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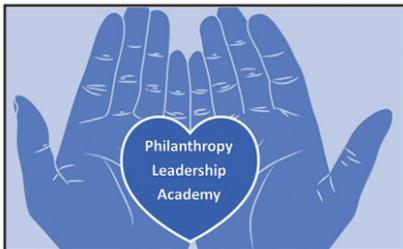
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Community Chanukah Candle Lighting Tuesday, December 12

Jewish Federation, in partnership with Hadassah, will host the annual community Chanukah candle lighting ceremony and dinner at the Jewish Cultural Center Tuesday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. In addition to the candle lighting there will be a short Hadassah presentation and a special Chanukah bingo opportunity, followed by a traditional brisket dinner with latkes. (A vegetarian option is

available with three business days' notice.) Bring your own chanukiah or use one of ours; candles and matches provided. Cost is \$12 per person or \$30 for a family of four. Children age five to sixteen are \$6; those under four get in free. Per-person cost at the door increases by \$4 so RSVP now to rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, 493-0270, or on the website at <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>.



Philanthropy Leadership Academy Established

The Philanthropy Leadership Academy (PLA) has been established in celebration of Philanthropy Camp's 10th Anniversary. This four-day program was designed to provide middle school-aged children with opportunities to serve others and to

understand the difference they can make in their community. The campers will be introduced to local non-profits and have the opportunity to participate in related service projects. PLA is a joint program of Chattanooga First Church of the Nazarene and the Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga. The academy will run Tuesday, January 2 through Friday, January 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Academy Tuition will be \$80 for the first child and \$70 for each additional sibling. A limited number of scholarships are available. Contact Ann Treadwell at atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com for details.

Hadassah Annual Mitzvah Project



As in years past, there will be collection boxes at the JCC for donations of toiletries for the Ronald McDonald House and food for the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. Donations may be made from Thanksgiving through Chanukah. Contact Judy Sachsman at jmsachsman@gmail.com.



Israeli P2G Educator Arrives

The Israeli P2G educator will visit Chattanooga December 7-10. Dana Bar Zuri Batat has a BA in History of the Jewish People and Hebrew Literature from Ben Gurion University with an Executive M.A. in Administration and Leadership in Education from Tel Aviv University. For more information, see Ann Treadwell's article, page 5.

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Tikkun Olam: Together We Are Healing the World

By Austin Center
2018 Campaign Chair

A few weeks ago I went to New York to celebrate my sister's birthday. On Saturday morning we walked to Shabbat service at Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York. When we got there, there was a bar mitzvah in progress.

I highly recommend visiting this synagogue. The sanctuary is one of the most beautiful I have ever seen. The stained glass windows radiate light inside the sanctuary in all the colors of the spectrum. Everything about this sanctuary--the marble pillars and ornate pulpit with the magnificent ark, the choir loft high above the pulpit with the organ, the choir music engulfing the sanctuary--seems to reach up to the heavens. It is truly a magnificent, inspiring, and spiritual space to attend a service.

Every Sabbath morning, Jews pray for our country, our community, and Jews everywhere. That morning, a reading from Temple Emanu-El's *The Union Prayer Book* stood out. It spoke to what it means to be a Jew at home and around the world.

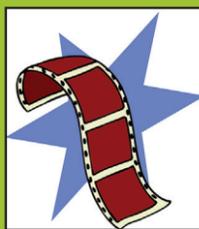
"Grant fulfillment and reward with the joy of doing good, the charitable and the merciful who aid the poor, care for the sick, teach those who seek learning, and extend a helping hand to those who have lost their way in the world."

Seeing a young person become bar or bat mitzvah shows how important being an active member of the community is to Judaism. Here in our community, the community service projects our bar and bat mitzvahs take upon themselves always amaze me. Because we are taught at an early age what tikkun olam, "healing the world," truly means, our young community members have raised money for scholarships to camps, secured donations of sports equipment for underprivileged children, and raised money for organizations like the Chambliss Center to give to the disadvantaged. Our young community members truly understand the "joy of doing good."

One thing I have always noticed about Jewish communities is how we make strangers feel welcome, the idea being that we were all once strangers ourselves. I felt welcome at Temple Emanu-El. I've felt welcomed by other Jews everywhere I've travelled. Here in Chattanooga our Young Jewish Leadership regularly invites Jews new to our community to share Shabbat dinner. The action of welcoming the stranger is a part of tikkun olam in action.

At home and abroad, our own Jewish Federation "extends a helping hand to those who have lost their way in the world," whether in the Ukraine where internally displaced Jews have been affected by the war, in Haiti where there have been natural disasters, and of course in Israel.

We as members of the Jewish community of greater Chattanooga give our time and our money. We teach, lead, and inspire. The beautiful sanctuary of Congregation Emanu-El reaffirmed for me who we are as Jews and as a community. We all need to realize that "grant fulfillment and reward with the joy of doing good," defines who we are and the work our Federation is able to do because of the campaign dollars we raise. Our community is truly healing the world.



Monday Night at the Movies
Rabin: In His Own Words
Monday, Dec. 4 at 7pm
See page 7 for description

SAVE THESE DATES

January 2 – 6: Philanthropy Leadership Academy for students grades 6-8
January 18: Annual Meeting
February 10: Federation Chai Night



December 25 and January 1

NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



Battling Hate with Hope

Lee Brouner
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Chanukah and the Christmas season are right around the corner – an opportune time to reflect on all the wonderful things going on in our community. The Chattanooga area is growing, and our Federation continues to thrive.

Unfortunately, this is also a time to reflect on some of the more concerning events happening throughout our country in other communities. We are living in a world where prejudice and anti-Semitism seem to be on the rise, or perhaps it's just that those who subscribe to such hatred feel more emboldened to display it. My daughter just returned from a visit to Charlottesville, a city that will be associated forevermore with the Neo-Nazis and White Supremacists who gathered there and the violence that ensued. That said, the



city was not what she expected. It was both beautiful and welcoming, and it certainly gave her pause that such a place could have been the scene of such ugliness.

In the end, what we know is this: that violence by hate groups can-- and does-- happen anywhere. In fact,

since Charlottesville, the Neo-Nazis and White Supremacists have been seen marching in middle Tennessee and organizing in other places throughout the country. It's clear that anti-Semitism, which I naively thought years ago to be dying out, is alive and well in this great country of ours.

Given this, perhaps we should more closely revisit the story of Chanukah. It is, of course, the story of a victory several centuries ago of the Jewish people against forces wishing to destroy the Jewish culture, religion and people. The battle of the Maccabees that is commemorated by Chanukah may have occurred many centuries ago, but this same battle has occurred repeatedly throughout our history. And now, with the blatant rise of anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice, whether against Jews, Blacks, Mexicans, Muslims, or others, we should use this season to reflect upon and renew our resolve to be vigilant against those forces that are working to divide and defeat us.

Your Jewish Federation is very aware of and concerned about the current events, and we will continue to use our resources toward healing the world and making it better.

Best wishes for a happy and joyful Chanukah



Thoughts on the General Assembly: Then and Now

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I believe there are many powerful and transformative moments in people's journey through life. I rediscovered one of these moments last month while attending the Federation's annual

meeting, the General Assembly.

During the open plenary sessions one of the topics was about the soon-to-be 30th anniversary of the March for Soviet Jewry in Washington DC, which was titled Freedom Sunday. That event took place on Sunday, December 6, 1987 and was scheduled to coincide with a summit between President Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev. I've come to learn that the organizers feared a small turnout would actually be worse than not holding the event at all. But in true Jewish fashion, people from all over the United States mobilized. The estimates were that over 250,000 people marched in this rally. At the time it was noted as the largest ever Jewish gathering in Washington, DC. I was one of those marching.

I was 15 at the time and although only a teenager, this memory sticks with me vividly. I remember meeting about twenty other Chattanooga Jewish community members at the Chattanooga airport and flying out on Piedmont Airlines. There were several other teens traveling with me, including one of my life-long best friends, Derek Wiston. Even today I don't know how or why I was chosen to attend (though I'm sure my parents were involved!). And obviously, the Jewish community was involved as well. What I do know is that our Federation mobilized our Jewish community and stood with other Jews supporting our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union.

It was cold and overcast that day in DC. There were many speeches. Natan Sharansky spoke, although at the time I didn't really know who he was or understand his story. Ellie Weisel was one of the keynote speakers. Peter, Paul and Mary sang on the National Mall. A couple of years later Mary Travers would come to Chattanooga on behalf of our Jewish Federation and hold a concert for the Jewish community at UTC.

I've since realized a few things about this incredible event. The Jewish community took action. They planned and executed a rally that engaged and united communities with a common cause – to help other Jews. They stood by its conviction that we, as Jews, are all responsible for one another – Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Bazeh. But there's more.

How was the Jewish community able to respond? What placed us in that role? Simply put, the reason the Jewish Federation could react, plan and execute this rally on December 6, 1987 is because the Federation was around on December 5, 1987. The unity of our Jewish community existed before this event, which put us in place to respond. Why was the Jewish community able to respond to Hurricane Harvey that hit Houston on August 25? Again, because the Federation existed on August 24.

In some small way, the Federation really does touch everyone. Maybe you receive our social services, attend a program or have a child at Aleph Bet. Maybe you sit on a committee, have planned an event or have volunteered to help fund raise. Maybe (I hope!) you're a donor. The Federation is here today because we were here yesterday. A strong Federation means that we can not only react to events, but also be proactive in fulfilling our mission.

Additionally, a strong Federation means we have strong congregations – and vice versa. I believe the Federation plays a role in everyone's lives, directly or indirectly. We can't provide the programs and services without you and your financial support. Being part of this community fundraising effort ensures that we are here to serve today, for whatever life brings us tomorrow. It's never too late to make a commitment this year. As we wrap up this year's giving, please consider adding your name to the Federation Honor Roll of donors. Your gift will be felt by so many.



Alison Lebovitz conducts panel interview at General Assembly

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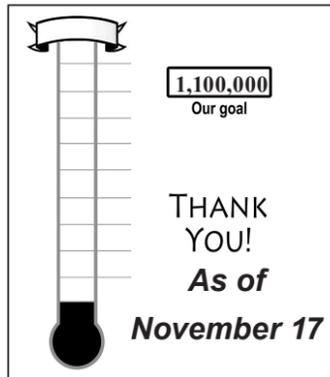
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Zazzle

Zazzle Zazzle

Ann Treadwell
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I will be the first one to admit that I have temporarily lost my zazzle. In late June, I was hit by the shingles virus. Last month, I found myself with Bell's Palsy (an after-effect of shingles). Since then, my zazzle (inspiration) has all but fizzled.

To my rescue have come very dedicated people. From Edie Weiss who helped to plan the Chanukah Community Candle Lighting; to Sanford Winer and the dedicated Film Committee, Max Brener and the Archives Committee, Lynn Howard and our local educators who have been planning the P2G educator's visit, and to Chen Dahan and her enthusiastic challenge of 7, I've found that even with my zazzle zonked, life at the Federation is still being nurtured and growing.

Let's talk about the zazzle of others. Chanukah, the festival of lights, has been a community-wide celebration for many years. We have focused on children, on songs, on a shlichah presentation and on other entertainments. This year we are trying a little Edie Weiss zazzle. Curious? Let's just say that it is something the young, the young at heart, and those who like to have "easy" fun can participate while enjoying a traditional brisket and latke dinner.

By now you have hopefully seen *On the Map* and *The Outrageous Sophie Tucker* as part of the Jewish Documentary Series. I think that *Rabin: In His Own Words* shows us even more of a personal side to zazzle. What inspires us to take that risk to make life better, not just for our families and ourselves but for our community? Come December 4 and listen to his words. They may inspire some zazzle in you.

Educators, where is your zazzle? We are fortunate that the Israeli P2G educator from our region will be visiting us in Chattanooga December 7-10. The purpose of Dana Bar Zuri Batat's visit is to orient herself to the unique nature of the Chattanooga community (first priority: Jewish education; second priority: secular education). In addition to visiting services at the congregations and Chabad, she will be visiting Machanooqa, as well as public and private schools. Unlike the majority of the P2G Consortium cities, Chattanooga does not have a day school or large numbers of K-12 students. Dana will be looking at working to team Israeli educators with Chattanooga educators (Jewish and non-Jewish--think Facing History and Holocaust education), not twinning classrooms, which has been the past practice. It is important that we think outside of the box in terms of what kinds of team training we would like, including training that is not intended to be replicated in a classroom.

Dana has a BA in History of the Jewish people and Hebrew literature from Ben Gurion University with an Executive M.A. in Administration and Leadership in Education from Tel Aviv University. She spent three years as a central emissary (shlichah) for the Jewish Agency in Australia, and worked for the progressive community in Melbourne and the youth movement Netzer (Reform Zionist youth). Her educational work with the youth and the adult of the community included responsibility for the development of various programs that focus on community leadership and social involvement throughout the Melbourne area. Her last job was a community manager and director of educational programs at Beit Shmueli - Ra'anana congregation, where she worked in community development and the establishment of educational and social connections including training the teaching staff, from kindergartens up to high schools.

She has lots of zazzle she is willing to share with us and we have lots of zazzle to share with our Israeli educators.

And then there is the zazzle of leadership. The YESOD class will be graduating in early December. After studying some organizational strategies, some Jewish texts and building a cohort, this group is ready to share their zazzle with the community.

Zazzle - it is the spirit of life that guides us through the end of the secular year. Won't you share a little of your zazzle with me? Come participate.



Tuesday Cafe

Tuesdays at noon, December 5, 19. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/> or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

Celebrating 70 Years of Partition Plan with Chen Dahan

Sunday, December 3 at 3 pm. For more information see page 8. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/> or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

Monday Night at the Movies Documentary Film Series

Monday, December 4 @ 7 p.m. *Rabin: In His Own Words*. Discussion by Federation shlichah Chen Dahan follows screening. See page 7 for movie description. \$8 per person. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10. on the website at <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>, or call 493-0270.

YESOD Graduation

Tuesday, December 5

Federation Board Meeting

Monday, December 11 @ 5:30. Note date change.

Community Chanukah Candle Lighting

Tuesday, December 12 @ 5pm. See front page for details. Cost is \$12 per person or \$30 for a family of four. Children age five to sixteen are \$6; those under four get in free. Per-person cost at the door increases by \$4 so RSVP now to rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, 493-0270, or on the website at <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>.

Young Jewish Leadership Chanukah Party

Sunday, December 17 @ 6pm. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/YJLCHA/> for more information.

Foreign Policy Supper Club Double feature: Afghanistan and nuclear security

Monday, December 18 @ 6pm. See page 6 for details. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/> or call 493-0270

120 Years of Zionism, with Chen Dahan

Thursday, December 21 at 7pm. For more information see page 8. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/> or call 493-0270 ext. 10.

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RSVP@jewishfederation.com or 493-0270 ext. 10

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 players. Do you know the people in the photograph below? If so, please contact Max Brener at 9westover@gmail.com. There will also be an event to identify pictures January 31st. Stay tuned to your January *Shofar* for details.



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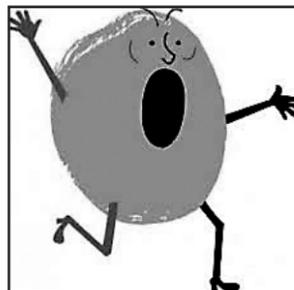
Got a few old lava lamps bubbling around? We'd like to borrow eight of them to make a lava lamp menorah for the Federation! If you can part with yours for a few weeks, please bring them to the JCC by December 10. Thank you!

Dinner Offered Fascinating Glimpse into Bahá'í World Centre



On October 26, the JCC hosted a special dinner in honor of the bicentenary of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh (1817-2017). Speakers were Dr. Barbara Miller and Dr. Vahid Alavian, who settled in Chattanooga after a period of service at the Bahá'í World Centre in Haifa, Israel. The dinner event was well-attended and Drs. Miller and Alavian were passionate and entertaining speakers.

No Fear of Frying?



We are looking for two or three willing latke fryers for Monday, December 11 and Tuesday, December 12 from 9 a.m. to noon. Alice will have the recipe ready. If you are available, contact Ann, atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext.13.

Foreign Policy Supper Club Returns



After a short hiatus, Foreign Policy Supper Club is happy to be returning to the JCC Monday, December 18 at 6 p.m. with a double feature. Dinner \$12 per person. Rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com.

Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan

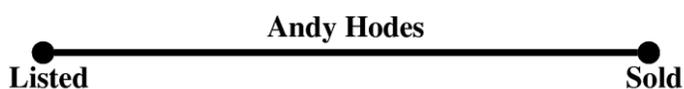
Major internal conflict has plagued Afghanistan for four decades. The U.S., for its part, has conducted military operations in the country nearly continuously since 9/11. Today, war with the Taliban persists, and tensions between the U.S. and Pakistan have gradually deteriorated. As his time in office drew to a close, President Obama limited further withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan. The incoming administration has a choice: will it maintain the status quo, completely reverse the Obama administration drawdown or withdraw completely? Does the U.S. face a no win situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan?

Nuclear Security

Nuclear nonproliferation was a top priority for the Obama administration. While the Iran Deal was a diplomatic victory toward this end, major threats persist from both state and non-state actors. Countries like North Korea, Russia, and India and Pakistan continue to challenge nonproliferation efforts. The possibility that terrorists will carry out an attack using a "dirty bomb," made from captured nuclear materials, looks increasingly real. In a fractious world, which way forward for U.S. nuclear security policy?



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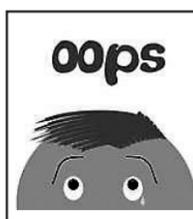


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Did We Goof?



Sometimes, we make mistakes. And sometimes, you catch them. What should you do if you find an error in *The Shofar* or on the website or our Facebook page? Go to the source! Email Communications Director Dana Shavin at dshavin@jewishchattanooga.com and she will fix it. Thanks for paying attention.

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



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.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Mazel Tov

--to Chaim and Ronni Charyn on the birth of their second granddaughter, Rayna Esther Charyn.

Condolences

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

--Joy Davidow Gendreau, mother of Faith (Robert) Goldberg, grandmother of Phillip (Emily), Joshua (Alexandra), and Melanie (Wesley Althaus).

--Jay Menuskin, husband of Marcia Menuskin, father of Jill Menuskin (Ken) Steinberg, Zelda Menuskin, and Lisa Menuskin (Neil Gibson), and loving and proud grandfather.

--Michael Mescon, father/father-in-law of Jed and Phyllis Mescon, November 12.

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

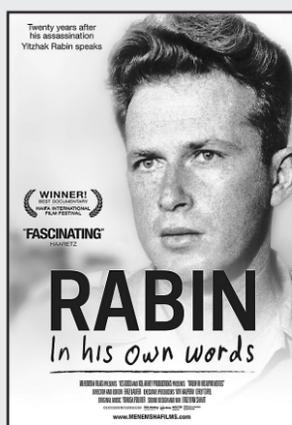
In Memory of

Jay Menuskin, Dr. Larry and Mrs. Carol Young

Michael Mescon, Claire Binder

Harry Wayne, Danny Gotlieb and Carla Nixon

Monday Night at the Movies Continues Dec. 4 with Rabin: In His Own Words



The Monday Night at the Movies Documentary Film Series continues Dec. 4 with *Rabin: In His Own Words*. The world knows Yitzhak Rabin as a two-time Israeli Prime Minister, leader of the Israeli IDF in the Six Day War, and, as the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994 with Shimon Peres and Yasir Arafat. This film, *Rabin in His Own Words* shows the more personal side of Rabin, and the great sacrifices he made for the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

While we don't see much of the political strife that interlaced his life and his policies as Prime Minister, we do see interesting aspects of the reluctant soldier who embraced his military

career because it was something he saw as necessary in the building of Israel and ensuring its survival. We also see his reticence and acknowledgement of the need for war in the context of the evolution of an independent Israel, and, the horror and often futility of war, balanced against the social impact of peace. He led the sometimes simple life of a military hero and the often complicated life of an Israeli politician who fought for peace. Rabin was a "larger than life" hero, yet one who understood the consequences of the actions of his life. **Language: Hebrew (with English subtitles).** **Running Time: 104 minutes**

Film screens at 7 p.m. Sheila St. Aubin Federation shlichah Chen Dahan will lead discussion afterwards. \$8 includes beverage, popcorn, screening and discussion.

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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!



B'nai Zion, Mizpah Congregation Need You!

For the 4th year BZ and Mizpah are teaming up with Erlanger Hospital to serve lunch on Christmas for the families of Erlanger's patients and the entire hospital staff. We volunteer so that a few more Erlanger employees can spend their holy day at home with their family.

How can you help?

- We need tons of baked goods as we provide homemade (or bakery) desserts with the "hospital" food. Baked goods can be dropped off at Mizpah or B'nai Zion anytime the week of December 18 (before noon on Friday, 12/22), during normal business hours. They will be frozen and brought to the hospital on the 25th. If you are volunteering, you can bring the dessert with you. Please let us know you are baking by sending an email to andy@andyhodes.com.

- You can sign up for one volunteer shift per person on line at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44AFAA23ABFF2-bnai>. Volunteer opportunities are unfortunately limited and fill up quickly. If you have questions please contact Andy Hodes at 423-595-7355.

Thank you four helping us fulfill this mitzvah. Our work is in memory of Seth Lurie Eichenthal and Sylvia Wygoda, who were both connected to this program.

Our committee includes Andy Hodes, Stephen Black, Bonnie Black and Richard Zachary. Please feel free to contact any of us.



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.

Jewish Resident Camp Grants

The Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga (JFGC) provides grants for a recognized Jewish overnight camping experience. Its purpose is to encourage our youngsters to have an intensive Jewish camping experience as part of their growing up, and the grant reflects the Federation's desire to increase the number of young people who will have this opportunity.

For more information about camp grants and to fill out an application, go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com/education-grants/grants-scholarships/review-qualifications-and-guidelines>.

Applications must be postmarked no later than December 15, 2017

SHLICHIM PROGRAM



A Return to Israel--and Back Again

Chen Dahan, Federation Shlichah
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In October I travelled back to Israel for ten days to attend my younger brother's bar mitzvah. I was very excited on the plane and couldn't sleep even one minute. I was excited to see my family & friends, and to tell them about Chattanooga and my experiences over the past three months. I was also excited just to be in

Israel, visiting my favorite places, my previous work place, to speak Hebrew, and be home.

But when I left the airport gate, a heavy haziness hit my face. I did not remember how hot it is in Israel in mid-October. Also everything was gray, so different from green Chattanooga! I went to the local shopping center next to my parents' home, and it was so different then how I remembered it. For the first time, I felt like a tourist in my own country – Israel.

I went to my favorite Jaffa beach with my dearest friends and was amazed at how beautiful it is at sundown. I went out with my friends for a beer during a weekday and was surprised to see how many people go out for a drink in the middle of the week!

This feeling of being a tourist lasted only a few days, and very quickly



At my little brother's Bar Mitzvah

I got back to the routine I had before I left for Chattanooga. I took the bus from a place to place, went to the supermarket, and had lunch with my friends. I loved this before I came to Chattanooga and I loved it this time. It reminded me why I'm here and what I love about Israel.

After ten days in Israel, meeting all my

friends & family, celebrating my brother's bar mitzvah, and visiting my favorite places, I was ready to come back to Chattanooga. I am full of energy and a sense of purpose and so ready to START this year!



Jaffa Beach

12.03.17

70 years to the Partition Plan program

Sunday | 3 pm | at the JCC

Please RSVP at Federation@Jewishchattanooga.com

YJL Chanukah Party: Sunday, Dec 17th @ 6 pm
Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/YJLCHA/> for more information.



YJL Shabbat, Nov. 17. In attendance: Cara, J.R, Ellie & Talia Weiner; Beth, Rob, Hanna & Rachel Lowe; Tal & Daniella Cohen; Jordana Barish; Jordan, Rebecca, and Layla Parker; Josh & Edie Weiss; Rachel Hanan; Erica and Henry Newman; Jill and Seth Weitz and children; Zack Beker; Alexandra Rose; Leo Procise; Eytan Oren; Chen Dahan. After dinner the group made a donation to the Humane Educational Society.

Join me to celebrate

120 OF ZIONISM YEARS

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More details to come

היום הגדול

L2G Leadership Program



In the beginning of November I travelled to Nashville to participate in the L2G (leadership together) retreat, part of our P2G programming. Leadership Together is a program for young leaders from

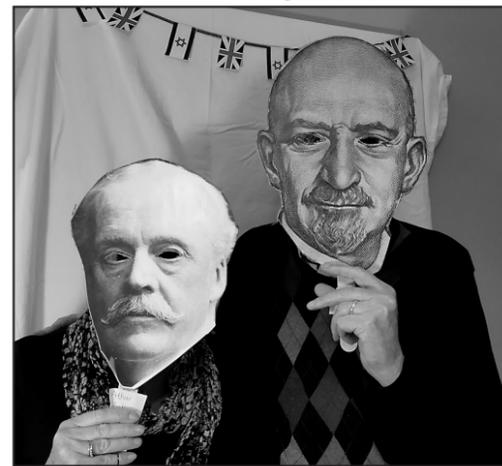
communities in the southeast area and the Hadera-Eron area in Israel. The program took place throughout the year and ended with the retreat that included a leadership & partnership development workshop, along with just having fun and getting to know each other.

Want to participate in next year's L2G program whose final retreat will be in Israel? Please contact me at Israel@Jewishchattanooga.com and let's talk about it!

DID YOU KNOW?

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

Thanks to everyone who attended the "100 Years since the Balfour declaration" Tea Party event!



Want to ask Chen for Shabbat, coffee, lunch, or dinner?
Her numbers are
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Cell - 423-385-0098
israel@jewishchattanooga.com

SOCIAL SERVICES



Driving, Miss Daisy? Some Things to Consider as You Age

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Aging affects our driving skills as we get older. Experts say that our physical and mental status change and it is important for us as we get older to continue

assessing our driving skills.

Below is driving safety checklist. Consider the following before your continue driving alone:

- A loss of clarity in vision and hearing
- A loss of muscle strength and flexibility
- Drowsiness caused by increased use of medications
- A reduction in the ability to focus or concentrate
- Lower tolerance for alcohol
- Drive at inappropriate speeds, either too fast or too slow?
- Respond slowly to or not notice pedestrians, bicyclists and other drivers?
- Ignore, disobey or misinterpret street signs and traffic lights?
- Fail to judge distances between cars correctly?
- Become easily frustrated and angry?
- Appear drowsy, confused or frightened?
- Have one or more near misses?
- Drift across lane markings or bump into curbs?
- Forget to use left- and right-turn indicators?
- Forget to turn on headlights after dusk?
- Ignore signs of mechanical problems with the car?
- Have difficulty turning head, neck, shoulders or trunk while in traffic or parking?
- Have too little strength to turn the wheel quickly in case of emergency?
- Lose their way repeatedly?

If you answered "yes," to many of the questions above then consider these alternatives below when driving.

- Avoid nighttime driving
- Drive only to familiar locations
- Avoid drives to places far away from home
- Avoid freeways and rush hour traffic
- Leave plenty of time to get where you're going
- Forego driving alone
- Ask for transportation assistance from others
- Consider a driver's skills assessment.

Healthy aging is a part of life and it is important to make sure that YOU are safe but also that others on the road are safe as well. (Source: <https://advancedseniorsolutions.com/checklist-seniors-and-driving/>)

For more information or questions on health aging and driving, please contact me, Erricka Hill, Federation Social Services Director, at 893-9241 or email me at ehill@jewishchattanooga.com. I am here to help you live your best possible life!



OPEN ENROLLMENT IS HERE AGAIN!



Do you need help signing up for your Medicare Prescription Coverage?

Open Enrollment Period is October 15 - December 7, 2017.

Contact Courtney if you would like to make an appointment.
423-493-0270 or federation@jewishchattanooga.com

Last day is December 7!

The Jewish Federation can help you navigate your Medicare D choices!

--Call or email Courtney (see above). Once you call, you will receive forms to complete and return to us.

--Once we receive your completed forms, you will be contacted to set up an appointment.

DON'T DELAY! CALL NOW!
Appointments are first come first served.

Need a Ride?

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.



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

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

Want the Fun Without the Food?



Want to come to a meal-time program but don't wish to eat? Now you can, at half the cost. (If lunch program is \$10, you'll pay \$5.) Why is there still a cost? Fees pay not just for the meal but for labor, marketing, and other associated expenses. **Regardless of whether or not you eat, you will still need to RSVP in order to reserve a seat.**

Note: Please do not bring outside food or beverages into the Federation. If you would like to suggest a beverage or food to be served at an event, please contact Ann Treadwell. She and Alice Goss-Morgan, Kitchen Supervisor, will consider your suggestion. Food allergies or restrictions? Please contact Ann Treadwell. We will do our best to accommodate you. Atreadwell@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 13.

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NIGHT TO HONOR ISRAEL



A Long and Winding Road

Michael Dzik
Federation Executive Director

The first Night to Honor Israel occurred 36 years ago in San Antonio, TX. The inspiration, from

Pastor John Hagee, was for Christians to show support and solidarity with the Jewish community and Israel. This unique idea was first questioned by many – What was the goal? What were the overall intentions? 36 years later, the Chattanooga and North Georgia chapter of CUFI (Christians United For Israel) held the 4th Annual Night to Honor Israel – most recently on Thursday, November 9.

The Ringgold Colonnade was filled with nearly 500 people from the community – waving American and Israeli flags while expressing their deep and unwavering support for Israel. There was beautiful music and inspirational remarks. As a Jew, the experience for me has a slightly different perspective and meaning. Let me explain.

I first got involved with CUFI about 8-9 years ago – attending my first event in Calhoun, GA. It was a powerful experience for me. Although I was paying attention and engaged to the speakers, I was actually more focused on the attendees, the people surrounding me. There was an indescribable feeling in the room. Hands were raised, people were vocally responding to the speakers and there were plenty of smiles. How is it that Christians were so fervently supportive of Israel?

As I became more and more involved over time I began to understand. Growing up in Chattanooga, I've always recognized the strength and deep faith of my Christian friends and neighbors. What I didn't realize was that this faith also connected them to Israel. I've also learned that this faith speaks in both actions and deeds. When a Christian comes up to me and tells me how much they love the Jewish people and the State of Israel, I now get it. Christians travel to Israel and support the country and people, just like many in the Jewish community. Christians are working with legislators around the country as well as over 600 college chapters and activists fighting Anti-Semitism as well as the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement. Although our paths might be different – Jewish and Christian – there are more similarities than differences. In fact, I've come to realize that we each have a faith in one G-d, the same G-d, with just different customs and approaches.

I've now been on the area CUFI planning committee for five years. I sit around the table with volunteers and Pastors, discussing ways we can bring even more people into the pro-Israel camp. It is inspiring for me personally to see how our CUFI chapter has grown and true impact that is beginning to occur.

One of the speakers last night talked about that first meeting 36 years ago – pastors and Jewish leaders. The Jewish community was skeptical. What is this about? But with every new friendship comes risks. The Jewish community accepted that invitation of friendship. In Chattanooga and North Georgia, I too extend my hand in friendship, with a shared love and commitment to the Jewish community and Israel.

There was power in the Colonnade this past November 9th. There was enthusiasm, *ruach* (spirit). And the message was very clear – The Jewish community has a friend in CUFI. Israel has a friend in CUFI. I am proud of my relationship with CUFI and am always eager to find new friends, friends of Israel and the Jewish community.



Above photos courtesy of David Humber Photography

By the Numbers: 3.8 Million Members of Christians United for Israel (CUFI)

Southern Adventist Symphony Orchestra, November 13

