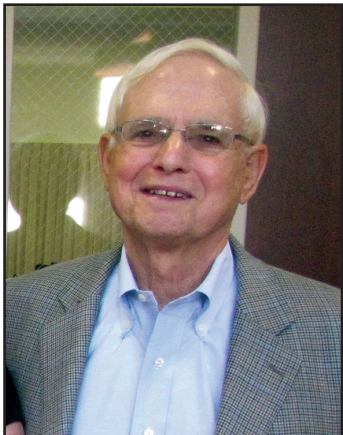


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Documentary Film Series Kicks Off Nov. 30



By Sanford Winer

This year's documentary series features three films about Jewish individuals and families and their contributions to American society. The first of these, "Projections of America," will kick off our series Wednesday, November 30 at 7 p.m..

"Projections of America" chronicles a team of idealistic filmmakers who hoped the power of movies could reshape the world during the darkest hours of WWII. Led by Academy Award-winning screenwriter Robert Riskin, the filmmakers created 26 short documentaries about American life which were shown to

millions of people around the world.

The films told the stories of cowboys and oilmen, farmers and window washers, immigrants and school children, all with an eye toward capturing the optimism and messiness of American democracy. The gorgeously crafted films were idealized versions of what America could be, created by politically engaged filmmakers who, while fighting tyranny abroad, wanted to also fundamentally change America itself. But seventy years later, the films have disappeared. John Lithgow narrates this story of war, idealism, and the power of the cinema.

As an added feature we will show "The Autobiography of a Jeep," a popular example of these films. Following the screening, Amy Linton, the film's editor, will discuss the making of the film and entertain questions from the audience.

On December 7 we will screen the acclaimed documentary "Peggy Guggenheim: Art Addict," about Peggy Guggenheim's contributions to 20th century art and artists. A colorful character who was not only ahead of her time but helped to define it, Peggy Guggenheim was an heiress to her family fortune who became a central figure in the modern art movement. As she moved through the cultural upheaval of the 20th century, she collected not only art, but artists. Her colorful personal history was populated by such figures as Samuel Beckett, Max Ernst, Jackson Pollock, Alexander Calder, and Marcel Duchamp, *continued on page 10*

It's that time of year again!
The children are ready to put on a show,
and give thanks with their
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*Fall Program
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Answering the "Why": Why are we Here?

by Austin Center
2017 Campaign Chair

A few weeks ago I was having dinner with our shlichah, Shiran, and IDF First Lieutenant Eden Adler. Eden was in town to speak at our Major Gifts event and to attend the screening of *Beneath the Helmet: From High School to the Home Front*, a documentary which follows Eden and four other high school graduates who are drafted into the Israeli army.

Shiran, Eden, Zach Beker and I were eating at Clyde's on Main when a remix of the Gap Band's "You Drop the Bomb on Me" began playing. For many of us in America, this was a song to dance to. But imagine sitting in a restaurant or a club when it's not a song you hear, but a loud alarm. What do you think? What do you do? I'll tell you: in Israel you run for the nearest bomb shelter and pray.

Two summers ago, I was in Israel visiting programs supported by our Federation dollars. While there I had the pleasure of meeting Talia, a 29 year-old mother of two daughters, ages 7 and 5. They live in Ashdod, Israel. The previous year, her family had been in the line of Hamas's indiscriminate rocket fire. All that summer they lived in fear, hunkered down in a bomb shelter for days on end.

Imagine what an impact this had on her children. The sounds of constant alarms, called tzevah adom; the run to the bomb shelter; the noise; the sleepless nights; the confinement. Talia's children were frightened by the loud noises; they started to fear being left alone.

No child should experience this. But this was what "summer vacation" was like for them and for tens of thousands of others who lived within range of the terrorist rockets.

While the terrorists were firing indiscriminate rockets into Israel from Gaza, IDF Officer Eden Adler was on the front line. He told me that the day before entering Gaza three summers ago, eight Hamas terrorists came out of a tunnel on their way to kill children playing on a playground on a Kibbutz near the border. Eden said his commander drove his Humvee directly into their path, cutting them off from entering the Kibbutz, killing many of the terrorists, and sacrificing his own life and the life of his driver.

The next day Eden led his platoon into Gaza without their commander. *continued on page 4*

Erick Stakelbeck to Speak on Middle East Terrorism Nov. 10



On Thursday, November 10 Christians United For Israel (CUFI) will host the 3rd Annual Night to Honor Israel at The Colonnade in Ringgold, Georgia, at 7 p.m.

Erick Stakelbeck, Specialist on Middle East Terrorism, and author of *ISIS Exposed: Beheadings, Slavery, and the Hellish Reality of Radical Islam*, will keynote. This event is free and open to the public.

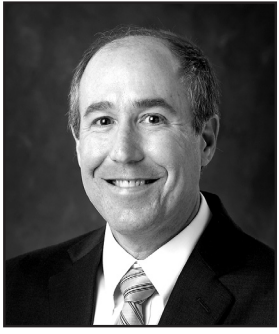
Friday morning, November 11 at 8:30 a.m. the JCC will host a continental breakfast and conversation with Stakelbeck. His book will be available for purchase at both events. There

is no cost for the breakfast but please rsvp to 493-0270 ext. 13 or email rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com.

SAVE THESE DATES

December 5: A Discussion of Death and Dying
January 14: Motown Night

NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



Making What's Good Better

Lee Brouner, Federation Board Chair
boardchair@jewishchattanooga.com

The Federation was recently asked by the leadership of the congregations of B'nai Zion and Mizpah to help facilitate a community-wide conversation about Jewish education for the youth in our community. The Federation Board met late in October to discuss the amount of Federation support to allocate, and to talk about the Federation's role in assisting the congregations and the community in this area.

There were the major areas addressed:

CJCRS

- o The Religious School is a combined congregational Sunday School serving both B'nai Zion and Mizpah. Do we want to continue to combine the congregational schools? Should the CJCRS make efforts to become more inclusive?
- o Curriculum issues – is the current curriculum meeting the needs of the parents, kids, and community? How do we attract more students? How do we make the program better?
- o Leadership – The CJCRS has a separate board of directors which appoints the director of the Sunday School program. B'nai Zion and Mizpah have each hired new Jewish educators. Should the congregational Jewish educators (including the rabbis, and possibly Chabad) assume responsibility for the CJCRS operations also?

Hebrew Schools

- o Each congregation operates its own Hebrew School program. For a community our size, does this make sense? Should we consider the economic and social benefits of merging the congregational Hebrew School programs?

Aleph Bet

- o Is Aleph Bet preschool meeting the needs of our community?
- o What changes should be considered to enrich the curriculum?
- o What efforts, if any, should be made to recruit Jewish teachers and administrators at the preschool?

Jew Crew, BBYO, NFTY, Philanthropy Came, and other organized activities for Jewish tweens and teens

- o Are we doing enough to engage our tweens and teens in Jewish community programs?
- o How can we strengthen these programs to expand their reach?

These and other issues are long-term concerns that we hope to address during the upcoming education conversations. I welcome your thoughts on this subject. Please feel free to call or email me if you would like to discuss this or any other issue of concern regarding your Federation. I'm at (423) 488-8499 and boardchair@jewishchattanooga.com

Shanah tovah tikatevu.



Putting Your Desire and Passion in the Budget

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"I can't be out of money, I still have plenty of checks!"

At some point in our lives, we've probably all said this, or something similarly ludicrous. But the fact is, in 2016, many of us are working within a budget. We budget in our rent or mortgage, groceries, utilities, entertainment, vacations, and so much more. This is how we live within our means. But how do we make sure *all* of our needs are met, including our charitable needs?

We already live in an amazing Jewish community: philanthropic, committed and passionate. I see on a daily basis how committed you are to the Federation's mission of helping people and building a stronger, more united Jewish community, here and around the world. I see how you want to have a greater impact in Israel and in Chattanooga. Your involvement and commitment to volunteering demonstrates that desire. You give with your time and with your wallet. All types of resources are needed to ensure that necessary services are provided. Members of the community depend on--well--members of the community.

Knowing that the passion and commitment to the Federation is there, how can we maximize this together? For years I've encouraged people to think of charitable giving as part of their budget. As Jews, this is an obligation. Even the poorest of poor are required to give tzedakah. Over the past few years we have tried to not only encourage you to donate but have also given you the tools to do so. It's my guess that most people can't just write a check for X amount of dollars at any given time. Thankfully, in the Jewish Federation world, this isn't always necessary. Here are a few other ways to give:

- Consider sharing your credit/debit card information with the Federation. We can charge your card monthly, any amount you'd like. Just tell us and you're done. You don't even have to remind us. You may be able to write a check today for only \$500 (for example), but perhaps you could easily afford \$50 per month. That \$50 per month adds up to \$600 per year, a 20% increase. Not just a 20% increase but 20% more impact in your community!
- Online banking is now the norm. You can pay your bills, mortgage, and pretty much anything else online. Why not go to your bank website and set up recurring checks to be your annual gift to the Federation? Again, you may be able to give more monthly than you could in one lump sum, thereby creating more impact by the end of the year.

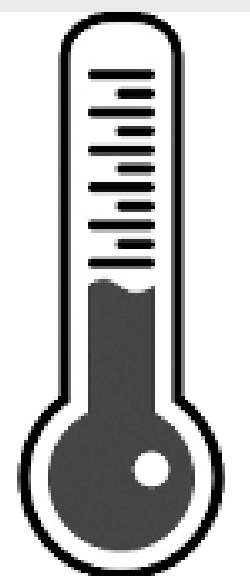
- Make a donation through our website. Go to www.jewishchattanooga.com and click on the donation button. It's that easy.

Of course it's not all about the money; it's about the impact the money has. Equally it is about the desire to help others: faces you know and faces you don't. It is about the tangible and intangible programs and services you will be supporting. It's about not only giving a fish, but teaching someone how to fish.

Austin Center recently described the Federation as the "I've fallen and I can't get up" organization. Need a ride or meals? Need guidance with Medicare-D? Need a social worker or nurse? Need a Jewish preschool or teen youth group? We are the button that is pushed across the board – both reactive to needs and proactive to fulfill Jewish passions.

As you consider your charitable giving moving forward, please think about using one of the easy techniques I laid out. You--and we--will be so glad you did.

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CAMPAIGN NEWS

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Samuel Wyner

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Center: Answering the “why”? *continued from front page*

The night Zach, Shiran, Eden and I ate at Clyde’s and the song “You Drop the Bomb on Me” began to play, I can honestly say I felt sick. The thought of growing up as Eden and Shiran did, and all Israelis do, under the constant threat of attacks, put in perspective why we in this small but mighty Jewish community do what we do. Why we support our each other and communities around the world.

Our donations help Talia and her family. Our Federation dollars set up programs to not only supply games, coloring books, and toys for children living in the bomb shelters, but they also set up programs with doctors and therapists to deal with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Our Federation dollars bring smart young Israelis, like Shiran Amir, to Chattanooga to teach and engage our community and ultimately bring Israel and Chattanooga closer together.

Our Federation donations show IDF Officer Eden Adler that we support him and his fellow soldiers, because they are not just fighting for the freedom of



Israel, but the freedom of all of us. The night before entering Gaza, after losing their commander, Eden’s platoon morale was low. There was live fire all around them. Eden asked the 40, eighteen to twenty year-olds to stand up. He told them to think of their family, friends, and com-

munity, and said, “They are why we are here.” This is the one thing each soldier needs to understand, Adler told me at Clyde’s that night: *why they are doing what they are doing.*

One day, hopefully soon, “You Drop the Bomb on Me” will cease to be a reality and will instead be only a dance tune for all who hear it.

Join the Legacy Society

Allen, Amelia	Dzik, Paula	Parker, Jordan
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Cohen, Tal	Lebovitz, Lauren	Donna
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Cohn, Sue (Deceased)	Levine, Lawrence	Winer, Elaine
Diamond, Karen	(Deceased)	Winer, Finette
DiStefano, David	Malsh, Rebecca (Deceased)	Winer, Sanford
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Dropkin, Warren	Oxenhandler, Barbara	

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 Michael Dzik at 493-0270 ext. 15

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The Tale of Matthew and St. George

*Ann Treadwell, Program Director
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The time was here, our much anticipated vacation to the beach. We were going to reconnect as a family. Even Charlie, my son Jacob's dog, was coming along, and his toys, food, and blanket were packed in a bin along with all of his master's clothes.

And then our favorite location, where we'd had reservations for 8 months, met Hurricane Matthew. By the time we were to leave for the beach, Matthew had taken out the power, closed down the water access, and was flooding the island. Governor Deal had ordered the National Guard to take the 24 hold-outs off the island. Once we found out that only residents and non-resident property owners would be allowed back on the island--and non-residents not allowed until five days later--we were thrown into nomadic vacation mode.

Searching for an alternative vacation for three adults is not easy in my household. We scoured places in the mountains, by lakes, and other beaches. Evacuees from Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas had absorbed all the available vacation housing, from budget to luxury level. Camping was out this time -- I needed a bit more comfort and was not willing to listen to Charlie call to his undomesticated relatives all night long.

And then, seemingly out of thin air, St. George Island in Fairport, Florida, delivered us out of our nomadic turmoil. There was one cabin left, a half-block from the bird sanctuary, and less than two blocks from a beach where dogs are encouraged to play in the surf along with their people. It was there that I would be able to put my toes in the waters of the Gulf and find the tranquility I was searching for.

While I was happy to have found a place to go, I have to admit I was uncomfortable leaving behind our traditional island vacation spot. Part of me felt like I was deserting an old friend, and part of me just didn't like the forced change.

So what does this have to do with the Federation? This month we are talking about changing perspective without changing intent, both through technology and real place interactions, which can allow us to build new relationships. In November our Federation will host the P2G Young Leadership conference. Thirty people, a third of them Israeli, will join us for a long weekend as the conclusion to their leadership seminar. Unique to this seminar is the partnering of an Israeli and an American for the duration of their studies, with the intention of building personal relationships between Israelis and Americans. Come meet them Thursday, November 3, at the opening of the newest exhibit, LIGHT.

Federation shlichah Shiran Amir has been invited to perform during the Christians United for Israel program on November 10. Austin Center will be joining them for remarks. The Keynote speaker for this event, Erick Stakelbeck will also be at the Federation the following morning to give us an update on terrorism in the Middle East. Join us for a continental breakfast and discussion. The intent is to keep us informed and celebrate support for Israel.

The Jewish Documentary Film Series will begin November 30 with three interesting films. (See Sanford Winer's column, front page). The intent: to bring the Chattanooga audience the best of what is available in film. The change in perspective: asking local businesses for financial support in order to help keep the cost of this series low while increasing the size of the audience.

This year in addition to spending time with your family over Thanksgiving, I wish you the added benefit of learning from the Tale of Matthew and George. Keep your intent, but open up to a change in perspective. It may just lead to establishing new relationships.



Tuesday Cafe

Tuesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Always at noon.

Please see our menus on our website, <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/kosher-kitchen/>. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10. Cost: \$10.

LIGHT Exhibit Reception

Thursday, November 3 @ 5:30 p.m.

This invitational group exhibit explores all types of light (as in electrical, see-through, glowing, written text on paper, holding light, etc.) either in theme or media. No rsvp, no cost to attend. Exhibit runs through December 16.

CUFI Night to Honor Israel with Erick Stakelbeck

Thursday, November 10 @ 7 p.m., Ringgold Colonnade

Stakelbeck, Specialist on Middle East terrorism, will keynote. This event is free and open to the public.

Continental Breakfast with Erick Stakelbeck

Friday, November 11 @ 8:30 a.m., JCC

Breakfast conversation with Erick Stakelbeck.

No cost but please rsvp to 493-0270 ext. 13 or rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com.

Aleph Bet Fall Program

Thursday, November 17 @ noon.

Join us for a children's performance followed by a Thanksgiving-style lunch! Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10. Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for non-AB kids. AB kids are free.

FEDtalks

Monday, November 21 @ 7p.m.

Speakers TBA. No cost to attend, no rsvp.

Foreign Policy Supper Club: Cuba and the United States

Monday, November 28 @ 6 p.m.

The U.S. has begun taking major steps to normalize relations with Cuba. See more on page 9. Join us for dinner and a discussion. Cost: \$12. Rsvp to 493-0270 ext. 10 Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com.

The Annual Jewish Documentary Film Series Begins

Wednesday, November 30 @ 7 p.m.

Screening "Projections of America" and "Autobiography of a Jeep," sponsored by The Charles H. Coolidge Medal of Honor Museum Heritage Center. Cost to attend each film screening is \$7, includes popcorn and a drink. See front page and page 10 for descriptions and complete listing of films and sponsors. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10.



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.

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This year for the first time I celebrated the High Holidays away from home. As I've lived all my life with my family, I was a little afraid to spend the most important days of the Jewish year so far away. How would it feel to be without my mom and dad, sister and brother? Do my traditional ways of celebrating those days exist here? Will I still be able to feel the importance of these holidays?

Indeed, I did experience the High Holidays in a different way last month. I spent those meaningful days here with the Jewish community in Chattanooga! I gained important insights on the Jewish people in general and the Jewish community in the United States in particular.

"Holidays ambience" in Israel is a common term. But more than a term, it's a feeling and a sense. In Israel, it begins a few days before Rosh Ha'Shana. Pomegranates and apples glut the stands, and the streets are filled with people rushing to finish their holiday preparations. My mother is lighting the holiday candles, my sister and I are arranging the holiday table with a white tablecloth, and my little brother is going to services. And then, as the sun goes down, the roads clear out and the neighborhoods, the cities and the country are wrapped in peace and quiet.

In Israel, I didn't need to attend synagogue to feel the holiday. It was everywhere, in the small things. In Israel, wherever you go on the holidays, you know that the man on the sidewalk shares your feelings for the holy day. But here in America, I knew that I'd need synagogue to feel the High Holidays, because the man on the sidewalk is likely clueless that, for an entire community right under his nose, this is a very special day.

In the synagogue there is a whole different world, like a bubble which is only ours. The whole community is sitting together, singing and praying. We are all beautiful, solemn and sacred, wrapped in prayer shawls and wearing holiday clothes. In the United States, I understand the synagogue is more than a place of worship. It is a place that produces togetherness, a place of social gathering and unity, whereas in Israel, it is religious. So when I told my family I was in the synagogue every day of the High Holidays after years of not going in Israel, they asked me if I'd become religious. It's hard to explain to an outsider what it's like to have to actively choose your Jewish identity time and again.

This year I heard the shofar on Rosh Ha'Shanah morning in the synagogue. For the first time in a long time, I was deeply moved by its call. I really felt how it opens the gates of Heaven. It call makes all listeners as one. Unlike in Israel, where there is only one blower, the blowing done by several people standing in various corners of the sanctuary. This year the most exciting moment of all was the "Tekia Gedola". Long and powerful, it incorporates several shofars from various corners of the room, and to my surprise sounded like the siren on Memorial Day in Israel - Yom Ha'Zikaron.

Another name for Rosh Ha'shana is "Day of Memorial". The role of the shofar is to remind us, according to Rashi, the binding of Isaac by Avraham his father. The process of remembering opens the re-examination of what has happened to us, and therefore gives us the possibility of a different vision for the future. Our tendency not to remember mistakes and obstacles leads to the perpetuation of the existing path. Only a re-examination of things that slip from our memory, of things that we do not want to remember, opens doors to different paths.

This was also my first Yom Kippur away from Israel and my family. I brooded about the right way to spend it, and then wondered: *The right way for whom? For my parents? For the place where I am now? For the place where I grew up?* I put thought into every act, trying to figure out how it made me feel. Was it detrimental or did it add holiness to the sanctity of the day? Where could I find my soul, between all the prohibitions and restrictions which underpin the Day of Atonement? Where and how do I talk to my inner voice and do some soul-searching?

On the morning of Yom Kippur, I found that the distance helped me make some observations. As part of our daily routine, we tend to just keep moving on. The physical proximity to the people we love leads us to take them for granted sometimes. The little frictions do not allow us to stop for a few moments and to sincerely say we're sorry and ask for forgiveness, to give people we love the sense that we appreciate them.

On the morning of Yom Kippur here, far away from home, far from my dear ones, inspired by the peaceful Chattanooga landscape, I sent personal greetings to family and friends asking for forgiveness.

I spent the day of Yom Kippur at the three different congregations here in Chattanooga. I was fascinated by the unity of it all. The personal and collective

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choice to come and respect the day amazed me. I was proud to be part of a community that embraces variety. As an Israeli coming from a culture that shuts down on this day, I saw the beauty of actively choosing to observe this holy day.

I came into tears in front of the open Holy Ark. I was excited when the rabbis of the various congregations got excited and shed a tear during their Yom Kippur sermons. For the first time I was busy not only with fasting, but also with prayer, with community togetherness, and with thoughts on the significance of the day.

It is a new month, and the Jewish new year 5777 has already begun. After all the opening events and the High Holiday season that introduced me to Chattanooga's community life, I eagerly await what's to come. I am looking forward to as the Young Leadership Partnership Together delegation, the CUFI conference, and the GA conference in Washington D.C. and other community events where I will meet all of YOU, the community members of this great city!

Shiran family photos?

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SOCIAL SERVICES



Upholding "The Code"

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I know "upholding the code" might sound like the start of a good mystery novel, but sadly for you, I am not a good writer of fiction. Though I whole-heartedly believe that at times truth is truly stranger than fiction.

The "code" I am referring to is the National Social Work Code of Ethics. When I received my Masters in Social Work, I took an oath to uphold it. This is an extremely lengthy document to which I will provide a link at the end of this article, but it begins with the following Preamble.

"The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty. A historic and defining feature of social work is the profession's focus on individual well-being in a social context and the well-being of society. Fundamental to social work is attention to the environmental forces that create, contribute to, and address problems in living... The mission of the social work profession is rooted in a set of core values. These core values, embraced by social workers throughout the profession's history, are the foundation of social work's unique purpose and perspective: service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence. This constellation of core values reflects what is unique to the social work profession. Core values, and the principles that flow from them, must be balanced within the context and complexity of the human experience."

The Code of Ethics outlines ethical standards by which social workers must conduct themselves. One of these standards falls under the category outlined as "Social Worker's Ethical Responsibilities to Clients", (Standard 1.07) Privacy and Confidentiality. To summarize, a social worker must at all times uphold the privacy and confidentiality of their clients. The only exception to this is in situations where the social worker must disclose confidential information to a specific source to "prevent serious, foreseeable, and imminent harm to a client or other identifiable person".

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Tuesdays- Jason
Wednesdays- Rick
Thursdays- Eddie

PLEASE NOTE: Community Nurse Edie Redish's number has changed. Her new number is 423-682-1401

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As a practicing social worker, I take client confidentiality very seriously, and if you happen to be a client of mine, I want you to know this. Confidentiality means that I am not able to discuss any client's situation with any outside party unless the client has expressed a desire for me to do so (or unless serious imminent harm is foreseeable, at which time the conversation will be between myself and a specific party who will act in an attempt to ensure safety).

I do want you, the community I serve, to know that I sincerely appreciate your calls of concern regarding people you believe or know to be my clients. But please understand that while I can listen to your information and concerns, I cannot provide you with any specifics about the client's care or situation. Please do not take this as a lack of involvement or action or concern on my part, but until a client indicates to me that he or she wants another community member involved, I am not, by law, allowed to discuss their situation with anyone.

This does not mean I don't want your phone calls or that I am undermining working together as a community! Our entire mission in social services is to provide services and make sure that our community is well taken care of. We also know that this is a larger job than just our social services department can fully accomplish, and there are so many of you who serve your fellow community members so well. Please continue to partner with us in doing so. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve the Jewish community and the greater Chattanooga community as whole.

Below is the link for the entire Code of Ethics. Please feel free to email me at rpeck@jewishchattanooga.com if you have any thoughts or questions.

For more on the subject of confidentiality and the role of social services, please see Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik's article, *The Invisible Two-Way Street*, on page 8.

National Social Work Code of Ethics: <http://socialworkers.org/pubs/code/code.asp>

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OPEN ENROLLMENT IS HERE AGAIN!



Do you need help signing up for your Medicare Prescription Coverage?

Open Enrollment Period is October 15 - December 7, 2016.

Contact Courtney if you would like to make an appointment. 423-493-0270 or federation@jewishchattanooga.com

(These appointments are on a first come first serve basis so don't delay!)

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. We will do our best to accommodate you. Atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 13.

FEDERATION NEWS

The Invisible Two-Way Street: Social Services and You

by Michael Dzik

After 18 years at the Chattanooga Jewish Federation, I still find the work we do both meaningful and amazing. For a moment, let me focus on the Social Services we provide to the community.

Most of you are aware that our Social Services Director, community nurse, drivers, and Mitzvah Meals are available to the community. But we usually just highlight these services in broad terms rather than talk in specific terms.

Rebecca Peck and our incredible social services team provide a worthwhile and necessary service to our community each and every day. They will respond to crises while also maintaining a proactive role in the community. Sometimes the work happens in the office and at a desk (or by phone) but many times it is also happening in the field – homes, apartments, retirement facilities and even hospitals. The Federation drivers are “on the road” Monday through Thursday taking people to various appointments, thereby ensuring our community members keep as much independence as possible. We also keep people healthy and nourished through our meal programs and events. All of this is possible through your annual campaign gifts, which give us the ability to provide this caring service with a smile! I think it is quite the well-rounded service.

In many cases, community members inform us in advance of an upcoming need. Other times, we are called about a crisis event and we provide both immediate and longer term intervention if necessary. Additionally, there are times when community members call the Federation to “report or discuss” a community member who might need assistance. I am so appreciative when people call the Federation to let us know. Many of you have heard me say, regarding an issue, “I’d rather receive five phone calls than not hear about it from anyone at all.” Thank you for keeping us informed – we always are thankful for the extra eyes and ears and need to have this two way street.

However, where we sometimes become invisible is after you share the information with us. It is our policy, along with HIPPA regulations and codes of ethics in Social Work, that confidentiality takes precedence. We know there is sometimes “chatter” or even misinformation – and as difficult as it is for us to hear this, we do not discuss cases with others.

We hear you loud and clear when you say “Mr. ___ needs help” or “Mrs. ___ needs to be in a different situation.” In many cases, the Federation is already deeply involved with the client. But remember, as long as clients are of sound mind, they have the right to make their own decisions – even those not in their best interest, or different from those you might make for yourself.

No matter what choices the clients make, we will still remain in the picture, continuing to offer all of our caring services. We are their resource, even their family, but again, we cannot force someone to take our services, or even



our advice.

Rebecca, Community Nurse Edie Redish, and the entire Federation social services team (including me) keep to the highest moral and ethical standards when it comes to confidentiality. If you were in need of our services, I’m sure you wouldn’t want us discussing your issues with other community members.

I’m quite proud of our staff – not only the work they do but the professionalism and caring manner in which they provide that work. So please continue to call and depend on us, and to share sensitive and thoughtful information. We promise that we will look into providing caring, professional and thoughtful services, and will maintain the highest level of confidentiality while doing so.

Thank you for being our partner in helping identify where the needs are. I’m thankful for this two-way street. At times we seem most invisible, we are often the most visible people in a needy community member’s life. And this is what makes our Chattanooga Federation and Jewish community that much more special of a place to live!

TRIBUTES

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Helen Pregulman, Owen and Amelia Allen, Debby Alper



Bye, Bye Feder-a-ation Pie
We are sorry to say we will not be offering Thanksgiving pies this year.

Young Jewish Leadership (Ages 21-45)

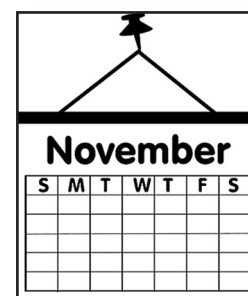


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Welcome and happy birthday to our new shlichah Shiran Amir!



Upcoming events:

(please check our Facebook page for event details)

Thurs, Nov. 3 at Erlanger, 12p.m. Social event

**Saturday, Nov 12 (evening)
December 16th - Shabbat Dinner**

If you would like to host a Shabbat or have an idea for an event please feel free to contact Josh Schklar at jbschklar@hotmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Do You Have Something to Tell Us?



Is your high school senior graduating next year? *The Shofar* wants to know! Please email dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com to find out how to have your child spotlighted in an upcoming issue of *The Shofar*.



Looking for a few good talks!
The fall Fedtalk will be Mon.,
Nov. 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

Got something fascinating to
say in 15 minutes or less?
Don't be shy. We want to hear from you.

Contact Ann Treadwell at
atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 13

Foreign Policy Supper Club is Nov. 28

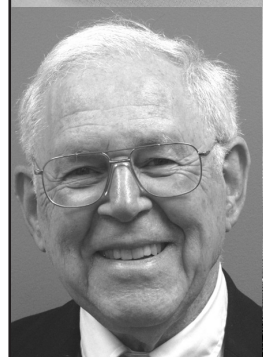


The U.S. announced in December 2014 that, after decades of isolation, it has begun taking major steps to normalize relations with Cuba, its neighbor to the south. The announcement marks a dramatic shift away from a policy that has its roots in one of the darkest moments of the Cold War — the Cuban missile crisis. Although the U.S.

trade embargo is unlikely to end any time soon, American and Cuban leaders today are trying to bring a relationship once defined by a crisis in the 1960s into the 21st century. Join us Monday, Nov. 28 for dinner and discussion. Cost: \$12. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10.

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Mazel Tov

--to Cara Weiner and husband J..R. Hill, who along with daughter Ellie are delighted to announce the arrival of Talia Allison Hill, who arrived on September 20.

--to Erin and Tal Cohen who are delighted to announce the arrival of Daya Michelle Cohen on September 22. Daya was proudly greeted by her big sister, Daniella and her big brother Dean.

--to Brandon and Erica Newman along with the now big brother, Henry, who were happy to welcome Lydia Maya Newman on October 10.

Condolences

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

--Mary Susanne White Parker, sister/sister-in-law of Donna White-Dropkin and Warren Dropkin, aunt of Lilly Dropkin and Sam Dropkin, on October 10.

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

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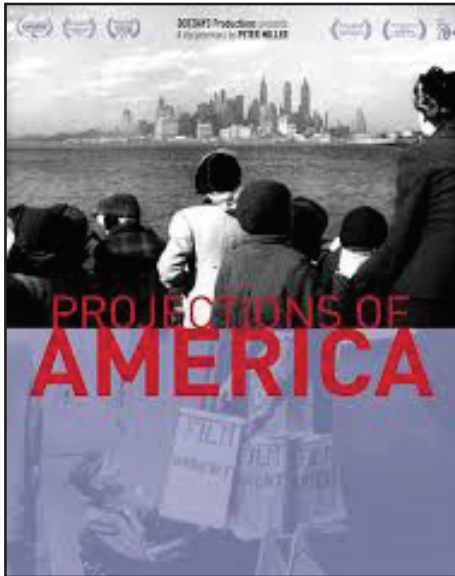
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Fall 2016 Jewish Documentary Film Series

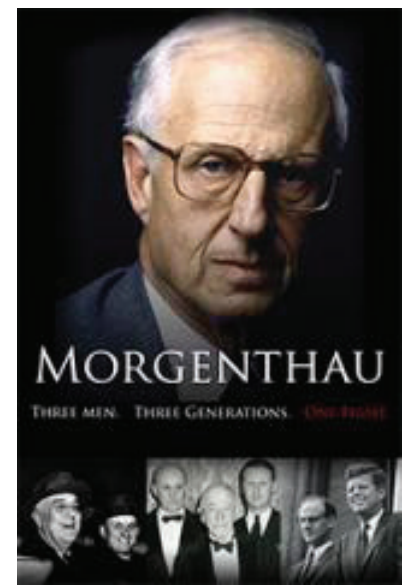
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as well as countless others. While fighting through personal tragedy, she maintained her vision to build one of the most important collections of modern art, now enshrined in her Venetian palazzo.

On December 14, please join us for "Morgenthau." This film tells the epic story of three generations of an American family whose continual fight for justice brought them to the forefront of the most dramatic events of the past hundred years. The lives of Henry Morgenthau (Senior), United States Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, Henry Morgenthau (Junior), United States Secretary of the Treasury under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Robert M. Morgenthau, District Attorney of New York County for over 30 years, reveal new perspectives of the social and political shifts of the twentieth century. From fighting for international action against the genocide

of Armenians on the cusp of WWI, through the efforts to rescue Jews during the Holocaust despite American political obstruction, and on to the struggle to reduce street crime and pioneer the prosecution of white collar corruption in New York City, the trajectory of the three Morgenthau generations epitomizes the American experience and the lasting value of public service.



Jewish Documentary Film Series in a Nutshell

Wednesday, Nov. 30 @ 7 p.m. *Projections of America & Autobiography of a Jeep*
 Wednesday, Dec. 7 @ 7 p.m. *Peggy Guggenheim: Art Addict*
 Wednesday, Dec 14 @ 7 p.m. *Morgenthau*

All films are \$7 and include popcorn and a drink

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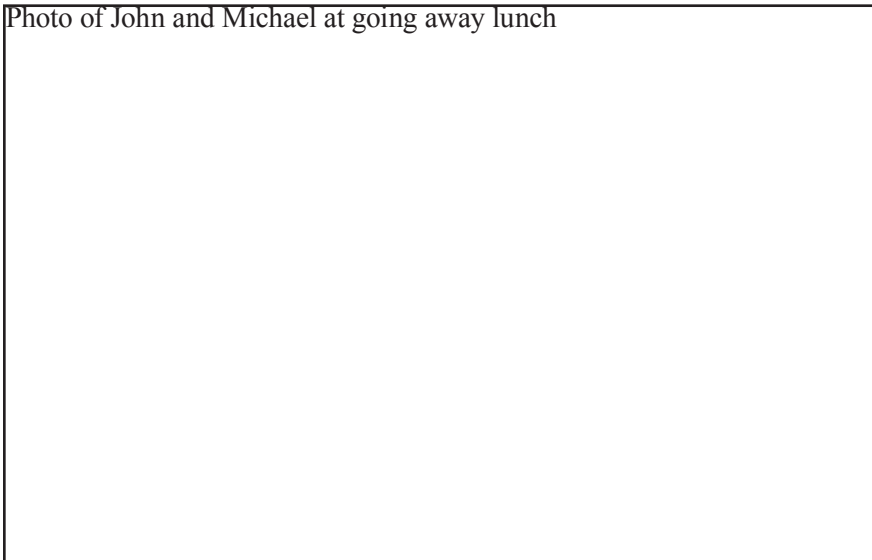
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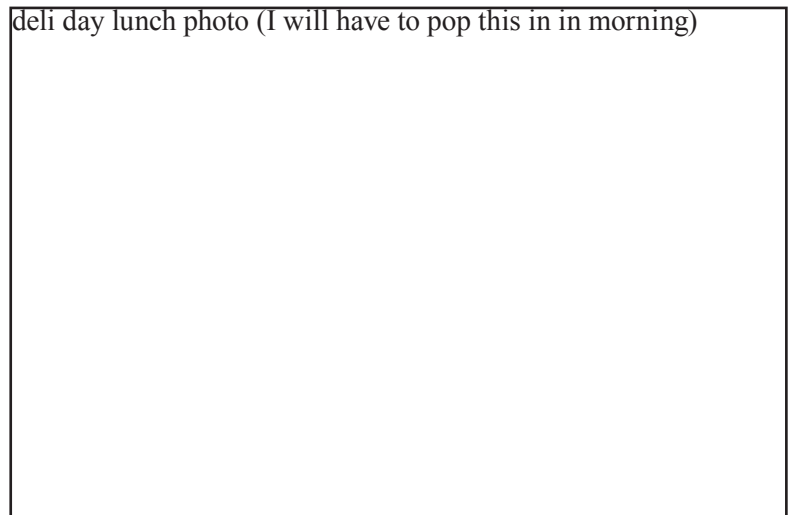
John Schneider, Beloved Van Driver, Retires from Federation

The Jewish Federation wished John Schneider a wonderful retirement with a Deli Day lunch in his honor September 20. He will be sincerely missed around these halls and by the many community members who grew to love and depend upon him. Federation Executive Director Presented John with a gift of art by ???

Photo of John and Michael at going away lunch



deli day lunch photo (I will have to pop this in in morning)



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