

# THE SHOEFAR

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## Campaign Kick-off is August 28



Not your typical anything, Amanda Marks is a Jewish girl from Alabama who has performed stand-up comedy at such venues as The Atlanta Improv, The Punchline, Laughing Skull Lounge and Highland Inn Ballroom Lounge. She hosts and co-produces Highwire Comedy's monthly Off the Grid Stand-up Showcase. (She also happens to be the sister of Alison Lebovitz!) Campaign will kick off at 6:00 p.m. Watch your mailbox and the website for more information as the time grows near! ([Http://www.jewishchattanooga.com](http://www.jewishchattanooga.com))



## Federation Hires Philanthropy Camp Co-Director

A.J. Morgan is a Chattanooga native who grew up within the Jewish community through his beloved grandmother's work at B'nai Zion. His mother, Alice Goss-Morgan, is the Kitchen Supervisor at the Jewish Cultural Center.

A.J. is a senior at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science and Technology. He plans to have a career in Food Industry Management. He was a part of the original Philanthropy Camp staff teaching music and has played many roles in the camp over the years, including counselor and head counselor.

A.J. Morgan has always helped out in various ways at school and church, which has earned him a variety of awards. In high school he received numerous Presidential Service Awards from President Obama's administration, and he served in various leadership roles through Baylor School's R.E.S.P.E.C.T. community service program. At UTK he serves as a Clinic Vols volunteer, where he offers basic first aid to local Knox County schools that can't afford a nursing staff.

Of all the service roles he has played, A.J. is most proud of serving as an Ignite Serves Team Leader, teaching incoming freshman about the importance of giving back to the global community. A.J. looks forward to bringing many of the principles of service leadership to Philanthropy Camp.

## SAVE THESE DATES

- June 5 Wear White Party/exhibit reception
- July 4 Independence Day Party
- July 21 "Jamaica On a Plate" Dinner
- August 15 Noa's Going Away party
- August 28 Campaign Kickoff

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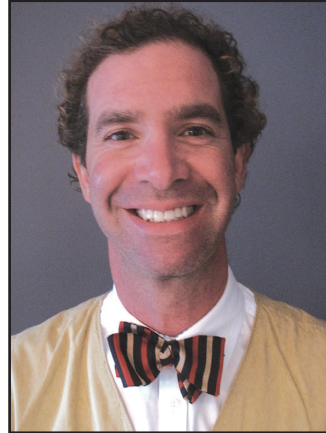
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## My Passion for Our Community

by Austin Center, 2017 Campaign Chair



As a child in Chattanooga, I remember visiting the Jewish Community Center, swimming, watching my grandmother play mahjong, playing basketball, and even trying to play baseball on the JCC lawn. When I look at the old JCC from the parking lot of the new JCC, I am reminded of the growth--and contraction--of our Jewish community here in Chattanooga. Through our declining Jewish population (up until the 1990's) to the current growth of our Jewish community, one thing has stayed constant: the passion of the people who make up our "Small but Mighty" Jewish Community of Greater Chattanooga.

For the past six years I have been passionately involved with the Jewish Federation, and I have seen first-hand our commitment to support, nurture, and be of service to our fellow Jews wherever they reside: Chattanooga, North Georgia, Europe, Russia, Israel, and around the world. It is not a question of why we give our time or money, but how. How can we help? What can we do? How can we get involved? These 3 simple questions motivate me to constantly do more. My parents instilled this in me at a young age. As a result, I have created the time and the ability to give back. Now I ask each of you to join me and do the same.

Thirty years ago, I had my bar mitzvah at Mizpah Congregation. Besides the fun of having a packed house with friends and family, what has stuck with me was my Torah reading, Genesis, Chapter 32. *Continued on page 8*

## Federation Names New Aleph Bet Children's Center Director



The Federation is excited to announce that Meghan Graybeal has been named Aleph Bet's new Director. Meghan began working at Aleph Bet in March 2007 and is a lead teacher. She has also been the Aleph Bet Coordinator for the past five years, assisting outgoing director Vicki Cathcart in various capacities while also taking on leadership responsibilities. Meghan has always been committed to Jewish education, traveling to Israel as part of the P2G Educator Exchange in 2010.

Meghan has a wealth of early childhood knowledge and experience. She has long demonstrated leadership and commitment at Aleph Bet, giving tours to prospective parents, ensuring healthy school nutrition, developing on-site field trips, and coordinating parent/teacher conferences.

Meghan's first day as Director will be Tuesday, May 31 (remember that May 31 and June 1 are teacher development days, so please make other plans for your students). Vicki will continue to work with Meghan until her departure June 10. The Aleph Bet Advisory Committee will also be involved in the transition. *A special thank you to the Aleph Bet Search Committee for their time, commitment, and support: Lee Brouner, Tal Cohen, Caroline Kaplan, Rebecca Parker, Alan Richelson and Cara Weiner.*



## Q & A with Mizpah Interim Rabbi Teri Appleby

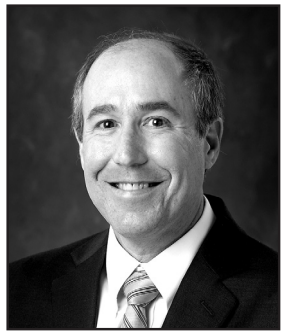
### Q. Where are you coming from?

We are coming from Calgary, Alberta, Canada where I have been the Interim Rabbi at Temple B'nai Tikvah for the past year. Before that, Southern California, Toronto, and Reno. However, California (both the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles) has been our home most of our lives. We raised our sons in Berkeley, California.

### Q. What made you choose to go to rabbinical school later in life?

This is a long story, but what I can share with you briefly is that I fell in love with and developed a passion for Judaism after we joined Temple Sinai in Oakland, California. I was deeply involved in congregational life-- studying as much as I could, attending services regularly, and serving as a lay leader. After a summer congregational trip to Israel in 1999 and my Adult Bat Mitzvah in December of 1999, I found that I wanted to learn more and to do more. *Continued on page 9*

# NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



## What We're Doing for our Summer Vacation

*Lee Brouner, Federation Board Chair  
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Summer is finally here! I can still remember enjoying that feeling of the hot lazy days of summer, with nothing better to do than go to the lake, goof off with friends, play tennis and watch TV.

But work here at the Federation does not stop. Your Federation will be going strong, with the continuation of interesting programs all throughout the summer. Tuesday Café (always at noon, always delicious) continues each week throughout the summer; our Mitzvah Meals and other vital social programs continue; Aleph Bet, following its May graduation ceremony, will start up again for more fun, laughter and learning throughout the summer; the PJ Library will continue to provide books and other learning tools for our youngest members; and our award winning Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam are expected to be very popular again.

And this summer we will say goodbye to our shlichah, Noa, who will (sadly for us) be returning home to Israel. We will welcome our new shlichah, Shiran, in August.

Throughout this summer, your Board of Directors, and especially the Campaign Committee and its Chair, Austin Center, will be working hard to organize and finalize plans for our 2017 Annual Campaign, starting with the Kickoff August 28.

So as you can see, the summer days may be hot, but they definitely are not lazy. And with regard to your Chattanooga Jewish Federation--well, no rest for the weary!

## BUSTED!



**FOR BEING HERE FOR YOU ALL SUMMER!!**



## Parting is Such (Un)Sweet Sorrow

*Michael Dzik  
Federation Executive Director  
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Dear Vicki,  
Can you believe it's been six years!? It seems like yesterday that Alison Lebovitz and I took you to lunch to ask about your interest in coming back to Jewish communal work. There's no doubt we've had many bumps and bruises along the way, but what a great ride. We've continually challenged each other, while

making sure that the Federation was our number one priority and focus.

I recognized early on that you are an incredibly organized person. Equally, your experience in the Charlotte Jewish community served us well, as there were many projects that we worked on together. From updating personnel manuals to a review of policies and procedures, your thoughtful opinions and focus were deeply appreciated. You took on Federation projects and managed a facility while balancing your Aleph Bet Director responsibilities. Your job had many ebbs and flows that eventually led you to being at Aleph Bet full time.

Your work at Aleph Bet has been exemplary. You are leaving your mark in many ways. One of your biggest accomplishments is one of the most fun places in the school: the playground! You worked tirelessly to research our options, apply for grants, lead a fundraising drive, and ensure that the new playground met the children's needs. A functional and safe playground is so important to any school, and Aleph Bet surely has one of the best.

You were also instrumental in making Chattanooga one of the first communities to have an Early Right Start program, and we are one of the few that offer scholarships to Jewish families for early childhood opportunities. Although a great marketing tool, you saw this as the "right" thing to do for the Chattanooga Jewish community, and made it happen. You even went a step further in partnering with the Chicago Federation, allowing for additional funds to come to many of our families. The community should know that your work was not only meaningful, but beneficial to so many. For many families, Aleph Bet has been their entry point into the Jewish community, and you've played a major role.

I know one of your passions has been the PJ Library program. You've really nurtured and developed this youth and family opportunity. The monthly books are fantastic, helping many families build a Jewish library. There is also a fundraising arm, which enables us to offer this to all of our eligible Jewish children for free. And, you've worked to develop programming that surrounds the book offerings as well.

You helped lead a staff retreat, assisted in bringing the Jewish Agency Shaliach program to Chattanooga, and worked determinedly to market Aleph Bet when enrollment years were lean. I could go on and on. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with you, to learn from you and to teach you. I'm appreciative of all that you've given to the Jewish community – your time, your energy, your passion.

As your newest adventures take you and your family to Texas, I hope that you will remember your time in the Chattanooga Jewish community fondly, appreciating the challenges and feeling rewarded by the opportunities and many successes. Wishing you continued success, good health, and happiness.

*Love, Michael*



Dear Noa,  
I know, I know – you still have a couple more months in Chattanooga. But this is the last *Shofar* for you!

It's a good thing people don't ask me for just one word to describe you; it would be impossible. Energetic, determined, passionate, talented, creative, hard-working, fun, playful, family-centered, smart, Jewish, caring--this is the Noa I've come to know and love these past two years.

You are also the one who took my early advice very seriously: to work hard and play hard during your time here. And in addition to working hard, you worked smart. You brought so many new faces into the Federation and Jewish community. You've shared yourself with us, and hopefully we've shared all of ourselves with you. You've been direct and up front about your feelings about Israel – the good and the challenging. You even let us "vote" in the last Israeli elections! And you've engaged every aspect of Jewish education – from our youngest at Aleph Bet, all three weekly Hebrew schools, CJCRS, and Jew Crew. You've spoken at churches, CUFI events, schools, and civic organizations. You have truly been the face of Israel, just as I asked! You've given 110% of yourself.

And you not only shared all of yourself with us, you shared your family as well. I met your entire family this past March when I was in Israel. As you know, big Moshe and your mom hosted me for a few nights at their home. Your mom said, "You've taken care of my daughter for two years; now you stay with my family and we will take care of you." And the Federation staff also met your parents, brother, and sister. Now that we've met them all we can truly say that you embody the best characteristics of each – and that's what makes Noa Noa!

As I said earlier, you've not only worked hard, you've played hard. You've taken advantage of what this beautiful country has to offer. Your SCU-BA diving has added to your adventures, while you've also donated your own time to volunteer at the aquarium. You've been to numerous national parks and will soon be taking off for Hawaii.

People should also know how many people you've adopted while in Chattanooga: numerous teens (including my two) as well as many mothers. There are so many people who are going to miss you. As everyone will come to visit, you may have to open a bed and breakfast in Israel, just for your Chattanooga family.

Noa, as I knew we would, we learned so much from you and about you. We are all better off for having had you in our lives. I've watched you grow, learn, be and be a part of a professional team. You've learned for yourself how to show your Jewish pride in every setting. You've worked in all types of situations and with all types of people. You've learned how to make your arguments heard– sometimes winning, sometimes not. You know what it's like to live as a minority. Finally, you know why the diaspora is so important to you and Israel. You've shown us that Israel is your home; equally, it is our home.

L'Hitraot, Noa. See you soon again, along with Raoul, Einav, and Hadas, when you will be another of our Chattanooga family living in Israel.

*Love, Michael*

# @JEWISH CULTURAL CENTER



## R-E-S-P-E-C-T

*Ann Treadwell, Program Director*  
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When I was a child, my mother told my sisters and me that the world would become a much tougher place for white men during our lifetimes. We had come out of World War II, and were in the middle of the 1950s, and she could feel the change in attitude and rhetoric.

When the 70s rolled around, my mother told us a transition was coming. She warned there would be discontent in the general population, and that it would manifest in many different ways, including frustration, divisive rhetoric, anger, and a change in political leadership, and that it would transform our culture by bringing about changes in laws and the judicial system and chains of action-reaction events leading to a New Order, as well as changes in dominance that would not likely be white male oriented.

My mother specifically highlighted that "ethnic versus non-ethnic" would become a great issue, unless as a culture we figured out how to keep identities intact without diminishing one another.

In hindsight it occurred to me that some of this had already happened in the 60s and 70s, with the civil rights and feminist movements. I have finally figured out why my mother took me to see Malcolm X speak, why we went to jazz vespers, and why we went to Spanish Harlem and celebrated St. Patrick on parade day. I see that this "1% vs. everyone else" scenario has played itself out historically in Cuba, Germany, Iran and other countries.

This is a cycle of frustration and divisive rhetoric that seems to occur when people have a great level of discontent, not only economically or educationally, but culturally. Who are we as a total culture? What makes us American?

I have begun to think about how we can make diversity, which is our strength in the United States, a unifying theme. We have been granted freedom of speech unlike any other country. We can say what we are feeling at any time, about anyone or anything. So what is missing?

Respect comes to mind. Respect for our differences.

So how does respect for different points of views, religious and political differences, racial and gender differences, manifest itself? Why is it that using words to describe language, policies, or measures, which are intended not to offend or disadvantage any particular group of people in society, is bad to certain groups of vocal people? Where has the art of diplomacy has gone within our own government? And when did compromise become a bad word?

This summer I purposely did not schedule a series of events to talk about politics, or law and order, or anything like we have done in the past. I have scheduled programs that highlight two things: how we celebrate as a community, and how we bring different points of view to the cultural table. They are meant to get us thinking about our place in the United States and the world. I hope to see you here this summer.



### Tuesday Cafe

**June 7, 14, 21\*, 28 @ 12 p.m.** \$10. See menus on our website. Email [rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com), go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/> or call 493-0270 ext. 10. On the 21st join us for an oldies singalong with Rebecca Peck.

### Dress in White for Party Time Exhibit Reception

**Sunday June 5 @ 4:00 p.m.** See page 14 for more. No rsvp.

### Trip to Frist Museum

**Friday, June 24. Leave Federation at 10 a.m.** For more information see page 14 or contact [atreadwell@jewishfederation.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishfederation.com) or call 493-0270 ext 13.

### Foreign Policy Supper Club: Migration

**Monday, June 27 @ 6 p.m.**

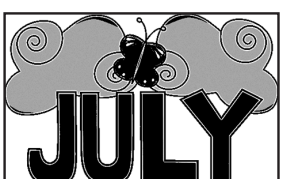
As a record number of migrants cross the Mediterranean Sea to find refuge in Europe, the continent is struggling to come up with an adequate response. Although Europe's refugees are largely fleeing conflicts in Syria, Iraq and parts of Africa, their struggle is hardly unique. Today, with the number of displaced people is at an all-time high, a number of world powers find themselves facing a difficult question: How can they balance border security with humanitarian concerns? More importantly, what can they do to resolve these crises so as to limit the number of displaced persons? \$12. [RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 ext. 10

**STAY IN THE LOOP THIS SUMMER! Our website is <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>. Our Facebook page is Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga (JFGC)**



### Tuesday Cafe

**August 9, 16, 23, and 30 @ 12 p.m.** \$10. See menus on our website. Email [rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com), go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/> or call 493-0270 ext. 10.



### Tuesday Cafe

**July 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 12 p.m.** \$10. See menus on our website. Email [rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com), go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/> or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

### Independence Day Party

**Monday, July 4 @ 11:30 a.m.** Deaconbluz is back! See page 7 for information and cost. RSVP to [rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 or on the website at <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>

### FEDTalks

**Thursday, July 14 @ 7 p.m.** Speakers TBA. See page 10 for guidelines. Watch your mail and website. [Http://www.jewishchattanooga.com](http://www.jewishchattanooga.com). No cost, no rsvp.

### Jamaica on a Plate

**Thursday, July 21 @ 6 p.m..** Janette Socol Goldsmith teams up with Federation Kitchen Supervisor Alice Goss-Morgan to bring you a taste of Jamaica. See page 10 for more info. \$12 RSVP to [rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 or on the website at <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>.

### Foreign Policy Supper Club: The Koreans

**Monday, July 25 @ 6 p.m.** See page 7 for details. \$12. [RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 ext. 10.

### Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam

**August 1-5, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** See page 7 for details. For more information contact Ann Treadwell at [atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 ext. 13.

### FEDTalks

**Thursday, August 11 @ 7 p.m.** Speakers TBA. Guidelines p. 10. Watch mail and website for updates. No cost, no rsvp.

### Noa Hadad's Going Away Party

**Monday, August 15 @ 6 p.m.** Watch your mail and <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com> for details.

### Foreign Policy Supper Club: The United Nations

**Monday, August 22 @ 6 p.m.**

This year marks a halfway point in the organization's global effort to eradicate poverty, hunger and discrimination, as well as ensure justice and dignity for all peoples. But as the UN's 193 member states look back at the success of the millennium development goals, they also must assess their needs for its sustainable development goals. With the appointment of the ninth secretary-general in the near future as well, the next U.S. president is bound to have quite a lot on his or her plate going into office.

### Screening of American Diplomats

**Thursday, August 25 @ 7 p.m.** See page 6 for details. No cost, no rsvp.

### Campaign Kickoff and Psalms Exhibit Reception

**Sunday, August 28 @ 6 p.m.** Comedienne Amanda Marks will perform. See front page for more about Amanda, and page 9 for more about the exhibit.

# SOCIAL SERVICES



## On Being the Best You Can Be

Rebecca Peck, MSW  
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While obtaining my MSW degree I studied many theories, models, therapeutic methods, and psychological approaches to client treatment and interaction. One of my favorite psychologists was Abraham Maslow. Maslow was born to Russian Jewish immigrants in 1908 and is best known for developing the hierarchy of human needs.

In Maslow's model, human needs are organized into a pyramid, with the needs that are the most basic and necessary to survival at the bottom. Moving up the pyramid, we find progressively more esoteric needs, until at the very top we find those needs whose fulfillment spell the attainment of full human potential. (See graphic below)

The basic levels are, in order from bottom (most basic) to top (most advanced): physiological needs (food, water, sleep), safety needs (law and order, freedom from fear, stability), love and belonging needs (relationships, friendship, intimacy, love), esteem needs (achievement, mastery, recognition, self-respect and respect from others), and finally, self-actualization needs (peak experiences, realizing personal potential, self-fulfillment). Each level of needs must be met or satisfied before we can move to the next level.

Most of us are able to progress upward through the levels unless there is a disruption in our lives. We can also fluctuate between levels, especially when in crisis. Maslow was keenly aware that the majority of people in our society do not reach the top level of self-actualization, primarily because our society values love/belonging and esteem most of all.

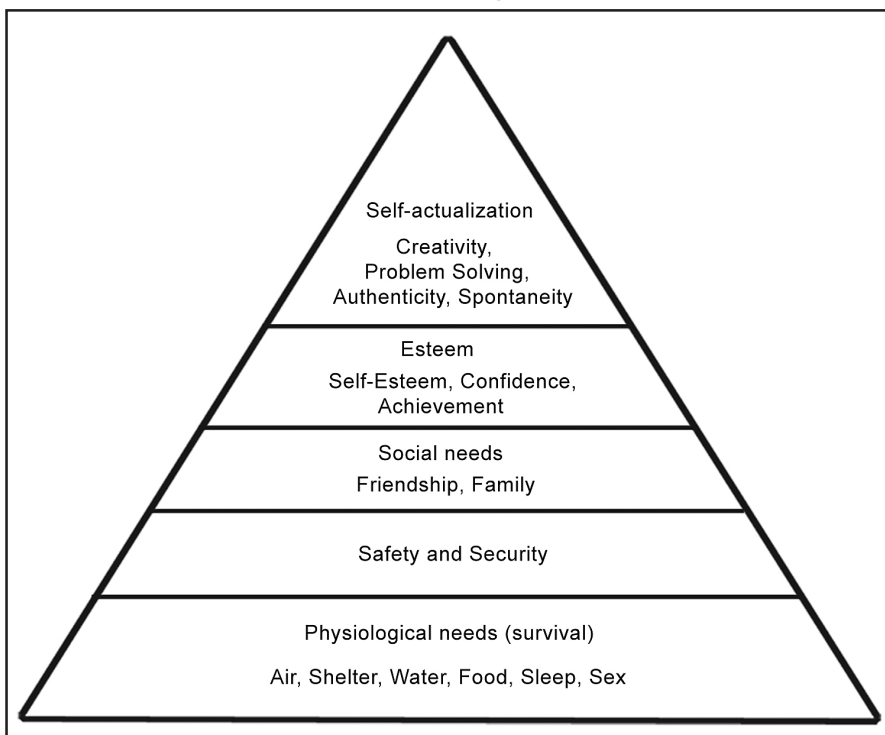
Becoming self-actualized means we've moved beyond getting our esteem needs met by others and are comfortable and confident in who we are. Self-actualized people, according to Maslow, "perceive reality accurately; they have a sense of awe, wonder and gratitude about life. They are not self-centered, but rather problem-centered, and focus on how to improve." They do not focus on deficiency, he says, but are "...independent thinkers...not overly influenced by the general culture. Their sense of humor is not sarcastic or hurtful but rather life-affirming with a philosophical sense of humor. They have a deeply felt sense of kinship with the human race".

As a social worker, I see people in every stage of the hierarchy of needs, and one of my goals is to help them find ways to progress higher and higher. No matter what stage you are in, you are just as important a member of the human race as anyone else. Whether you are still trying to find a roof over your head or you have mastered all five stages to self-actualization, YOU MATTER!

Maslow said, "The more we learn about man's natural tendencies, the easier it will be to tell him how to be good, how to be happy, how to be fruitful, how to respect himself, how to love, how to fulfill his highest potentialities ... The thing to do seems to be to find out what one is really like inside; deep down, as a member of the human species and as a particular individual." What rings so true to me here is the reminder that everyone is both a member of the human species and an individual at the same time.

So let's all try to find a way to help others along their journey, because we are all truly in this journey together. By helping someone else along, you will find yourself a more fulfilled, self-actualized human being.

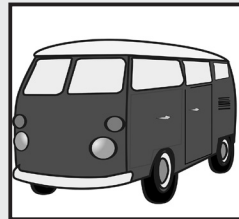
### Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs



## Need a Ride?

Here's how it works:

Contact Rebecca Peck, Director of Social Services, for approval to receive transportation services. Then make your appointments with the drivers directly.



### Monday and Wednesdays

Rick Jacobs 432-2222

### Tuesdays and Thursdays

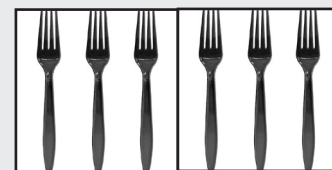
John Schneider 504-6324

### Monday-Thursdays as needed

Eddie Reel (423) 503-0238

## 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!



## 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.**

## Want the Fun Without the Food?



Want to come to a meal-time program but don't wish to eat? Now you can, at half the cost. (If lunch program is \$10, you'll pay \$5.) Why is there still a cost? Fees pay not just for the meal but for labor, marketing, and other associated expenses. **Regardless of whether or not you eat, you will still need to RSVP in order to reserve a seat.**

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.

# FEDERATION PROGRAMS

## Jew Crew and Young Jewish Leadership

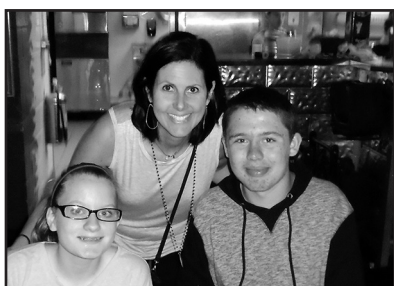
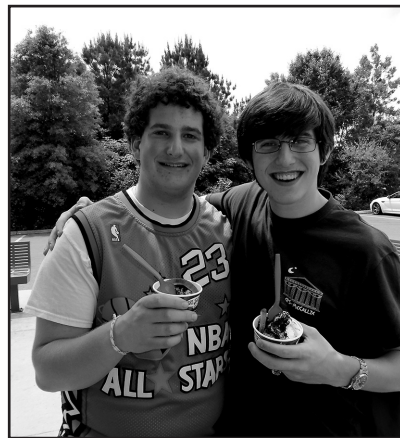
### Jew Crew

### The Last Hurrah

It's hard to believe that another year of Jew Crew has come and gone. But what a year it has been! We celebrated the end of our season with a pizza and ice cream lunch that included special presentations and send-offs to our five super seniors: Rachel Raisin, Carly Perry, Cassie McCarley, Eamon McFadden, and Matthew Palermo. We also bid farewell to our wonderful shlichah, Noa, who gave the entire Crew special Israel backpacks filled with Israel-themed prizes and goodies - things we will certainly use and that will make us think of her every time we do.

But we couldn't let our teens leave with just a few gifts and a sugar rush. We ended the day by going to Breakout Chattanooga to test our problem-solving skills and to see who could break out of different theme rooms in just an hour. While two of the teams were successful, sadly, one team did not make it out and is still trapped there, hoping to escape by mid summer. Please send mitzvah meals.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and we look forward to a new Jew Crew season starting in the fall with our annual Jew Cruise. Details coming soon to a *Shofar* near you!



### Young Jewish Leadership (Ages 21-45)

#### Young Jewish Leadership Networking Event

by Rob Lowe

On April 18, members of the Young Jewish Leadership (YJL) group gathered for lunch in the board room of the CBL building, with a scenic view of its Hamilton Place property, for one of its networking events with Charles Lebovitz. Charles is Chairman of the Board for CBL & Associates Properties, Inc., a real estate investment trust, and a long-time leader with the Federation and B'nai Zion. Charles was joined by his wife, Betty, and his son Alan, a Senior Vice President with CBL.

The purpose of YJL networking events is to bring our YJL members together with leaders in the community who have had success in their particular field, to learn about their personal and professional history, and to have an interactive discussion about the influences that led to their success. Charles shared stories about the early days of CBL as a start-up through its initial public offering in the early 90's, and then its continued growth into a nation-wide owner and manager of malls and open-air centers. The group also learned about Charles' perspective on the role and impact the Jewish community, the Federation and its synagogues have played in Chattanooga. Thankfully for both the Jewish and Chattanooga communities, the Lebovitz family didn't end up in the drive-in movie business!



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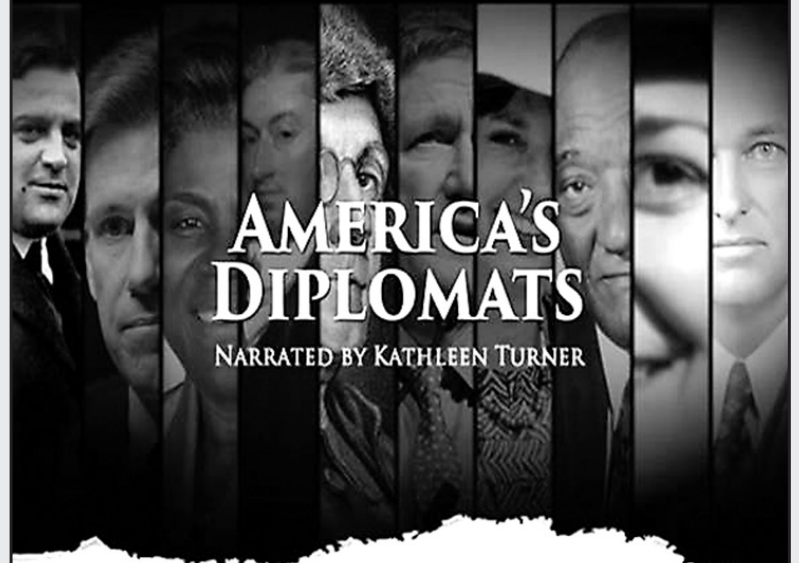


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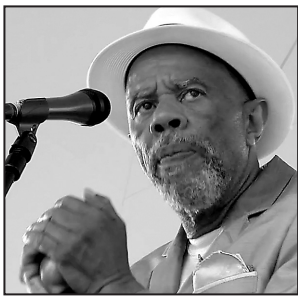
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# FEDERATION NEWS

## Deaconbluz to Perform July 4 at Jewish Cultural Center



Back by popular demand, blues band Deaconbluz and the Chattanooga All Stars, with, front man Clark White, will perform at the annual July 4th celebration at the Jewish Cultural Center. They are one of the few remaining blues bands in the southeast who still play traditional blues dance music.

Join us at the JCC July 4 at 11:30 and dance to the best in live blues music, from Delta Blues to Soul Blues to Zydeco to Chicago Blues to Funk

Blues to old school R and B to Blujazz Americana.

We will have special 4th of July cuisine straight from Alice Goss-Morgan's kosher southern kitchen. You must RSVP! Prices below. See you on the 4th!

*Before July 1 \$10/adults, \$5/kids age 8-16; \$25/family of four.*

*At the door \$14/\$9/\$35.*

*Children 7 and under free.*

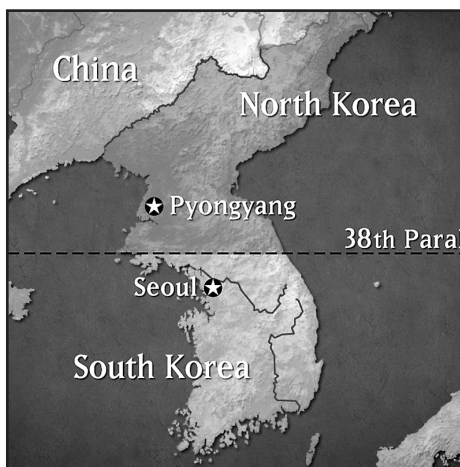
## Rachel Raisin Lead Counselor for Second Year



Rachel Raisin has been a Philanthropy Camp counselor since the second year of camp. She holds the distinction of being the longest serving counselor, and this will be her second year as lead counselor. Rachel will work with the co-director to ensure that all of the logistics of camp run smoothly, assist and provide guidance to the counselors, and help wherever needed. We are excited that Rachel is back to hold this position a second year.

Rachel has shown leadership and philanthropic skills at school as well. This past year at GPS she was awarded the Mary Hannah Tucker Award for giving her best as a student, as a friend and as a leader. She also received the Patsy Williams Scott Service Award for unselfish, exceptional service to GPS.

## July Foreign Policy Supper Club Examines "The Koreas"



At the end of World War II, Korea was divided in two. The northern half of the Korean peninsula was occupied by the Soviet Union, the southern by the United States. Today, North and South Korea couldn't be further apart. The North is underdeveloped, impoverished and ruled by a corrupt, authoritarian government, while the South advanced rapidly to become one of the most developed countries in the world.

With such a wide gap, some are asking, is unification possible, or

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## Enroll Now for Philanthropy Day Camp

**A camp for rising 1st through rising 6th graders.**

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## Enroll Now for Camp Tikkun Olam

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You can also register online at

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*The following religious organizations and non-profits working with the camps this year include but are not limited to: B'nai Zion Congregation, Mizpah Congregation, Anglican Church of the Redeemer, Chambliss Children's Center, Chattanooga Area Food Bank, the Chattanooga Nature Center, Neema Resettlement, Caldsted Senior Housing, and HART Gallery.*

## 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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About Guest Speaker Jonathan Vick:

ADL Assistant Director Cyberhate Response.

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Community training in the U.S., South America and Europe on cyberhate research techniques, monitoring and response tactics. Panel moderator at SXSW Online Harassment Summit 2016. Board member of the International Network Against Cyber Hate (INACH). Syracuse University, Newhouse School of Communications.

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Coffee & dessert provided. Free to attend but registration required. RSVP to Jackie Beres at [jberes@adl.org](mailto:jberes@adl.org) or 404.262.3470 by Friday, June 3rd



# FEDERATION NEWS

## My Passion for Our Community

*continued from front page*

It is not only the words I read that day that were meaningful (which spoke about Jacob wrestling with an angel and then declaring his name Israel) but the sacred Torah from which I read. When I speak of my parents and what they instilled in me about community and service and what it means to be Jewish, it can all be traced to this sacred Torah which was rescued, with my parents help, from Kromeriz, Czechoslovakia. This Torah, one of the only remaining artifacts of one of the oldest Jewish communities in Europe, was rescued after almost all of the community perished in the Holocaust. It is one of only 1,564 Torah scrolls saved from the Holocaust.

The words I read that day had not been read out of that sacred Torah since Shabbat Services in 1939 from that small synagogue in Kromeriz. It was an honor to read from it, to help keep alive the memory of this Jewish community in Czechoslovakia, and of all the 6 million who perished. We say, "never again," but those are just words. We are defined by our actions and the impact we have on our community.

This is why our community, not just here in Chattanooga, but the greater Jewish community, means so much to me. It is an honor to be a bridge from this small Jewish community in Kromeriz to our community here, keeping their hopes and dreams alive. By being a part of the next generation of Jewish Community leaders here in Chattanooga, I am fulfilling the legacy put in place here in Chattanooga by the Jews who came before us.

My parents instilled in me a Jewish identity of caring, sharing, and giving back, and I ask that each of you do the same. It is not just an honor or a responsibility to care for our Jewish Community, but also our mission as Jews to help others in need. By committing to involvement in our Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, we will never forget the people who went before us, who gave to our Federation to take care of our friends and families here in Chattanooga and around the world. We must never forget the small Jewish Community in Kromeriz because of that special sacred Torah scroll housed here in Chattanooga. We must never forget the 6 million, or one elderly person who needs our help in Chattanooga, to get their medication or go to the doctor, or the family that needs a meal.

My passion for our community is much more than the words in this article; it is a passion I live by and I hope and know all of you live by this same passion. Our Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga may be small but we are mighty because of the passion for community and caring that has been passed down from generation to generation.



## Join the Legacy Society

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.

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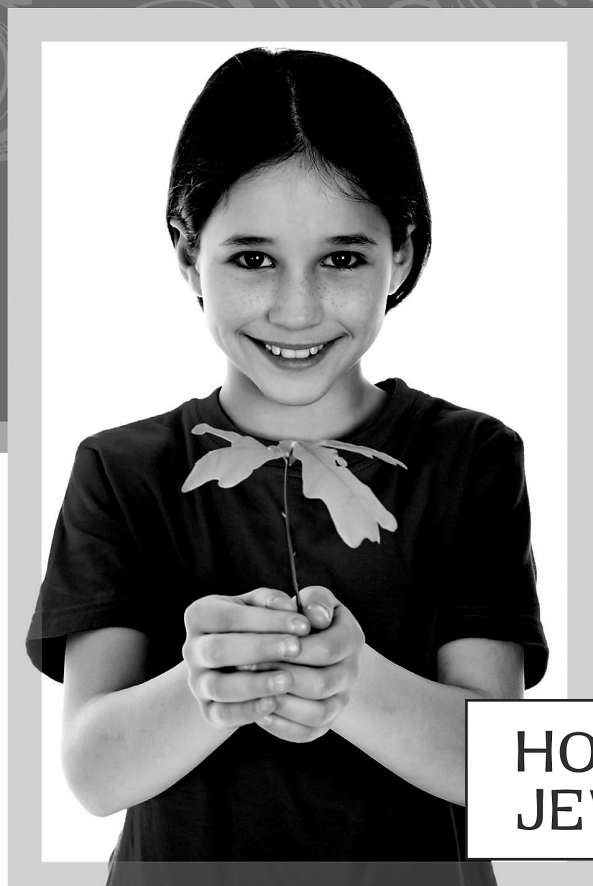
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# FEDERATION NEWS

## Israel-US Psalms Exhibit to Debut August 28

“The Israel-US Psalms Exhibit is an artistic encounter between 26 pairs of Israeli and American artists who engage in different artistic media: painting, sculpting, ceramics, glass, mosaics, photography, paper and more. The artists differ from each other in terms of their ages, qualifications, artistic pursuits, and world views. One sees that despite the differences between the artist pairs, their cultures and their artistic media, a common denominator unites them, inspired by the Book of Psalms.

“In preparing their works for the exhibition, the artists were asked to engage in an ongoing artistic dialogue with their overseas counterparts--to create works that express the connection between them as well as their link with Jewish sources. The artist met in virtual online meetings, enabling them to get to know one another and mutually expose their works. Faced with the need to find a common narrative between two artistic creations and to span across geographical distances, different time zones, and differences in language and mentality, the artists grappled with a challenge that taught them a lesson in tolerance and openness.

“The exhibition was presented in Israel and Chattanooga is the first site in the US to exhibit these works. All of the works were created especially for the exhibition and donated by the artists to Partnership 2Gether. Throughout the course of the exhibition, the public may purchase its works online, with all proceeds dedicated to the Partnership’s continued development and strengthened activity in Israel.”(Source: Shlomit Hefner, Curator)

Three Chattanooga artists were collaborators. They are Roslyne Steinberg, Austin Center, and Mark Issenberg. The exhibit will open August 28, in conjunction with Campaign Kickoff, and will run through September 30.



TRIBUTE, oil on canvas, by Roslyne Steinberg

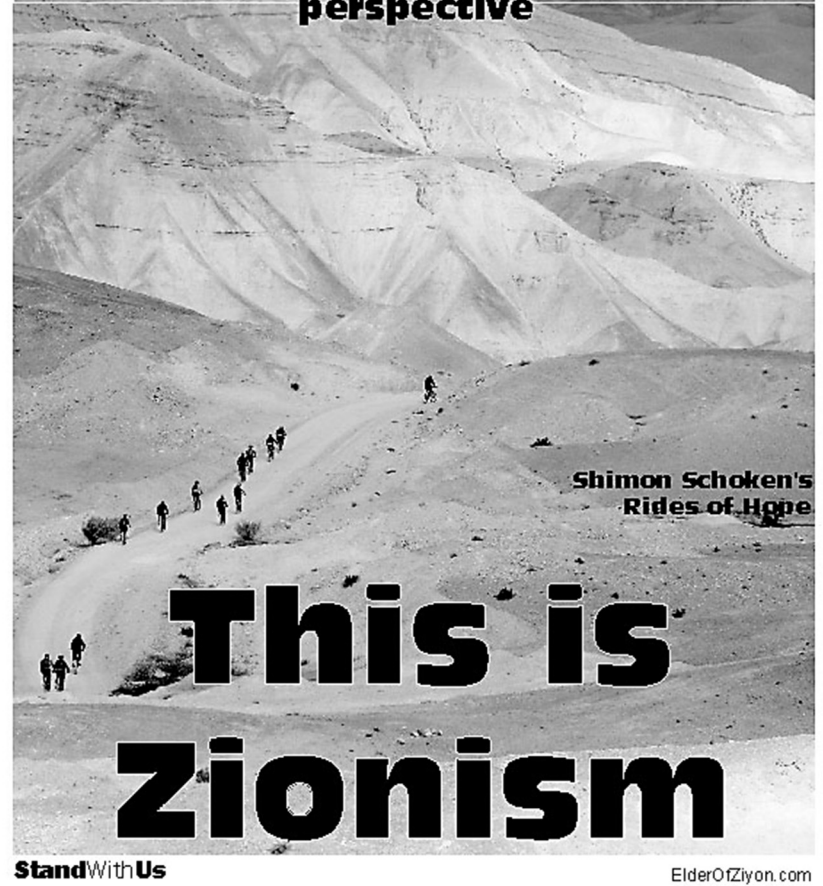


PSALM 121-1,8, ceramic, copper, and wood, by Austin Center







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# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## Q &A With Mizpah Interim Rabbi Appleby

*(continued from front page)* It was time to go back to work and I wanted to serve the Jewish community. So, I went to speak to my rabbi (Steve Chester). We discussed all the alternatives, and he looked into my eyes and said, "Knowing you, what you're talking about is the rabbinate." I new he was right. I had discovered the beauty and wisdom of Judaism and how a rabbi could make a difference in someone's life. What I love about being a rabbi is the diverse role I have: teacher, spiritual leader, pastoral counselor, and community representative.

**Q: What are the challenges of being an interim rabbi?**

The greatest challenge is how quickly I need to get to know the congregation and the congregants because my time is so limited. The hardest part of interim work is saying good-bye at the end of the year.

**Q: What are the rewards?**

Interim work is a combination of pastoral counseling (for an entire congregation) to help it get through the loss of a rabbi, and facilitating reflection and visioning for the future. When a congregation has a sense of direction and congregants are ready to open their hearts and minds to a new rabbi, it is fulfilling. Additionally, it is fun and enriching to get to know a wide variety of Jewish communities.

**Q: What unique qualities do you bring to Mizpah?**

I bring a wide variety of life experiences. Before becoming a rabbi, I was a Deputy Public Defender in Los Angeles, I raised a family, and I was a very active congregant for over ten years. I had also been a very disengaged Jew from my mid teens through my mid-thirties. I think these experiences provide me with different perspectives and I "get" the challenges that Jewish congregations of every size face today.

**Q: What would you like to see happen during your time here in Chattanooga?**

I would like to see the Jewish community in Chattanooga become increasingly vibrant and engaged.

**Q: You mentioned you have children?**

Yes, we have two sons (Jaswinder and Zachary) and three young granddaughters (Ilana, Ziva, and Sophia).

**Q: What do you and your husband do for fun?**

Jon and I enjoy discovering new places, good movies, all kinds of music, and long walks with our Golden Retriever, Milo.

## Community Talks at the JCC This Summer



This summer, we are taking the concept of the TED Talk (where the world's leading thinkers and doers give an 18 minute (or shorter) talk on topics ranging from technology, entertainment, design, and education, science, history, business, global issues, and the arts?) and bringing

you FEDtalks. Community members are invited to submit a proposal to speak on their topic of choice. Guideline follow:

Preference will be given to Jewish-themed talks.

- Please keep in mind that the Federation offers cultural programs and that all religious services are presented by the congregations and Chabad. Any proposal containing information usually given by the congregations must have rabbinical approval as part of the proposal.
- Talks must be 10 minutes and no more. The talk will be timed.
- Additional time will not be allotted for questions.
- There will be no more than four talks during a FEDtalk evening.
- Talks cannot be given to solicit money for other organizations, programs or activities.
- Talks cannot be used as infomercials to advertise a product or service, or, in this hotly contested election year, to promote any candidate or political party.
- No fee will be charged for a FEDtalk event, and the Federation will not give an honorarium to the presenter. The Federation will not purchase supplies for the presenter.
- The Federation reserves the right to pull any FEDtalk that is not presented as outlined in the proposal.
- Presenters can be of any age.
- If food is served as part of the FEDtalk it must receive the prior approval of the kitchen supervisor, Alice Goss-Morgan, and meet the Federation's kosher standards.

Please keep in mind the presenter will have limited staff support which will include access to our projection system if the proposal includes a PowerPoint, or WiFi/web information, or other digital media.

Each proposal must include the presenter's name and contact information (preferably phone number and e-mail address), a one paragraph biography, and no more than a one page typed explanation/outline of the topic the presenter wishes to share during the FEDtalk. If a proposal is accepted, Ann Treadwell, Program Director, will contact the presenter and request a photograph and discuss proposed dates and times.

## "Jamaica on a Plate" is July 21

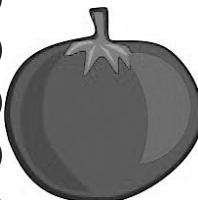


Join us at the JCC as Janette Socol Goldsmith teams up with Federation Kitchen Supervisor Alice Goss-Morgan to bring you a taste of Jamaica! Jamaica is the 3rd largest island in the Caribbean and is 90 miles south of Cuba. Janette grew up in St. Thomas, one of the 14 parishes, and one of the most storied in Jamaica.

As in all cultures, food plays a crucial role in Jamaican identity. Mealtimes are social and relaxing. Jamaican food incorporates a variety of cooking techniques, flavors and spices, including those of the Spanish, African, British, Indian, and Chinese, all of whom have inhabited the island.


Jamaica's national dish is ackee (a pear-shaped fruit) and saltfish (cod). Also playing a starring role in Jamaican cooking is the method of spicing and slowly cooking meat to

preserve the juices (as in jerk chicken) as well as soups, rice and peas, curried goat, and fish and chicken (steamed, fried, roasted, browned, and stewed). 6p.m. Cost is \$12. You must RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com or 403-0270 ext 10.



Prefer a vegetarian meal at our events? You must RSVP to the Federation at LEAST three work days prior to the event in order for us to accommodate you.

**RSVP@jewishfederation.com or 493-0270 ext. 10**



## Hey Y'all! Noa's goin' away, dadgum it!



Shalom Y'all! Come say a country farewell to Noa Hadad Monday, August 16 at 6pm! Watch your mailbox and the website in July for details. I'll be there in spirit!

Love, *Blake Shelton*



# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## Carly Perry Graduates from GPS



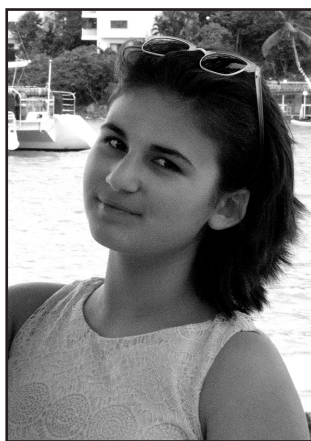
Congratulations to Carly Perry, who graduated from Girls Preparatory School this past spring. She is the daughter of Dr. Gershon Perry and the granddaughter of the late Yaakov & Esther Prushinovski.

At school Carly was involved with the Improv Troupe, the Creative Writing Club, and was a member of the National Art Honor Society. Her favorite subject was Fine Art. Honors/awards included the National French Exam Award, the Improv Club Award, and the Honors List, and she was Vice President of NAHS.

Outside of school Carly enjoys music (listening, playing, making, art (drawing, graphic design, photography, sculpture, etc.), writing, soccer, and is engaged in environmentally conscious activities as well. Carly

will attend the Savannah School of Art and Design in the fall.

## Jessica Layne Kodsi Bat Mitzvah July 30



Jessica Layne Kodsi will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah July 30 at B'nai Zion Synagogue. She is the daughter of Matthew and Angela Kodsi, the sister of Devin Kodsi, and the granddaughter of Joseph and Marilee Kodsi of Signal Mountain and Jimmy and Alice Benson of Clayton, NC.

Jessica is a rising seventh grader at the Center for Creative Arts. She is majoring in vocal music, but has also received awards for her academic performance.

Jessica has always had a passion for singing that began with "performances" at home. She entertained members of the family with renditions from

"High School Musical" and "Hannah Montana". She then joined the Thrasher Elementary School Cool Cat Chorus and the 5th Grade Hand Bell Choir. Jessica has also been a member of the Chattanooga Girls Choir since 2013 and will be advancing to the Jubilate Concert Choir in the fall. She has recorded pieces for the Choristers Guild. She has also greatly enjoyed her participation in services at B'nai Zion, and her recent performance with the Chattanooga Boys Choir during the Yom Hashoah program at the Jewish Cultural Center. When Jessica is not busy she is either singing karaoke in the basement, drawing in her sketchbook, or writing poems and short stories.

Jessica's Bat Mitzvah project is a direct reflection of her love for music and her caring nature. As her father, Dr. Matthew Kodsi, focuses his neurology practice on treating Alzheimer's Disease, Jessica has chosen to gather donations to support Let's Sing From Memory. This group meets regularly to help patients suffering from Alzheimer's relive old memories through music.

The Kodsi family looks forward to sharing the joy of Jessica's Bat Mitzvah with their family and friends, with a kiddush luncheon to follow.

### AIPAC SOUTHEAST REGION PRESENTS

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## Annual Dinner

Thursday, June 23, Jewish Cultural Center

6:00 p.m. ~ Buffet Dinner

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### About AIPAC Speaker Lori Plotkin Boghardt



Lori Plotkin Boghardt is the Barbara Kay Family Fellow at The Washington Institute, where her research focuses on Gulf politics. Prior to joining the Institute, Dr. Boghardt served for more than ten years as a Middle East analyst for the U.S. intelligence community, including as a senior analyst and research manager for Muslim world politics at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) and as a Persian Gulf analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency.

Previously Boghardt worked as a fellow at the Brookings Institution, focusing on Gulf security issues, and as an analyst of U.S. public opinion regarding foreign policy tools at the RAND Corporation. In the mid-1990s, Dr. Boghardt was a Soreff fellow at The Washington Institute, where she published the monograph *Jordan-Israel Peace: Taking Stock, 1994-1997*. She also is the author of *Kuwait Amid War, Peace and Revolution: 1979-1991* and *New Challenges* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007). She received her Ph.D. from the University of Oxford, and her M.P.A. and B.A. from Cornell University.

### Mazel Tov

--to Rabbi Shaul and Rosie Perlstein & family on the birth of their son on April 19. He was greeted by big brothers Mendel, Yossi, Sruly, and big sister Sara.

--to Helen Pregulman, who will receive the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland (KWF) Philanthropic Award at the Lion of Judah Conference in September.

--to Josh and Bethany Schklar on the birth of their son, Noah Schklar on May 2.

--to 212 Market restaurant, which was named by *Travel + Leisure* magazine The Best Farm-to-Table Restaurant in Tennessee.

### Condolences

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

--Sam Jaffe, husband of Dorothy Jaffe.

--Selma Cash Paty, on May 1.

--Michael Olin, grandfather of Rachel and Rebecca Dzik.

--Sarah Schaible, mother Rachel Salomon, grandmother of Rebecca, Sam, and Phillip Sadowitz.

--Marlene Weiss, mother of Jeff (Randi) Weiss.

*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*



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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](http://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.

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# FEDERATION SHLICHA



## Work Hard, Play

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This is my last article for the Shofar! In two months I'll be on my way back to Israel. But as I'm not leaving yet, I decided it's not the time to say thank-you to everyone (not yet). And it's not yet the time to summarize everything I did and felt and accomplished. After all, there are still two more months to go! You

can't get rid of me that easily...

So what should I talk about? As most of you know, I really love my job here and I put all my heart into it. Israel is a big part of me and anything that I can do to connect Israel to life here I do with passion. But my job is 24/7. There's office time (9AM-5PM), Israel programs, Hebrew School, community luncheons and dinners, CJCRS, talks at schools, clubs, churches, special events, and synagogues, holiday events, teaching at Aleph-Bet, Shabbat dinners, camp, evening programs, teen exchange program, teacher exchange, Jew Crew, Young Jewish Leadership and a lot more.

I LOVE IT!! Every single part of it! I love to mingle, meet new people, talk with passion about Israel, teach Hebrew, engage the kids about Israel and Hebrew, cook Israeli food, do programs for the non-Jewish community, make exhibits, and organize all of it so it will be perfect. I've had the two most amazing years of my life. I learned so much about Judaism, American Jews, the South, history, people, and even about myself. It's once in a lifetime journey. Chattanooga will always have a special place in my heart. And it's all because of y'all.

But as most of you know, as much as I like to work hard – I also love to play hard! Whenever I have free time I travel and explore. I believe that this is the formula for a happy life: enjoy your job, put all your heart in it, and enjoy your time off. And when I say time off I literally mean – OFF! No emails, No work calls, no thinking about what I need to do later.

I want to share all the hard work and hard play I did during my two years here. So let's get started...

### Hard Work

- I did more than 300 programs
- 60 teachings at Hebrew School (B'nai Zion, Mizpah, and Chabad)
- 25 teachings at CJCRS
- 30 Israel programs in the community
- 40 Israel programs outside the community (church, clubs, school, public speaking about Israel)
- 4 Hadassah programs
- 20 teen program (Jew Crew)
- 2 retreats with Jew Crew
- 8 Yom's programs (Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaout for kids, Yom Ha'Atzmaout for adults)
- 1 Philanthropy camp
- 2 Night Run
- 35 Young Jewish Leadership Programs
- 2 Good Deeds Days
- 2 Exhibits
- 2 Israeli Scouts camps (Tzofim)
- 30 Aleph Bet programs
- 10 Special speakers for Noon Nosh and evening programs
- 50+ services at synagogues (B'nai Zion, Mizpah, and Chabad)
- 5 Synagogue programs
- 6 Cafe' Dilemma programs
- 4 Hikes with Noa
- 15 Hebrew classes for adults
- 2 Hebrew Cafés

### Hard Play

Total of 20 states in the US (plus DC) so far (and remember – I still have 2 more months to go). So where have I been?

1. Tennessee (Chattanooga, Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, Smoky Mountains)
2. Georgia (Atlanta, Savannah, Athens)
3. North Carolina (Asheville, Charlotte)
4. South Carolina (Charleston)
5. California (Los Angeles, Orange County, San Francisco, Big Sur, Monterey, Yosemite National Park, Sequoia National Park)
6. New York (New York City)
7. New Jersey (Tenafly)
8. Connecticut (Stamford)

**Save the date!**  
**Monday August 15**  
**Noa's goodbye party at the JCC.**  
**Come for one last hug!**

9. Washington DC
10. Maryland (Bethesda, Baltimore)
11. Nevada (Las Vegas)
12. Arizona (Grand Canyon, Flagstaff, Sedona and Williams)
13. Indiana (Bloomington)
14. Florida (Orlando, Miami, Miami beach, key Largo and Tampa)
15. Kentucky (Madisonville)
16. Texas (Austin and San Antonio)
17. Illinois (Chicago)
18. Alabama (Montgomery, Birmingham and Mobile)
19. Louisiana (New Orleans)
20. Mississippi (Biloxi)
21. Virginia (Arlington)
22. Belize, Central America
23. Bahamas

Now if you really work hard, you can come to Israel and play!!

I will be there waiting to see you! Michael and Ann know how to find me.

I would love to hear your opinion about my formula for a happy life. You're more than welcome to come talk with me (I'll be here until August 15). But the best way to do it is to follow your heart.

