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Federation Welcomes New Shlichah, Chen Dahan, in August



Just as the community says goodbye and thank-you to Shiran Amir for her year of service as the Federation shlichah, we welcome Chen Dahan as our newest shlichah.

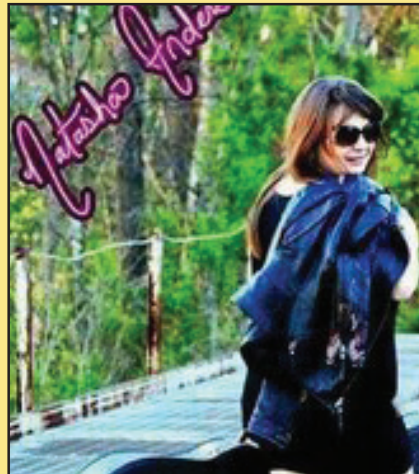
Chen, 23, was born and raised in Tel Aviv, and has been active in social justice causes, including participation in a Tikkun Olam program with young Jews from all over the world that has had her living, studying, and volunteering in south Tel Aviv and Jaffa.

Chen is an energetic and deeply committed Israeli who is particularly interested in art, politics, and history, but who also loves dancing, yoga, and hiking. She is a self-avowed social butterfly, speaks Hebrew, English, and Arabic, and says she is not afraid to put herself on the line. (Continued page 8)

Independence Day Party Boasts Food, Music, and Dancing

Natasha Anderson and River Moon Express will rock the JCC July 4 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Join us for great southern food from Alice Goss-Morgan's magical kitchen, and dance to the country and southern rock sounds of this exciting band.

Natasha Anderson and River Moon Express (RME) is a country, southern rock and blues group playing cover tunes with a twist. Lead singer and songwriter Natasha Anderson has recorded with Nashville producer Robert Jenkins, who recorded and produced well known artists such as Hank Williams Jr., Christy Lane, and Lynn Anderson. Make your reservation now via rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, by calling 493-0270, or on the website at www.Jewishchattanooga.com.



Before July 1 \$10/adults, \$5/kids age 8-16; \$25/family of four.
At the door \$14/\$9/\$35.

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September 25 Foreign Policy Supper Club
October 1 Major Gifts

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Mentalist Returns to JCC to Entertain and Amaze

Campaign 2018 will kick off in style with dinner-quality hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and dessert, and a fascinating show by acclaimed Chicago-area performer and mentalist Sydney Friedman. Friedman is a national best-selling author, a "mind power trainer," a "futurist" (he's been called "perhaps the most accurate prognosticator of news events") and he is a pianist, guitarist & composer. His show is sure to dazzle. 6p.m. No cost to attend but you will be asked to pledge.



Mentalist Sydney Friedman

First Amendment Dinner to Feature Opposing Editors From Chattanooga Times Free Press



The popular First Amendment Dinner returns to the JCC Thursday, July 13 at 6 p.m. Opposing *Chattanooga Times Free Press* editors Pam Sohn (from the "left" side of the page) and Clint Cooper (the "right" side of the page) will speak.

Pam Sohn has been reporting/editing Chattanooga news for 25 years, coming to the *Chattanooga Times Free Press* in 1999 after working at the *Chattanooga Times* for 14 years. She has been a city editor, Sunday editor, wire editor, projects team leader and assistant lifestyle editor.

As a reporter, she also covered the police, courts, health, education and environment beats. She specializes in investigative and project stories, and currently is a general assignment reporter.

Clint Cooper represents the conservative side of the newspaper's opinion section. Previously he worked as a lifestyles reporter, and has been an assistant sports editor and Metro staff writer for the newspaper. Prior to the merger between the *Chattanooga Free Press* and *Chattanooga Times* in 1999, he was sports news editor for the *Chattanooga Free Press*, where he was in charge of the day-to-day content of the section and the section's design. Before becoming sports news editor, he was a staff writer. In the Life section, he is responsible for the content of the weekly religion page but also contributes entertainment stories to the current section; health, home and profile stories for the daily Life pages; and general news articles to the news columns.

This dinner is sure to enlighten, entertain, and provoke. Make your reservation now by calling 493-0270, emailing rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or on the website at www.jewishchattanooga.com. Free for active/retired military; \$12 for RSVPs received by Monday, July 10; or \$18 at the door.

לפי הספר By The Book

June 15 - July 21, 2017

An exhibit highlighting the favorite books of local community members. Also on display will be favorite books of famous Jewish authors, elected officials, thought leaders, celebrities and others along with their statements about why they chose their particular book. Among those whose favorite books will be on display are Lady GaGa; Sen. Chuck Schumer; Jason Alexander; Anne Hathaway; Gloria Steinem; and Albert Einstein. Artist-made books will also be on display.

See page 6 for more information about this exhibit

NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



Planning for Success

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As I have reported in my Board Chair comments on numerous occasions, the Federation Board of Directors has been working on creating and documenting a long-range plan for the organization. I am pleased to say that at the April 20 board meeting, the Board followed through on the final step of this process and approved our long-range Planning Document.

This document came about as the result of several years of start-and-stop efforts by several dedicated volunteers. I'll be the first (but certainly not the last) person to admit that this planning document is not the most exciting read. But I do believe it is an important read.

The Planning Document serves several important purposes for our Federation. I trust it will be used as a reference and a tool to educate our community, donors and new board members about our mission and the efforts and means we incorporate in order to achieve our mission.

During the April board meeting, the Board discussed several additional uses for the Planning Document, and concluded that the document, at a minimum, should

be reviewed annually by future boards and should be either affirmed, amended, clarified, etc. to ensure that the document remains accurate, relevant and useful as a guide.

We will be including various sections of the Planning Document in future *Shofars* for review by the community. It is hoped that this document will serve as a living road map to help us achieve our current and future goals.

The Planning Document is organized as follows:

--Federation Mission, Statement of Purpose, and Guiding Principles

--Background of the Federation and our Jewish Community

Description of Community and Federation Role within the Community

--Federation Organization Structure

--Federation Committees and Purpose of each Committee

Federation Staff and Key Functions of Staff

--Federation Activities, Programs and Committees, including discussion for each of:

Committee Assignment and Chair

Staff Assigned to Program

Current Status of Program

Action Plans and Goals for the Program

Feel free to contact either Michael Dzik or me if you would like a complete copy of the document or if you have suggestions for improvements.

I hope you have a wonderful summer!



Much is Afoot at the Federation This Summer

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The summer seems to always bring a new cycle of programs, services and planning – and this year is no different. For me personally, summer is bringing a new, and happy, challenge as well: my oldest daughter, Rachel, is leaving for Elon University in late August. There will be a new normal at our home as I adjust to living with only

one teenager (Rebecca), and the new dynamics that will bring. And while Rebecca, Paula and I are adjusting, Rachel of course will be finding her place in her next stage of life.

This summer leads to new adventures at the Federation as well. We are finalizing plans for our 2nd YESOD leadership class. (See page 8 for information.)

Austin Center continues to bring together volunteers who will make up the dynamic committees for the 2018 campaign, which kicks off August 27. Along the campaign line, I will be joining Mike Spector and Austin Center on the national JFNA Campaign mission, this year to Ukraine and Israel.

I'm proud to announce that our 1st Amendment Dinner will happen again this July, with a unique opportunity to meet and hear from Clint Cooper and Pam Sohn, editors at the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*. For more information about this yearly program, see the front page.

Also happening in July is our annual Independence Day picnic. We're going in a different direction with our live music, this year bringing in Natasha Anderson and River Moon Express, a southern rock and country band.

On another note, I'm very proud of the work of our exhibit committee, Karen Diamond and Wes Hasden, who have put together this summer's exhibit, "By The Book". Local community members have submitted their favorite books, and we have favorites from many celebrities around the country as well. Come by and see this fun and unique exhibit, opening June 15.

Away from Chattanooga, many of our youth and teens will be at Jewish summer camps. Camp scholarships are a large piece of our local Federation budget. We believe strongly that Jewish summer camp is not only a great opportunity for independence and relationship building, but also a proven way to encourage a Jewish lifestyle into adulthood. And lastly, summer at the Federation would not be complete without our annual Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam. To send your child, to volunteer, or to be a counselor, please see page 7.

At the end of this summer, we will say l'Hitraot, *see you soon*, to our shlichah Shiran Amir, who will be going back to Israel in August. But while she's still here, she will remain active with programs, projects and Philanthropy Camp. Shiran has shared her unique Yemini background with us through song, food and photos. Her warm smile and personality will be missed. Shiran has also been an asset with Aleph Bet, teaching basic Hebrew words and phrases. She has taught in all three Hebrew schools, as well as in the community Sunday school (CJCRS). In her spare

time, Shiran spent quality time with our Jew Crew teens and with our Tuesday Café participants as well. We will miss you, Shiran – but know that you will always be part of our hearts and part of the Chattanooga family.

Meanwhile, we have been busy searching for our next shaliach, with the help of our overseas partner, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), which produces the Shaliach program we have collaborated with for the past 6 years. After an extensive search, and many interviews, we have hired a young woman named Chen Dahan (pronounced "Chen") as our next shaliach in Chattanooga (see front page). Chen is 23, and was born and raised in Tel Aviv. She currently works as a Project Manager for the Tel Aviv/Yafo municipality. Chen has an outgoing personality with an abundance of energy--by her own admission, she loves to socialize, and to plan and implement programs and engage communities. She says she is not afraid to lead and take charge. Most importantly, Chen recognizes that our shared Judaism is what connects all of us, and she is eager to build connections between herself and the community and between Israel and the community. Please join me in welcoming Chen "home" when she arrives to Chattanooga in August.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, we at the Federation are here for you all year round, including in the summer months.



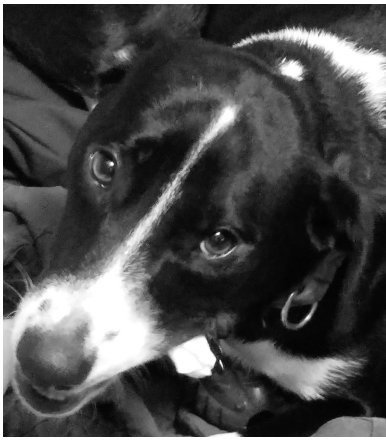
Federation Flashback: First Aleph Bet graduates Jordan Ball, Rachel Dzik, and Frank Graham, 2004. This class is the graduating high school class of 2017!



Rachel Raisin, a sophomore at Georgia Tech, is interning at Jewish Federation this summer. Rachel is studying nonprofit management. You can find her in The Shofar office, or out and about, helping Ann Treadwell in a variety of capacities. We are so happy to have her with us! Rachel and her family belong to Mizpah Congregation.

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

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The Gatherer

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A few months ago, a new creature joined our household. Like many of our previous creatures, "Frankie" wags his tail, begs for food, is vocal about wanting to play in the woods, and investigates every new thing. He's a border collie. But we call him a "gatherer."

When I was young and living in Ohio, my mother's closest friend was an English war bride. They loved to drink tea with cream and talk about "gatherers," mythic creatures that took and hoarded small precious things that people left lying around. I always pictured a gatherer like a gnome, old, bearded and wrinkly. Frankie is not that kind of gatherer.

The first week we had Frankie, I didn't think it unusual that he would "borrow" things. I'd find sock pairs, shoes, car keys and baseball caps, sucked on but not destroyed, on my bed. I figured the dog needed comfort, and that bringing things to one of his favorite places, to hang out with while we were away, was normal. By the third week, however, he had graduated from the low-lying fruit of our personal belongings, to snatching things off dressers and counter tops. And now, it seems that items that represent us leaving without him: shoes, work pants, boots, and hats--are ripped, bitten and marked, and left on the floor. Other things that do not represent us leaving still make their way to the bed.

Each day when I come home I quickly survey the house to see if he and his cohort, Charlie the English setter, have gotten into anything. And each day I find evidence of his "gathering": a pot holder, a pen, a lipstick, a CD, a toy, or a ball.

So what do Frankie's adventures have to do with summer at the Federation? Think of us as the gatherers. First, we have gathered together lots of volunteers to help us with programs and activities. All of these volunteers are very passionate about what they are sharing. Special thanks to Wes Hasden and Karen Diamond for working on the "By The Book" exhibit, to Marilyn Goler and Fuz Spector for the dinner and a movie concept (A Light Fare), Ken Goldsmith for facilitating the First Amendment Dinner, Max Brener for consolidating the Archives, and so many others. This summer we will also have Rachel Raisin interning as part of her studies in nonprofit organizations at Georgia Tech.

With our volunteers we have gathered together programs such the Independence Day lunch celebration (see the front page for more on this fun annual event), Rock Steady Boxing (see page 7), two Foreign Policy Supper Clubs, Philanthropy Camp, Camp Tikkun Olam and two exhibition-related workshops, on paper marbling and Japanese book binding.and there is more.

What is the best way to nurture a gatherer? Just enjoy the surprises, and share the fruits of their efforts! Please join us often this summer.



Tuesday Cafe

June 6, 13, 20, 27. \$10. June 13 will also feature Rock Steady Boxing, non-contact boxing benefitting individuals with Parkinson's. (See p. 7.) Email rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/> or call 493-0270



A Light Fare: Dinner and a Movie (Avalon)

Wednesday, June 7 @ 6p.m. For movie description see page 10. Rsvp@jewish-federation.com, on the website at jewishchattanooga.com, or call 493-0270. \$15 for dinner and movie, \$7 for movie alone.

Foreign Policy Supper Club: Saudi Arabia in Transition

Monday, June 12 @ 6 p.m.. See page 6 for details. \$12. RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10. Rsvp@jewishfederation.com, on the website at jewishchattanooga.com, or call 493-0270.

"By the Book" Exhibit Opening Reception

Thursday, June 15 @ 4:00 p.m. See page 6 for more information. No rsvp, no cost to attend.

Paper Marbling Class

Tuesday, June 20 @ 7-9 p.m. with Lolly Durant. See page 14 for more information. [Http://www.jewishchattanooga.com](http://www.jewishchattanooga.com). \$12 includes supplies

A Light Fare: Dinner and a Movie (Driving Miss Daisy)

Wednesday, June 28 @ 6p.m. For movie description see page 10. Rsvp@jewish-federation.com, on the website at jewishchattanooga.com, or call 493-0270. \$15 for dinner and movie, \$7 for movie alone.



Tuesday Cafe

July 11, 18, 25. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/> or call 493-0270 ext. 10. \$10.

Independence Day Party

Tuesday, July 4 @ 11:30 a.m.

Natasha Anderson and River Moon Express will perform. See front page for information. RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com, 493-0270 or on the website at <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>. No Tuesday Cafe this day.

Japanese Stab Binding Workshop

Tuesday, July 11 @ 7-9 p.m. with Nora Bernhardt and Ellen Simak. See page 14 for more information. RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com, 493-0270 or on the website at <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>. \$10 includes supplies.

First Amendment Dinner

Thursday, July 13 @ 6p.m. with Clint Cooper and Pam Sohn. See front page for more information. RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com, 493-0270 or on the website at <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>. The cost for this annual event is \$12 (free for veterans) if reserved before Sept. 2. After Sept. 2 the cost is \$14 for both veterans and non-veterans. [RSVP to 493-0270, ext. 10 or rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com).

Foreign Policy Supper Club: US Foreign Policy & Petroleum

Monday, July 17 @ 6 p.m. See page 6 for details. \$12. RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10. Rsvp@jewishfederation.com, on the website at jewishchattanooga.com, or call 493-0270.

A Light Fare: Dinner and a Movie (The Book Thief)

Wednesday, July 19 @ 6p.m. For movie description see page 10. Rsvp@jewish-federation.com, on the website at jewishchattanooga.com, or call 493-0270. \$15 for dinner and movie, \$7 for movie alone.

"By the Book" Exhibit Closes

Exhibit closes July 21 @ 4:00 p.m.

Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam Begin

Monday, July 31-through Friday, August 4, 9 a.m-4p.m. See page 11.



Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam Continue

Monday, July 31-through Friday, August 4, 9a.m-4p.m.



Tuesday Cafe

August 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 12 p.m. \$10. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, go to www.jewishchattanooga.com or call 493-0270.

Shiran's Going Away Pool Party at the JCC

Monday, August 7 @ 6:00 p.m. See page 5 for more information.

Rock Steady Boxing

Wednesday, August 16 @ 7:00 p.m. Non-contact boxing with wide-ranging benefits for people of all ages. Free of charge but please RSVP.

Opening of "Walls" Exhibit

Thursday, August 17 @ 6:00 p.m.

Campaign Kickoff

Sunday, August 27 @ 7 p.m. See front page for more information.

SOCIAL SERVICES



Sweet Summertime!

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When I was growing up, the summer was what I looked forward to the most. The majority of the year was spent in the classroom and all I wanted to do was be outside and I knew that's what summer entailed. Now that I am out of school, I still see summer as a time to be able to relax and get outside. Finally, after a dreary winter and a very rainy spring, summer is officially around the corner! The first official day of summer is Wednesday, June 21.

Some interesting facts about Summer: the month of June was named after either Juniores, the lower branch of the Roman Senate, or Juno, the wife of Jupiter. Marc Antony named the month of July, in honor of Julius Caesar, and the month of August was named for Julius Caesar's adopted nephew Gaius Julius Caesar Octavius, who held the title "Augustus." Meaning he named the month after himself.

Summer also means sunshine! Although there are some negatives to having too much sun on your skin, there are many benefits as well. Getting the right amount of sun can have mood lifting benefits. Healthline stated that exposure to sunlight is thought to release a hormone called serotonin to help boost mood and help a person to feel calm and focused. By just seeing sunlight the retina in the eye is what triggers the release of the hormone serotonin. Also, getting anywhere from 5 to 15 minutes of sunlight on your arms, hands, and face 2-3 times a week is all you need to enjoy Vitamin-D's benefits. Don't forget to always wear sunscreen.

I hope that the sunshine over these summer months will bring you happiness and relaxation. Reading poetry is one way that I am able to relax. Read on for a few more ideas from <http://ehstoday.com>.



1. Take some time to spend outdoors.

When we spend our time in nature, it naturally calms us and gives us a feeling of inner peace. The bonus is natural sunlight, which gives us our vitamin D – great for the bones and a mood booster.

2. Unplug from technology. Use the summer as an excuse to be in vacation mode. Even if you only can do this once a week, take that time to connect to nature by unplugging from technology.

3. Start a fitness program that is fun and adventurous. Go hiking, bike riding, etc. Do something new and fun! Make it better by bringing a friend.

4. Slow down. It's summer; start living mindfully by doing one task at a time, enjoying the beauty around you and living in the moment.

5. Spend time with friends and family. Set up date nights and fun nights! The days are longer, so it's a great time to really go out and have fun!

6. Do activities you really love. Read the book you never had time to, take a day trip to a new town and see new sights or go to the beach and relax. Whatever brings you "flow." This is the time to do it.

7. Step outside of your comfort zone. Try something new. It can be something simple like trying a new drink or food or going to a new restaurant. Every time we try something new, we take a risk and feel a boost of happiness.

8. Use up your personal time from work and have some free time with no expectations. It doesn't matter if you go on vacation or just take a walk; just enjoy some time off!



Ride with Pride--On Us

Contact Kristin Schwindt, Interim Social Worker, for approval to receive transportation services. Once you have been approved, you may call the appropriate driver for the day you need transportation. See below for drivers' days/contact information.

Jason Shuman: 423-320-1480
Rick Jacobs: 423-432-2222
Eddie Reel 423-298-7169



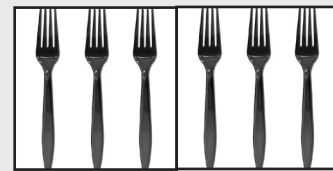
Mondays- Rick
Tuesdays- Jason
Wednesdays- Rick
Thursdays- Eddie

FYI: The Federation will be closed Thursday, June 1 and there will be no mitzvah meals available this week for Shavuot.



Adelaide Cosette Mills Arrives

Federation Social Services Director Rebecca Mills and husband Brian welcomed baby Adelaide Cosette on May 18 at 4:45 in the afternoon. Mother and baby are both doing well. Rebecca returns to the Federation in mid-August. Mazel tov, Rebecca and Brian!



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.

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!



FEDERATION SHLICHA



Farewell: Thoughts on the Journey

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How do you summarize a once-in-a-lifetime experience so close to the experience itself? Only in few months, or years, will I fully grasp the implications of my time here in Chattanooga. What I learned about myself, the community, my people, the world--what I took with me from this experience, what was embedded in me even without noticing it, what changed - in me and in my surroundings--I cannot know until I have some distance.

The opportunity to experience American Jewry in general and the Jewish community in Chattanooga in particular, against the backdrop of my Orthodox religious background, was amazing. I had the opportunity to see and experience the many different (as well as connecting) world views about the practice of Judaism.

My time in Chattanooga, this unforgettable experience, has been made up of many small details--sensory, emotional, visceral. Some of them are funny. Some are frustrating. Some made me sad, some happy, some made me cry or laugh, think or understand. But all of them will forever stay in my heart. Here are a few of those unforgettable moments, experiences, and realizations:

- When I learned how to pronounce my name in the American way so people would say it right(ish).
- The moment I lost my car for the first time in a huge parking lot (and continued to lose it in big parking lots through the whole year).
- The moment when the students at the preschool started recognizing me, after which they ran to me every Tuesday with joy, calling, "Miss Shiran!" And the moment I discovered, surprisingly, that this was one of my favorite parts of my Shlichut.
- My first shlichah program in front of a full house, and realizing that every one came for me, because they wanted to hear me.
- The moment I stopped driving certain places with WAZE (JCC, home, gym, the mall) and realized I knew my way around.
- The moment I realized how different places I know connect in my head to a whole picture.
- The day I returned from two weeks in New York and Washington, DC, saw the sign "Welcome to Chattanooga" at the airport, and felt the relief of getting back "home".
- The first time I understood the American Jewish experience in the synagogue on Yom Kippur, and the extremely important place of the Shul in their lives.
- Friday nights at Mizpah, Saturday mornings at B'nai Zion, and Holy Days at Chabad, seeking Israelis who, somehow, from all the places on earth they could have gone, came to Chattanooga.
- The moment when I received as a side (rather than a dessert) sweet potato with marshmallow.
- The moment I realized that someone thought it made sense to deep fry pickles.
- Every holiday I celebrated here, far away from home for the first time in my life, exposed to the differences in the traditions.
- The southern accent, which I did not understand at first but then got used to, (though I never completely got it).
- The first time I visited The Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC.
- The moment I stood in front of a room full of Christians who support Israel (CUFI) and sang "Jerusalem of Gold" and the Israel national anthem, "Ha'tikvah".
- The time I was moved to tears by the shofar on Rosh Hashanah.
- When I realized that in the south, you must speak like a Southerner (start with y'all).
- Israel Independence Day and Memorial Day at the JCC, when I honored my homeland, the home of the Jewish people for 12 great reasons.
- When I understood how important Independence and Memorial Days are to me as an Israeli, and how hard it was for me to commemorate them from afar.
- When I climbed the Ropes Course at camp Ramah Darom on the Jew Crew retreat and impressed myself.
- The first time I drove in the snow.
- When I understood the differences between an American and an Israeli hike.
- The first time I made Yemenite food because I missed the taste of home.
- The moment I passed the written and practical driving tests and got my local driver's license.

- When I heard in Mizpah's 150th anniversary concert a wonderful soprano sing "Somewhere over the Rainbow," about a place called home and a place where dreams can come true, and knew she was singing to me, about my experience.
- The moment I understood that my articles in *The Shofar* have an actual impact, and that it was my stage for speaking my thoughts and my point of view as shlichah to the community.
- The moment I got oriented in the supermarket and understand where every thing was (at first it took me hours).
- When I began to understand the American roads and their logic, and stopped being afraid to drive far.
- The moment I first visited a church and listened to a Sunday Mass.
- The moment I put the weekly, "Song For Shabbat" on Facebook, in a yearning for the atmosphere of Friday in Israel, and it become a stage for me to talk about different styles of Israeli music through current issues.
- All Shabbat dinners with YJL.
- The moment I stood in front of a full room and explained about my family traditions and Yemenite Jewry, along with the exhibit I'd put together.
- The day Shimon Peres passed away and I was not in Israel.
- When my grandmother and aunt passed away three months apart and I was not there to support my family.
- The moment I realized the end of my journey here was closer than I thought.
- The day I felt deep in my heart that Chattanooga will be my second home and family no matter what.

I will always remember these moments, and so many more. This community has been my home and family for a whole year and I'm thankful for that. I couldn't ask for a better community for my Shlichut. Thank you for all the wonderful moment you shared with me. And remember, this is not the end, but a new beginning for all of us. I already miss y'all.

July Shlichah Program A Thousand Years Journey – Ethiopian Jewry In Israel Monday July 24, 7:00pm JCC



The Ethiopian Jewish community is one of the most interesting communities in Israel. How long did it take to the Ethiopian immigrants (Olim) to travel on foot from Ethiopia to Israel? Why don't they celebrate Hanukkah, Purim or Tu B'Shevat? What does their music sounds like? Why did teachers in Israel ask parents not to help Ethiopian kids with their homework? Why have they been protesting the last few years? Come hear the answers to these and more questions about one of the most intriguing and unique Jewish communities in Israel. No cost to attend.



Pool Party Shiran's Going Away Party

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FEDERATION NEWS

Tributes

In memory of:

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--**David Monen**, Marilyn and Morton Center; Sanford and Elaine Winer; Susan McDaniel

--**Joe Wise**, Marilyn and Morton Center

In Honor Of:

--**Gene Boulware**, Anita Levine

June, July Foreign Policy Supper Club to Explore Saudi Arabia, Petroleum



Saudi Arabia in Transition JUNE 12

As Saudi Arabia struggles to adjust to the drastic decline in oil revenue, Deputy Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman attempts to boldly transform the country and shift more power to the younger generation. At the same time, many countries such as the U.S. point out the lack of democracy, women's rights and human rights in Saudi Arabia, and blame its promotion of Wahhabism, an extremely conservative

version of Islam, for creating jihadists. Bipartisan criticism of Saudi Arabia is rising in Congress. Both countries need each other, but they are at a crossroads in bilateral relations.

U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum JULY 17

What is the effect of U.S. petroleum security on foreign policy? For 45 years, the country has alternated between periods of energy security and insecurity, sometimes able to wield petroleum as a useful instrument of foreign policy, sometimes not. Despite the so-called "energy revolution," the U.S. today is by no means disentangled from foreign dependence and global trends. In order to be successful, policymakers must recognize both petroleum security circumstances and patterns in the relationship between petroleum and foreign policy.

Cost of dinner, discussion, and all materials, \$12. RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10 or on the website at www.jewishchattanooga.com.

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By The Numbers

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Number of books you'll see in "By the Book" Exhibit

"By the Book" Exhibit to Open June 15



As we have done for the past 7 years, the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga will present an exhibit designed to involve everyone in our Jewish community. This year's will be called "By the Book," and we will display the favorite books of Federation members. Also on display will be favorite books of famous Jewish authors, elected officials, thought leaders, celebrities and others along with their statements about why they chose their particular book. Among those whose favorite books will be on display are Lady GaGa; Senator Chuck Schumer; Jason Alexander; Anne Hathaway; Gloria Steinem; and Albert Einstein. The exhibit's organizers hope that, by seeing what local, national and international readers enjoy, it will inspire everyone, especially

our young people, to READ MORE BOOKS! Whether they have hard copies or eBooks, we want our kids to know that reading is the best habit they can develop.

"Their love of reading and their obvious connection to favorite and treasured tomes are unimpeachable testament to the unending power and value of books," said Wes Hasden, Exhibit Chair. "Happily, our "By the Book" exhibit suggests that books and reading remain integral to a well-rounded life for many men, women and children."

The reception will open June 15 at 5:30. The exhibit will be on view through July 21.

Archives Committee Begins Process of Moving Files to Mizpah



The Chattanooga Jewish Archives, part of the Federation, has begun the process of consolidating. Committee Chair Max Brener, and committee members Fuz Spector, Donna White Dropkin, and JoAnn Morris moved copies of *The Shofar*, directories, and Jewish Day School information to Mizpah Congregation. A special thank you to Mizpah for giving us space to inventory and catalog all of the Archive's assets. In future months the Archives Committee will be moving a number of boxes filled with everything from BBYO records to newspaper articles. Want to help? Contact Max Brener at 9westover@gmail.com.

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FAST FACTS

about **CAMPAIGN**

2018

Campaign Kickoff is August 27 @ 6 p.m.

2018 Campaign Chair: Austin Center

Kickoff family host: Hodes Family

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

Major Gifts Chairs: Chazen Family

Major Gifts: Sunday, October 1 (Time TBD) – hosted at the home of Laura Lea and Keith Dressler

Major Gifts Committee: Marilyn Center, Candace Chazen, and Lynne Herman (with Chairs and Host family)

Entertainment: Concert-level pianist and mentalist Sydney Friedman. See front page for more details.

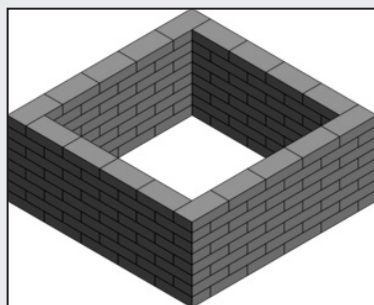


Two times to try out Rock Steady Boxing Chattanooga, and see what it can do for you: Tuesday Cafe, June 13 (\$10 includes lunch and boxing) and Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. (free) Please RSVP



Join us at the JCC for this very special movement program designed for men and women with Parkinson's disease but proven beneficial to people of all ages and all fitness levels. You can check it out at Tuesday Cafe on June 13, or try it the evening of July 16 at 7 p.m. Rock Steady Boxing Chattanooga is a non-contact boxing-based curriculum. Through rigorous exercise, emphasizing gross motor movements, balance, core strength, and rhythm, RSBC is providing hope, enabling people with Parkinson's disease to fight back and favorably impact their range of motion, gait, flexibility, posture, activities of daily living and overall quality of life. (From the website, <http://chattanooga.rsbaaffiliate.com/>.)

Call for Entries: "Walls"



The Jewish Cultural Center would like to invite you to send work for consideration in an upcoming exhibit. This invitational group exhibit will focus on the concept of The Wall. There are spiritual conversations about The Wall, political conversations about The Wall, poems about the wall, and relationship conversations about putting up walls. There are walls of all types. This exhibit will explore all ideas having to do with walls, physical, mental, social or religious. Think outside of the box. The work does not need to be recent, but must be original to the artist submitting. All media will be considered.

The piece(s) you submit for consideration in the exhibit can hang on the wall, be pedestal-based or an installation. However, due to the nature of the gallery area we will need to know the installation requirements of each piece. If the size of the artwork is over 48 inches in length or height, or weighs more than 100 lbs, please make sure we know.

Your work may be for sale or on loan. The Jewish Cultural Center does not take commission on sales from exhibits and does carry insurance on all work exhibited at the Center. The purpose of our gallery is to create conversations in the community. The exhibit will be mounted at the Jewish Cultural Center, 5461 North Terrace Road, Chattanooga. We anticipate that 1,000 people will see the exhibit.

How do you participate? Please send me electronic images of up to 4 pieces and list your materials and the size of the piece(s) no later than Monday, July 24, 2017. All work must be original by the artist submitting the work. If you do not have electronic images of your pieces, please contact me at the address below to arrange an appointment for me to see your work.

We will select the work for the exhibit by July 28, with notices going out within the next two weeks.. If your work is chosen for exhibit, we will need additional information (bio,a statement about the specific piece of art, inventory sheet) no later than July 31. The exhibit will run August 17 – October 27, **with a major community reception on Sunday, August 27 at 6:00 p.m.** All selected pieces must be at the Jewish Cultural Center by Monday, August 7 and be ready to install, and labeled with the artists name. Want to check us out? We are a 501 c-3 organization and a United Way agency. Information about our organization can be found at www.jewishchattanooga.com. All services of the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga are available to everyone regardless of religious affiliation.

I hope you will consider being part of this exciting project. If you have suggestions of other artists' work that should be considered, please let me know. If you have any questions or wish to confirm your participation, please contact me at (423) 493-0270 ext. 13, or atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com.

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FEDERATION NEWS

Your Life and Legacy: Gifting the Future

by Michael Dzik
Federation Executive Director



The people listed on this page have all done something incredibly special – each has signed a Letter of Intent, promising to insure the future of the Chattanooga Jewish community through an estate planning gift.

With Andy Hodes as our Endowment Chair, the Federation has spearheaded a Life and Legacy program this past year through the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. It

was our goal for each organization to solicit 18 or more Letters of Intent from community members which would secure a \$5,000 unrestricted gift. With hard work from volunteers and a dedicated community, each organization was successful. Kol HaKavod!

But the work continues. We are now in the second year of a two-year commitment to this program. We are actively looking to meet with and confirm additional letters of intent. At the same time, we work to steward our current Legacy members. Many have already finalized the legalities for their estate plans; others are still in the process. As an expert in fundraising, it is my job to guide you, the community members, through this simple yet important process.

Finally, this is not something just for the wealthy or elderly. Chattanooga's present didn't just happen overnight. People from our past stepped up to plan for our future. It's now our turn to ensure the same successes for generations to follow. The dollars are important but not primary. What is most important is that we all do our part – that we all participate. Whether you're able to leave a percentage or a specific amount of your estate, please make sure to take the simple steps to turn today's passion into a bright future for the Jewish community. I promise to steward you through the process. We all benefit when we all work together.

Endowment Letters of Intent by Congregation

Mizpah Congregation

Dana Banks
Sam Banks
Austin Center
Marilyn Center
Amy Cohen
Jon Cohen
Herb Cohn
Karen Diamond
David DiStefano
Susan DiStefano
Warren Dropkin
Andy Hodes
Melody Hodes
Lynn Howard
Alan Richelson
Henry Schulson
Flossie Weill
Donna White-Dropkin
David Winer
Finette Winer

B'nai Zion Congregation

Anonymous
Robin Balser
Jerry Bogo
Rosalee Bogo
David Fairchild
Bill Hillner
Susan Hillner
Colman Hochman
Lynn Hochman
Andy Hodes
Melody Hodes
Barbara Oxenhandler
Jordan Parker
Rebecca Parker
Helen Pregulman
Mike Spector
Gail Susman
Joel Susman
Cara Weiner

**Contact your congregation office or President
for more information**

Join the Jewish Federation 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.

**See how easy it is to join the Legacy Society!
Call Michael Dzik at 493-0270 extension 15.**

Allen, Amelia (Deceased)	Dzik, Paula	Oxenhandler, Barbara
Alper, Maxine (Deceased)	Fairchild, David	Parker, Jordan
Balser, Jeff	Hochman, Colman	Parker, Rebecca
Balser, Robin	Hochman, Lynn	Pregulman, Helen
Berz, Bob	Hodes, Alvin	Richelson, Alan
Binder, Claire	Hodes, Andy	Rosenfeld, Jackie
Bogo, Jerry	Hodes, Melody	Rosenfeld, Roy
Bogo, Rosalee	Howard, Lynn	Siskin, Pris
Brooks, Ellyn	Israel, David	Spector, Mark (Deceased)
Brooks, John	Jaffe, Dot	Susman, Gail
Brouner, Betsy	Jaffe, Sam (Deceased)	Susman, Joel
Brouner, Lee	Lebovitz, Alison	White Dropkin, Donna
Chambers, Sandy	Lebovitz, Betty	Winer, David
Cohen, Tal	Lebovitz, Charles	Winer, Elaine
Cohn, Herb	Lebovitz, Lauren	Winer, Finette
Cohn, Sue (Deceased)	Lebovitz, Michael	Winer, Sanford
Diamond, Karen	Levine, Lawrence (Deceased)	Zachary, Richard
Dropkin, Warren	Malsh, Rebecca (Deceased)	
Dzik, Michael	Nash, Ike (Deceased)	

Federation Welcomes New Shlichah

(continued from front page) Chen was a Sergeant in IDF Intelligence, working as an Arabic translator. After her army service, and a long trip to the Far East, Chen studied at a secular yeshiva in Jerusalem, and then joined BINA, the Jewish Movement for Social Change. Much of the work through BINA has involved planning and implementing community events.

Chen is currently participating in a unique MASA program called Tikkun Olam, where she is living with nine Diaspora Jews from around the world. She also volunteers with a non-profit, Arous Albahar, a woman's organization in Jaffa that teaches Arabic.

Chen enjoys politics, art and history. She loves to create communities around herself – and being part of a group. She also enjoys dancing, yoga, hiking and just being with other people. She is very community focused, and promises to be an active agent in encouraging community-wide involvement in the many programs she is excited to bring to her new Chattanooga home.

Please plan to help us warmly welcome Chen and help her get settled in August.



Chen, far left, with brother Dvir, 12, father Zion, mother Eti, and brother Ishay, 25, at home in Tel Aviv.

COMMUNITY NEWS

YESOD to Begin Accepting Nominations

YESOD is a leadership program designed to help community leaders create direction, accelerate a vision forward, watch out for obstacles, keep us on track or in other words drive change. This particular leadership program aims to support communities in their quest to encourage excellent volunteer leadership by investing in the development of Jewish leaders. Last year the Federation picked a group of candidates that was half Young Jewish Leadership (YJL) members (ages 21-40) and half non-YJL community members. Everyone invited to participate had interacted in the Jewish community in various roles.

“Our hope is that as we implement the trainings, we can continue our Jewish community’s history of strong leadership for the entire community,” says Michael Dzik, Federation Executive Director. “This is a great resource for congregations to build leaders and for succession planning.” The inaugural class was facilitated by Dr. Ken Goldsmith who along with Program Director, Ann Treadwell, received training from Erica Brown, the author of the curriculum. Last year’s graduates included Robin Balsler, Stephen Black, Gene Boulware, Austin Center, Amy Cohen, Edie Lipman, Rob Lowe, Josh Schklar, Fern Shire, and Mike Spector.

Leadership training isn’t limited to building skills for use in a work environment. This 8-week program is also a way to expand your volunteer portfolio, build collegial feeling amongst classmates, and develop and hone leadership skills useful in your personal life as well. Because of the nature of this class, there are a limited number of slots available. Members of the Federation as well as all of the congregations and the Jewish community at large are welcome to apply.

Traditionally, the full cost of this program is \$2,500, however we have been given an extremely generous subsidy that allows us to offer this to the community for \$300. The program will meet Tuesdays beginning September 12 and begin with a light meal at 5:30 p.m., followed by class from 6-8 p.m.. All classes will be at the Jewish Cultural Center. You may not miss more than one class to complete the program, so please plan accordingly. If selected, payment is due to the Federation by August 7. You may split your class fee into three payments.

To nominate yourself or someone else, contact Ann Treadwell at 493-0270 or fill in the Leadership Application Form (right) and mail in.

2017 YESOD Leadership Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Some participants may already be involved in Jewish organizations or congregations. If so, please list all of your past or current roles.

What do you want to personally gain with your participation in YESOD?

Would you like scholarship information (Confidential)? YES/NO

Anything else you’d like to share with us?

Please return to Ann Treadwell, atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com or Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, attn.: YESOD, PO Box 8947 Chattanooga, TN 37414

You may also contact Ann Treadwell for scholarship information.

2017 AIPAC CHATTANOOGA ANNUAL DINNER & BRIEFING

Thursday, June 22, 2017

6:00 P.M. • Dinner

7:00 P.M. • Program



Featuring

Grant Rumley



Research Fellow, Foundation for Defense of Democracies
 Author, *The Last Palestinian: The Rise and Reign of Mahmoud Abbas*

Jewish Cultural Center

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**This event is open to those who generously contribute a minimum of \$100 to the AIPAC Annual Campaign.*

High School and College students are welcome to attend as our guests.



Grant Rumley

Research Fellow, Foundation for Defense of Democracies
 Author, *The Last Palestinian: The Rise and Reign of Mahmoud Abbas*

Grant Rumley is a research analyst at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, where he focuses on Palestinian politics. He is the author of several monographs on the Palestinian leadership, including “The Race to Replace Mahmoud Abbas: Understanding and Shaping Palestinian Succession,” and “Back to Basics: The Evolution of the Palestinian UN Campaign.” Grant’s articles have appeared in Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, The Atlantic, CNN, and The National Interest, among others. He tweets at: @GrantRumley.



Final YESOD meeting in 2016

Patty Jeffers Joins Federation, Duties Include Maintenance, Kitchen, Grounds



Next time you are at the JCC, say hello to Patty Jeffers--if you can catch her. She’ll be helping Alice in the kitchen, setting up rooms for programs and events, taking care of the grounds, and performing routine maintenance and housekeeping. She is a woman of many talents and we are delighted to have her on board here at the Federation.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



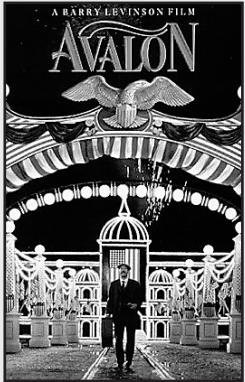
Summer Schedule

June 7 *Avalon*

June 28 *Driving Miss Daisy*

July 19 *The Book Thief*

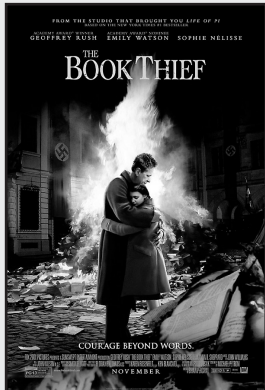
Dinner and a movie \$15



AVALON A Polish-Jewish family comes to the USA at the beginning of the Twentieth Century. There, the family and their children try to make themselves a better future in the so-called promised land. *Aidan Quinn, Elizabeth Perkins, Leo Fuchs*



DRIVING MISS DAISY An old Jewish woman and her African-American chauffeur in the American South have a relationship that grows and improves over the years. *Morgan Freeman, Jessica Tandy, Dan Aykroyd*



THE BOOK THIEF While subjected to the horrors of World War II Germany, young Liesel finds solace by stealing books and sharing them with others. In the basement of her home, a Jewish refugee is being protected by her adoptive parents. *Sophie Nélisse, Geoffrey Rush, Emily Watson*

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

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.



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.

Mazel Tov

--To Dan Rose, co-owner of Flying Squirrel, and Lindsey Purcell, on the birth of their son, Ridge.

--Mazel tov to Federation Social Services Director Rebecca Mills, and husband Brian, on the birth of their daughter, Adelaide Cosette, May 18.

Condolences

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

--Lydia Gold Kaset, mother/mother-in-law of Judy and Robert Stahl, on April 1.

--Amelia Allen, wife of Owen Allen, mother of Alan (Alison), Stephen (Lisa), Michael (Lauren), and Beth Backer. She is survived by her brother, Manny (Ruth) David, and 14 grandchildren.

--James C. Smith, father of Jan (Michael) Hanan, grandfather of Rachel and Rebecca Privett.

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

Shavuot is May 31 and June 1.

See calendar for candle lighting times.

A Message from the Rabbi



This message is from incoming Mizpah Congregation rabbi, Craig Lewis. Rabbi Lewis begins his Rabbinate July 1, 2017

Shalom, Chattanooga! For those of you whom I have already met, I want to say thank you for making me, Jennifer and Eden feel so welcome. I also want to acknowledge how beautifully everyone has represented the city. From the members of Mizpah and the greater Jewish community, to the hotel workers, restaurant servers and people we met on the street, there

resonates a palpable sense of civic pride.

For me, it was a first to hear citizens boast that they not only have the best outdoor activities in the world, but also the fastest internet in the Western Hemisphere. While the latter is not really the thing that makes a rabbi move across country, it is a sign of a city that embraces progress all the while celebrating its history and natural wonders. We cannot wait to make this city ours as well, joining you in singing its praises.

While my primary focus will be my congregation at Mizpah, I am looking forward to participating in the wonderfully collaborative environment in the Jewish community. The partnerships between congregations and the work of Federation with all of their successes are signs of an active, engaged Jewish community. Those are the things that help move a rabbi across the country and will inspire my work. The projects we do together will continue to embody the value of k'lal yisrael, being a united community of Jews and will serve as a light to the nations, bridging time-tested Torah values with the 21st century. We will furthermore build bridges from Jew to Jew, person to person, family to family, as we set the course of the Jewish community to reflect the course of the city in which we reside, upward and forward.

In that spirit, it is appropriate that we are approaching the holiday of Shavuot, when, according to tradition, we received the gift of Torah. It is a time of renewal. It is a time when we climb the mountain, like Moses did, and from that vantage point, reflect on our lives and our place in the world. From this perspective we can evaluate, plan, and dream as we ready ourselves again to accept and embrace the Torah so that when we climb back down, we are prepared to put its teachings into action.

That is my plan for the coming holiday: to be refreshed and renewed for this exciting change. May it be likewise for you and your families, as together we do the mitzvot which will strengthen our Jewish community, our city, and our world.

Chag shavuot sameach and see you soon!

Rabbi Craig Lewis