had aliyahs as they received blessings from the rabbi while reading Parashot Yitro (The Ten Commandments). We celebrated the night away with a Tu B'shevat seder and party!

On our last day we heard from Tali Levanon, the director of the Israel Trauma Coalition, female soldiers and wives of the IDF. Gal, a young commander, summed up my whole journey and reason why Federation is so important to me by saying, “We carry each other till each can learn to walk on their own. All of Israel is responsible for one another.”

We proceeded to see our Jewish Federation dollars working at Susan's Place. The center helps youth at risk from the street work with art in creative ways, giving them the opportunity to develop and integrate back into society. Seeing and talking with the youth was so inspirational and meaningful; it was a gift to be able to spend time there. We then sat as a group and reflected on our individual journeys from the week.

**BARBIE POTTS:** My first trip to Israel was an experience I will never forget. From the beautiful beaches and magnificent sunsets in Tel Aviv to the southern communities that lost so much this summer, every second was packed with emotions. Meeting the young soldiers who protect without question was one of the highlights of my trip. It's the only way of life they know and they are so very passionate about why they do it.

I realized that Israel, being such a young country, is dedicated to protecting their young. Susan's House was one of my favorite stops in Jerusalem. It is a place where troubled teens can learn a trade and see themselves as productive members of society. It builds their self-confidence and shows them that adults really do care about their future.

So many were eager to share a Shabbat dinner or give us a history lesson. People shared their love for this beautiful country with such passion. I have never been to a country that is more warm and inviting. Seeing what JFNA and our own Chattanooga Federation does for Israel made me proud to be a part of this amazing community.

