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First Amendment Dinner with Senator Bob Corker, Sept. 21



Senator Bob Corker jokes that he had a relaxing day riding his bike before coming to the Federation to speak



Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik with Senator Corker



Michael Lebovitz introduces the Senator



Corker with Federation shlichah Noa Hadad



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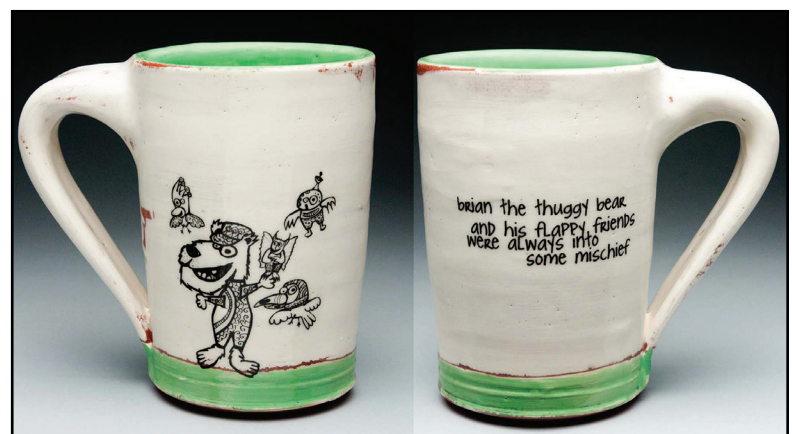
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NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



The Story Continues

by **Warren Dropkin**
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The "We Are One" campaign kicked off with some fantastic stories. Local folks shared what our community federation has meant to them, followed by the energetic and entertaining storyteller Judith Black. Best of all, we got a great pledge response from those in attendance. More than 100 pledge cards have been turned in so far, putting us just over \$280,000. We are 25% of the way to our goal as of this writing.

"We Are One" became the overall theme for the national JFNA campaign, evidence of a great idea taken to the next level. In Chattanooga and the surrounding areas, we have brought leadership together to build a cohesive and active Federation. Young Leadership, led by Tal Cohen, has grown and prospered and offers a chance for the young adults in our community to build bonds of friendship that will last a lifetime. Some new and established members of our community have answered the call to leadership with *hineni* (literally, "here I am," an indication of readiness to serve). And our community mission trip to Israel and Poland later this month will offer a glimpse into history many have never seen. Because of our commitment, We Are One responsible community.

Chattanooga has also been on the national Jewish scene. Michael Lebovitz is a past JFNA National Campaign chair. Lauren Lebovitz is currently on the National Federation Women's Philanthropy Board. Alison Lebovitz is the most recent National Young Leadership Co-Chair for Federation. Andy Hodes is on the JFNA Board of Directors. Dana Waxler has been regional president of Hadassah and is now on the national Hadassah board. Susan DiStefano and Helen Pregulman have served in numerous national Federation capacities, and many other community members have held national leadership roles with ADL,

JCPA and AIPAC, including Robert and Pris Siskin, Sanford and Elaine Winer, and Bob Berz. Because of our people, We Are One in Chattanooga and around the world.

The Federation has become the centerpiece of our community for social services; believe me when I say we touch many, many people. Other federations do not have the extensive programs that we are able to provide. The Jewish Cultural Center continues to be a gathering place for events and programs that make a difference. Because of our programs, We Are One fortunate community.

Thank you in advance for supporting our community's annual campaign. Haven't been called or made your pledge yet? Call the Federation office or one of our campaign co-chairs, Roy Rosenfeld or Richard Zachary.

As you know, each month I like to highlight a volunteer. This month I would like to shine the light brightly on Sandy Tabakin. Sandy has been the Aleph Bet Committee Chair for years and has welcomed more and more responsibility. Sandy and her husband Ben sponsored the PJ Library program and Sandy continues to work with Aleph Bet Director Vicki Cathcart on numerous projects with the school. Being the community minded person she is, Sandy is also extremely active at Mizpah congregation, and is the President of our local Hadassah chapter. Her exuberance, enthusiasm, and leadership are appreciated by so many. Thank you, Sandy, for your dedication to the Federation and this entire Jewish community.



Bringing Chattanooga to Israel

by **Michael Dzik**
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Shanah Tovah! Last month I talked extensively about the Shaliach program for our community. Noa (and in the past, Raoul, Einav and Hadas too) works in our community Sunday School, teaches in the Hebrew schools and Aleph Bet, and is an active part of sharing Israel with us. Through programs, exhibits and face-to-face meetings, Noa brings Israel to Chattanooga.

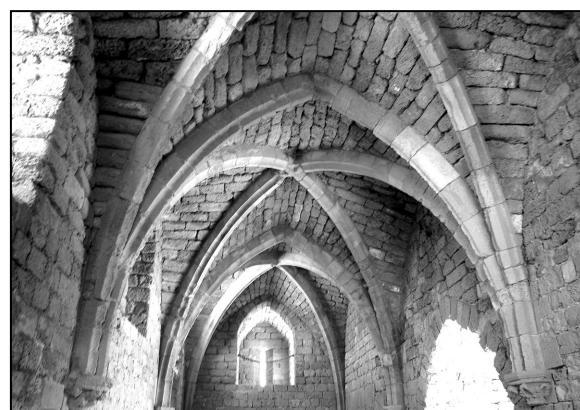
Later this month we turn the tables and bring Chattanooga to Israel. Twenty-two participants will head to Israel just after Simchat Torah. Half of the group will actually be leaving a few days before, for a three-day pre-mission trip to Warsaw and Krakow, Poland. Our time in Poland will be spent visiting various Jewish sites: synagogues, old Ghetto areas, the Polish Jewish History Museum, as well as visits to the Auschwitz and Birkenau death camps. Although no one looks forward to walking through the gates of Auschwitz, we also recognize this is a part of our history, and that the "need" outweighs the "want." My paternal family comes from Poland (there my last name is pronounced "Jik" (meaning "wild boar"), and although I don't know of any living relatives there, I hope to be able to picture what life must have been like in Eastern Europe before the Holocaust.

After Poland we will fly to Israel and meet the "Israel Only" group. From there we will spend 10 days with our friend (and guide) Tal traversing the country. There will be several first timers to Israel on the trip as well as many people who have not only traveled to Israel before, but some who have traveled with me. It's always a challenge to meet all the needs of all the participants but I hope that I will exceed their expectations.

This year we will do something a little different, and spend several days in the north. We will visit the walled port city of Acre and see the remnants of the medieval Crusaders as well as Rosh Hanikra. We will take a cable car to see the grottos. We will spend time in the Golan Heights learning about

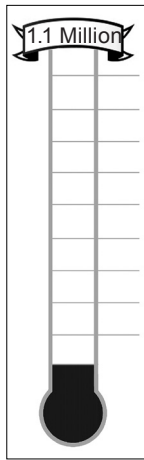
the Yom Kippur War (Oz 77), and ascend Mt. Bental for a beautiful view of the valley. Other trip highlights will include Tzfat, the Hula Valley Nature Reserve, Kibbutz Malikiye on the Lebanese border, Hadera (our P2G region), Qumran, Zichron Yaakov, two wineries, Hadassah Hospital, and the Palmach Museum. We will also journey south to Eilat, with a visit to Petra, Jordan. As promised, there is always something new and exciting when traveling on a Federation mission trip!

We will return from Israel in early November, exhausted but full of stories and excitement. Our lives will have been transformed. It will be rewarding to be in Israel so soon after the war in Gaza, supporting our family and making many new friends. As with every trip, this Chattanooga group will form a unique bond traveling together. I look forward to us strengthening our ties with one another as well as with our Israeli brothers and sisters.



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The Strength of a People, The Power of Community

by Richard Zachary and Roy Rosenfeld
2014 Campaign Co-chairs

Here at the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, along with The Jewish Federations of North America, we can and have delivered strength and support to help our international family. On a pleasant summer evening in 2013 I walked with Alison Lebovitz and others to dinner in Minsk. As I looked about the city, I noticed that all of the buildings were about my age or newer. Over the next three days I would learn that everything that wasn't destroyed by the Germans in the early years of World War II was finished off by the Russians in the later years. Of course buildings weren't the only loss. Many people in Belarus today are transplants or descendants of transplants from the east, including many Jews.

Here in Chattanooga, the Sheraton Read House, the Chattanooga Choo-Choo, Engel Stadium, and the Walnut Street Bridge all exceed the age of any structure in Minsk. The Ochs Temple, B'nai Zion Chapel, and Chabad's tradition all predate anything standing in Minsk. In Chattanooga these are what tie us to our Jewish traditions and values. It is estimated that in Minsk, there are 50,000 people who identify in some way as Jewish, but they lack our Jewish institutions and traditions. Through the efforts of the Jewish Federations of North America, help is being provided for those in need: young mothers meet for childhood development, for example, and there are activities for young and old. In short, a community is being built where there previously there was none. This is the power of one community providing strength for another.

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JEWISH FEDERATION 86TH ANNUAL CAMPAIGN MAJOR GIFTS EVENT

Sunday, November 23, 5:30 p.m.
at the Home of Sally and Gary Chazen

Major Gifts Chair: Lauren Lebovitz
Minimum Gift: \$3,000

Speaker: Linda Hurwitz, National Campaign
chair of The Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA).

FEDERATION PROGRAMS



Remembering Means Preserving

by Ann Treadwell, Program Director
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This is the time of year for reflection, and a different kind of action. Regular events such as Noon Nosh, Foreign Policy Supper Club, and the meet-the-artist reception for the new exhibit *Print*, won't happen until the third week of October. This time of reflection coincides with an important happening for the community.

tant happening for the community.

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation took a significant step during its August meeting. Following several months of research and discussion the transition committee presented the Board with a proposal to bring the Jewish Archives of Chattanooga under the umbrella of the Jewish Federation, which was accepted. The Transition Committee members (Dr. Max Brenner, Joel Susman, Ruth Votava, Karen Diamond, Louise Spector, and Sam Roistacher) provided good constructive ideas throughout the process. Here is what the Board approved:

--Mission and Purpose: The mission of the Jewish Archives of Chattanooga (JAC) is to document, collect, preserve and protect the records of the Jewish experience in the Greater Chattanooga region. The JAC will act as a repository and caretaker for archival material related to the Chattanooga regional Jewish community. It will include, but not be limited to, records; documents; audio-visual material; and images and objects in original, digital or other duplicated formats.

--Items in the JAC will be owned by the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga. Digital copies of documents remaining with the congregations and organizations may be placed in the JAC with ownership remaining with the originating institution.

--The Jewish Archives Committee will be established. Membership on the committee should consist of two B'nai Zion Congregation members, two Mizpah Congregation members, a Chabad organization member, a Hadasah organization member, Dr. Max Brenner, current chair of the JAC, and a Federation Board member who would act as a liaison with the Federation's Board of Directors. A committee member's term will be two years and is renewable for up to three terms.

--Additional members may be selected by the Board Chair of the Jewish Federation as deemed necessary. The Committee Chair will be appointed by the Board Chair and affirmed by the Committee. The initial Rabbinical Advisor for the JAC would be Rabbi Tepper, who has studied at the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati and has a strong rapport with their Chief Archivist.

--The Committee will develop a preliminary Memorandum of Understanding with each congregation and organization, to identify which items to include in the archives either as actual or digitized records. Each Memorandum will be reviewed annually and updated as needed.

--The Federation Board will grant its approval for the committee to solicit funds outside of the annual campaign for use in implementing a "future" plan created by an outside consultant. These funds would be in addition to

funds approved by the Federation's Board.

--The Committee will develop an internal informational/marketing campaign for the JAC in order to promote the importance of preserving the Jewish history of the Greater Chattanooga area to include, but not be limited to, an annual summer exhibit at the Jewish Cultural Center.

--Because of the timeliness of continuing to compile the oral histories of our aging community members, \$1,500 was approved by the Federation's Board for 2015 to be used for the documenting of oral histories. Access to a small amount of funds for this purpose during the 2014 budget year was also granted.

--Creating this form of Jewish continuity could not be possible without the fearless, forthright determination of Joy Adams, the originator of Jewish Archives in Chattanooga. It is Joy who meticulously collected information and pictures about Chattanooga's Jewish community for decades. Thank you Joy for everything you did to make this a long term reality. It is our hope that we can continue to steadfastly work to constantly preserve what you have started and grow the Archives into the future.

If you wish to donate materials to the Jewish Archives of Chattanooga, please contact me (atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 13) for details about the process.

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FEDERATION SHLICHA



What A Welcome! Shalom Y'all!

by Noa Hadad, Federation Shlichah
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Help Me Out!

*In January I will be mounting an exhibit at the JCC called **Israel For Me**. I need people of all ages to answer the question, "What is Israel to me?" Your answer can be reflected by a photo, object, art, or in words. Your contribution will be presented with a photograph of you and a few words about your entry. Want to participate but haven't been to Israel? You can still share your feelings and thoughts. Contact me, Noa, at 493-0270 ext 31 or on my cell: 385-0098. I look forward to hearing from you!*

First, I want to thank you all for the amazing and heartfelt reception I've received. I can't begin to describe how welcome and at home you have all made me feel during my first few weeks in Chattanooga. I feel truly blessed to have arrived in such a warm and friendly community.

I'm still settling in and have not had the chance to meet all of you, although I feel like I have been here for years.

Already I've made so many new friends. I have visited lots of places and had great meals and conversations with

many of you. Please continue to invite me out to meet your family, share the history of Chattanooga, or take me to your favorite place.

This month, I decided to show you Chattanooga through my eyes, to tell you about some of the things I saw and did in my first few days. By the way, I really enjoy taking photographs so don't be surprised if I have my camera with me whenever you see me.

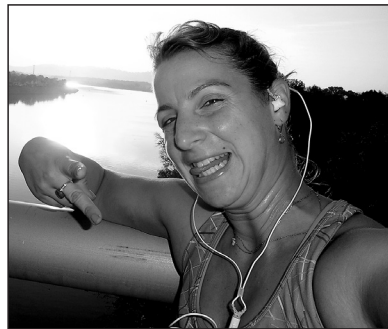
I caught a plane from Tel Aviv on August 21 and was in the air for 20 hours! I flew to New York, then Atlanta, then Chattanooga. My boss was waiting for at me at the airport (photo, right).



Within 24 hours I was at the exciting Brewfest downtown with people from Young Jewish Leadership (YJL) (below, left).



I love sports, all kinds. So what did I do after my first night? Run, of course. (P.S. I also love to smile and make faces!)



My favorite thing to do with my free time is hiking! Several of the YJL folks went with me to Savage Gulf. How beautiful! That evening I joined the awesome YJL group for Shabbat dinner at Cassie and Kevin Rose's house. (See fabulous group photo on the YL page.)



On Sunday I went to the Chattanooga Market (left) with one of my host families, Bob and Rita Brook. And then we went to the lake, to boat and tube!



*Dear Chattanooga,
It is a blessing to be here. I am very proud to be representing the country I love, and very excited to bring my "little piece of Israel" (the one not shown in the news) to your community. I can't wait to get started, and know we are going to have a wonderful year (or two) together.*

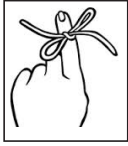
*Sincerely, Noa
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Please join me for my favorite activity – HIKING!
On October 5th at 4pm we will go hiking in the Signal Mountain area. It will be one to one-and-a-half hours of easy, flat hiking--something the whole family can enjoy! Afterwards we will enjoy Israeli coffee and tea with good cookies. Don't forget to bring a hat, a full water bottle, and some snacks.
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Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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

Noon Nosh-Let's Sing from Memory

Tuesday, October 21, 12p.m.

Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, Oct. 27, 6:00 p.m. China's Foreign Policy

China has gone to great lengths to emphasize the peaceful nature of its meteoric rise. What does the rapid rise of this superpower mean for other countries in the region?

Enjoy a family-style dinner, watch a brief presentation, and discuss a different topic on a Monday each month. Articles produced by the Foreign Policy Association and Great Decisions will be available prior to the discussion, and, when possible, an informed guest will join the discussion.

Cost: \$10 includes dinner. **RSVP**



James Chapman discussed the fundraising opportunities that Causeway makes possible, at the September 16th Noon Nosh. For more information, to contribute to a cause, or to begin a campaign, go to <http://www.Causeway.org>.



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How to be a Mensch

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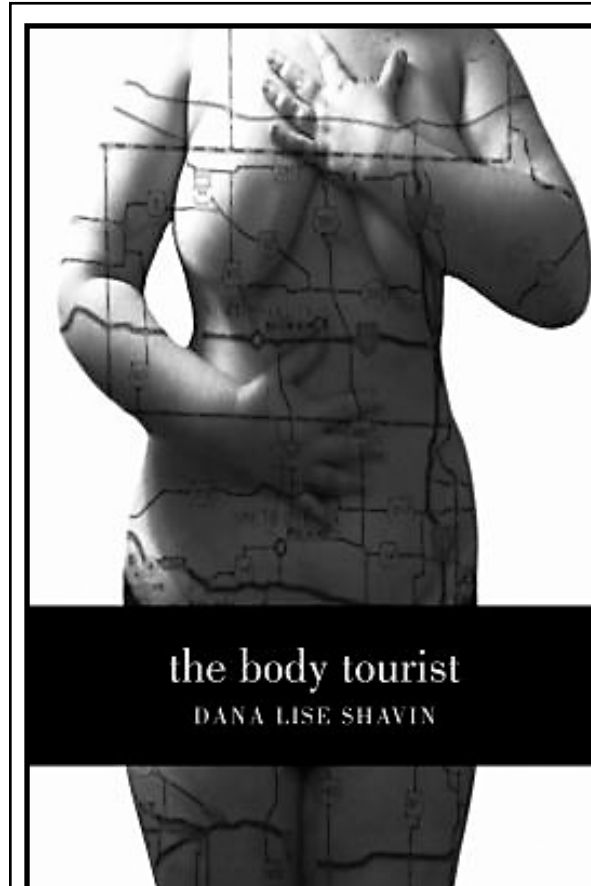
- Senior Programming
- Intergenerational Programming
- Family Support
- Community Partnering
- Friendly Visits
- Excursions
- Advocacy

Recently I was invited to a wonderful event that gave me some things to truly think about. A friend was turning 40 years old and she decided to throw herself a party. This wasn't the normal type of 40th birthday gathering that I have attended before, filled with gag gifts and gosh-you-are-getting-old comments. My friend decided that this was going to be a party attended by women who had supported her by inspiring her to be a better person.

I have known this gal professionally for over ten years and have seen her grow as a social worker, as a single mom of two boys (one of whom is developmentally disabled), as an independent woman who serves as a community advocate, and as someone who also happens to be an only child who lost both of her parents. She had told me that after her parents died she felt alone in the world, and that she had looked to others to help fill the gap. As I looked around the room where we were gathered, I was moved by the diversity of the women she had asked to be part of her circle of celebration. Some were friends from way back, some were work colleagues, some were family members, and others were elders from her church. There were people of different races, religions and ages with one common connection: we were all women who cared and supported.

In a time when we often hear stories about women attacking each other or being mean or catty, it was that much more wonderful to be in a

room with these wise women. It made me think about all of the women who have supported me throughout my life, without whom I would not be who I am. What a wonderful idea to celebrate them. I'm proud that I was one of the women my friend chose to invite. It means she believes I'm the type of woman I've always hoped to be: one who cares and nurtures others in the hopes of making our world a better place, one relationship at a time. Think about how you can mentor and support the people in your life. I promise it really does make a difference—for them, and for you.



You're Invited!

Please join Dana Shavin at the book launch for her memoir, *The Body Tourist*.

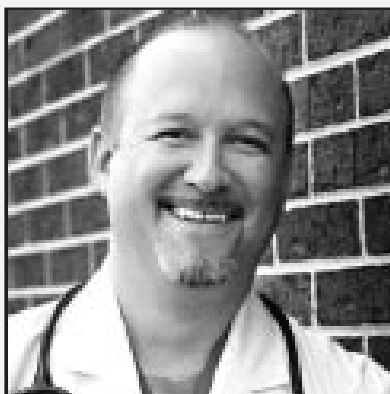
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—Eleanor McCallie Cooper, author of *Grace: An American Woman in China*

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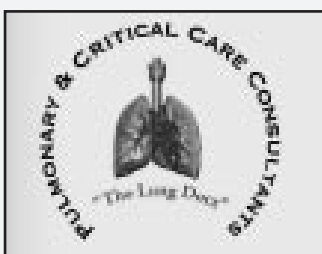


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FEDERATION PROGRAMS

Young Leadership (Ages 21-45)

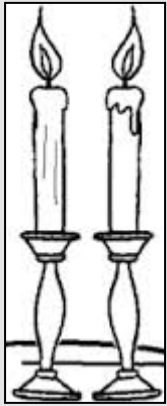


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WEBSITE: <http://www.Jewishchattanooga.com>
423-493-0270

WHO WE ARE

The Young Leadership Group, YJL, of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, is a vibrant mix of young adults from the Chattanooga area. Our mission is to engage 21 to 45 year olds to participate in Jewish Federation, Shabbat dinners, community service, and social action events, through a combination of local and national programs, and social mixers.



Mark Your Calendar!
Young Leadership
Shabbat dinner is
Friday, October 24!

Social Committee- Tal Cohen handles mixers and entertainment. (518) 256-5464

Philanthropy- Rachel Privett handles volunteer events and community service projects. (423) 280-6588

Networking- Erica Newman handles events for making new connections/growing relationships. Ericagnewman@gmail.com

We are always looking for new members!



The Jew Cruise: Smooth Sailing to Start the Year!

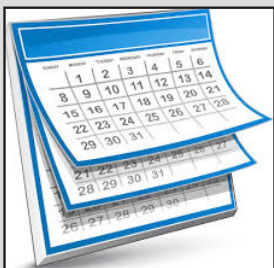
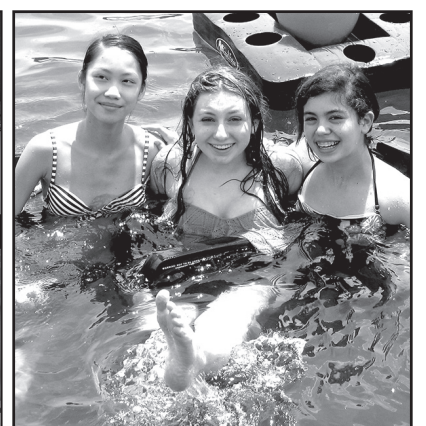
by Alison Lebovitz and Andy Hodes, co-advisors

From paddle boarding and playing to swimming and socializing, the annual Jew Cruise in August was a huge success and so much fun, as 15 members of the Jew Crew gathered on Lake Chickamauga for the first program of the year. Special guests from Israel, Rom and Noy Ravitz (Lily Shire's cousins), were highlights of the day and shared with the group their personal accounts of what it's like to be a teenager in Israel, and of their experiences during Operation Protective Edge this summer. We are also thrilled to welcome our shlichah, Noa Hadad, to Chattanooga and to the Jew Crew, and we look forward to an incredible year ahead.

If you or someone in grades 9 through 12 would like to be a part of the Jew Crew, please email Alison Lebovitz at alebo@mac.com. We'd love to see you at a future program!



Jew Crew Cruises on Lake Chickamauga



Jew Crew Calendar 2014-2015 (all times are 12:15 to 2 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

2014	2015
October 26	January 11
November 16	February 27 - March 1: retreat (TBD)
December 14	March program: TBD
	April 12 - final Jew Crew



Your gift to the Annual Campaign enables the Federation to fund Young Leadership and the Jew Crew. Thank you!

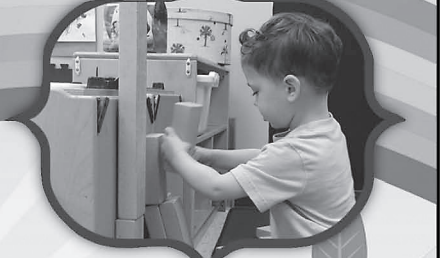
ALEPH BET CHILDREN'S CENTER



by Vicki Cathcart
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When I grow up,
 I want to be
 an engineer!



To get ready,
 Aleph Bet helps me:

- Care for myself and friends
- Build my self confidence
- Take turns and share
- Use my five senses
- Try new activities...and more

Ages two through pre-K

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Top Ten Reasons To Send Your Child to Aleph Bet



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9. Aleph Bet is a Gold Sneaker Facility.
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4. Aleph Bet is open year-round.
3. Aleph Bet offers part-time and full-time options (K-4 classes are offered only full-time during the school-year).
2. Aleph Bet is a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga.
1. Aleph Bet is one big, happy family!

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The Ankar-Burdette Family glue sticks, markers, crayons
 Sandy Tabakin stuffed animals for the children
 The Smith Family Little Tikes Firetruck and car,
 crayons, firefighter costumer
 The Cathcart Family cash register
 The Richards Family 4 boxes of Kleenex

Wish List

Duct tape (any colors), contact paper, paper towels, Lysol spray, disinfecting wipes, dot markers, and glitter paint

THANK YOU to UPS Freight for volunteering at Aleph Bet Children's Center for United Way's Day of Caring on September 11, 2014.



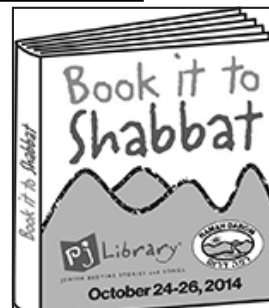
Aleph Bet Children's Center, a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, aims to provide an educational, interactive and developmentally appropriate preschool program that is enriched by Jewish traditions and values and implemented by a trained, dedicated, and nurturing staff.



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October 24-26 You're invited to join the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta for a family weekend full of building community, meeting new friends and playing in the beautiful North Georgia Mountains. Learn, play and have fun during this special experience just for young families! Featuring nature hikes, live music, games, story time, rock wall, and more! Early Bird pricing begins at just \$350 per family of 4. For this special Shabbat all families will be hosted in hotel rooms in Ramah Darom's retreat and conference center. Families with children ages 10 and under are invited for this complete family PJ Library retreat. Register at

www.ramahdarom.org or contact PJ Library in Chattanooga Coordinator, Vicki Cathcart, at vcathcart@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext 18. 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 to 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.

COMMUNITY LIFECYCLES



Do you have a graduating senior or a bar/bat mitzvah? *The Shofar* wants to know! Please send details and head shots to dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com so we can announce it.

Babies on Board!

On August 27, Rachel and Henry Schuson hosted a baby shower for pregnant couples Erin and Tal Cohen, Cara Weiner and J.R. Hill, Erica and Brandon Newman, Katie and Max Poppel, and Cassie and Kevin Rose, at their home in North Chattanooga.



L-r, Cassie Rose, Erica Newman, Erin Cohen, Cara Weiner and Katie Poppel.



Cara Weiner and J.R. Hill



L-r, Max Poppel, Tal Cohen, J.R. Hill, Kevin Rose, and Brandon Newman



Brandon and Erica Newman



Erin Cohen



J.R. Hill, Kevin Rose, and Daniella Cohen



Hosts Henry and Rachel Schuson