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The Importance of Jewish Geography *by Karen Diamond*



“Jewish geography” is sometimes played when Jews meet each other for the first time and try to identify people they know in common. The game has become something of an informal social custom in the Jewish community, and it's often surprisingly easy for strangers who play it to discover mutual acquaintances and establish instant context and connection.

The Jewish equivalent of “six degrees of separation,” the term refers to the kinship ties and social structures that bind one Jew to another. “Jewish Geography” is how we locate ourselves. It's our very own GPS.

Says Etan Diamond (no relation), “This game of ‘Jewish geography’ follows a simple pattern. One person asks, “You're from [insert name of city here]? Do you know [insert person's name here]?” The other one usually responds something like, “Sure, he sits behind my uncle in synagogue,” or “I met her once at a youth group convention,” or “She is really good friends with my sister's college roommate.” Non-Jews often find it astonishing that such links are made so easily, but given both the relative smallness of the Jewish community and the extensive overlapping social circles within these communities, it should not surprise too much.

Our interpretation of Jewish Geography will be just a little different as we explore the how, why and when a representative sampling of people in our Jewish community made Chattanooga their home. Learning about the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga members featured in our exhibit might reveal many hitherto unknown connections and create interesting linkages. There might be someone you've known for years with whom you never dreamed you had a bond beyond Chattanooga!

Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has said, “We don't accomplish anything in this world alone ... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something.”

So read on...see if you can play Jewish Geography. Follow the exhibit to the U.S. or world maps. Take a thread and mark where you came from. Look at the threads of others. Together, we weave a rich tapestry of interconnected places and people. Remember...even electricity does not function without connections. Reception for the Jewish Geography exhibit is Thursday, May 21 at 5:30 pm. No cost to attend.



Interfaith Panel
Monday, May 4 @ 7p.m.
Jewish Cultural Center
 For more, see Michael Dzik's article on page 2.

Month of May Brings 2 Great Speakers to Tuesday Cafe



May 12 Stacy Burdett, Director of Government and National Affairs Anti-Defamation League, leads ADL outreach and advocacy efforts to the Federal government and foreign embassies. As the lead lobbyist on international issues, she reaches out to Congress, the Administration, and foreign diplomats to mobilize leadership on issues such as fighting global anti-Semitism, securing fair treatment for Israel, and broader human rights issues like international religious freedom.

During her 20 years of service at ADL, Burdett has testified before the U.S. Congress and represented ADL at numerous inter-governmental conferences to share ADL's experience and strategies for countering anti-Semitism and hate crime. **Luncheon cosponsored by the Federation and ADL. The first 50 RSVP's attend luncheon at no cost. All others, \$10. See Tuesday Cafe menu on page 4. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270.**



May 19 Amy Oppenheimer is the creator and director of the film *Faces of Israel*, and is an expert speaker on religion and state issues in Israel today. Over the past four years, Amy has presented *Faces of Israel* at over 250 institutions in North America and Israel to rave reviews.

While Amy's passion for film is new, her love of Israel dates back to her first trip there as a young child. Growing up, Amy experienced two distinct types of Israel programming: one that focused on political advocacy, dialogue groups and the conflict, and another that offered falafel and Israeli music on Israel Independence Day. Amy felt that both types of programming had their place, but there wasn't a lot of meaningful content offered in-between. One of her motivations in creating *Faces of Israel* was to create an internal discussion piece for the community to explore the nature of the Jewish state and questions of Jewish identity in a real and thoughtful way.

Amy is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University where she pursued a degree in International Relations and Jewish Studies. She worked in management consulting for two years following graduation. She grew up in Leonia, New Jersey with her parents and two sisters and currently lives in Israel with her family and works with the organization Bat Melech, which works to break the cycle of violence against women in Israel through support, shelter & legal services. Bat Melech is the only religiously observant shelter in the country, and serves as a model for Israel and the world. **Cost to attend: \$10. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270.**



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NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



And the Water Parted

by Warren Dropkin
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It's Thursday as I write this and it has been raining off and on for a couple of days. There is water pouring off the building where I work and I am hearing about flooding in the Brainerd area. The phone rings and it's Michael Dzik, calling to say the water in the front of the JCC is rising, has already covered the parking lot, and is creeping towards the building. The board is scheduled to meet there tonight to talk about key issues facing our organization in the coming years. Should we move the meeting, he wanted to know?

Fortunately, Chattanooga Public Works was able to fix the problem and the building and the oncoming waters were parted and the meeting was safe. We had a fantastic showing of board members and committee chairs. We reviewed the path our Federation has been on regarding financial and human resources. We reviewed campaign history, the history of our expenses, and the history of our endowment. We talked about how to sustain and build on the great work our organization does for our community.

We talked about human resources and the need to engage more people in our organization. How do we connect ourselves to the Federation and other Jewish organizations? How do we attract new Jewish people to our area and provide a warm and welcoming community ready to serve? Human resources and involvement lead to activity and leadership. "Keshet" is the Hebrew word for connection. Your federation wants to be the connection for our Jewish community and for everyone in our community.

You will hear more about these important issues in the coming months. If you would like to be more involved, please do not hesitate to pick up the phone

and call the staff or me. We can make that happen.

On other notes...if you missed the month of "Yoms," you missed many great programs at the Jewish Cultural Center.

This month's shout-out to a volunteer goes to Cathryn Cohen, who did a great job putting together the group to read the names at the Yom



HaShoah program. More than one hundred twenty people were in attendance to hear the names and to listen to Holocaust survivor Arthur Pais tell his story of growing up and his time in the concentration camps. The service was beautiful and Arthur was great. It was a solemn reminder to us all that not only on Yom Hashoah, but everyday, "We must never forget."

Kudo's go out to Sanford Winer and his committee again for the hard work they have put into the 2015 Jewish Film series. The series kicked off with its sponsorship event and open-

ing night movie, "Ida." Please plan to attend as many of these films as possible. You will enjoy each and every one.

I would like to leave you with one final thought for the month. Someone said "It takes a village to make great things happen!" I sure am glad that I live in our village. Many thanks to all of you who make great things happen!

(Above, Arthur Pais with Max Cohen)

See page 9 for Jewish Film Series information.
Up next: "Mr. Kaplan," May 6 at 7p.m.



The Difference You Make

by Michael Dzik
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Although most people probably use the terms "services" and "programs" interchangeably, around the Federation offices, we define them as two different things. Services are the types of things that our social worker, nurse, van drivers and kitchen provide, from home visits to Mitzvah Meals and everything in-between. Meanwhile, we define programs as those events that people attend; the film series, Chanukah parties, exhibits, Israel-focused programs, and much more. I want to tell you briefly about two recent real-life instances of programs and services in action.

On occasion the Federation provides financial assistance to community members. We have a very small budget for this; we call it emergency assistance. Most of these are short term (we help with one or two utility bills). In other cases, the "social work" that we provide is much more in-depth.

I received an email today from a community member over the weekend. It was short and sweet and this person was incredibly appreciative of the work that we've done to help them. But it was the last sentence that really warmed my heart. It breaks down every story, every purpose and the true meaning of what the Federation does and stands for. The sentence was so simple: Thank y'all for saving this life -really!" It was signed, "Humbly, with respect and gratefulness." I share this story because it's not about me or anyone here at the Federation. What this story is really about is you - our community - who support the Federation each and every year and allows us to do this incredible work. You don't think we're making a difference? I think we're making a bigger difference than I can even speak about!

The second story is about our Jewish Community Task Forces that met over the last few years to help set a direction for the Federation. In the program task force, one of the items that came up was panel discussions - both intrafaith and interfaith. You, the community, saw this as a priority. Over the past couple of years you've seen a Rabbinic panel as well as interfaith panels of clergy. We

even had interfaith speakers last August at Jewish Community Rally for Israel downtown. We are now looking at a new approach to this type of program. Interfaith - yes. But instead of it being a top down approach (clergy speaking from the dais), it will be a "commoners" panel.

This program was to happen back in February at the Hunter Museum but was cancelled due to a snow storm. The Federation has taken the lead and will be hosting the first of many interfaith panels across Chattanooga. There will be five faith backgrounds represented: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Atheism. All of the speakers are followers of their respective faith - the "average Joe and Jane" talking about what it's like to be a person of a particular faith living in Chattanooga. The first program is Monday, May 4 at 7p.m. at the Jewish Cultural Center. I'm honored to represent our Jewish community on this panel and hope that you will attend. Most interesting will be to hear from new friends what it is like to be Hindu or Muslim in Chattanooga. I recognize that each person's remarks are personal, but I hope it will give all of us a window into our diverse Chattanooga.

After May 4, this panel will zigzag throughout Chattanooga, stopping at various houses of faith and at neutral sites. Please bring friends of all faiths to this first of many conversations. I'm proud that our Jewish community is hosting the first event at the JCC, and look forward to seeing you May 4 and throughout the month.



Avichai Peretz, former IDF soldier, addressed Tuesday Cafe/Noon Nosh on April 21 at the Jewish Cultural Center.



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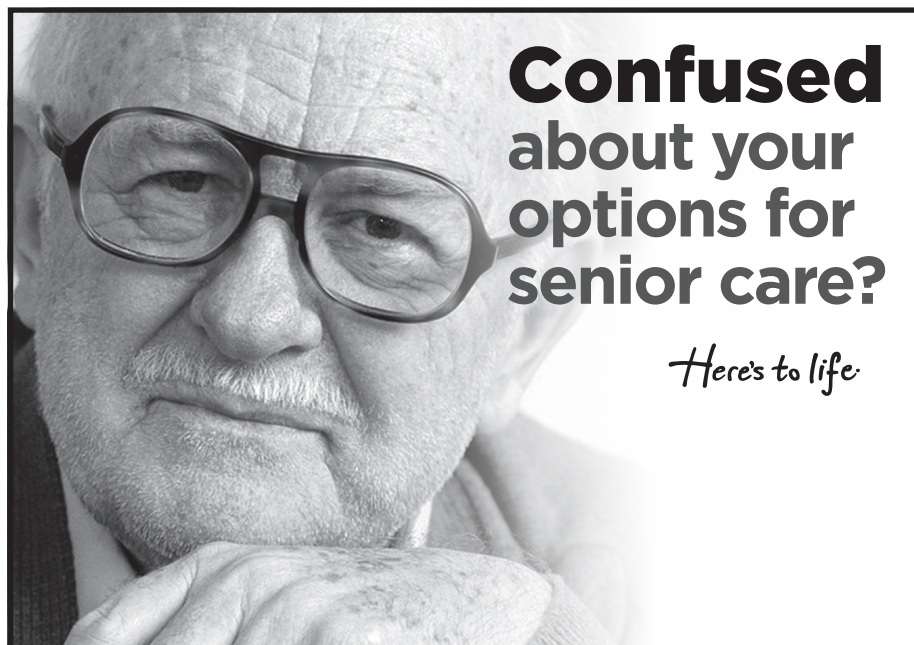


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Charlie Sez. . .

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A couple of months ago we added a new family member, Charlie. The rescue agency told us Charlie was 18 months old and fully grown, part Dalmatian. Then last week our local vet, after a thorough exam, said Charlie was part English Setter, 10-11 months old, may get a little taller and definitely broader, and was still very much a puppy.

A puppy--a young puppy at that--I had not bargained for. I had grown very accustomed to being the dog-mom of Scout, our full-grown, well-trained, well-behaved and much-loved Border Collie mix.

Charlie has all of those puppy traits that frustrate me. He jumps up and, on his amazingly strong back legs, he is almost as tall as I am. When in motion, he can even touch the top of my son Jacob's 6'3" head. He tries to sample dinner before it gets to the table. And just like a human toddler, he exhibits a surge of activity and excitement just before he gives up and falls asleep.

Thank goodness it only took a week to housetrain him. Charlie is getting good discipline at home and will go to doggie school for more very soon. Aside from his sometimes frustrating antics, Charlie has one characteristic that makes me smile, a characteristic which I happen to also have. He believes in selfish sharing. Our definition of selfish-sharing is "to get extreme enjoyment out of something while allowing others to watch or minimally participate." For Charlie this means putting his head on my lap and letting me think I'm petting him, while he chews a rawhide. Or mouthing a slimy racquetball while letting me scratch his belly.

What selfish sharing am I participating in? The Jewish Film Series comes to mind. With Sanford Winer's help, I get to watch many great films and then share the best of those films with you. Don't miss this month's screening of *Mr. Kaplan* (May 6), *The Art Dealer* (May 13), *The Muses of Issac Bashevis Singer* (May 20) or *The Green Prince* (May 27). This just might be one of our best series ever.

I also selfishly share my passion for discreet politics. On May 12 the Anti-Defamation League will bring Stacy Burdett, Director of Government and National Affairs, to the Tuesday Café. We will learn what the lead lobbyist on international issues has been doing to mobilize Congress, the Obama administration, and foreign diplomats on relevant issues. On May 19, Israel Bonds will bring film maker Amy Oppenheimer to speak at Noon Nosh. She will show a clip of her film, *Faces of Israel*, a documentary about people from all walks of Israeli life and their views on far-ranging issues.

And finally, after many hours of work with Karen Diamond and the dedicated volunteers of the program committee, we get to selfishly share what we have learned about members of our Jewish community through the *Jewish Geography* exhibit, opening on May 21. This exhibit tells where our current residents came from and invites you to share where you came from as well, both during the opening and throughout the summer.

I desperately miss my quiet, reflective time with Scout. Sitting on the porch in the sun, reading a good book with my faithful dog at my feet while drinking a glass of wine is a luxury I loved. But Charlie, with all his toddler enthusiasm and energy, has taught me that selfish sharing in itself is something I can share with others. . . .that is if I'm not too exhausted from playing catch!



P2G Meeting in Jacksonville, March 22-23

Middle Eastern (Belly) Dancing

Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m., JCC

Jillanna Babb-Cheshul of Merry Bellies teaches this drop-in, one-hour, very fun class. Pay as you go. \$5/class. No RSVP.

Tuesday Café

Tuesday, May 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 12p.m.

See front page for program details. \$10 unless otherwise noted.

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May 5 – Tuesday Café

BBQ chicken
Corn on the cob
Baked beans
Salad
Heavenly chocolate cake

May 19 Noon Nosh – Israel Bonds

Teriyaki chicken and pineapple
Fried rice
Cucumber and tomato salad
Pineapple upside down cake

May 12 Tuesday Café -ADL

Tilapia
Green beans
French fries
Lemon pound cake

May 26 Tuesday Café

Salisbury steak with gravy
Red skin mashed potatoes
Asparagus
Pretzel supreme

Interfaith Panel

Monday, May 4 @ 7p.m., JCC

Hadassah-Federation Event

Rachel Schulson, director of A Step Ahead Foundation Chattanooga

Tuesday, May 5 @ 6p.m.

Memory Screening

Thursday, May 8. Call 339-3996 for appointment.

Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, May 11 @ 6 p.m. India Changes Course

For the U.S., change in India brings its own set of unknowns, heralding an age ruled by a prime minister new to national office and other policymakers who have been out of the public eye for a decade.

Thursday, May 21 @ 5:30

Opening reception for Jewish Geography exhibit

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FEDERATION SHLICHA



Jewish Geography: Israel

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Israel is a multicultural country. With the *Jewish Geography* exhibit opening at the Jewish Cultural Center this month, I decided to talk about Israel's Jewish geography. Israel is a country of immigrants much like New York, which is exactly what makes it so special. So how did it get started?

May 1948: 650,000 Jewish people 80% 'Ashkenazim', 20% 'Sfaradim'

A third of the people had a high school education – considered to be a high number at the time. The majority of the people were secular and spoke Hebrew. Most worked in the construction business or in industry, doing clerical work, or in agriculture.

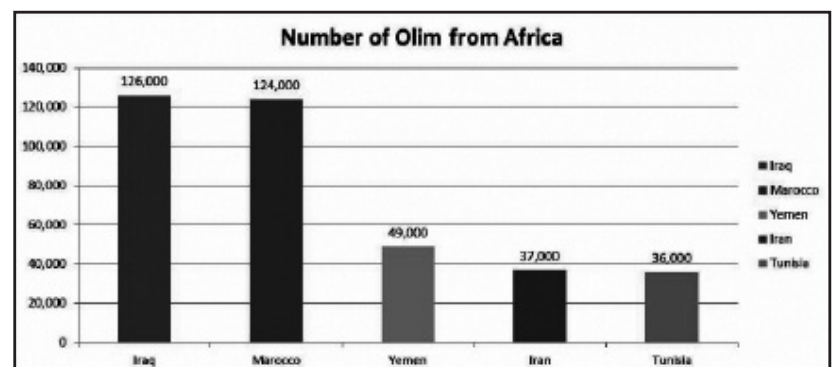
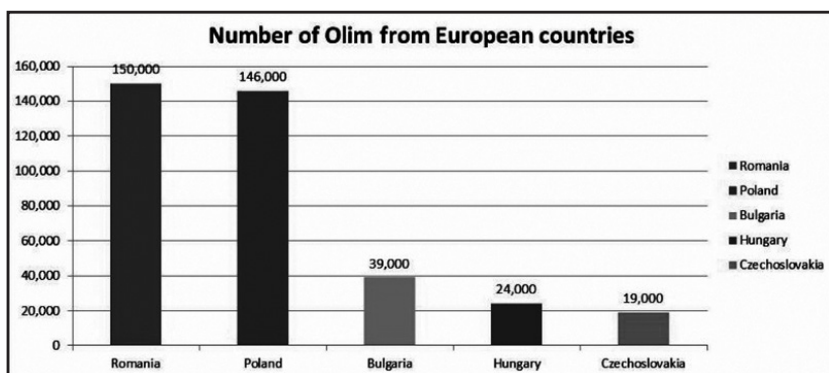


1948-1951: The mass 'ALIYA'

After Israel was established, the gates of the Holy Land were opened to Jewish people from all over the world. By 1951 the population in Israel doubled, and by the first decade as a new country there were more than 900,000 'Olim' in Israel.

1948-1960: There was a huge change in ethnic groups:

In 1960, Israel's population consisted of 58% people from Europe and America, while the other 42% were from Asia and Africa. Among the new 'olim' there were more children and senior people, compared to the earlier 'Aliot', which consisted mainly of young adults. Also, the 'Sfaradim' had a higher birth rate, which explains the almost doubled numbers of children arriving from Sfaradim families (Morocco, Tunisia, Yemen, Iraq and Iran).



The "Maabarot" solution: At first Israel received olim in special Olim Houses. When these houses were all occupied, the government started to settle the olim in different cities, like Jaffa, Ramla, Lod, Beit-Shemesh, Aco and Beer Sheva. At some point there was no place left to accept the new olim. Then the "Maabarot" solution was offered as a temporary way to solve the lack of housing. The Maabarot were made of shacks and tents. Some people stayed in the Maabarot for almost 10 years. My dad's family came from Tunisia and stayed in Jerusalem for almost 5 years. Many olim came without property or money. Israel was



a new country, still recovering from a war and had to handle all of these immigration problems. Israel had no money to invest in building foundations.



Olim Statistics:

- 1948-1951: 687,624 people, including operation Ezra and Nehemiah Magic Operation.
- 1952-1954: 54,676 people
- 1955-1957: 166,492 people, especially from Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Poland and Hungary.
- 1958-1960: 75,970 people, especially from Romania and Algiers
- 1961-1964: 228,793 people
- 1965-1968: 82,240 people
- 1969-1974: 280,000 people, 50% from the former Soviet Union. 30% from Western Europe, 20% from Asia and Africa.
- 1975-1989: less than 20,000 per year. About 280,000 people in total.
- 1990: about 200,000 people
- 1991-1992: 375,646 people total; 330,000 from the former Soviet Union and 25,000 from Ethiopia.
- 1993-1999: 589,252 people; 490,000 from the former Soviet Union
- 2000-2009: 285,390 people; 160,000 from the former Soviet Union

The Soviet Union Aliya wave began in the 70's:

Between the years 1990-2009 Israel had 1 million people from the former Soviet Union.



Israel's 2005 beauty queen made aliya from Ukraine in 2001.

The aliya from Ethiopia began in the mid 1980's with Operation Moses (1984-1985) and Operation Solomon (1991). By the end of 2012 there were 92,000 olim from Ethiopia in Israel.

Israel's 2005 beauty queen made aliya from Ukraine in 2001 (left).

Israel's 2013 beauty queen made aliya from Ethiopia in 2013 (right).



From 1949 until 2010 there were 3 million Jewish olim who came to Israel. (60% from European countries, 16% from Africa, 14% from Asia and 8% from America and Australia). By 2011, a quarter of the population were children of immigrants.

In 2014 Israel's immigration included 24,800 Jewish people, 6,000 of them from France. This was the first time we had such a large number of olim from France. It's a big change, and I believe it was because of what is happening in Europe with the increase in the Muslim p[population] and a rise in anti-Semitism. Natan Sharansky, Jewish Agency Chairman, said: "the increase in the number of im-migrants from around the world in the last year, while our enemies tried to harm our security around the world and to undermine the legitimacy of Israel, proves that Israel is a place that ensures the personal safety of its citizens and the future of the Jewish nation."

Always remember – Israel is small but mighty.

SOCIAL SERVICES



Alzheimers: You Are Not Alone

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

I arrived at the Alzheimer's Association offices at 6:30 a.m. on a dark and chilly morning. To go anywhere that early it has to be for a special reason, and indeed it was. I was asked to be a team leader for one of the groups of volunteers participating in the Alzheimer's Association day on the Hill in Nashville. Our purpose was to meet with state legislators to discuss Alzheimer's disease, the impact it has on families, and the cost of care for those diagnosed with this devastating illness.

Alzheimer's disease is a growing public health crisis in Tennessee and across the nation. It is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, affecting 111,000 Tennesseans. That number is projected to increase 27% by 2025.

These are frightening statistics, but even more alarming is the fact that there are nearly 418,000 family caregivers providing 476 million hours of unpaid care, which is valued at \$6 billion dollars per year. Alzheimer's disease is considered one of the most expensive diseases in America, surpassing both cancer and heart disease. This is because it can last for eight to ten years before the patient passes away. These statistics are important to share, but more important were the family stories that we brought to Nashville.

We were the faces of real people who are dealing with the day to day struggles of this disease. Many years ago Nancy Regan called Alzheimer's disease the "long goodbye" and that couldn't have been more accurate.

There was a woman on our trip who I had the pleasure of meeting seven years ago when her 57 year-old husband was first diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. This was considered early onset, and she came to me seeking help. She was not Jewish, and interestingly, her husband had been a minister for his entire career. She had heard that I had access to a lot of resources and was a kind ear. She felt abandoned by her own faith community and was seeking help with the burdens of the illness, including help navigating the VA system.

At the time I listened and handed her tissues as she cried and then I helped her find the resources she needed for the long and arduous journey. Seven years later, she reported that her husband was now completely non-verbal and confused

most of the time, but she wanted to tell his story so that he wasn't just a statistic. She had prepared a bio about her husband's life to give to each of the elected officials we met, and in it she highlighted that her husband was a son and a father and a husband and an intelligent man who was a member of MENSA and was working on two PhDs at the time of his diagnosis.

Her letter was proof that this disease can hit anyone at any time: a president of the United States, a minister, a doctor, your mom, or my dad. It is an epidemic and we must talk about it and ask for money to support research as well as money to help the caregivers.

As we went from office to office in our state capital telling these stories and asking for help, there were few people we talked to who had not either been touched themselves by the illness or knew someone who had.

If you or someone you know is coping with memory loss please reach out to either me or the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at 423 265-3600 or at 1-800-272-3900. Their phones are answered 24 hours a day and will provide help with needed resources and support. You don't have to deal with this alone!

MEMORY SCREENING DAY

Friday, May 8

At the Jewish Cultural Center



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FEDERATION PROGRAMS

Young Jewish Leadership (Ages 21-45)



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May 15-17th: YJL is going to Nashville! See Facebook for details.
May 30th - Night Run, downtown Chattanooga (more details, right).

YJL is always looking for new members!



YJL Israeli movie night, March 29

Tal Cohen--YJL Chair (518) 256-5464 tal.cohen@hotmail.com

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The Young Jewish 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 Through Chattanooga



Join the Federation May 30 at 9:15 pm for a 5K run starting by the Hunter Museum and continuing onto the Riverwalk. Every mile will feature a music station. Runners can choose to participate in a fun run or a timed run. A family friendly food event will be available immediately after the run, and there will be an after-party for adults at Big River Grill downtown.

First Tennessee is our headline corporate sponsor. We still need sponsors and volunteers for the day of the run. Want to be a sponsor? See below. A special thank you to our Night Run committee: Austin Center, Alan Lebovitz, Rob Lowe and Jay Nevans (Multisport). *For more information about the run, contact Noa at Israel@jewishchattanooga.com. For information about sponsorship, contact Ann Treadwell at atreadwell@jewishfederation.com or 493-0270 ext. 13.*

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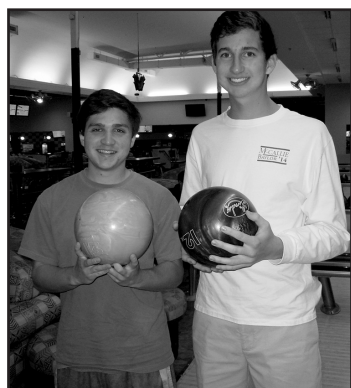
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Jew Crew Rocks the Bowl-A-Rama

The Jew Crew celebrated another phenomenal year together with more than a dozen teens at our final program and annual Bowl-A-Rama at Pin Strikes, complete with post-Passover pizza, bowling and laser tag. We also bid a ceremonial farewell to our Jew Crew seniors - Emma Gefter, Eliza Lebovitz, Katie Rose and Cody Gubin - none of whom were actually at the last program (we attribute that partially to senioritis) but all of whom will be dearly missed next year. Our teens shared some incredible plans for the summer with most either going off to camp or getting jobs and several traveling to Israel. We look forward to welcoming our incoming ninth graders in the fall and look forward to seeing everyone for a new Jew Crew year in August.



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Mazel Tov

To Rabbi Bill Tepper, named one of "America's Most Inspiring Rabbis: 33 Men and Women Who Move Us" by The Jewish Daily Forward.

Condolences

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

Dr. Donald Gold, father of Barry Gold and grandfather of Cory Gold. Leonard Green, father of Alan, Cindy, and Nicole, "brother" of Marvin (Kandy), Ronnie, and Andy (Monique).

James Richard Jordan, father/father-in-law of Kary Klein and Stephen Gordon, grandfather of Ben Gordon and Jennifer Gordon.

Mary Katchen Rind, mother of Joel (Paula).

Edward Benjamin Shalett, son of Harold and Doris Shalett, brother of Sally Shalett Delashmitt, and nephew of Teddi Mendel.

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

Tributes

In memory of:

Barbara Bohn (Kevin Bohn, Mr. Jerry L. Bohn and family)
Rosemary Borck (Mrs. Lindsay Barukh Steven and Frances Shapiro, Mrs. Rebecca Parker)

Isabelle Feintuch (the Feintuch family)

Maurice Scheni (Ms. Monique Lewis)

Edward Benjamin Shalett (Ms. Doris Shalett, Mr. Harold Shalett)

In appreciation of

Sanford & Elaine Winer (Paul Scott) **for their work on the Jewish Film Series**

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

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



Mr. Stephen and Bonnie Louis Black moved to Graysville, TN from Boston where Mr. Black was in computer software sales. Their interests include photography, art, travel and cooking. They have two grown children.

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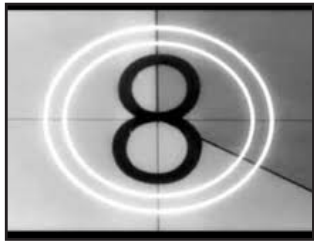


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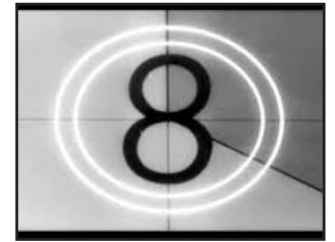
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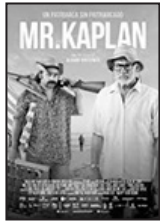
FEDERATION PROGRAMS



Eighth Annual Jewish Film Series The Films in Focus



*Movies are listed in order of screening. Movies screen consecutive
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. \$7 includes popcorn & soft drink.*



MAY 6 *Mr. Kaplan* was Uruguay's entry into the Academy Awards for best foreign language film. This movie won best Uruguayan film in 2014 as well as many of the North and South American film awards. *Mr. Kaplan*, a hilarious crowd-pleasing black comedy, is a contemporary retelling of *Don Quixote*. Mr. Kaplan asks himself whether his was a life well lived, whether he accomplished what he was meant to do, and whether the world is a better place because of his actions. His sidekick, Wilson, is a Sancho Panza-like character who follows Kaplan faithfully. The plot has many twists and turns and the movie has a great surprise ending. *Spanish subtitles, 98 minutes.*

MAY 13 The winner of the Best Movie of the San Diego Jewish Film Festival, *The Art Dealer* is a stylish Parisian thriller set in the murky world of Nazi-looted art recovery. The laws of many countries, primarily Europe, still make it extremely difficult to recover artwork stolen from Jews before and during World War II. *The Art Dealer* dramatizes the difficulties facing families of survivors who attempt to recover their rightful properties. This movie is like a well constructed novel with its domino-like ripples and inconvenient truths. *French subtitles, 95 minutes.*



MAY 20 *The Muses of Isaac Bashevis Singer* offers insights into the works and life of this 1978 Nobel prize winning author who wrote his novels and short stories in Yiddish. This glimpse of his life and loves reveals a new facet, however. Singer's translators were primarily female. At least one was his wife, one probably his mistress, and others were sometimes called his "harem". Each revered and loved him in her own way, and each contributed to his literary success. The movie is as much about the translation process and his relationships with the translators as it is about Singer and his work. *English, Hebrew, Yiddish subtitles, 72 minutes.*

MAY 27 *The Green Prince* falls within the category of "truth is stranger than fiction". No novelist could have made up this story and still be deemed credible. Winner of the 2014 Israeli Ophir and Sundance Audience Awards for best documentary, *The Green Prince* is an engrossing tale about the son of Hamas founder Sheikh Hassan Yousef, turned Israeli spy. Mosab Hassan Yousef became disillusioned with the brutality of Hamas and was recruited and manipulated by Shin Bet. As a result, the intelligence he provided led to the prevention of dozens of suicide bombings and assassination attempts. *English, 99 minutes.*



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A JOURNEY FROM THE ABSTRACT TO REALITY

I am a private person who tends not reveal “stuff” about my personal life – but circumstances changed. Consequently I would like to invite you into my life so our community can appreciate how the Federation made a difference to a single individual – me.

I recently found myself in a very dark place and reached out to the Federation for help. Funding for our prevention/behavioral health program dwindled dramatically – while requests for resources continued to escalate. I decided to seek a staff or consultant position that would allow me to continue my project work at night. Unfortunately nothing happened.

To sustain the prevention work and to continue to meet the needs of those seeking our help I decided to continue utilizing personal and retirement account funds (I am now 72) -- with the hope that additional work or grant funds would be secured and project donations would come in soon enough. But, again, nothing turned up.

Last year I sent resources to over 4,000 people at a cost of about \$10 each using personal & retirement funds (about 120 people thanked me with a donation). I know this wasn't smart but I believe my work is important and potentially life saving. As in the past there were instances where I needed to chip in for funeral expenses for lives lost to inhalant abuse.

I also noted in our e-newsletters that the project needed donations to continue its work – but little happened. The result of the confluence of all these factors was that I needed dignity and life-saving help. The Federation stepped in and up. The Federation helped with housing, food, transportation and other needs. The Federation is helping to stabilize my life. So, if anyone wonders about where the money goes from that check you've written to the Federation, come ask me.

--Harvey Weiss

Yom HaShoa April 15 at the JCC



Left, Arthur Pais, Holocaust survivor and featured speaker



Leading Roles Exhibit Reception March 26, JCC



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