

THE SH FAR

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Mission: Possible



This past July, I had the opportunity to join other Federation volunteers for the National Federation Campaigners mission to Israel. For eight incredible days, we met Israelis and learned about the organizations our Federation funds through donations. Highlights of this mission included a visit to the Joint Distribution Committee's Center for Independent Living, and the Accessible Health Zone programs. These organizations help disabled Israelis by engaging them in athletic programs including dance and wheelchair basketball. They also

help find jobs for them, greatly increasing their self-worth, and enabling them to be productive.

Before lunch, we participated in wheelchair basketball, danced on crutches, and wore blindfolds, all in the interest of learning what it is to be disabled. All of which was eye-opening. Most eye opening, however, was sitting next to Dor, a former computer programmer in the Israeli army.

Dor, 55, lost his eyesight years ago. While everyone else was talking and passing around the food, I realized Dor needed help. He didn't know what was on the platters, and obviously couldn't serve himself. Dor taught me how to help him, including the importance of placing his drink cup at the top of his plate so he could find it. These visits, and this lunch, really drove home what this mission was really about: helping people. When you can walk in someone else's shoes, you see the world through their eyes, and you understand why we do what we do at Federation.

World ORT, another Federation partner organization, is the world's largest Jewish educational nonprofit. We saw the great work this organization is doing by visiting YOUiversity Beit Hanina, a pioneering project in the largest Arab neighborhood in Jerusalem.

YOUiversity Beit Hanina provides 280 Arab girls and boys with after-school activities in science and technology, and classes for gifted children. Four Arab girls, ages 12 and 13, spoke about what they are learning. They were impressive. They were poised, spoke perfect English, and answered questions about their families, Arab community, and their dreams for the future. *(continued on page 3)*



Condemning the Rhetoric of Hate Speech

The following op-ed, signed by Federation Board President Warren Dropkin, Executive Director Michael Dzik, Rabbis Tepper, Tendler, and Perlstein, and congregation presidents Steve Sherman and Henry Schulson, appeared in the Chattanooga Times Free Press September 11.

As Jewish leaders in Chattanooga, we are saddened and concerned by Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Hammond's recent comments at the Pachyderm Club. Sheriff Hammond singled out Muslims for fear-mongering and suspicion. As members of a religious minority with a long history of *(see Rhetoric, next column)*

Haven't Had the Opportunity to Pledge?

Super Sunday is October 18 @ 9 - 11 am.

Not a Sunday person?

Sweeps Week is Monday/Tuesday Oct. 19 & 20 @ 6:30- 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday Oct. 21, 9- 11 a.m.

Join us for Sunday or Wednesday breakfast, or Monday/Tuesday night dinner. Hear from past Chairs of the Annual Campaign why they give their time and money to Federation. Become part of a great tradition of giving by supporting our Federation.

Make a Call, Make a Friend, Make A Pledge!



(Rhetoric, continued from previous column)

persecution, we feel obligated to condemn this kind of hateful, misleading rhetoric, wherever we see it.

In his speech, Sheriff Hammond described secret networks of Muslim Americans "plotting to overthrow the United States government," and he compared Islam to communism. Hammond provided no real evidence for either of these dramatic claims.

We are particularly disturbed by a part of the talk that was not quoted in the Times Free Press, in which the sheriff spoke positively about what he understands—incorrectly—to be Japan's policy toward Islam. Hammond claimed that Japan "does not allow Muslims to build mosques [or] to hold passports other than for a few diplomatic visits. They cannot own property and practice their faith, except behind closed doors. They are not able to do business in [Japan]."

"Guess what the United States is doing?" Hammond asked, drawing a contrast. "Bringing them in by the thousands. Planeloads."

It's extraordinary to hear an elected official suggest that any democratic government could, and perhaps should, strip people of their basic right to worship and own property, simply on the basis of their religious beliefs.

Hammond insists that he was not talking about all the world's Muslims. But the full version of his remarks—including his comments on this imaginary version of Japan—regularly refers to Islam and Muslims in their entirety. And while we recognize that some people commit murder in the name of Islam, that doesn't excuse baseless generalizations about Muslims.

For members of the Jewish community, many of these statements sound all too familiar. Anti-Semites have long accused Jews of forming cabals in order to take control of governments. They have argued that Judaism isn't really a religion. And at many points in history, Jewish communities have been stripped of their basic rights, simply because they were Jews.

Replace the word "Muslim" with "Jewish" in Hammond's speech, and many of his points look eerily similar to anti-Semitic arguments common in Europe and the United States in the first half of the 20th century (and which remain, in some places, to this day).

Where is Hammond going with this? Considering the comparison to communism, is he advocating a McCarthy-like witch hunt—another Red Scare? Would he like policies that limit the rights of citizens and other legal residents because of their faith, without any due process? The possibilities are worrying.

The Chattanooga we know is a welcoming, tolerant city. Simply put, this is hate speech. We would condemn statements like these if they were directed against the Jewish community, and we do the same when they are directed against Muslims—or against any other group that's overwhelmingly made up of peaceful people, trying to live their lives.

Hammond says that he's dedicated to upholding the Constitution, so he should know this lesson well: when you try to limit the rights of one part of the population, you put everyone's freedom at risk.

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November 12 CUFI
December 6 Community
Candlelighting and Chanukah Party
January 9 Chai Nite
January 17 Annual Meeting

NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



It's All About YOU

by Warren Dropkin
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There is so much happening in our community and around the world. No matter what your personal, social, political or religious views are...there is news that can make you happy or infuriate you. I promise that I am not going to ask, probe or pontificate on any subject here in this column today. What I am going to do is to suggest to all of us that we stay informed and try to make good decisions. Decisions that you and I make today can and will affect our family's lives for years to come.

One decision that we all are currently making is the decision to contribute to the 2016 Federation Campaign. Thanks to our Campaign co-chairs, Roy Rosenfeld and Richard Zachary, we are off to a fantastic start. Our community is fortunate to be recognized as a leader in programming, in social services, in local community leadership, in the national JFNA community leadership, in Israel programming, and in per capita giving. Even though we continue to be successful and recognized, there is more work to be done.



A Time of Reflection and Commitment

by Michael Dzik
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I believe that the Jewish High Holidays are when many people reflect on their lives and the people in them. The last few weeks I've reflected on how thankful I am for my family – Rachel, Rebecca and Paula. I'm thankful for two sets of parents, brothers and sisters, cousins, and so much more, all right here in Chattanooga. With my recent marriage, I now have an extended family in Atlanta. Like all of you, this is where my priority lies: family first.

All of us are also fortunate to have a Jewish community family. We are surrounded by them where we worship, at the Federation, at Aleph Bet, and in so many other places around Chattanooga. All of us have been to the store and "run into" someone in the Jewish community whom we know. When I go to the Chattanooga airport (or flying to Chattanooga from Atlanta), I always look around and see if I know anyone on my flight. And of course, on many occasions, I do!

At this time of year I also take the time to reflect on the Federation, our mission, our volunteers and leadership, as well as all of the staff members who make up our team. Are we meeting the needs (and wants!) of the community? What could we be doing differently that would appeal to or attract more volunteers or new programs/services? What can I do to lead the Federation team a little better and more efficiently? Are the right volunteers on our board, and how do we engage more volunteers in all that the Federation does? How can I share information, education and passion about the Federation? Am I meeting my goals?

By now most of you know that one of my main areas of focus is endowment development. An endowment committee is now in place to help assist me as necessary. We are working to engage our congregations in this process as well. To date, I've met face-to-face with over 75 individuals and couples to talk about their Jewish interests and their Jewish journeys. I've learned so much about the dynamics of our Jewish community – from the unique family connections to how many of you chose to live in Chattanooga. I've learned about many Jewish camping experiences, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, and how you came to be an active member of the Jewish community. These conversations are less about the dollars and more about the passion and commitment. I'm both honored and overwhelmed to hear so many incredible Jewish stories!

I had lunch with a couple today who reached out to me for an endowment conversation. The conversation was non-stop and I learned so much about this couple – where they met, how they came to Chattanooga, and their many travels together. Then something truly amazing happened; The wife showed me a copy of one page from her will. She and her husband had already made provisions in their estate plan for the Federation. She had seen the Legacy Society list in *The Shofar* and wanted both of their names to be added. Wow!

But here was truly the "wow" moment: this couple had moved to Chattanooga only eight years earlier, and had made this provision 4 years ago! After living in Chattanooga for only four years, this couple had engaged and felt so

Please, when the Campaign call comes, take the time to chat. Please ask questions if you do not know how the Federation affects you. Ask how you can make a difference. You may not even realize or remember that the Federation made a difference in your life or your parents' or grandparents' lives five or ten or twenty years ago. Maybe the Federation was instrumental in bringing them into our community and making them feel comfortable. Listen, think, consider, and act with your heart.

The Federation is our Chattanooga. The Federation is YOU. I give because I can. It gives me *nachas* to know that I am helping those who might need help. My mission is "tikkun olam," helping Jews and non-Jews in our community and around the world even a little bit whenever I can.. When I watch TV news and read the papers or peruse the internet I see how fortunate many of us are, and it makes me want to make a difference for others. I hope you want to also. It's a new Jewish year. Let's all make it a great one!



passionate that they wanted to set an example for others and ensure the future of our Jewish community financially. Hearing this nearly took my breath away.

As you reflect on the good, bad, and everything in between at this time of year, I hope you will also reflect on the future. Whether you're 25 or 85 – or even a little younger or older – take some time to reflect on your Chattanooga Jewish legacy. How can you make a difference? How can you leave your Jewish community in a better place than you found it? If you've already made a commitment in your estate plans, please let me know. A simple, signed Declaration of Intent form (there's one on page 10!) would allow the Federation to maximize our human resources today and better plan for the future.

For those who are in the process or may not have considered the Jewish community in your estate plans, please do. There were so many people before us who helped get our Jewish community to where we are today; it is our responsibility to ensure a strong Jewish community for future generations of Chattanooga Jews.

Join the Legacy Society

Allen, Amelia
Alper, Maxine (Deceased)
Balser, Jeff
Binder, Claire
Brooks, Ellyn
Brooks, John
Chambers, Sandy
Cohen, Tal
Cohn, Herb
Cohn, Sue (Deceased)
Diamond, Karen
Dzik, Michael
Fairchild, David
Hochman, Lynn
Hodes, Alvin
Howard, Lynn
Israel, David



Jaffe, Dot
Jaffe, Sam
Lebovitz, Alison
Lebovitz, Charles
Lebovitz, Lauren
Levine, Lawrence (Deceased)
Malsh, Rebecca (Deceased)
Nash, Ike (Deceased)
Oxenhandler, Barbara
Pregulman, Helen
Richelson, Alan
Siskin, Pris
Winer, Elaine
Winer, Sanford
Zachary, Richard

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

Mission: Possible (continued from page 1)

We also were introduced to the Torah of Life YOUiversity Program for the Haredi Community. Two 12 year-old Haredi boys showed us their science projects, and what they and 850 Haredi youth in eight Talmud Torah Centers in Jerusalem are learning from these after-school programs. Hearing from these young boys and girls, from two very different Israeli communities, showed me what World ORT and our donation dollars are doing to help everyone, Jew and Arab alike.

We also visited numerous programs the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) funds with our Federation dollars. I met Cozta, a 26 year-old Ukrainian engineer who had only been in Israel for six days in an Absorption Center funded by JAFI. With our dollars, he was able to immigrate to Israel from war-torn Ukraine. Here, our dollars help college educated olim integrate successfully into Israeli society, by helping them learn Hebrew, allowing them to network with peers, finding housing, and helping them open a bank account.

In summary, through this mission I learned what it means to be not only Jewish, but Israeli, and about and the people, the places, and programs that make up this complex, fascinating, amazing country we all call home. I laughed, cried, and left inspired to do more.

Our mission began in Tel Aviv on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea and ended with Shabbat in the holy city of Jerusalem. In between, I learned how many people our dollars reach in Israel and around the world, and how proud and honored I am to be a part of an organization that touches so many lives.

Get it? Got it? Good!

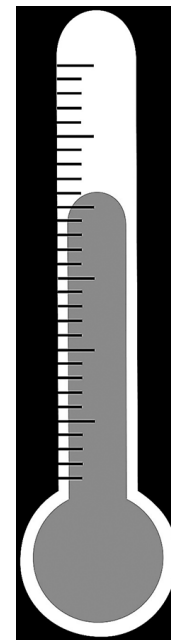


by Richard Zachary and Roy Rosenfeld, 2016 Campaign Co-chairs

We must say we feel the Federation's near future is in good shape after hearing Chairman elect Lee Brouner and Austin Center speak about their recent Federation trips at the Campaign Kick-off Event. They got it. They understand what the Federation is about, through its partner agencies, what it does for those Jews in need in the former Soviet Union and Israel, and here locally through our own Federation programs.

Thank you to those of you who have also "got-ten it" and made your pledge to the 2016 Campaign. Your commitment to the Federation will allow us to continue the work for those overseas and here in Chattanooga.

To those who have not made a Pledge to the 2016 Campaign, now is the time! Do your part to help continue the work of the Federation here and abroad.



Campaign goal:
\$1,118,000
Total as of 9/21:
\$755,711

Honor Roll

King David

Lebovitz Family Charitable Trust
Charles Lebovitz

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

Anita and Julian Saul

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

Alan Lebovitz
Alison Lebovitz
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Betty Lebovitz
Pris Siskin
Robert Siskin

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

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EMJ Corporation
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Susan and Hyman Kaplan
Lynda and Scott Norman
Fuz Spector

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

Anonymous (2)
Andy Berke
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Donna White-Dropkin and Warren Dropkin
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

Pomegranate

\$1,800 - \$2,999

Monique Berke
Ellyn and John Brooks
Betsy and Lee Brouner
Austin Center
Dot and Rueben Dubrow
Melody and Andy Hodes
Lillian and Arvin Reingold
Judy Richelson
Linda and Michael Spector

Honor Roll 2016 (continued)

Ben Gurion

\$1,000 - \$1,799

Owen Allen
Anonymous
Robin Balsler
Erin and Tal Cohen
Karen Diamond and Clark White
David Fairchild
Sandy Chambers and Bill Dittus
Izzie Frumin
Barry Hoffman
Lynn Howard and Alan Richelson
Krissy and Charles Joels
Louise Kushner
Brenda and Paul Lefkoff
Jill and Jim Levine
Ruth Longway
Fern Shire
Sandy and Ben Tabakin
Rabbi Susan Tendler and Ross Sadoff
Finette and David Winer

Chavarim \$1 - \$249

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Noa Hadad
Maddie Israel
Paula and David Israel
Zachary Israel
Susan and David Leininger
Eileen and Neil Loeffler
Annette McJunkin
Barbara Paper
Warren Posternack
Edie Redish
Eddie Reel
Liga Richelson
Valdis Richelson
Jeanice and John Schneider
Phyllis Schwarz
Jason Shuman
Rosalyn Spiegel
Roslynne Steinberg
Joyce Thomas

Mensch

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Jerry Bohn
Billy Cordell
JacobMyers Deli
Karen Diamond and John Giblin
Carolyn Drake and Keith Reisman
Barbara Oxenhandler
Judy Sachsman
Diane Stoller
David Sachsman
Joel Susman
Ann Treadwell
Trudy and Tom Trivers

Aliyah \$250 - \$499

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Sheldon Gelburd
Irv Ginsburg
Millie Lander
Anita Levine
Jo-Ann Morris
Rachel Privett
Janet and George Sivils
Gail Susman
Jennifer and Danny Waxenberg

Summer 2016 Mission Trip to Israel

June 14-June 27

Informational Meeting Tuesday, October 13 at 5:30PM at the JCC

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

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Oh, the Humanity

by Ann Treadwell, Program Director
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My son and husband are big historical documentary, drama and feature, T.V., and film buffs. To that end we have had a M*A*S*H marathon running nightly at our house for more than a month. This Korean War drama/comedy is full of philosophy, human failure, and human triumph.

I barely remember when the original TV series began in 1972. My father was a World War II veteran from the Pacific so anything Asian rarely hit the TV screen at our home. I didn't own a television from the time I left home until after graduate school. But in my first year of graduate school, faculty cancelled our evening classes, pulled out televisions for the finale of M*A*S*H, and we talked about being human.

In watching the reruns, I'm discovering some disturbing human attributes in some of the key figures. The most egregious of these is in Benjamin Franklin "Hawkeye" Pierce, played by Alan Alda. Benjamin Franklin was best known as a political theorist, politician, scientist, inventor, civic activist, statesman, and diplomat, all traits TV Hawkeye shared.

Hawkeye has been a great conversational tool for us as a family. While he did have some Benjamin Franklin-like traits, he also displayed various signs of mental illness. Some of his struggles were clearly situational, such as the bouts of depression and alcohol abuse he suffered as a result of wartime. He was also narcissistic, with a huge sense of self-importance, a need for undying admiration, and a lack of empathy for others on most occasions. And he was a bully.

In short, we've found that Hawkeye isn't as funny as we once thought he was. Our family conversations revolve around how to talk with people who have these traits, and how to talk with each other when we sense that these traits are surfacing in us. It's most important, I think, as adults, to respect others' humanity, and to be aware of our less functional character traits.

In October the Federation is presenting some programs to get us thinking about how to look at our humanity. We are partnering with the Chattanooga Public Library to bring author Ayelet Waldman in to speak about her book *Love and Treasure* which poses questions about the value of "precious" things at a time when life itself has no value. Former educator Lynn Howard will talk to us about "Facing History and Ourselves," an organization which helps students learn about racism, anti-Semitism, and prejudice so they can prevent it from happening in the future. And "Stop the Stigma: Understanding Mental Illness" is a panel discussion with Dr. Tracy Schultz, advocate Jane Elmore, and author Barbara Paper.

One of the best ways to invest in the community is to support programs that help us invest in the "us" that makes our community strong. Come invest in these programs in October.

HEBREW WITH NOA Tuesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm.

You must commit to at least 3 sessions per semester to be part of the class

First semester: Oct 13, Oct 20, Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 11
Kita Aleph will focus on basic Hebrew (letters and sounds, and how to read/write),

Second semester: Jan 12, Jan 19, Jan 26, Feb 2, Feb 9,
Kita Bet will focus on conversational Hebrew (daily spoken Hebrew)

If you are interested please contact the Federation, federation@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270, to register.

Registration will be open until October 8st.

There is no cost to attend either semester.



Jewish Federation is looking for a few good wheelchairs and walkers. Want to donate? Contact Amy Boulware at 493-0270 ext. 16.

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.

BARK Exhibit

24 artists interpret the theme BARK.. Open Monday through Thursday 9-5pm and Friday 9-4:00 pm. Exhibit closes Oct. 23.

Noon Nosh: Facing History and Ourselves, with retired educator and community member Lynn Howard, Tuesday, October 20 @ 12pm

Chili
Baked potato
Salad
New fall dessert

What ignited Facing History and Ourselves in the beginning is still what guides us today. The educator's most important responsibility—our gift to society—is to shape a humane, well-educated citizenry that practices civility and preserves human rights. \$10. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, on the website, or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, October 26: Human Trafficking

The U.S. and the international community have adopted various treaties and laws to prevent trafficking, but to truly understand and combat the issue, they must find the root causes enabling traffickers to exploit millions of victims. Second Life Chattanooga creates awareness that drives action through collaborative relationships with like-minded organizations and individuals in order to end human sex trafficking in Greater Chattanooga/Southeast Tennessee. \$10. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, on the website, or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

Tuesday Cafe. \$10. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, on the website, or call 493-0270 ext. 10.



October 13
Salisbury steak and gravy
Red skin smashed potatoes
Peas
Coconut cake

October 27
Chicken paprikash
Buttered noodles
Green beans
Apple Cake

Stop the Stigma: Understanding Mental Illness

Thursday, Oct. 29 @ 7pm. See page 7 for more information. No cost but please Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, on the website, or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

Call for Submissions:

From Our Home: Judaica and Israeli Art from Local Collectors

Seeking pieces of art to borrow for this inspirational exhibit. Please contact Ann Treadwell by October 12 if you are interested in participating. We'll be selecting pieces the weeks of October 12 and 19. Selected artwork will must be delivered to the Federation the week of October 26. Exhibit will be open to the public November 5- December 28. Items on exhibit at the Federation are insured. For consideration contact Ann at 493-0270 ext. 13 or atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com.

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.

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.

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FEDERATION SHLICHA



A Great Run

by Noa Hadad, Federation Shlicha
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Night Run 2015 was a great success! We had over 300 people participate, over 15 sponsors, 30 volunteers, and we raised \$ 2,500 (after all expenses)!! A big Thank You to all our sponsors for helping make this event possible: **First Tennessee, Advanced Foot Care Centers, Wells Fargo Advisors, Acuity, Dr. Keith Dressler, The Cowan Law Firm, LLC, Jeff Balsler, Roy and Jackie Rosenfeld, Sears Shoes Store, Brook Textiles, Cici's Pizza, Milk & Honey, Jacob Paper, Holder Concessions & Wholesale, Manker Patten Tennis Club, Big River Grill, and Rock/Creek Outfitters.** Thank you also to the entire the Night Run committee: Austin Center, Alan Lebovitz, Rob Lowe and Jay Nevans, and to all of our awesome volunteers! Without you, this event wouldn't be possible.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Shlichim Program is made possible through your donations to the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign.



We raised \$2,500. Where will it go?

The Night Run committee decided to donate the money we raised to Israeli teenagers at risk who participate in sports activities. We found an amazing non-profit organization at our P2G (Partnership Together) region area –Hadera. The organization is Mifalot. Mifalot is a social-educational organization that uses sports as a platform for social change. Mifalot focuses on tolerance, mutual understanding, recognition and acceptance in the community and beyond, as well as self-actualization of one's individual potential.

Mifalot has a special project called Goal: Peace & Coexistence.

The 'Know Your Neighbors' program was designed by Mifalot educational professionals to provide both conflict resolution instruction and life-skills training for Jewish and Arab youth (both male and female). It utilizes the power of soccer, a shared and beloved language between both communities.



Over 2,000 Jewish, Arab Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian children were impacted by Mifalot in 2014.

Thanks to our donation, the Mifalot organization will open a new group in our region! And they are working locally to match the funds. This new group will be for Jewish, Arab Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian teenagers. The organization believes that each person should have an equal chance for a good life, no matter where you come from or who you are. Therefore, the Night Run Committee also decided to support this program for our Night Run 2016!



**SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 16
NIGHT RUN 2016!**

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.



Night Run 2015

Thanks to Federation's new oven, Noa could teach Alice a few great new Israeli recipes.

Yum!



DON'T FORGET!
Hebrew with Noa begins
October 13. See facing page
for times, dates.

FEDERATION NEWS

Genetic Screening Coming to JCC



Often the first thing we think about when diagnosed with cancer, beyond treatment, is how did this happen? Will it happen again? Can I get another cancer? Is it genetic? Did I pass this along to my kids? And the answers can be complex and complicated.

All cancer is genetic at its basic level. It is the result of gene mutations, or genetic changes, that occur in the body's cells over a lifetime. At some point, the accumulation of these changes lead to uncontrolled cell growth and a cancer is diagnosed. Cancer is quite common. National statistics indicate that 1 in 2 men and 1 in 3 women will be diagnosed with some form of cancer in their lifetime.

Women have a higher risk of breast cancer than men because women simply have more breast tissue. Approximately 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. The average age of diagnosis is 61.

Some lifestyle and environmental factors can slightly increase or decrease one's risk for breast cancer, such as having children and at what age, breast feeding or not, and weight. Those with a significant family history of breast cancer have an elevated risk over those who have no family history. We can also inherit a genetic risk for specific types of cancer.

We believe approximately 70% of breast cancer is sporadic, that it just happens, through the accumulation of genetic changes over one's lifetime. Roughly 20% is thought to be a combination of genetics and environment. Ten percent of breast cancer is due to inherited changes.

These days it's hard not to hear about genetic testing and assume, based on current marketing, advertising or popular media, that a single test can provide all the answers to the questions raised above. But that simply isn't the case. In future articles, we'll explore the genetics of inherited cancers, genetic testing, its benefits and limitations, and what genetic test results mean.

Amber Volk, MS, MA, CGC
Certified Genetic Counselor
Medical Science Liaison

**Screening date:
Sunday Feb. 21**



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My Summer in Israel

by Will Potts

I went to Israel with four other Americans through a Federation program called Partnership 2Gether (P2G). It was an exchange program, meaning I went to Israel for two weeks and stayed with two families and kids from Israel came to Chattanooga and stayed with us. When I first arrived, I stayed with a boy named Uli and his family. The remainder of the trip, I stayed with a boy named Itai and his family.

It was probably the most amazing experience I have ever had in my life. First, I want to say that I actually did enjoy eating hummus and riding a camel, two things that I was concerned about liking. Some of the amazing things we did included picking tomatoes for people who could not afford to buy food and giving Teddy bears to children who had been taken out of their homes due to safety issues.

My favorite day was spent in Jerusalem. The Wailing Wall had a huge impact on me, one that cannot be described but must be experienced. This experience was life changing for me. I feel more in touch with my religion. I'm happy to know that there is a state for the Jewish people and that I got to go visit it and take part in all it has to offer. I feel like every husband, mom, and child should be able to go and experience Israel as I have.

I would like to thank my parents for letting me go and Noa for helping me get there by not asking me to go but telling me to go. A big thanks also to all the teens, who went before me, for encouraging me to go.



About PJ Library:

PJ LIBRARY IS A JEWISH FAMILY ENGAGEMENT program implemented on a local level throughout North America. Participants receive high-quality Jewish children's literature on a monthly basis. Families raising Jewish children from age six months of age eight years (depending on the community) are encouraged to enroll at www.pjlibrary.org. PJ Library in Chattanooga is sponsored through the generosity of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, Aleph Bet Children's Center, and Diagnostic Pathology Services, P.C.



A Women's Mission

Feb 7, 2016 to Feb. 11, 2016

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Spend two nights in Tel Aviv and two nights in Jerusalem. Experience the unbelievable sights, projects and developments taking place in modern Israel. Meet Israeli women who work at the highest levels of business, government, technology, science, military, the arts and fashion. Participate in a hands-on service project with children in Tel Aviv, become a master chef in a cooking competition, rule the roads on a jeep adventure in Israel's south, and enjoy home hospitality with Israeli women who are just like you!

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>.

SOCIAL SERVICES



Learn, and Grow

by Amy Boulware
Social Services Director
aboulware@jewishchattanooga.com

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

Three years ago my husband Gene said he thought he wanted to go back to school to get his master's degree. At the time, we had one daughter in college, one daughter recovering from a traumatic brain injury who was hoping to go to college, he was working full time, I was working full time, and we had just moved my dad into our home with us after my mom passed away. I couldn't figure out if he was having a mid-life crisis, a nervous breakdown, or looking for an escape from the craziness we call life at the Boulware abode.

Most people said they admired his ambition, but that they would never be able to go back to school at this stage in their lives. And initially, I thought it was just a wild thought that he would never pursue. But then I saw him evaluating specific programs and making calls to admissions people, and I realized he was serious.

Gene explained that his field had changed, and that he felt the need to retool in order to keep up in his career. So we took a leap of faith, and he dove in head first. I say "we" because in our relationship, if one of us takes something on, the other is right there supporting the endeavor.

It had been a long time since Gene had been in school, and doing it while working full time was a big undertaking. The first week of class he came home every day, took a 20 minute nap, ate dinner, and hit the books. The program required three written papers a week, and I was his editor. Our weekly date night, a sacred event since our girls were born, turned into edit night.

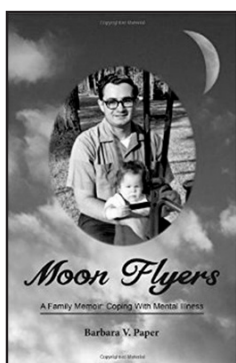
One day Gene called me at work in an outrage. "Can you believe I got an 87 on one of my papers?" he said. He proceeded to tell me ten reasons why the professor was wrong for grading him so harshly. I burst out laughing, which infuriated him.

"Honey," I said, "I've been with you so long I remember a time when you'd have called me with excitement about getting an 87 on a paper!" I encouraged him to calm down, and to think about what he had learned in class and how he'd apply it in the real world. This wasn't about the grades, after all. It was about bettering himself and learning new things.

Two long years later, watching Gene cross the stage at graduation, I beamed with pride. There were many days he would have rather vegged out in front the T.V. or relaxed with a good book, but he pushed on. His grandmother had once told him that an education was something nobody could take away, and that there was no limit to how much a person could learn.

When we stop learning, we stop living. Although not all learning needs to culminate with an earned degree, every time we learn something new we are growing as people. No matter what age you are there is always an opportunity to expand your knowledge. Opportunities not taken are something to regret. On that note, while we were celebrating graduation over beer with several of Gene's professors, one mentioned that he should think about starting on his PhD.

"Hmmmm," was all he said.



Stop The Stigma: Understanding Mental Illness October 29, 7:00 p.m.

Three diverse views on how to understand and define mental illness and find local resources and assistance. A personal perspective will be presented by Dr. Tracy Schultz, PhD., advocate Jane Elmore, and author Barbara Paper. Barbara Paper will be available to sign copies of her book *Moon Flyers: A Family Memoir: Coping With Mental Illness*. No cost to attend, dessert and coffee will be available.

Coffee with Kodsi Coming October 30 @ 10 a.m.



Join Amy Boulware at the JCC as she co-hosts *Coffee With Kodsi* with Dr. Matt Kodsi, leading expert in Alzheimer's disease. This is an informal gathering in association with The Alzheimer's Association which allows people to ask questions about the disease. We will have muffins, coffee and fruit. RSVP to 493-0270 to hold your spot.

It's That Time Again!



**Medicare Part D
Open Enrollment
October 15- December 7.**
To make appointment call
493-0270 and request
paperwork. Paperwork must
be completed and returned
before meeting
with Amy.

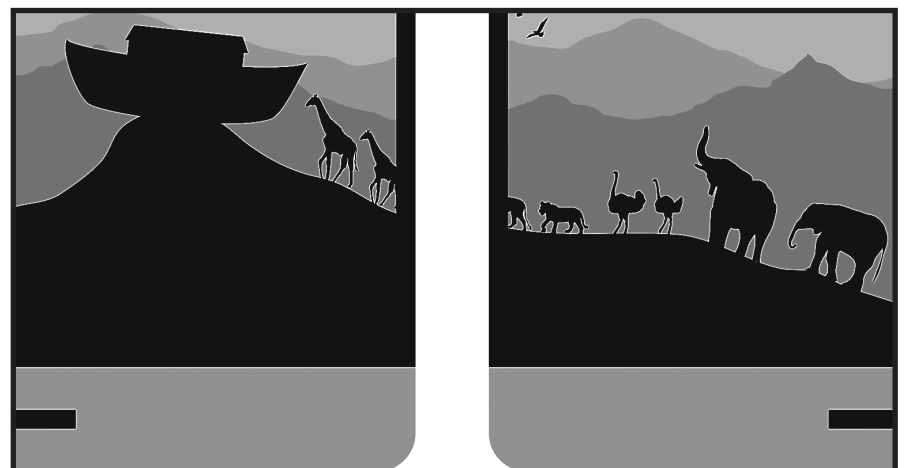
Van Schedule

DAY	SCHEDULED	AS NEEDED
Monday:	Eddie	(Rick is on call if needed)
Tuesday:	John	(Eddie is on call if needed)
Wednesday:	Rick	(Eddie is on call if needed)
Thursday:	John	(Rick is on call if needed)



Rick will be our evening and special events driver. We will only run the van for these programs if we have three or more people, unless otherwise approved.

Rick Jacobs 432-2222
Eddie Reel 503-0238
John Schneider 504-6324



PROJECT ZUG

November 2015 - February 2016

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- Paired Learning With Israeli Peers
- In Our P2G Southeast Region

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TRAVEL

to Israel spring 2016 and host your Israeli peers the following fall

For information contact Ann Treadwell at 493-0270 ext. 13

FEDERATION PROGRAMS

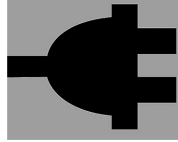
Young Jewish Leadership (Ages 21-45)



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DID YOU KNOW?
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Above and below, *YJL enjoys August Shabbat dinner at Federation shlichah Noa Hadad's clubhouse*

YJL is always looking for new members!

NEXT UP:
Friday, Oct. 16 @ 6:30p.m.
YJL Shabbat at home of Sarah Brook

Summer 2016 Mission Trip to Israel

Designed for Young Leadership – ages 21-45 (with some flexibility)
An active tour of Israel! Explore Israel while bonding with your YJL peers
--Get a better understanding of Israel while also learning about Federation sponsored sites.

--Connect with the people of Israel through interactive site visits
--Evening activities

--Hiking, archeology and a service project

Approximate cost - \$4,200 (includes airfare, hotels, tips, most meals)
Subsidies available!

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



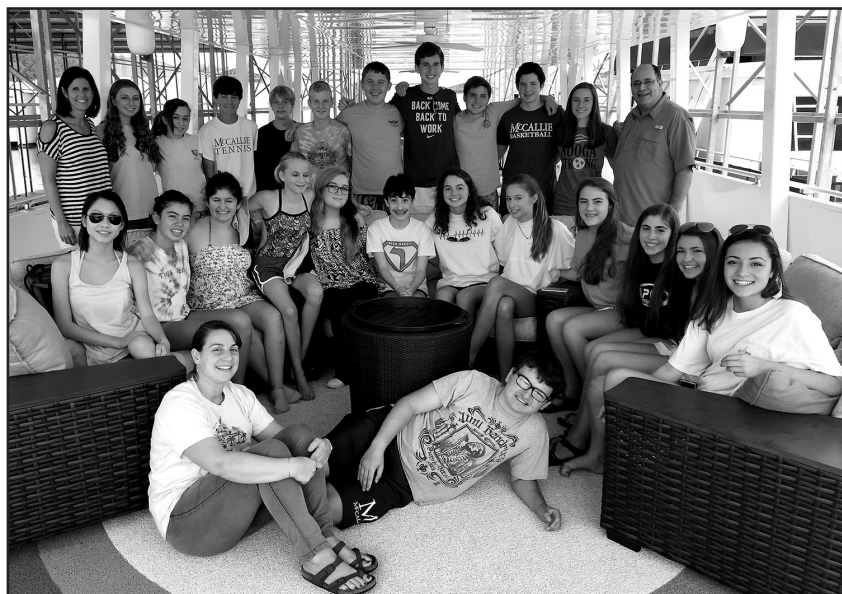
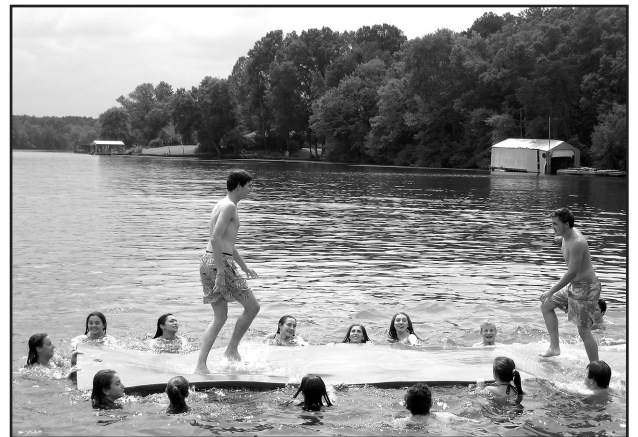
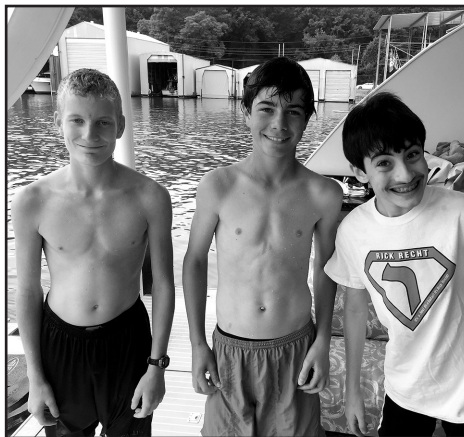
JEW CREW

The Annual Jew Cruise Took Off!

In August, we had a record number of members at our annual Jew Cruise, with twenty-two teens in attendance, including an impressive eleven new ninth graders whom we welcomed aboard. We spent the afternoon on the Lebovitz houseboat on Lake Chickamauga eating, swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking, sliding, hanging, and getting to know each other. It was the perfect start to what we know will be an incredible year ahead. It's not too late to join the Crew! Registration forms are available on the web at <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/jew-crew/> or email Alison at alebo@mac.com for more information.

See you soon!

Alison Lebovitz, Andy Hodes and Noa Hadad



DON'T MISS!
Sunday
October 25
12:30-2:30
p.m.
Jew Crew
Social Action
Project



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COMMUNITY LIFECYCLES



Mazel Tov

--to Sadie Cowan, who received her Girl Scout Silver Award, a prestigious award which involved creating and implementing Friendship Friday and completing over 50 hours of service toward the intergenerational project.

Condolences

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

--Phyllis Bell, loving wife of the late Bernard Bell, mother/mother-in-Law of Gary and Paula Bell and Keith Bell, sister/sister-in-law of Ival and Doris Goldstein, Rosalyn and Stan Vogel, Herb and Marilyn Goldstein, and the late Larry Goldstein, and grandmother of Hilary and Emily Bell

--Daniel Ellman, wife of Pat, who passed away August 13

--Walter Grygorcewicz, father/father-in-Law of Mary and David Laband and grandfather of Jake and Ally Laband, on August 26

--Leonard Marvin Ludsky, brother of Marion Shuman

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

Tributes

In memory of

Phyllis Bell (Lois Kiselik, Robert Kiselik,)

Richard Abelson (Marion Abrams)

Richard Abelson and JoAnn Richelson (Teddi Mendel)

Virginia Elizabeth Jordon (Marion Abrams)

Julie Flaster (Sam and Dana Banks)

JoAnn Effron Richelson (Marion Abrams, G.R. Rush and Company)

In appreciation of

Amy Boulware and Edie Redish (Robert and Lois Kiselik)

In honor of

Abe Lebovitz Bar Mitzvah (Rosalee and Jerry Bogo)

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.

Friends of the Library and Jewish Federation Welcome Author Ayelet Waldman

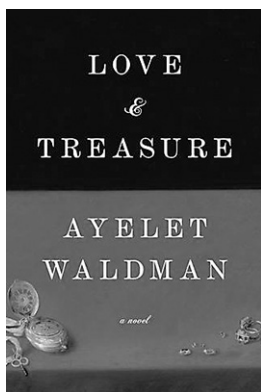


NY Times Best Selling Author, Ayelet Waldman will speak at the Chattanooga Public Library Thursday, October 8 from 6:30-7:30 pm. A Meet the Author Reception will precede the event. From 5-6:15 pm, for \$20, attendees will receive an autographed copy of Waldman's most recent novel, *Love and Treasure*, and also enjoy a photo opportunity with her.

Love and Treasure is the fascinating true history of the Hungarian Gold Train of WWII, which was filled with unspeakable riches confiscated from the Jewish population by the Nazis. A story of brilliantly drawn characters, *LOVE AND TREASURE* is a sad, funny, richly detailed work that poses hard questions about the value of precious things in a time when life itself has no value.

Other books by Ayelet Waldman include: *Red Hook Road, A Chronicle of Maternal Crimes, Minor Calamities and Occasional Moments of*

Grace, Love and Other Impossible Pursuits, and Mommy Track Mysteries. Her essays have appeared in the *NY Times, Vogue, Washington Post* and the *Wall St. Journal*. Ms. Waldman is married to author Michael Chabon.



"RETURN:

Or how does one photograph an absence?"

October 12, 2015

5 p.m.

Derthick Hall 101 (next to the new library on Vine Street)



Image by Sylvia de Swaan

Sylvia de Swaan is a Romanian born visual artist/photographer who works on long-term projects about transience, loss, memory, the state of the world, and the neighborhood where she lives. She is interested in the construction of narrative and how meaning is created through juxtaposition and editing.

Prof. John C. Swanson's talk will include a Power Point presentation of de Swaan's photos with some reading of text and filling in with spoken narrative dating back to the earliest beginnings

of his own quest for roots and personal history. He will also show his own recent work completed this past June, on his travels to villages in Ukraine and various sites of former Jewish culture, including the lost town of Trochenbrod that came to public attention through the writings of Jonathan Safran Foer. For more information please contact Prof. John C. Swanson at UTC: 423-425-4563 or John-Swanson@utc.edu.

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FEDERATION NEWS

Why I Endow: L'Dor Va'Dor

by Jeff Balsler



Why in the world would anyone leave an endowment to the Jewish Federation upon his or her death? For me, the answer is quite simple: L'Dor Va'Dor. I want to see our wonderful Jewish community pass from my generation to the next. I see my endowment as my final gift, marking a lifetime of ensuring that I leave this world better than I inherited it.

Our Jewish heritage is rich in tradition. For me it started with my Bris a week after I was born. While I don't have any memory of the event, or course, this was my introduction to the covenant of Abraham, the first Jew whose identity was not based on family biology, but on a commitment to the Jewish way of life. My three boys had a similar experience a week into their lives. I remember the community coming together to share the day with our family.

During my childhood, I studied Hebrew, and learned Jewish prayers and history. This learning prepared me for my bar mitzvah. I do remember this well. So many members of my extended family made the trip to Atlanta from all across the country. I felt and appreciated the Jewish tradition of family. My three boys had their bar mitzvahs here in Chattanooga. The beauty of a Chattanooga Bar Mitzvah is that they do not occur every weekend. Our community comes together in such a special way to celebrate the simcha.

As a parent and an adult, I have tried to pass on my Jewish traditions and knowledge to my children. I have tried to be involved in the Jewish community. We are a small community, but we have a rich tradition in Chattanooga.

We are a lucky community. So many Jewish families over the years have set an example of giving tzedakah to help build something tangible for the next generation. This has allowed me to have a wonderful adult Jewish life in Chattanooga. My family has a place to gather with other Jews. Whether it is to celebrate Chanukah at the city wide party, hear a speaker from AIPAC, see a movie at the Jewish Film Series, or enroll a child at Aleph Bet; our Jewish Federation is there for us. I want to ensure that these opportunities are there for the next Federation and the Federation after that. I cannot think of a better way than an endowment. Can you?

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: _____

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

Signature

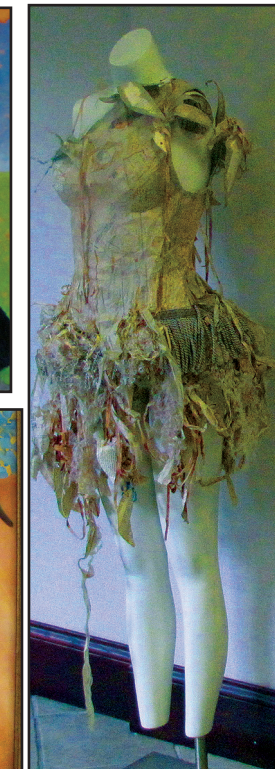
Date

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).

It's easy to join the Legacy Society! Simply fill out and return.

BARK Opening Reception August 13



**Exhibit closes October 23 at 4p.m.
There's still time to see it!**