

# THE SHOEFAR

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## Shelley Rose, ADL Interim Regional Director, to Speak at First Amendment Dinner Sept. 8

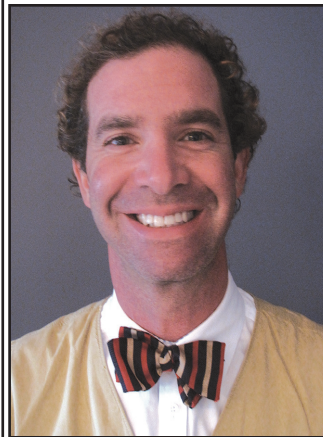


Shelley Rose is the Interim Regional Director with the Anti-Defamation League, Southeast Region. She has been with ADL for over 18 years. In this position, she plans and executes the direction and administration of all regional office activities to further the mission of the ADL, organizing community programming, providing educational outreach to community organizations, overseeing Holocaust education, coordinating legislative advocacy, and conducting workshops and presentations for parents and educators on religious intolerance, anti-bias training, and cultural awareness.

Ms. Rose has a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Relations from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master of Arts in Higher Education from Ohio State University. She will speak at the JCC Thursday evening, September 8 at 6 p.m. The title of her talk is "Can they really say THAT? Protecting our First Amendment Rights." RSVP is required. 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).

## The Small but Mighty Rock the World

by Austin Center



Our Federation 2017 campaign, with the theme "Building Bridges 4 Generations," is well under way. As Alison Lebovitz says, about our Jewish community, "We are small but mighty," and never has this been truer than right now. We are leaders on the national level, in the local community, and in our everyday lives. When called upon to serve, we don't just say yes. We say, "Yes, of course!"

Before I travelled to Israel with fellow community members Rachel Privet, Rob Lowe, Alison Lebovitz, and Michael Dzik for the 2016 Campaigner's Mission, I visited Rabbi Appleby, the new interim rabbi at Mizpah Congregation, to say a prayer for safety. While there, she asked me an important question: "Why is the Jewish community in Chattanooga so involved, more so than other communities?" Although she'd only been in Chattanooga a week, she saw something extraordinary in our community.

Is our Jewish community different from others? With 1500 Jews and growing, we are considered small. But even so, "mighty" might be an understatement. After all, we have created the fabric we call the Greater Chattanooga and North Georgia Jewish community. We give of ourselves over and over to help make this city a better place. We've created hospitals to care for our children and the sick and the less fortunate. We make sure that anyone who needs food receives it. We give to the arts and to our schools. But is this different from other Jewish communities, and the impact they have on their communities?

No, it isn't. Jewish communities all around the world build hospitals and schools, fund the arts, and care for the less fortunate. It's a cornerstone of being Jewish. It is tikkun olam: repairing the world. So why is it that Rachel, Rob, Alison, Michael and I heard over and over, while in Israel, "Wow, Chattanooga rocks!" and "You have *how* many Jews and do and you raise *how* much money?"

The answer to Rabbi Appleby's question, "Why is the Jewish community in Chattanooga more involved than other communities" is twofold. First, because we are small, each of us takes a vested interest in what we accomplish as a community. A perfect example was the yearly Campaigner's Mission. Last year I was the only participant from Chattanooga. This year five Chattanooga Jewish community members took time out of their busy lives to go. Let's put this into context: Atlanta, with a Jewish community of 150,000, and (*see page 7*)

## Federation Welcomes 2017 Shlichah Shiran Amir to Chattanooga



By the time you receive this newspaper, we will have welcomed our new shlichah, Shiran Amir, to Chattanooga. Shiran, 26, has completed her undergraduate degree in sociology and anthropology and is finishing up her master's. She currently lives in Rehovot and teaches leadership skills to middle and high school children.

Shiran has a younger brother and a younger sister. She has an engaging and outgoing personality and a strong inner drive to both share and learn. She describes herself as very family centered and we are thrilled to welcome her to our Chattanooga family. Please welcome her to *your* family by inviting her to lunch

or dinner, and helping her get to know this place we call home. Email her at [Israel@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:Israel@jewishchattanooga.com) or call her at 385-0098.

### SAVE THESE DATES

First Amendment Dinner	Sept. 8
Beneath the Helmet Speaker & Film	Sept. 20
Super Sunday	Sept. 25
Old Jews Telling Jokes	Oct. 27

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## Major Gifts to be Held September 18



Major Gifts will be held at the home of Lynne and Michael Herman Sunday, September 18 at 5:30 p.m.. IDF First Lt. Edén Adler (pictured) will speak and there will be a screening of the trailer for the film, *Beneath the Helmet: From High School to the Home Front.* (The entire film will be screened Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. at a community wide event. Attendance will be free for those who have donated to the campaign; \$18 all others.)

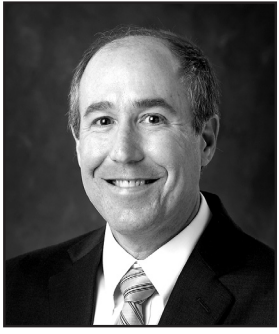
Edén, 21, was a commander in the 101st Paratrooper Brigade basic training base. He was responsible for the lives, safety and operational effectiveness of 42 recruits and three sergeants. The son of an American mother and a Yemeni father, he grew up in the Western Galilee town of Kfar Vradim.

*Beneath the Helmet* is "...a coming-of-age story which follows the journey of five Israeli high school graduates who are drafted into the army to defend their country. At the age of 18, away from their homes, families and friends, these young individuals undergo a demanding, inspiring journey, revealing the core of who they are and who they want to be. *Beneath the Helmet* illustrates how these young men and women are defending not only their homes, but also the values of peace, equality, opportunity, democracy, religious tolerance and women's rights" (courtesy <http://www.beneathhelmet.com>).

Families contributing \$3,600 or more to the annual campaign are invited to attend this special event at no additional cost.

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

# NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



## Welcome Back, and Looking Ahead

**Lee Brouner, Federation Board Chair**  
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Welcome back. I hope everyone had a pleasant, peaceful and relaxing summer. *The Shofar* is returning after a short two month break. The political conventions are over, as are the Olympics, and school is back in session for our kids.

It's almost football time in Tennessee!

And it is officially time for us at the Federation to gear up for our Annual Campaign season. Our campaign committee has been busy throughout the summer planning and getting organized for this year's campaign, appropriately entitled 'Building Bridges 4 Generations'. The Chattanooga Federation has conducted an annual campaign for many years and through many generations, and the Federation and the programs funded by the campaign continue to provide valued services for all generations of Jews, whether living in the local Chattanooga area, in Israel, or throughout the world.

We recently sent a strong contingent of volunteers to the Campaigner's Mission to Israel for a one-week training and education session focused on the value of our Federation contributions and the impact our dollars make throughout Israel. The mission was led by our very own Alison Lebovitz and was attended by

volunteers Austin Center, Rob Lowe and Rachel Privett, and our Executive Director Michael Dzik. Stay tuned, as you'll be hearing them share their strong passion and commitment to Judaism at home and abroad throughout this campaign season.

## Your 2017 Campaign Cabinet

Austin Center	Campaign Chair
Blake, Amy & Robert Snetman	Kickoff Hosts
Alison & Alan Lebovitz	Major Gifts Chairs
Lynne & Michael Herman	Major Gifts Hosts
Rob Lowe & Paul Lefkoff	Super Sunday Co-Chairs
Lee Brouner	Board Chair
Andy Hodes	Cabinet Member
Susan DiStefano	Cabinet Member
Rachel Privett	Cabinet Member
Elaine Winer	Cabinet Member



## A World of Good

**Michael Dzik**  
**Federation Executive Director**  
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Breathe, breathe, breathe – not just because of the hot and humid Chattanooga summer, but because the last few weeks have been exhilarating yet exhausting!

Your Federation dollars were active these past few weeks. I hope you were able to witness some of this firsthand. We blended together two of our most impactful programs – Philanthropy Camp and our visiting Israeli teens--by having the Israeli teens act as both counselors and participants with our Tikkun Olam campers.

If you've never experienced Philanthropy Camp, you are truly missing out. Now in its 8th year, Philanthropy Camp brings our elementary and middle school kids together for a week long day camp experience. But it's more than an experience. This camp teaches kids that there's more to this world, and more to Chattanooga, than just themselves. And it's all done at various sites throughout the community, through hands-on learning. This year there were visits to the Chattanooga Food Bank, the Humane Educational Society, H'Art Gallery, and Chambliss Children's Home, to name just a few. Through these visits, we are teaching our youngest community members the importance of, and the means through which, to help out their community.

There are almost too many Philanthropy Camp success stories to talk about. But let me mention a couple. This year, several United Way volunteers attended the community luncheon. They were totally blown away by the kids, the activities, the questions, and all that was happening. Equally impressive is the camp's diversity: every year, it attracts kids of all faiths, backgrounds and cultures.

I personally attended two field trips this year: to H'Art Gallery and Morning Pointe Senior Living. The staff at both facilities were impressed with how we were teaching our children about community, and with the breadth of experiences we were offering. The kids did an interactive scavenger hunt at Morning Pointe, and the residents loved being interviewed by them, which gave them the opportunity to share their stories.

At H'Art gallery, the kids participated in a city-wide collage project, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

My favorite story about Philanthropy Camp stems from the first day of public school a few years ago. A teacher was asking her class about their summer activities. There were the usual responses: beach trips, Disneyland, vacations, etc. But the child who had been to Philanthropy Camp said, "I helped people." He proudly described putting together 'care kits' containing shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrush, soap, and energy bars to be distributed to the needy. Philanthropy Camp makes a difference in the lives of our community, young and old, and the children who participate know it, and love it.

Concurrent with Philanthropy camp, we hosted four teenage Israeli girls for two weeks as part of our Partnership2Gether program with Hadera-Eron, Israel. Gal, Shir, Avia, and Hagar, along with their chaperone, Neta, got to experience Philanthropy Camp as well. The teens also went to a Lookouts game, to NASA in Huntsville, and to Whitwell, where they took in the PaperClips project. Lastly, all four met with all three of our community rabbis and even attended a bat mitzvah.

What was most amazing for me was to see the changes in these four teens after two weeks. They had a much better understanding of diaspora Judaism and of the challenges we face. But they also felt the strong connections we have with Israel and our Judaism, as it showed in everything we did. It's easy to take for granted being Jewish in Israel. Gal, Shir, Avia, and Hagar now have a greater understanding of our Judaism here in Chattanooga, and of our united Jewish community, and they were able to see how hard we work to honor our Jewish faith each and every day.

As our Israelis were learning about the Jewish diaspora, our Chattanooga teens were learning right alongside them. Five families hosted the five Israelis, allowing for new relationships to form. Many community members volunteered to help with the teens as well. It was a win-win all around! Our teens participated in everything that the Israeli teens did too!

There are so many things your Federation does for this community. Sometimes you see it, sometimes you hear about it, and sometimes it slips unnoticed under your radar. But be assured: your annual campaign gift to the Federation is doing so much to support so many people – some you know, many you don't. There is no doubt that "no gift touches more lives" than a gift to the Federation.

As you well know, we kicked off our annual campaign last week. Please consider being part of this community effort that brings so much to many. I promise you, your gift will do a world of good!



*P2G teen exchange summer fun*



## Combatting Hate in a Mad World

*Ann Treadwell, Program Director*  
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I was really angry when I thought about writing my article this month. Not angry at having to do it. Not angry at anything in our workplace. I was angry at all the hate speech that seems to be spreading as a result of the Presidential campaign dialogue. And I'm angrier still at the fact that dialogue seems to be spurring on action—negative action—especially from people I considered to be thoughtful. I'm not just referring to the name calling and conversations between and about our candidates, which is expected. I'm talking about the anger that seems to almost be floating in the air.

My defense for this type of anger is twofold. First, let's recognize it. I invite you to come to the Federation's annual First Amendment Dinner on September 8 and hear Shelley Rose from the Anti-Defamation League talk about hate speech and the First Amendment. What are the legal boundaries of angry and hateful conversation? How do we eradicate the illegal speech?

The second step is to talk about and embody the positive impact we have in the Jewish community and in the secular larger community. Combating anger and hate speech cannot be done by one person, but must be confronted by all of us. In August alone we completed our P2G (Partnership Together) teen exchange with our sister city in Hadera, Israel by having four young women and their chaperone in Chattanooga. We hosted a FedTalk that spoke about capturing family histories, engaging women in an important family tradition, and that provided an update on the education of Palestinian youth. We learned more about the U.S. role in the United Nations and the work of American diplomats. And on August 23rd we welcomed Shiran Amir to our community to start her shlichut.

But that's not all. Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam had a huge impact on the Greater Chattanooga community this year. In addition to inspiring us with Caretown and Happy Home banners, the first-through-sixth grade campers planted twelve rows of vegetables for the Taking Root Community Garden on Main Street, made dog toys for the Humane Educational Society, decorated large pillow cases for the children of Family Promise, enjoyed a community lunch with elders and campers from Olivet Baptist Church's Camp Zoe, had a scavenger hunt for oral histories at MorningPoint Assisted Living, and made care packets for Israeli soldiers.

All of these activities were grounded by lessons in acting compassionately from Pastor Eric Johnson, Rabbi Susan Tandler, and Reverend Brice Ullman, our neighborhood spiritual leaders. All of the young counselors had in one way or another been part of previous camps. Three of the counselors were past Aleph Bet friends. A.J. Morgan was this year's co-director, his 7th year working with camp, and Rachel Raisin was lead counselor during this, her 8th year with camp.

Camp Tikkun Olam provided volunteer support to Calstead Nursing Home, Family Promise, Metropolitan Ministries, H'Art Gallery, Chambliss Children's Home, Chattanooga Area Food Bank, the Humane Educational Society, and Read 20. Camp Tikkun Olam was led by our Social Services MSW intern Kristen Schwindt. This year our P2G teens and the teens from their host families joined camp. They were led by our shlichah Noa Hadad and the Israeli chaperone. You can watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/A76mr4eND8s>.

I am very proud to say that even in this climate of anger and hate speech, the Federation makes a difference both within and outside the Jewish community.

## Psalms Exhibit Opened August 28



The Book of Psalms is a collection of psalms that deal with a broad range of matters concerning the situation, feelings and inner whisperings of people and their community. The psalms are composed in a language that fuses with the prayers recited by Jews throughout the ages, who viewed psalms

as a portal to hope, consolation and salvation offering encouragement and security.

The exhibition was created within an artistic, Jewish-American intercultural space. The diverse environments in which the artists grew - their language, symbols, customs and other cultural attributes - influence their outlooks and their interpretations, which are expressed in their artistic works. The Book of Psalms is evident - whether directly, indirectly or even beneath the surface - in the works of the artists. It is a source of inspiration and empowerment, an unlimited fountain for growth and artistic creation, unrestrained by limitations of location or language.

## Major Gifts

September 18 @ 5:30pm. See front page for details.



## Tuesday Cafe

September 6, 13, 20 (Deli Day), 27 @ 12 p.m. \$10. See menus on our website. Email [rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com), go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/> or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

## First Amendment Dinner

Thursday, September 8 @ 6pm. Speaker will be ADL Interim Regional Director Shelley Rose. Title: "Can They Really Say THAT? Protecting Our First Amendment Rights". See front page for details.

## Foreign Policy Supper Club: Climate Change

Monday, September 12 @ 6pm

In the past few years, the American public has become more aware of the damage wrought by climate change. From droughts in the west to extreme weather in the east, a rapidly changing climate has already made its footprint in the United States. Now, it's expected that the presidential election in 2016 will be one of the first ever to place an emphasis on these environmental changes. What can the next president do to stymie this environmental crisis? And is it too late for these efforts to be effective? \$12. [RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 ext. 10.

## Beneath the Helmet Speaker and Film Screening

Tuesday, Sept. 20 @ 7pm. See front page for details, cost.

[RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 ext. 10.

## Cake Deadline

Tuesday, September 20

Last day to order High Holiday cakes. See page 4 for cakes and prices.

**PICKUP: Thursday, Sept 29, 12-4 pm and Friday, Sept. 30, 9am-noon**

## Super Sunday

Sunday, September 25 @ 9:30

## Psalms Exhibit

Runs through September 30

Exhibit opened at Campaign Kickoff and will run through Sept. 30, after which it will tour the Southeastern United States Partnership region.

## NEW YORK HIT, OLD JEWS TELLING JOKES COMING TO JCC October 27\*\*\*

Orchard Street Productions in association with Playhouse Productions will present a ONE NIGHT ONLY production of the New York record breaking hit, OLD JEWS TELLING JOKES. This hilarious, critically acclaimed show will be at the Jewish Cultural Center Thursday, October 27, at 7:30 pm.

Aimed at mature audiences, OLD JEWS TELLING JOKES enjoyed a record breaking and critically acclaimed Off Broadway run. Featuring five comedic actor/singers, OLD JEWS TELLING JOKES is a hysterical comic revue that pays tribute to and reinvents classic jokes of the past and present.

The laugh a minute show also features comic songs, some brand new and some satisfyingly old, as well as tributes to some of the giants of the comedy world. **SEE PAGE 11 for MORE INFORMATION.**

**\*\*\*No RSVP. Payment is required prior to performance.**

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

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

(Curator: Shlomit Hefher, Hadera, Israel)

# SOCIAL SERVICES



## Lightening the Burden, One Hour or Person at a Time

Rebecca Peck, MSW  
Social Services Director  
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Do you ever have those days where you just feel like what no matter what you do just doesn't matter? I know I do! I think most people want to believe that who they are and what they do has true impact and matters in this world.

Well let me break it to you, YOU DO MATTER and what you do DOES matter! You matter just because you exist. And everyone has something that they can offer every single day. Whether it's something as small as smiling at the person ringing up your groceries at Publix, or holding the door for someone coming in the building after you, or something larger, like volunteering your time or money to a worthy cause- you can make a significant impact every day on the life of someone around you.

This past week I was lucky enough to accompany the Camp Tik-kun Olam campers to several of their projects in which they were able to provide a huge amount of time and service to agencies and people in need all over Chattanooga. In case you haven't noticed lately, there are a lot of people suffering and in need right here in our city. I would encourage you to look around and reach out. Make a donation, or better yet, offer your time and presence.

Another really important way to make a difference for those around you is what is called "informal volunteering". Do you have an elderly neighbor you see struggling to get the mail, or whose yard looks unkempt? What about the co-worker who is dealing with a family illness and could use a hot meal or a gift card for dinner for their family? Offer a supportive hand to those people in your immediate daily vicinity.

So listen up...while we are talking about making a difference, we are starting a volunteer team here at the Federation to help serve our community. If you are interested in being a part of this, please contact me. We will have a variety of areas in which you can serve. Even if you can only commit an hour or two of your time a month, we can use you!

And please remember, making a difference doesn't have to be grand and glorious, full of pomp and circumstance. It can be as simple as a sincere "thank-you", a smile, or leaving an extra 10% for your server at dinner tonight. Sometimes it really is the little things that matter most!



## Meet Our Newest Van Driver

Jason Shuman is a native Chattanooga who is very excited about working in the community where he grew up. He has been active in Federation's YJL group and has attended TribeFest in the past. Jason's contact information will be added to next month's *Shofar*.

## 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!



## What Time is It? It's CAKE Time!

Proceeds benefit Mitzvah Meals!



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**Deadline to order: September 20**

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Friday September 30 9 - noon

**Heavenly Chocolate \$20, Apple Cake \$25, and Coffee Cake \$22**

Call Ann Treadwell at 493-0270 ext. 13 or email atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com to order

## TRIBUTES

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**Selma Cash Paty** (*Chambliss, Bahner and Stophel; Barry Gold; Leslie McWilliams*)

**Sam Jaffe** (*Dot Jaffe*)

### in Honor of

Alice Goss-Morgan (*Anita Levine*)

**Noa Hadad, Alison Lebovitz, Andy Hodes** (*Jim and Fern Shire*)

**Social Services** (*Kathleen Owen*)

## Ride with Pride--On Us

### Here's how it works:

Contact Rebecca Peck, Director of Social Services, for approval to receive transportation services. She will let you know whom to call so you can make your appointments with the drivers directly.

**Watch your October Shofar for an updated list of drivers and schedule.**

### A Note from Your Friendly Van Service

One of the awesome services the Jewish Federation is able to offer to our community is transportation. We offer rides Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on a first come, first served basis. We have an excellent team of drivers who work very hard to make sure they provide safe, high quality service. We attempt to prioritize medical appointments, but if there is room on the schedule, we will accommodate anything from hair appointments and grocery shopping to various other shopping trips.

In order to serve our clients the best we can and get you on the schedule when you need us, please call as soon as you know about an appointment or request for transportation. Also, please remember that while we will do our best to honor your time frame, there may be times when we have to either offer a different transport time or that you may have a brief period of waiting, as the drivers transport many people in a day. If you have any questions or concerns about transportation services please call or email me, Rebecca Peck, Director of Social Services, at rpeck@jewishchattanooga.com or call me at 893-9241.

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# FEDERATION PROGRAMS

## Jew Crew and Young Jewish Leadership

### Jew Crew

## WOO HOO! JEW CREW IS HERE FOR YOU!

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



2016-2017 Jew Crew Calendar  
(Unless otherwise noted, all programs run from 12:15 to 2 p.m.)

#### Program 1

Sunday, August 21, 2016  
Jew Cruise: Welcome Aboard  
12:30 to 3 p.m.

#### Program 2

Sunday, September 18, 2016  
Tiyul Time!

#### Program 3

Sunday, October 16, 2016  
Israel Program with Shiran

#### Program 4

Sunday, November 6, 2016  
Giving Thanks & Giving Back

#### Program 5

Sunday, December 4, 2016  
Annual Chanukah Party

#### Program 6

Sunday, January 22, 2017  
Paint N' Party

**Annual Jew Crew Retreat at Camp Ramah Darom**  
TBD: Either February 24-26, 2017 or March 3-5, 2017

#### Program 7

Sunday, April 9, 2017  
Good Deeds Day

#### Program 8

Sunday, May 7, 2017

**Final Program and Farewell to Seniors**



**DID YOU KNOW?** Your campaign dollars help fund Jew Crew



## Young Jewish Leadership (Ages 21-45)



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WEBSITE: <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>  
423-493-0270

September 10th -Social Event (watch for details on our Facebook page!)

October 21st - Shabbat dinner in the sukkah - host TBD

**DID YOU KNOW?** Your campaign dollars help fund Young Jewish Leadership!

## Fourth of July YJL Fun



Lilah, Rebecca, & Aaron Parker



Rebecca Parker, Noah & Bethany Schklar

*If you would like to host a Shabbat or have an idea for an event please feel free to contact Josh Schklar at [jbschklar@hotmail.com](mailto:jbschklar@hotmail.com).*



Federation Campaigner's Mission to Israel- July 2016. Michael Dzik, Lily Dropkin, Alison Lebovitz, Raoul Molnar, and YJLs Rachel Privett, Rob Lowe, and Austin Center

# ALEPH BET CHILDREN'S CENTER



by Meghan Graybeal  
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Director/PJ Library Coordinator  
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As a long-time employee of the Aleph Bet Children's Center, I'm not quite a new face around the Federation. Still, I'd love to take this opportunity to say "Hello!"

As a teacher and the Aleph Bet Coordinator, it's been my pleasure to interact with so many of the wonderful people who frequent the building and our events. Now that I'm starting my new journey as the center's director, I look forward to meeting even more of this fantastic community!

At Aleph Bet Children's Center, we like to take advantage of the talents that are all around us. If you're interested in volunteering at the school in any capacity—whether to read a story, participate in a holiday celebration, share a favorite craft, or help us complete a project—please let me know. Feel free to call or email me anytime, even just to introduce yourself and say hello!

And don't forget: now is the time to enroll your child in the 2016-17 school year at AB!

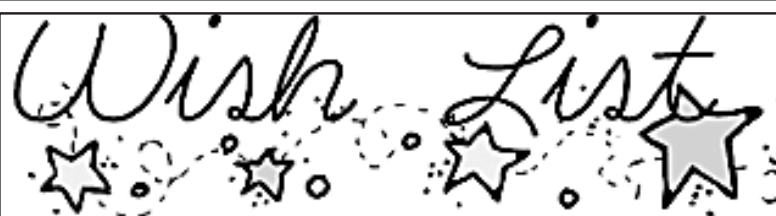
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### Family Welcome Night and Open House

Current and prospective families are invited to join us for a special afternoon from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. as we showcase our three-star quality program. If parents choose, we will offer the chance to have a child ID card made at no cost. For more information about this and other events, please contact Meghan Graybeal to receive the AB weekly email, or follow us on Facebook.

**Don't miss it!! Tell your friends!**



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### What a summer we had at Camp AB...

Between having a dinosaur at Shabbat, goats on the lawn, Noa teaching kids about SCUBA diving, and kids enjoying the water, it was very busy and FUN!!



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# FEDERATION NEWS

## The Small but Mighty Rock the World *(cont. from front page)*

Jacksonville, with 15,000 sent three participants. Dallas, with a Jewish community of 70,000, sent one. We know we are doing something right when multiple North American Jewish communities are looking to our example. In addition, while in Israel, Rachel and I had the pleasure of sitting with other Young Leadership representatives for breakfast one morning. After listening to other young leaders talk about the hard-won successes within their communities, Rachel turned to me and said, "We already do all that!"

Which leads me to the second part of the answer to why the Jewish community in Chattanooga is so much more involved than other communities. It is related to this year's campaign theme, "Building Bridges 4 Generations." The impact of previous generations of Chattanooga Jews inspires those of us taking the lead today. What makes our Jewish community strong are our actions: we do, we give, we care—and "4 Generations," so have our parents, teachers, mentors, and leaders. They have been teaching us to "Build Bridges" across our community one plank at a time.

I am reminded of the U2 song, "One," whose lyrics are as follows: "One love, one life, when it's one need in the night, one love we get to share it, We are brothers, sisters. . . one but we are not the same, we get to carry each other and we do it again. . ." This could well be the anthem of our small but mighty Jewish community. We are generations of Jews, led by previous generations, leading the generations to come by giving, caring and sharing.

When the small but mighty unite as one, as we have for so many generations, we accomplish great things together. The Campaigners' Mission participants said it best when, hearing about small but mighty Chattanooga's accomplishments, they exclaimed, "Wow, Chattanooga rocks!"

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## A Heartfelt Thanks Regarding Mifalot

Dear Michael and Noa,

The Federation's generous support for the "Kfar Ahava" team is highly appreciated. We are truly grateful, not only for your financial support, but for your belief in the work we do in Israel. We guarantee that any funding received by the federation will be utilized to implement Mifalot's vision for a more equal, educated and cohesive society and individuals.

The tournaments were held in Tel Aviv and included more than 500 participants and trainers. In between the matches, the participants enjoyed challenging activities, warm ups, breakfast, and lunch and above all, an opportunity to get acquainted with peers from different regions, ethnicities and backgrounds.

The recent 2 months' activities ... set the stage for summer vacation, which, especially for youth in the periphery, holds some risks. Teenagers can adopt unhealthy behaviors, be exposed to drugs and alcohol, and give up physical activity. Therefore, our educational department gave the youth some useful ways to avoid these dangers. Needless to say, all this wouldn't happen without your generous support. *(Note: these funds were raised in part by the Chattanooga Night Run in April)*

Nadav Dagan  
Director of Resource  
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*Austin Center,  
Michael Dzik, and  
Rob Lowe with the  
K'far Ahava team in  
Israel*



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## Summer FEDtalks Offered Something for Everyone



FEDtalks, Federation's answer to TEDtalks, kicked off over the summer with four speakers with a ten-minute story to tell, and if you were there July 14, you got an earful AND a mouthful. There was a homemade salsa tasting, a discussion by two bright young teens telling about their trip to Israel, and Noa Hadad's summary of her two

years in the US. August 11 talks included Recipe for a Family Oral History by Beverly Rice, Shabbat Candles by Paula Dzik, and a discussion of the UN Relief and Works Agency by Austin Center. Next FEDtalks happen Monday, Nov. 21. Want to give it a try? See the talking head, below, for details.

Above, *July 14 FEDtalkers Josh Dzik, Noa Hadad, Kalli Agudo and Carolyn Potts.*



**Looking for a few good talks!**

**The fall Fedtalk will be  
Mon., Nov. 21 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Got something fascinating to say in 15 minutes or less?**

**We want to hear from you!**

Contact Ann Treadwell at  
[atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com) or 493-0270 ext. 13

## Join the Legacy Society

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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](http://www.pjlibrary.org). PJ Library in Chattanooga is sponsored through the generosity of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga, Aleph Bet Children's Center, and Diagnostic Pathology Services, P.C.

# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## Rachel and Hannah Lowe Celebrate B'not Mitzvah September 17



Rachel Talia & Hannah Brooke Lowe will celebrate their B'not Mitzvah on September 17 at B'nai Zion. They are the daughters of Beth & Rob Lowe of Chattanooga, granddaughters of Sandra & Arthur Lowe of Livingston, NJ, and Estelle and Milton (deceased) Silver of Deerfield, IL, and great-

granddaughters of Minnie Kaliser of Atlanta.

Rachel is a member of the Junior National Honor Society at East Hamilton, where she is a seventh grader. She plays trombone and sings in the chorus. She also enjoys acting and singing in plays at the Chattanooga Theatre Centre, reading, and loves amusement and water parks.

Hannah is also a member of the Junior National Honor Society at East Hamilton, where she plays percussion and sings in the chorus. Hannah loves to write stories and songs. She received a Young Southern Student Writers Award from UTC, and participated in The Muse of Fire Project, in which a play she wrote was acted out by adults. Hannah also loves to act and sing in musicals at the Chattanooga Theatre Centre, read, and play ukulele, tennis and basketball. She is also a seventh grader.

For their Mitzvah project, Rachel and Hannah raised funds to be used for scholarships for campers to attend Camp Ramah Darom, where they have loved spending their last three summers.

## ADL Brings Important Programs to Southeast



*Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik with Atlanta area ADL Director Stephanie Weiss*

On June 8th The Anti-Defamation League hosted "Responding to Extremism's Influence on the Internet" with ADL Assistant Director of Cyberhate Response, Jonathan Vick. With over 40 people in attendance, Jonathan highlighted how individuals, companies/organizations and ADL can protect themselves against hate and cyber bullying on the internet. It was well attended and well received.

The Anti-Defamation League was founded in 1913 "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." Now the nation's premier civil rights/human relations agency, ADL fights anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, defends democratic ideals, and protects civil rights for all. The Southeast Regional

office is based in Atlanta and hosts events and programs across our region including: Chattanooga, Nashville, Memphis, Birmingham, Savannah and Charleston. The Southeast office responds and reaches out to all our regional cities to offer support if there is an anti-Semitic instance. For more information and to stay up to date on ADL please visit <http://atlanta.adl.org/>.

Join us November 3 for our Community of Respect Briefing and Desert Reception, featuring Jeffrey Goldberg, National Correspondent, with *The Atlantic*, and Bret Stephens, Foreign Affairs Columnist with the *Wall Street Journal*. They will be speaking on anti-Semitism, Islamic Extremism, BDS and World Affairs. There is a minimum ADL contribution of \$100 to attend. The event will take place in Atlanta at the St. Regis Hotel in Buckhead. For more information or questions please contact Stephanie Weiss at [SWeiss@ADL.org](mailto:SWeiss@ADL.org).

## Mazel Tov

--to Eliot Samuel Berz, who graduated from University of the South (Sewanee) with a degree in Environmental Sustainability and Economics. Eliot is the son of Bob Berz and Tracye Pool.

## Condolences

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

--Motel Beker, father/father-in-law of Raul and Wendy Beker, David Beker, and Menachem Beker and grandfather of Hannah and Zachary.

--Dr. Billy L. Cordell

--Dr. Ira M. Long, husband of Ray Long, father/father-in-law of Iris & Lee Abelson, Ira M. Long, Jr., David & Belinda Long, Morrow & Richard Armstrong, and Elizabeth Willingham, on July 5.

--Dr. Allan S. Rudolph, son of the late Sidney and Nancy Rudolph, on May 20. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie M. Rudolph, two sons, Jay and Jeffrey (Allison) Rudolph, several grandchildren, a sister Claire Rudolph (Jimmy) Creim, and several cousins.

*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](mailto:dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com)*

## Call for Entries: LIGHT Exhibit



The Jewish Cultural Center would like to invite you to send work for consideration in an upcoming exhibit, **LIGHT**. This invitational group exhibit will explore all types of light (as in electrical, see-through, glowing, written text on paper, holding light, etc. as opposed to light in weight). either in theme or media.

The piece(s) submitted 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 art work is over 48 inches in length or height, or weighs more than 100 lbs...please make sure we know. Please let us know if electricity will be needed or any other form of "lighting".

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.

How do you participate? Please send Ann Treadwell electronic images of up to 4 pieces and list your materials and the size of the piece(s) no later than Tuesday, September 20, 2016. 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 September 29. If your work is chosen for exhibit, we will need additional information (bio., artist statement about the work, inventory sheet) no later than October 7.

The exhibit will run November 3 – December 16, with a Meet-the-Artists reception on Thursday, November 3 at 5:30. All selected pieces must be at the Jewish Cultural Center by Thursday, October 20. (We will be closed several days in October due to religious holidays. Please call ahead before delivering your work.) Shipping to the facility will be at your expense. Please contact me directly about return shipping.

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](http://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 artist's work that should be considered, please let me know. If you have any questions or wish to confirm your participation, please contact Ann at 423 493-0270 ext. 13, or [atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com](mailto:atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com).

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## AIPAC Discusses US/Israel/Gulf State Relations, and More



On June 23rd over 80 members of the Chattanooga pro-Israel community gathered to hear from a leading Gulf States expert, Dr. Lori Plotkin Boghardt. Dr. Boghardt discussed the relationship between the Gulf States, United States and Israel as well as how these ever-changing and dynamic relationships prove the strategic importance of the US-Israel relationship. During the program, the audience heard from Noa Hadad, who gave a heartfelt overview of her time at AIPAC's Policy Conference in Washington, DC and how her time at the AIPAC Policy Conference gave her hope. Noa described her pride in hearing American students, elected officials and policy leaders stand shoulder to shoulder with Israel. Michael Lebovitz shared his special experience at the conference with his daughter, American University AIPAC student activist Eliza Lebovitz, and encouraged others to come with family members.

We hope you are able to join us for the 2017 AIPAC Policy Conference, March 26-28. The AIPAC Policy Conference is the pro-Israel community's preeminent annual gathering. The event attracts almost 18,000 community and student activists from all 50 states, members of Congress and countless Israeli and American policymakers. Over three jam-packed days, Policy Conference participants choose from hundreds of informative sessions and participate in the pro-Israel community's largest and most important advocacy day. If you have any additional questions regarding Policy Conference or AIPAC in general, please contact AIPAC Southern States Associate Area Director, Staci Eichelbaum. She can be reached by phone at 678-254-2631, or email at [seichelbaum@aipac.org](mailto:seichelbaum@aipac.org).

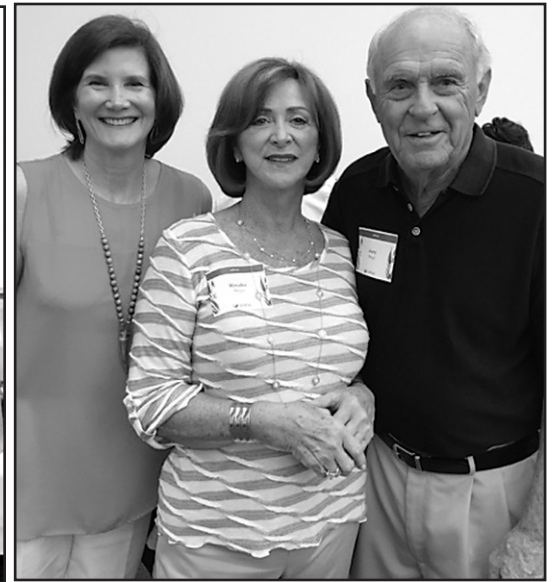
*Gulf States expert, Dr. Lori Plotkin Boghardt*



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*Alan Lebovitz, Joe Kodsi Michael Lebovitz*



*Melody and Andy Hodes*



*Sanford and Elaine Winer*



*Jeff Balsler and Richard Waxler*



*City Councilwoman Carol Berz, center, with AIPAC staffers*



*Clayton and Janice Rhodes, Alison Lebovitz*

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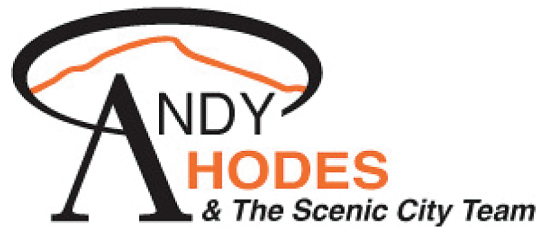
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