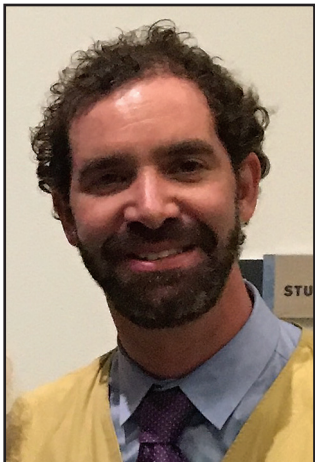


THE SHOFAAR

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Our Actions Truly Make a Difference

By Austin Center,
2018 Campaign Chair

I've had the opportunity the past few years to represent the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga as Campaign Chair and to attend Federation missions and programs. These have educated me that our actions as a community truly make a difference. I am always so immensely proud to learn about how we help people. Seeing the smile of a child, or hearing the thank-you from an elderly person reminds me that what we do is so worthwhile. That our actions here in Chattanooga keep the Jewish spirit and life alive, and make our community stronger for generations to come.

For this I want to say thank you.

As Campaign Chair of our Jewish Federation, I learn more and more everyday about how our actions directly impact peoples' lives. Having been raised in a Jewish family, I have always understood that we are defined by our actions. This past summer, Michael Spector, Michael Dzik and I went on the Financial Resource Development (FRD) Mission to Ukraine and Israel. We spent seven days seeing and hearing about how our actions make a difference and directly seeing the impact of our dollars.

Upon arriving in Kiev, Ukraine in July, we took a short drive to Babi Yar, a park with a dark past in the middle of Ukraine. As we walked along the path, we learned the story of the desecrated Jewish Cemetery. In September 1941, 37,000 Kiev Jews were marched into the park by the Nazis and murdered. The whole Jewish population was wiped out in a few days. This tragic story played out all over Europe at this time, in Poland, France, Germany, and other European countries. Standing there at Babi Yar we honored all who perished in the Holocaust by laying a flower and saying a prayer. NEVER FORGET.

We say the words Never Forget, but those words ring hollow without our actions. Seventy-five years ago, the Nazis tried to wipe us out, and that day standing at Babi Yar, with other leaders of the North American Jewish Federations, I saw that our actions make a difference, your actions make a difference, and together we make a difference. Today in Kiev our dollars and actions are needed more than ever. For the first time since World War II, Jews are Internally Displaced Persons. Due to the war in Crimea, Jews had to leave their home, and leave everything behind. Our actions as a Jewish Federation make sure these IDP have food, shelter, and support.

Imagine having to pack up everything you own and leave your home. Where would you go? Who could you turn to for help? We met a mother of two who told us about having to pack *Continued on page 4*

Major Gifts October 1



Award winning film-maker Martin Himel will be this year's Major Gifts speaker. Himel has exposed anti-Semitism like never before, by working his way into anti-Zionist and Neo Nazi anti-Semitic movements with alternative identities and hidden cameras. Himel also worked his cameras into the inner circles of the Hamas leadership, the Pakistani clergy, and Egyptian academia to document the rabid anti-Semitism reverberating throughout the Mid-East. Himel's films have broadcast on CNN, PBS, NBC, and on major Canadian and European networks.

Major Gifts is October 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Laura Lea and Keith Dressler. There is a minimum family gift of \$3600 to attend.

McJunkin and Goss-Morgan to Travel to Israel



It is with excitement that the Federation announces Annette McJunkin, Federation Office Manager (left) and Alice Goss-Morgan, Kitchen Supervisor (right) will be attending a Jewish Federation Professional's mission to Israel this month. There will be approximately 120 attendees on the mission from all Federations, Christians and Jews. It is an amazing opportunity for them and for the Chattanooga Federation.

There will be professional development on the mission; Alice will have an afternoon food tour and private session with a head chef in Tel Aviv. Annette will have opportunities for learning and networking with other financial professionals. Both will see the daily work of our Chattanooga Federation – the impact and engagement with the community.

In Israel, they will see our overseas mission in full force. They will meet with JFNA professionals, visit with the Ethiopian National Project, JDC and JAFI programs including MASA, and have dinner with IDF lone soldiers. They will also learn about Jewish and Israel history with visits to Yad Vashem, Masada, Dead Sea, and the Kotel. They'll enjoy the smells and tastes of Machaneh Yehuda before Shabbat and have opportunities for Christian site visits such as the Christian Quarter and Church of the Holy Sepulcher. And they will visit with Chattanooga family – many of our former shlichim – who will welcome them and spend additional time with them.

Annette and Alice will be out of the office beginning September 11 and will return September 25. We know they will come back inspired and with a full understanding of the work of our Chattanooga Jewish Federation.

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If you really like us--or even if you just kind of like us but want to keep up with all things Jewish Federation and community--please LIKE US on Facebook today! Facebook is where we remind you of upcoming events (and cancellations), post photos, and share a variety of information. It's an easy way to stay in touch with, and abreast of, Jewish community life!

Our Facebook page is **Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga**.

And please, while you're at your computer, why not familiarize yourself with our website as well: <http://www.Jewishchattanooga.com>. It's interactive! You can RSVP to events, check out the community calendar, donate, register to volunteer, register your kids for camp, see what's coming up for the month, and even hop onto our Facebook feed.

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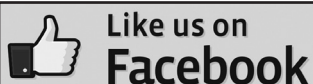
October 1 Major Gifts

October 26 Baha'i Gardens Dinner

November 20, 27, 24 Jewish Documentary Film Series

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The Federation will be closed the following dates:

Monday, September 4

Wednesday, September 20 @ 3p.m.

Thursday, September 21

Friday, September 22

Friday, September 29 @ 3p.m.

Labor Day

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah

Yom Kippur

NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



Israel – to Love Her, Warts and All

*Lee Brouner, Federation Board Chair
boardchair@jewishchattanooga.com*

Wow. The summer is almost over. While politics in the US have definitely been eventful over the last few months, Israeli politics, in some ways, may have been even more concerning. In late June, the Israeli government approved two policy changes that have a direct effect on American Jews and other Jews throughout the diaspora. In summary, these policy changes, although not finalized into Israeli law, authorized the following:

- The government granted approval for a draft bill that would, for the first time ever, give the Chief Rabbinate a monopoly on conversions in Israel.
- The government agreed to suspend or freeze the Kotel resolution entered into in January 2016 that would have significantly expanded and upgraded the egalitarian prayer space at the Kotel (Western Wall).

Both of these actions were seen as a threat to unity between the State of Israel and world Jewry. JFNA (Jewish Federations of North America) and JAFI (Jewish Agency for Israel), agencies that are supported by our campaign, were swift to express disappointment to the Israeli government and to commence efforts to reverse these proposed actions.

Locally, our Federation, along with our sister Federations in Atlanta, Nashville, Charlotte, and many other Federations in the Southeast, mailed a letter to the Israeli Consul General expressing our deep disappointment over these policy

decisions. We, along with JFNA, JAFI, and many other Jewish agencies will continue to work toward reversing these proposals.

It is in the midst of this political climate that we kicked off our Annual Campaign at the end of last month. While I and other American Jews are definitely frustrated by the Israeli government's actions, we must not lose sight of the bigger picture and the need to continue to raise funds locally to support vulnerable Jews throughout the world, whether here, overseas, or in Israel.

We must continue to support Israel and maintain our special connection to our homeland. Divisions within our people are not new. Jewish history has taught us that these divisions weaken us and lead to tragedy. We must honor the lessons of history, renew our determination for Israel and the Jewish people to do better, and work together for a brighter Jewish future.

Feel free to contact Michael Dzik, members of the Board of Directors, or me if you would like to discuss this situation and the Federation's response to the Israeli government's actions.

CAMPAIGN 2018

2018 Campaign Chair: Austin Center

Kickoff Family Host: Hodes Family

Kickoff Committee: Hodes Family, Lee Brouner, Rob Lowe, Rachel Privett, Mike Spector, and Finette Winer

Major Gifts Chairs: Chazen Family

Major Gifts: Sunday, October 1@ 5:30 pm, home of Laura Lea and Keith Dressler

Major Gifts Committee: Marilyn Center, Candace Chazen, and Lynne Herman

Doing What We Do Best at Home and Abroad

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

What a pleasure and honor to travel with Austin Center and Mike Spector on the summer FRD mission to Kiev and Israel. I know you'll be hearing many stories over the next few months – our journey and experiences – the meaningful work we do and the amazing people we work with and are helping.

There are always special moments that happen on these mission trips. Some happen during planned site visits while others are more spontaneous. It was actually an Argentinian Birthright Israel trip that touched me this trip. Argentina? That's correct.

First – for those who may not know what Birthright Israel (Taglit) is – Birthright, which began in 1999, is a FREE 10-day trip to Israel for young Jews ages 18-26 from all over the world. There are several major sponsors of this program, including Jewish Federations. The 10-day trip is a first time experience for most, high intensity with maximum engagement. Birthright is connecting Jews to their Judaism, to Israel and of course, to other Jews! Over the past 18 years, dozens of Chattanoogaans have taken this Birthright journey. It is my opinion that this program is one of the most successful and impactful Federation programs.

We were at the Kotel on Friday evening just before the beginning of Shabbat. I approached a tour guide who was clearly working with a Birthright group. I asked him to take a group picture and, to my surprise, received a quick and resounding “no”. I was shocked, even stunned. The guide then came back and said “I'll take your group picture if my Birthright group can be in it with you”. So, in typical ‘Michael’ fashion, I called his bluff and said “of course”! The next thing I knew we were surrounded by 30 Argentinian Birthright-ers (see right, top photo).

I don't speak Spanish but I wanted these young adults to know who they just took a picture with. With the guide acting as my translator, I gave an elevator pitch of who we were. “We are with Jewish Federations throughout North America. We are volunteers and staff members representing our Jewish communities –traveling throughout Israel to see where our dollars are being spent, meeting people and feeling the impact of our work first hand. One of the programs we sponsor is Birthright and it makes us all so proud to see you in Israel creating

your Jewish journey.” My 20 second remarks were greeted with smiles, clapping and even a few hugs. There were many thank you's as well.

As I looked at the many smiling faces I was overwhelmed with pride. We didn't know these young adults and they didn't know me. We couldn't even speak the same language. We were Jews and we were welcoming Shabbat together, at our holiest place. I could only think – “We do such great work”. Sometimes we know the people we help or have impact on, sometimes we don't. That Friday late afternoon I met 30 young, Argentinian Jews, just like you and me, and we had a special moment together. You and I helped them take a step on their Jewish journeys. This is what we do together. Thank you.



Jewish Agency Youth Leadership group in Kiev with Mike Spector and Austin Center

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What Walls are These?

Ann Treadwell, Program Director atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com

Patience

by Jack Ballas

Some
 build walls
 We all have walls
 I wanna be one who causes them
 to crumble
 Not by some great overwhelming
 and immediate force
 I wanna be one who walks ten miles each day to my wall,
 with a basket
 To collect the flowers that grow at its base,
 all the while scanning,
 unnoticeable
 for any structural weakness
 One who glances around with great care,
 to be sure he is unseen,
 And when the moment is right,
 produces a hammer and chisel from that basket
 and makes a hairline fracture, imperceptible,
 with a dull thud,
 then walks back home,
 to return again each next day.
 Who hopes that one day
 Some gentle breeze alone
 May cause that wall to sway,
 and topple
 Barring nothing

I was asked, not long ago, what I do in my job at the Federation. Usually I tell people that I am the gatekeeper, inviting people into the Jewish Cultural Center with a host of programs and activities that ask people to dialogue or converse about a specific subject. I am the person who introduces people from the Jewish and non-Jewish community to what the Federation does, and how we serve others.

This summer I temporarily changed the “do” of my job. I was sidelined with a severe case of shingles that affected the right side of my face, particularly my right eye. Blam! My regular life activities hit a wall.

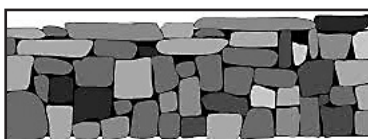
People would not look at or engage with me in public places. Truth be told, I’m not sure I blame them. Blam! The wall of public perception.

Patience. Regroup. Reconfigure. Suddenly, instead of gatekeeper, I had to become a person who chipped away at a wall.

As my Mayor of Caretown duties completed, I dutifully made my appointed rounds during Philanthropy Camp. I struggled at times. Thankfully, my able assistant, Rachel Raisin, and the wonderful camp counselors, were there to step in when I faltered.

So what does all this have to do with the Federation? Patience, I say. Let me draw your attention to the “Walls” exhibit. I specifically picked art works that will invite you to discuss the types of walls, physical and perceived, that we deal with daily. The exhibit includes artists from all over the United States. Eighteen artists, twelve of whom are Jewish, nine from the Chattanooga area, have art works that are about everything from the Berlin Wall to the Wall of Criminal Justice, from the Kotel to American Orthodox Jewry and much more. Although the exhibit opened August 27, you may want to spend more time thinking about walls and what you can do to chip away at your own preconceived notions, the ones that keep certain walls in your life in place.

The exhibit will be open to the public through October 27.



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Tuesday Cafe

Tuesdays, September 5th and 26th. No Tuesday Cafe September 12. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/> or call 493-0270 ext. 10

Presidents and Professionals Meeting

Tuesday, September 5 @ noon.

UTC Students Showcase Film

Wednesday, September 6 @ 7p.m. See page 6 for details. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/> or call 493-0270 ext. 10

Kotel Discussion by Chen Dahan and gallery talk

Thursday, September 7 @ 7:00 p.m. No cost but please RSVP.

YESOD Begins

Tuesday, September 19 @ 5:30 p.m. Continues every Tuesday for 9 weeks.

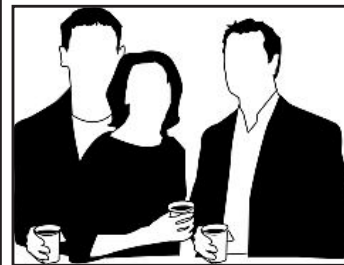
Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, September 25 @ 6 p.m. See below for details. \$12. RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10. on the website at jewishchattanooga.com, or call 493-0270.



Latin America’s Political Pendulum

Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro is facing the second straight month of protests against him this May. The latest wave began after the country’s Supreme Court, packed with Maduro loyalists, decided in March to divest the opposition-led legislature of its power. The body is largely seen as the last democratic check on Maduro’s expanding authority.



Meet and Greet for 45(ish)-60(ish) year-olds

Sunday, September 24 @ 6 p.m. at STIR (at the Chattanooga Choo Choo). Free appetizers; drinks and dinner available for purchase. See page 8 for more.

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Have You Lost Touch?

No longer getting weekly e-mails from the Federation? Please call Courtney at 493-0270 to make sure we have your correct e-mail address. If we do, but you’re still not getting them, you may have accidentally unsubscribed. It is very easy to get you back in touch. Just let us know.

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FEDERATION NEWS

Our Actions Truly Make a Difference

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six suitcases, and then taking only two of them. Why only two? Because they were not going to let go of their childrens' hands.

Our actions and support are the net that catches any and all Jews, because we say never AGAIN. It is sad to think that there are Jews who are Internally Displaced Persons in 2017, but they will not go hungry, will not be alone, and will have our support. It is because of our actions and our donations to our Federation that our partner, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), is able to make sure that no Jew at risk or in need is alone or without help.

Learning about the impact we make as a Federation around the world is inspiring, and seeing the direct impact teaches you that our actions are necessary. The reintroduction of Jewish life into communities like Kiev is so very important to our survival.

Before we left, we had the pleasure of visiting a summer camp in Kiev that our Federation dollars support. Most of the kids there had never had a chance to go to camp, but now they do, and as a result are learning about their Jewish heritage. This too is a reflection of our actions at work creating a lasting impact: reintroducing Jewish life into a country that seventy five years ago was destroyed. And it is not just in Ukraine, it is around the world.

The FRD Mission's visit to Kiev is just one way we see how our dollars make an impact and a difference. We have people on the ground all around the world helping, and it is because of you. Your actions, our actions, the actions of our Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, have an impact on children, adults, the elderly, and families here in Chattanooga and around the world. We should all be proud and grateful that we can make a difference. Never Forget.



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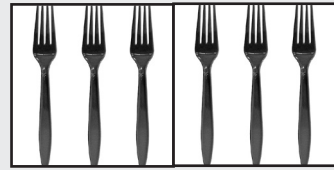
COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Job Opportunities at Jewish Federation

Full Time Social Worker

Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga has an immediate opening for Full Time Social Worker. Duties include case management, visitation, assessments, referrals, advocate, work with families, some supervision and more.

Experience Required. Good candidates should be self-motivated, caring, organized and professional. Relationship building skills a must. Competitive Salary including benefits. Resumes and cover letter should be sent to Michael Dzik at PO Box 8947, Chattanooga, TN 37414 OR mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com.

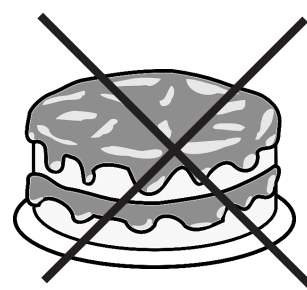


Mitzvah Meals Suggested Donations

- \$8 per meal
- \$90 per month based on 3 meals/week
- \$125 per month based on 4 meals/week
- 160 per month based on 5 meals/week
- 190 per month based on 6 meals/week

Meals are available for pick-up or delivery. To-go orders from any/all community programs will be charged the *program* fee (\$10-\$12) as opposed to the Mitzvah Meal fee.

All Mitzvah Meal recipients must be pre-approved by the Director of Social Services. Menus are set by the Kitchen Supervisor and Director of Social Services.



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Please join us in saying thank you to our Community Nurse Edie Redish, who has stepped up to help with social work duties until we hire a new social work director.

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Did We Goof?



Sometimes, we make mistakes. And sometimes, you catch them. What should you do if you find an error in *The Shofar* or on the website or our Facebook page? Go to the source! Email Communications Director Dana Shavin at dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com and she will fix it. Thanks for paying attention.

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Note: Please do not bring outside food or beverages into the Federation. If you would like to suggest a beverage or food to be served at an event, please contact

Ann Treadwell. She and Alice Goss-Morgan, Kitchen Supervisor, will consider your suggestion.

Food allergies or restrictions? Please contact Ann Treadwell. We will do our best to accommodate you. Atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 13.



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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

UTC Students Showcase Film Sept. 6

By: Sanford Winer

This past March, Dr. John Swanson, head of the UTC history department, and Dr. Gregory O'Dea, Associate Dean of the Honors College, took a group of fifteen students to Berlin, Warsaw, and Lublin. This trip immersed the students in European social studies, culture and history, and provided a broader context and background for understanding the almost incomprehensible. By living in an environment beyond the classroom, the students were able to learn from Holocaust scholars and interact with other international students.

Rather than writing research papers at the end of the trip, Dr. Swanson guided the students in recording their impressions via film. The result was six short films, produced by the students, that convey what they learned and portray their personal experiences.

On Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jewish Cultural Center, you can view the most unique of these student films. Some of the student filmmakers will be present to discuss the making of the movie and to answer audience questions. There is no cost to attend.

Film Festival Student Films about the Holocaust:

UTC students in Germany and Poland
Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 7 p.m.
Jewish Cultural Center, Chattanooga



questions: John C. Swanson, john-swanson@utc.edu

Mazel Tov

--to Alice Goss-Morgan, who was honored by the First Baptist Church as "A steward for God and for her Leadership as a Community Advocate."

--to Devin Kodsi, who became an Eagle Scout over the summer.

Condolences

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

--Kay Shutting, sister/sister-in-law of Betsy Brouner and Lee Brouner, on June 15.

--Jay Susman, husband of Mary Susman, father of Beth (Johnny) Walling and Andy (Rebekah) Susman, and brother of Joel (Gail) Susman, on July 8.

--Rosemary Wolff, wife of Al Wolff z'l, and mother of David Wolff, Stephanie Scroggins and Barbra Wolff, on July 25.

Tributes

Tributes received over the summer will be listed in the October *Shofar*. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience.

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



Michael,
I am Erica (Green) Newman's father. Last week the Newman clan came to Boston for a week of celebrations. We named Lydia - Revkah Maya in our Temple as Erica (Esther) had been 33 years ago and Henry (Chaim Lev) was 2 years ago. I turned 65 and we celebrate our 41st anniversary next week. Everything was great except rain was the dominate weather for 8 days. Henry did find out that the Atlantic Ocean has salt water.

My wife and I have been having Shabbat dinner in our home for over 40 years and a few weeks ago, thanks to The Jewish Federation and the Aleph Bet program, we witnessed little Henry chant the Motzi sitting at that very same dining room table as her mother once did.

Obviously he learned this at school as well as many other prayers, songs, and customs. As grandparents the tears of joy rolled down our cheeks just as they had when Henry sang, "Oh Chanukah" and "Dreidel" last December after only a few weeks at the school. Please...extend our gratitude to the Board and the staff at Aleph Bet for his wonderful education. The future of Judaism rests in this education of our children, both at home and in school.

Regards
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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Celebration of Klezmer and Yiddish Theatre Music Comes to Barking Legs



Harv Wileman, Artistic Director and tenor soloist

“Simcha! A Celebration of Klezmer and Yiddish Theatre Music” will bring the language and the music to the fore on Sunday, September 10 at 3:30 PM at Barking Legs Theatre on Dodds Avenue.

The artistic director and tenor soloist of the concert is Harv Wileman who recently conceived and produced “Hear, O’ Israel!: Classical Vocal Music in the Jewish Tradition” at Mizpah Congregation. He will be joined by long-time cantorial soloist Jonathan Leo; Rachel Goldman-Gorbutt, a soprano active in opera and theatre in greater Washington, DC and soloist at Beth-El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia who recently relocated to Acworth, Georgia; baritone Joel Scribner, who performed to wide acclaim as

Tevye in the Chattanooga Theatre Centre’s 2016 *Fiddler on the Roof*; and youth performers Jessica Kodsí (mezzo-soprano) and Jack DuRoy (boy soprano). Pianist Jason DuRoy will accompany. Repertoire will include songs made popular by such Yiddish theatre legends as Molly Picon and Fyvush Finkel, as well as more traditional fare including, “Rozhinkes mit mandlen”. Yiddish expert Chaim Charyn will open the performance with a brief talk about the language itself.

Klezmer, another musical tradition of Ashkenazi Jews, literally means “vessel of song.” Played by a variety of flexible musical instrument combinations, this music replicates the crying, wailing, and laughing of the human voice. This program will include accordionist Ed Bergin, a trio of clarinetists, a string trio of CSO musicians, and a tubist in arrangements both formally notated and improvised in true Klezmer tradition.

The Chattanooga Jewish Federation, along with Artistic Director Harv Wileman and Marilyn Goler (Marketing Director and originator of the idea for the project) are delighted to present this rare opportunity to experience these old musical traditions in a contemporary setting and to give the Jewish community an opportunity to come together to celebrate their distinctive cultural heritage while introducing the community-at-large to this unique language and music. This performance is made possible in part by a Community Cultural Connections grant from ArtsBuild, and is sponsored in part by Jewish Federation.

Doors open at 3 PM. Tickets are \$18 each. To order tickets, please go to www.barkinglegs.org and pay online. Barking legs accepts all credit cards and PayPal accounts. *For more information or questions contact Marilyn Goler, at Mgoler5@gmail.com or 847-987-8755.*

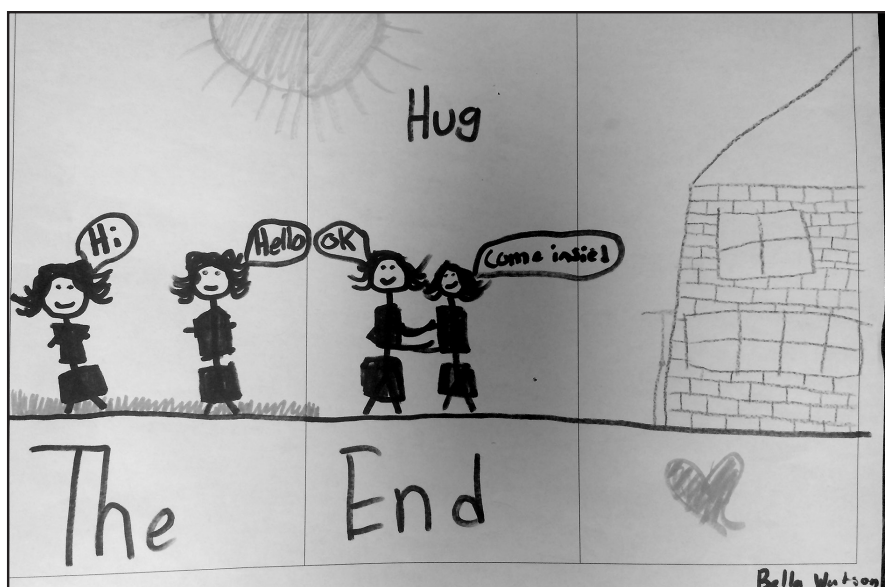
ARTS Build



L-r, Jack DuRoy, Joel Scribner, Jessica Kodsí, and Rachel Goldman-Gorbutt

Comic Relief

After hearing from a refugee child from Iraq, Philanthropy Campers were invited to create comics about "How to Welcome New Members to our Community." The results were fabulous! The comics will be donated to a local refugee foundation to use in its community outreach program. The cartoon below was created by Bella Watson.



AIPAC Wraps Up 2017 Program

On June 22nd, over 80 members of the Chattanooga pro-Israel community gathered together to hear from Grant Rumley (below, far left). A research analyst at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Rumley focuses on Palestinian politics and is the author of *The Last Palestinian: The Rise and Reign of Mahmoud Abbas*.

Rumley spoke on internal Palestinian politics and how this shapes Israel and America’s foreign policy towards the Palestinian Authority. His presentation left the group with more knowledge and insight into the Middle East. Our local AIPAC chapter members were also given information on current legislation in congress affecting Israel. The AIPAC staff thanked the chapter for its activism and will continue to update the group on future action needed. If you would like further information regarding AIPAC, please contact AIPAC's Associate Area Director Staci Eichelbaum at seichelbaum@aipac.org or 678-254-2631.



FEDERATION PROGRAMS

FEDERATION SHLICHA



Chen is in the House!

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Shalom Chattanooga!
 My name is Chen Dahan, and I am the new Israeli emissary (Shlichah) in town. If you wish to, you can all call me Chenda.

I will be honest with you, I had some concerns about leaving Israel and coming to the US, but as I got on the plane from NY to Chattanooga, and saw the city from above, I immediately felt that this is the right place for me. And as an outdoor girl, the first thing I noticed getting off the plane is how green it is even when it's 80 degrees outside. How special!

When I landed in Chattanooga, I had the most amazing welcoming committee I could have asked for. I was wrapped in so much love, and I could not be more grateful for that. TODA!

This past week I experienced so many things that I didn't expect. I rode the Incline Railway to Lookout Mountain; I hiked to the most beautiful view point; I danced by the river listening to a country band; I took a slide into the lake; and I was in an Israel sporting event in a church. I have even watched a total eclipse of the sun while sitting in a parked yellow boat! How lucky I am to be in Chattanooga.

Coming to the US is a big change for me. For the first time since I was 18, I have my own apartment, and moreover, my own room. Since I am from Tel Aviv, this week I was driving more than I have driven for the past year. Even going to Walmart was unusual for me – how do you find what you need if there is so much selection and diversity?

Chattanooga's Jewish community and Israel have one big thing in common: they are both small. I think that this fact makes us stronger. In the little time I've been here, I have seen how much love prevails among the people. It's contagious! How could I not love it here? As I wrote on the ~Chenda Shlichah~ Facebook page – I want to meet you in your favorite places and share in your favorite activities in Chattanooga so I can experience them from your point of view.



Chen's host families:

Beth and Rob Lowe
 Dr. Dennis and Susan Matzkin
 Chuck and Melinda Rosenthal

By The Numbers

Want to ask Chen for Shabbat, coffee, lunch, or dinner?

Her numbers are
 Office – 423-493-0270 ext 31
 Cell - 423-385-0098

Two Things you should know about me:
 1. I am a big sharer – so ask me everything you wish to know!
 2. I love to be with people, so bother me anytime!

Toda Raba Shiran!

On August 7 we said a formal goodbye to Shiran (as formal as a karaoke party can be!) The Federation presented her with an original photograph of the Walnut Street Bridge by Irv Ginsburg and a pair of swanky earbuds, as everyone who knows Shiran knows she loves her music! Shiran's mother was in attendance, from Israel (pictured below).



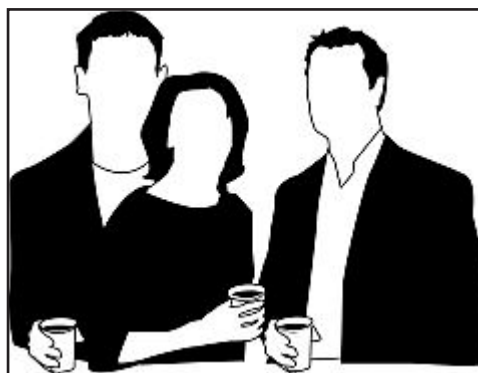
Don't Be a Stranger!

Thank you for an amazing and unforgettable year! Please stay in touch and hope to see you all in Israel soon!

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Love, Shiran

MEET GREET EAT



Are you 45-ish to 60-ish?
 Want to meet others your age-ish?

Come to a Meet and Greet at STIR
 Sunday, September 24 at 6p.m.
 Enjoy free appetizers, conversation, and networking.
 Drinks and dinner available for purchase.
 1444 Market Street, by the Choo Choo

Take Home Chef Alice Goss-Morgan's "Bowls of Love"

Purchase matzo ball soup or chili for just \$4 for a one-bowl container or \$8 for a two-bowl size. **Call ahead to reserve; we do run out.** Contact Ann Treadwell (do not call the kitchen) at 493-0270, ext. 13; or atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com to get your order packaged and ready to go!



DID YOU KNOW?

The Shaliach Program is made possible through your donations to the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign.

FEDERATION PROGRAMS

JEW CREW

We Have You At Hello!



Hello Jew Crew! It's that time of year again and we are so excited to welcome back our veteran members as well as our new members to a brand new year of the Jew Crew! As you know, this is a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga that brings together all Jewish teens (9th through 12th grade) in our community. We meet about once a month for social activities and social action projects. We make the world a better place and we have a great time doing it.

The following is a link to the registration form: <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/jew-crew/>. It is also below along with a 2017/18 Jew Crew calendar.

If you haven't already, please fill out the registration form and bring that and your \$75 registration fee to the next program. Also, please go ahead and put all the Jew Crew dates on your calendar so you can be ready for the year ahead. We work really hard to make every program memorable and meaningful, and we know the more people who come, the better it is. On that note, if you are not already on our group email please let us know (especially the new 9th graders). And let us know if there are any new Jewish boarding students in town we should know about!

All Aboard for The Jew Crew!

In August we had 15 teens - including three of our newest members, freshmen Orly Berke, Olivia Diamond and Isaac Waxenberg, join us for the annual Jew Cruise on Lake Chickamauga as we welcomed everyone to what is sure to be an amazing year ahead for the Jew Crew. (See pics below, right, and more on the Jewish Federation Facebook page). As always, the afternoon was filled with tons of food and fun, and a fabulous time was had by all. We also had the opportunity to welcome our newest shlichah, Chen Dahan, to Chattanooga, and we are so excited to have her as a part of the Crew. We look forward to seeing even more members at our Israel-themed program on September 24 and at all of our future programs throughout the year!

J*CREW

REGISTRATION FORM

A \$75 per student program fee must accompany all registration forms
(This fee does not cover cost for the Retreat. Please make checks payable to:
Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga or JFGC)

STUDENT1 NAME: _____
 CURRENT GRADE (CIRCLE ONE): 9TH 10TH 11TH 12TH
 STUDENT EMAIL: _____
 STUDENT CELL: _____
 STUDENT2 NAME: _____
 CURRENT GRADE (CIRCLE ONE): 9TH 10TH 11TH 12TH
 STUDENT EMAIL: _____
 STUDENT CELL: _____
 MAILING ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____
 PARENT(S) NAME(S): _____
 PARENT EMAIL: _____

Please make checks payable to "JFGC"



J*CREW

2017-2018 Jew Crew Calendar of Events

Advisors: Alison Lebovitz, Andy Hodes & Chen Dahan

For more information contact:

Alison at alebo@mac.com

Andy Hodes at andy@andyhodes.com

Chen Dahan at israel@jewishchattanooga.com

Unless otherwise noted, all programs will run from 12:15 to 2:00 p.m.

Program 1

Sunday, August 20, 2017

The Jew Cruise: Welcome Aboard!

The Lebovitz Houseboat: Chattanooga Yacht Club

12:30 to 3 p.m.

Program 2

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Israel Program with Chen

Program 3

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Giving Thanks & Giving Back

Program 4

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Annual Chanukah Party

Program 5

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Paint N Party

Annual Jew Crew Retreat

Friday, February 23-25, 2018

Camp Ramah Darom

Program 6

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Social Action

FINAL Program 7

Sunday, May 6, 2017

Farewell Party

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

Aboard The Jew Cruise in August*



*See more at the Chattanooga Jewish Federation Facebook page