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Ruth Holmberg, Publisher, Philanthropist, Activist, Dies



Ruth Sulzberger Holmberg, activist, journalist, publisher, Red Cross Volunteer, glass ceiling breaker, and visionary, died at her home April 19. She was 96.

Holmberg was the granddaughter of Adolph S. Ochs, Iphigene Ochs and Arthur Hays Sulzberger. Ochs bought The Chattanooga Times in 1878 and The New York Times in 1896. She was born in New York City and came to Chattanooga in 1946 with her first husband, Benjamin Hale Golden, who would be publisher of the The Chattanooga Times for seven years. When Golden re-

tired. Holmberg stepped in as publisher from 1964 to 1992.

Holmberg was a tireless philanthropist and activist for civic affairs. Her positions included director of the Smithsonian Institution, trustee of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, a founding member of the Tennessee Arts Commission, a member of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, chairwoman of the Public Education Foundation, director emeritus of the Hunter Museum of American Art, director of the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Association, the first female president of the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce, and director of the Chattanooga Community Foundation, the Tennessee Aquarium, and the Chattanooga Area Beautification Committee.

Ruth was a member of Mizpah Congregation. She is survived by sons Stephen, Michael, and Arthur Golden, and daughter Lynn (Golden) Dolnick. A memorial service was held April 24 at Girls Preparatory School.

Celebrate the Yoms, With Ceremony, Dinner, Music and Dancing, May 2



Join us at the JCC Tuesday, May 2 for a joint observance of Yom Hazikaron (Israel Memorial Day) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day). We will begin the observance with Yom Hazikaron at 6:00 p.m. immediately followed by a joyful evening of celebration with dinner and dancing (complete with an Israeli DJ) for Yom Ha'atzmaut. Cost of the evening is \$15 per person. Call 493-0270 to RSVP or Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or on the website at <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>.

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Rabbi Craig Lewis to Lead Mizpah Congregation

Henry Schulson,
Mizpah President

Rabbi Craig Lewis will be the twentieth ordained rabbi in Mizpah Congregation's 150-year history when he takes the reins from Interim Rabbi Terri Appleby on July 1.

Rabbi Lewis comes to Chattanooga from the South Street Temple in Lincoln, Neb., where he served as rabbi for 100 family units for six years and helped build a successful youth program from the ground up. "My goal for teaching Judaism is to meet people where they are," said Lewis. "I encourage them to think differently about religion, acting not so much as a teacher but as a guide to help them to come to the information."

Ordained at the Plum Street Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio in May 2008, Lewis served student pulpits in Mattoon, Ill., and in Muncie, Ind., and spent two years as a rabbinic intern at the Valley Temple in Cincinnati. After his ordination, he became Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot in Irvine, Calif., where he spent three years before accepting the position in Nebraska.

Lewis holds a bachelor's degree in Business with a concentration in French from the University of Kansas. He also earned a master's degree in Management from L'Ecole Supérieure de Commerce in Clermont-Ferrand, France. As part of his rabbinical training, he earned a Master of Hebrew Letters from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

"Rabbi Lewis has a passion for Judaism, a strong commitment to social justice and inclusiveness, a collaborative spirit, and a wonderful sense of humor," said Mizpah President Henry Schulson. "He knows how to bring all these together to engage people of all ages."

Lewis's passions in addition to Judaism are comedy and sports. His favorite comedians include the Marx brothers, Steve Martin, Mel Brooks, Buddy Hackett, Jerry Seinfeld, and Robin Williams. His teams are the Kansas City Royals, Kansas City Chiefs and the University of Kansas Jayhawks. He enjoys biking and running, and looks forward to doing both in Chattanooga.

In addition, Lewis intends to quickly get involved in the greater Chattanooga community. "It's important that Non-Jews recognize who we are and what we are about. Part of tikkun olam is to join hands not only with other Jews but with people of all faiths," he said.

Lewis will move to Chattanooga with his wife, Jennifer, who has worked as program manager for various Jewish community centers and taught art classes. In Lincoln, she works with adults with developmental disabilities. She will be seeking nonprofit management or consulting work in Chattanooga. The couple has a son, Eden (pronounced Eh-den), eight. They also have served as foster parents to three children.

"We've all been so impressed with Chattanooga and Mizpah. You can feel that Chattanooga is a city on the rise. It seems like a great place to live," said Lewis. "Mizpah is an historic temple with a beautiful building. But most importantly it's about the people who come to the temple, and it's the reason we chose to come. The people made us feel like friends and even family right away."

The Federation will be closed the following dates:

Monday, May 29 **Memorial Day**

Wednesday, May 31 **Shavuot**

Thursday, June 1 **Shavuot**

SAVE THESE DATES!

June 15 Exhibit Reception for By the Book

July 4 Independence Day Lunch

August 27 Campaign Kick-off

NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



The Ongoing Work of JFNA

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Our Federation parent organization, the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), continues to work on the behalf of us and our fellow Jews every day. I came across the following article by Richard Sandler, chair of the Board of Trustees of JFNA, that highlights another area where it is working hard on our behalf to combat the rising tide of anti-Semitism in our country. I thought this article would be of interest and should be shared in our *Shofar*.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions or want further discussion of how the Federation and JFNA continues to work for all of us.

“For the past 10 years, the FBI’s Statistics on Hate Crimes show that the number of anti-Semitic victims has remained higher than any other religious category. And within the last year alone, anti-Semitic hate crimes rose nine percent.

These incidents are not limited to the threats at Jewish institutions, but they are also taking place on college campuses — big and small, public and private — across the country. In classrooms, libraries, and dormitories, Jewish students are being harassed and discriminated against because of their faith.

“The Anti-Defamation League’s annual audit of anti-Semitic incidents reported that there were 90 anti-Jewish incidents across 60 college campuses in 2015. An initiative focused on protecting Jewish students found that in the first six months of 2016, there was a 45 percent increase in overall anti-Semitic activity on college campuses compared to the first six months of 2015.

No student working hard to earn a degree should ever have to face fear and hate based on who they are or their religious identity. We cannot stand idly by while our students are subject to discrimination, intimidation, or harassment.

That is why the Jewish Federation of North America stands with the Anti-Defamation League, American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), Simon Wiesenthal Center, the Brandeis Center for Human Rights, and many other groups in support of the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act.

“This legislation directs the U.S. Department of Education to use the leading definition of anti-Semitism when investigating allegations of unlawful harassment, intimidation, or discrimination against Jewish students. This is a definition that is shared by the U.S. Department of State, European Union, and the 31 member governments of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IRHA).



“Last year, the Senate unanimously passed the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act. But, the vote unfortunately happened too late in the session for the House of Representatives to take action. Since then, anti-Semitic incidents on college campuses have only intensified. From the intimidating use of Nazi symbolism to protests and other types of intimidation and hate, Jewish students on college campuses are experiencing an unprecedented amount of hostility and discrimination.

“This is not a partisan issue. In fact, the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act was championed by Sens. Bob Casey (D-Pa.) and Tim Scott (R-S.C.), and they demonstrated that fighting hatred is a bipartisan issue to ensure the legislation received unanimous support from the entire Senate. We thank the bipartisan efforts made thus far and hope Congress will continue working together in a bipartisan fashion to stand against anti-Semitism on college campuses.

“We must ensure that college campuses remain safe learning environments for every student, regardless of their race, religion, ethnic origin, or political beliefs and affiliations. We may come from different vantage points, denominations, walks of life — we may differ from each other in many other ways — but nothing compares to that which unites us. We are all stronger when we work together. College students from every denomination and sect of any religion can unite and combat the rising acts of anti-Semitism on campuses, as discrimination affects all students. Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle can support the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act.

“We need to stand together, fight anti-Semitism, and pass legislation imperative to stopping hate and bigotry on college campuses.”

(Source: JFNA website)



The Ongoing Work of Partnership 2Gether

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Once a year, the leadership of 10 Federations gets together to discuss the joint programming we help fund in Hadera, Israel annually. For those of you not familiar with this Federation program, affectionately called Partnership2Gether (P2G), let me share some of the amazing programs and even more so, the amazing connections we’ve made through P2G.

In the late 1990’s, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), an existing partner with Jewish Federations, began a new program called Partnership2000 (P2K). This eventually changed names to P2G many years ago, better representing the times and goals of this relationship-building program. Many of the larger Jewish communities were able to partner by themselves with a city in Israel. In smaller communities like Chattanooga, we built a consortium of Jewish communities to develop a relationship — in our case, with Hadera (20 minutes south of Haifa). Our consortium consists of mid-to-small size Jewish communities in the Southeast — specifically, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville, Charlotte, Charleston, Richmond, Jacksonville, Pinellas, Ft. Myers and Daytona Beach. We each pool together some of our overseas dollars to create our P2G relationship. The 10 communities then decide on how much they will send to the JAFI partnership. This is how we create our budget.

Through this JAFI/Federation partnership, there are 46 P2G partnerships connecting 450 global Jewish communities with 97 communities in Israel. Like all of the Federation’s overseas giving, these P2G dollars are not handouts. Rather, we work together with volunteers and staff in Israel to develop meaningful programs that will connect people to people. Our primary goal is to create relationships and encourage connections between individuals and groups from diverse professional and social backgrounds in face-to-face “people 2 people” encounters. In short, we offer diverse programs that enable American Jews to become familiar with Israel and the Hadera region. Through the exchange of ideas and information between both sides, we are working to connect Israeli and American Jews with their Jewish identities that also encourages everyone to engage in mutual involvement and learning.

Many of you and your family have built relationships and connections through P2G over the years. Have you heard that we have a teacher exchange program where we send teachers to Israel one year and then Israeli teachers come to our communities the next? This past year, Chattanooga was represented by Rebecca Parker and Randi Weiss. Many other formal and informal educators have traveled to Israel over the years. A special thank you to Lynn Howard, who has helped coordinate all of the local time when Chattanooga plays host!

Have you seen the joint exchange art exhibits at the JCC? Most recently Austin Center, Roz Steinberg and Mark Issenberg participated in an artist’s exchange. Teens also play a major part of this program through our Tikkun Olam exchange. We’ve hosted many Israeli teens in Chattanooga (for 2 weeks) while sending many of our teens to Hadera (for 2 weeks). This past year, Carolyn Potts and Kalli Agudo represented Chattanooga.

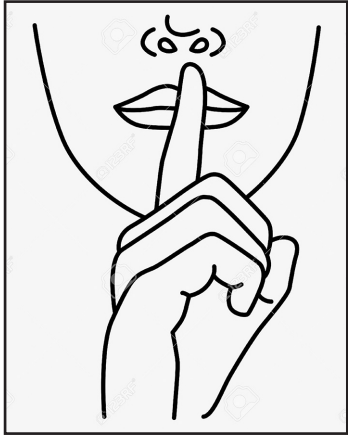
Finally, Chattanooga was the host for our Young Leadership exchange program this past November. Here’s the best part — adults and teen exchanges are ALWAYS home hospitality. You get to truly connect with people! All of our feedback from participants shows that home hospitality is their favorite part of this program—and the #1 priority.

I’m very excited to announce a couple of NEW programs we are testing out. For March 2018, we are working on a Running2Gether program. It is our goal to send runners to Israel (again, home hospitality) to participate with Israeli runners in the Jerusalem half-marathon. There will be joint programs and connections throughout the week that will culminate with the run and a special Shabbat weekend in Jerusalem. We are also testing out a doctors program with similar exchange programming connecting Chattanooga and Israeli doctors in the same/similar fields. The doctor exchange would be in 2018/2019.

What’s next? We are looking to form a small local P2G committee of volunteers — to be engaged and help engage others, attend yearly meetings, and to help develop programs that would be beneficial to Chattanooga through our Israeli connections. David Fairchild has been an active leader with P2G for many years and we are looking to grow this group. Have you or a family member participated in the past? We want you! Does this sound of interest to you? We want you, too! If you are interested, please reach out. We’d love to get this group up and running in the next few months.

I love hearing ongoing stories of how teachers are still in contact with each other or how Chattanooga teens are still in contact with their Israeli friends. Each time I’m in Israel I always make a visit to Hadera — to see friends (i.e. family). Sometimes it’s for a short visit and meal; other times it’s for more home hospitality (both of my kids have spent time in Hadera and made friends with other teens). I can’t think of a better way to connect to Israel, Israelis and one’s own Jewish identity. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Be the Quiet

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I was watching Austin City Limits on PBS with James Taylor as the headliner. James Taylor and I go way, way back. I vividly remember walking through a retreat center in upstate New York listening to friends sing "You've Got a Friend." I remember sitting on the rooftop of our commercial building in Pontiac, Michigan watching July 4th fireworks and listening to "Up On the Roof." I remember driving to Minneapolis listening to a song about Martin Luther King, Jr. and one about a young woman who married a mill town man who left her with too many little mouths to feed.

As I watched James Taylor on PBS, I began to see the quiet in him. Yes, I remember the torrid divorce from Carly Simon. I remember the heroin addiction and all the other noise that surrounded his life. We all have various kinds of noise that surrounds our lives. Whether it is family or work generated, mind or soul generated, there is happy noise, sad noise, and all the noise in-between. And then sometimes there is quiet.

I'm not talking about the death kind of quiet. I am talking about the quiet that lives in someone, usually someone a bit older, who has learned the difference between noise with a purpose and noise for noise's sake. Let me use James Taylor again. The noise he makes now is one of mature experience that although sometimes filled with sadness and regret, is still joyful in its understanding of life. Whereas the noise that comes from the loudly honking car next to me on the road is just noise for noise's sake. It is noise to dispel the quiet.

The Federation is often a noisy place full of conversations, giggles, laughter, playground commotion, furniture being moved, exhibits being hung, crowds gathering and leaving. The month of May at the Federation begins with some quiet. The quiet of Yom Hazikaron comes from depth of feeling, a quiet that speaks of maturity. And then there is the burst into music, the joyful noise, as we celebrate the founding of Israel. On May 16, 18, and 23 there will be the opportunity for people to learn if the quiet is soulful or physical, with visits from the Alzheimer's Association, the Memory Screening clinic, and the hearing testing clinic, respectively, in conjunction with Tuesday Café.

Where does one look for the quiet at the Federation? Sometimes the quiet is in the conversations held at Tuesday Café, sometimes it is in the history of the community. I can assure you that during and after the screening of the Film Series' last film *1945*, there will be the quiet of contemplation. As you walk around Shiran Amir's exhibit, seeing what "the other" is like in Israeli Jewish life, I think you may experience some quiet. As all the thoughts and planning come together in the implementation of a program by volunteers, I quietly sit back, look at the orchids in my window, and respect all of you who have taken the noise away by thoughtfully sharing fun and contemplation with others through the Federation.

Foreign Policy Supper Club: Conflict in the South China Sea

Foreign Policy Supper Club presents this program Monday, May 15 at 6pm. The South China Sea is a locus of competing territorial claims, and China its most vocal claimant. Beijing's interest has intensified disputes with other countries in the region in recent years, especially since China has increased its naval presence. Despite rising international pressure, including an unfavorable ruling by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, China staunchly defends its policies in the region. Preventing tensions from boiling over is a matter of careful diplomacy.



About PJ Library:

PJ LIBRARY IS A JEWISH FAMILY ENGAGEMENT program implemented on a local level throughout North America. Participants receive high-quality Jewish children's literature on a monthly basis. Families raising Jewish children from age six months of age eight years (depending on the community) are encouraged to enroll at www.pjlibrary.org. PJ Library in Chattanooga is sponsored through the generosity of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, Aleph Bet Children's Center, and Diagnostic Pathology Services, P.C.



Tuesday Cafe

Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16 (with the Alzheimer's Association), 23 (with the Speech and Hearing Center), & 30. Always at noon. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10. Cost: \$10.

Yom Hazikaron/ Yom Ha'atzMaut Commemoration/Celebration
Tuesday, May 2 @ 6pm/7pm. See front page for details.

Jewish Film Series Screening of 1945

Wednesday, May 3 @ 7pm. See front page for details.

Yemenite Jewry: The Most Ancient Jewish Culture

Thursday, May 11 @ 7pm. Join Shiran for this fascinating discussion about Yemenite traditions.

Foreign Policy Super Club

Monday, May 15 @ 6 p.m. **Conflict in the South China Sea.** See this page for more information. Dinner and discussion. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10 to register. Cost: \$12 includes dinner and materials.

Aleph Bet Intergenerational Lunch

Wednesday, May 17 @ 11:30 am. Alephbet@jewishchattanooga.com for more information.

Memory Screening at the JCC

Thursday, May 18. Call 339-3996 to schedule an appointment to be screened by Dr. Catanese's office.

Signs and Simanims Exhibit comes down

Friday, May 19 @ 4pm.

Dinner and a Movie

Wednesday, May 24 @ 6p.m. Menu TBD; Screening of *Funny Girl* to follow. \$15 for both, or \$7 for movie only. RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com, on the website at <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>, or call 493-0270.

Aleph Bet Preschool Graduation

Thursday, May 25 @ 4pm. Alephbet@jewishchattanooga.com for more information.

**Federation Closed Monday, May 29
for Memorial Day
and
Wed. and Thurs., May 31 & June 1
for Shavuot**

Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam, July 31-August 4 Be a (fun!) part of the solution!



Philanthropy Camp is a nationally recognized one-week camp that introduces children in rising first through rising sixth grade to community service through day themed service models.

Camp Tikkun Olam is designed to provide hands-on service to local non-profit organizations, discuss the mission of those organizations, and at the end of camp award a small financial donation to one of the organizations.

Camp is offered jointly by the Jewish Federation and Chattanooga First Church of the Nazarene.

To register, see our website at jewishchattanooga.com. For more information contact Ann Treadwell at 493-0270, ext. 13 or atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Get a handle on your health with the following events, programs and screenings:

May 16

Tuesday Cafe and Alzheimer's Association Program, with Amy French
Noon, JCC

May 18

Memory Screening Day (see ad below)

May 23

Tuesday Cafe and Speech and Hearing Center Program, with Erica Newman
Noon, JCC

MEMORY **SCREENING DAY**

Thursday, May 18

At the Jewish Cultural Center



Please call
ahead of time
to schedule
your
appointment

**This event is being co-sponsored by the Southeast
Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability**

**For further information please call
339-3996**

**Due to high response rate, additional
days will be made available as needed.**

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

CONDOLENCES

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

- Beryl (Richard) Epstein, brother of Eron (Valerie) Epstein
- Ruth Holmberg, on April 19
- Dr. David Marc Monen, husband of Judy Brody Monen, father/father-in-law of Dr. Scott and Ellen Monen and Michael and Taylor Monen; grandfather of Lily, Simon, Joseph and Della Monen; brother/brother-in-law of Jeff and Cherie Monen, on April 11
- Ray Thompson, father of Sandra (Mark) Shapiro

TRIBUTES

--In Memory of Phyllis Metsky: *Ellen Simak*

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

Light Summer Fare



Beginning in May and continuing through July, the JCC will host Dinner and a Movie. For just \$15, you can enjoy a light meal and a screening of some favorite classic movies. Dinner begins at 6 p.m.; film begins at 7 p.m. Or just come for the movie (\$7).

May 24: Funny Girl

This 1968 American biographical romantic musical comedy-drama film was directed by William Wyler and starred Barbra Streisand. It is loosely based on the life and career of Broadway and film star and comedienne Fanny Brice and her stormy relationship with entrepreneur and gambler Nicky Arnstein.

A special thank you to Marilyn Goler and Fuz Spector for helping select the films for this new summer series of four films, and to Alice Goss-Morgan, who will treat us to a wonderful

dinner before each film. Do come experience Light Summer Fare at the JCC!

By the Numbers

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The number of Holocaust Survivors who were at Yom HaShoah April 24:
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Due to the threat of inclement weather, we were forced to cancel the April 5 screening of 1945. We have rescheduled it for Wednesday, May 3 at 7pm. We hope you can make it!



1945

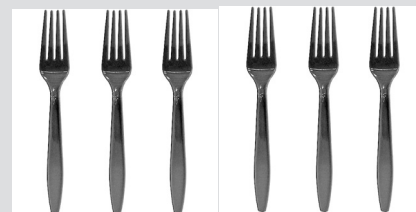
New Screening Date:

Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.

Information and discussion led by UTC History Department Chair, John Swanson, will follow the screening

\$7 includes popcorn and a drink

Jewish Cultural Center, 5461 North Terrace



Mitzvah Meals Suggested Donations

- \$8 per meal
- \$90 per month based on 3 meals/week
- \$125 per month based on 4 meals/week
- 160 per month based on 5 meals/week
- 190 per month based on 6 meals/week

Meals are available for pick-up or delivery.

To-go orders from any/all community programs will be charged the *program* fee (\$10-\$12) as opposed to the Mitzvah Meal fee.

All Mitzvah Meal recipients must be pre-approved by the Director of Social Services. Menus are set by the Kitchen Supervisor and Director of Social Services.

Want the Fun Without the Food?



Want to come to a meal-time program but don't wish to eat? Now you can, at half the cost. (If lunch program is \$10, you'll pay \$5.) Why is there still a cost? Fees pay not just for the meal but for labor, marketing, and other associated expenses. **Regardless of whether or not you eat, you will still need to RSVP in order to reserve a seat.**

Note: Please do not bring outside food or beverages into the Federation. If you would like to suggest a beverage or food to be served at an event, please contact Ann Treadwell. She and Alice Goss-Morgan, Kitchen Supervisor, will consider your suggestion.

Food allergies or restrictions? Please contact Ann Treadwell at atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 13. We will do our best to accommodate you.

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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.

See how easy it is to join. Call Call Michael Dzik at 493-0270 ext. 15

The 7 Principles of Jewish Leadership

By Jonathan Sacks

Reprinted from *The Jerusalem Post*

Principle 1: Leadership begins with taking responsibility.

At the heart of Judaism are three beliefs about leadership: We are free. We are responsible. And together we can change the world.

Principle 2: No one can lead alone.

There is no one leadership style in Judaism. During the biblical era there were three different leadership roles: kings, priests and prophets. The king was a political leader. The priest was a religious leader. The prophet was a visionary, a man or woman of ideals and ideas. In Judaism, leadership is an emergent property of multiple roles and perspectives.

Principle 3: Leadership is about the future. It is vision-driven.

Before Moses can lead he has to experience a vision at the burning bush. There he is told his task: to lead the people from slavery to freedom. He has a destination: the land flowing with milk and honey. He is given a double challenge: to persuade the Egyptians to let the Israelites go and to persuade the Israelites to take the risk of going.

His greatest leadership act occurs in the last month of his life. He gathers the people together on the bank of the Jordan and delivers the speeches that constitute the book of Deuteronomy. There he rises to the greatest heights of prophecy, his eyes turned to the furthest horizon of the future. He sets forth his vision of the good society. He institutes principles, such as the septennial national assembly at which the Torah is to be recited, that will periodically recall Israel to its mission. Before you can lead, you must have a vision of the future and

be able to communicate it to others.

Principle 4: Leaders learn.

They study more than others do. They read more than others do. The Torah says that a king must write his own Sefer Torah which "must always be with him, and he shall read from it all the days of his life" (Deut. 17: 19). Joshua, Moses's successor, is commanded: "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night" (Josh. 1: 8). Without constant study, leadership lacks direction and depth.

Principle 5: Leadership means believing in the people you lead.

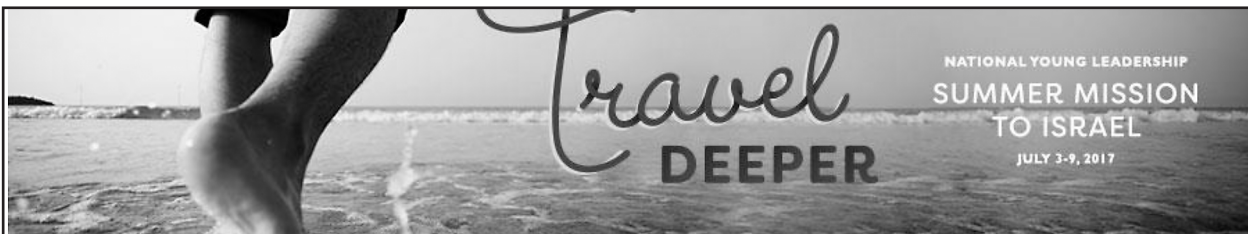
Judaism prefers the leadership of influence to the leadership of power. Kings had power. Prophets had influence but no power at all. Power lifts the leader above the people. Influence lifts the people above their former selves. Influence respects people; power controls people. Judaism, which has the highest view of human dignity of any major religion, is therefore deeply skeptical about power and deeply serious about influence. Hence one of Judaism's greatest insights into leadership: The highest form of leadership is teaching. Power begets followers. Teaching creates leaders.

Principle 6: Leadership involves a sense of timing and pace.

Moses [says] two things about leadership. A leader must lead from the front: he or she must "go out before them." But a leader must not be so far out in front that, when he turns around, he finds no one following. He must "lead them out," meaning, he must carry people with him. He must go at a pace that people can bear.

Principle 7: Leadership is stressful and emotionally demanding.

Transformative leaders see the need for people to change. But people resist change and expect the work to be done for them by their leader. When the leader hands the challenge back, the people turn on him and blame him for their troubles. So Moses is to blame for the hardships of the desert. Elijah is to blame for disturbing the peace. Jeremiah is to blame for the Babylonians. No wonder the most transformative leaders feel, at times, burnout and despair.



Jewish Federation of North America's 2017 National Young Leadership Summer Mission to Israel

NYL SUMMER MISSION DATES: July 3-9, 2017

*The mission begins in Israel Monday, July 3rd at 6:30 PM and ends Sunday, July 9th at 8:00 PM.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN THIS MISSION: The mission is open to young adults, ages 25-45, who are passionate about *Tikkun Olam* (Repairing the World) and building Jewish community with peers from across North America. We expect more than 100 young adults to join the mission.

COST: Land price (double occupancy): \$2,899. Single supplement: \$919

*Price includes first-class hotel accommodations, transportation, guides, most meals, taxes, tips, group transfers, and security.

SPECIAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRACK: Led by incoming National Young Leadership Co-Chairs, Michelle Hirsch (Cleveland) and Jeff Rum (Washington, D.C.), the Leadership Development Track has been designed to engage young adult chairs, young adult campaign chairs, and key volunteers from local Jewish Federations from across North America. The experience will include skill building sessions, focused conversations about leadership and a best practices roundtable with other young leaders on the mission.

REGISTRATION: [jfed.org/NYLMission2017](https://www.jewishfederations.org/calendar/nyl-summer-mission-to-israel-2017)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, June 2, 2017

SUBSIDIES: Please contact your local Federation to find out if subsidies are available.

SUGGESTED MINIMUM GIFT: At the end of the mission, participants will share reflections from the trip during a meaningful group conversation (caucus). Following the caucus, it is suggested that participants make a minimum gift of \$500 to the 2018 Annual Campaign of their local Jewish Federation to support their Jewish community at home, in Israel, and around the world.

For full itinerary, go to <https://www.jewishfederations.org/calendar/nyl-summer-mission-to-israel-2017>

FEDERATION NEWS



Dollars, Sense and the Partnership2gether (P2G) Experience

by Ann Treadwell,
Program Director

Many of you have been part of a P2G experience through the Federation.

How? If you are a donor to the Federation's annual campaign, part of your gift funds P2G. In fact for July 2017 – June 2018, the Federation has pledged \$28,500 to this program. Yes, a good amount of money. Rest assured, Michael Dzik and I spend quite a bit of time making sure that our support of this program makes sense to Chattanooga, in the long run as well as in the short run.

This year, instigated by Chattanooga, the consortium of cities (see Michael Dzik's article) spent several months reviewing P2G's programs. We found several programs were working extremely well and others were in need of some updating. Additionally, the education program coordinator, who lives and works in Israel, resigned her position. With all this information, the program directors and the executive directors from the consortium sat together to design a plan for the coming year and to set the budget for that plan.

After the new education program director is hired, he or she will travel to most of the U.S. cities to learn about our unique educational situations. In the past, this person scheduled the training of teachers in Israel for the exchange program, and provided training for teachers in Israel who were dealing with teens, including teen exchange candidates. This person also develops classroom projects and Jewish Peoplehood Day. Chattanooga has not had consistent success with implementing either of these programs; unlike Charlotte, NC, for example, where these programs are already in their Jewish day schools.

What we found in the evaluation process was that many of the activities and programs had become obsolete or unusable by a majority of the cities. As such, the new program director will begin to create a plan of how to move forward. Hopefully the visit and planning will culminate at the Leadership Retreat in Nashville the first weekend in November.

The Leadership Retreat held in Chattanooga this past fall and attended by locals Tal Cohen and Zack Beker, has led to the implementation of a second round of leadership activity for 25-45 year olds from both Israel and the United States. This fiscal year, a U.S. partner and a Hadera, Israel partner will explore leadership texts online. Their studies will culminate in a retreat in Nashville this year, making them the second class to be eligible for a retreat in Israel in 2018. This leadership group, as part of their exercises at the Chattanooga retreat, recommended two new exciting programs (and the Steering Committee approved them): Running2gether, whereby runners from each community will go to Jerusalem to run in the Israeli equivalent of our Night Run and have the opportunity to briefly train with an Israeli counterpart, and Family2gether, whereby families with young children from each city will have the opportunity to read PJ Library-like books and do projects together via Skype or Facetime.

A pilot program scheduled for next fiscal year is a medical exchange in which two to four Israeli doctors will go to Jacksonville, Richmond and Charlotte to attend academic lectures in order to generate a dialogue between medical colleagues. This will be a follow-up exchange to the Israeli doctors going to Knoxville and Nashville this month. With three hospital organizations in our city, this may be an exchange we in Chattanooga want to consider in the future.

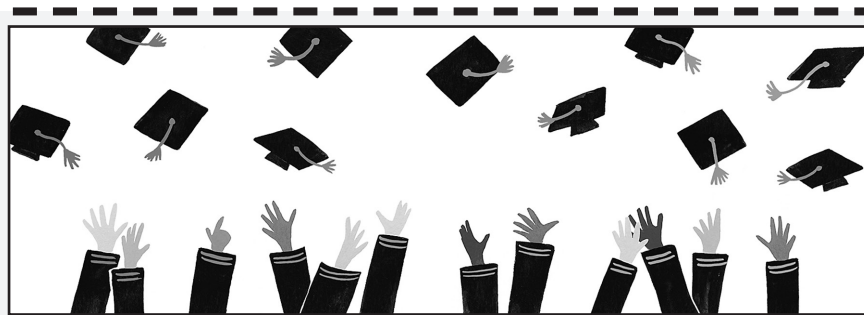
This year we are not sending a Chattanooga teen to Israeli, nor will we be hosting teens. This program is of huge benefit to our community but unfortunately is not one we can implement due to logistics this summer. This program is intended to create long term relationships between a teen

and his/her host family. In Israel, P2G funds a leadership program for teens that assists them in preparing for a trip to the United States, including offering seminars on civil rights themes, gender equality themes and much more. The program directors have debated whether or not to bring a similar curriculum to our communities, but we know our teens already have so many choices we wonder if it could be implemented without taking away from programs already in place.

You may remember the Windows of Identity, Sound of Many Waters, and most recently the Psalms exhibits, all of which have been shown at the Jewish Cultural Center. These exhibits are part of the P2G cultural programs component. And these exhibits are a good example of our continued quest to meet the vision of P2G. In the first two exhibits, visual artists were asked to submit work, and the exhibits opened in Israel and travelled through the United States. For the Psalms exhibit we paired an artist in Israel with an artist from the U.S. and asked them to use a web platform to learn together about the Psalms. Our success model included an increased sense of Jewish identity and a strong interconnectedness between the two artists. Our first attempt at this resulted in mixed success. In fact the exhibit is still travelling though the United States after opening in Israel. While hundreds of people have seen the exhibit, sadly, not many of the artists have stayed in touch with each other.

The vision of P2G is "a global and united Jewish people made up of a rich tapestry of strong, vital flourishing, interconnected Jewish individuals, families and communities which enriches Jewish continuity and identity with Israel at its heart." The key to P2G is the interconnected Jewish individuals. A question for the program directors and executive directors has long been, "How do we create the interconnectedness when we are miles away and may only have individuals interact for a short period of time?"

We need you to look at Israel and Israelis in a different way – person to person.



Mazel Tov to all our Jewish seniors who will be graduating from high school over the next month. We wish you much success on your journey!

Blake Snetman

Rachel Dzik

Will Potts

Giliah Frauwirth

McCaela Simms

Sam Balser



(Left) The P2G Steering Committee met in Richmond, Virginia from April 2 – 3 with Program Directors staying until April 4. The Steering Committee approves projects with our Hadera-Eiron, Israel region that will take place from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. This includes visits to the region, exchange programs, cultural projects and support of the Partnership office.

The southeastern consortium cities in the United States that participated in the meeting include Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Ft. Meyers (Lee County), Jacksonville, Pinellas County, Flagler and Volusia County, Charlotte, Richmond, and Charleston. Each year the Partnership spends about \$250,000 on projects. These funds come from the Federations of the Southeast Consortium campaigns and represent your donations.

SHLICHIM PROGRAM



Bringing Meaning to May

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In thinking about my May *Shofar* article, I realized we have quite a few events on the Jewish and Israeli calendar this month, including Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom Ha'Shoah), Israel Memorial Day (Yom Ha'Zikaron), and Israel Independence Day (Yom Ha'Atzmaout), followed by Shavuot and Jerusalem Day.

The events we celebrate this month reminded me of one of the Zionist ideas that was prevalent in certain circles in the mid-1800s. Rabbi Tzvi Hirsch Kalisher, one of the initiators of Zionism during this era, came up with The Triangular Model of Judaism, declaring that the three components were the Torah, The Nation, and The Land, and that they are connected by one strong bond. "Hapoel Hamizrachi" issued a halachic ruling (which then became a slogan) from Kalisher's declaration. It led to pioneering actions. The slogan was, "The Land of Israel to The People of Israel according to The Torah of Israel".

Today, one can ask what are the Torah and its laws, and how have they been expressed in our everyday life? One can also ask who the people of Israel are and what characterizes it? And one can also wonder about the connection of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel--how is this practiced?

So how do each of the events we commemorate in the month of May relate to the parts of the triangle model?

Shavuot - The Torah of Israel

One side of the triangle symbolizes the Torah of Israel. What sets us apart as a people? What do we believe in as one nation? No matter what Jewish stream or denomination we belong to, the basis of our Jewishness is Jewish law, and the Halacha and more than any of them. What is the importance of the Jewish traditions and values if not a humane path to walk in consistently? The ultimate system for creating decent people is the Torah. The eternal mission of the people of Israel is to create a better world by doing good, making tikkun olam. It is not in vain that the Torah, the law of the Jewish people, stands at the basis of our faith and religion no matter how we choose to practice it.

Why is Shavuot the holiday of the Torah? There are many names for Shavuot, but the most common name is The Holiday of Torah Giving. The Chasidim ask: Why is Shavuot called the holiday of the giving the Torah and not the holiday of receiving the Torah? They answer that the Torah was given by God once, but its acceptance is an act that a Jew must do every day. Another explanation holds that after the destruction of Jerusalem and the Second Temple, it was impossible to observe the custom of pilgrimage and bringing the first fruits to the Temple, and the exile that followed the destruction of the Jewish people disengaged the Jewish people from the land of Israel. Thus Shavuot lost its agricultural character and received new content: The Holiday of Torah Giving.

During the Mishnaic and Talmudic periods, during the determination of the Jewish calendar, the date for Shavuot was also determined - in Sivan - as a date indicating the time of the giving of the Torah. In the Bible itself, the holiday does not have a date (day and month), but in Exodus it is told that the people of Israel arrived at Mount Sinai in the third month, the month of Sivan. The connection between the holiday of Shavuot and the giving of the Torah - the revelation at Mount Sinai - is not mentioned at all in the Bible, but the holiday atmosphere and customs emphasize its character as the Holiday of the Giving of the Torah, and the reading of the Torah in Shavuot includes the description of the revelation at Mount Sinai and the Ten Commandments.

Holocaust Remembrance Day – The People of Israel

Who are the people of Israel, in fact? The second side of the triangle refers to the people of Israel, which is the Jewish nation. The Holocaust Martyrs 'and Heroes' Remembrance Day commemorates annually a day of national mourning in the State of Israel on the 27th of the month of Nisan, and is dedicated to the commemoration of the Holocaust heroism and the genocide which the Nazis and their aides committed upon the Jewish people. We have to remember that when the Nazis wanted to destroy us, they wanted to destroy us regardless of our affiliation with orthodox, reform or conservative Judaism. Yom Ha'Shoah reminds us that in every generation we are about to be destroyed, and that all of Israel are brothers and sisters despite differences in the way we practice our belief. As one nation we must remember the reasons for our unity. Because only that way will we stand firm against those who seek to harm us.

Memorial Day, Israel Independence Day and Jerusalem Day – The Land of Israel

The Memorial Day, Israel Independence Day and Jerusalem Day are the third

side of the triangle that represents the Land of Israel in the Triangle of Zionism model. One of the famous songs, whose name became a popular phrase describing the contribution of heroism fighters in the War of Independence to establish the state of Israel, is "Silver Platter," by Israeli poet Natan Alterman.

Not in vain are Memorial Day and Independence Day linked back to back. One was made possible by the other. One helped establish the other. The State of Israel exists due to the merit of those who were despaired of it, the first pioneers in Israel and the founding generation. The visionaries who came to build a state for the Jewish people. The soldiers who have fought since then. We remember them and celebrate their right to the existence of Israel, a home for the entire Jewish people, whether it be a physical or spiritual home.

On Jerusalem Day we celebrate the reunification of Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, after the Six Day War. The connection between Jerusalem, the Jewish people, and the State of Israel is unique and multi-dimensional. Historically, Jerusalem represents the connection between the people of Israel and the Land of Israel from the beginning of the formation of the nation. Even during the period of exile, Jerusalem was the object of longing and aspiration for a rebirth in the Land of Israel. Jerusalem was what the Jewish exiles were missing so much and praying for every day, for it represented the place of the Jewish people and its hope for redemption - the Land of Israel. For both Christianity and Islam, Jerusalem is a holy city, and thus it becomes an interfaith junction and enables the development of a respectful relationship between the three religions. In Jerusalem today, one can find representation of the different sections of Israeli society: religious-secular, Arab-Jewish, veteran-immigrant, and be exposed to the various layers, complexities and depths of Israeli society.

The month of May can lead us to do some deeper thinking about all of three important components that makes us who we are as people. Wishing you all significant and meaningful holidays!

Join YJL for Movie Night!
Turn Left At the End of the World
 No cost to attend but you must RSVP to Shiran with your number and e-mail address
 Sunday, May 21 @ 7 p.m.
 Includes beverage and popcorn

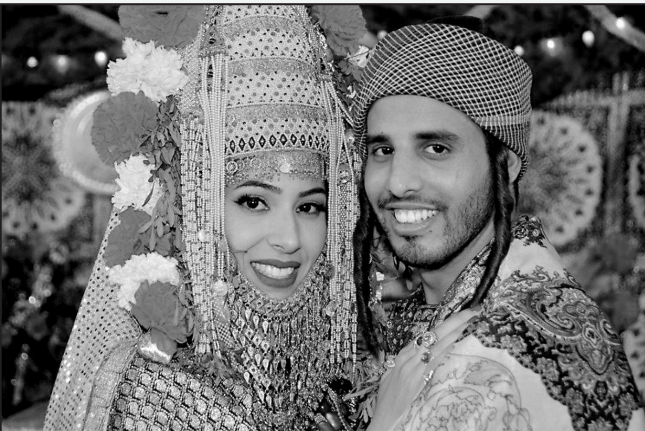
 Set in the late '60s, this easy to swallow plea for tolerance focuses on two teenage girls from different cultural backgrounds who break through their families' resentments to forge a bond of friendship.
 Filmed in Midreshet Ben-Gurion.

May Shlichah Program is Thursday, May 11

Yemenite Jewry: The Most Ancient Jewish Culture

The history of Yemenite Jewry is very ancient. According to their tradition, they are attributed to the tribe of Judah and Levi, and they count the years of their exile to Yemen from the destruction of the First Temple. Want to hear more about the Yemenite tradition, history, music and food? Join me Thursday, May 11 at 7p.m. at the JCC.

Signs/Simanim
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Through May 19



Yemenite Jewry is an ancient Jewish community that, according to belief, reached Yemen immediately after the destruction of the First Temple. Thus, its traditions are unique and different from the other communities in Israel. The uniqueness of Yemenite Jewry, which began in Israel at the beginning of the 20th century, was manifested in clothing, culture, tradition, ceremonies, Torah reading, food and more. This exhibit will highlight different aspects of the Israeli Jewish Yemenite culture.

The Shlichim Program is made possible by your campaign dollars.

SOCIAL SERVICES



Kristen Schwindt is Interim Social Worker

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We at the Federation are pleased to introduce Kristen Schwindt as our Interim Social Worker. Kristen has been working with Rebecca Mills as an MSW student for almost two years. She was with her at Memorial Hospital and then chose to move her practicum internship to the Federation when Rebecca took the position with the Federation. We have great faith in her abilities as a social worker and know that she will serve the community well while Rebecca is on leave.

Kristen will be in the office Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week beginning April 24th. All of Rebecca's email will forward to Kristen, and she can also be reached at socialworker@jewishchattanooga.com or 423-893-9241.

Kristen has already interacted with many members of the community, but please help her feel welcome to the Federation by stopping by to see her or sending her an email!

About Me:

My name is Kristen Schwindt and I will be the Interim Social Worker for the Social Service department at the Jewish Federation for the next 3 months. I have been active at the Federation for the past year. I started out by directing Camp Tikkun Olam last summer and fell in love with the Federation and how they serve the community.

I am a Master's of Social Work student at Southern Adventist University and I decided to continue my time at the Federation after camp by completing my internship hours for school with Rebecca Mills. I will be stepping in while she is on maternity leave and I am beyond excited for Rebecca and her new addition to the family. I also am eager for the experience and opportunity that this provides for me.

While I am not in class or studying, I enjoy spending time outdoors with my family and friends. My dad and I have recently picked up Fly Fishing and I love learning this new sport. I also enjoy backpacking, hiking, and spending time on the lake. I am originally from Nashville, TN, but I have lived in Chattanooga for the past 6 years for school and call Chattanooga my home.

Although I have met some of you already, I am excited to get to know more of you from the community. I would love if you stopped by the federation to introduce yourself! Also, please call me with any social service needs.

The Unexpected Age When People Say They Are Happiest

by Yagana Shah

A survey of 2,000 Britons was commissioned by tech giant Samsung to find out which age people are most content with their lives, according to reports by The Daily Mail and other media outlets. You might think of young people as being healthy, carefree and optimistic, and older folks as being similar to the stereotypes of grumpy old men, but the responses revealed otherwise.

Age 35 was when people were found to be least happy, with stress from balancing family life, parenting and increasing responsibilities in the work place with career advancement. Surprisingly, it wasn't any time in your 20s, 30s or even 40s when people were happiest. The survey found that 58 is the age when people are most content with their lives. Respondents said that at this age, they were better at managing work-life balance, making sure to take their lunch breaks and careful not to work overtime. It could also have something to do with being past the major hurdles of raising young children and worries about making it in their line of work.

"It's little wonder that our 30s are so stressful as we try — sometimes desperately — to juggle high-pressure jobs and family demands whilst maintaining happy relationships," Cary Cooper, a professor of organizational psychology and health at the University of Lancaster commented, according to The Daily Mail. "And then by the time we reach our 50s, we feel much more confident — allowing us to set the agenda when it comes to working hours and family life."

Unsurprisingly, money was the biggest stressor among those surveyed while nearly two-thirds of respondents said quality family time was what brought them the most contentment. Being happy with their line of work was the second most important factor in overall happiness. (Source: *Huffington Post*)

Your Awareness Moment

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. Did you know that 1 in 5 Americans will be personally affected by a mental health condition of their own and that every American is impacted in some way by a friend or family member's mental health condition?

Visit the National Alliance on Mental Illness website to learn more about initiatives to fight stigma and raise awareness for the importance of mental health in our country.

Source: <http://www.nami.org/mentalhealthmonth>

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It's hard to believe that we're nearly at the end of our school year! In just a few short weeks, we'll be finishing another chapter here at Aleph Bet. Just like every year, the end of May is bittersweet. This is when we'll say goodbye to some of our families, and see children graduate who have walked through our doors nearly every day for most of their lives. Luckily, most of them stay in touch. L'hitraot, chaverim, until we meet again!



Spring Fling, April 7



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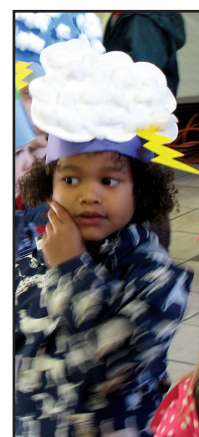
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