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Jewish Film Series Returns for Eleventh Year

By Sanford Winer

The Chattanooga Jewish film Series kicks off its 11th year with a sponsor-only event on Wednesday, April 25th at 6 p.m.. Along with a screening of *Bye, Bye Germany*, sponsors will enjoy the most scrumptious kosher buffet this side of New York City, including cocktails, thanks to our own Alice Goss-Morgan. There will also be music by the GPS Tango Strings.

This year, the film series committee included Sanford Winer, Frank Miller, Sheila St. Aubin, Steve Black, new addition Jen Lewis, and advisor Ann Treadwell. Together they chose six award-winning international films that are guaranteed to make you laugh and cry, make you think, and, most importantly, entertain you. Movies will screen every Wednesday (and one Sunday) in May at 7:15 p.m. Cost of individual tickets is \$8 and includes popcorn and a beverage.

Corporate and individual sponsorships are still available. Individual sponsorships are offered at two levels: Producers Circle (\$100) and Directors Circle (\$80). For more details and to read a description of each of the movies, turn to page 10.

Commemorate the Yoms at the Jewish Cultural Center

Please join us at the Jewish Cultural Center as we mark three important days in April: Yom HaShoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'atzmaut. See below for descriptions of events, dates and times. Please RSVP to all events.



Yom HaShoah, Thursday, April 12, 7p.m.

On this evening we will remember the victims of the Holocaust. The program will begin with a candle lighting ceremony at 7:00 p.m., which will include prayers and readings by rabbis and members of the community. Linda Hooper, former principal of Whitwell Middle School, will speak about the Children's Holocaust Memorial, which she spearheaded, and about the Paper Clip Project and film. She will be joined by Cassie Yawn, a young student who was featured in the film, and by students Madison Gamble and Carsen Hudson. There is no cost to attend.



Linda Hooper

Yom Hazikaron, Tuesday, April 17, 7p.m.



Beginning at 7 p.m. we will commemorate Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism. Former Chattanoogaan Jesse Charyn, son of Ronnie and Chaim Charyn, will speak about his time in Israel in the IDF during the years 2003-2006. *We ask that you please wear white.* For more, see "In His Own Words" on page 5.

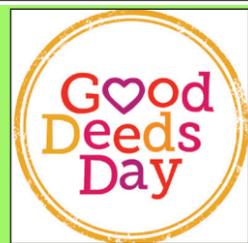
Jesse Charyn

Additionally, you will have the opportunity to see and participate in Yizkareim: Honor Israel's Fallen. This interactive exhibit honors the 23,545 soldiers and security forces who sacrificed their lives defending and protecting Israel. In partnership with The Afikim Foundation and Israel's Ministry of Diaspora Affairs, this exhibit has several parts. A sophisticated website, honorisraelsfallen.org, allows users to learn about each of the fallen. The Jewish Federation has picked 36 soldiers to honor as part of this activity. Each person visiting the exhibit will have the opportunity to perform a positive action (chesed, prayer, learning, or participation in Good Deeds Day, etc.) in their memory. A virtual candle will be lit for every action performed and the family of the fallen will be told they have not been forgotten.

Israel Festival, Sunday, April 22, 12p.m



This year we will celebrate Israel Independence Day with a variety of activities beginning at noon and culminating with Rising Star Chattanooga, a singing contest, at 3p.m.. Join the youth of the community as they march from B'nai Zion congregation to the Jewish Cultural Center wearing specially designed Israeli Festival T-shirts. Once at the JCC, adults and children can enjoy an Israeli lunch and watch the Rising Star singing competition with judges Bob Bernhardt and Jonathan Susman. Children and adults can also visit a photo booth, have their face painted, and loll on the [virtual] the Tel Aviv beach. Adults without children can enjoy a special just-for-adults section.



Good Deeds Day is April 15

Good Deeds Day is an international day of volunteering. It was launched in 2007 in Israel by businesswoman and philanthropist, Shari Arison, through Ruach Tova, a nonprofit organization that connects people who want to volunteer and organizations in need of assistance. Confirmed sites this year include the Chattanooga Zoo, Aleph Bet Children's Center, Orange Grove Center and much more! Register on the Federation's website www.jewishchattanooga.com. There will be a light lunch. See page 4 for times.

Partnership 2Gether in Nashville in March



See Ann Treadwell's article on page 3

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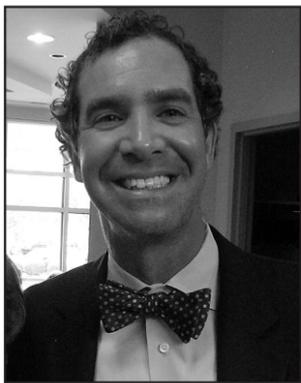
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Israel Mission Information Meeting
Thursday, April 19
6p.m, at the Jewish Cultural Center

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May 2, 6, 9, 16, 23, 30 Film screenings
May 10 Summer exhibit available for viewing
May 17 "For You Were a Stranger in Egypt"
May 24 Aleph Bet graduation

NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



The Impact of One on Many, and Many on One

Austin Center
Federation Board Chair
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On March 8, my mother and I had the pleasure of representing our Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga in New York at our Jewish Agency's "Celebration of Natan Sharansky."

Natan Sharansky is a living hero. Although small in stature, he stood up to the Soviet Union for Jews' inalienable rights. He stated, "I am a man, a Jewish man, and I have the inalienable right to live in my homeland." He was subsequently arrested and imprisoned for nine years in the Gulag in the late 1970's, where in solitary confinement he played chess games in his head to keep his mind sharp. Thanks to the unrelenting work of his wife Avital, and along with the US government and the Jewish community, Sharansky's freedom was secured in 1986. He immediately made aliyah to Israel. His heroism helped lead to the fall of the Soviet empire, and gave approximately a million Russian Jews the opportunity to leave.

I was profoundly inspired by Sharansky's assertions about how a free press is the foundation of a democracy and by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's eloquent words about Sharansky's impact on Israeli society (by being

the voice of Olam, immigrants to Israel). He epitomizes how one man can make a lasting difference.

As my mother and I entered the security line, it just so happened that Jerry Silverman, CEO/President of our Jewish Federation of North America, was in front of us. On down the line we were greeted by members of the Jewish Agency's shlichim program. Sharansky championed the shlichim program, where young adult Israelis are placed throughout the world in Jewish communities to engage, to teach, and to learn. Chen, our Federation shlichah, does an amazing job of doing just these things. She is a perfect ambassador for our community and Israel. Ask her where she got her Purim dress, she'll tell you she got it from her friend, the Palestinian store owner here in Chattanooga. Chen is truly changing hearts and minds here in Chattanooga, just like Sharansky does by championing our amazing shlichim program.

The moral of the story is that the impact each and every one of us can have is inspiring. Together, by supporting our Jewish Federation with our dollars, we make an impact. The impact you can have as an individual is greater than words can describe.



Left, Natan Sharansky with President George W. Bush; above, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu; right, Austin Center and Marilyn Center at Jewish Agency event



Hitting Home Runs--Jewishly Speaking

Michael Dzik
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It's all about IMPACT. No, I'm not talking about baseball's spring training and the impact of the bat hitting the ball. I'm talking about the IMPACT of the Federation within the Jewish community.

I have found in recent years that most donors want to know exactly where their dollars are going and what specific IMPACT their donations have on people's lives. How many people were reached? What specific help have they received? What is the long-term effect of their philanthropic investment?

Let me touch on the IMPACT first. Your Jewish Federation has IMPACT on others each and every day – some visible and tangible, some more discreet but no less felt. Here is the specific IMPACT the Chattanooga Federation had in 2017:

- Provided over 1,500 Mitzvah Meals
- Provided over 1,600 transportation rides
- Our social worker and nurse had over 1,200 "touches"
- 114 people were assisted with Medicare-D consultations
- 25 Jew Crew teens and 50 Young Leaders were engaged in Jewish activities
- 40 Chattanooga students of Mizpah and B'nai Zion were supported through the Federation
- 55 young children received free PJ Library books each month
- 42 Jewish and non-Jewish children experienced Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam; 12 children participated in our first-ever winter camp, Philanthropy Leadership Academy
- 17 local educators (Jewish and non-Jewish) had direct impact with Israeli teachers through P2G
- 48 Chattanooga residents participated in Birthright Israel (over 15 years)
- 8 children received Jewish summer camp scholarships; 2 teens received Israel experience scholarships this year alone

- 9 Aleph Bet students received scholarships through our local Jewish Early Childhood Initiative in 2017
- 3 adult community members received scholarships for Israel experiences.

And here is exactly how your Chattanooga Jewish Federation dollars can have an IMPACT:

- \$36 provides a special birthday cake and decorations for an Aleph Bet student
- \$40 provides one child with a PJ Library book subscription for one year, which includes 12 books
- \$125 provides Mitzvah Meals for one person; three meals per week for one month
- \$150 provides one scholarship for Philanthropy Camp
- \$250 provides 1½ hour intake visit from our social worker
- \$350 provides one scholarship to up-and-coming leaders for YESOD
- \$500 provides weekly visits to 4 community members from our nurse
- \$750 provides 25 round-trip transportation rides for 2 seniors each month.
- \$1,000 supports Shaliach programming each month
- \$3,000 supports one Birthright young adult attendee

At a recent United Way meeting, it was announced that Chattanooga is the most philanthropic community in the United States per capita. So it is no surprise that our Chattanooga Jewish Federation is the most philanthropic Federation in all of North America. That's correct! ***The Chattanooga Jewish community raises more dollars – with more IMPACT – than any other Jewish community.***

Our Jewish Federation's mission is about making people's lives better – assisting our elderly community members with dignity and services, and providing engaging Jewish opportunities to the entire Jewish community. A gift to the Federation has direct IMPACT on our community, for you and for others. Thank you for helping to create one of the most vibrant and IMPACTful communities in the U.S. If that's not a home run, I don't know what is.

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Together/ People-to-People

Ann Treadwell
Program Director atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com

In March, Michael Dzik and I travelled to Nashville to meet our Southeastern consortium and Israeli region peers to discuss and budget for next year's partnership programs. The P2G program is part of our relationship with the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI). Its purpose is to provide opportunities for 500 Jewish communities worldwide to participate in cultural, educational and social exchanges with Israeli communities. Our partnership is with the Hadera-Eiron region in Israel. On the American side, our consortium includes the Federations in Nashville, Knoxville, Ft. Myers, Jacksonville, Pinellas County, Charleston, Charlotte, Richmond, Daytona Beach, and of course, Chattanooga.

You know P2G. We have had many successful exchanges, including the most recent Running2Gether program that Julie and Rob Cowan participated in (see page 8), and Leadership2Gether, in which Tal Cohen and Zack Beker have both participated. And then there is our Heart project (Austin Center led Machanooaga students in preparing 70 ceramic hearts to be joined by 210 others from the region to become part of the Rabin Walkway in Israel). Maybe you are a teacher who went to Israel on the teacher exchange, or a family that has hosted visitors from the region. Perhaps you have been in the Jewish Cultural Center to see, or were a participant in, the Windows of Identity, Psalms or other Israeli/American exhibits. Or, maybe you were a teen who has traveled to Israel or hosted an Israeli teen as part of the P2G exchange program. Hopefully over the years you have had the opportunity to participate in a people-to-people program.

But if not, the coming year will bring additional opportunities for your participation. After a review by participating educators from the region and talks with P2G staff, there will be an Educators Exchange traveling to a retreat in Charlotte in December, 2018. After a successful pilot, we are programming a Physicians Exchange for travel to Israel in January 2019. And the Leadership2gether group will study and have their retreat in Israel for Purim (March 2019). The Program Directors from the Consortium have been working diligently to figure out a way that more teens can participate in the teen exchange. In the next couple of months, through conference calls and a little more research, we hope to bring a viable program to the region. As registration announcements become available, we will post everything on our website, www.jewishchattanooga.com.

But there are more opportunities for you to make that people-to-people contact. Each year we budget for groups and individuals to be hosted in the Hadera-Eiron region with either tours or activities, or maybe even home hospitality. Are you and your family travelling to Israel this year? Give us a couple of weeks' notice and we will introduce you to your new friends in the region!

Part of the Federation's mission states that the Federation builds and fosters a strong unified Jewish community and strives to ensure its well-being and continuity locally, in Israel and throughout the world. Can you think of a better way to work with Israel other than people-to-people? Ask us about P2G people-to-people programs.

How to Have 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.

News You Can Use

You can now update your contact information for the 2019 Directory by going to the website! Simply go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com> and click on Contact us>Directory Updates.

Your R.S.V.P. assures you a seat, a meal, and allows us to meet your special dietary needs.

There are three easy ways to RSVP:

1. On the WEBSITE at <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>.
2. Via EMAIL at rsvp@Jewishchattanooga.com
3. Via the old fashioned TELEPHONE, at 493-0270 ext. 10.

No Meat? No Problem!

If you prefer a vegetarian meal at one of our events simply RSVP to the Federation AT LEAST three work days prior to the event. **We are happy to accommodate you but must have advance notice.**



Tuesday Cafe

Tuesdays at noon, April 10,17, 24. Menus will be listed in the community email. \$10. RSVP. No lunch April 3 due to Passover.

Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, April 9 @ 6pm. "China and America: the New Geopolitical Equation." See page 4 for details. \$12 per person. RSVP.

Yom HaShoah

Wednesday, April 11 @ 7pm. See front page for details. No cost.

Good Deeds Day

Sunday, April 15. 10am-noon (Machanooaga); light lunch served. 1pm-3pm (all others). See page 4. Go to website to register.

Yom Hazikaron

Tuesday, April 17@ 7pm. See front page for more information. Please wear white. Rsvp requested. Fallen soldier exhibit on view during office hours.

Israel Mission Information Meeting

Thursday, April 19 @ 6pm, JCC.

Israel Festival and Rising Star Chattanooga

Sunday, April 22, Noon-3pm.

11th Annual Jewish Film Series Sponsor-Only Event

Wednesday, April 25 @ 6pm

Who Do You Know?

Each month we hope to feature a photograph from the Jewish Archives of Chattanooga and solicit your help in identifying the people. Do you know anyone in this photograph? If so, please contact Max Brenner at 9westover@gmail.com.

A special identify-the-photo day was held at Mizpah Congregation on January 30. Didn't make it but still want to help? Call Ann Treadwell at 493-0270 ext. 13 and she'll tell you how you can be a part of this important community activity that will benefit generations to come.



Take Home Chef Alice Goss-Morgan's "Bowls of Love"

Purchase matzo ball soup or chili for just \$4 for a one-bowl container or \$8 for a two-bowl size. **Call ahead to reserve; we do run out.** Contact Ann Treadwell (do not call the kitchen) at 493-0270, ext. 13; or atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com to get your order packaged and ready to go!



FEDERATION NEWS

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER MEDICAL DELEGATION EXCHANGE
P2G Medical Exchange has reserved spaces on a unique and specialized weeklong trip for medical doctors. For more information see below.



January 20-26, 2019



Trip Includes:

- All meals and hotel accommodations with an optional two nights of home hospitality.
- Tours of Hillel-Jaffe Hospital, Hadassah Medical Center, Western Galilee Hospital, and other innovative medical facilities.

Program includes touring, Shabbat in Jerusalem and social and professional time with physicians in our region.
 Cost: \$950 for all land costs for one week.
 Airfare purchased on your own.

Questions or to reserve your space contact:

Dr. Stewart Perlman at stew.perlman@gmail.com
 or Harriet Schifftan at harriet@jewishnashville.org or 615-354-1687



Good Deeds Day

April 15
Noon-3pm

Join us for an International Day of good deed-doing! Come to the Jewish Cultural Center at noon for a light lunch, snacks, to pick up your T-shirt, and to get your assignment.

Then go to your work site for your good deed. Report back to the Jewish Cultural Center at the end of the day.

Register on the Federation's website
www.jewishchattanooga.com.

Chattanooga Zoo
Aleph Bet Children's Center
Orange Grove Center
 and more projects added daily.



YOUNG JEWISH LEADERSHIP

Young Jewish Leadership Celebrates Shabbat March 16th at Parker Home

YJL Shabbat dinner took place at the lovely home of the Parker family: Jordan, Rebecca, Lilah and Aaron. In attendance were Tal, Erin, Daniella, Dean, and Daya Cohen; Kevin, Cassie, Eliza and Zane Rose; Zach and Caitlin Gardner; Leo Procise; Zach Beker; Jason Shuman; and Chen Dahan. The delicious dinner was provided by Alice Goss-Morgan. *Next YJL Shabbat Dinner: Friday, May 11th, at the home of Rob and Beth Lowe.*



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Administrator/Rosh Nooga Lily Dropkin: RoshNooga@gmail.com Or call one of the synagogue offices

FEDERATION NEWS

Community Mission Trip to Israel in 2018



Be a part of something big! Join the Federation on a community mission trip to Israel.

When: December 5-17, 2018.

Cost \$3,000 per person, land only, double occupancy. Federation subsidies will be available.

Israel Mission Information Meeting

Thursday, April 19 @ 6pm.

Or contact Michael Dzik at 493-0270 ext. 15 for more information about this special trip.

A Note from Susan DiStefano, Endowment Chair



I am honored to be the new Federation Endowment Chair. I want to thank Andy Hodes, the board, and the staff for conducting an incredible campaign over the past couple of years.

We have made tremendous strides towards securing future gifts. However, we cannot stop there. When you leave a gift to the Federation, you help ensure the future of Judaism in Chattanooga.

The political landscape seems to be changing at a rapid pace. We cannot take for granted that our Jewish heritage will continue without our support. We need to secure a safe and secure future for our children, our grandchildren, and future generations. If we do not leave a Jewish legacy, no one else will. Each of us needs to take responsibility in supporting our Jewish heritage by leaving a gift through planned giving. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you personally to discuss ways to give. You can reach me at 423-314-6921 or srdistefano@comcast.net.

Join the Jewish Federation Legacy Society

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

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Stay "TUNED"

The Scenic City Choral will be doing a program of patriotic and Broadway tunes Sunday, June 10 at 3pm at the JCC.

More to come. . . .

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FEDERATION NEWS

Yom Hazikaron

YOM HAZIKARON 2018

A DAY COMMEMORATING ISRAEL'S FALLEN SOLDIERS AND VICTIMS OF TERRORISM



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

JESSE ISHAY CHARYN

Served as a lone soldier in the IDF's elite combat unit, Palchan Golani, between the years 2003-2006.

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From Israel in Space to Shaliach in Ohio

Uri Hershkovitz, a shaliach in Ohio and friend of our very own Chen Dahan, spoke to 200 Baylor students about his service in the satellite unit of the IDF. He also talked about Israel's venture into space, integrating people with disabilities into the IDF's satellite unit, and about Israel's future plans in space. He also spoke at the JCC on the evening of March 15.



April Foreign Policy Supper Club topic is "China and America: the New Geopolitical Equation"

April 9, 6p.m. \$12

RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com

In the last 15 years, China has implemented a wide-ranging strategy of economic outreach and expansion of all its national capacities, including military and diplomatic capacities. Where the United States has taken a step back from multilateral trade agreements and discarded the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), China has made inroads through efforts like the Belt and Road Initiative and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). What are Beijing's geopolitical objectives? What leadership and political conditions in each society underlie growing Sino-American tensions? What policies might Washington adopt to address this circumstance?

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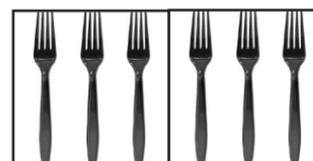
Check our website for our daily menu

Mitzvah Meals Suggested Donations

- \$8 per meal
- \$90 per month based on 3 meals/week
- \$125 per month based on 4 meals/week
- 160 per month based on 5 meals/week
- 190 per month based on 6 meals/week

Meals are available for pick-up or delivery. To-go orders from any/all community programs will be charged the *program* fee (\$10-\$12) as opposed to the Mitzvah Meal fee.

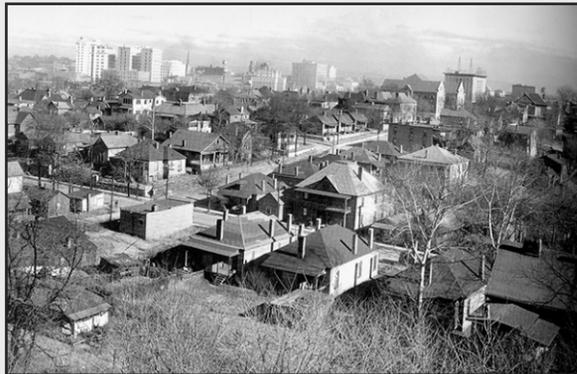
All Mitzvah Meal recipients must be pre-approved by the Director of Social Services. Menus are set by the Kitchen Supervisor and Director of Social Services.



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Chattanooga's Jewish Neighborhoods: Where We Lived and Why

by Karen Diamond



View of Westside in 1930s

"Chattanooga's Jewish Neighborhoods: Where We Lived and Why," will be the community exhibit in the summer of 2018. It will open on May 4th and run through mid-July. It follows past annual exhibits which have included our area sports heroes, businesses, Jewish geography, parties, and books.

This exhibit will take an in-depth look at the evolution

of our Jewish community and will spotlight four of the many areas where Jewish families have lived in the past: College Hill (also called the old West Side); Glenwood; Brookfield; and Concord Highlands. If you or your relatives lived in any of these neighborhoods and you would like to share memories, stories or photographs (to be scanned and returned), please contact Ann Treadwell at atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com.

The story of Jewish Chattanooga begins with some early Jewish families, many from Germany, who made Chattanooga their home after the end of the Civil War. Others migrated here and became pushcart peddlers, traveling throughout the South and returning for services and life cycle events. The arrival of the next wave of early residents mirrors Jewish communities in cities across the country as millions of Jews came to the United States in the late 19th and early 20th centuries to escape Eastern Europe's pogroms, poverty, forced military service, and oppression by autocratic governments. This chapter of the Jewish Diaspora has been well documented in art, music, books and films. (Think "Fiddler on the Roof.")

By 1918, there were approximately 1,400 Jews living in Chattanooga. You will see the stories of some of these people throughout the exhibit. Did areas where they lived in Chattanooga grow organically, or were there predictable patterns when these immigrants chose their neighborhoods? Research shows a definite correlation to country of origin, degree of observance of a Jewish way of life, affordability and economic opportunity, in-group discrimination, and socialization patterns.

In 2018, members of our Jewish community are at home on Signal Mountain and Lookout Mountain, in Cleveland and Soddy Daisy and Dalton, and from Monteagle to East Brainerd and everywhere in-between. Our exhibit will look back with gratitude and amazement at the courage and fortitude of those who came to Chattanooga a century or more ago and forged a future for us.

UTC Holocaust Lecture: Shoah in the Shtetl

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Derthick Hall 201

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

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The address is the same--<http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>--but the experience is totally different. We are confident you will find this latest revision much more visually appealing, and easier to navigate. You can easily RSVP to events, pay for those events online, donate, register your kids for camps and apply for camp grants, read *The Shofar*, see the community calendar and our Facebook feed, and, of

course, keep up with current happenings from month to month. Please try it out, and let us know what you think!

Condolences

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

--Julius Greenwald, husband of Esther Prebul Greenwald.

--Wallace F. (Wally) White, brother/brother-in-law of Donna White-Dropkin and Warren Dropkin; uncle to Lily and Sam Dropkin, on Monday, March 5.

--Sam Wyner, brother of Sybil Wyner and Adelia Wyner, on March 7.

Although the Shofar deadline is the 8th of the month, mazel tovs and condolences are accepted at any time. Contact Dana Shavin at 493-0270, ext. 12 or dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com.

Tributes

In Honor of

Erricka Hill: Sybil Wyner

May you have a
happy, blessed
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The Reverend Lee
Fick and your many
Christian friends

Happy
Passover from
all of us at the
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By the Numbers

28,500

The number of dollars our
Jewish Federation gives to the
Partnership2Gether budget for
people-to-people programming with
Israel.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Cowans in Israel

by Michael Dzik



Community members Julie and Rob Cowan went to Israel for a week on a Federation Partnership2Gether (P2G) mission. This program is called Running2Gether. Eight American runners (from Chattanooga/Dalton, Richmond, Charleston and Jacksonville) were hosted by our friends and family in our partner region of Hadera. Several days of bonding, touring and training culminated in the Jerusalem

Marathon. The eight Americans and their Israeli hosts all participated throughout the week including in the run itself.

There were incredible activities along the way: the Cowans enjoyed Purim in Israel, tree planting, hiking, sightseeing and reuniting with three of Chattanooga's shlichim (Raoul, Einav and Noa). Additionally, Night Run Chattanooga donated proceeds from the run to Neve Michael Children's Village in Hadera, and the Cowans were able to present the check at the village. AND - Both Julie and Rob celebrated their birthdays, which are a day apart, while there.

We talk about connections and the impact of the work the Federation does. The impact on the Cowans and everyone in this group has been life-changing. Just like our Shlichim Program in Chattanooga, we are building relationships people-to-people. I know the Cowans will be happy to share with all of us the impact their trip had. Hopefully it will inspire continued Federation support and spark interest in the next Israel journey.

Speaking of the next Israel journey, the Federation is sponsoring a community mission to Israel this December 5-17th. An informational meeting will be held at the JCC on Thursday, April 19 at 6pm.

Jesse Charyn: In His Own Words

I served in Palchan Golani from 2003-2006. Prior to testing into Golani I had completed and been accepted into Tzanchanim, the Paratrooper unit. I declined so another soldier who placed behind me could fulfill his lifetime dream of serving in the paratrooper brigade. I then set my sights on Golani, one of the oldest units in the IDF.

I successfully completed the entrance examination and physical training for the Golani special forces. I found my home in Golani, the only English speaker in my unit and the only American lone soldier to have completed the training.

My unit was the final one to have stayed at the Peles Golani infantry training center. As a lone soldier I was adopted by an Israeli family with whom I remain close to this day. My army service consisted of airborne school, demolitions school, advanced infantry training, and my least favorite, navigation orientation. During my service in 2005 was the Israeli disengagement, hitnadtut, from the Gaza strip. My unit was stationed in Gaza for roughly six months, during which time we were charged with the task of providing security for the evacuation and demolition of Gush Katif.

My unit benefited from the generosity of the Chattanooga Jewish community in the form of Riachle Hiking Boots, which provided us with support and comfort during our long marches and training exercises. My service continues to impact my life today; I am active in FIDF and have staffed several Birthright trips, which has enabled me to maintain close contact with the majority of my teammates. While in Golani I met my wife. She was present at my unit induction ceremony and has been a constant source of light and love. I am proud of my service and proud to represent Chattanooga in a country where most Israelis only know of New York, Miami, Los Angeles, etc.. Today there are at least 20 Israelis who know of Chattanooga, Tennessee!

--Jesse will be the keynote speaker at the Federation's community Yom Hazikaron event April 17 at 7 p.m. Please wear white.

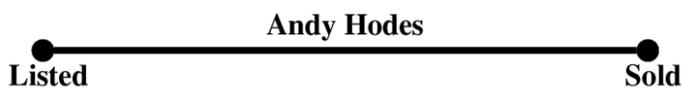


Jesse Charyn, second from left

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Have You Lost Touch?

No longer getting weekly e-mails from the Federation? Please call the front desk at 493-0270 to make sure we have your correct e-mail address. If we do, but you're still not getting them, you may have accidentally unsubscribed. It is very easy to get you back in touch. Just let us know.



About PJ Library:

PJ LIBRARY IS A JEWISH FAMILY ENGAGEMENT program implemented on a local level throughout North America. Participants receive high-quality Jewish children's literature on a monthly basis. Families raising Jewish children from age six months of age eight years (depending on the community) are encouraged to enroll at www.pjlibrary.org. PJ Library in Chattanooga is sponsored through the generosity of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga and Aleph Bet Children's Center.

SHLICHIM PROGRAM



For you were a stranger in Egypt

Chen Dahan, Federation Shlichah
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As a shlichah, I want to do my best to share with our community all of the wonderful past and current happenings in Israel. I also feel I have an obligation to share the challenging and controversial things, as I believe that, as Jews, we all have a responsibility to care for and about Israel and its people.

You may have heard in the past few months about the controversy regarding asylum seekers in Israel, and their upcoming deportation. This is a personal issue for me. I lived in south Tel Aviv, and have friends who are asylum seekers.

Let me explain the situation. In 1951, there was a serious refugee problem around the world. At that time, the UN issued the International Convention on the Status of Refugees, that defines a refugee as someone who has: "...a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group." It went on to proclaim that refugees "have the right of residency and work, the right to access to health, social services, and education, and the right of mobility." The young state of Israel was one of the first countries to sign this convention, due to the difficult situation of Jews after the Holocaust.

Around 2005, a wave of asylum seekers from Eritrea and Sudan infiltrated Israel through the southern border with Egypt. In Eritrea residents were fleeing the duty to serve in an endless national service that included various forms of hard labor. In Sudan, the asylum seekers fled genocide and ethnic cleansing perpetrated by the Arab Khartoum regime.

When they got to the Israeli border, they were questioned by the IDF and released with a one way ticket to the central bus station in Tel Aviv. After a few years and more than 40,000 "infiltrators," the situation in south Tel Aviv got bad – many of the asylum seekers were homeless and living in poverty. The original residents of south Tel Aviv started to protest, and the government of Israel decided to change its policy and build a fence on the Israeli – Egyptian border. From then on, an Eritrean or Sudanese "infiltrator" would face unlimited detention in two designated detention facilities. Since it was illegal by international law, however, the high court voided the policy and decided instead to implement a "voluntary departure" policy. They were encouraged to go to Rwanda and Uganda instead, with promises that those countries would take them in. In reality, the asylum seekers' money and passports were taken from them, and they remained with nothing in a third world country.

In January of this year, a forced deportation policy has re-started and the asylum seekers have been given four months to leave the country, or are being given a temporary permit that allows them to live and work only outside the seven big cities in Israel.

But we see a phenomenal awakening, including huge Israeli demonstrations, in a society that is standing alongside the asylum seekers and demanding the government stop the deportations. Holocaust survivors, rabbis, and pilots fighting the deportation are reminding the government of our Jewish history and commandment: You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. [Exodus 22:20].

The proposed solution is as follows:

- Examination of requests for asylum and granting rights to refugees in accordance with international law
- Stop the revolving door policy of foreign workers
- Dispersal of asylum seekers throughout the country

How can we help?

- Advocacy: learn more and teach others. Spread the word. Show your solidarity.
- Let Us help Campaign: a campaign that is held by Jewish communities around the world to help Israel and the asylum seekers.
- Come True Project: an amazing project that runs a school for deported asylum seekers kids in Uganda. Those kids were born and raised in Israel and Hebrew is their first language.

Organizations in Israel and abroad that help asylum seekers in

Israel:

- Right Now: Advocates for asylum seekers in Israel
 - Bina: The Jewish movement of social change
 - T'ruah: The rabbinic call for human rights
- This year we are celebrating 70 years of Israel statehood. Israel is a strong democratic country, and I personally believe that we have the ability and the obligation to fulfill our Jewish values and save asylum seekers' lives.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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Holocaust survivors are willing to hide asylum seekers to prevent their deportation



Israelis protest all over the country against the deportation of asylum seekers.

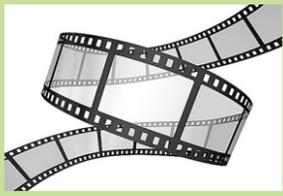
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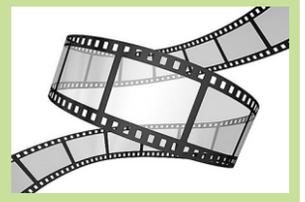
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11TH ANNUAL JEWISH FILM SERIES



Join us for the 11th Annual Jewish Film Series at the JCC! Running for six consecutive Wednesdays (and one Sunday), this series brings you the most entertaining and hard-hitting recent films. The Series begins with a sponsor-only event on April 25th, complete with amazing cocktails, a buffet, and live music, followed by a screening of *Bye, Bye Germany*. There's still time to become a sponsor! See below for film descriptions.



Become a sponsor of the 11th Annual Jewish Film Series

Sponsors will enjoy an amazing culinary event, live music, and a private screening of *Bye, Bye Germany* (film description on front page).

All sponsorships received by April 16th will be recognized on a poster at each regular Jewish Film Series screening. Additionally your name will appear in *The Shofar* along with our corporate sponsors.

Producer's Circle: \$100 includes ten single admission tickets plus two tickets to the April 25 screening of *Bye, Bye Germany* and Sponsor Reception at the JCC

Director's Circle: \$80 Includes five single admission tickets plus two tickets to the April 25 screening of *Bye, Bye Germany* and Sponsor Reception at the JCC

BYE BYE GERMANY ("ONCE UPON A TIME IN GERMANY") (Wednesday, April 25, 6:00 P.M. (dinner reception); 7:15 PM film screening

A charming movie focusing on a group of German Jews who, in 1946-47, found themselves living and working in immigrant limbo in the country that sent them to the death camps. Should they remain in Germany or should they emigrate to America or Palestine? The movie adopts a dryly humorous, bittersweet Yiddish tone. What is their "Jewish Revenge"? The U.S. special agent wants to know why David has two passports. What was he doing visiting Adolph Hitler at Obersalzberg? How did David assemble a team of death camp survivors as door to door salesmen selling "dowery" linens using scams? **English and German with English subtitles, 1 hour 42 minutes**

IN BETWEEN (Wednesday, May 2, 7:15 P.M.)

Three Palestinian women sharing an apartment in the heart of Tel Aviv find themselves doing the same balancing act between tradition and modernity, citizenship and culture, fealty and freedom. Lailia, a criminal lawyer, loves to burn off her workday stress in the underground club scene. Salma, a DJ and bartender, starts a budding relationship with a female medical intern. Their new roommate Nur is a younger, religious Muslim university student whose conservative fiancé is horrified by her secular friends. This story braids together with an impressive mixture of clarity and nuance. Much is packed in with big and small emotions and with events and issues. Winner of over 15 international awards." **Hebrew and Arabic with English subtitles. 1 hour 43 minutes**

MAKTUB (Sunday, May 6 and 3 P.M. and Wednesday, May 30 at 7:15 PM.)

The selection committee liked this film so much we decided to show it twice. Although just released, it has already won the 2018 Best of Fest at the Palm Springs International Film Festival and the Audience Award for Best Film of the Monte Carlo Film Festival. Maktub is an Arabic word that means everything is pre-written. Fate. This movie is like Pulp Fiction/ Goodfellas meets Aladdin. In the heart of the old city in Jerusalem lies the Wailing Wall, the holiest Jewish religious site. According to an old Jewish tradition, anyone who writes his secret wish on a piece of paper and nestles it between the stones will see his wish come true. Perhaps all you really need is a little help from certain guardian angels. Although politically incorrect, Maktub is a warm hearted, but dark, very funny comedy. See how mitzvot (good deeds) can change your "Maktub" (Fate). **Hebrew with English subtitles, 1 hour 40 minutes**

THE LAST SUIT (Wednesday, May 9, 7:15 P.M.)

At 88, Abraham Bursztein is seeing his place in the world rapidly disappear. His children have sold his Buenos Aires residence, set him up to move to a retirement home, and disagree on how to handle his fading health. But Abraham survived the Holocaust, made a successful life in a foreign land, and isn't about to quietly fade away. Instead, he plots a secret one-way trip to Poland, where he plans to find the Christian friend who saved him from certain death at the end of World War II. Comedic and poignant in equal measure, Abraham is accompanied by the characters he meets along the way who both help him and need his help. A standout among these is the iconic Spanish actress Angela Molina, as the proprietor of the Madrid hotel where he stays. With its klezmer-driven score, evocative cinematography and fleet pacing, THE LAST SUIT approaches its weighty themes with a light touch that illuminates a serious story. In its mix of Spanish, Yiddish, German and Polish it is a globe-trotting surprise, a late-in-life road movie with planes, trains and heart. Abraham's memories and his dreams are rendered in nostalgic sepia-tinted color; the present day is shown in stark black and white. Although initially the past is depicted as a highly choreographed celebration, as the film progresses the romanticized approach fades and the brutal realities of survival in Lodz, Poland, after German occupation become clear. **Spanish, German Yiddish, and Polish with English subtitles, 1 hour 26 minutes**

A QUIET HEART (Wednesday, May 16, 7:15 P.M.)

In present day Jerusalem, Naomi, a secular young woman, seeks refuge from the pressure of her life as a concert pianist. Overwhelmed by the expectations of her parents and her colleagues in Tel Aviv, Naomi seeks anonymity and solitude in the ancient city. Despite her intentions to stay alone, however, Naomi quickly makes two unexpected connections – one with a musically gifted Ultra-[Orthodox young boy who lives in her building and the other, with Fabrizio, a charismatic Italian monk and organist. While these relationships allow Naomi to reconnect with her love of music and sense of meaning, they also make her a target in her new community. Faced with escalating isolation and violence Naomi must learn to use music as a bridge to overcome towering religious barriers. Set on the fault line between religious conservatives and secular liberals in contemporary Israel, "A QUIET HEART" has emotional bite and dramatic punch. The movie is a tense, slow turn drama about the evils of intolerance that build into a gripping suspense thriller. **Hebrew, English and Italian with English subtitles, 1 hour 32 minutes**

SHELTER (Wednesday, May 23 7:15 P.M.)

Be prepared to be seduced by Mona! Naomi, an Israeli Mossad agent is sent to Germany to protect Mona, a Lebanese informant recovering from plastic surgery to assume her new identity. Together for two weeks in a quiet apartment in Hamburg, the relationship that develops between the two women is soon exposed to the threat of terror that is engulfing the world. In this game of deception, beliefs are questioned, choices are made and their fate takes a surprising turn. "SHELTER" is a tension-filled spy thriller where two women, isolated from the outside world, bond, flirt, and begin to merge identities, each becoming more like the other. Naomi and Mona take us into a complex, multi-dimensional labyrinth of trust and mistrust, honesty and deception and loyalty and betrayal. Nothing is safe. Nobody is secure. Everyone is searching for "SHELTER". **English, Hebrew and Arabic with English subtitles, 1 hour 33 minutes**

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