

THE SHOFAR



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Federation Vehicles Destroyed in Arson Attack

On January 31 two of Jewish Federation's social services vehicles were set on fire in the parking lot. The car was totaled, and the Federation mini van next to it was also destroyed. Thankfully no one was injured. The police continue to investigate this case. Meanwhile, we've raised \$15,000 as of press time toward the purchase of another vehicle. Our goal is \$20,000. If you would like to donate, you can drop off a check at the front desk, call and make a payment with a credit card, or make a donation through our website (<http://www.Jewishchattanooga.com>). If you've already donated (see p.8 for names), THANK YOU.



The Importance of Being Well Endowed

by Michael Dzik

If you've been watching the endowment page in *The Shofar* these last many months, you've probably noticed the number of names in the Legacy Society is growing. I hope you've also read the many personal testimonials that community members have submitted. There are many reasons people choose to leave a legacy with the Jewish community. I'm sure you've related to many of the stories.

I'm pleased to announce that the Chattanooga Federation was one of eight small Federations chosen to participate in the Grinspoon Foundation's Life and Legacy program, a joint program with JFNA. As one of nine JFNA small Federation trustees, Andy Hodes played a major role in making this program a reality, giving this project top priority as well as serving on the selection committee.

This program encourages Federations to take the lead on estate planning and endowment conversations by engaging other community partners and jointly working to increase awareness and legacy gifts to their respective endowments. Each organization is asked to secure a minimum of 18 Letters of Intent over a 12 month period. A letter of intent is a signed document (although not a legal document) from a community member promising to leave a gift in their estate plans. Most simply, this can be done with a bequest in a will, but other methods are also simple, effective and even come with tax benefits for the donor. *Please continue reading on page 6*

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Ninth Annual Jewish Film Series Kicks Off With Sponsor Event

By Sanford Winer

In Search of Israeli Cuisine

A Film by Roger Sherman



This year's Jewish Film Series opens on March 16 with a special gastronomical Sponsor Event featuring food shown in the movie, "In Search of Israeli Cuisine." The chef/guide of this "search" for food/tour of Israel, Michael Solomonov, was born in Israel and grew up in the U.S. He is a nationally recognized chef and is very knowledgeable about the traditions and food of Israel. "In Search of Israeli Cuisine" is a social portrait of Israel, profiling chefs, home cooks, farmers, vintners and cheese makers from more than 100 cultures.

Michael Solomonov enters people's lives and kitchens to discuss their inspirations, what their grandmothers cooked, and how they are preserving traditions and updating recipes. As Solomonov tours the best restaurants, interviews journalists, and visits farms and wineries, it becomes obvious this film is about more than food.

Defining Israeli cuisine is a complicated task. Part of the documentary is about diversity of food in different Israeli regions. Then there are the different cultures: religious and secular Jews, Jews from almost every corner of the world, Arabs, Muslims, Christians, Palestinians, and Druze, each with their own traditions, cultures and food.

Israeli-advanced high tech agronomy also changed the way Israel eats. Thirty-six foot cherry tomato vines, eggplants and peppers are made sweeter by watering with a combination of fresh and saltwater. Drip irrigation transformed agriculture worldwide. Yet there are some 2,000+ year old Nabathian flood control techniques still used in the Negev.

"In Search of Israeli Cuisine" is a film exploring the past, present and future through food. The film provides insights, through cuisine, about the country itself.

We are excited about all of this year's films! *Please see page 9 for a description of each movie and screening dates*

YESOD comes to JCC in March



Dr. Erica Brown

YESOD is a leadership program designed to help community leaders create direction, avoid obstacles, and drive change. It supports communities by investing in the development of Jewish leaders.

Each participant will receive two texts. The first, *Strengths Finder* by Tom Rath, stresses that a good leader surrounds him/herself with others who compliment his/her strengths in the quest to implement goals.

The second text is a workbook developed by Dr. Erica Brown. Workbook sessions include a skill development activity, a leadership case study, a Jewish text/parable, and an interactive community experience. Not all sessions will include all components.

In December Dr. Ken Goldsmith (Chattanooga State professor and Yesod facilitator) and Ann Treadwell (Federation Program Director) travelled to New York to train with Dr. Brown. Author of *Inspired Jewish Leadership* and co-author of *The Case for Jewish Peoplehood*, Brown has served as a Jerusalem fellow, faculty of the Wexner Foundation, and has degrees from Yeshiva University, University of London, Harvard University, and Baltimore Hebrew University.

"I was really interested in how the Jewish text pieces would work, and Erica did not disappoint me", said Ann Treadwell.

The Federation has picked a group of candidates made up of Young Jewish Leadership adults (ages 21-40) and non-YJL community members. Everyone invited has interacted in the Jewish community in various roles.

"Our hope is that as we implement the trainings, we can continue our history of strong leadership for the entire community." said Michael Dzik, Federation Executive Director.

NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



Is Enough Enough or Can We Do More?

Lee Brouner
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I was recently drawn back to an article from the June 2015 Mizpah Congregation newsletter, that was written by its president, Henry Schulson. In the newsletter, Henry challenged the Federation to do more to help our local Jewish community grow and thrive in several areas, but primarily in the area of Jewish education.

I have thought about that newsletter often. In my opinion, our Federation does a commendable job in the areas it is most involved with. We again raised over \$1 million in our 2016 annual campaign, which is truly amazing given the size of our population. We continue to focus on providing needed social services to our growing senior population and on helping those most vulnerable in our community. We provide a variety of community programs in coordination with our congregations. And our excellent Aleph Bet pre-school serves our very youngest community members.

But regarding Jewish education, the question remains: do we do enough? The Federation allocates \$16,500 to the Chattanooga Jewish Congregational Religious School (CJCRS). Is the current model for educating our youth and adults working? Can it be improved? What role should the Federation play in education?



The Federation was involved many years ago in helping with the development of the community wide religious school (CJCRS). It is run by an independent board with members appointed by the boards of Bnai Zion and Mizpah. It has provided Sunday school education to the combined youth of Bnai Zion and Mizpah for nearly 25 years. Is there more we can do to encourage all of our families to take advantage of this Sunday school program? Can the congregations take even more ownership of their program?

Hebrew school for each of the congregations, on the other hand, is still run separately and independently on Wednesday afternoons. We all recognize that education of our children is a priority to each of our congregations. That said, could, or should, the Federation weigh in on the discussion of community-wide education and how to make it better? Could we be of service to the community as a whole in this area? How can the Federation facilitate and share its resources in an in-depth discussion about community education?

The Federation is the place to have conversations about community topics such as education. I know there are many other topics and issues as well! I welcome the opportunity to hear your thoughts on this or any subject of interest to you. Please feel free to call me if you would like to discuss any issue of concern regarding your Federation.



A Passion for Purpose

Michael Dzik
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I've recently returned from Los Angeles with renewed enthusiasm and passion. No, I wasn't at any of the award shows, although my hotel was directly across from the largest Hollywood talent agency! I attended our national Federation board meeting (Jewish Federations of North America-JFNA) followed by a Federation Executive Director's conference.

It's always great to be surrounded by my colleagues, both staff and volunteers, to share in our many Federation successes, discuss our challenges and problem solve together to build a stronger Jewish community. The JFNA board meetings are quite interactive, a unique twist to most board meetings you have probably attended. Throughout our time together, we break out into smaller groups to discuss issues that our communities are facing, our Federation system is facing, and that our global Jewish community is facing. We report back to the entire body where we can evaluate and eventually take action when necessary and appropriate. These are definitely not boring meetings!

My executive director's conference was equally engaging with 22 small Federation directors present from around the country. One of my personal highlights was meeting Ron Wolfson, author of *Relational Judaism* and many other books. Ron could not be any more personable and approachable as he told stories through his 9 "levels of relationships." He helped us recognize who we are as individuals and how we take that to a different level as professionals. I walked away having a better sense of myself and how I relate to others. Equally, I have a better sense of how I can improve my outreach to all members of the community.

Another very interesting session was led by Rabbi David Eliezrie, a long-time Chabad Rabbi in Yorba Linda, California. Rabbi Eliezrie recently authored a book titled *The Secret of Chabad*. I was proud to be the ONLY executive in the room to already have the book and I had started reading it! (Yes, I had him autograph it!). Although no "secrets" were revealed in our session, Rabbi Eliezrie was able to discuss many misconceptions that people have of Chabad.

He was equally very clear about the misconceptions that Chabad has regarding the rest of the Jewish community. Whether one agrees or disagrees with Chabad's agenda, one must recognize that they have many successes and are a growing sector of the Jewish community. It was an eye-opening session.

Other topics on our agenda focused on Israel, overseas needs, fundraising, and the growing challenges of security within our Jewish communities. I would be remiss not to mention security as, while in California, I was awakened at 5 a.m by the Chattanooga Fire Department. Two of our Federation vehicles

were totalled in an arson fire that morning. The Chattanooga police, FBI, TBI and DHS have been incredibly responsive to this incident, and I could not have asked for better support or a more rapid response. My thanks goes out to all of these responders, and I am so grateful that the relationships the Federation put in place over the past many years made this such an efficient and organized process.

My thanks also goes out to the entire Chattanooga community who have supported the Federation with comments on social media and through personal e-mails. Lastly, I am humbled by the contributions we've received from so many people throughout Chattanooga--from our Jewish community and from our Christian friends--to help us replace our vehicles. If there is a silver lining it would be that this incident has brought us closer together.

I looking forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming kickoff of our Jewish Film Series on March 16, and at the many other community programs on the calendar.



Endowment Committee, left-right: Austin Center, Andy Hodes, Alison Lebovitz, Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik, Henry Schulson, and Jordan Parker.

See page 6 for additional information about the Legacy Society.

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Good and Plenty

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My son Jacob, has a dog named Charlie. Charlie, an English setter, is mostly

white with lots of small black spots and two huge ones. Charlie doesn't sit or stand still; in fact, he can and does jump six feet up from a sitting position to lick Jacob's nose. One morning, in a moment of mixed affection and aggravation, I yelled at the dog, "You are just like Choo Choo Charlie!" My husband laughed. My son gave me the "what are you talking about?" look.

"You know, from the Good and Plenty commercials," I told Jacob. But he didn't know. I had to explain that Good and Plenty is/was an "old-time" (slightly disgusted at saying the "old" part), soft and chewy licorice candy with a hard candy shell that was popular when I was young. A little research revealed that Choo Choo Charlie, the fictitious engineer who fueled his train with Good & Plenties, first appeared in advertisements in 1950. And that Good and Plenty candy, which has existed since 1898, was invented by Quaker Confections and is the oldest branded candy in the United States.

All of this is to say that March's programs are good and plenty. On March 9 the Friends of the IDF will present an update. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to them because of the sensitive nature of the program.

On March 16 we will have a good and plenty sponsor reception for the 2016 Chattanooga Jewish Film Series. In addition to modern Israeli foods and great wine, we will screen *In Search of Israeli Cuisine*. I have watched this film twice and continue to be fascinated by the diversity and stories behind the 100 cultures that make up Israeli foods. The film series will continue on consecutive Wednesdays starting March 30 with *Labyrinth of Lies*. Each screening will be accompanied by popcorn and a beverage, except for on April 27, at which time we will provide a special Passover-style treat.

On March 22 at Tuesday Café, Social Security's Public Affairs Office is bringing a program to us. This will be the time to ask Arnoldo Moore--not a voice over the phone but a real person!--your questions. He will give us an overview of all Social Security programs including retirement, survivors, Medicare, disability and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). There will be time for questions and answers. If you or a loved one needs this information, here is a good time to get plenty of it.

On March 28 Foreign Policy Supper Club will discuss "The Rise of ISIS." The second in our annual series, the evening will include a scrumptious dinner of Salisbury steak with gravy, roasted vegetables, mashed potatoes, and Surprise Cake. Following the meal will be a short film on the topic and discussion. Reading materials for the April meeting will be given out in March.

Einav Cahaner, past shlichah, will be making a quick visit to Chattanooga from March 27 - March 29. We are planning a community impromptu picnic at Coolidge Park on Sunday the 27th so that everyone can wish her well. Stay tuned for details.

Choo Choo Charlie won't be able to join you at these events. But I promise they will be Good and Plenty in March.



Tuesday Cafe

Tuesdays, 1,8,15,29 @ 12p.m. \$10. Email rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/> or call 493-0270 ext. 10. See menus on our website

Friends of the IDF

Wednesday, March 9 @ 7p.m. See page 5 for details, RSVP information. You MUST register in advance for this event for security purposes.

Dressed Exhibit

Friday, March 11 until 4pm is last day to view. No cost, no RSVP needed.

YESOD (see front page for description)

Tuesday, March 8, 15, 22, 29.

Film Series Sponsor Event

Wednesday, March 16. See page 1 for film description, page 9 for more.

Noon Nosh

Tuesday, March 22 @ noon. Arnoldo Moore, Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Administration to speak. Cost is \$10. See page 5 for information. See menu on our website, and email rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com> or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, March 28 @ 6p.m. \$12. [Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com), go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/> or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

The Rise of Isis

Born out of an umbrella organization of Al Qaeda in Iraq, the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) burst onto the international stage after it seized Falluja in December 2013. Since then, the group has seized control of a number of critical strongholds in the country and declared itself a caliphate, known as the Islamic State. Still, the question remains: What is ISIS, and what danger does it pose to U.S. interests?

Screening of Labyrinth of Lies

Wednesday, March 30. See front page for description. Email rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com> or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

Points of YOU Exhibit Reception

Thursday, April 21. See page 4 for information. No cost, no RSVP needed.

Seeking Director for Philanthropy Camp Summer 2016

The successful candidate must be 25 or older, upbeat, have a current driver's license, and have camp and volunteer experience. Must be available to participate in planning meetings, to assist with training, and for a minimum of 52 hours between July 27 - August 5. Israeli teens, as part of the P2G exchange program, will be involved in camp. Camp director receives an honorarium for his/her service.

Philanthropy Camp is a nationally recognized one-week camp that introduces children in rising first through rising sixth grade to community service through day themed service models. There are six high school-aged counselors and a lead counselor to help manage the approximately 50 children in camp.

Camp is offered jointly by the Jewish Federation and Chattanooga First Church of the Nazarene.

For more information and to apply for the positions, contact Ann Treadwell at 493-0270, ext. 13 or atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com.



Save the Date



Philanthropy Camp (rising first through rising sixth grades) and Camp Tikkun Olam (rising seventh through rising ninth grades) will take place August 1 - 5, 2016. Registration forms available March 1.

FEDERATION SHLICHA



Israel Education: Is there is such a thing?

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I'm not a teacher. I never was and I probably never will be. I don't think I have "teacher qualities." I don't enjoy talking for 60 minutes where everyone has to listen. And I definitely wouldn't enjoy giving pop quizzes or tests. But I do believe in education, and I believe there is more than one way to educate people.

Part of my passion in life is ISRAEL, and this is one of the biggest reasons I work as a shlichah. I'm proud to be Israeli and Zionist. I believe that if you have something to give others, you should do it with all your heart. So this is exactly what I do: Israel Education. There are lots of ways to educate about Israel, and it does not have to be by a speech. Learning can be by discussion, games, songs, challenges, and more.

Educating the heart and mind about Israel begins the day a child is born, and must be part of lifelong learning and experience. Israel education is as much about shaping character, personality, mind, and social connectedness as it is about "furnishing an empty room with facts." It's actually a part of what our tradition, thousands of years ago, asked of us. We are to love "with all your heart, soul, and might!"

Our work in Israel education is motivated by dreams, but with dreams come responsibilities. I believe that the subject of Israel is an important priority of American Jewish life and shouldn't be left to social media. Moreover, we shouldn't wait until the young adult years to engage with children on this subject.

I grew up in Israel, which means that all my schooling was based in Israeli and Jewish education. I had a Bible class and Hebrew class. I learned all about Jewish and Israeli history and even got days off for Jewish holidays. But this is not what happens here in the US. If you want to get a Jewish education here, you will have to do it on your own free time, and most of the time even pay for it. You have to think about creative ways to convince your child to go to Hebrew School, and tell him/her why it's important. Try to push him/her to explore this thing call "Judaism" and "Israel." I know. The hardest thing is to make it look "cool." And this is where I come into the picture...

Part of my role in Chattanooga as a shlichah is to educate and share with people of all ages, Jewish and non-Jewish, about Israel, and to serve as an advocate, a role model, and a staff member. In addition, the shlichim function to bring a unique perspective to Young Jewish Leadership, Jew Crew, the Congregational Joint Community Religious School (CJCRS), and local Hebrew schools. I bring awareness and advocacy for Israel through special programming including holiday celebrations, presentations, and hands-on engagement. I visit local private and public schools, universities and colleges, volunteer and civic organizations (i.e., Kiwanis, Rotary), churches, etc.. Each shaliach tries to bring his or her own Israel to the community.

This is my second year as a shlichah. I decided to do my exhibit differently this year. It's called "Points of YOU". We have over 300 shlichim in North America. Each one of us has a different point of view about Judaism and Israel. There are no wrong ways of seeing things.

I want to show you how big "Israel Education" is, and how each Israeli has his or her own Israel: same place, but a variety of stories, opinions and people.

So what did I do? I asked 13 shlichim (different kinds of roles in a variety of US locations), to talk about one value from Judaism that connects them to Israel. I gave each of them 3 questions about that value and asked them to answer with an image, a picture. But that's not all; I asked them to explain on a short video, less than two minutes, why they chose the pictures they chose. It all comes together in an interactive exhibit made up of the Jewish values, the shlichim, the pictures, and the stories behind each value.

You can see the results during my exhibit "Points of YOU" at the JCC between mid-March and May 20.

Hope to see y'all there!

It's an Einav Reunion! March 27, 28 and 29

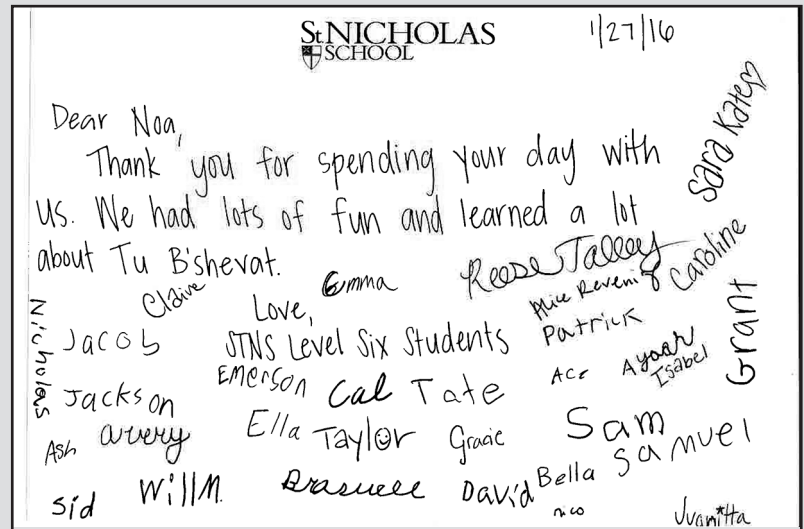


Join former shlichah Einav Cahanar, who will be in Coolidge Park to picnic with her Chattanooga friends and family March 27. Contact Noa Hadad for details and information about other events with Einav March 27-29.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

Dear Noa, Thank you!



On Jan. 25 Federation shlichah Noa Hadad visited with the 4th graders at St Nicholas School to talk about Tu B'Shevat. She received the above thank you note, signed by the appreciative class.

NIGHT RUN 5K CHATTANOOGA 2016

A fun 5K Night Run/1 Mile Walk on the Riverwalk
Saturday April 16, 9:30PM

at the Manker Patten Tennis Club (100 Douglas St)
All Ages Welcome!



You can make a difference in the lives of children!

Night Run Chattanooga 2016 will help to bring Christian, Jewish and Muslim children together through soccer programs designed to encourage empowerment, strengthening, confidence and friendship by supporting "Mifalot", a non-profit organization).

Registration and information:

www.nightrunchattanooga5k.org or (423)493-0270



FEDERATION NEWS

Noon Nosh to Feature Social Security Administration Specialist



Arnaldo Moore, Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Administration, will lead an educational presentation during Tuesday Café, March 22. Moore will provide information including an overview of all Social Security programs and how they affect you and your family. His presentation will cover Retirement, Survivors, Medicare, Disability, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). There will be time for questions at the end. Email rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com> or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

Is there a topic you'd like addressed at an upcoming Noon Nosh? Call or e-mail Ann Treadwell with your suggestions. 493-0270 ext. 13 or atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com. We'd love to hear from you!

Seeking Preschool Director

Aleph Bet Children's Center, our 3-star Jewish Federation preschool, has an opening for Preschool Director beginning June, 2016. The Director also administers the PJ Library program.

BA and experience in Early Childhood Education required.

Candidates should be organized, creative, self-motivated, flexible, and possess excellent communication skills.

Knowledge of Jewish culture preferred.

Please send resume to "Director Search"
P.O. Box 8947, Chattanooga, TN 37414
or email mdzik@jewishchattanooga.com

Summer Exhibit Seeks FUN Memories

by Karen Diamond,

Program Committee Chair

This summer's exhibit, "Party Time!" will be a light-hearted look back at the many ways our Jewish community members have come together through the years to socialize and celebrate. The exhibit will open June 9 (with a party?) and remain on display until July 22.

You can help in three ways. First, spend a few minutes jotting down your reminiscences about Jewish-oriented parties you've attended (family gatherings, dinner parties, dances, sock hops, boat rides, fancy dress balls, skating, bowling, or other joyful affairs). Secondly, share a fancy dress or suit you wore, a souvenir from an event, a pair of dancing shoes, or any object that relates to a specific celebration. Thirdly, submit some party pictures from your photograph albums (please identify people pictured. We will be happy to scan them for display and return the originals to you.

Some of the organizations that we hope to include in the exhibit: the JCC; BBYO; Colonial Club; Pi Tau Pi; Hadassah; Mizpah, B'nai Zion and Beth Sholom congregational events and their Sisterhood and Brotherhood parties; the Emanon Club; AEPi and other fraternity and sorority groups; the Jewish Country Club on Brainerd Road (yes, there was one!). And let us not forget family reunions, children's birthday parties, bar and bat mitzvah parties, sweet sixteens, and Jewish holiday get-togethers.

Back in the "old days," when Chattanooga's country clubs were not welcoming to Jews, small dinner parties at people's homes were held almost every Saturday night, and guests actually dressed in their finery. Have photos from these? Share them!

Someone will contact you soon to ask for your help. Or you can save us a phone call by letting us know you're willing to share (see e-mail address below). If you like, take a photo of a piece of clothing or an object you think would fit the exhibit and attach it to your e-mail.

All material must be in our hands by April 21. Want to join the committee and help? Just let Ann or me know.

It's Party Time and you're invited! Let's have some FUN!

Contact Karen Diamond at kdiamondgran@comcast.net for more information.



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Exclusive Briefing & Book Signing Inside the Middle East:

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Avi Melamed

Middle East Strategic

Intelligence Analyst

Guest Speaker

Major Gilad Pasternak

IDF Nahal Brigade

Veteran of Operation Protective Edge

Please join us for an exclusive briefing with Avi Melamed, Fellow of Intelligence and Middle East Affairs for the Eisenhower Institute of Gettysburg College. Avi is a former Israeli Intelligence Official, whose expertise is the current affairs of the Arab and Muslim world and their impact on Israel and the Middle East.

Avi's new book, *Inside the Middle East: Making Sense of the Most Dangerous and Complicated Place on Earth* will be made available for purchase and signing at the conclusion of the program.

Wednesday, March 9th

7:00 pm Dessert Reception & Briefing

Jewish Cultural Center
5461 North Terrace Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411



Please Register at: www.fidf.org/Chatt316

Complimentary Event - Open to the Pro-Israel Community

For Security Purposes, Advanced RSVP's are Required

Dietary Laws Observed - Business Casual Attire

**For additional information, please contact the FIDF Southeast Office
678-250-9030 or Southeast@fidf.org**

FEDERATION NEWS

Well-Endowed *continued from front page*

Now here's the best part. When the organization achieves its 18 Letters of Intent, it is given a \$5,000 unrestricted donation from the Grinspoon Foundation. This is a two year grant, so each organization has the potential to receive \$10,000 over two years. The Boards of Directors of the Federation, Mizpah and B'nai Zion have eagerly signed on, in unanimous fashion, to this project. The Federation will lead the trainings, education and coordinate visits to community members. Coordination is important in that many community members are involved with multiple congregations, organizations or causes, and volunteers can meet with you once, covering all of your interests at one time. Of course individual meetings can also happen if the donor would prefer.

Please know that signing a Letter of Intent is just that, your intent. The "intent" is for you, the donor, to work on an estate plan that includes your Jewish interests. The first meeting with volunteers is the beginning of the process, not the end. Stewardship throughout the process and moving forward is also a huge part of what every Jewish organization should be doing.

Our Jewish community is also known for many organizations – and not to worry – we will discuss any and every one with appropriate donors. Our Hadassah chapter is an award winning group that has been an active and vibrant part of Chattanooga for many years. AIPAC and ADL also have long-standing traditions in Chattanooga. Our regional Jewish camps, Ramah Darom, Coleman and Judaea, have played a vital role with many of our children and probably many of you! Chabad, one of our newest organizations, is also playing a role in our community. You have my word that the Jewish interests of every donor will be discussed.

One who doesn't plan, plans to fail. Planning for our future will lead to our success in the future. The Federation has been focused on endowment and legacy giving for many years. Part of those discussions has always included all of our Jewish opportunities in Chattanooga. Much more work needs to be done. The Grinspoon Foundation grant gives us all the added incentive to make a difference for our future.

Thank you to all those who have already made provisions for a legacy gift. Those who have not, please consider adding your name to the Legacy Society – to support any and all of your Jewish interests. And if we don't know about an estate gift you may have already planned, please let us know. We want to add your name and say thank you.

See photo of Endowment Committee members, page 2

Join the Legacy Society

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

The Legacy Society is made up of individuals who, in the tradition of our Jewish faith, wish to share their blessings with others by providing for the future needs of the Jewish community. There are a number of ways to contribute to the Jewish Federation's Endowment through estate planning: a bequest in a will, contribution of the remainder of an IRA or other retirement plan, a life insurance policy, charitable remainder trust, donor advised fund, charitable gift annuity, piece of real estate, securities or other property, or the donation of other assets. However they choose to contribute, Legacy Society members can be sure that their planned gift will turn their dreams for a strong future Jewish community into a reality. Join today. Call Michael Dzik, 493-0270 ext. 15 for more information.

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

By the Numbers
Chattanooga: 7/16
USA: 9/11
Israel: 24/7

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The 2016 Mission Trips to Israel have been cancelled. Stay tuned for information about 2017 opportunities.



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SOCIAL SERVICES



Let Me Introduce Myself

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Hello All!

I want to begin by saying how excited I am to be on this new journey as Director of Social Services at the Jewish Federation. As you may have read in the last *Shofar*, I came to the Federation from Memorial Hospital where I was responsible for a very wide variety of tasks, including (but not limited to) crisis intervention, end of life and crisis family meetings, arrangement of hospice services, discharge planning for home services, facility placement, and short term rehab placement.

I am certain that I will be able to incorporate this knowledge and skill set into my new role. I know that I am following a beloved and extremely talented person, Amy Boulware, and hope to continue to meet the needs of this community as she did. Amy was my field supervisor while I was obtaining my MSW degree and has been a mentor and dear friend to me ever since. I am honored to follow her in this position, and also know that I have a great team at the Federation and a wonderful community supporting me in this role.

Chattanooga and its surrounding areas are rapidly changing, which means there are new and growing areas of need to be met. Chattanooga is also an aging community, which potentially brings a larger developing client base to our programs. I believe this is a great opportunity for us as an agency and a community to model what amazing programs and services we provide, and to find additional ways to build on what we have.

I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know this community. I have already met so many wonderful people! Please feel free to call and set up an appointment if you would like to discuss anything with me, or to just get to know each other. You can also stop by to see me, but as I have many community appointments in the next month, I may not always be in the building.

My office hours are 9-5 Monday-Thursdays and 9-4 on Fridays. During those hours you are free to use my direct number at the Federation, which is (423) 893-9241. If at ANY TIME you are having a medical emergency, please call 911. In addition, we are starting a Social Services Committee headed by Elaine Winer. More to come on this!

I can't wait to meet everyone in this great community. My door is open to everyone, not only the senior population, so please come by! Thanks so much for the warm welcome. What can I do for YOU today?

March is National Social Work Month!

The National Association of Social Workers sets aside each March to highlight the profession. This year's theme is Social Work: Forging Solutions out of Challenges. According to the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) website, "Social workers—more than any other profession—recognize that more must be done to address persistent social problems such as poverty, lack of education and health care access, and discrimination based on gender, race, sexuality, or income. And they know that all people, no matter their circumstance, at some time in their lives may need the expertise of a skilled social worker."

It's a perfect month to stop in and get to know our new social worker, Rebecca Peck!



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.

Noon Nosh Menu

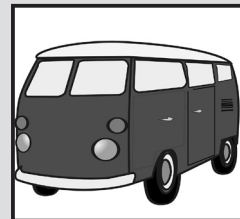
March 22

Baked chicken
Non-dairy spinach kugel
Salad
Red River Cake

(for additional March menus, visit our website, <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>)



Van Schedule



Monday and Wednesdays

Rick Jacobs 432-2222

Tuesdays and Thursdays

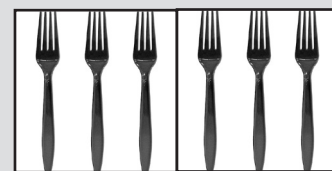
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Eddie Reel (423) 503-0238

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Mitzvah Meals (NEW) 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.

COMMUNITY LIFECYCLES

Mazel Tov

Flossie Weill New Lookout Mountain Judge



Flossie Weill, left, was sworn in as municipal judge for the town of Lookout Mountain, TN., by Hamilton County Chancellor Pam Fleenor on January 26. Flossie is married to Barry Parker.

Rachel Raisin Delivers TEDx Talk



Rachel Raisin, a senior at Girls Preparatory School, delivered a TEDx talk Feb. 27. In her talk she asked, "What if Chattanooga were a place with no expectations and no limits?" and she explored this idea through the tale of making a thousand origami paper cranes.

Condolences

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

--Philip Alan Cohen (Mendel Yaakov), son of Lester (Irene Cohen) and Sheila Breitbart and brother of Dr. Jeffrey Cohen and Rabbi Sharon Cohen (Jeffrey Siegel).

--Louise Schneider Milder, sister-in-law of Donnajeanne and Larry Etkin, on February 15.

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



Is your high school senior graduating in 2016? *The Shofar* would like to profile him or her! E-mail dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com for more information

Save the Date Interfaith Panel

Wed., April 6 @ 7p.m.
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To make a tribute, please contact the Federation at 493-0270, ext. 10 or federation@jewishchattanooga.com. Tributes of any amount are payable in cash, by check (to JFGC), or by MC, Visa, Discover, or Amex.

When you make a tribute, you may designate who receives a card acknowledging your tribute, and you will also receive a written record of your donation. Tributes made after *The Shofar* goes to press will appear the following month. You may choose to make a tribute anonymously.

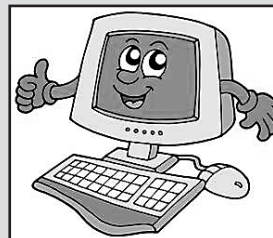
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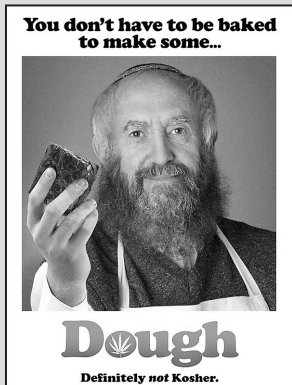


9TH ANNUAL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

9th Annual Jewish Film Festival Films



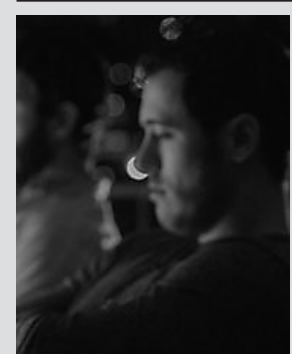
Labyrinth of Lies (March 30) Our first movie after the sponsor event is Germany's entry into the Academy Awards for best foreign language feature. This movie takes place in Germany from 1958 to 1963 when the prevailing attitude about the Nazi past was willful amnesia and denial. A new West Germany is being built amid the refuse of the old. The next generation of Germans is creating a new life for themselves. They don't know or care about Auschwitz, and their elders prefer it stays that way. "Labyrinth of Lies" is a fact based story based on the 1963 – 1965 Frankfurt Auschwitz trials. Twenty-two former Nazis at Auschwitz-Birkenau were tried for murder. Other Nazis who committed atrocities returned to civilian life since a statute of limitations prevented prosecutions for war crimes (except murder). *Running time: 2 hr, 4 min. German with English subtitles.*



Dough (April 6) is a funny, witty movie about culture clash and generation gaps. An older Jewish baker whose business is in crisis and about to collapse, hires a Muslim teenager. They are as different as can be, divided by race, religion and age. At first this is not a match made in heaven, but as the "recipe" for challah changes, the bakery has unexpected results. The chemistry between the two main characters changes from distrust and confrontation to overcoming prejudice and finding redemption in unexpected ways. This feel good comedy has been an audience favorite throughout North American Jewish Film Festivals. We have "HIGH" expectations for Chattanooga. *Running Time: 94 Minutes. English*



Auf Das Leben (To Life) (April 13) is an odd couple drama that forms a deep bond between an aging Polish born cabaret singer and a young German man. Despite their age difference and entirely opposite life experiences, they form an intense friendship that gives each a reason and purpose to live. Winner of Best German movie at Filmball Vienna in 2015, the movie effortlessly weaves a tale between the present and pre-World War II Germany. The toast, "L'Chaim", to life, symbolizes the atmosphere of this story. The film features intensely moving, passionate renditions of Jewish music classics that have been re-recorded and newly interpreted that alone are worth the price of admission.



The Kind Words (April 20) is a comic-drama about a Jerusalem family with three quirky, very different siblings who make you wonder how could they all be from the same womb. When their mother dies, the three pull together to mourn. Then the father drops a truth bomb: he just found out he is totally infertile and could not possibly be their natural father. This revelation sets off a quest for the truth to Paris and Marseilles. "The Kind Words", through wit, charm and irony, provides insights to issues of identity, family crisis, compromise and love. *Running time: 1 hr, 58 min. Hebrew, French with English subtitles*



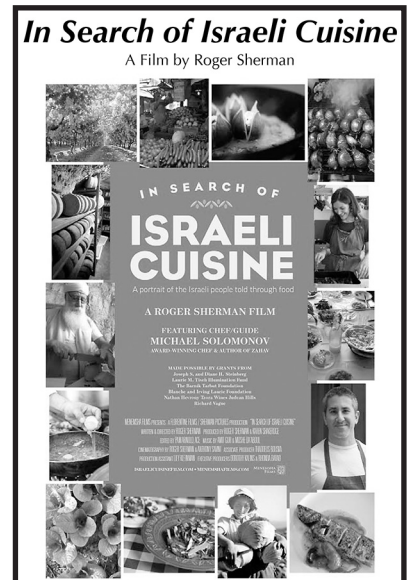
A La Vie (To Life) (April 27) is a gripping reunion drama about three Auschwitz survivors. After fifteen years searching while in post war Paris, Helene finally finds Lily in Amsterdam. They plan a reunion in Berck-Sur-Mer, France, a beautiful beach in the north of France. A third friend, Rose, whom Helene thought died in the Holocaust, arrives with Lily. They share an intimate vacation in this seaside town confessing their secrets of life, love and friendship. Like life itself, nothing is simple in this absorbing movie. *Running time: 1 hour, 44 min. French with English subtitles.*

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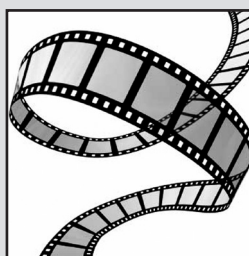
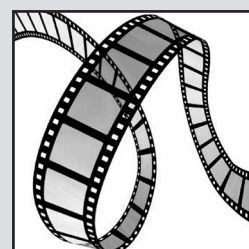
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FEDERATION PROGRAMS

Jew Crew Retreat 2016

By Cassie McCarley



I'm always amazed at how the annual Jew Crew retreat allows us to disconnect, de-stress, and enjoy each other's company. But this year's retreat was different from previous retreats for many reasons.

First of all, we had a record-breaking total of sixteen teens on our trip, compared to six



members just three years ago. Not only were our numbers higher than usual, but they were also on average younger: nine of our retreaters were freshmen. This young group made some of our more seasoned members slightly apprehensive, but from the first night we knew we had nothing to worry about.

As usual, Alison, Andy, and Noa (left) worked magic by taking sixteen people who didn't really know each other and making them realize they had a lot more in common than they thought.

At Camp Ramah, we were fortunate enough to stay in the nicest cabin, which was completed last summer. Our shlichah from Israel, Noa Hadad, worked tirelessly to create a fun "Amazing Race" for our retreat that consisted of four teams looking for clues around the camp, attempting to decipher Hebrew, and competing in hilarious activities such as making chocolate milk in our mouths.

Then we split into two groups to complete the daunting, but thrilling, Odyssey rope course. To step up the level of difficulty, one of the instructors, named Doc, had three of us carry a cup filled with water across the entire course. Through mind-blowing levels of determination and teamwork, eight of us managed to only spill a minimal amount. We finished by gracefully zip-lining off the course with the water (and didn't spill a single drop!).

The most amazing part of the trip wasn't the ropes course, our game of Pictionary, or even the ultimate test to see whether we were, in fact, smarter than fifth graders. The moments of the trip that brought us closest together were the times we spent talking about what it really means to be Jewish, and the most important aspects that make up our Jewish identity.

Because we live in Chattanooga, where other Jewish teens are somewhat hard to come by, the time we have together is so valuable. The retreat allowed us to shed our first impressions of each other and get to know each other personally as we explored our Judaism together. I got to know people I never thought I would bond with. I couldn't be more grateful for the opportunities Jew Crew has given me over the last four years.

The trip can be summed up into one sentence, uttered by freshman Ben Hilner at the bonfire:

"You are all great people, and this is a really special group."



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