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Campaign 2016 Gets Underway **Doing the Most to Help Jews**

Around the World *by Lee Brouner*



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

On behalf of your 2016 Campaign Team, we welcome you to the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign! We have the honor of serving as co-chairs of a campaign that promises to raise awareness, raise money, and instill

pride and excitement in our community. We will do this through the hard work and dedication of our exceptional volunteers and our Federation's professionals.

This past year our community was again fortunate to have several Chattanoogaans embark on summer mission trips to Israel. Watch for articles from both Lee Brouner and Austin Center. Their excitement and focus is infectious. Additionally, Lauren Lebovitz chaired a national women's mission to Israel last February. Barbie Potts and Amy Boulware were on this Heart2Heart Israel mission and they too will share their experiences with the community.

As most of you know, our annual campaign dollars support our Jewish community in Chattanooga as well as Jews around the world – in fact, in 60 countries worldwide. Chattanooga's support of our overseas Jewish family is equally important to the work we do right here in our local community. We are proud of the commitment of our community in ensuring support of ALL Jews, no matter where they live.



We have high praise for all of the campaign workers and volunteers. But the highest praise goes to all of you, the donors, large, small and everything in-between. WE ARE ONE community whose Annual Campaign can be explained simply as "One Jew reaching out to a second Jew to help a third Jew". Please take the time to look—really look—at the programs and services your Federation offers. It is impossible to put a dollar figure on many of them, but if you have enjoyed them, learned from them, or benefited from them in any way, we believe they are worth your support. Your gift to the Annual Campaign also helps those you don't know – people in Chattanooga and around the world – who receive our assistance each and every day.

In the coming months, you will see further dialogue from both of us. It is indeed an honor to serve as Campaign Co-chairs. Our efforts are small compared to the overall good that is accomplished. We look forward to talking to you and listening to you this campaign season. Thank you in advance for making the 2016 campaign year, and this Federation, the best it can be.



Our Federation sent me on the Campaign Chairs and Directors mission to Tbilisi Georgia and Israel in July. The purpose of the mission was to show firsthand the good things the Federation is doing for Jews overseas and in Israel.

I have been involved with the Federation for many years, primarily serving as the Federation Treasurer. Because of my long-term involvement, I was familiar with the agencies that the Federation funds and had heard the stories of the vast never-ending needs overseas. However,

signing checks and balancing the budget did not prepare me for what I was about to experience!

I was able to meet several of the recipients of our community's generosity, and was touched in so many different ways throughout the 8½ days. I have seen poverty in the US and know that our local needs are real. But I was not prepared for what I saw during our visit.

The level of poverty was astounding. I met Medea Archvadze, a 64 year old Georgian Jewish woman receiving help from our Federation dollars. Medea was disabled in the 1960's from polio. The dollars we give each year through our annual campaign provides her with a social worker, who visits her weekly. Our dollars also help Medea with an additional \$17 per month to buy groceries as her monthly income is only \$66 (government pension). Medea was so extremely grateful for the assistance she receives. She lives on the 3rd floor of a very dilapidated apartment complex. Due to her polio and living conditions, Medea's plight really touched me, especially when she told us that she is physically not able to leave her home and has not been outside her house in the last 18 years. It is our Federation dollars that add a little more dignity and caring to Medea's life.

We later visited the Hesed Eliyahu Center in Tbilisi, another recipient of Federation funding. Hesed Eliyahu is the equivalent of a community center primarily serving the Jewish elderly and youth. There we met an elderly group of Jews who meet every day for fellowship and dancing. We also had the opportunity to see the results of our annual campaign through a youth dance troupe and a teen music program, all provided through Hesed Elyahu. Again, thanks to all of you for providing the funding for these Jews and allowing them to have access to Jewish communal activities.

The highlight of the trip for me was the time in Israel. I had never been to Israel and I knew I would love it. But I could not have imagined how much.

A significant portion of our overseas money is directed toward Israel, but I was struck by the differences between the uses of Federation funding in Israel versus other countries like Georgia. In Tbilisi, it was clear that we were the only safety net for our fellow Jews living there. Without our aid, so many of the Jews and Jewish customs could not survive. There were a great number of social services along with Jewish summer camp and Aliyah opportunities.

In Israel, we saw a different use for our funding. We were exposed to several programs funded by the Jewish Agency (JAFI) and the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the Federation's partners overseas (JAFI and JDC were also the partners in Tbilisi that we saw). We saw programs aimed at stimulating economic development in the Negev, an area that was devastated from last year's Gaza rocket fire. We saw early childhood programs (---see Brouner on page 3)

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Save the Date
Major Gifts Event
Thursday, September 10 (see p. 3 for more information)



Jewish Federation will be closed on the following dates in September:

7th: Labor Day
14-15th Rosh Hashanah
23rd: Yom Kippur
28-29th Sukkot

NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



Israel Thoughts from Many Perspectives

by Warren Dropkin
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I have such a personal connection to Israel. I love when our teens participate in our P2G exchange with Hadera and our post-college graduates go on MASA to Israel. I'm proud of the many Chattanooga missions that have gone to Israel in the last 10 years, as well as the many community members who have taken national leadership missions.

This summer, Lee Brouner attended the national Campaign Chairs and Director's Mission with Michael Dzik. On page 1, you read about Lee's experiences and thoughts from the mission. On this page are photos from the mission trips. Next month, Austin Center will share his experiences from the national Campaigner's Mission to Israel that was this past summer. Welcome to a new year!



Kids from Kfar Aza, kibbutz on the Gaza border, performing for mission



Mother and daughter making aliya to Israel from Tbilisi



New Ethiopian memorial at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem, dedicated to the Jews who died along the journey from Ethiopia to Israel.



Lee Brouner with Israeli soldier in kibbutz on Gaza border



Seeing First-hand the Impact of Giving

by Michael Dzik
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Where did the summer go!? Schools have been back in session for weeks now, and I'm eagerly waiting for the cool, fall evenings.

Much has been happening at the Federation. I hope you've taken advantage of the many programs – from our weekly Tuesday Café luncheons to the sold-out 1st Amendment Dinner. Most recently we wrapped up the two-week visit from our P2G (Partnership2Gether) teens. What an amazing impact on our community, and what great connections were made between our Chattanooga and Israeli teens and families.

As you know, I was fortunate to join Lee Brouner this summer on the national Federation Campaign Chairs and Director's mission – this year to Tbilisi, Georgia and Israel. The work we continue to support overseas is truly life changing for so many. To name just a few examples: in Tbilisi, we met a senior citizen who receives an extra \$17 per month to assist with food (and a weekly visit from a social worker), and a mother and daughter we are helping to make aliya to Israel later this year. (see photos above and right). In Israel we saw the perseverance and ingenuity of our work including a job placement center, and assistance to at-risk children and front-line IDF soldiers.

The stories of Israel continue to amaze me. But there was one that really struck me. On our first day in Israel, the 100+ participants broke into smaller groups of about twelve. We drove from Tel Aviv to Beersheba, the northern Negev, and were to meet with a young Israeli woman (Roni Reingold) who had recently been a shlichah in Washington, DC. (The Jewish Agency, one of the Federation's partners, is responsible for the shlichim program.)

Before I go further, let me tell you some of the many things I say to our incoming shlichim: *be yourself; take your time; be honest and share your personal stories.* I tell them that we are going to learn so much from them during their time in Chattanooga--that we will have incredible insight into who they are, their families and what "their" Israel means to them. I conclude with this statement: *As much as we are going to learn from you, you will learn ten times more from us.* I'm not sure they believe me when I tell them this. But more on this conversation in a minute.



Michael Dzik reconnects with Roni Reingold, former Washington, DC shlichah, in Beersheva

Roni was born and raised in Beersheba, a blue-collar town that is growing quickly and seeing more white-collar occupations (there is a great medical school there now). No sooner had our group stepped off the bus than Roni exclaimed, "I know you! I'm friends with Einav Cahaner" (our 2012 Federation shlichah). Then it hit me: My daughter Rachel and I had had lunch with Einav and Roni in Jerusalem 18 months earlier at a restaurant called Azura, after which Roni gave us a short walking tour of the old city and took us to a beautiful overlook of the Kotel. I felt like I'd reconnected with family!

Roni's story was very interesting. Many shlichim have a challenging time when they return to Israel. They often feel "lost," or as if their friends have moved forward while they have been serving their North American communities. The Jewish Agency has therefore created a program whereby returning shlichim are introduced to one other and helped to get re-involved with their home communities. The Jewish Agency and our Federation dollars not only invest in these young adults before and during their time with us, they also ensure they have a safe landing when they return home to Israel. And this is how they do it: they encourage the shlichim to form small groups, and to use ideas and information that they learned from us--the North American Jews and our communities--to help their Israeli communities. Ingenious!

For example: Roni and two other former shlichim created an educational and loaning program for an underserved and lower socioeconomic neighborhood in Beersheba. They first collected items from community members and businesses – specifically, gardening tools and tools to repair furniture. With the help of the Jewish Agency, these three shlichim secured a storage building and turned it into a lending shed. Once a week they are open for people to borrow the tools and/or get assistance from experts who volunteer time in the community to help repair furniture items. Communication and marketing is done through social media. Every day we see the successes of our current and former shlichim (Noa, Raoul, Einav, and Hadas) in our community. To see the *full circle* of success in Israel is inspiring.

This is what our annual campaign does. Your campaign dollars support these programs and so much more. These successes are through the power of you, the Jewish community. Through the collective power of the annual campaign, along with the growth of our endowment fund, we can and will continue to achieve our goals as a united and thriving Jewish community – for today and for the future. Thank you in advance for supporting and investing in the Federation's annual campaign--and in turn, in yourself, and in all of us.



2015 Mission Trip to Tbilisi, Georgia and Israel

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Major Gifts to be Held Thursday, September 10

This year's Major Gifts Event will be held Thursday, September 10 at 6 p.m. at the home of Becca and Todd Levin, at 1226 Enclave Road. The keynote speaker will be Lou Feldstein; additionally, local community member Barbie Potts will speak about her recent--and first--Israel experience on the Federation's Heart-2Heart Mission. Families contributing \$3,000 or more to the annual campaign are invited to this special event. *Please note: the Federation is increasing the Major Gifts donor amount from \$3,000 to \$3,600 over the next two years.*

For more information call Michael Dzik at 493-0270 ext. 15.

This year's campaign goal:
1,118,000



At a Glance: Where Your Campaign Money Goes

Below are just a few of the Federation programs that would not be possible without the generosity of our donors.

Brouner (continued from page 1)

(Brouner continued from p. 1) targeted at the Ethiopian and lower-income Israeli communities. We saw programs aimed at helping alumni shlichim, like Hadas, Einav and Raoul, bring the experiences learned during their time in the US back to Israel. In these cases, it was explained that our Federation funds were used as seed money to initiate and test social programs for effectiveness, and then allow the Israeli government, the safety net for our fellow Jews living in Israel, to continue the service.

In summary, thank you. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to travel with the Federation and bring back my passion and enthusiasm. Thank you for your past support of our campaign, and of course, for your help in our current campaign. It was clear from my time overseas that nobody does more to help Jews throughout the world.

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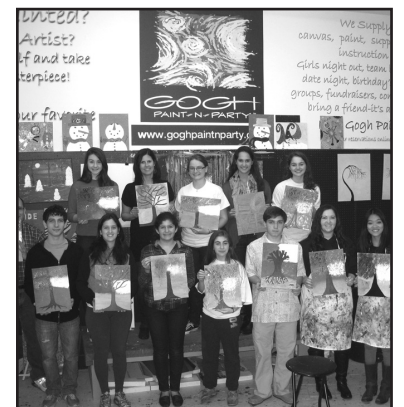
Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam



Annual Jewish Film Festival



Shlichim Program



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Social Services



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First Amendment Dinner



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Young Jewish Leadership

Your dollars at work GLOBALLY



Storage building turned lending shed by former shlichim



Hesed center provides activities for Jewish kids, adults and seniors



Campaign dollars provide extra income and social services for Jews in need around the world.



Jewish Summer Camp in Tbilisi

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From Panels to Camps: Summer a Time of Learning and Fun

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Summer is one of the busiest times of the year for programs at the Federation. This year was no exception. Here at the Federation that doesn't mean all fun and games; in fact, summers are a great time for learning. This year I wanted to focus on an area I see as deficient in the greater Chattanooga community: civics. Specifically, I wanted to focus on how a community works, what structures it has, and how as individuals we can contribute.

It amazes me that so few people understand how government and society functions. I've been told that there are no longer civic classes in schools. Regarding government, kids are being told to lead by example. But the examples they have to follow are not all effective. I believe the Federation has an obligation to hold discussions about civics and how a community functions if we are going to be true to our tagline, "The strength of a people, the power of community."

Our Law and Order series for adults this summer was a success. We heard the federal FBI's position on criminal investigation, learned about the new local Family Justice Center, listened to the rabbis discuss Jewish law, and discovered how Morris Dees used the law to change the South. These were all practical and anecdotal conversations which served to remind us all about civics, duty, and community functioning.

For children, summer offered a more hands-on approach. At Philanthropy Camp (rising 1st through rising 6th graders), campers:

- Learned about the importance of art in a community and created the Creature Condo totems
- Made "sit upons" for the Chambliss Center for Children
- Dined with community members
- Visited an assisted living facility and danced the afternoon away
- Planted a butterfly garden at Booker T. Washington State Park
- Created "Reaching Hands" paintings to share with children in Israel, and learned about the country, its history and some of its traditions
- Collected gently used toys for Family Promise
- Collected socks for the homeless to be distributed through the Community Kitchen
- Wrote thank-you notes
- Built Caretown, a town made out of recycled items. Caretown is a visual representation of the information about giving/philanthropy that they learned during camp.

During Camp Tikkun Olam (rising 7th – rising 9th graders), campers visited seven local service organizations where they gained a broader appreciation of what it means to help others and build a healthy community. They created a newspaper to share what they learned with the greater community. This paper is available for you to pick up at the Federation. Both camps are in partnership with the Chattanooga First Church of the Nazarene, our next door neighbors.

Summer is over. Lessons were learned through fun, fellowship and play. Now fall begins. How will you step up to work in our community, in your community? After all, nothing works without the Power of You.

The Lantern

I learned that when the residents were younger that they walked or rode the bus to school. ~**Olivia**

The people that we talked to had their own typewriters and that's how they learned to type. ~**Kylie**

When you have Alzheimer's, it's easier to remember things that happened long ago and harder to remember things that just happened. ~**Anna**

One of several slides from Powerpoint Presentation created by Tikkun Olam campers to show what they learned.

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.

Tuesday Cafe Tuesdays Sept 1 and 8 only this month. 12 PM. \$10. SEE MENU BELOW. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, on the website, or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

BARK Exhibit

24 artists interpret the theme BARK.. Open Monday through Thursday 9-5pm and Friday 9-4:00 pm. No charge.

Intergenerational Lunch

Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 12pm. \$10. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, on the website, or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

Cafe Dilemma

Thurs., Sept. 3 @ 6:00 pm at Noodles downtown

Join Federation shlichah Noa Hadad to discuss the Iran Nuclear Deal.

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

Interfaith Panel

Monday, Sept. 21 at 7pm at the Islamic Center on Gunbarrel Rd. For more information call Michael Dzik at 493-0270 ext. 15.



September 1
Chicken paprikash
Buttered noodles
Green peas
Salad
New fall dessert

September 8
Salmon
Asparagus
Asian salad
Garlic herbed rice
Lemon pound cake

!Don't forget to RSVP!

P.S. Maintaining Friendships with Our Shlichim in Israel

a postscript from Michael Dzik

Our four shlichim: Noa Hadad, Hadas Peled, Einav Cahaner and Raoul Molnar--whom we now call honorary Chattanoogaans--met each other through us, the Chattanooga Jewish Federation. Because of us they have become friends--not only with us, but with each other. All four got together last year before Noa came to Chattanooga, and then again this past June when Noa was home.

Many Chattanoogaans have visited Israel on their own, and these four friends make the effort to see us, welcome us and even host us. This past summer, Austin Center was able to meet up with Hadas. During my four days in Israel I was able to see Hadas and Einav (Raoul was in Chattanooga for two weeks). Abe Lebovitz had his Bar Mitzvah in Israel last month, and all three shlichim in Israel (Noa was in Chattanooga), attended at the Kotel.

And this is only in the last 3 months! This is absolutely unheard of in other communities. Is Chattanooga special? These connections speak for themselves. I know of so many others who have travelled on personal trips to Israel and have reconnected in Israel with our shlichim family. I am a proud Jewish Chattanoogaan, and prouder to know that many of you enjoy these same friendships with ALL of our Chattanooga shlichim.



Our four shlichim: left, Hadas Peled, Raoul Molnar, Noa Hadad, and Einav Cahaner, meet for watermelon. At right, Hadas, Einav and Raoul attend Abe Lebovitz's bar mitzvah in Israel in July.

FEDERATION SHLICHA

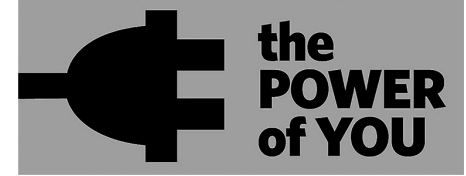


You CAN Go Home Again: My Summer Visit to Israel

by Noa Hadad, Federation Shlichah
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In June I went back home to Israel to see my family and to finally meet my new niece. And to be in 3 weddings! Also, sadly, to visit my grandmother's grave in Jerusalem. This is my family, below.

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



One of the things I enjoyed most during my visit was finding non-profit organizations to donate money to. A few people from the Chattanooga community came to me and gave me the option to do Maase Tov (A Good Deed). They gave Israeli money they had from their last visit, so I decided to find a good use for it. I want to share with you what I decided to do.

1. Sanford and Elaine Winer - Yahalom (Diamond Unit of IDF Combat Engineering Corps)



In the Yahalom Diamond unit there are 4 different departments; one of them is SAP Bomb Squad. Their specialty is the neutralizing of ammunition and bombs, removal of cargo, and more. These soldiers often combine with other units during operations in which they have a chance of encountering explosives and explosive devices. My little brother is serving in this department. With Sanford and Elaine Winer's donation, the unit bought new switchblades. They are very thankful, and they even sent me a picture to show off the new switchblades (left).

2. Richard Zachary and Ruth Longway – The Neighbourhoods' League

With the donation from Richard Zachary and Ruth Longway, more kids can take part in this amazing project. The Neighbourhoods' League is a social project that uses football (soccer) as a tool for educational advancement for children at risk from Jerusalem aged 10 to 12, (grades 5 and 6). The project was conceived at the HaPoel Katamon Jerusalem football club (HaPoel Katamon) in 2009, and has been active and growing ever since. (Photo, right)



3. Margaret and David Bean – Garin Tzabar organization (Lone Soldiers Program)



The Scouts Lone Soldiers Program: Garin Tzabar (meaning: Israeli native core or seed) is a program for young Diaspora Jews who choose to immigrate to Israel and serve in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Today there are 300 lone soldiers supported by Garin Tzabar every year. Each one belongs to a group (Garin) of approximately 20 soldiers who live together on a kibbutz and choose to experience their military service together as a social unit with mutual support and camaraderie. It is the largest IDF immigrant program in Israel, partnered with the Israel Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, with more than 2,500 soldiers since inception.

4. Herb Cohn - Shlomo Artzi

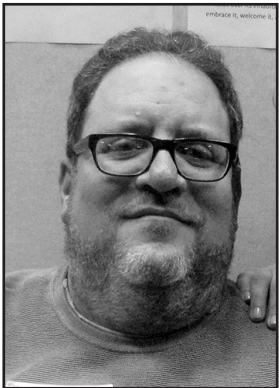
Herb is my grandfather here in Chattanooga. He is part of my host family (Cohen family). I met him a few days before my flight, and he asked me to do something just for fun. After a lot of thought, I decided to take my two best friends to do something special before their weddings. We went to see a concert of one of our favorite singers in Israel – Shlomo Artzi. It was one of the best days of my visit. Thank you so much Herb for making me do something for myself, I needed it! And so did my friends!



Thank you all for helping do a Maase Tov/Good Deed!!! It says so much about our amazing community. And thank you for making Chattanooga such a special place in my heart. I came back with a lot of good energy and I am excited to begin my second year in Chattanooga!

FEDERATION NEWS

Why Join the Legacy Society? A Very Personal Story *by David Israel*



I received an email last week from Michael Dzik, Jewish Federation Executive Director, asking if I would write an article about why I have set up an Endowment Gift to the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga. I believe it was one of the quickest yeses I've ever given.

My story of my giving goes back to 1978 when I first got sick. At that time, I was being raised by a single mother. She had been a stay-at-home mom before divorcing, and found herself suddenly alone with two kids to care for, one of whom was becoming disabled.

I had always been active in my congregation in North Miami Beach, Florida. I loved being in a large Jewish community where everyone knew everyone. But one day my mom did something that was probably the hardest thing she'd ever have to do. She approached our Jewish Federation for help with some medical expenses. The Federation told her that they were unable to assist her. To this day, my successful mother does not support the Jewish Federation in any way.

When I learned about this incident later in life, I felt that I needed to change that cycle, and make sure that a denial of services never happens to any Jewish family going through a difficult or emotional time. That's one of the reasons I pursued a degree and a career in Jewish Communal work. That is also why I got involved in the Chattanooga Federation as soon as we moved here in 2004. I witnessed firsthand what our Federation was doing for the local Jewish community, and I believed in the mission.

I support what our Federation does both internationally and locally. I believe both are important to sustaining our Jewish community. Everything from sending a meal to making a phone call to having a full-time social worker, programming professional, and a pre-school is important to our mission of strengthening our Jewish community. When someone can't cook because he or she is ill, it's wonderful that we can send a meal. When seniors have questions about Medicare, having someone who can help is huge. Having someone accompany an individual to a doctor's appointment, or providing transportation for them, makes life easier.

No one should ever go without in a time of crisis. That is my reason for leaving a gift to the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga. I want to see our Federation continue to provide services for the next generation and the next. I may not be the largest donor, but if I can leave a gift that could save a program or just help one family in the future, I am all in.

I hope you will consider making a future gift to our Federation. Make a choice to leave a percentage of a life insurance policy, an entire policy, or something in your will. YOU can make a difference for a Federation that is making a difference for you.

Join the Legacy Society

Allen, Amelia
Maxine Alper (Deceased)
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Jaffe, Sam
Lebovitz, Alison
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Malsh, Rebecca (Deceased)
Nash, Ike (Deceased)
Oxenhandler, Barbara
Pregulman, Helen
Richelson, Alan
Siskin, Pris
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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 at 493-0270 ext. 15 for more information.



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.

Federation Staff Changes



Goodbye and Good Luck!

Federation says a fond goodbye to Sarah DiStefano (front, center), who left in August to go to graduate school at Virginia Tech.



Courtney McKenzie steps into full time position at the front desk.



Rick Jacobs

Meet our new van driver!
You may recognize Rick Jacobs from our community. We are happy to welcome him to the van driver rotation. Call 432-2222 to schedule a ride.



SOCIAL SERVICES



Positively Thankful

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

Every Friday night our family has a ritual around the Shabbat dinner table. After we bring in the Sabbath by lighting the candles, saying the prayers over Poppa's freshly baked challah and the sweet wine, we each share one thing that happened during the week for which we are thankful. This past week, I was most thankful for my friend Sylvia.

That Friday afternoon I'd brought her a small homemade challah. Sylvia has very poor vision due to macular degeneration, so she wasn't able to see it. But when I waved the challah under her nose, her face lit up with recognition.

"Oh, that smells so delicious! But you will take home half for you because that is just too much for me."

I assured her that the whole challah was for her.

"Really, all of it for me? I'll put some in the freezer and eat from it all week," she said.

As I've gotten to know Sylvia over the years, I am more and more in awe of her. Sylvia is a holocaust survivor who made a decision many years ago to live a life of positivity and gratitude rather than to harbor hate and bitterness. Her stories of starvation, pain and terrible loss are at the core of her identity, but it is how she has chosen to use those experiences that truly inspires me. She is one of the most positive people I have ever met.

Sylvia's loss of vision has been difficult for her. But on a recent visit we talked about what she was still able to see.

"I can't read books or see the music in my choir book," she said, "but when I look at your face I can see the bright white smile beaming at me."

Sylvia reports that she is moving much slower these days and doesn't get out as often. "But I am here and that is good," she says. She once told me that many of the residents in her senior living community complain about the food.

"You will never hear me complain about food. Those people have never been truly hungry," she said. It was without a trace of martyrdom, because she lives a life of gratitude that is beyond comprehension for many of us.

I recently asked Sylvia how she could always be so positive. She said that a long time ago she realized she had a choice in life, and that was to either be bitter and angry or to be grateful and positive. By choosing the latter, "... I didn't let Hitler win!"

As she nears the end of her life, short term memory loss plagues her, and she is unfortunately haunted by the long term memories of her past. Tears filled my eyes as she told me she can't remember the things she wants to remember, and what she wishes she could forget keeps coming back to terrorize her at night. But despite it all, she remains positive. "That was the past and it needs to stay there. I won't dwell on it; it doesn't do any good."

I choose to honor Sylvia by attempting to live a life of gratitude and positivity. Each week when I smell the challah baking at my house, I will inhale and think of my sweet friend Sylvia Green.

Alice Morgan is baking for the holidays!!!

Sales of cakes benefits the Mitzvah Meals program.

Heavenly Chocolate Cakes-- \$20 each

Apple Cakes -- \$25 each

Coffee Cakes -- \$22 each

Please order cakes by Tuesday September 8

Cakes must be picked up on Friday, September 11 no later than 3 pm.

Federation will be closed September 13, 14 and 15 for Rosh Hashanah

To place your order contact Ann Treadwell (493-0270 ext. 13

or atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com)

Don't Forget About Mitzvah Meals!

Weekly kosher meals are prepared in the Federation kitchen.

Order through Amy Boulware or Alice Morgan. Meals

delivered on Thursdays. Menus determined by Alice Morgan. Sliding scale fee when necessary.

\$ 7 per meal

\$ 75 per month for three meals a week

\$100 per month for 4 meals a week

\$125 per month for 5 meals per week

\$150 per month for 6 meals per week

Mitzvah Meals September delivery schedule

Thursday 9/3

Thursday 9/10

Thursday 9/17

Friday 9/25



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

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



Just as good in Summer as they are in Winter!

FEDERATION PROGRAMS

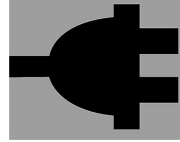
Young Jewish Leadership (Ages 21-45)



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**9/11 Social event at Clyde's @ 5p.m.
10/9 Shabbat dinner @ Sarah Brooks'**



June 12 Shabbat at home of Jon Pierson



Above, *2011 Federation Shaliach Raoul Molnar with YJL group*; Left, *Federation shlichah Noa Hadad performs in English with YJL president Tal Cohen at Sing It or Wing It at karaoke night*

***YJL is
always
looking
for new
members!***

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 YL 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 – travel insurance extra)

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

Jew Crew: It's Here For YOU!

Are you in 9th through 12th grade? Once a month, teens from across the community come together to create significant social change and forge strong bonds. We balance bowling, adventure challenges and outdoor activities with opportunities to learn about Israel and engage in meaningful volunteerism. The highlight of each year is our annual Jew Crew Retreat when we extend our Jewish living and learning through an amazing weekend in the wilderness. To register go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/jew-crew/>. *What are you waiting for? Go! NOW!*

2015-16 Calendar of Events

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

Program 1

Sunday, August 30, 2015
The Jew Cruise: Welcome Aboard!
The Lebovitz Houseboat: Chattanooga Yacht Club
12:15 to 3 p.m.

Program 2

Sunday, September 20, 2015
Van Gogh Paint N Party

Program 3

Sunday, October 25, 2015
Jew Crew Social Action Project

Program 4

Sunday, November 15, 2015
Giving Thanks & Giving Back

Program 5

Sunday, December 13, 2015
Annual Chanukah Party

Program 6

Sunday, January 10, 2016
Social Event: TBD

Program 7

Sunday, February 7, 2016
Social Action Project #2

Jew Crew Retreat

Friday, March 4 – Sunday, March 6, 2016

Jew Crew Retreat

Place TBD

Program 8

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Good Deeds Day

FINAL Program 9

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Annual Bowl-a-Rama at Pin Strikes

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COMMUNITY LIFECYCLES

Mazel Tov

... to Gene Boulware for receiving his Master of Arts with Honors in Public Relations from Kent State University.

...to Jonathan Sachsman and Ashlee Turnbull, who were married June 4 in Baltimore.

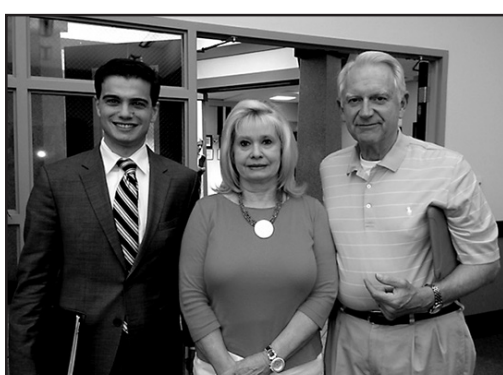
Condolences

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

- Richard Abelson, who died July 23.
- Estelle Bailis, mother of Linda Bailis and Joan Schyer, on August 18
- Julie Flaster, mother of Pris (Robert) Siskin
- Virginia Elizabeth Jordan, mother/mother-in-law of Kary Klein and Stephen Gordon, grandmother of Ben Gordon and Jennifer Gordon, on August 14
- Ronald Kaselik, who died July 3.
- Milton (Mickey) Manis, who passed away August 1
- Jo Ann Effron Richelson, wife of Maish, mother of Steven (Sandra), Jan Greenwald, and Robert (Jeanna)
- Sylvia Wygoda, who died August 5

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

Scenes from AIPAC 2016



Tributes

In memory of

Anne Richelson (Lee and Iris Abelson; David and Susan DiStefano; Teddi Mendel; Brenda Shoenig and Philip Kanter; Nancy and Robert Schenkel; Beth and Bruce Roshner; Marc and Ruthleen Rubin; Sarah White)

Maurice Scheni (Cindy Wood)

Ronnie Kiselik (Jon and Susan Becker; Fuzzy Spector; Jerry and Rosalee Bogo; Gordon B. Kahn)

Bernard Herstik (Leta Berger)

Milton (Mickey) Manis (Claire E. Binder)

In appreciation of

Amy Boulware (Jerry and Rosalee Bogo; Anita Levine)

In appreciation of

Social Services (Mary L. Clarke)

In honor of

Stuart and Lynn Bush (Andy Hodes)

Paula Londe's and Michael Dzik's marriage

(Margaret Heinisch; Sanford & Elaine Winer; Amelia and Owen Allen)

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.



The Jewish Federation and community welcomes Shelley Levin. Shelley moved from Chicago. She works at Chattanooga State teaching Early Childhood Education. Shelley has family in Chicago, New Jersey, and Atlanta.



Summer 2016 Mission Trip to Israel

June 14-June 27

Experience all that Israel has to offer – the sights, smells and tastes of Israel! See Federation sites, visit our partnership region of Hadera, intimate tour of Jerusalem. Explore Israel's north while visiting a Kibbutz and winery. Connect with the land and connect with the people.

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.

SUMMER ROUNDUP

It was a fun and busy summer here at the Jewish Cultural Center! Here are some of the highlights.



Raoul Molnar, 2011-2012 Federation Shaliach came back from Israel for a visit in July. He joined us for many community activities.



Jack Owen, former FBI agent and author, spoke at the Law and Order Dinner June 11.



Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, spoke at the First Amendment Dinner on July 14.



Philanthropy Camp created Caretown, which, along with medical clinics, recycling centers, and nursing homes, also included a railroad.



Jewish Law Dinner and Panel with Rabbis Perlstein, Tepper and Tendler took place July 9. Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik moderated.



BARK

An unique exhibit of art from 24 artists in many media with diverse content

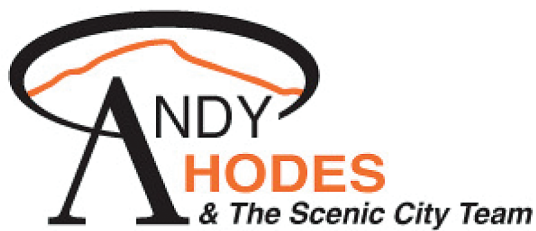
August 13 - October 23

Reception
August 13, 5:30pm

Jewish Cultural Center
5461 North Terrace Road
Chattanooga

A new exhibit, BARK, opened August 13. Twenty-four artists interpret the theme. Open through October 23.

Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam are a summer highlight at the Federation.



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