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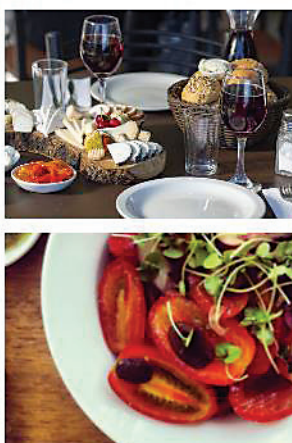
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## Mazel Tov

--to Monique Berke, who was selected by a Girls Inc. for their prestigious UnBought and UnBossed Award.  
--to Kevin and Cassie Rose and sister Eliza on the birth of son and little brother Zane Harrison.

## Condolences

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

--Joan Jacqueline Berger-Koplan, wife of Irwin Koplan, mother of Heather Lauren Koplan & Kara Tsukerman.  
--Sara Dinberg, mother of Nancy Dinberg, mother/mother-in-law of Steve and Carolyn Dinberg, grandmother of Alyssa, Danielle and Ariana Dinberg, and sister-in-law of Shirley Fagenbaum, on April 10.  
--Fredrick Jones, Jr, brother of Federation Kitchen Supervisor Alice Goss-Morgan, on April 4, in New York.

*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*

## Lori Plotkin Boghardt to Speak at AIPAC Chattanooga



Lori Plotkin Boghardt is the Barbara Kay Family Fellow at The Washington Institute, where her research focuses on Gulf politics. Prior to joining the Institute, Dr. Boghardt served for more than ten years as a Middle East analyst for the U.S. intelligence community, including as a senior analyst and research manager for Muslim world politics at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) and as a Persian Gulf analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency.

Previously she worked as a fellow at the Brookings Institution, focusing on Gulf security issues, and as an analyst of U.S. public opinion regarding foreign policy tools at the RAND Corporation. In the mid-1990s, Dr. Boghardt was a Soref fellow at The Washington Institute, where she published the monograph *Jordan-Israel Peace: Taking Stock, 1994-1997*. She also is the author of *Kuwait Amid War, Peace and Revolution: 1979-1991* and *New Challenges* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007). She received her Ph.D. from the University of Oxford, and her M.P.A. and B.A. from Cornell University.

## Arthur Pais, 2015 Yom Hashoah Speaker, Dies



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Arthur Pais on April 6, 2016 at the age of 88. Art was born in Lithuania and was a survivor of the Kovno Ghetto and the Dachau Concentration Camp. He was the Federations Yom Hashoah speaker in 2015. Art will be remembered for his kind gestures, words, and the warmth of his presence, and his dedication to educating others about the Holocaust.



*Federation shlichah Noa Hadad's father, Nissin, explains the story of Soda Stream, which was targeted by the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction) movement at Tuesday Cafe, April 19.*

*Join us at Tuesday Cafe May 17, as Rayna Rose Exelbierd, StandWithUs educator and anti-BDS supporter, talks more about StandWithUS and the BDS movement.*

## AIPAC SOUTHEAST REGION PRESENTS

(American Israel Public Affairs Committee)

## Annual Dinner

Thursday, June 23, Jewish Cultural Center

6:00 p.m. ~ Buffet Dinner

7:15 p.m. ~ Community Briefing

Featured Speaker Lori Plotkin Boghardt, Barbara Kay Family Fellow, The Washington Institute

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## Einev Canaher, 2012-13 Federation Shlichah, Visits Chattanooga this past March



# MIZPAH CONGREGATION



by Donna Etkin

## Worship and Study Schedule

**Tuesday May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

12:00 noon Lunch & Learn with Laurie Fisher

**Wednesday May 4, 11, 18, 25**

4:30 pm Mizpah Academy Hebrew Class for Children/Youth

**Friday May 6, 13, 20, 27**

5:45 pm Oneg Shabbat Refreshments and Socializing

6:15 pm Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Service

**First Friday Shabbat-Congregational Dinner May 6**

**Saturday May 7, 14, 21, 28**

8:45 am Breakfast

9:15 am Torah Study in Feinstein Hall

11:00 am Shabbat Morning Worship Service



*Incoming Board of Directors, from left: Margaret Friedman-Vaughan, Richard Waxler, Henry Schulson, June Collins, Stacey Whited, Richard Zachary, Frank Miller, Donna White-Dropkin, Alan Richelson, Jessie Fine. Not pictured: Max Brener, Amy Cohen, Stefani deOlloqui, Edie Lipman, Rose Opengart, Flossie Weill, Dana Banks.*

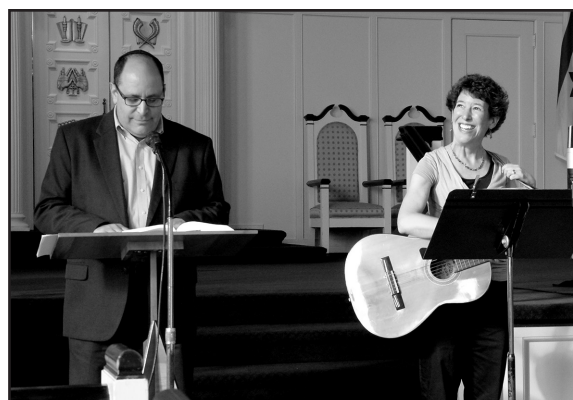


## First Friday Shabbat Dinner

Please join us for our First Friday Shabbat dinner May 6, immediately following worship services. We will gather in Feinstein Hall for a delicious, in-house cooked meal. Thank you to June Collins and her committee, for making these meals so enjoyable. PLEASE RSVP to the office – 267-9771.



*Richard Waxler and Bob Berz give committee reports at annual meeting*



*Andy Hodes and Amy Cohen co-lead Mizpah Shabbat Shirim - Sabbath of Song, April 15.*



*James Brown, Mizpah member and lay leader of recent Torah Study*

*Adult Education*

*Lunch & Learn*

*Brown Bag*

*Tuesdays @ Noon*

*Mizpah Library*

With Laurie Fisher



## 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 Laurie Fisher, now about your child/children attending Camp Coleman in 2016, and having a summer to remember.



*Frank Miller and Cathryn Cohen rake for Mizpah on Good Deeds Day April 10*

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# CHATTANOOGA JEWISH CONGREGATIONAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



## P2G Up Close and Personal

by Rachel Salomon, M.Ed.

In December of 2014, I had the privilege of participating in Federation's P2G program for educators and visited Israel for the first time. I spent time with an incredible host family and the REUT School in the Hadera region in Israel. This summer, Hadas Peled asked to partner in a new twin project, Yachdav, with the 4th/5th grade CJCRS class and a 5th grade REUT class.

Throughout the year, we completed information sheets about life, interests, likes and dislikes, and holiday celebrations. The REUT school corresponded with similar assignments in Israel and we traded information and projects. We developed a connection, interest in each other, and some of our students were very surprised that "they look just like us!" They learned that they loved and disliked some of the same activities. We took pictures and short videos and posted them in a Google Document so we could share our questions, pictures and collaborative projects.

On March 20, 2016 we conducted a video conference between the two classes. We asked questions, played a game together about Purim, sang songs to the other class, and culminated by singing Hatikvah together.

I asked our students over the year why it was important to do this project. In the beginning our students were not sure. They joked, and were silly, but they did not understand why. I asked the question again after the video conference and some of the answers were: "Because we are all Jewish," "Because it's important to our future," "Because they're kids just like us," "Because we are part of Israel," "Because it's our Jewish home," "Because I want to meet my friends in Israel."

In Israel the teacher Tal Goldberg, Hadas, and I worked behind the scenes almost weekly to coordinate and keep the students engaged and involved. The end result is a beautiful connection to Israel that was not there before. The students will grow together, and we will continue the collaboration next year. This program has opened a door for our students to ask questions, make connections and relate to their peers in Israel.

Thank you to the Chattanooga Jewish Federation, Yachdav, P2G partnership, Hadas Peled, Jackie Rosenfeld, and Paula Israel, but thank you most of all to the students at REUT and CJCRS. This would not have been possible without your help and determination to make this an awesome experience. We ended our video conference with L'hitraot, because we are excited that we will see our Israel friends again!



**CJCRS will have its final class  
Sunday, May 1. Don't miss it!**

### Take Home Chef Alice Goss-Morgan's "Bowls of Love"

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## 2016 Good Deeds Day Doers

On Sunday, April 10, CJCRS joined forces with volunteers young and old to make warm scarves to donate to the homeless shelter. See photos below, above right, and on page 11.



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# B'NAI ZION CONGREGATION

**BLT**

**Sunday, May 1: 9:45 a.m.**  
 Monthly Bagels, Lox and Tefillin Minyan  
 Come for the praying and stay for the food!  
 (pic – same as last month)



**Minyan & Toast to Israel**  
**Wednesday, May 11 - 6:00 p.m.**  
 Join us as we share a L'Chaim to commemorate Israel's 68th birthday!



*Go in peace, return in peace...*

Everyone's favorite superhero, with a smile ready on his face, "sure thing Boss", "easy peasy", is none other than BZ's Director of Congregational Learning, Jason Cathcart! As much as we love Jason, Vicki, Jordan, Daniella and Samara, we must bid them adieu (*lihtra'ot*). Please join us, as we celebrate the accomplishments of our Hebrew School students on **Shabbat morning, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.** in thanking Jason and the Cathcart crew for the many ways they have enhanced our lives and our community. Please let us know you are coming: [office@bzcongregation.com](mailto:office@bzcongregation.com)

**Lunch & Learn**

**Thursday, May 12 & 26: 12 p.m. @ BZ**  
 \$5 for lunch, learning is priceless  
 May 12 - Yom Ha'atzma'ut special lunch & learning  
 May 26 – Lag b'Omer inspired learning and food



**Women About Women**  
**Monday, May 16: 6:30 p.m.**  
 Noa Hadad, community shlichah, reflects on her time in Chattanooga.



**FORUM ON THE RELIGIONS OF FATHER ABRAHAM**

This forum will address the most recent 2015 Jewish Book Award Winner and best selling book by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks:

**"Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence"**

May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Brainerd United Methodist Church



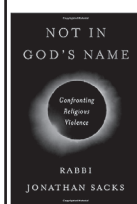
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*"When religion becomes a zero-sum conceit – that is, my religion is the only right path to God, therefore your religion is by definition wrong – and individuals are motivated by what Rabbi Sacks calls "altruistic evil," violence between peoples of different beliefs appears to be the only natural outcome. This was never the way of Abraham. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks says 'Abraham...ruled no empire, commanded no army, conquered no territory, performed no miracles... Though he lived differently from his neighbors, he fought for them and prayed for them in some of the most audacious language ever uttered by a human to God – 'Shall the Judge of all the earth not do justice?'" (Genesis 18:25)*

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You are invited to submit written questions to the moderators when you first arrive at the Church for the forum. Please know time may not permit us to ask all questions submitted.



**BSI Shabbat**

**Shabbat, May 14: Services begin at 9:45 a.m.**  
 Join us to celebrate Jewish education at B'nai Zion as our BSI students lead services and we acknowledge our teachers for their hard work and dedication. Also, we will induct new members into the Ashrei Society: Jonah Hodes, Rachel Lowe, Hannah Lowe, Max Cowan, Sadie Cowan and Ben Hillner.

**Beit Sefer Ivri Festigal and End of Year Dinner**

**Wed., May 18: Classes begin at 4:30 p.m.; Dinner & program begin at 6:00 p.m.**

Our annual end of year celebration gives us the opportunity to praise the efforts of our teachers, students and lay leaders. This year we will also have our first-ever song festival (Festigal), where students prepare and perform songs for our enjoyment. It will be a ruach filled night!



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

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**Save the Date**

**Sunday, June 5**



# CHABAD OF CHATTANOOGA



Chabad of Chattanooga Rabbi Shaul Perlstein

## A Tzaddik's Repentance

By Tuvia Bolton

More than 1000 years ago, there lived a great and holy leader and teacher called Rabbi Saadiah Gaon (882–942). The Gaon (as the leading sages of Babylonian Jewry were titled at the time) had many hundreds of pupils, and all of them had a great thirst to learn. Even a casual movement or word from their revered teacher provided them a lesson for life.

One winter morning, two of his pupils happened to be walking in the mountains when they heard a strange sound on the other side of a hill. When they approached the summit they saw, to their great surprise, their master sitting on the snow-covered ground, weeping, praying and engaging in other acts of penitence. What could a tzaddik (perfectly righteous person) such as their teacher possibly need to repent for? Could he have committed some sin, G-d forbid? They hurriedly departed from that place. But later that day, they could no longer restrain themselves and asked their teacher what the scene they had witnessed had been about.

"I do that every day," he said to them. "Every day I repent and plead with G-d to forgive my shortcomings and failings in my service of Him."

"Your failings?" they asked. "Of what failings does the Gaon speak?"

"Let me tell you a story," said Rabbi Saadiah. "Something that happened to me a while ago."

"At one point in my life, I decided that all the honor and attention I was receiving from everyone around me was interfering with my service of the Creator. G-d must be served with joy, and without complete humility, joy is impossible. So I decided that I would spend several months in a place where no one recognized me.

"I dressed in simple garments and began my self-imposed exile, wandering from town to town. One night I was in a small inn run by an old Jew. He was a very kind and simple man, and we spoke for a while before I went to sleep. Early the next morning, after I had prayed shacharit (the morning prayer), I bade him farewell and was again on my way.

"What I didn't know was that several of my pupils had been searching for me, and several hours after I left the inn they appeared, hot on my trail. 'Did you see Rabbi Saadiah Gaon?' they asked him. 'We have reason to believe that he was here.'

"Saadiah Gaon?" replied the bewildered old Jew. 'What would the great Rav Saadiah be doing in a place like mine? Rav Saadiah Gaon in my inn? No . . . I'm sure that you are very mistaken! There was no Rav Saadiah Gaon here!'

"But when the young men described me to him and explained about my exile and 'disguise,' the old Jew grabbed his head and cried: 'Oy! Rav Saadiah! Rav Saadiah was here! You are right! Oy, Oy!' and he ran outside, jumped into his wagon and began urging his horse to go as fast as possible in the direction I had taken.

"After a short time he caught up to me, jumped from his carriage and fell at my feet, weeping: 'Please forgive me, Rav Saadiah. Please forgive me. I didn't know that it was you!'

"I made him stand up and brush himself off, and then said to him: 'But my dear friend, you treated me very well, you were very kind and hospitable. Why are you so sorry? You have nothing to apologize for.'

"No, no, Rabbi," he replied. 'If I would have known who you are, I would have served you completely differently!'

"Suddenly I realized that this man was teaching me a very important lesson in the service of G-d, and that the purpose of my exile had been fulfilled. I thanked and blessed him, and returned home.

"Since then, every evening when I say the prayer before sleeping, I go over in my mind how I served G-d that day. Then I think of that old innkeeper, and say to myself: 'Oy! If I had known about G-d in the beginning of the day what I know now, I would have served Him completely differently!'

"And that is what I was repenting for this morning."

## Purim Under the Sea

Chabad celebrated Purim in under the Sea style! Highlights: gourmet kosher sushi bar by Chattanooga's best sushi, Sushi Nabe, plus a mechanical surfboard and steel pan music. One person was overheard saying "This was amazing, I wonder where we will celebrate Purim next year?"



## Lag B'Omer Party on the Farm

Join us for a day on the farm Lag B'Omer party Thursday, May 26. @ 5:30pm.

Zipline over the creek!

Enjoy Southern smoked BBQ

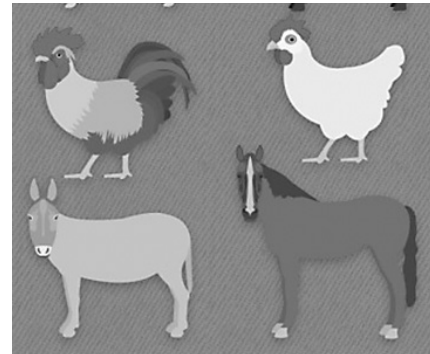
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Tuesday Classes

Starting Tuesday May 17

7:00 – 8:30 PM



Chabad volunteers organize new building, Good Deeds Day

# HADASSAH NEWS



## Hadassah Happenings

by Cathryn Cohen  
Chapter Reporter



Dana and Richard Waxler recently returned from the first Hadassah "People to People" Mission Trip to Cuba. They invite you to join them at their home for "Café Cabaño" to see their slides and hear about the remarkable Jewish communities and highlights of their visit. The \$18 per person requested donation will benefit the new Hadassah Research Campaign. Watch your mail and e-mail for date and time. See some great pictures (right) to whet your interest!

Commitment to Hadassah is always appreciated and can be shown by purchasing Life Memberships, Annual Memberships, Associate Memberships and beautiful jewelry. In 2016, Hadassah annual members may upgrade to Life Membership before their annual membership expires at a reduced enrollment fee of \$180. For more information, contact Barbara Oxenhandler. Membership in Hadassah is the perfect gift that fits every occasion.

The newest Hadassah jewelry features a heart necklace, priced at \$100, which supports the new addition to Hadassah Hospital. Three styles of bracelets at \$25 each support Young Judaea scholarships. The jewelry is available through Millie Lander. Greeting cards for life-cycle events may be purchased through Paula Israel.

National President Ellen Hershkin has invited all Hadassah members to participate in Hadassah's second annual "Every Step Counts" walking event that began April 11 and will end July 21. Take a virtual walk from Hadassah's hospitals in Jerusalem to our 98th National Convention to be held in Atlanta, Georgia July 25-28. The road may be virtual but the challenge is real. You'll be taking and recording real steps to a healthier future. As you log your steps, you'll pass important milestones along the way. Your personal pedometer will keep you on your toes! Of the three available challenge levels, you're sure to find the one perfect for you. Register today! Here's what a member of the Minneapolis MN chapter had to say about last year's experience:

"The Minneapolis Chapter, motivated by Susan Blehert, initiated a program where we would gather in a group and walk for an hour or so every Tuesday and Thursday morning. This project has created an outstanding psychological pick-me-up for those of us who have attended these walks. We have bonded in ways that could never happen while sitting at meetings or even working on committees together. Our friendships have deepened and our understanding and support of each other has magnified exponentially. We all are thrilled that this program awakened a new and healthy instinct in all of us. Some of us have even chosen to walk at times not on the regular schedule. We plan to continue this activity for as long as possible - inside or out. Thank you again for initiating this worthy program." Merrie Kristol Forstein, Minneapolis, MN

Let's form a group of our own to participate this year. I'm already registered. How about the rest of you?

Supporting Hadassah means putting our Jewish values into action: advocacy, health and well-being; building community in Israel and in the United States.

And finally, here's a shout out to Life Member Deborah Levine for publication of her latest book, *The Liberator's Daughter*. Based on her parents' letters to each other when her father served with U.S. Army Military Intelligence while his fellow troops liberated Nazi concentration and death camps as WWII in Europe ended, the book is a fascinating look at the intertwining of his career with hers.

Stay tuned and Like us on Facebook today!

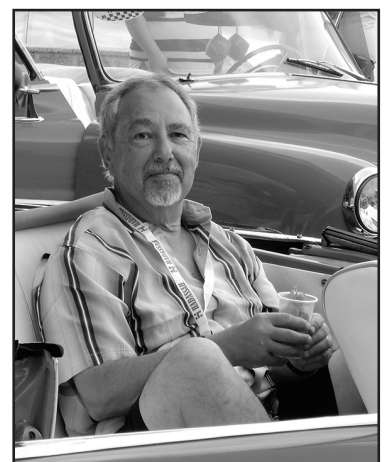
## Hadassah People to People Mission Trip to Cuba.



Mission participants on steps of Patronato Synagogue



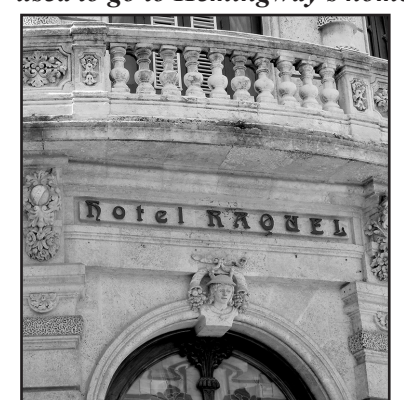
Holocaust Memorial



Richard in car Michelle Obama used to go to Hemingway's home

**Save the Date**

- July 25-28
- Hadassah National's 2016 National Convention will be held in Atlanta. Members can attend for one or all three days. More information will be available later this spring.



Entrance to the Raquel Hotel, hotel built for and by Jews

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## **Jewish Federation Mission Statement**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga builds and fosters a strong unified Jewish community and strives to ensure its well-being and continuity locally, in Israel, and throughout the world.

## **Jewish Cultural Center Statement of Purpose**

The Jewish Cultural Center, funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, is a venue for programs, classes, and exhibits; social services; and a preschool—all rooted in Jewish values. The facility enables the Jewish community to raise its visibility, foster relationships, and strengthen its identity in the Chattanooga area.

## **Shofar Policies and Procedures**

### **Article/Advertising Deadline**

The deadline for *Shofar* articles, announcements, photos and advertising is the 8th of the preceding month. Submit articles via email to *Shofar* editor Dana Shavin at dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com. Photos should be e-mailed as high resolution (300 dpi) jpeg files. Hard copies of photos will be returned once they are scanned and the issue has gone to press.

### **The Shofar calendar**

The Federation maintains an online calendar for the community that includes congregational events, social activities, special services and celebrations. Contact Courtney McKenzie at the Federation (493-0270, ext. 10; federation@jewishchattanooga.com) before scheduling your event and/or to add your date to the calendar. View the online calendar by visiting www.jewishchattanooga.com and clicking the calendar tab.

Only Jewish Federation and Federation-sponsored events are listed on the *Shofar* calendar, which appears on the inside back page of each issue.

### **Letters to the Editor**

It is the policy of *The Shofar* to encourage letters to the editor. For a letter to be published, it must be signed. The writer's name will be printed. Letters may be edited for length and are selected for publication at the discretion of the editor. Letters should be no more than 200 words.

### **Mazel Tovs and Condolences**

Please contact Dana Shavin (or dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270, ext. 12) with information regarding mazel tovs and condolences. Whenever possible, dates of death will be printed. These announcements are accepted until the 20th of the month.

Articles about upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and other special events are featured on the Community Lifecycles page. Text and photo must be provided in accordance with *Shofar* deadline on the 8th of the month preceding the issue.

### **Corrections**

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

### **Community Directory Updates**

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



# May 2016 Adar II/Nisan 5776

| Sunday                           | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|----------------------------|
| 1<br>Final CJCRS of school year  | 2   | 3<br>Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC   | 4  | 5<br>Yom HaShoah 6 pm Reading of Names 7pm Commemoration JCC | 6<br>AB Muffins with Mom 3-5pm<br>Candle Lighting 8:13                      | 7<br>Candle Lighting 9:14  |
| 8                                | 9   | 10<br>Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC<br><hr/> YESOD   | 11<br>Yom Hazikaron 6:45 pm JCC                          | 12<br>Yom Ha'Atzmaut Dinner and Israeli Band 6:00pm JCC      | 13<br>Candle Lighting 8:19  | 14<br>Candle Lighting 9:20 |
| 15<br>YJL Brunch 11 am Place TBD | 16  | 17<br>Tuesday Cafe Stand With Us BDS Speaker Noon, JCC<br><hr/> YESOD (Final)   | 18<br>Intergenerational Lunch Noon, JCC                  | 19<br>Presidents and Professionals at Mizpah 4:30            | 20<br>Last day to view POINTS of YOU Exhibit at JCC<br>Candle Lighting 8:24 | 21<br>Candle Lighting 9:26 |
| 22                               | 23  | 24<br>Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC<br><hr/> Matter of Balance 10-noon, JCC  | 25   | 26<br>AB End of Year Program 4pm JCC                         | 27<br>Candle Lighting 8:29  | 28<br>Candle Lighting 9:32 |
| 29                               | 30<br>Federation and AB CLOSED for Memorial Day | 31<br>Matter of Balance 10-noon, JCC<br><hr/> Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC<br><hr/> AB Closed for Professional Dev./ Summer Preparation | 1<br>AB Closed for Professional Dev./ Summer Preparation | 2<br>Camp Aleph Bet begins                                   | 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](http://www.jewishchattanooga.com). The Shofar calendar lists only Jewish Federation and Federation-sponsored events.

## Key Jewish Federation Dates

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| <b>Thursday, May 5</b><br>Yom HaShoah                         |
| <b>Friday, May 6</b><br>AB Muffins with Mom                   |
| <b>Wednesday, May 11</b><br>Yom Hazikaron                     |
| <b>Thursday, May 12</b><br>Yom Ha'Atzmaut                     |
| <b>Wednesday, May 18</b><br>Intergenerational Lunch           |
| <b>Thursday, May 26</b><br>AB Year End Program and Lag B'Omer |

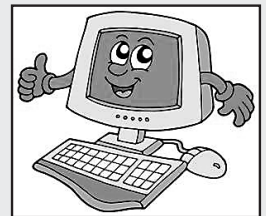
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Go to [Jewishchattanooga.com/Shofar](http://Jewishchattanooga.com/Shofar)  
The online Community Calendar is current.

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for Shofar policies and procedures.

## Calendar Abbreviation Key

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| AB    | Aleph Bet Children's Center                        |
| CJCRS | Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School |
| JCC   | Jewish Cultural Center                             |
| YJL   | Jewish Federation Young Jewish Leadership          |
| P2G   | Partnership 2Gether                                |

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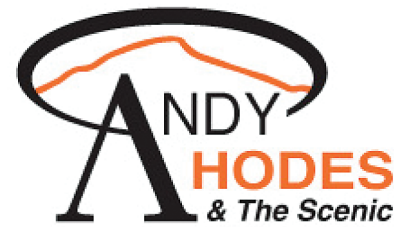
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