CHATTANOOGA JEWISH CONGREGATIONAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



A Message from the Directors

Jackie Rosenfeld and Paula Israel

With classes running from August to May, CJCRS covered many Jewish holidays and special events. This past year saw a record number of madrichim (12!) and an overall enrollment of 50 children.

At the beginning of 2014 and 2015, our staff exchanged ideas with the Knoxville teaching staff in mini-seminars. Every summer, our staff members have the option of attending the Annual Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) Conference in Jackson, Mississippi--always a wonderful experience.

In the spring 2015 semester, we held an all-school event for Tu B'shevat, celebrating and learning about trees and water. In March we enjoyed our Purim Carnival. Throughout the year, we enjoyed Tefillah sessions with Rabbis Tepper and Tendler, music with Rachel Salomon, and interactive sessions with Noa Hadad, our shlicha, and with our ISJL Fellow, Ali Duhan. One of my favorite events this year was the Kahoot session about Israel with Noa in May.

Classes will reconvene in mid-August at B'nai Zion. Did you know that CJCRS has been in existence for over twenty years? What a wonderful accomplishment! Join us, and be part of this fun-learning-broadening-growing community.

B'NAI ZION CONGREGATION



Sunday, June 5, & Aug. 7: 9:30 a.m. Monthly Bagels, Lox and Tefillin Minyan Come for the praying and stay for the food!







Tikun Leil Shavuot

Saturday, June 11: 7:45-9:30 p.m. Hosted at the home of Rabbi Susan Tendler and Ross Sadoff. We hope you can join us for a night filled with food, singing & learning. RSVP is requested by June 8: 894-8900 or office@bzcongregation.com

Shavuot Morning Services

1st Day: June 12 @ 9:30 a.m. 2nd Day: June 13 @ 9:30 a.m. Yizkor not before 11:00 a.m. Babysitting is available on both June 12 & 13.



Lunch & Learn Thursdays, 12 p.m. @ BZ June 9- Shavuot

June 23 - Wrestling with the angels: What it means for us as Jews and how we approach others (ancient and modern applications) (chapter 8)

July 14- Giving; a palindrome (chapter 9) **July 28-** 3 weeks, what are they all about?

August 11- Tisha B'av- day of sadness or celebration in our time? **August 25**- Why put off for tomorrow what we could do today?

> (Forgive, chapter 10) Please RSVP to office@bzcongregation.com. We would love to have you join us!

Join us for regular services every week: Minyan, Wednesdays at 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat, Fridays at 5:45pm Shabbat Morning, Saturdays at 9:45pm

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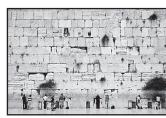
Beit Sefer Ivri and BZ Youth

Thank you to all of the students, parents, grandparents, siblings and supporters of the Beit Sefer Ivri here at B'nai Zion. 2015/2016 was a fantastic year of learning together. We look forward to many more opportunities to share Jewish



knowledge. Registration is open right now! Visit http://tinyurl. com/bsireg2016 today!

Kids will be kids: Hebrew school end of the year celebration at B'nai Zion May 18.



Erev Tisha b'Av Services Saturday, Aug 13 at 9:00 p.m. Help us commemorate the destruction of the First and Second Temples as well as other tragedies in Jewish history through prayer, chanting and introspection.

CHOOSY Members Choose Board



Mazel tov to our 2016/17 CHOOSY board: Kalli Agudo & Arthur Lebovitz (Co-Presidents), Rachel Dzik (Religious/Education VP), Murray Lebovitz (Membership/Kadima VP), Blake Snetman (Communications VP), Sadie Cowan (Social Action VP) Hannah Berke (Programming VP) and Lily Shire (Israel VP). It's going to be a great USY year!

For more information about Hebrew school or upcoming youth events, please contact B'nai Zion: 894-8900 or office@bzcongregation.com.



Beit Sefer Ivri Resumes on August 24 at 4:30pm! Have a great summer!

The BZ Weekly email provides details about upcoming events, holidays, and services.

> Don't currently receive our weekly email? Not sure if you are in our database?

Please contact the office to help us update your records.

You do not need to be a member to receive our weekly email.

CHABAD OF CHATTANOOGA



Journey of the Soul: Thoughts from my JLI Trip

I had the opportunity to visit Israel last March on a trip sponsored by the Jewish Learning Institute and organized by Israel Maven Tours. I was asked to share my experience with others who may be interested in a future trip, which have been scheduled every two years since 2008. So why was this trip different than all other trips?

Representing over 40 Chabad chapters, this international group – visitors from the United States, England, Australia and British Columbia – totaled over 550 participants. We were told it was the largest tour group in 2016 to date, at a time of uncertainty and apprehension in Israel.

Despite the large group, I never felt part of a herd. The trip offered four to five options on most days; this allowed us to tailor our individual itineraries to our personal interests, to break up into smaller groups to explore ancient ruins or the latest in high tech, or the history of the War of Independence, or the resistance of Masada.

There were also opportunities to experience and celebrate the land of Israel as a group. We had an unforgettable Kabbalat Shabbat at the Western Wall, and a Havdalah service in the Mamilla-Alrov Promenade. We also had unique opportunities not often available on other Israel tours, including traveling to Hebron and experiencing the Me'arat HaMachpelah (Cave of the Patriarchs), as well as a trip south to Kibbutz Alumin to learn about life seven seconds from the Gaza border.

The Israel Maven tour guides – truly tour facilitators – were well versed and highly knowledgeable. They were not content with just discussing facts and dates. They demonstrated a passion for the land and culture, and always tried to tie what we were experiencing to the spiritual, frequently citing passages and references to Mishnah, Talmud, Tanach and siddur.

After the trip, I was often asked about safety. I felt safe the entire trip, even in Hebron. Truthfully, the moment of greatest anxiety was while sitting on the bus waiting for the ride to Yad Vashem. I realized my passport was packed in my suitcase, ready to be picked up by the tour staff to be taken to the airport for our flight home that evening (I jumped off the bus, ran to the room and retrieved my passport, then hailed a cab to the museum and caught up with my group).

I was also questioned about going on a Chabad trip – was I expected to be frum? While there were plenty of opportunities to be observant, being strictly religious was not required. Want to get up early and pray at Rachel's Tomb? Rather sleep in or get in an early morning walk on the boardwalk? Either choice was perfectly fine. In general, the group wore comfortable, respectful clothing. The rabbis and rebbetzins on the trip were kind, engaging and helpful. As usual with Chabad, I never felt awkward or judged.

Given the opportunity, I opted for the more spiritual experiences. I was deeply moved when praying at dawn at Kever Rachel (Rachel's Tomb), and immersing in the mikvah of the Holy Arizal (Rabbi Yittzak Luria, the father of contemporary Kabbalah) in Tzvat. And I have to admit, when approached by strangers in the Old City and asked if I wanted to lay tefillin, it felt pretty good to be able to say, "No thanks, I took care of that at Shacharit this morning."

Our group was enlightened by great lecturers and speakers, including Chief Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, Gil Hoffman (chief political correspondent and analyst for the Jerusalem Post), author Sherri Mandell ("The Blessing of a Broken Heart"), and activist Natan Sharansky. Particularly moving was a discussion with Rochelle Frankel, mother of Naftali, one of the three boys kidnapped and murdered in June 2014.

On the less spiritual side, the accommodations were excellent. We stayed at four-star hotels: the Hilton Tel Aviv and King David Citadel in Jerusalem. And of course, after the amazing Israeli breakfast buffets, I will never look at my morning raisin bran the same way again.

We hit the ground running from the moment we landed in Tel Aviv. Our days were long, full and fulfilling. In retrospect, I would have planned to extend my trip 1-2 days to have the free time to do some extra shopping (and would also bring an extra suitcase).

Would I recommend the trip to others? Admittedly, a JLI trip is not for those who want to spend their days on the beach in Tel Aviv. I found the trip to be an educational and spiritual journey led by an experienced, professional, top-notch organization. I came home from my first trip to Israel with a deep connection to the land and respect for those who live there. I look forward to a future trip to experience all those choices I had to pass on the first time around.

ALL NIGHT SINA!!! June 11 @ 10:30 CHABAD 950 Vine Street For more information, contact rabbi@jewishchatt.com

Please join us for **Shavuot Ice Cream Party and Dairy Buffet! Contact** rabbi@jewishchatt. com

Another Great School Year Comes to a Close--and Thank You!

We finished another fabulous year at Chabad Hebrew School in our beautiful classrooms at the new Chabad building. We thank our devoted teachers, amazing parents and most of all every single child, true gems who make our school special. For more information or to sign up your child visit www.jewishchatt.com



It Was a Wonderful Pesach Seder

It was truly a beautiful event, and we at Chabad thank everyone for coming.





HADASSAH NEWS



Hadassah **Happenings**

by Cathryn Cohen Chapter Reporter



Chattanooga Chapter

Have you sent in your RSVP to Dana Waxler for Café Cubaña? A real treat is in store to view Dana and Richard's many slides from their Cuban mission. Share Cuban-style snacks, coffee and mojitos, enter

contests, and more. You must call quickly as space is limited at Casa Waxler! Have your couvert of \$18.00 in hand and arrive at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 5 for a fun and fascinating evening. All proceeds go to Hadassah medical research.

Did you know that besides our fabulous hospitals, and our educational and environmental projects and programs, Hadassah members are passionate about advocacy? Contemporary domestic issues Hadassah focuses on include women's health (including preventative care and reproductive freedom), gender equality in medical research, human trafficking, and affordable child care.

In addition, Hadassah members advocate on behalf of Israel and work to counter the BDS (boycott, diversify, sanction) movement prevalent on too many college campuses that seeks to hurt Israel economically and diplomatically. Periodically, Hadassah members visit their Congressional representatives and senators in Washington ("Day on the Hill") and their state legislators ("Date with the State") to present their positions on these important issues. To receive Advocacy Alert notices from the National Hadassah site, visit myhadassah.org and click on Take Action.

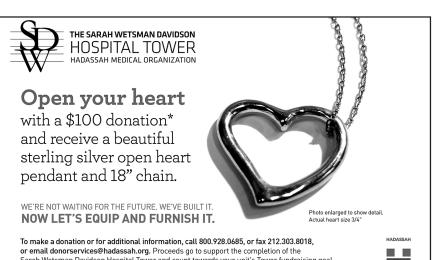
Commitment to Hadassah can also be shown by purchasing Life Memberships, Annual Memberships, Associate Memberships, and beautiful jewelry. These purchases are always appreciated. In 2016, Hadassah annual members may upgrade to Life Membership at a reduced enrollment fee of \$180 before their annual membership expires. For more information, contact Barbara Oxenhandler. Membership in Hadassah is the perfect gift that fits every occasion.

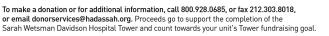
The newest Hadassah jewelry features a heart necklace, priced at \$100, which supports the new addition to Hadassah Hospital. Three styles of bracelets at \$25 each support Young Judaea scholarships. The jewelry is available through Millie Lander. And for all Life-Cycle events, think of purchasing cards through Paula Israel.

Remember, National President Ellen Hershkin has invited all Hadassah members to participate in Hadassah's second annual "Every Step Counts" walking event which began April 11 and ends July 21. Stay tuned and "like us" on Facebook today! Visit: myhadassah.org to register for the walk. It's not too late! You'll be participating in a great, healthy way to show your allegiance to Hadassah. Take a virtual walk from Hadassah's hospitals in Jerusalem to our 98th National Convention to be held in Atlanta, Georgia July 25-28. The road may be virtual but the challenge is real. You'll be taking and recording real steps to a healthier future. As you log your steps, you'll pass important milestones along the way. Your personal pedometer will keep you on your toes! Of the three available challenge levels, you're sure to find the one perfect for you. Register today!

Speaking of the convention this July, the lines are now open to register. To do so, go to www.hadassah.org/hadassah-national-convention. Sign up with a friend, share a room, and get ready for the time of your life. There will be so much to do, see and hear. It will be a win, win, win experience. Just think of all the information you can bring back to our Chapter.

Supporting Hadassah means putting our Jewish values into action: advocacy, health, and well-being, and building community in Israel and in the United States.











Above: Many Cuban cars are stuck in time Left: Havana Sphraradi Youth Purim





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- Help a teen participate in a Young Judaea Israel Program
- Ensure lewish continuity and future leadership



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Jewish Federation Mission Statement

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

Jewish Cultural Center Statement of Purpose

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

Shofar Policies and Procedures

Article/Advertising Deadline

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

The Shofar calendar

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

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

Letters to the Editor

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

Mazel Tovs and Condolences

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

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

Corrections

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

Community Directory Updates

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

June 2016 lyar/Sivan 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	1	2	Candle Lighting 8:33	4 Candle Lighting 9:36
Dress in White Party for Party Time Exhibit Reception	6	7 Matter of Balance 10-noon Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	Anti-Defamation League 7:30, JCC	9	10	11 Eve of Shavuot
4pm, JCC					Candle Lighting 8:37	Candle Lighting 9:40
12 Shavuot	Shavuot Federation	14 Matter of Balance 10-noon	15	AB Dogs with Dad	17	18
Candle Lighting 9:40	Closed Candle Lighting 9:41	Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC		Federation Board Meeting 5:30, JCC	YJL Shabbat Dinner Candle Lighting 8:39	Candle Lighting 9:42
19	20	Matter of Balance 10-noon Tuesday Cafe Oldies Sing-along Noon, JCC	22	AIPAC Fundraiser Event 6pm, JCC	Trip to Frist Museum Leave Federation at 10am	25
26	Foreign Policy Supper Club 6pm, JCC	28 Matter of Balance 10-noon, JCC Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	29	30	Candle Lighting 8:41	Candle Lighting 9:44

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

Key JUNE Jewish Federation Dates

Sunday, June 5

Party Time Exhibit (Dress in White Party)

Thursday, June 16

AB Dogs with Dad

Tuesday, June 21

Tuesday Cafe with Oldies Singalong

Friday, June 24

Trip to Frist Museum

Monday, June 27

Foreign Policy Supper Club

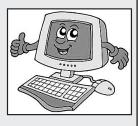
The Shofar is online at the Federation website.
Go to Jewishchattanooga.com/Shofar
The online Community Calendar is current.

Please see page 21 for Shofar policies and procedures.

Calendar Abbreviation Key

AB	Aleph Bet Children's Center
CJCRS	Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School
JCC	Jewish Cultural Center
YJL	Jewish Federation Young Jewish Leadership
P2G	Partnership 2Gether

Haven't checked out our new website yet?
What are you waiting for?
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register to volunteer, read the Shofar, and
even donate!
http://www.jewishchattanooga.com.



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July 2016 Sivan/Tammuz 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	29	30	1	2
3	Independence Day Party 11:30, JCC YJL Evening Event	5 Matter of Balance 10-noon, JCC Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	6	Jewish Archives Meeting 6:30, JCC	Candle Lighting 8:41	Candle Lighting 9:43
10	11	12 Matter of Balance 10-noon, JCC Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	13	14 Fed Talks 7pm, JCC	Candle Lighting 8:40	Candle Lighting 9:41
17	18	Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	20	Jamaican Dinner Event 6pm, JCC	Candle Lighting 8:37 22 Party Time Exhibit closes at 4pm Candle Lighting 8:33	Candle Lighting 9:38 23 Candle Lighting 9:33
24	Foreign Policy Supper Club 6pm, JCC	Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	27	28	29 Candle Lighting 8:28	30

August 2016 Tammuz/Av 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam 8-4	NO Tuesday Cafe Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam 8-4	Community Lunch Noon JCC Philanthropy Camp and Camp T.O. 8-4	Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam 8-4	Philanthropy Camp and Camp T.O. Final Presentation and Reception Candle Lighting 8:21	6 Candle Lighting 9:19
7	8	9 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	Federation Executive Committee Meeting Noon, JCC	Fed Talks 7pm, JCC	Candle Lighting 9:14	Candle Lighting 9:11
14	Noa's Going Away party 6pm, JCC	16 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	17	Federation Board Meeting 5:30, JCC	Candle Lighting 8:14 19 YJL Shabbat Dinner Candle Lighting 8:06	20 Candle Lighting 9:02
21	22 Foreign Policy Supper Club 6pm, JCC	23 Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	24	Screening of American Diplomats 7pm, JCC	26 Candle Lighting 7:57	27 Candle Lighting 8:52
28Campaign Kick- off/opening of Psalms exhibit 6pm	29	Tuesday Cafe Noon, JCC	31	1	2	3

Yom Hazikaron (Remembering the Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism) May 11



Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) May 12 with Rock Band Exit 10

