



It's PIE time! See back page to order!

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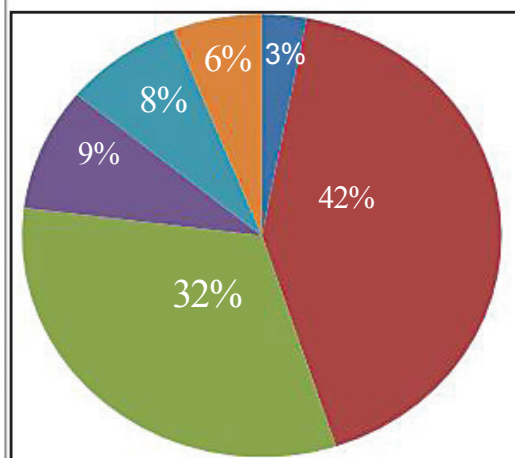


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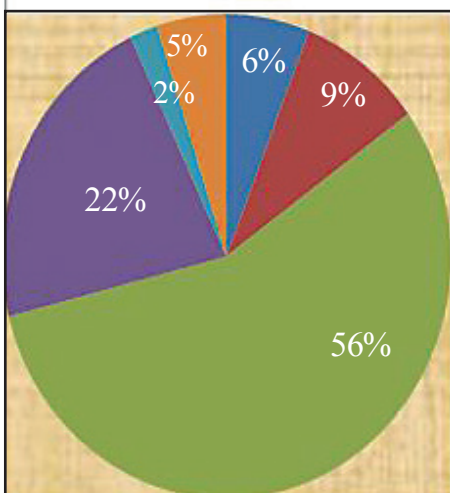
Where Your Campaign Dollars Go

The Federation doesn't take your dollars or trust for granted. We attempt to provide full transparency in all we do. As our 2016 Annual Campaign proceeds, we felt it important to illustrate how your dollars support Jews in Chattanooga, Israel and around the world. And since it's PIE time at the Federation, we thought we'd tell the story of where your campaign dollars go in pies. *Please see page 4 for a more detailed summary of some of our overseas partner agencies.*



Locally

- 42% Social Services
- 32% Local Programming
- 9% Shofar, communications, website
- 8% Aleph Bet Children's Center
- 6% Administration, support services
- 3% Congregational Religious School



Overseas

- 56% JAFI, Jewish opportunities
- 22% JDC, Living life in dignity
- 9% Shlichim program
- 6% P2G teen, teacher, cultural exchanges
- 5% JFNA, Jewish Federations of North America



From Our Home: Judaica and Israeli Art from Local Collectors



On loan from the collection of Bonnie and Stephen Black

This exhibit features Judaica and Israeli artworks from local collectors. You will find Shabbat candle holders, fanciful paintings, prints of important Jewish celebrations, and a ceramic tablet in Hebrew, to name just a few of the items.

"I think it's important to share the art work that holds a special place in one's heart. It's a way of showing the diversity, breadth, attitude and culture of contemporary Jewish people," says Ann Treadwell, Federation Program Director.

The exhibit opens with a community reception Thursday, November 5 at 5:30p.m. and runs through December 18. "From Our Home to Our HOME," a talk by shlichia Noa Hadad, will follow the reception at 7:00 p.m. Gallery hours 9a.m.-5 p.m. Mon. -Thursday and 9a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and by appointment.

Police Chief Fletcher to Speak at JCC During Tuesday Cafe November 10



Chattanooga Police Chief Fred Fletcher

Chief Fletcher came to Chattanooga from Austin, Texas in 2014 to head the Chattanooga Police Department. He will join us at the November 10 Tuesday Cafe to speak about the CPD's mission to gain the trust and respect of Chattanooga's diverse community, and how the Department strives to embody the best ideals of community policing. \$10 includes lunch. Please RSVP. See page 5 for menu.

General Assembly to Bring Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Washington, DC



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will be one of the keynote speakers at this year's General Assembly November 8-10 in Washington, DC. The GA is the annual meeting of the Jewish Federations of North America, representing 152 Jewish communities in North America. For more information go to <http://www.Jewish-Federations.org> for news and streaming options.

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It's the Most Wonderful Night. . . of Every Other Year



January Ninth - Twenty Sixteen
7:30PM - 11PM

November is Fall Luncheon, fundraising time at AB! See p. 11
The Federation is closed Nov. 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving.



December 6 Community
Candlelighting and Chanukah Party
January 9 Chai Nite
January 17 Annual Meeting

NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



A Month of Thanks

by *Warren Dropkin*
Federation Board Chair
boardchair@jewishchattanooga.com

November is the month of Thanksgiving. Although I still have a few more months left on my two year Board Chair term, let me share a few of my thankful thoughts.

First, I'm extremely thankful for an engaged Federation board of directors and the many, many community volunteers. The Federation is a volunteer organization and we are only able to thrive with your involvement – your time, your leadership, your dollars, and your investment. The programs and services remain diverse and top-notch with your help. Thank you!

The Federation staff is quite frankly, amazing! There is a level of caring from each staff member that cannot be taught. The staff continuously goes above and beyond to ensure the needs of our community are met on a daily basis. It is their leadership that helps drive the Federation, along with the many volunteers. It's a well-oiled machine! Thank you!

I must also thank my family. As Federation Board Chair I have many responsibilities – some during the day but others in the evenings and even a little

travel. My family, on occasion, is also a sounding board on a specific issue and sometimes when I write my *Shofar* article! I appreciate their support and encouragement.

I am thankful for our national organization, Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) with which Chattanooga shares several national board members (Andy Hodes, Alison Lebovitz, Lauren Lebovitz and Michael Lebovitz). Through JFNA we are able to entrust that our overseas dollars are spent wisely, effectively and efficiently. I have complete confidence in JFNA and its staff and volunteer leadership, that each and every dollar goes to help others.

I'm thankful for so many other Jewish opportunities in Chattanooga. Our congregations and Jewish organizations give me and you a comfortable place to worship and learn. Each of these venues provides its own unique Jewish experiences, and I appreciate the openness and welcoming nature of each. They are integral parts of our cohesive Jewish community.

Lastly, I'm thankful for you, the entire Jewish community. You are the people who make Jewish Chattanooga so special. You are the ones who make the Federation run and give direction to all that happens. You are the ones who enjoy the programs and services. You are the ones who provide the annual dollars, and the ones who are endowing your Jewish legacy through estate planning. Thank you for making this such a special place to live.



The Art (and Heart) of Giving

by *Michael Dzik*
Federation Executive Director
mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com

My role as Federation Director has transformed, grown, and evolved over the years. I've helped lead the organization through a major transition from “no

walls” to the Jewish Cultural Center, and helped us adapt to an ever-changing economy. I've seen philanthropic giving go up and down, and I've learned to adapt to the fluctuations.

Educating our YJL'ers about Federation, its mission, and endowments, for example, is much different from educating our retirees. It's a conversation we must have, as endowments play a huge role in our financial future and in determining which programs and services will be here tomorrow.

I want to again share a story that I shared not too long ago, because it really made me analyze who I am and what is at my core. Maybe it will make you do the same.

Two women pass a person in need on the street. Both women have the exact same income and expenses. The first weeps at the suffering of the person in need and gives him \$5 out of the goodness of her heart. The second notices but rushes past. Later in the day, however, the second woman feels compelled because of her religious beliefs and returns to give the beggar \$100. Who is the better person?

Tzedakah is sometimes defined as “charity”, but as Jews, we know Tzedakah to be much more than that. In fact, it is our obligation – a righteous obligation. Personally, I see Tzedakah as a mitzvah, not only a good deed but as a commandment. As Jews we see Tzedakah similar to paying our taxes. We pay taxes each year because it is the right thing to do as a United States citizen (and also the law!); sometimes we pay begrudgingly, but we still do it because taxes are not discretionary. Tzedakah is very similar. It is our obligation to take care of other Jews; it's our duty.

What we give is not for our own enjoyment (although it does feel good to help others!) but to sustain and improve the world for the current and future generations. It's not a choice, but a requirement, to make our entire community stronger. Jewish philanthropy is both faith-based giving AND peoplehood giving. As a result of our long history of persecution, we think “if we don't take care of each other, who will?”

So let me return to the story of the person in need on the street. Who is the better person, the one who gave \$5 out of emotional impulse or the one who gave \$100 out of obligation? If you chose the first person, here's a follow up question: would your answer be different if you were the person in need?

This is such a thought provoking story. Is there truly a right or wrong answer? I don't think so. We need to do for now and we need to do for later. Talk about it around the dinner table or when you're out with friends. I'm curious to hear your thoughts on this story.

Wishing you a happy Thanksgiving!



Michael Lebovitz, Governor Bill Haslam, and Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik, at the JCC October 1

Join the Legacy Society

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| Allen, Amelia | Jaffe, Dot |
| Alper, Maxine (Deceased) | Jaffe, Sam |
| Balser, Jeff | Lebovitz, Alison |
| Binder, Claire | Lebovitz, Charles |
| Brooks, Ellyn | Lebovitz, Lauren |
| Brooks, John | Levine, Lawrence (Deceased) |
| Chambers, Sandy | Malsh, Rebecca (Deceased) |
| Cohen, Tal | Nash, Ike (Deceased) |
| Cohn, Herb | Oxenhandler, Barbara |
| Cohn, Sue (Deceased) | Pregulman, Helen |
| Diamond, Karen | Richelson, Alan |
| Dzik, Michael | Siskin, Pris |
| Fairchild, David | Winer, Elaine |
| Hochman, Lynn | Winer, Sanford |
| Hodes, Alvin | Zachary, Richard |
| Howard, Lynn | |
| Israel, David | |



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. Join today. Call Michael Dzik, 493-0270 ext. 15 for more information.

CAMPAIGN NEWS

2016

Annual Campaign

King David \$100,000+

Lebovitz Family Charitable Trust
Charles Lebovitz

Jerusalem \$75,000 - \$99,999

Anita and Julian Saul

Chalutzim \$50,000 - \$74,999

Michael Lebovitz

Maccabi \$25,000 - \$49,999

Alan Lebovitz
Alison Lebovitz
Lauren Lebovitz
Betty Lebovitz
Pris Siskin
Robert Siskin

Lion/Herzl \$5,000 - \$9,999

Dana and Sam Banks
Paula and Michael Dzik
Gail Cohen
EMJ Corporation
Lynn Hochman
Susan and Hyman Kaplan
Lynda and Scott Norman
Judi and Irv Pressman
Fuz Spector

Pomegranate \$1,800 - \$2,999

Monique Berke
Ellyn and John Brooks
Betsy and Lee Brouner
Lynn and Stuart Bush
Austin Center
Dot and Rueben Dubrow
Melody and Andy Hodes
Lillian and Arvin Reingold
Judy Richelson
Shelley and Martin Simms
Linda and Michael Spector
Sylvia Zuckerman

Ben Gurion \$1,000 - \$1,799

Owen Allen
Anonymous (2)
Robin Balsler
Susan and Max Brener
Marilyn and Morton Center
Amy and Jon Cohen
Erin and Tal Cohen
Julie and Rob Cowan
Karen Diamond and Clark White
David Fairchild
Sandy Chambers and Bill Dittus
Izzie Frumin
Shelton Goldblatt

Mensch \$500 - \$999

Marion Abrams
Beth Backer
Bonnie and Stephen Black
Jerry Bohn
Rita and Bob Brook
Billy Cordell
JacobMyers Deli
Karen Diamond and John Giblin
Carolyn Drake and Keith Reisman
Rabbit and Jerry Finkle
Yetta and Howard Gropper
Dot Kaset
Beth and Rob Lowe

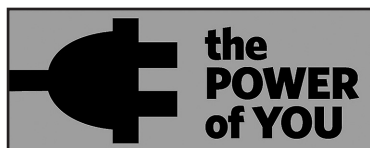


Kadima \$10,000 - \$17,999

Amelia Allen
Claire Binder
Ernie Kresch
Jackie and Roy Rosenfeld

Hatikvah \$3,000 - \$4,999

Anonymous (2)
Jeff Balsler
Andy Berke
Bob and Jane Berz
Herb Cohn
Donna White-Dropkin & Warren Dropkin
Fran and Joseph Dzik
Doris and Ival Goldstein
Lynne and Michael Herman
Gary Lander
Lisa and Stephen Lebovitz
M.J. and Howard Levine
Susan and Dennis Matzkin
Judy and David Monen
Barbie and Steve Potts
Sheila and Gerry Sear
Jim Shire
Elaine and Sanford Winer
Richard Zachary



Victor Hanan
Barry Hoffman
Lynn Howard and Alan Richelson
Krissy and Charles Joels
Louise Kushner
Brenda and Paul Lefkoff
Jill and Jim Levine
Ruth Longway
Jackie and Marty Scheinberg
Fern Shire
Amy and Robert Snetman
Sandy and Ben Tabakin
Finette and David Winer

Barbara Oxenhandler
Carolyn and Bob Palermo
Cassie and Kevin Rose
Judy Sachsman
David Sachsman
Michael Seeber
Sylvia and Norman Slovis
Diane Stoller
Joel Susman
Ann Treadwell
Trudy and Tom Trivers
Dana and Richard Waxler
Rosemary Wolff



Campaign 101

by Richard Zachary
and Roy Rosenfeld,
2016 Campaign Co-
chairs

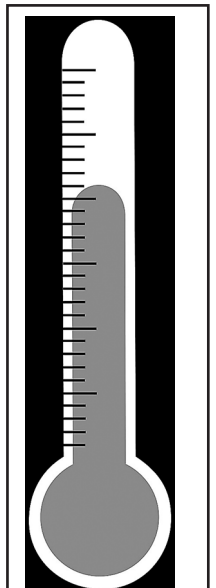
Ever wondered what it's like to chair a Federation annual campaign? Numerous meetings, you say? Frequent emails, texts and phone calls? Well, you'd be correct, but you'd be missing the point.

As Co-chairs of the Annual Campaign, Roy and I have a unique opportunity to be part of something bigger than either of us. The Federation—the name itself suggests a unified group of single-minded people—represents every Jewish person and every Jewish interest, domestic and international, primarily within Israel. The Annual Campaign is our “gathering of the fuel” needed to run our business. Without the “fuel” – your campaign pledges—the Federation would be unable to fulfill its mission as stated at the top of page 18 in every *Shofar*: “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.”

As your Co-chairs, we help the Annual Campaign set goals, pick strong, dedicated people to help achieve them, and then get out of the way (so to speak) and let them do their job. We are indebted to Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik for his guidance, energy and experience, and to all those who “step up” and give of their time and resources.

A final word of thanks and praise: the Major Gifts event held September 10 at the home of Todd and Rebecca Levin and chaired by Lauren Lebovitz was a huge success. Barbie Potts told her story of “teshuvah,” her return to her Judaism roots, with passion and emotion. Our featured speaker, Lou Feldstein was a perfect choice: funny and informative but above all, inspiring. We are ever-grateful for the members of the Major Gifts group for their continued support and leadership as “standard bearers” for the Campaign. They truly set the pace for the entire Campaign.

Please “answer the call” (or don't wait to be called--call us!) when you are asked. Make your pledge to our Campaign 2016 to continue the important work of YOUR Federation.



Campaign
goal:
\$1,118,000
Total as
of 10/22
\$886,536

Honor Roll 2016 (continued)

Aliyah \$250 - \$499

Iris and Lee Abelson
Merav and Tom Balazs
Deena and Louis Brody
Nancy and Michael Brody
Erika Brouner
Ronni and Chaim Charyn
Arlene Dees
Sheldon Gelburd
Irv Ginsburg
Sherin and David Gottlieb
Ellen and Ken Hays
Brenda Hodges-Binder and David Binder
Judy and Jerry Kleinstub
Millie Lander
Anita Levine
Ira Long
Bea Lurie and David Eichenthal
Ellen and Arnold Manaker
Jo-Ann Morris
Kelly Nave-Tucker and Alex Tucker
Erica and Brandon Newman
Rachel Privett
Alan Rabin
Patricia and David Rose
Melinda and Chuck Rosenthal
Janet and George Sivils
Carla and JR Smith
Helen and Stan Smith
Gail Susman

Aliyah (cont.) \$250 - \$499

Susan and Alan Waxenberg
Jennifer and Danny Waxenberg
Bruce Weiss
Cindy Wood

Chavarim \$1 - \$249

Debby Alper
Anonymous
Larry Baras
Laureen Brock
Jenny and David Brodsky
James Brown
Marty Brown
Tania and Frank Castagnaro
Vicki and Jason Cathcart
Channing and Trent Center
Deborah and Roy Dunn
Rachel Dzik
Rebecca Dzik
Donna and Larry Etkin
Marty Fanburg
Ashley Farrar
Debbie and Gary Fassino
Ellen Freiberg
Nancy and Harold Goldberg
Taylor Goldblatt
Marilyn Goler

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Honor Roll 2016 (continued)

Chavarim \$1 - \$249

Kary Klein and Stephen Gordon
Bernice Greenfield
Noa Hadad
Gabrielle Halfin
Cori and Terry Hasden
Sally and Frank Hendrick
Maddie Israel
Paula and David Israel
Zachary Israel
Janice Jacobs
Andra Jurist and Bruce Stewart
Lois Kiselik
Eugene Kleiman
David Lawrence
Donna Lawson
Carol and Bruce Lebovitz
Susan and David Leininger
Deborah Levine and Earl Berkun
Edie Lipman
Eileen and Neil Loeffler
Phil Lutin
Doetje McFadden
Annette McJunkin
Nora and Gene McNeill
Judy Mogul and Tom Farnam
Linda Morris
Rosie Newton
Marcia Noe and Robert Marlowe
Barbara Paper
Marina and Nick Peshterianu
Sharon Plainstein
Susie and Phil Pollock
David Poss

Deborah and Charles Poss
Warren Posternack
Lou Profeta
Elizabeth Raisin
Kathy and John Raisin
Erin and Cliff Reade
Edie Redish
Eddie Reel
Liga Richelson
Valdis Richelson
Paula and Joel Rind
Beth Roberts
Rachel Sadowitz
Sam Roistacher
Marion and Ethan Ruben
Harriet and Alan Ruderman
Sheila St. Aubin and John Reis
Jeanice and John Schneider
Phyllis Schwarz
Hadassah and Zev Shulkin
Jason Shuman
LeNe't Solomon-Parker
Mary Spector
Rosalyn Spiegel
Judy and Robert Stahl
Meryl Stark
Roslynne Steinberg
Joyce Thomas
Lester Votava
Ruth Votava
Cara Weiner and JR Hill
Stacey and Kevin Whited
Billy Wise
Sonia Young

Where Your Campaign Dollars Go

Continued from front page

Below is a brief summary of some of our partner agencies that receive your dollars as part of the Chattanooga Federation's annual campaign.

The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA)

JFNA represents 152 Jewish Federations & 400 independent Jewish communities. The Federation movement, collectively, is among the top 10 charities on the continent, protecting and enhancing the well-being of Jews worldwide through the values of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), *tzedakah* (charity and social justice) and *Torah* (Jewish learning). JFNA is the parent organization for all Jewish Federations and is the conduit for our overseas work through JAFI, JDC and ORT. JFNA was formed by the combination of three Jewish organizations: United Jewish Appeal (UJA), Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) and United Israel Appeal (UIA).

The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)

Over the last 60 years, JAFI has helped rescue and absorb 2.5 million immigrants, established more than 800 rural settlements, cared for over 400,000 children and transformed almost 100 disadvantaged neighborhoods. JAFI is helping to build the nation of Israel and, in turn, is building the framework for Jewish revitalization worldwide. Since 1989, JAFI has brought more than 700,000 olim to Israel; 600,000 are still expected to come. Also, each year, JAFI sponsors Israel Experience programs for 20,000 young persons touching the lives of more than two million Jewish children.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)

This agency works quietly in 57 countries around the world. When Jews are in life-threatening circumstances, in sudden crisis, languishing without spiritual guidance, JDC is there. JDC is proof that Jews take care of each other. In the Former Soviet Union there are 139 JDC-staffed social welfare agencies providing food, medicine, mail and comfort. Cuba's Jewish population of 490 is aided by a JDC-sponsored rabbi and youth worker. When the United Nations could not get food into Sarajevo, the JDC got into the city and rescued Jews and others. JDC also takes an active role in international disasters (Haiti/earthquake, Japan/tsunami, etc) and most recently has been helping in Crimea.

Why I Endow

Herb Cohn



Many years ago my late-wife Sue and I spoke about the legacy we want to leave our Jewish community – for my children and grandchildren and the many other families that live here today and that will live here in the future. We wanted to set an example for others but also do what we felt was right.

At Sue's passing, her will had a provision to leave money to our Federation. I have a similar provision in my will too. The way that I can help insure the future of our Jewish community is to plant a seed today that will bear fruit tomorrow. Many trees were planted long before me; it's now my responsibility to do the same. If everyone in our community will make a commitment to leaving a financial legacy to our Jewish institutions, we will ensure a very bright future, no matter what the future brings.

I encourage you to speak with Michael Dzik at the Federation. Michael will help you plan out your Jewish legacy, confidentially and professionally.

It's easy to join the Legacy Society! Simply fill out the form below and return to Michael Dzik

Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga Your Jewish Legacy - Declaration of Intent CONFIDENTIAL

In the tradition of our Jewish faith, I wish to share my blessings with others. Therefore, I make this Declaration of Intent to help provide for the needs of the Jewish community in the future.

_____ I have made a provision in my estate plan already.

_____ I shall make a provision in my estate plan within the next ___ months to include the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga through:

___ Bequest in my will	___ Life Insurance Policy
___ Remainder of IRA and other retirement plan	___ Charitable Remainder Trust
___ Gift of real estate, securities or other property	___ Donor Advised Fund
___ Charitable Gift Annuity	___ Other _____

The approximate value of my/our commitment will be \$ _____ or _____% of my estate.

Name: _____

Address: _____

___ To encourage others to make commitments to the future, I permit my name to be listed in printed materials regarding leaving a Jewish legacy to the Federation.

My name(s) should be listed as: _____

___ I prefer to remain anonymous

I understand that this Declaration of Intent is not a legal obligation and may be changed at my discretion at any time.

Signature _____

Date _____

Return to: Michael Dzik, Executive Director – Jewish Community Federation of Greater Chattanooga, P.O. Box 8947, Chattanooga, TN 37414

Codicil language: I give, devise, and bequeath to the Jewish Community Federation of Greater Chattanooga the sum of \$---- to be used for its general purpose (or specific).



World ORT

The world's largest Jewish education and vocational training non-governmental organization. This year, through our network of schools, colleges, training centers and programs in Israel, Russia, Argentina and many other countries worldwide, we will serve more than 200,000 people - young and old, Jewish and non-Jewish. With your help, we can continue the ORT tradition of freeing individuals and communities from dependence.

@JEWISH CULTURAL CENTER



Just Say Yes

by Ann Treadwell, Program Director
atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com

In my teens and twenties I said “yes” to almost everything. From volunteer activities to sorority parties, from crazy car and bus trips to living abroad, from living in alternative spaces (a tractor dealership building? Yes!) to teaching college,

I experimented with my life. “Yes” was a mantra for me.

By my mid- thirties, I became more selective about how I used my yesses. Instead of being on four non-profit Boards of Directors, I narrowed it down to one organization I really cared about. Instead of looking at multiple career paths, I choose my “dream job” and started building a career to fulfill it. I married. I had a child. I moved into a “real” house and got a real mortgage. Instead of always saying “yes” I began to say “maybe” to a lot of things, and “no” to just a few.

Then I got older. And I now just say “no”. Let me clarify this a bit and let you in on a secret. When someone brings me an idea, I have ways of testing the authenticity and potential of it. And I’ve gotten to where I assess things and say “no” pretty quickly.

“How negative!” you might say. But let me explain.

If the person with the idea is not willing to do three things, I cannot say “yes.” The first is they must be willing to make a plan. No plan in place? Then no. But if you are serious, come back to me with one.

Second, answer a multi-part question for me. “What good, for which people, at what cost?” The answer to these questions is the way that I ultimately evaluate my time, your dollars and the Federation’s cost--and cost doesn’t always mean financial. It could be staff time, the Federation’s reputation, volunteer time, or other resources.

Third, show me your passion barometer. I need to know that if I am going to work with you on your idea, you will be passionate about taking positive action. By action I don’t mean just sending me an e-mail or leaving a voicemail. I mean taking the action to the next step. Show me you want to be more than an audience member or spectator. Show me that the issue or activity is something so close to your heart that you, as a volunteer, will help take significant charge of it as we make it a reality.

Here are a few people I have said “yes” to at the Federation: Sanford Winer and the Jewish Film Series; Karen Diamond’s documenting, through writing and exhibits, our community’s history; Alison Lebovitz and Philanthropy Camp; Barbara Paper and her quest to inform us about mental illness; Max Brenner and his quest to make video documentations of our community’s elders; and Barbara Oxenhandler and her quest to get more of us to recycle at the Federation.

“No”, becomes “yes” with a plan, with passion, and through action in a way that is not self-serving. Can you get a “yes” from me for a program or activity you are interested in? Just try me!

Take Home Chef Alice Goss-Morgan’s “Bowls of Love”

Purchase matzo ball soup or chili for just \$4 for a one-bowl container or \$8 for a two-bowl size.

Call ahead to reserve; we do run out. Contact Ann Treadwell (do not call the kitchen directly), 493-0270, ext. 13; atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com to get your order packaged and ready to go!



Annual Campaign dollars are here for you! Apply for Federation subsidies for Jewish summer camp or Israel experiences.

Applications due Dec. 15

Contact Michael Dzik at 493-0270 ext. 15

Your contribution to the Federation’s Annual Campaign makes these subsidies possible. THANK YOU.

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.

Men’s Night \$12

Monday November 2 @ 6:30. Special guest Bob Bernhardt



Tuesday Cafe, Tuesday November 3



Cabbage rolls, red skin mashed potatoes, peas, apple cake **Cost:** \$10. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, on the website, or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

From Our Home: Judaica and Israeli Art from Local Collectors

Thursday, November 5 @ 5:30pm. Exhibit reception. From “Our Home to Our HOME” talk by Noa to follow at 7pm. No RSVP. Exhibit open through December 28. No charge to attend.

Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, November 9: Brazil’s Metamorphosis

Some of Brazil’s trickiest problems, including deep divisions over how to tackle serious income inequality, weak civic institutions and poor regional leadership, have held it back. \$10. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, on the website, or call 493-0270 ext. 10.



Tuesday Cafe with Police Chief Fletcher Tuesday, November 10 (rescheduled from September). **Cost:** \$10.

Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, on the website, or call 493-0270 ext. 10. *Chicken paprikash, buttered noodles, green beans, chocolate delight.*

Noon Nosh: Tuesday, Nov. 17 **Cost: \$10.** Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, on the website, or call 493-0270 ext. 10. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, on the website, or call 493-0270 ext. 10. *Turkey, dressing, sweet potato casserole, green beans, pecan and apple strudel*

Seeking Directors for Philanthropy Camp, Camp Tikkun Olam for Summer 2016



The successful candidates must be 25 or older, upbeat, have a current driver’s license, and have camp and volunteer experience. Must be available to participate in planning meetings, to assist with training, and for a minimum of 52 hours between July 27 – August 5. Israeli teens, as part of the P2G exchange program, will be involved in each camp. Each camp director receives an honorarium for his/her service.

Philanthropy Camp is a nationally recognized one-week camp that introduces children in rising first through rising sixth grade to community service through day themed service models. There are six high school-aged counselors and a lead counselor to help manage the approximately 50 children in camp.

Camp Tikkun Olam runs concurrently with Philanthropy Camp and is for rising seventh through ninth graders. During the five-day camp, campers visit at least four non-profit organizations to provide half days of service. They also receive educational sessions about volunteerism, participate in hands-on activities, and create a presentation for younger Philanthropy Camp participants. Approximately 17 teens participate in camp. A college-age counselor serves as an assistant when camp is in session.

The camps are offered jointly by the Jewish Federation and Chattanooga First Church of the Nazarene.

For more information and to apply for the positions, contact Ann Treadwell at 493-0270, ext. 13 or atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com.

SOCIAL SERVICES



Goodbye is Not Farewell

by Amy Boulware
Social Services Director
aboulware@jewishchattanooga.com

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

I have been staring at the blank page for some time now. I don't usually find myself at a loss for words. It is with a heavy heart that I announce my resignation as the Director of Social Workers for the Federation.

I have worked for the Federation for the majority of my adult life. I know that may sound strange but the last thirteen years are my second round with this agency. I have been offered an amazing opportunity with the local law firm of Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, working with Dana Perry their Certified Elder Law Attorney. I am being brought on to help the firm create a new model of elder care coordination that they don't presently offer.

I am excited and nervous about making this change. I will be expanding my career and entering a new arena in which I will practice my skills. I know that I would not be in a position to be offered this opportunity if I had not worked at the Federation.

It has been at the Federation that I have been able to grow, learn and hone my geriatric social works skills, and I will be forever thankful for this opportunity. Our community has allowed me to lead the social services team with the knowledge that serving our community members with dignity, respect and honor was of the utmost importance. We have been able to create services that focus on keeping people healthy and active, even as we understand that there may be crisis down the road. We have never forgotten that caring relationships are the basis for all good social work.

I have raised my children at the Jewish Cultural Center and am forever grateful that my job allowed me the flexibility to go on field trips, stay home when the kids were sick, and have them participate in the wonderful work we do at the Federation. In fact, all of the children whose parents work at the Federation lovingly call themselves the "Fed kids," meaning they have all worked, clean up, volunteered and even organized storage units while we have made our Jewish community a better place to live.

The team of professionals who work at the Federation are more than co-workers, they have become my family and friends. I am proud of everything we have built together and know that the foundation has been set for the next social worker.

I am not leaving our community or giving up my commitment to the work that goes on at the Federation. I have been asked to assist in the job search and in interviewing for my replacement, as well as to remain on in an advisory role for the Social Services department. In the meantime, I will be in my office helping folks with the Medicare decisions until December. So if you need to see me, please make an appointment with Courtney at 493-0270.

It's That Time Again!

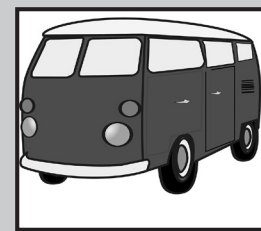


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Goodbye

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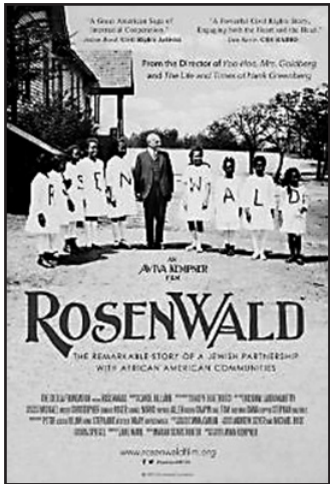
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For more information about the mission, please contact Michael Dzik at 493-0270 ext. 15 or visit <http://jewishfederations.org/calendar/heart-2-heart-womens-mission-to-israel-2016>.

FEDERATION NEWS

Documentary Series Celebrates American Jewish Life

By Sanford Winer



Rosenwald, the fascinating story of early 20th Century businessman, philanthropist and civil rights advocate opens the Documentary series on December 5, 2015. Julius Rosenwald was born in 1862 in Abraham Lincoln's neighborhood in Springfield, Illinois. Inspired by Lincoln's legacy and intertwined with his Jewish heritage, Rosenwald believed the ill treatment of African Americans was America's most serious social problem. At age 33 Rosenwald bought into Sears-Roebuck and Company. Later he and Richard Sears became sole owners and through Rosenwald's leadership and business acumen he became President and grew Sears – Roebuck into America's largest retailer.

Inspired by Booker T. Washington's "Up From Slavery", Julius befriended Washington and joined the Board of the Tuskegee Institute in 1912. While in rural South Alabama Rosenwald was shocked at the poor state of African-American education and funded his first six schools. In 1917 he established the Julius Rosenwald Fund, and this begins one of the most successful philanthropic triumphs in all of American history.

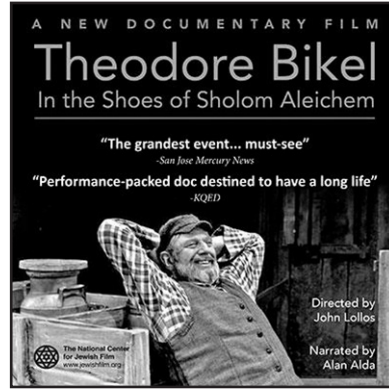
From 1917 through 1936, the Rosenwald foundation partnered with both the Black and White communities to build 5,337 "Rosenwald Schools" housing one-third of all Black students in the rural south. Of the 373 schools in Tennessee, six were in Hamilton County. Additionally, the Rosenwald Foundation provided substantial funding for higher education, libraries, health care, YMCA's and educational grants for promising African Americans. "Rosenwald" vividly demonstrates how beneficial change can occur when wealth, power, and influence are utilized for the benefit of humanity. Do not miss this biography of one of America's Jewish giants. *(In English, 100 minutes)*

Saturday, December 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

Franklin McCallie will introduce film; dessert reception after film \$18 for 2 tickets/ \$36 for 4 tickets/ \$10 per ticket at door; includes popcorn, drink and dessert reception. TICKETS MAY BE USED FOR ONE OR BOTH FILMS

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Call Ann Treadwell at 493-0270 for pre-paid earlybird tickets.



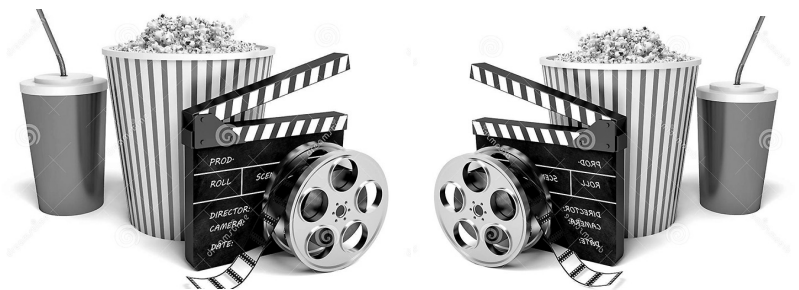
Theodore Bikel: In the Shoes of Shalom Aleichem, is a cinematic version of his one man show that traces Shalom Aleichem's impact on Bikel's life.

Fortunately, this documentary was completed before Bikel's death on July 21, 2015. It is intentionally Bikel's personal story told by him and narrated by Alan Alda. The film immortalizes two Jewish cultural icons.

Starting out in the 1950's, Bikel created some of the best selling Jewish Folk music in history. He is included as one of the "Greatest Folk Singers of the Sixties". His versatile, memorable movie credentials include the German captain of the "African Queen", a southern sheriff in "The Defiant Ones", and the Hungarian language dialect expert in "My Fair Lady". He was the original Captain von Trapp in the Broadway production of "The Sound of Music". However, Bikel is best remembered as Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof", a role he played over 2,000 times.

The documentary is packed with Bikel songs, anecdotes, interviews (e.g. Sheldon Harnick who wrote the lyrics to "Fiddler on the Roof"), and stories from the mythical town, Kasrilevke. As the stories continue, Bikel intertwines his life with that of Shalom Aleichem. This movie is a joyous extravaganza of Jewish storytelling and song. *(In English. 75 minutes)*

Saturday, December 19 @ 7:00 p.m.



Author Ayelet Waldman with Joel Susman and Herb Cohn at the Chattanooga Public Library October 8



October Interfaith panel at the Islamic Center



Lynn Howard at Noon Nosh Oct. 20, "Facing History, Facing Ourselves"



99
Number of people who have signed up for Medicare Part D appointments as of October 22

OOPS. Thank you to Austin Center for last month's front page article about his mission trip. We inadvertently left off his byline.



We are looking for **SPONSORS** for Night Run 2016. If you believe this cause is important and could make a change in this world – help support this event! We need you to help us financially or with resources. Any kind of help will make a difference! We are also looking for people who want to join our **NIGHT RUN COMMITTEE**. Help us plan, organize, raise money, market, night-of logistics and more! We need as much help as we can get. All for this amazing cause! If interested contact me at Israel@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270.

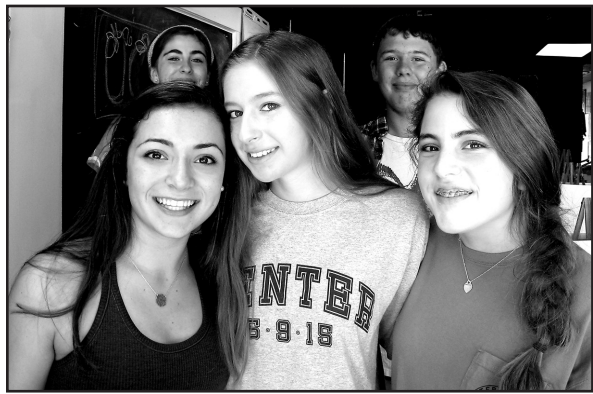
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FEDERATION PROGRAMS

JEW CREW

September Paint Party was a Splash!

The September program attracted 20 teens and was a paint party where the Crew members got to share their interpretation of "tikkun olam" through their artwork. It was our creative attempt to help create a better world together.



DID YOU KNOW?
Your campaign dollars help fund the Jew Crew!

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Giving Thanks and Giving Back
An opportunity to socialize and engage in social action at the same time.

GIVING BACK



Dear Ms. Shavin,
I wanted to reach out and share with you a wonderful experience my parents and I had with Amy Boulware at the Jewish Federation last week.

My parents currently live in St. Louis and my father has had a progressive

decline in his health over the past several months. My three brothers and I are scattered across the country; we all flew home to encourage my parents to sell our childhood home and to move closer to one of us. This was a very emotional and difficult conversation between my brothers and my parents. My parents made the decision to relocate to Chattanooga.

I was relieved they decided to move, but also afraid about what was next. I didn't know where to begin when it came to moving them here. One of my dad's biggest concerns was finding an equivalent Medicare plan to what he has in St. Louis, and to find doctors who will care for him. My dad is a very costly and complicated patient, so choosing a Medicare plan and finding doctors was overwhelming.

I am so incredibly grateful I made that first phone call to Amy. She simplified things and truly went above and beyond for me. My parents visited Chattanooga last week and we set up a meeting with Amy to review Medicare options. She was patient and kind; she did not rush my parents and ensured they truly understood their options. She helped them find the all-inclusive supplemental Medicare plan that was not only right for them, but will save them several thousand dollars a year.

My parents left the meeting with Amy in such high spirits. She helped them with Medicare options and was the welcoming face of Chattanooga that has them looking forward to their new home. Though there are still many decisions to make and the move is an emotional and exhausting process, Amy's kindness and warm personality are making this transition a little bit easier for them.

My family is not of the Jewish faith and I was unfamiliar with the services the Jewish Federation provides. Amy surpassed my expectations and I am so grateful for her service to my parents. On behalf of my parents and me, thank you to Amy as well as the Jewish Federation for offering such an invaluable service to seniors in Chattanooga.

Sincerely,
Marleah Alpers

Two Summer 2016 Missions Trip to Israel

#1. Designed for age 50+. Get a better understanding of Israel while learning about Federation sponsored sites. See Israel from Galilee to Negev and connect with the people of Israel through interactive site visits.

#2. Designed for Young Jewish Leadership – ages 21-45 (with some flexibility)

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Trips run concurrently.

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Contact Michael Dzik for more info and/or to add your name to list of interested participants. 893-5443 or mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com.

FEDERATION NEWS

Genetic Screening Coming to JCC

**Screening date:
Sunday Feb. 21**

In last month's article we provided an overview of cancer at its most basic level, its frequency and touched upon its underlying genetic basis. In this month's article, let's

explore hereditary cancer in greater detail.

As you may recall, hereditary cancer accounts for approximately 10% of all cancer diagnoses. Again, this means the majority of cancer diagnoses are not hereditary or inherited generation to generation. However, when a cancer is due to inherited causes, there can be valuable information for both the individual diagnosed and their family members.

So what exactly is an inherited genetic change? Let's first take a step back and discuss genetics in general. Currently, we believe there are approximately 20,000 genes in each single cell of the human body. And each one of these genes helps provide the instructions to our body that help it grow and develop.

One can imagine each gene as a single page in a 20,000-page instruction book. The body reads specific pages in the book to determine what to do or how to function. In some cases, this instruction may tell a cell to grow and divide, in other cases, this instruction may tell a cell to stop growing and dividing.

We inherit one copy of every gene from our mother and one copy of every gene from our father. So in essence, we have two books and therefore, two copies of every gene in the cells of our body (*males and females differ a little).

Now, in terms of each page within the book, not everyone's is the same. Everyone has some spelling changes within each page of their book. And this is normal. This is one way in which each individual is different from one another.

Most of the time, these changes are 'benign' or non-disease causing. However, some spelling changes can be 'deleterious' or disease causing. And what does this mean? A disease-causing change means that the body can no longer read that page; therefore, the instructions of that page are no longer carried out.

It is important to remember that we have two copies of every gene (one inherited from our mother, one from our father). Because in many cases, our body is still able to read and provide instructions with the page that doesn't have the disease causing genetic change. But within the realm of inherited cancer genetics, a disease causing genetic change can increase an individual's lifetime risk to develop specific cancer(s).

An example of this is Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer (HBOC) syndrome. An individual diagnosed with HBOC syndrome has an increased risk to develop certain types of cancer(s) in their lifetime such as breast, ovarian, or prostate cancer.

HBOC syndrome is caused by a genetic change in either a gene called BRCA1 or a gene called BRCA2. Each individual has two copies of BRCA1 and two copies of BRCA2, inherited from our mother and father. If one of these four pages has a disease causing genetic change, that individual has HBOC syndrome and has an increased lifetime risk for cancer.

This can be important to know and help ensure an individual with HBOC syndrome is undergoing the right cancer screening or surveillance throughout their lifetime. While not every individual that has a disease causing genetic change will develop cancer in their lifetime, these screening programs can help to detect cancer at an early and much more treatable stage.

Determining these changes isn't always as simple as it may sound. In upcoming articles, we will explore genetic testing, its benefits and limitations and what genetic test results mean.

Breath in a Ram's Horn: Composer Daniel Asia in Residence at UT Chattanooga



The renowned American composer Daniel Asia will be in residence at UT Chattanooga, Sunday through Tuesday, November 1st through 3rd. The public is invited to three events during the residency, including:

- Breath in a Ram's Horn: the Jewish Spirit in Classical Music, on Sunday November 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Cadek Recital Hall, including 'live' performances; free admission;
- Aesthetics, Beauty, and Music, a lecture by Mr. Asia, on Monday, Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in Roland Hayes Concert

Hall, with a reception to follow in the lobby; free admission;

- The Music of Daniel Asia, a concert on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in Roland Hayes Concert Hall. Following the concert will be an opportunity to talk with the composer about his music. Admission is free.

Mr. Asia will also make a presentation to students on "The Act of Composing," Monday, Nov. 2 at 1:00 p.m. in room 210 of the Fine Arts Center.

For more information, contact Dr. Jonathan McNair at (423) 425-4679 or e-mail Jonathan-McNair@utc.edu, or visit www.utc.edu/music.

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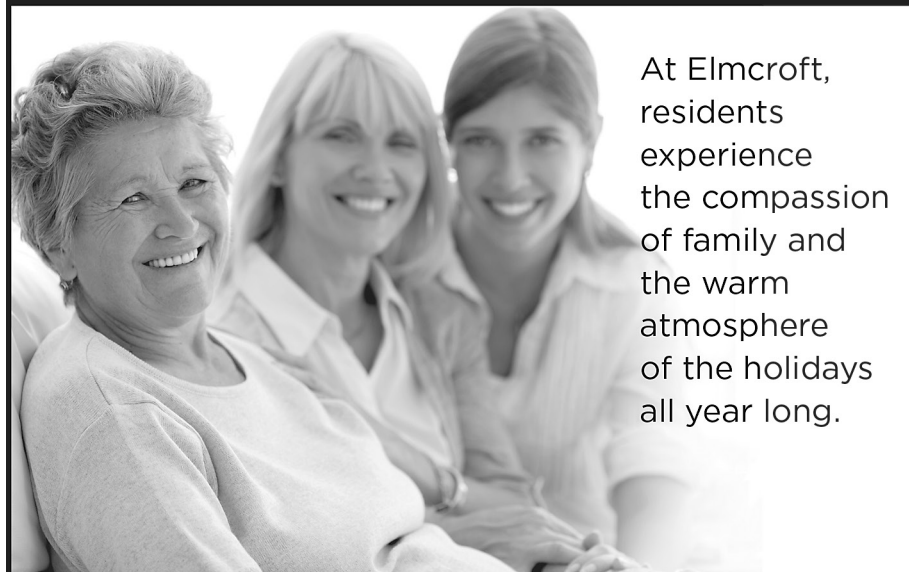


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FEDERATION SHLICHA



Wave of Terror in Israel

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DID YOU KNOW?
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I have a confession. I had planned for the topic of my article this week to be 'Conflicts in Israel'. At the last minute, just before *The Shofar* went to print, I changed it, because Israel is in deep crisis and my pain tells me to do everything I can to support make sure the world knows what's going on there.

The wave of terror in Israel is only getting worse. The most recent wave of attacks started on September 13, Erev Rosh HaShanah, and they happened all over the country: near Nablus in Samaria, Petach Tikva, Gush Etzion, Kiryat Gat, Tel Aviv, Kiryat Arba, Raanana, Gan Shmuel, and Afula. I have a news app on my cellphone and you can't believe how many times it rings every day.

It is hard for me to follow the incidents. Since Rosh HaShanah there have been over 50 terror attacks: random, independent people taking whatever weapons they can get their hands on, going into the street, and attempting to kill Jewish people. There have been stones thrown, stabbings, petrol bomb attacks, firecracker attacks, arson attacks, and more. Here is the breakdown of numbers as of October 19:

Total number of attacks since Rosh Hashana: 52
Israelis Killed: 9
Israelis Injured: 168
Attacks in which terrorists where arrested: 22
Attacks in which terrorists where killed: 1

Terrorists are using social media and social networks to encourage Palestinians to stab, shoot and murder Jews. They even provide information on how exactly it can be done. Fighting murderous terror means insisting that Palestinian incitement must be stopped. Moreover, the media makes Israel look bad by not reporting the entire story. Reports of "2 Palastinians killed by the Israeli police", leave out the fact that they were killed after stabbing 3 Israelis.

It is a hard time in Israel right now, and not everyone feels safe. It reminds us of the Intifadas, but the

people in Israel are strong and united. So what can we do about it?

- First of all, talk. Tell your friends about it! The more people we talk to, the more people will know what is really happening in Israel, not just as reported by the media. Share on Facebook, Twitter, email, with your friends, family, co-workers – everyone!
- Second, keep Israel and its people in your prayers and in your thoughts. Make sure Israel is part of you and your daily life.
- Third, stay updated. Go online and read the news (<http://www.jpost.com/.../Live-Blog-Wave-of-terror-hits-Israel> or <http://www.timesofisrael.com/a-rising-tide-of-terror/>). Get the apps with live news from Israel: Ynetnews, Jerusalem Post, Times of Israel).
- If you have family or friends in Israel, call them! Tell them you support them, and that we will not lose hope no matter what. We can't let Israel down. We have to show everyone that we are one nation, united in good times and bad times. Please feel free to contact me and share your thoughts and opinions. Thank you for being so supportive and caring about what is going on in Israel. It means everything to me, to us, to ISRAEL.



November 5 at 7p.m. at the JCC: From our home to our HOME - Support ISRAEL!
The Chattanooga Community invites you to come together as a community, for a solidarity event with Israel. Join us to show our support in Israel! for 5 minutes or the whole hour. A vigil to bring light to the world. Adding light to the world during troubled times. Doing what little we can from afar with hope that it will tip the scales away from the darkness. Come light a candle and join your light to support ISRAEL!



NOV 12: Night to Honor Israel in Ringgold, Georgia Christians United for Israel event at The Colonnade, at 7pm. Michael Dzik and I along with others, both Jewish and non-Jewish, will be there to talk about the connection the USA has to Israel. Why do we need to support Israel? How we can do it? Please join us there.



Public Speaking



If you would like me to come and speak with your child's school class, or your civic club, work, or non-Jewish group of friends, I would welcome the invitation. I can speak or have interactive activities available about any Israeli topic: Israeli culture, Israel and Anti-Semitism, Israeli daily life, Israeli wars, the Protective Edge IDF Operation, Israeli Politics, important historical figures, Jewish holidays in Israel, and more. I am available to speak about Israel at NO COST, other than your purchase of supplies if needed. When you contact me please describe the type of group I will be working with (particularly age range), the topic you are interested in, how long a period of time you would like my presentation, and what dates/time would work best for you. Please contact me at Israel@Jewishchattanooga.com or 423-493-0270.

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