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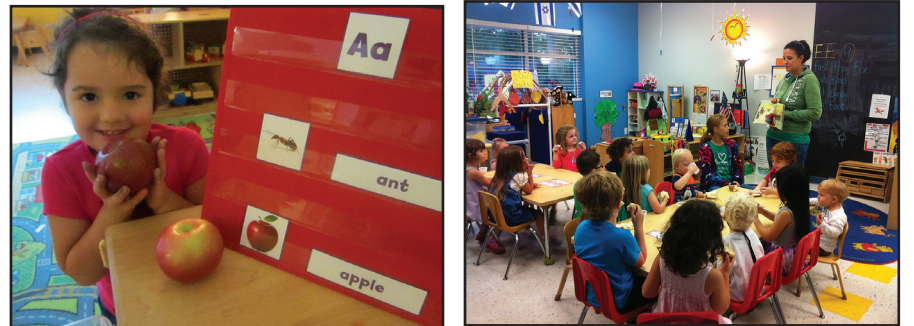


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We are so fortunate to have so many people donate supplies for Aleph Bet. For your convenience, Aleph Bet Children's Center has set up a wish list on Amazon.com. Go to Amazon.com/wishlist and type in Aleph Bet. It's easy to see what we wish for!

Fall Fun at Aleph Bet



Aleph Bet Fall Luncheon

Friday, November 13 @ noon
Jewish Cultural Center
\$10 for adults, \$5 for children.
Aleph Bet children no charge.

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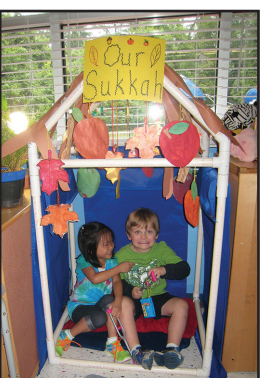
Reason #14:
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Aleph Bet Children's Center, a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, aims to provide an educational, interactive and developmentally appropriate preschool program that is enriched by Jewish traditions and values and implemented by a trained, dedicated, and nurturing staff.

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COMMUNITY LIFECYCLES

Mazel Tov

--to Andy Hodes, elected JFNA Small Cities Chair to the Board.

Condolences

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

--Richard Allen Green of Sun Lakes AZ on October 10. Richard is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sherry Cohen Green, son David (Gayle) Green, daughter Stacey Green Ciaramella, four grandchildren, Emily and Molly Green, Jake and Parker Ciaramella, two sisters Elaine Balafas and Kathy Iaria, brother-in-law Larry Alan Cohen, and Debbie Cohen Padawer.

--Beverly Hocher Knight, sister/sister-in-law of Pam and Ron Wiley, who died September 24.

--William Ira "Bill" Masengil, who died October 11.

--Marguerite 'Maggie' Moses, mother of Dr. Frank and Margaret Moses, Susan Moses, and Sally Moses, and grandmother of Sarah, Teddy, and Molly Moses, who died September 27.

--Ethel Saluk Schneider

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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Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga has an immediate opening for full time Social Worker. Duties include case management, visitation, assessments, referrals, advocacy, work with families, some supervision and more. LCSW and/or MSW preferred (or equivalent experience). The ideal candidate is self motivated, caring, organized and professional.

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Tributes

In memory of

Sheila's mother, Ruth (John Reis and Sheila St. Aubin)

In honor of

Vicki Cathcart's recovery (Helen Pregulman)

Abe Lebovitz's Bar Mitzvah (Kandy and Marvin Berke)

Social Services (ML Clarke)

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.



Is your high school senior graduating in 2016? The Shofar would like to profile him or her!

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CHATTANOOGA JEWISH CONGREGATIONAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



New Years Resolutions

by Co-Directors

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At Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School, we strive to create a joyful atmosphere where children learn to cherish their Jewish heritage. It is our goal that through active participation in Judaism and the joy of learning, students and their families will become comfortable with the traditional rituals and observances performed at one's temple/synagogue and at home. These practices will enable our youth to form a positive Jewish identity and a lifelong commitment to Torah, God and Klal Yisrael (the Jewish people). The following was taken from various sources:

We want our students to be committed to a love of Torah (study), Avodah (worship), and Gimelut Hasadim (moral and spiritual justice). We strive to help our students feel comfortable:

- Asking questions about life and growing up, while seeking answers within the framework of Jewish tradition.
- Transmitting the Jewish tradition to the next generation.
- Being linked to a rich tradition filled past and realizing their place in this chain through the study of Jewish history and biography.
- Using their skills regarding Shabbat, holidays, the Haggadah (Passover) and other religious observances in their home.
- Praying in the synagogue as part of a community of worshippers and experiencing prayer as our attempt to draw closer to God.

As they progress through the school's curriculum, the students will learn to: Be familiar with the Jewish calendar, and celebrate life cycle events and the yearly cycle of holidays.

- Read some siddur Hebrew, especially the Shabbat service prayers.
- Experience Jewish literature, music, and the arts as creative expressions of our heritage.
- Recognize the Tanach (Bible) as the record of the evolving brit (contract) between the Jewish people and God.
- Recall stories of our ancestors and themes of ethical behavior from the Tanach.
- While Hebrew is taught from the start as the language of prayer, key Biblical texts are taught in English translation to fully engage the student in comprehension of the text. Without distorting the context, every reasonable effort is made to bring home the relevance of the Biblical stories to students' lives and personal choices.
- Identify Torah as the source of mitzvot (commandments).
- Understand and willingly undertake mitzvot between themselves and others, as well as between themselves and God.
- Have opportunities to lead others in Jewish experiences.
- Accept responsibility for giving tzedakah and performing actions of tikkun olam (making the world a better place).
- Understand that the world is God's gift to humanity and that it is our responsibility to protect and use it wisely.
- Understand the value of the Jewish community and be committed to being a member of it.
- Identify with all Jews as brothers and sisters and be committed to Israel as the historic homeland of the Jewish people.
- Understand the general principles of Judaism.

We want our students to experience:

- CJCRS as a joyful place of learning, friendship and community.
- Respect for the uniqueness of each individual learner.
- Jewish teachers and other Jewish professionals who are positive role models and skilled communicators of Jewish knowledge and values.
- Curriculum that illuminates the depth and beauty of Jewish knowledge and the relevance of ancient traditions to our daily lives.
- Moments and events of kedushah (holiness).
- Families who are committed to active participation in Jewish living and mitzvot. CJCRS plants the spark of Judaism in our students; with nourishment from the home and cultivation from the school, our students' Judaism will grow and continue to flourish throughout their lives.

In this day and age, the seeds of Jewish learning must be carefully fostered if they are to grow with the child into maturity. We don't take for granted that this will happen, but actively cultivate the potential for joyful and thoughtful spirituality that is every child's birthright.

Strong faith comes through practice. In addition to CJCRS, children can become confident and competent in prayer and home ritual, attaining skills and

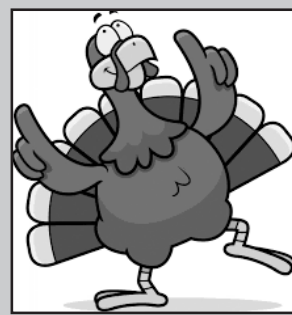
religious practices that will stay with them for life.

We also emphasize Jewish community, that we are connected with one another and the wider world. Social action projects bring everyone together in working for such common aims as helping the needy in our community.

We teach our children to celebrate and explore Judaism. Music and art are a powerful medium for the expression of religious thought and feeling, and they contribute to our school's joyful sense of community. The family is the soil in which a child's Jewish practice and thinking will or will not take root.

We believe that in order to be effective, Jewish education must take place outside as well as inside the classroom. Youth groups, junior congregation, Mizpah Academy and Beit Sefer Ivri, as well as summer camps help bring Jewish concepts and practice to life in new and different ways.

Finally, each year of CJCRS is different and special. While we reinforce important concepts and practices, we challenge and stimulate students in new ways each year, introducing them to new materials in refreshingly different ways.



Don't BE a turkey, BRING IN a turkey!

All rabbis, teachers, marichim, and students are asked to bring in one small, frozen turkey on Sunday, November 15th. Everyone will participate in our Annual Turkey Train, making a long line to hand the turkeys hand over hand and place them in the truck. All turkeys will be donated to the Chattanooga Area Food Bank, and our donations are very much appreciated. Let's see if we can

bring in at least 80 turkeys this year! I know we can do it!

As part of the Turkey Train, we will also start to collect new or gently used mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves. You can use them for handling the frozen turkeys, then clip them together and donate them for collection. We will collect these items through December. Please bring in as many items as you can!

Fun and Learning Go Hand in Hand at CJCRS



B'NAI ZION CONGREGATION

Rabbi Rick Sherwin: Scholar-in-Residence



November 13-15

Rabbi Sherwin served as B'nai Zion's Rabbi from 1979 until 1992. Rabbi Sherwin has left an indelible mark within our wonderful community and has individually impacted so many of our members. He has brought B'nai Zion Congregation into the Conservative movement, where we have found the beauty that is represented in USCJ's concept of "tradition and change". Furthermore, Rabbi Sherwin challenged our community to look outside our own walls (Interfaith Shabbat) in

order to learn and experience spirituality that derives from deep ecumenism. Please join us in welcoming Rabbi Rick and his wife, Elissa Sherwin back to B'nai Zion for this special Shabbaton weekend!

Contact the office for more details (subject matter, times, etc). Here is an appetizer of our tastings:

Friday night, November 13:

Shabbat Services (5:45 p.m.) followed by a delicious and traditional fleishig (meat) dinner on Friday night. \$18 per person, Children 12 and under Free. RSVP to the office by 11/6.

Shabbat, November 14:

Kiddush Luncheon following Shabbat Morning Services (9:30 a.m.) on Saturday.

Havdalah is 6:30 PM at the home of Sanford & Elaine Winer

Sunday, November 15:

BLT (bagels, lox, and tefillin) on Sunday morning.

A Special Thank You



Thank you to Susan and Dennis Matzkin for hosting our first Open House Shabbat. It was a great success! More than 25 people enjoyed food, friendship and Shabbat together.

From Susan's fresh baked challah to the beautiful sukkah to the fabulous food; a good time was had by all. Mark your calendars for our next Open House Shabbat on January 8, 2016!



Barnes & Noble Day is Dec. 2

A bevy of BZ programming at the Hamilton Place Barnes & Noble: Beit Sefer Ivri classes at Barnes & Noble @ 4:30 p.m./Chanukah Menorah lighting and

singing @ 6 p.m. For more information, contact Rabbi Tendler. B'nai Zion will get credit for your purchases if you use the B'nai Zion Barnes & Noble number to buy gifts. Contact the office for the number.

Mazel Tov To Our Simchat Torah Honorees!

Each year, two dedicated community members are selected to receive special honors on Simchat Torah. This year's worthy honorees were: Howard Gropper as our Chattan Torah (the one honored with the final aliyah of the Torah) and Carolyn Sherman as our Kallat Bereshit



(honored with the very first aliyah of the Torah). Mazel Tov to them both for this well deserved honor. And thank you to all who came to help honor them!

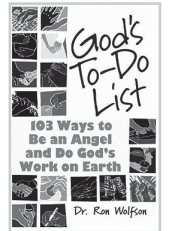


5 Bridges for Peace



We already have 4 bridges in Chattanooga. Let's build a 5th bridge that honors the five fallen soldiers and aspires to bring peace to our community. Let's commit to doing 500 acts of kindness over the school year. We hope to provide additional inspiration through a congregation-wide book read of "God's To-do List: 103 Ways to Be an Angel and Do God's Work on Earth" by Ron

Wolfson. We'll be offering chance to read and discuss the book at our congregational board meetings, a monthly book group meeting before minyan, a young adult/family chavurah, and more! Chronicle your actions on our Bridge of Peace located at B'nai Zion. Share the good you put into the world on social media using the hastag: #5bridgesforpeace



Special BLT

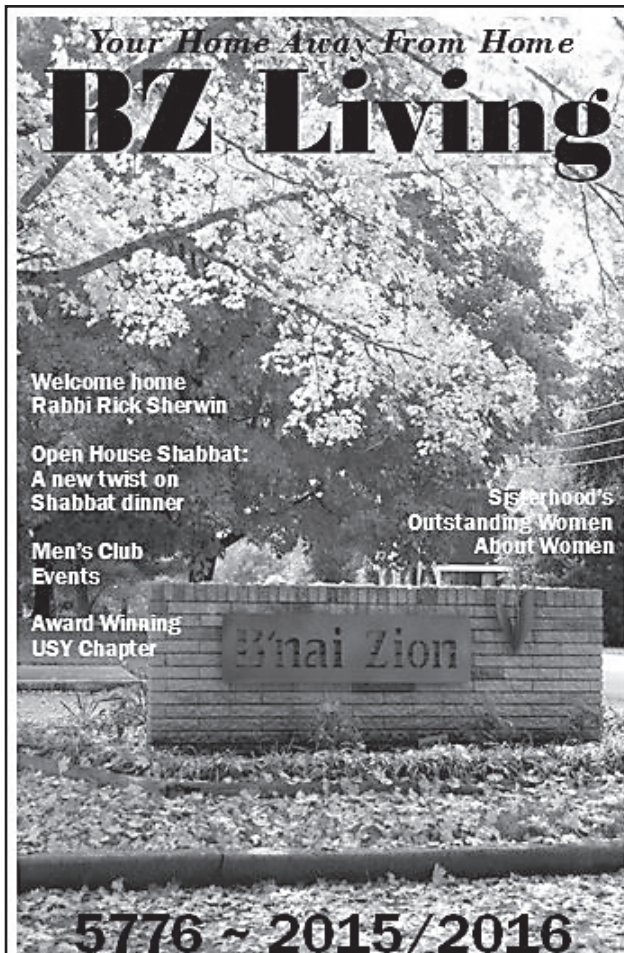
November 1, 9:45 a.m.

Mark your calendars for a groundbreaking conversation! For years, our cemetery has run on certain premises, a number of which no longer hold true.

For example, this year the ritual committee brought the following recommendation to the B'nai Zion Board of Directors: *[I] move to modify the existing cemetery rules to allow B'nai Zion to set aside a section of the cemetery to be used by interfaith partners and children, through their union, according to the cemetery rules and Jewish Law.*

This recommendation was, as according to B'nai Zion Cemetery rules, voted on in 3 successive board meetings, and accepted.

As well, we can now rely upon more than 1 local funeral home to see to our needs in the time of death. Please join us to further understand how this impacts you and our community. A light breakfast will be served, please RSVP.



BZ Living

Have you seen a copy of our new BZ Living? Inside you'll find a description of many of the outstanding programs that will be offered by B'nai Zion this year. Stop by the office to pick up your complimentary copy!

For info about Hebrew school or upcoming youth events, contact Jason Cathcart: 894-8900 x103 or jason@bzcongregation.com

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

Don't currently receive our weekly email?

Not sure if you are in our database?

Please contact the office to help us update your records.

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MIZPAH CONGREGATION



by Donna Etkin

November Worship Schedule

Friday November 6

Oneg Shabbat Refreshments and Socializing at 5:45 pm
Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Service at 6:15 pm
First Friday Shabbat Dinner to follow

Saturday November 7, 14, 21, 28

Breakfast and Torah Study at 9:00 am
Shabbat Morning Service at 11:00 am

Friday November 13, 27

Oneg Shabbat Refreshments and Socializing at 5:45 pm
Kabbalat/Erev Shabbat Service at 6:15 pm

Friday, November 20

Oneg Shabbat Refreshments and Socializing at 5:45 pm
Shabbat Shirim - A Shabbat of Songs at 6:15 pm - Amy Cohen, songleader

Please call the Temple Office for details, 423-267-9771

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH Rabbi Bill and Deborah Tepper, and their son Max, who is hospitalized in Toronto following a fall near his home. The following is a portion of the Rabbi's letter to the Congregation on October 9th.

Dear Friends,

We are tremendously thankful for the countless messages you are sending - expressing your good wishes and prayers that Max experience the speediest recovery possible.

Max is still in the Critical Care Unit of Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center. However, the past week has seen him become more 'stable.' His organs are, at present, in good condition. He remains medicated and unawake. The updates we are receiving are encouraging, and 'cautiously optimistic.' Shortly, he will be undergoing two or three surgeries to repair broken bones. He is in excellent professional hands: the medical staff attending to him are outstanding ...

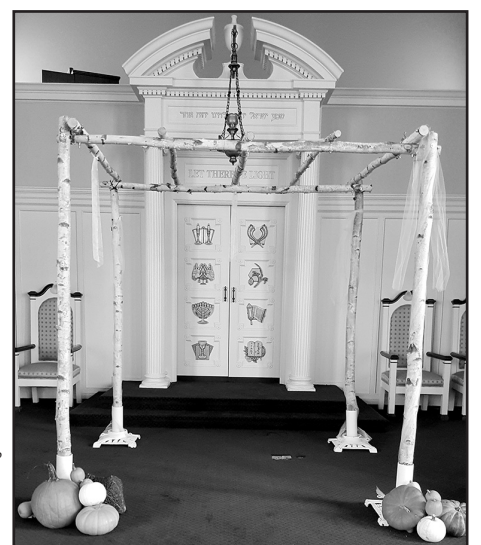
... I am so grateful to the Mizpah volunteers and professional staff who, at this time of challenge, are answering the call for assistance and support.



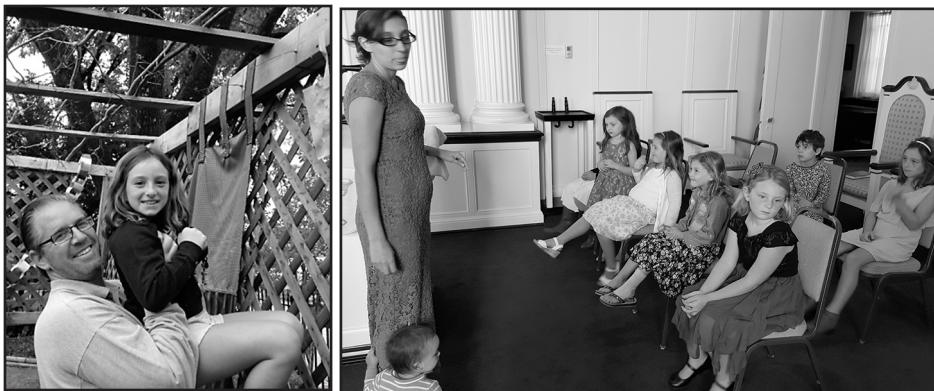
NOVEMBER'S "INTRIGUING CONVERSATION"

Wednesday, November 11, 2015:

"The Legacy of the Chazen Family: Mizpah and the Chattanooga Community Timeless Giving", with Gary, Bobby and Steve Chazen, Interview conducted by Bob Berz. Reception @ 7:00 p.m. Program starts promptly @ 7:30 While there is no charge to attend, please RSVP to the Temple Office: 423-267-9771 or mizpah@epbfi.com



Above right, *Sukkot on the bima, thanks to Bill and Sandy Dittus*








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Rabbi Shaul Perlstein

In the mid-16th century in Safed, lived a simple Jew named Yankel. It happened one week as the Rabbi was discussing the "Showbread" which was placed in the Holy Temple each Shabbat, the rabbi bemoaned the fact that, because of our sins, we no longer have this ready means to propitiate G d.

Yankel took the Rabbi's words to heart and came up with a plan. When he arrived home, he asked his wife Chana, to prepare two special challahs on Friday. He related to her all the details he remembered from the lecture on the showbread. He told her that he wished to present these loaves as an offering to G d; hopefully He would consider them an acceptable sacrifice and eat them.

Chana loyally fulfilled his request, and early that Friday afternoon, when no one was likely to be in the synagogue, the man brought the loaves there under his cloak. He prayed and cried that G d should look upon his offering with favor, and eat and enjoy the lovely, freshly baked bread. Then he placed the loaves, wrapped, in the Holy Ark, beneath the Torah scrolls, and quickly left for home.

The shamash (caretaker) of the synagogue arrived later that day to complete preparing the shul for the holy Shabbat. One of his duties was to check that the Torah scroll was rolled to the proper place for the reading the next morning. When he opened the Ark, he was surprised to see that a package had been neatly placed inside. He opened it, and there were two fine-looking challah loaves! "Oh Thank You!" He cried out to G-d. He was confident that G-d finally saw his hard work and decided to reward him. The Shamash brought them home and enjoyed them. And they were delicious.

That evening, after everyone had left the synagogue, Yankel approached the Ark in great trepidation and swung open its doors. The loaves were not there! He was so happy. He hurried home to share his joy with his wife. Indeed, G-d had accepted their two loaves, and eaten them while they were still warm!

And so it came to be that every Friday morning, for many weeks and months. Yankel would sneak into the Shul to bring G-d his offering of Challah, and The Shamesh went home elated at receiving G-d's gift! One Friday, the rabbi of the Shul was sitting in the corner when to his surprise Yankel walked in singing a lively tune. Even more surprised was he, when he saw Yankel walk straight up to the ark and place a little bundle inside, offer a little prayer and leave with a big smile on his face.

"That was interesting", thought the Rabbi, yet before he can go investigate, the Shamesh walked in and proudly went to the Holy Ark and took the package left by Yankel.

The rabbi who at first was shocked began to understand what was going on and his anger rose. He called a meeting with Yankel and the Shamesh and demanded an explanation for using the Holy Ark as a drop station.

Just then, Rabbi Isaac Luria, the holy Ari, walked into the synagogue and, hearing the loud and angry voice of the rabbi and the sobbing of Yankel - who just realized that it was not G-d taking his Challah all that time - asked for an explanation. When the entire story had been related to him, Rabbi Luria smiled and turned first to the rabbi. "Rabbi, never since the Destruction of the Temple, has God had such pleasure as from watching what has gone on in your synagogue each week."

Then he turned to Yankel and the shamesh. "I want you to continue as you have, and believe with perfect faith that if you, Yankel, bring your challah directly to the shamesh, God will be pleased no less than before. And you Shamesh should know that these challot were baked by Chana, but they come from God, as well."

From that day on, Yankel and Chana baked their bread happily, and brought it to the home of the shamesh, who gratefully accepted the loaves.

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HADASSAH NEWS



Hadassah Happenings

by Judy Sachsman
Past President



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Chattanooga Chapter

“Margaritas, Mah Jongg, and More” started the new year on Sunday, November 1, at Mizpah Congregation. This fun event chaired by Barbara Oxenhandler, Sheryl Hill and Beth Lowe was a huge success. Mah Jongg lessons were provided and every non-member was GIFTED AN ANNUAL HADASSAH MEMBERSHIP!

Chapter members should be ready for a spectacular 100th year! The annual Hadassah-Federation joint Chanukah program will take place at the JCC on December 15 at Noon Nosh. Once again, toiletries for the Ronald McDonald House and food goods for the Chattanooga Food Bank will be collected for a holiday donation.

A special announcement about annual memberships was recently released: until the end of the year, Life Members can now gift non-members with an annual membership for no charge! Members can enroll the candidate online at Hadassah.org/gift by including name, address, date of birth, email address, and “Chattanooga” as the local chapter. More information is available from Hadassah National (1-800-664-5646) or Barbara Oxenhandler (886-6936).

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Jewish Federation Mission Statement

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

Jewish Cultural Center Statement of Purpose

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

Shofar Policies and Procedures

Article/Advertising Deadline

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

The *Shofar* calendar

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

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

Letters to the Editor

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

Mazel Tovs and Condolences

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

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


Corrections

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

Community Directory Updates

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

November 2015 Cheshvan/Kislev 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CJCRS	2 Men's Night with Bob Bernhardt 6:30 pm JCC	3 Tuesday Cafe 12pm JCC <hr/> Hebrew with Noa 6:30	4 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	5 From Our Home: Exhibit Reception 5:30 JCC From our Home to Our HOME --Supporting Israel 7pm	6 Candle Lighting 5:24	7 Candle Lighting 6:21
8 CJCRS	9 Foreign Policy Supper Club 6pm JCC	10 Tuesday Cafe with Chief of Police Fletcher 12pm <hr/> Hebrew with Noa 6:30	11 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC YJL Lunch at Mayor's Office	12 CUFI's A Night to Honor Israel 7pm Colanade in Ringgold	13 AB Fall Program Candle Lighting 5:19	14 Candle Lighting 6:16
15 CJCRS <hr/> Jew Crew	16	17 Noon Nosh and Pie Ordering Deadline <hr/> Hebrew with Noa 6:30	18 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	19 Presidents and Professionals Meeting 4pm JCC	20 Candle Lighting 5:15	21 Candle Lighting 6:13
22 No CJCRS	23	24 Pie Pickup Noon-4pm <hr/> Hebrew with Noa 6:30	25 No Mideast Dance Pie Pickup 9- Noon AB CLOSED	26 FEDERATION CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 	27 FEDERATION CLOSED Candle Lighting 5:12	28 Candle Lighting 6:11
29 No CJCRS	30	1	2	3	4	5

For an up-to-the-minute version of a calendar that displays events for all Jewish community organizations, click the Community Calendar tab on the homepage of www.jewishchattanooga.com. The Shofar calendar lists only Jewish Federation and Federation-sponsored events.

Key Jewish Federation Dates

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 10
Tuesday Cafe
Thursday, Nov. 5
From Our Home Exhibit Reception, and Talk by Noa
Tuesday, Nov. 9
Foreign Policy Supper Club
Tuesday, Nov. 17
Noon Nosh
Sunday, Dec. 7
Community Chanukah Party

Calendar Abbreviation Key

Aleph Bet Aleph Bet Children's Center
BZ B'nai Zion Congregation
CJCRS Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School
JCC Jewish Cultural Center
YJL Jewish Federation Young Jewish Leadership
P2G Partnership 2Gether

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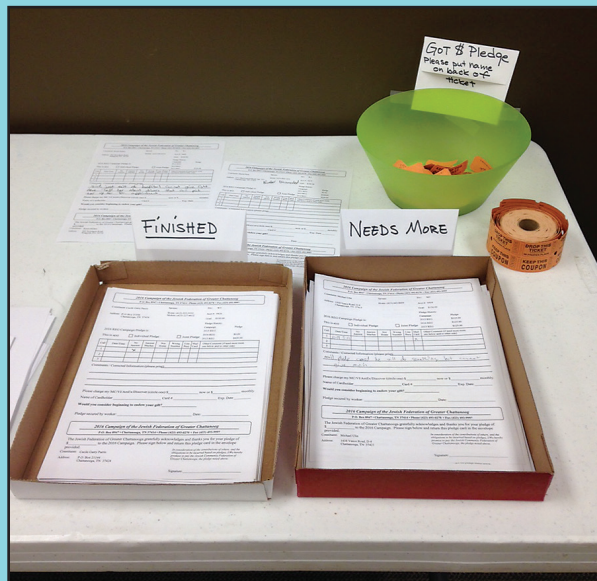
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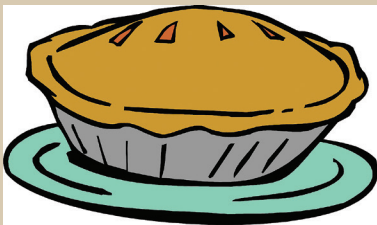
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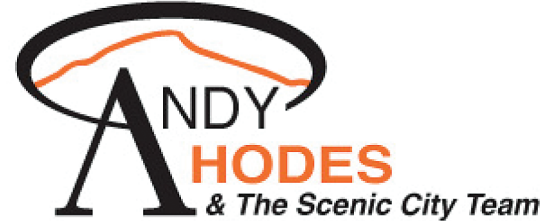
2. Place your order:

You must order by Tues., Nov. 17. Call Courtney McKenzie at 493-0270, ext. 10 or stop by the JCC.

3. Pick up your pie(s) at the Jewish Cultural Center.

Pie pickup is Tuesday, Nov. 24 between noon and 4p.m. or Wed., Nov. 25 9a.m.-noon.

**The Federation provides Mitzvah Meals at no charge in times of need (e.g. post-surgery, after the birth of a child, in a time of mourning). Community members may also register to receive ongoing Mitzvah Meals. Those who regularly receive meals pay what they can, but their contribution does not cover the full cost of food, staff time, and, in many cases, home delivery.



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