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Independence Day Party Wednesday, July 4

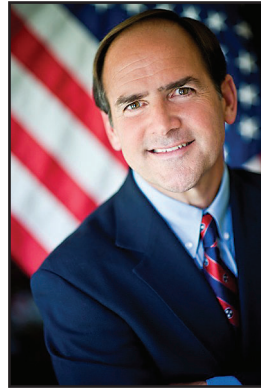


Join us at the Jewish Cultural Center to celebrate Independence Day! By popular demand, we are bringing back Natasha Anderson and River Moon Express! The fun begins at 11:30 am with great food from Alice Goss-Morgan's magical kosher kitchen and continues with music and dancing!

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

*Before July 1 \$10/adults, \$5/kids age 8-16; \$25/family of four.
At the door \$14/\$9/\$35.
Children age 7 and under free.*

First Amendment Dinner at JCC August 28; Zach Wamp Keynote Speaker



The popular First Amendment Dinner will take place Tuesday, August 28 at 6 p.m. Former Congressman Zach Wamp will speak about the First Amendment and Politics.

Wamp represented Tennessee's Third District in Congress from 1995-2011. He served as the ranking member of the Military Construction/Veterans Affairs Subcommittee and prior to that as the ranking member of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, on which he served for fourteen years. He helped establish The Tennessee Valley Technology Corridor and the United States Department of Homeland Security, and served on the Interior Subcommittee and the influential Energy and Water Subcommittee for twelve years. He was a regular panelist for four years on *The News Hour* with Jim Lehrer.

Wamp is presently engaged as, among other things, a consultant in the energy, defense, and transportation sectors for some of the most prominent companies in the world. Make your reservation soon by calling 493-0270, emailing rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or on the website at www.jewishchattanooga.com. Free for active/retired military; \$12 for RSVPs received by Friday, August 23 or \$18 at the door.

KAVOD HONOR RESPECT DIGNITY

Help Ensure Dignity for Holocaust Survivors



Meet Amy and John Pregulman, co-founders of KAVOD and hear about the organization's mission of providing aid to Holocaust survivors in need.

Tuesday, June 5, 7:00 p.m., Jewish Cultural Center
No cost to attend. No solicitation.
Please RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270.

KAVOD Reception June 5 at JCC

The Jewish Federation will host a reception and presentation Tuesday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. about the mission of KAVOD, founded by John Pregulman and Amy Israel Pregulman. It has been estimated that there are 100,000 Holocaust survivors living in the United States, and that 30% of them are living at or near poverty levels. KAVOD was created in November, 2015 to help Holocaust survivors in the US live the remainder of their lives comfortably and with dignity.

John Pregulman is a native of Chattanooga and has been photographing survivors since 2012. Amy is a Memphis native and has had a career in the Jewish nonprofit world. She is the Executive Director of KAVOD and works with John on all aspects of the organization as well as on the Photography Legacy Project. There is no cost to attend the event and there will be no solicitation.

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Social Action Film and Discussion Series



New to the Jewish Cultural Center this summer: a fascinating and edgy social action film and discussion series. The series is a production of Tugg Educational, which launched in 2012. Tugg maintains a library of award-winning narratives and documentaries, three of which we are bringing to the Jewish Cultural Center in August, and one of which will screen at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Films will screen at 7 p.m. There will be no cost to attend, but donations will be accepted. The series will continue in September at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Please see page 11 for more information about this terrific series and for descriptions of the movies.

Campaign Kickoff is Sunday, August 26



Comedian Frances Dilorinzo

Comedian Frances Dilorinzo will take the campaign kickoff stage full of energy and ready for fun! She is a master at physical humor, pulling from her own life for her material. She has toured nationally and her credits include appearances on Nickelodeon's *Mom's Night Out*; *Last Comic Standing*, *Comics Unleashed*, and *Real Housewives of Orange County*. She has performed for our troops around the world.

In addition to Dilorinzo's performance, Mike Spector will be introduced as this year's Campaign Chair. Dinner-quality hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and desserts will be served.

The fun gets underway at 6p.m. Please make plans now to attend this fun and important kickoff event. There is no cost to attend, but you will have the opportunity to make your annual pledge. Please RSVP by calling 493-0270, emailing rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or on the website at www.jewishchattanooga.com.

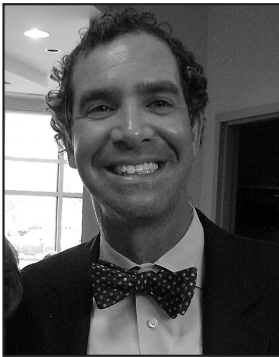
Incoming Campaign Chair Mike Spector



SAVE THESE DATES

September 8 Rosh Bash New Years Party
September 23 Major Gifts

NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



Answering the Call, Making an Impact

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Federation Board Chair
boardchair@jewishchattanooga.com

Hineni: “Here I am.” It’s a very simple but powerful word. It says, “I am present, and I am willing when called upon.” Abraham, Moses, and Samuel all responded to God’s call with *hineni*. Not only were

they present when called upon, they were ready to take significant action.

Our community is known throughout the greater Federation network as one that exceeds expectations when it comes to fundraising, endowment planning, and programing. We exceed what other communities our size, and even communities 10, 20 and 100 times our size, accomplish. Last year, Mike Spector, Michael Dzik, and I were on the Financial Resource and Development Mission to the Ukraine and Israel, and each time our trainers spoke about how to raise money, or how to engage the community, or about endowment and programming, the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga was mentioned. To borrow a phrase from Alison Lebovitz, “We are a small but mighty community that does.”

Of course, we owe a great deal of gratitude to Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik and the entire Federation staff: Ann Treadwell, Annette McJunkin, Erricka Hill, Edie Redish, Alice Goss-Morgan, Meghan Graybeal and all the teachers at Aleph Bet Children’s Center, Dana Shavin, Jake Balsler, Rick Jacobs, Eddie Reel, Jason Shuman, and Aaron Russell. Their passion makes our community stronger. They answer the call by saying *hineni*. Thank you!

The past few months alone, many of our programs have continued to grow and exceed expectations. Our Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaShoah programs were special, not only because of the people listed above, but because of you, the community, that showed up to honor and remember.

Our community shlichah Chen Dahan always answers *hineni*, and is part of what makes our community great. A few Sundays ago, Chen planned our community’s celebration of Israel’s 70th birthday with an incredible afternoon that culminated in a vibrant and exciting talent show, Rising Star Chattanooga. Chen asked many of you to be a part and to volunteer, and each of you answered her call to action with *hineni*. A look around the room at the number of people in attendance was confirmation of the impact Chen, and our shlichim program, has on our community.

Our Film Series is another example of community members’ passion making a significant impact. The film series committee, led by Sanford and Elaine Winer, always answers *hineni*, when called upon. The series continues to be a smashing success, reaching not only into our Jewish community, but into the greater Chattanooga community as well.

I have spoken many times about the sustainability and financial wellbeing of our Federation. At the beginning of May, the Federation held a reception for those who have committed a gift to our Life and Legacy Endowment. Would you believe that in the past two years alone we have successfully secured over 137 endowed gifts to our Jewish community organizations, Mizpah Congregation, B’nai Zion Congregation, and our Federation, with over 3.6 million dollars endowed? Former Life and Legacy Chair Andy Hodes answered the call with *hineni*, and with his passion and hard work, the Federation began its important campaign to make sure our Jewish Community is taken care of for years to come. Seeing Andy Hodes, current Chair Susan Distefano, and the many of you who have answered the call, inspires others to get involved.

In the next few months, each of us in the community will be asked to come to a program, help with campaign, serve on a committee--to volunteer or participate in some way--and each of us should and hopefully will answer with *hineni*: here I am, and I am ready to make a significant impact. I know I will.



The Impact of Your Passion

Michael Dzik
Federation Executive Director
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I recently read a story in the New York Times about Sylvia Bloom, a legal secretary from Brooklyn who passed away at the age of 96. She had worked for the same law firm

for 67 years. As the article described, Sylvia lived a modest lifestyle, even in her rent-controlled apartment. At her passing, it was discovered that she had amassed \$9 million dollars through various investments throughout her life. The article stated that Sylvia left a sizeable bequest to the Henry Street Settlement board in order to help disadvantaged students prepare for and complete college. Although she and her late husband didn’t have children, much of her estate also went to family and relatives.

One could look at this story and say, “This is amazing and beautiful, but I don’t have the wealth to be able to leave millions of dollars.” Others might say “Wow! She left a legacy in such a passionate way, wanting to help others become successful through education.” There is no doubt that cases like Sylvia’s are rare. Or that this was an incredibly generous and thoughtful way to make a difference for these college-bound students. But what does this have to do with you and me, right here in Chattanooga?

I’ll tell you what it has to do with us: it’s that *everyone can do something at whatever level is meaningful to them*. I know that so many people in this community are passionate about their congregation and/or the mission of the Jewish Federation. In the simplest of terms, everyone can make a simple update to their estate plans (will) to include their lifelong passions. In fact, why wouldn’t you? What’s keeping you from making a legacy gift? Want to know the number one reason people say they don’t make a gift? *They were never asked!* So – I’m asking you, each of you, to please consider having a conversation with me, and making a legacy gift.

Last month, Andy Hodes and Susan DiStefano shared the leadership stage as we celebrated the conclusion of our Life and Legacy initiative. One hundred thirty-seven (137) letters of intent were secured over the last two years, with an approximate value of \$3.6 million dollars. These promised dollars to our local Jewish institutions add financial stability, allowing each to plan for its future.

Just like any other campaign, fundraising is made up of all people from all means and giving levels. This is true with the Federation’s annual campaign, as well as endowment. To me, the dollar amount of the gift isn’t as important as the inclusion and participation of the entire community in a community-wide effort. Equal to the importance of the gift is the actual impact that the dollars have on the community, on people. These types of gifts are investments - investments in people, services and programs, and investments in your Jewish community. It

takes all levels of gifts to achieve our goals, and each gift makes a powerful difference.

Over the summer, please think about your investment. I am always ready for a conversation and to connect and guide your philanthropic passions. I look forward to adding your name to the Life and Legacy Society.

On a lighter note, there are some great programs coming up this summer, including the Scenic City Chorale on June 10, our annual July 4th celebration, and the First Amendment dinner on August 28. And remember, the Jewish community calendar is always live and up to date on our website at jewishchattanooga.com. Have a healthy, safe and fun-filled summer!



Andy Hodes holds up visual representation of the growth of Life and Legacy Letters of Intent. Left, 2016; right, current.



Outgoing Endowment chair Andy Hodes with incoming Chair Susan Distefano. See more photos page 12.

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Living with Conflict

Ann Treadwell
Program Director atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com

As a product of a Humphrey Democrat mother and a Goldwater Republican father, I often feel conflicted when I hear people declare what's "right" and

what's "wrong" on social and/or political fronts. Already, this summer is turning out to be a particularly conflicted one for me.

Let's start by talking about what is going on with Israel: the peace process, the two state solution, Hamas at the border in Gaza, American and Evangelical influences on the Israeli democracy....all of these issues have me thinking not in terms of what's right or wrong, but about "what's right (i.e. good) for which people"? Within and outside the Jewish community, I hear a wide variety of opinions, and I often feel people expect me to give them clear-cut answers or ways of thinking about things. I don't have clear-cut answers, nor do I think in terms of black and white. All I can do is share the information that comes to me from various sources, and let people decide how they want to think.

I recently read a *New York Times* article that included a survey whose results indicated that, while not forgotten, the Holocaust is receding from people's memory. I know there are educational opportunities out there that continue to educate about the Holocaust--the Paperclips project at Whitwell Middle School is one of these. It has been, and continues to be, educational not just for the schoolchildren but for the community at large. Likewise, I think about the Tennessee Holocaust Commission's speaker panel, and I know how important it is for survivors to talk to classes and groups. And the Facing History and Ourselves curriculum, again teacher and classroom based, has been extremely effective not only in teaching the history of the Holocaust, but also the values needed to create and maintain an ethical community.

I'm not conflicted about any of these educational opportunities. In fact Chen Dahan, our shlichah, and I, have discussed how to bring a more intimate educational process to Yom HaShoah next year. What I am conflicted about is an emerging pattern across the US, of groups using education programs that address social issues to raise money for their organization, rather than to further their stated educational goals. How do we support Holocaust education in a way that engages the community and deepens and fosters long-term knowledge?

My discomfort with black-and-white thinking around social issues and values has led me to create some different types of programming this summer. The summer exhibit, "Chattanooga's Jewish Neighborhoods: Where We Lived and Why" gives insight into Chattanooga's Jewish history. The KAVOD program educates us about helping Holocaust survivors. Dinner and a movie will be screening *Gentleman's Agreement* to discuss the history of anti-Semitism in the United States. Philanthropy Camp and Camp Tikkun Olam bring practical ways for our children to build community.

In conjunction with the Unitarian Universalist Church, we are launching a video and discussion group on current social issues, with titles like *Democracy for Sale*, *Addiction and Deindustrialization* and *Undocumented Immigrants and Reproductive Rights*.

Conflicted about American politics? Who isn't? Let's kick things off with Foreign Policy Supper Club, which will be tackling, "Turkey: A partner in Crisis," in June, in July, "U.S. global engagement and the military," and in August, "South Africa's fragile democracy." And at our popular First Amendment Dinner, former Congressman Zach Wamp will discuss the First Amendment and politics. Stay involved this summer!

STAY IN THE LOOP!

Our NEW AND IMPROVED website is <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>.

Our Facebook page is Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga (JFGC)

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.



Most events require an RSVP. See bottom of page for three easy ways to assure yourself a spot, a meal, or a movie!



Tuesday Cafe

Tuesdays at noon, June 5, 12, 19, 26. Menus will be listed in the community email. \$10. To-go orders may be available after all event attendees are served. RSVP.

KAVOD Reception

Tuesday, June 5 @ 7:00pm. Light desserts served. See front page for more information.

Thirsty Thursday: a YJL event

Thursday, June 7 @ 5:30 pm. Check the Facebook page for location updates.

Scenic City Chorale Patriotic and Broadway Music Concert

Sunday, June 10 @ 3:00pm. No cost to attend. See page 18 for program and information.

Foreign Policy Supper Club

Monday, June 11 @ 6pm. "Turkey: A Partner in Crisis." See page 5 for details. \$12 per person. RSVP.

Community Trivia Night

Tuesday, June 12 @ 7 p.m. See bottom of this page for details. RSVP.

Federation Board Meeting

Thursday, June 21 @ 5:30pm.

Jewish Neighborhoods Exhibit

Thursday, May 10 through July 13. On view during office hours.

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.**

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CAMP TIKKUN OLAM 2018

10th Anniversary!!!

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Camp Dates: July 23-27
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily
(8:30 a.m drop off, 4:30 p.m. pick up ok)



Philanthropy Camp is for rising 1-6th graders (PC)
Camp Tikkun Olam is for rising 7th-rising-9th graders

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For details contact Ann Treadwell at atreadwell@
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Applications on website at
<http://jewishchattanooga.com/camps>

Seeking Teen Volunteers to be counselors

Application on website at
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Compulsory Training Sessions
Wednesday (July 18) 4-8 pm
Thursday (July 19) 4-8 pm
Friday July 20 10-2pm

PARTNERSHIP2GETHER EDUCATOR SEMINAR

SEMINAR WILL FEATURE:

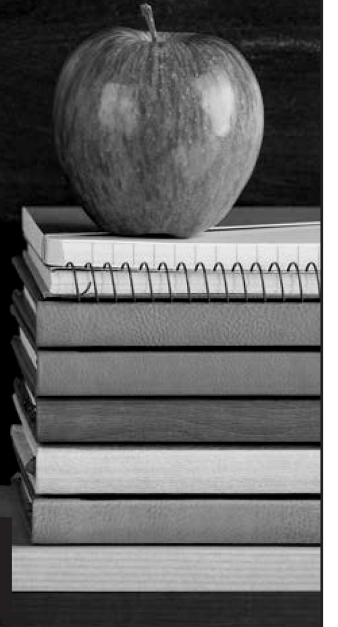
1. EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS
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For more information contact Ann Treadwell at
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PARTNERSHIP 2GETHER MEDICAL DELEGATION EXCHANGE

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:

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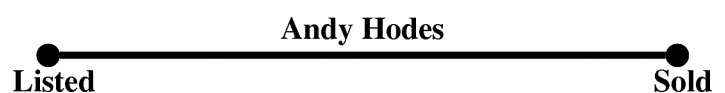
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FEDERATION NEWS



Foreign Policy Supper Club "Turkey: A partner in crisis"

Monday, June 11, 6 p.m. \$12
RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com

Of all NATO allies, Turkey represents the most daunting challenge for the Trump administration. In the wake of a failed military coup in July 2016, the autocratic trend in Ankara took a turn for the worse. One year on, an overwhelming majority of the population considers the United States to be their country's greatest security threat. In this age of a worsening "clash of civilizations" between Islam and the West, even more important than its place on the map is what Turkey symbolically represents as the most institutionally Westernized Muslim country in the world.

Community Mission Trip to Israel in 2019



We heard you! As a result of your feedback at the April meeting, **we are changing the dates of the Federation community mission trip from December, 2018 to May, 2019.**

When: May 8-20, 2019

Cost approx \$3,500 per person, land only, double occupancy. Federation subsidies will be available. (This number is an estimate; final cost TBD in coming weeks.)

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

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.

Anonymous (2)	Dropkin, Warren	Lowe, Beth
Allen, Amelia (Deceased)	Dzik, Michael	Lowe, Rob
Allen, Owen	Dzik, Paula	Malsh, Rebecca (Deceased)
Alper, Maxine (Deceased)	Fairchild, David	Nash, Ike (Deceased)
Balsler, Jeff	Frank, Estelle (Deceased)	Oxenhandler, Barbara
Balsler, Robin	Hanan, Jan	Parker, Jordan
Berz, Bob	Hanan, Michael	Parker, Rebecca
Binder, Claire	Hanan, Rachel	Pregulman, Helen
Black, Bonnie	Hanan, Victor	Privett, Rachel
Black, Stephen	Hill, J.R.	Richelson, Alan
Bogo, Jerry	Hochman, Colman	Rosenfeld, Jackie
Bogo, Rosalee	Hochman, Lynn	Rosenfeld, Roy
Bohn, Jerry	Hodes, Alvin	Siskin, Pris
Brooks, Ellyn	Hodes, Andy	Sivils, Janet
Brooks, John	Hodes, Melody	Spector, Linda
Brouner, Betsy	Howard, Lynn	Spector, Mark (Deceased)
Brouner, Lee	Israel, David	Spector, Mike
Center, Austin	Israel, Scott	Susman, Gail
Center, Marilyn	Jaffe, Dot	Susman, Joel
Cohen, Tal	Jaffe, Sam (Deceased)	Weiner, Cara
Cohn, Herb	Lebovitz, Alison	White Dropkin, Donna
Cohn, Sue (Deceased)	Lebovitz, Alan	Winer, David
Cowan, Rob	Lebovitz, Betty	Winer, Elaine
Diamond, Karen	Lebovitz, Charles	Winer, Finette
DiStefano, David	Lebovitz, Lauren	Winer, Sanford
DiStefano, Susan	Lebovitz, Michael	Zachary, Richard
Dittus, Sandy	Levine, Lawrence (Deceased)	

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

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**See how easy it is to join
the Legacy Society!**

Call Michael Dzik at 493-0270

extension 15



Meeting Minutes

Downsizing?
Decluttering? Were you on a committee and saved old notes? Chattanooga Jewish Archives is looking for minutes of Jewish organization meetings from the 1950s through 1970s. Call Ann Treadwell, 493-0270.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Jewish Federation Summer Intern Program



Will Potts

The Jewish Federation is fortunate to be able to offer the Federation Summer Intern Programs for a second time. The Federation intern works with Ann Treadwell, Program Director, on everything from exhibits and Tuesday Café to Philanthropy Camp and all points in-between. They will also be working with the Chattanooga Jewish Archives. This year's Federation summer intern is Will Potts (left).

"I want to give back to the community that gave me my identity, the community that has been there for me at my strongest, and saddest, moments." Will is the son of Barbie and Steve Potts. A McCallie graduate, he is a rising sophomore at Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, where he is studying theatre.

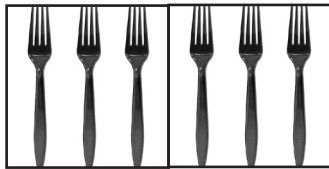


Please Note:
This is the **LAST SHOFAR** until September. But don't despair! You can keep up with everything going on this summer, even when you're away from home. Just go to the

website! [Http://www.jewishchattanooga.com/shofar](http://www.jewishchattanooga.com/shofar). And don't forget to follow us on Facebook.

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.

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.

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.



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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

An Historical Commitment to Israel

The recognition of shared values has been a consistent theme in statements by past American Presidents ever since Truman.

John F. Kennedy declared: "This nation, from the time of President Woodrow Wilson, has established and continued a tradition of friendship with Israel because we are committed to all free societies that seek a path to peace and honor individual right. In the prophetic spirit of Zionism all free men today look to a better world and in the experience of Zionism we know that it takes courage and perseverance and dedication to achieve it."

Said Lyndon Johnson, "The United States and Israel share many common objectives...chief of which is the building of a better world in which every nation can develop its resources and develop them in freedom and peace."

Richard Nixon asserted that the United States stands by its friends and that "Israel is one of its friends." His successor, Gerald Ford, reaffirmed his "commitment to the security and future of Israel is based upon basic morality as well as enlightened self-interest. Our role in supporting Israel honors our own heritage."

"The United States," Jimmy Carter said, "has a warm and a unique relationship of friendship with Israel that is morally right. It is compatible with our deepest religious convictions, and it is right in terms of America's own strategic interests. We are committed to Israel's security, prosperity, and future as a land that has so much to offer the world."

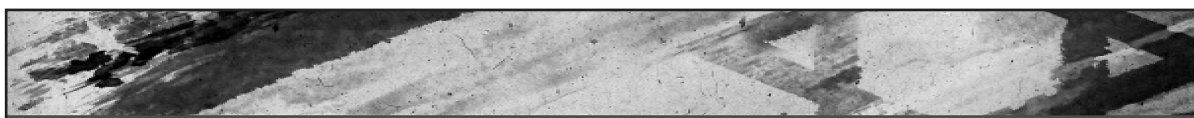
Ronald Reagan said "Only by full appreciation of the critical role the State of Israel plays in our strategic calculus can we build the foundation for thwarting Moscow's designs on territories and resources vital to our security and our national well-being. Since the rebirth of the State of Israel, there has been an ironclad bond between that democracy and this one."

George H.W. Bush said: "The friendship, the alliance between the United States and Israel is strong and solid, built upon a foundation of shared democratic values, of shared history and heritage, that sustains the life of our two countries. The emotional bond of our people transcends politics. Our strategic cooperation—and I renew today our determination that that go forward—is a source of mutual security. And the United States' commitment to the security of Israel remains unshakeable. We may differ over some policies from time to time, individual policies, but never over the principle."

Bill Clinton said "Our relationship would never vary from its allegiance to the shared values, the shared religious heritage, the shared democratic politics which have made the relationship between the United States and Israel a special—even on occasion a wonderful—relationship."

George W. Bush echoed. "We will speak up for our principles and we will stand up for our friends in the world, and one of our most important friends in the world is the State of Israel."

Barack Obama stated that "we [America] stand with Israel as a Jewish democratic state because we know that Israel is born of firmly held values that we, as Americans, share: a culture committed to justice, a land that welcomes the weary, a people devoted to tikkun olam. We're going to keep standing with our Israeli friends and allies." *Source: Jewishvirtuallibrary.org*



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

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Steven Beckerman has worked at AIPAC since 2004 and currently serves as Deputy Director of Policy and Government Affairs overseeing AIPAC's team of Middle East policy analysts. He is one of Washington's leading experts on U.S. sanctions on Iran, and has played an integral role in the passage of multiple pieces of Iran sanctions legislation.

Steven's research has appeared in such publications as the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Daily Beast and NBC's Meet the Press. Steven also serves as the Senior Analyst and Researcher for AIPAC's flagship journal on American Middle East policy, Near East Report.

Prior to working at AIPAC, Steven worked at the Iowa State Legislature and served on many Iowa political campaigns. In 2003, he worked on the presidential caucus campaign of former Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Senator Bob Graham.

Steven is a veteran of AIPAC's leadership development program. He helped establish the pro-Israel group at the University of Iowa and received the Duke Rudman award as AIPAC's top college activist.



Condolences

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

--Rose Dubrow, wife of Ben Dubrow, father of Janet Nadler and David (Millie) Dubrow, sister-in-law of Dr. Reuben (Dorothy) Dubrow.

--Sherry Richelson Gilbert, wife of Doc Gilbert, daughter of the late David and Miriam Richelson, and sister of Eddie (Gwen).

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.

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SHLICHIM PROGRAM



Positive Developments in Israel: the Euro-vision Win and the Embassy in Jerusalem

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On May 12th we marked “Jerusalem Day,” an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem 51 years ago. Shortly afterward, two MAJOR, positive events took place in and for Israel.

First, singer Netta Barzilai won the Eurovision competition. If you’re not familiar with the Eurovision, it’s the longest-running annual international TV song competition. It is held primarily among the member countries of the European Broadcasting Union. Each participating country submits an original song to be performed on live television and radio, and then the audience casts votes to determine the most popular song in the competition. To sum it up, it is the Olympics of singing, and the winning country gets to host the next year’s Eurovision in its capital city.

The Eurovision is not a political competition. It’s very open minded and secular. Over the years it has become increasingly identified with the LGBT community in Israel and all over the world.

Israel has won the Eurovision four times. The first time was exactly 40 years ago, and the last time was 20 years ago. This year, Israel sent the winner of The Rising Star reality TV show, Netta Barzilai to the competition. Netta sang the somewhat bizarre but powerful song, “Toy” on the stage of the 2018 Eurovision in Lisbon, and captured hearts all over the world. She won with 529 points and became the fourth Israeli singer to win the Eurovision.

I can’t describe how much excitement her win brought to Israel. People gathered spontaneously in Rabin Square in the middle of the night and jumped into the fountains. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Reuven Rivlin sent immediate blessings. People from both edges of the Israeli political map supported Netta and greeted her. For a few hours, the people of Israel were completely united.

Netta, who grew up secular, went on the biggest stage in Europe with her charming personality and said, “I am so happy! Thank you so much for choosing different, thank you so much for accepting differences between us, thank you for celebrating diversity, I love my country! Next year in Jerusalem!”

Each time I hear this it makes me emotional. Netta’s saying, “Next year in Jerusalem” came so naturally to her, even though it is from the Jewish prayers of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Passover. And to think that next year, it will actually be true!

Speaking of Jerusalem, maybe you heard about the second major event that happened in Israel this week: the US embassy was moved to Jerusalem on May 14th. A huge reason to celebrate! After 70 years, a major ally of Israel decided to actively recognize Jerusalem as the capital city of the state of Israel.

Many people here in Chattanooga know how I and my fellow Israelis feel about this. I’ll be honest with you, most Israelis were actually surprised to find out the embassy was not in Jerusalem already. As I said, for us Israelis there is not even one tiny doubt that Jerusalem is our capital city.

So this week, as we celebrate “Jerusalem Day,” a young talented girl and a major country reminded the world what we already knew: Jerusalem is the capital city of our country, Israel.



Netta Barzilai wins the Eurovision in Lisbon, making her the fourth Israeli ever to win and bringing the competition to Jerusalem in 2019.

Win an Israeli dinner at the home of your shlichah, Chen Dahan!

Participate in #IsraelTrivia every Friday @ noon on the weekly e-mail/my Facebook page!

WANT TO SPEAK HEBREW?

Let us know if you would be interested in joining a group studying beginners conversational Hebrew starting next year!



Contact Chen at Israel@jewishchattanooga.com

Winning Re-creation in Defining Moments Contest



Our winning Re-creation for Israel’s Defining Moments Exhibit is Ardise Katz with the “Paratroopers at the Western Wall” painting. A donation in her name was made to the Israeli first responders organization “Zaka”.

Are you interested in joining an Israeli Dance group?

Contact Chen at:
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Join me for my first shlichah program of my second year!

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SOCIAL SERVICES



I'm Eight Months In and So Far So Great!

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I'm so excited that I've been a part of the Federation Social Services department for 8 months now! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know this community and appreciate the opportunity to do what I do best: serve

you! I thought I would take stock here at the beginning of the summer, and review some of the things we have accomplished in the social services department since I began.

Services provided to our clients include coordination of long term care placement options, help with employment questions, referrals for counseling for behavioral and/or substance abuse or other issues, accompaniment to medical appointments, food voucher/rental/utility assistance, referrals for legal assistance, and assistance with resources for special needs adults. This is not a comprehensive list--if you have questions or need assistance not listed here, don't hesitate to call!

Since October 2017, social services has had face-to-face contact with 264 of you in the community. Our transportation services, which are free to you, assist 42 people every month. That's a lot of trips to doctors, grocery shopping, hair appointments--you name it!

We also assisted 187 clients with Medicare/Medicaid/Affordable Health Care information. We had a Medicare discussion panel which included representatives from our local Medicare SHIP office and CHI Memorial. Together we discussed Medicare Part D and new Medicare card changes.

We had three social services interns this year. One was a nursing student from Erlanger East who completed her online RN nursing program. She shadowed Community Nurse Edie Redish for two weeks. We also had a social work intern from Southern Adventist University, and we currently have Josh Agudo, a part time intern from Chattanooga State.

I am collaborating with the Family Justice Center on a National Elder Care Justice Grant, and helping to educate Hamilton County on the signs of elder abuse. I am also currently working in collaboration with United Way on the Emergency Food Shelter Program as the committee chair.

I have truly enjoyed meeting all of you as well as my counterparts in the helping community. It's been an exciting and educational eight months. I would like to thank our Social Services staff and all the clients we assist, and I invite you to take advantage of our services if you haven't already! We're here for you.

Need a Ride? Tips for Van Travelers

Please book trips at least 48 hours in advance by contacting the appropriate driver **during office hours** (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

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Thursdays-Eddie	

- Contact the office or driver as soon as possible if unable to take the trip.
- Please schedule all possible location stops with your driver while making your appointment to accommodate your needs.
- We are more than happy to stop at an unexpected location for you but we cannot guarantee to accommodate you because of other scheduled trips with passengers.

But first. . .

Contact the Social Services department for approval to receive transportation services. Once you have been approved, you may call the appropriate driver for the day you need transportation.

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Classes for Better Balance Coming in August

Better Balance and Confidence

Falls can be devastating for seniors. This class that addresses fall prevention will be held on four Tuesdays: **August 14, 21, 28, and September 4, at 10:45- 11:45** (just before Tuesday Cafe) at the JCC. Nicole Berger will be instructing. If you have questions, contact Erricka Hill (see contact information this page). RSVP to federation@jewishchattanooga.com or to Jake Balsler at 493-0270.

Seven Summer Safety Tips for Seniors

Summer tends to bring with it a sense of excitement and a desire to get outside and be active. That's great, but for seniors who have a higher sensitivity to heat, a little more caution needs to be exercised when it comes to making plans in the sun. As long as you're careful and stick to a few main safety tips, you can enjoy most of the summer activities you can imagine. Below are seven summer safety tips for older adults. (Reprinted from *Senioradvisor.com*)

1. Stay hydrated.

The standard suggestion is to aim to drink 6-8 cups of water a day. If you intend to spend much time out in the sun, you may want to aim even higher to avoid dehydration. Invest in a water bottle or two to take along on your jaunts outside and challenge yourself to finish it before you get home. Don't depend on your body to tell you when you're thirsty. One of the many small frustrations of aging is that seniors become less aware of their thirst. Be proactive in staying hydrated and make sure it's water, sports drinks or juice that you're drinking – sodas, coffee, and especially alcohol won't work as good alternatives for hydration.

2. Don't stay out for too long.

If you live somewhere where it gets really hot, you should keep your plans for outdoor activities reasonably short. Don't plan to spend the whole day out in the sun – stick to a couple of hours and then head inside for a break. You don't always feel the effect the sun is having on you in the moment, but it can build to something dangerous if you're not careful.

3. Check the forecast before you go out.

You don't want to be caught unawares on a 104° day. Make sure you know what to expect of the weather before you go out so you can dress appropriately and plan your day accordingly. Don't risk being stuck on a hike far from your car when record temperatures hit in the afternoon. When the heat starts to get extreme, make sure your plans give you an easy out from the outdoors so you can take breaks and cool off.

4. Keep sunscreen where it's easily accessible & you'll remember to use it.

If you carry a purse, keep your sunscreen in it at all times. If you don't, stick some in your car or anywhere else you can think of where you're likely to have it when you need it. If you think you might forget to re-apply when needed, set yourself an alarm, pretty much all phones have that option these days.

5. Check the side effects of your prescriptions.

Some medications make people more sensitive to the sun. Make sure you know if your prescriptions mean you need to take extra precautions.

6. Use your air conditioning.

Summer heat waves can have serious consequences for seniors. Making sure you're reasonably comfortable and safe in your own home is worth the money.

7. Know the early warning signs of heat-related illnesses.

Know the symptoms of dehydration, heat stroke, heat exhaustion, and heat syncope. If you suspect you're experiencing any of these, don't be shy about speaking up and insisting on water, shade, or some time inside in air conditioning. It's better than a trip to the emergency room.

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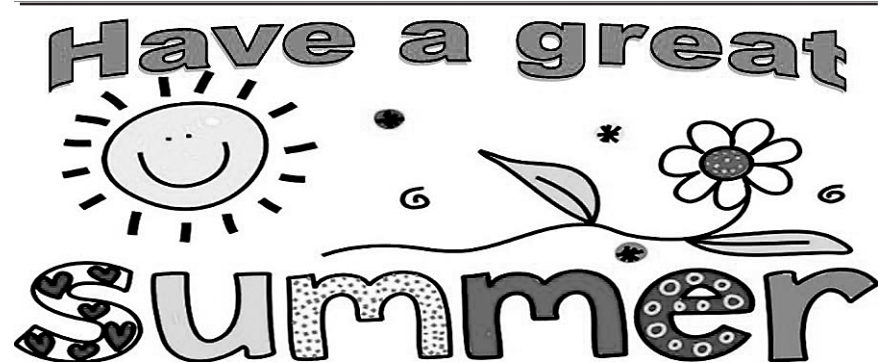
The Fondest Farewell

In May, we held our final Jew Crew program of the year at All In Adventures Escape Rooms, where 14 of us were divided into two teams and challenged to escape our Houdini and Sherlock-themed rooms in less than an hour. (It wasn't a competition, but way to go, Sherlock!) Ironically, it was also time for our graduating seniors to "escape" as we bid them a bittersweet farewell. As Hannah Berke, Lily Shire, Murray Lebovitz and Arthur Lebovitz head off to their next adventures, we are thankful that all four seniors have been active and dedicated members of the Jew Crew and leave the younger members inspired and encouraged to stay involved by their examples. We will miss them next year, but as we say goodbye, we are excited to simultaneously usher in our incoming freshman class at our annual Jew Cruise in the fall.

Stay tuned for a calendar outlining the 2018-2019 Jew Crew season!



Outgoing seniors and the Crew!

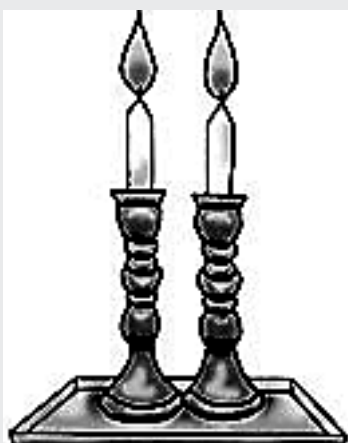


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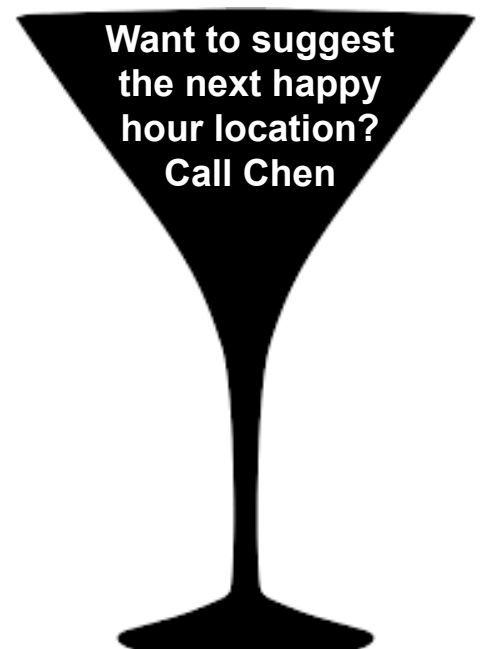
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- ★ July 5th, location TBD
- ★ August 2nd, location TBD
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Social Action Film and Discussion

Educational Summer Films and Discussion Series

This summer, in conjunction with the Unitarian Universalist Church, we are bringing the community a social action film and discussion series. Three of the four summer films will be screened at the Jewish Cultural Center, and one will be at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Following each film there will be a discussion. There is no cost to attend, but donations will be accepted. Films begin at 7 p.m. with discussion afterward.

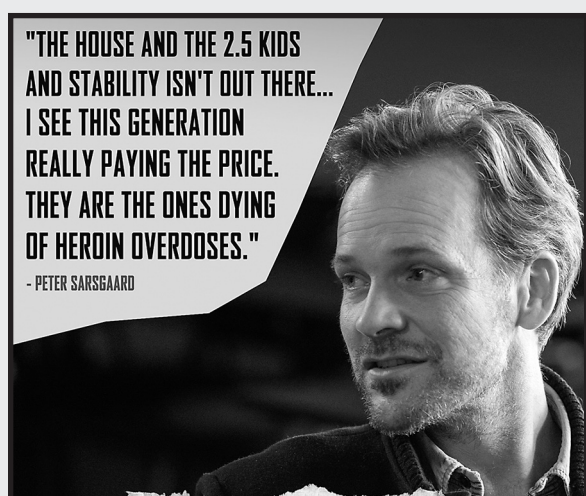
The series is a production of Tugg Educational, which believes film has the ability to empower educators and enlighten students unlike any other medium. Tugg launched in 2012 as a crowdsourcing platform that enabled individuals to create film screenings at their local cinema. After thousands of theatrical events, Tugg Educational was created to serve the needs of the Educational and Non-Theatrical communities. Films from Tugg's library of award-winning narratives and documentaries are being used in classrooms all over the world to further spark the love of learning. **For more information:** <https://educate.tugg.com/titles/america-divided>.

August 9 Democracy for Sale – Money in Politics and Voting Rights



North Carolina — perhaps more than any other state in the Union — has been transformed by the new and growing tidal wave of political spending. Zach Galifianakis, the comic star of “The Hangover” movies, travels back to his home state to investigate how North Carolina has become a bellwether for how the money of a few has come to dominate our democracy. Galifianakis investigates allegations that the current state government was put in power by moneyed interests and has thus carried out a program that only benefits its backers: cuts to education, healthcare spending and environmental protection; lowering of taxes for the wealthy and corporations; and the passage of laws designed to roll back access to the ballot.

August 23 The Epidemic – Addiction and De-industrialization



In the 21st century, we have seen the withering of middle-class life in America. Manufacturing, which once held out the promise of a middle-class life for those with a high school education, has shed five million jobs since 2000. Now, as Americans grapple with the growing inequality, something startling is happening to working class white America: an epidemic of suicide and drug and alcohol-related deaths across the heartland. Since 1999, this epidemic has resulted in nearly half a million early deaths — a figure comparable to all the lives lost to AIDS in the US. In “The Epidemic,” Peter Sarsgaard — whose own family has battled with drug addiction — travels to Dayton, Ohio, to investigate how the city, once the very definition of industrial invention and middle-class America, has become the epicenter of an epidemic and a symbol of our age of inequality.

August 16 Out of Reach – Undocumented Immigrants and Reproductive Rights



As the fate of some 11 million undocumented immigrants has become the political football of the 2016 campaign, actress America Ferrera heads to Texas, the state with the longest border and home to 1.65 million people living without papers. Ferrera, whose parents and siblings are immigrants from Honduras, understands the challenges faced by the new arrivals to the U.S. fleeing in Central America. In “Out of Reach,” she witnesses the special difficulties for Central American refugees in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, where US Border Patrol checkpoints inside the US, many miles from the border, keep undocumented people hemmed-in and place the American dream out of reach.

Social Action Film Fast Facts

- |--First 3 films screen at 7pm at the JCC; 4th screens at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3224 Navajo Drive
- |--Discussion follows each film
- |--No cost to attend but donations welcome
- |--The series will continue on Thursdays through September at the Unitarian Universalist Church

August 30 – House Divided – Inequality in Housing in New York City (This program will take place at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3224 Navajo Dr.)



Norman Lear explores the housing divide in New York City, where he is confronted by one of the nation's starkest images of inequality: a record number of homeless people living in the shadows of luxury skyscrapers filled with apartments purposely being kept empty. The creator of “All in the Family,” “Good Times” and “The Jeffersons” speaks with tenants, realtors, homeless people, housing activists, landlords and city officials — investigating the Big Apple's affordability crisis, hedge fund speculation on residential housing, and a legacy of racist discrimination that still persists today.

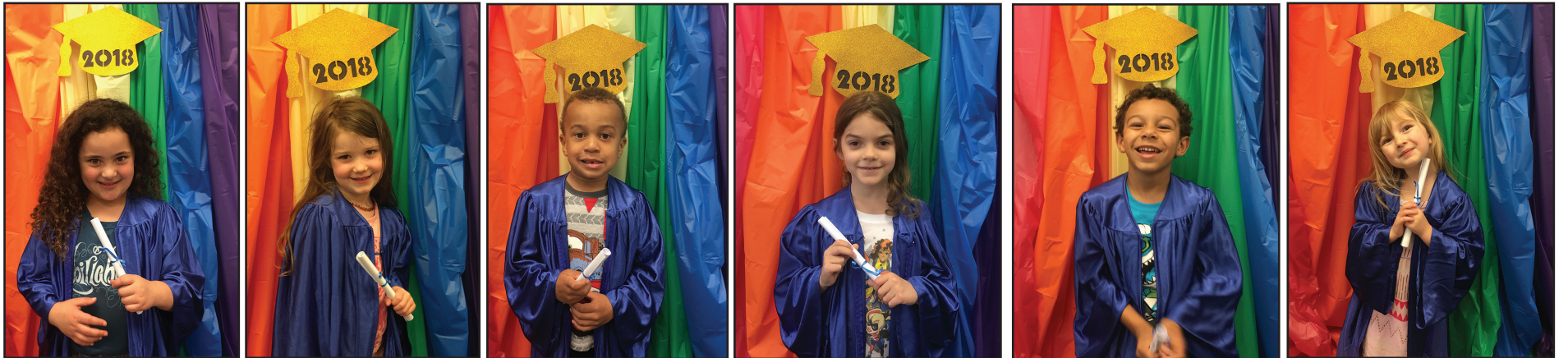
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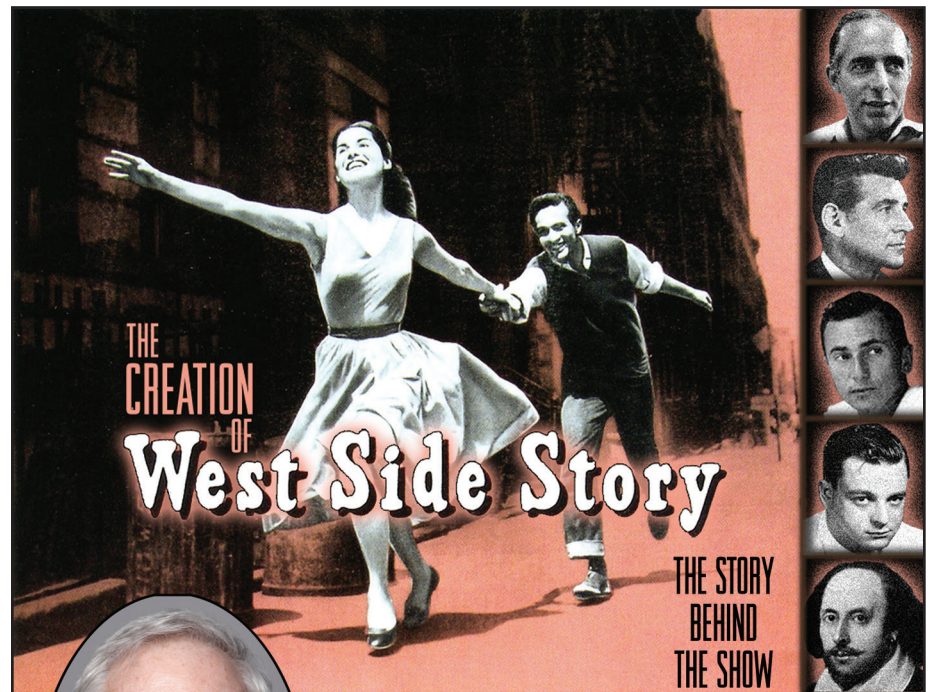
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