

CHABAD OF CHATTANOOGA



Chabad
of Chattanooga

Rabbi Shaul Perlstein

Reb Mottel of Chernobyl was one of the great Chassidic masters. A young man once came to ask for a blessing and Reb Mottel asked the visitor to recount his typical daily schedule. The young man explained that he began each day by buying goods for his business from the local landowner. Following that, he would recite the morning prayers, after which he began to sell his wares.

“Why do you buy your merchandise before you pray in the morning?” asked Reb Mottel.

The young man explained, “Why, if I waited until after prayers, the only goods remaining would be of inferior quality, if not sold out entirely!” Upon hearing that, Reb Mottel shared the following story.

There was once a teacher of Jewish studies, whose livelihood entailed traveling far from his hometown to teach Jewish children in distant cities. He was often away from his home for a year or more at a time. Meanwhile his wife and children lived the year without him, borrowing and living on credit.

This teacher was paid for his services with coins. The wealthy gave him gold coins, the middle class paid with silver coins, and people of more modest means paid with copper or nickel coins.

The teacher had made a belt for himself where he would hang the various bags. Each bag carried a different type of coin. He had a bag for his gold coins, a bag for his silver coins, a bag for his nickel coins and a bag for his copper coins.

After the year of teaching was up, he headed back home. As the first Shabbat on his voyage approached, he knew he would have to remove his belt, as carrying money on Shabbat is forbidden. But he didn't know where to hide his money bags.

He decided to bury his earnings in the ground, and retrieve them after Shabbat. But just as he was about to finish his digging, he heard some people in the distance. Paranoia set in, and he became alarmed by the possibility that if he could hear them, they could probably see him, and his money wasn't safe.

Now pressed for time, he grabbed the belt with the bags of coins and ran to the local Jewish inn, where he handed the innkeeper the entire bundle in a furious hurry for safekeeping. Shabbat began, and the teacher was livid with himself. He had just given the innkeeper his entire year's earnings without even a note or receipt mentioning the amount of money being held. It would be so easy for the innkeeper to deny safeguarding the coins, and his whole year's pay would be lost.

Thoughts of his wife and children flooded his mind. What would they do? How would they face the creditors? His imagination took off, leaving him worried and on edge for the entire Shabbat.

The innkeeper sensed his guest's troubled condition and, as soon as Shabbat departed, he recited the evening prayers very quickly, and placed the belt with the bags of coins in front of the teacher, who was still reciting the silent Amidah prayer.

To the amazement of the innkeeper, in the middle of his supplications the teacher opened the bag of gold coins and started counting them one by one. He saw that all the coins were still there. Nevertheless, he took out the bag with the silver coins and started counting them next. All the silver coins were also still there, yet his concern and worry did not dissipate. He then started counting the nickel coins, and then the copper coins, and finally returned to his prayers. The innkeeper, who had observed the entire process, was taken aback and perplexed.

When the teacher finished his prayers, the innkeeper confronted him. “After you saw I hadn't taken any of your gold coins, why did you not trust that I hadn't taken any of your silver coins, which are much less valuable? And after you counted the silver coins too, and saw I took nothing, why didn't you trust me then? You continued to count the ridiculously less valuable nickel and copper coins.”

Reb Mottel of Chernobyl turned to the young man before him and said, “I want to ask you the same question the innkeeper asked the teacher. Every single morning, G d has given you back your soul, your body, your very life—the equivalent of gold and silver coins. What makes you think he won't also give you your livelihood—your nickel and copper coins? You should increase your trust, and believe that G d will give you your physical sustenance too. There is no need to rush off to buy goods before morning prayers.”



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Where women get together to sip tea, enjoy light refreshments and learn/discuss beautiful and inspiring Torah insights. Led by Rosie Perlstein at her home - 22 Pisgah Ave. Stay in Touch for dates and times.

Torah and Tea is held in the memory of our neighboring Chabad Rebbetzin; Rashi Minkowitz OBM from Alpharetta GA who passed away at the young age of 37. Rashi left behind 8 young beautiful children. Rashi dedicated a big part of her life to her 'Torah and Tea' classes and we proudly join the hundreds of other Chabad centers in remembering her legacy by starting our very own "Torah and Tea" in her honor.

HADASSAH NEWS



Hadassah Happenings

by Judy Sachsman
Past President



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Chattanooga Chapter

Noa Hadad's Israeli Cooking Demonstration at the home of Wendy and Hannah Beker was such a success that Karen Hinkes joined Hadassah and offered to host Noa's Israeli Cooking, Part II. This second culinary event is scheduled for Sunday, February 28, and members should note: participants get to eat the results!

As the community welcomed 5776, Hadassah members thank everyone for supporting the Rosh Hashanah greeting cards and Helen Smith for chairing the project. This fundraiser gives the Chattanooga community an opportunity to share best wishes for the coming year. All contributions will be directed to Hadassah's Medical Organization.

"Margaritas, Mah Jongg, and More" will start the new year on Sunday, November 1, from 4-7 at Mizpah Congregation. This fun event will be chaired by Barbara Oxenhandler, Sheryl Hill and Beth Lowe. Mah Jongg lessons will be provided and other games will be available. Everyone is invited; non-members will be GIFTED AN ANNUAL HADASSAH MEMBERSHIP! Although there is no charge to attend, participants are asked to bring a sweet or savory dish to share (parve or dairy). RSVP to Sandy Tabakin (sandytab@gmail.com or 706-820-0123) by October 28.

Chapter members should be ready for a spectacular 100th year! Chattanooga welcomes Karen Hinkes, new member, and transfers Charlotte Schuyt from Florida and Randi Weiss from Pittsburgh. Congratulations to Joy Gendreau who has become a Life Member.

A special announcement about annual memberships has just been released: until the end of the year, Life Members can now gift one non-member with an annual membership for no charge! Join Hadassah and make a commitment. Membership in Hadassah is the perfect gift that fits every occasion. And for every occasion, Hadassah cards are available from Paula Israel (423-802-8434). The newest Hadassah jewelry features a heart necklace, priced at \$100, which supports the new addition to Hadassah Hospital and three styles of bracelets, at \$25 each, which supports Young Judaea scholarships (available from Millie Lander). Think Hadassah for lifecycle events!

The Chattanooga Chapter wishes the entire community a Happy New Year.

HADASSAH: Putting our Jewish values into action: advocacy, health and well being, building community in Israel and the United States.

Israeli Cooking with Noa, Part I, Was Sunday, August 23



Federation shlichah Noa Hadad (left and far right) did the presentations and Wendy and Hannah Beker hosted the event, Sunday, August 23



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Jewish Federation Mission Statement

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

Jewish Cultural Center Statement of Purpose

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

Shofar Policies and Procedures

Article/Advertising Deadline

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

The Shofar calendar

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

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

Letters to the Editor

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

Mazel Tovs and Condolences

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

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

Corrections

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

Community Directory Updates

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

October 2015 Tishri-Cheshvan 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
					Candle Lighting 7:06	Candle Lighting 8:00
4	5 FED and AB CLOSED	6 FED and AB CLOSED	7 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	8 Author Ayelet Waldman at Chattanooga Public Library 6:30	9	10
Shemini Atzeret 7:03	Simchat Torah 7:57	Candle Lighting 7:56			Candle Lighting 6:56	Candle Lighting 7:51
11 CJCRS	12	13 Tuesday Cafe 12pm JCC <hr/> Hebrew Class	14 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	15 Federation Board Meeting 5:30pm JCC	16 YJL Shabbat <hr/> Book It to Shabbat	17 Book It to Shabbat
					Candle Lighting 6:47	Candle Lighting 7:42
18 CJCRS <hr/> Federation Campaign Super Sunday <hr/> Book It to Shabbat	19 Federation Campaign Sweeps Week	20 Noon Nosh Facing History and Ourselves <hr/> Hebrew with Noa <hr/> Federation Campaign Sweeps Week	21 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC <hr/> Federation Campaign Sweeps Week	22	23 BARK Exhibit closes at 4pm	24
					Candle Lighting 6:39	Candle Lighting 7:34
25 CJCRS <hr/> Jew Crew <hr/>	26 Foreign Policy Supper Club 6pm JCC	27 Tuesday Cafe 12pm JCC <hr/> Jewish Archives Meeting <hr/> Hebrew with Noa	28 Mideast Dance 10:30am, JCC	29 Stop the Stigma: Understanding Mental Illness 7pm JCC	30 Coffee with Kodsi 10 am JCC	31
					Candle Lighting 6:31	Candle Lighting 7:27

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

Key Jewish Federation Dates

Thursday, October 8
Author Ayelet Waldman at Chatt. Library

Sunday, October 18
Super Sunday

Tuesday, October 20
Noon Nosh Facing History/Ourselves

Thursday, October 29
Stop the Stigma: Understanding Mental Illness

Friday, October 30
Coffee with Kodsi

Calendar Abbreviation Key

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

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Campaign Kickoff, Major Gifts off to Major Start

Campaign Kickoff, August 30.

Campaign Kickoff featured speakers Lee Brouner, Austin Center, Campaign Co-Chair Roy Rosenfeld, comedian Tom Ryan, and Federation Social Services Director Amy Boulware.



L-r: Speakers Lee Brouner, Austin Center, Roy Rosenfeld, Tom Ryan, Amy Boulware. Beside Amy, Mayor Andy Berke and family



Major Gifts, September 10

Major Gifts 2016 was held at the home of Becca and Todd Levin. Keynote speaker was Lou Feldstein; Major Gifts Chair Lauren Lebovitz also spoke. Community member Barbie Potts talked about her recent, and first, trip to Israel on the Federation's Heart2Heart Mission.



L-r: Todd Levin, Lou Feldstein with Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik, Lauren Lebovitz, Barbie Potts, Campaign Co-Chair Richard Zachary

