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Monday Night at the Movies: Documentary Film Series Returns to JCC, Nov. 20 opening



The Jewish Documentary Film Series returns to the JCC on Monday nights, beginning November 20th and continuing November 27th and December 4th. The three films chosen for this season's series are very different human interest stories, but all of them have one thing in common: they will inspire you just as they inspired the people whose lives were affected by the

events depicted in these films.

Please plan to join us at the JCC for all three films. \$8 will get you in, and includes popcorn and soda. Please remember to rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, to 493-0270, or on the website at <http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>. Film descriptions are on page 10.



Major Elliot Chodoff to speak at JCC Continental Breakfast November 10

Elliot Chodoff will speak at a JCC continental breakfast November 10th at 8 a.m. He will also speak at the Colonnade in Ringgold, GA November 9th at 7 p.m., as part of the 4th Annual Night to Honor Israel sponsored by Christians United for Israel (CUFI). Both events are free.

Chodoff, an educator and political and military strategic analyst specializing in the Middle East conflict and the global war on terrorists, has lectured to a wide range of audiences in Israel and abroad on the topics of the Middle

East Conflict; Terrorism and Responses; Military Thought and Strategy; The Military Aspects of International Conflict; Arab-Israeli Relations; and the Sociology of Modern Israel and the History of Zionism. *See page 6 for more.*

Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra at JCC Monday, November 13



The Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra will perform at the JCC Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. It is sponsored by the School of Music at Southern Adventist

University in Collegedale. No cost to attend but space is limited so [rsvp early](#).

Orlo Gilbert founded and conducted the group until his retirement in May of 2000. He developed the group from a chamber ensemble of 15-20 players to its current complement of 70-80 highly qualified musicians from the university and community. The orchestra has enjoyed a reputation for quality performance on a worldwide scale, having toured internationally in the Orient, the South Pacific, Greece, Russia, Romania, and *Continued on page 5*

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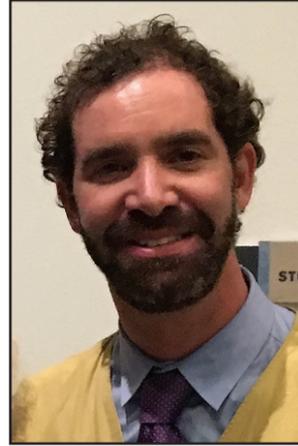
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Be a First Responder

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As I mentioned in the October *Shofar*, I had the pleasure of traveling to Israel for the General Assembly in Jerusalem. I was also given the opportunity to travel with Nashville's Federation on a mission the week before the GA to see Israel and the programs our Jewish Federations support. I fell in love with Israel.

During my first visit, I stayed at one of the most beautiful hotels I have ever seen, in Mizpah Ramon, overlooking the crater. (This is like our Grand Canyon, with spectacular views and vistas looking east toward Jordan.) On the cliffs of the crater are large scale art sculptures similar to works in our sculpture field here in Chattanooga. I decided to go for an early morning run, after which I jumped into the shower with my Ipod, to sing, dance, and wash my hair. Suddenly I became aware of an Israeli woman in the bathroom with me! *How great is this country!* I thought.

But she was not happy. It turns out that, in my exuberance, I had hit the "I've fallen and I can't get up button" in the shower, which rang the front desk and sent the woman running to my room. *Continued on page 3*

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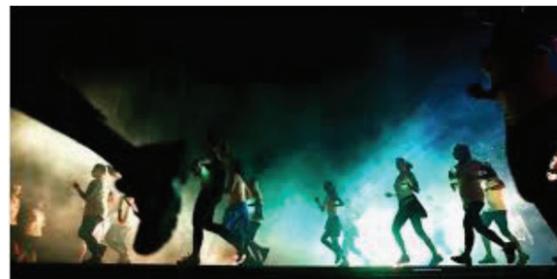
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Night Run is Saturday, November 4



The much-anticipated Night Run is finally here! Join us Saturday, November 4 starting at 7:45 p.m. Night Run is a timed 5K race adapted from an event held in Israel. There will be music, glow sticks, concessions, and T-shirts to raise awareness,

support and money to bring Jewish, Christian and Muslim children together through recreational programs designed to encourage empowerment, and strengthen confidence and friendship.

Not a runner? Not a problem! Come join us for a one mile walk! In 2016 over 300 people participated. We were able to donate \$4200 to the youth soccer programs. With the great success of 2015 and 2016, and a dedicated group of sponsors and volunteers, we will produce the event again this year. With your support we hope to make it an even greater success. Join us to make this event unforgettable, a value to the Chattanooga community and to the diverse communities in Israel.

This event is family friendly. Run begins at Shelter #4 in the Riverpark next to the Hubert Fry Center, 4501 Amnicola Highway. For registration and information go to nightrun5k.org or call the Federation at (423) 493-0270. If you registered to run in April, you do not need to re-register.

SAVE THESE DATES

December 12: Chanukah Party and Community Candle Lighting at the JCC, in conjunction with Hadassah

January 2 – 5: Philanthropy Leadership Academy for students grades 6-8

CLOSED

November 23 & 24, for Thanksgiving

NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



Jewish Work Worldwide

Lee Brouner
Federation Board Chair
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As we are now deep into our annual campaign, we talk so much about what our dollars do – how we truly put these dollars 'to work' for us in Chattanooga, Israel and around the world. Our work in Chattanooga is top-notch – from our robust Social Services Department to our Aleph Bet Children's Center. We continue to unite the community with interesting and diverse programs while keeping people informed through *The Shofar*, our website, weekly emails, and our Facebook page.

Additionally, our dollars work for us in Israel and throughout the world in helping provide similar programs, services and opportunities. However, we don't always talk about the more isolated locations in the developing world that receive Jewish dollars. I recently ran across an interesting article from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA). Excerpts from the article are below.

"Eighty percent of Jews live in two countries — Israel and the United States — but Jewish organizations are spending more and more of their money elsewhere. What used to be a handful of groups has grown to become a constellation of organizations working on anything from solar power in Rwanda to agricultural sustainability in Nepal. Together, the groups aid millions of people. Jewish global service efforts come from across the Jewish world and provide funding and personnel to a range of causes and places.

"The Jewish global service world spans a wide range of causes. Many of the groups work on some form of women's empowerment and education, while a handful focus directly on goals like alleviating hunger or expanding access to technology. Altogether, through seminars, direct aid, education or employment programs, the groups help 3 million people.

Much Jewish international aid work is done either by funding local nonprofits or sending professionals to coordinate aid. But some of the nonprofits' most visible work is through volunteer programs that send young Jews to work on the ground in the developing world. Of those volunteers, most of them went on short-term programs lasting a week or two, most were college students and nearly all were Jewish. Like the overall Jewish population, nearly four-fifths came from North America or Israel.

"Some Jewish global service groups are more than a century old. But two-thirds were founded in the 21st century. In addition to helping countries across the globe, the organizations also come from countries the world over. While many are based in the U.S. and Canada, others are found in South Africa, Australia or Mexico. But the plurality of the groups come from the country that's also the biggest beneficiary of Jewish charity: Israel.

"Israeli global service world has ballooned in recent years due to Israelis' increased affluence. Also Israeli groups can focus on specific areas of international development without having to worry about being their country's "Jewish" representative in the field, like the American Jewish World Service or Australia's StandUp.

"Jewish service efforts span what activists sometimes call the "global south," where much of the world's poverty is found. In total, the groups provide services or aid in 69 countries. But two regions are especially popular aid destinations: South Asia and East Africa. A dozen groups are active in India, with its vast geography and massive population, while eight are active in Nepal, four in Myanmar and three in Sri Lanka. East Africa's countries also attract the attention of a range of groups, from 11 that are active in Uganda to nine in Kenya and six in Rwanda.

"Jewish groups spend at least \$125 million in the developing world. While it doesn't compare to the billions Jews give every year to Israel, the amount Jews give in this sector tops well over \$100 million annually."

As you can see, Jews worldwide are a giving group. It is our cause, and our mission.



Aiming for Perfection

Michael Dzik
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The whirlwind of holidays has been both exhausting and energizing. Although I always use this time for reflection, this year I took a deeper and more introspective look at myself: at things I've done well, people I've upset, and things I've failed at. I want to share some of my thoughts and my plans for a positive direction for 5778.

Let me start with my conclusion: 5778 will be the year of communication. I recently had a heart-to-heart conversation with the entire Federation staff, about the importance of communication. I believe the number one reason that we make mistakes, as humans and as a Federation staff, is due to either lack of communication or miscommunication. Sure, nobody's perfect. But we all agree that mistakes should be minimized and if possible avoided. Let me be clear – I think we do a wonderful job already with communication here at the Federation. But we can always improve!

I expect near perfection of myself and of my colleagues as well. We are all a reflection of each other.

Because change begins at the top, I will lead by example and work diligently to improve my own communications. Of course I'm not immune to mistakes just because I'm the Director; but like the rest of the Federation team, I want and need to be held accountable – by staff and the community. I expect near perfection of myself and of my colleagues as well. We are all a reflection of each other. As the saying goes, we are only as strong as our weakest link.

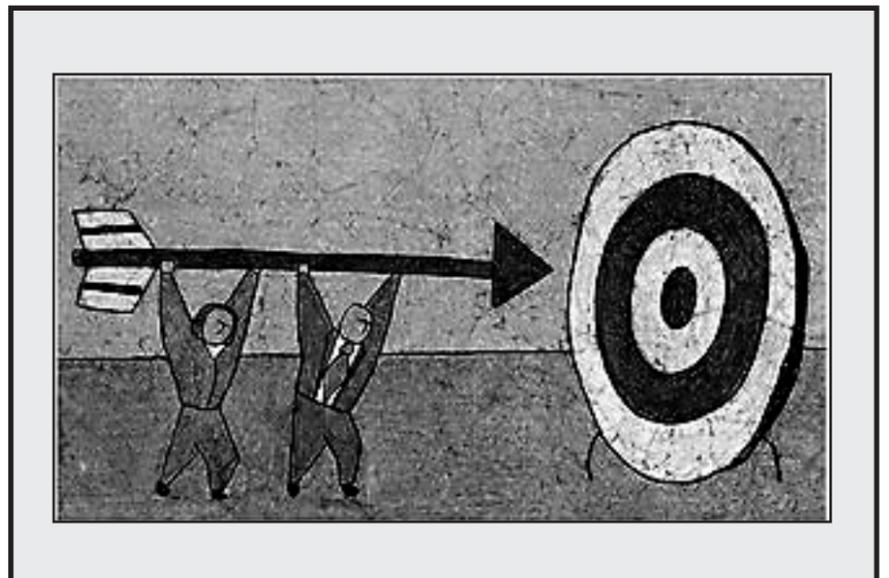
As a staff, we are working to improve many aspects of how we do business: emails will be more accurate and thorough; correspondence and calls will be more timely; the community calendar will have additional oversight; *Shofar* errors will be minimized with enhanced communication and proofing. We will continue to increase our professionalism each day. Additionally, the entire Federation staff will make sure that we are communicating better amongst ourselves, working even closer as a team, to ensure that we hold each other accountable while also strengthening and lifting each other up. Our approach

will be welcoming, positive and friendly 100% of the time. I truly believe the Federation has an important relationship with each and every community member and that these relationships are a 50/50 proposition: 50% how we feel about someone/Federation and 50% how Federations) make you feel. My goal is for you to have good feelings about the Federation before, during and after every interaction.

I think we have a great staff and team at the Federation. We work well together, like each other, engage the community, and produce solid, well thought-out programs and services. Volunteers are active and engaged. Our mission is meaningful and powerful, and we work to achieve our goals on your behalf. And yet, even with a new outlook and perspective, mistakes can still happen.

In the spirit of the new year, I want to ask each of you for two things. First, if there is something that I could have done better or I've made a mistake, let me know and accept my sincere apology. I always approach my professional life with good intentions, though I know I sometimes miss the bull's-eye.

Second, if you have suggestions about what we can do better or how we can improve, please let me know! I appreciate the faith and trust you have in me and the Federation staff to guide and steward this wonderful Jewish community. It is an honor and privilege.



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\$980, 445

Be a First Responder *Continued from front page*

In thinking about this incident recently, and about all my visits to Israel and my recent visit to the Ukraine, I realized something. We, the Jewish Federation, are the emergency responders, giving food, clothing and shelter to those who have "fallen and can't get up." By supporting Jews around the world with our campaign dollars, we are reestablishing Jewish communities and Jewish life around the world.

I am reminded of a Golda Meir quote, "Nothing in life just happens. It isn't enough to believe in something; you have to have the stamina to meet obstacles and overcome the struggle."

The Jewish Federation of Greater Chattanooga is your "fallen and can't get up button." When someone needs a meal here in Chattanooga, they hit the button, and we are there with a Mizvah meal. When someone in our community needs a ride to a doctor's appointment, they hit the button and we send a car and a driver to take them. When anyone in the greater Chattanooga Jewish community needs help, we unite and we respond.

I am asking you to join me in being a first responder. Answer the "fallen and can't get up button," and raise your annual donation amount. Thank you.

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Magical Monday Moments

Ann Treadwell
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On a Monday not long ago, I was walking through the aisles of a store that I do not usually frequent when a voice called out, "You are

beautiful!" I looked around, thinking there was no way the woman behind the voice was speaking to me.

"Yes, you," she called. I mumbled a quick thank you and walked to the checkout line. She entered the line next to mine.

"I'm going outside," I overheard her say to the man she was with. "I have a major attitude right now and need fresh air." Of course, I assumed that her attitude was because I hadn't engaged her.

I am usually uncomfortable when someone I know talks about my looks, much less a stranger. And not only was this woman a stranger, she appeared unwell. She was tall but very gaunt, 40ish, and smelled of stale cigarette smoke. Her hair was dyed and uncombed, her smile weak and damaged, and the man she was with smelled of alcohol. Did I mention it was 10:00 a.m.?

As I was walking to the parking lot, the woman stopped me. I was prepared for her to ask me for money. Instead she introduced herself. Her name was Gloria. She said that I reminded her of her Irish mother, with my red hair and hazel eyes. I wanted to tell her I was German and Czech, not Irish, but felt that in her sorrow and remembrance she just needed to talk. She went on to tell me how she missed her mother. Then she invited me to her home--and even gave me the address! She said she could spin my hair into gold, and paint my fingernails and toenails. She admitted she didn't have a cosmetology license but said it didn't matter, that when I left her house, I would know in my heart that I was truly beautiful. I was amazed by the encounter.

I thanked her and wandered toward my car, lost in thought. What had begun as an ordinary trip to the store had turned extraordinary.

In November, the Federation has several events that might seem ordinary but that, I promise, will be filled with unexpected beauty. Our Magical Monday Moments begins November 13th with the Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra--all 70 members!--playing a concert of classical music at the JCC (see front page and the right side of this page for more). There will be no cost to attend the concert, but *space is limited so you must RSVP by Nov. 10*. The Jewish Documentary Film Series will begin with *On The Map*, about the magical, award-winning Israeli basketball team that changed how the world viewed Israeli basketball. The following Monday, November 20, the series will continue with *The Outrageous Sophie Tucker*.

Come join us at the Federation for some Magical Monday Moments in November. We think you'll be amazed.

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Stand for Israel, Elliot Chodoff to speak

--Thursday, November 9 @ 7 p.m. at the Ringgold Colonnade.

-- Friday, November 10 @ 8 a.m. Continental breakfast at the JCC. For more information see page 6. Free, but please RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10 or on the website at jewishchattanooga.com.

Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra

Monday, November 13 @ 7 p.m. See page front page and below for more.

SPACE IS LIMITED. Rsvp by Friday, November 10 to obtain a seat.

RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10 or on the website at jewishchattanooga.com.

Aleph Bet Holiday Market

Monday, November 27, 4:30-6:30 p.m. See page 12 for information.

Monday Night at the Movies Documentary Film Series

Monday, November 20 @ 7 p.m. *On the Map*.

Monday, November 27 @ 7p.m., *The Outrageous Sophie Tucker*. See front page for movie descriptions. \$8 per person. RSVP@jewishchattanooga.com or 493-0270 ext. 10. on the website at jewishchattanooga.com, or call 493-0270.

Aleph Bet Fall Program

Thursday, November 16th at noon.

Join Aleph Bet for our annual Fall Program and Luncheon! Enjoy a Thanksgiving lunch and short show by the children of Aleph Bet. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for non AB children.

Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra (continued from front page)

performances at Epcot Center and Disney World in Florida, and the Knoxville, Tennessee, World's Fair in 1983.

The orchestra performs a series of six concerts annually on the campus of Southern Adventist University and travels to other schools, churches, and concert halls in surrounding communities. In March 2005, the orchestra toured Spain, France, Italy, and Switzerland. It toured Holland, Belgium, and Germany in February/March 2008, Poland in May of 2011, Argentina in May 2014, and most recently Puerto Rico in March 2017.

Laurie Redmer Minner, a violinist, violist, and vocalist, holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from Atlantic Union College and Master of Music degrees in both Viola Performance and Conducting from New England Conservatory of Music. She has conducted the Young People's Philharmonia, the Salisbury Singers, Symphony Pro Musica, and the Maryland Consort of Instruments. She has been on the faculties of Columbia Union College, Greater Boston Academy, The New England Conservatory Extension Division, South Lancaster Academy, the Walnut Hill School for the Arts, and the Thayer Conservatory of Music.

Mrs. Minner has performed with the Boston Philharmonic, Symphony Pro Musica, the Salisbury Lyric Opera, and the Salisbury Chamber Orchestra. Her performance experience includes concert tours of Europe, Australia, Asia, Russia, and the United States as a violinist, violist, vocalist, and conductor. She serves as clinician for several music festivals each year.

Prior to her current appointment, Mrs. Minner was assistant professor of music at Columbia Union College, and the director of choirs at Tacoma Academy from 1998-2000. She was head of the music education program, taught viola, violin, and conducting, and administered the Preparatory School of Music at Columbia Union College. She also conducted the Sligo Seventh-Day Adventist Church choir.

Mrs. Minner joined the faculty of Southern Adventist University as associate professor of music in 2000. She teaches viola, violin, string methods, elementary and secondary music methods and conducting.

Free. Space limited. You MUST rsvp by Friday, November 10.

Program

Overture to Egmont, op. 84

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Piano Concerto No. 4 in G major, op. 58

Beethoven, Chi Yong Yun, piano

Symphony No. 2 in D major, op. 36

Beethoven

FEDERATION NEWS

CUFI's Elliot P. Chodoff to Speak *(continued from front page)*

Chodoff is a major in the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) reserves and is a graduate of the Home Front Command Senior Commanders Course. He presently serves as the Population Officer in the Operations Branch of IDF Northern Command.

From 2002 to 2011 he was the Commanding Officer of the Population Behavior and Information Unit of the Northern Region in IDF Home Front Command. In that capacity, he served on active duty in the North for five weeks during the Second Lebanon War of 2006. He served in Gush Katif during the Gaza Disengagement in the summer of 2005 and he was a member of the rescue teams in the aftermath of the bombing of the Taba Hilton in 2004 and in the Carmel fire in 2010. He is an expert in infantry weapons and tactics, and has taught courses in field-craft and small unit tactics to infantry, paratroop, and special operations officers. Elliot received the IDF Home Front Command Outstanding Officer Award in 2006.

Chodoff is a graduate of the Ramaz School in New York. He received a BA with honors in sociology and a BS in biological sciences from SUNY at Stony Brook and an MA in sociology from The University of Chicago. He is writing a PhD dissertation in international relations at Bar Ilan University on deterrence of terrorist organizations. He is an adjunct lecturer at the University of Haifa, and he was the Bornblum/Lemsky Visiting Scholar at the University of Memphis for the spring semesters 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Chodoff moved to Israel in 1983 and is a founding member of Eshchar, a community village in the Galilee, where he and his wife, Shoshannah, reside. A licensed tour guide, he also leads educational tours throughout Israel.

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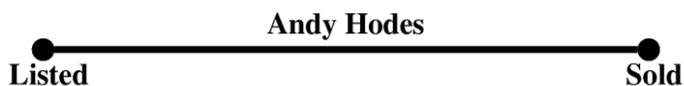
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In Our Words: Our Mission Trip to Israel



by **Annette McJunkin and
Alice Goss-Morgan**

We are home from our mission trip to Israel. It was an amazing journey. We networked with over 100 other Federations across the US and Canada. We saw unbelievable sites, and learned about Israel's history. We even spent time with our

former shlichim family. We built friendships and connections with our colleagues as well as with the people of Israel.

If we had to choose our most powerful experience, we would say it was the visit in Yad Vashem, the Holocaust museum in Jerusalem. Nothing you read or hear compares to being in Israel at the museum. It left an indescribable heaviness in our hearts.

Other meaningful experiences included engaging with different groups and organizations (ENP, World Ort, JDC's Health Zone, Technion University, and Jewish Agencies helping Israelis in need) that the Chattanooga Jewish Federation supports and seeing how important our work is. Plain and simple - Federation has an incredible impact on the people of Israel. What we saw and experienced was just a glimpse of what we help support, but we were humbled and proud to be a part of something so powerful.

Along with other wonderful days in Israel, Alice especially enjoyed traveling to the Tel Aviv Carmel market with Noa's parents, and she also enjoyed working with Noa's brother-in-law Moshe at his restaurant in Tel Aviv one evening.

We would like to say a special thank you to Michael and staff, the Federation Board and Federation family, and the donors who made this incredible journey possible. We truly feel that we are part of the Federation community. It will truly be one of the most memorable experiences that we will always cherish. Thank you again for the opportunity to see Federation dollars at work and to experience such a fascinating and vibrant country and culture.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Mazel Tov

--to Mizpah member Deborah Levine, author and Editor-in-Chief of "The American Diversity Report" (<https://americandiversityreport.com>) for her recent nomination for the national Margot Friedlander Award, at the 2017 92Y Extraordinary Women Awards.

Condolences

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

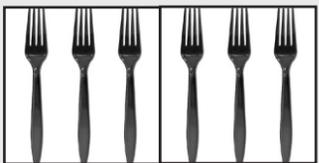
--Mary Spector, mother of Michael (Linda) Spector

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

Tributes

In Memory of

Jay Susman, Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel; Susan McDaniel
Amelia Allen, Dr. and Mrs. Aronson; CJP; Tracy Richmond



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.

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!



Have You Lost Touch?

No longer getting weekly e-mails from the Federation? Please call Courtney 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.

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**

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**Sorry, there will be no
Thanksgiving pies this year.**

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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.



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About PJ Library:

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

SHLICHIM PROGRAM



The Zionist Dream

Chen Dahan, Federation Shlichah
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This month we are celebrating a significant event in the history of Zionism. On November 2, 1917--exactly 100 years ago--the Balfour Declaration was issued. The declaration was a significant political achievement of the Zionist movement: Britain, a world power, had agreed to extend its patronage of the Zionist movement and to help it realize its main goal. It was the first *gushpanka* – a seal – that the Zionist dream can actually come true.

The Zionist dream has existed in the hearts of millions of Jews around the world for thousands of years. We say it every Yom Kippur and Passover Seder: *Le'shana haba'a be'Yerushalaim Habnuya*, literally, "Next year in Jerusalem." A question I've been struggling with for the past few years is, "What is the Zionist dream?" So I have examined some of the things that the most prominent Zionist thinkers dreamed of. Read on.

Theodor Herzl just wanted to be like other people. He dreamed about a state that would fulfill the national aspiration of the Jewish people, but actually would be a secular German-speaking European country for the Jews. Eliezer Ben Yehuda believed it should be a Hebrew speaking secular state, while A.D. Gordon, in opposition to both of them, believed that the Jews in Israel should leave the Eastern European cultural life behind and live in their true natural habitat by working the land. Ahad Ha'am dreamed about Israel as a spiritual and cultural center for Jews all over the world, and Zeev Jabotinsky saw, in his vision, a strong military country.

In the minds of our most "famous" Zionist thinkers, we see something interesting. On the one hand, all of them had the same dream – to establish a national home for the Jewish people in the land of Israel - Eretz Yisrael. And yet, on the other hand, each envisioned something different for this national home.

We also should remember that besides those thinkers, there were millions of others who dreamed, and still dream, about Israel every single day. And because dreams are naturally different, we all have a different Israel in our minds. We will never dream the exact same dream--in sleep, or as a nation.

I think that even though the Zionist movement made the state of Israel a fact on the ground seventy years ago, we are still dreaming. We want to see Israel as we imagine it, not always as it is in reality. Some people want to see Israel more "green", some want to see her more democratic. Some think Israel can be stronger and some say it should be more humane.

If you have a dream of how you want to see Israel in the next seventy years, please act to fulfill it. Israel needs us, Jews from around the world, to improve, grow and change it constantly. And please, never stop dreaming about Israel, because if we do, we will lose the dream before we can attain it.

Shlichim and Supervisors Conference



Between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, Michael Dzik, Ann Treadwell and I traveled to Palm Beach, Florida to the annual Shlichim and Supervisors conference. We met with other Federation shlichim from around the country, their supervisors and the Jewish agency staff, to share ideas and learn how we can maximize the shlichut mission this year.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 7PM
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The Pedestrian Perspective



Yom Kippur in Israel

This Yom Kippur was a special one for me. For the first time I was away from home, where cars are not allowed during this day. I decided to "fast" from my car for 24 hours (i.e. not drive!) and I walk all the way



Yom Kippur in Chattanooga

from the foot of Signal Mountain to Chabad and Mizpah, and the next day to Bna'i Zion! It was really special and peaceful to see Chattanooga from the pedestrian perspective, to pass things slowly and take them in. I saw things I hadn't see before, and watched the city with new eyes!

I went to Israel at the end of October to celebrate my brother's Bar Mitzvah – stay tuned for photos and stories in the next Shofar!



Chen's host families:

Beth and Rob Lowe
Dr. Dennis and Susan Matzkin
Chuck and Melinda Rosenthal



Want to ask Chen for Shabbat, coffee, lunch, or dinner?

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SOCIAL SERVICES



Ready, Set, Go!

Erricka Hill, MSW
Social Services Director
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Shalom Chattanooga Jewish community! My name is Erricka Hill, and I'm your new Social Services Director. I started work at the Federation last month, and I am delighted to be here!

I have been a social worker for over 10 years and mostly worked in a variety of healthcare settings. I am excited to transition more into community work. I've spent a lot of my time so far at the Federation getting trained, meeting my colleagues, and getting organized, so I can hit the ground running. My first big task will be to help those of you who need it get signed up for Medicare during open enrollment. As of now, I have approximately 20 people scheduled for the next two weeks. Please remember to sign up as soon as possible as the deadline for open enrollment is December 7th, and it is extremely difficult to change your plan after the deadline (unless you are receiving the Medicare Extra Help benefit).

I've met some of you doing home visits with Edie, our Federation nurse, and attended my first Tuesday Café (where I had some of Alice's fantastic dessert!). I am ready to meet the rest of you!

On a personal note, I am the mother of two lovely boys ages 15 and 10. I also have a younger child (well...I consider him my third child...my dog, Ruckus!). When I'm not working or taking care of my boys and Ruckus, I love to read--and to shop for cute shoes.

I have also picked up some new hobbies this year. Believe it or not, I have embraced hunting and fishing. Nature has taught me to continue to practice meditation and mindfulness, to expect the unexpected, and to practice patience--not only with myself by providing more self-care, but also toward others. It is so important to have patience and mindfulness and to truly care about the work you do. Which I do.

So again, I look forward to serving all of you, and I am excited to be welcomed into the Federation--and your--family!



To Your Health: A Note From Edie Redish, Community Nurse

More and more in recent days, I found I wasn't seeing well, and so I scheduled an appointment with my eye doctor. He in turn referred me to a doctor who specializes in cataract detection. I'll be having my cataracts removed October 31, and look forward to seeing everyone clearly again soon!

Not all problems and illnesses present with symptoms. It's very important to see your physician every year for a complete physical and tests

appropriate to your age.

November: National Focus is on the Following

- National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month
- American Diabetes Month
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Awareness Month
- Diabetic Eye Disease Month
- National Epilepsy Awareness Month
- National Family Caregivers Month
- National Healthy Skin Month
- National Hospice Palliative Care Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
- National Stomach Cancer Awareness Month
- Prematurity Awareness Month
- Global Antibiotic Awareness Week (November 14-20)
- GERD Awareness Week (Thanksgiving week)
- Great American Smokeout (third Thursday of November)
- World Prematurity Day (November 17)
- Bladder Health Month
- International Survivors of Suicide Day (November 19)
- National Family Health History Day (November 24)

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

(These appointments are on a first come first serve basis so don't delay!)

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. See below for drivers'



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 Tuesdays- Jason
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Jason Shuman: 423-320-1480
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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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MONDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Jewish Documentary Film Series 2017

ON THE MAP

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

"Israel is **ON THE MAP**, not just in sport, but in everything!"
Tal Brody, Maccabi Team Captain,
European Basketball Championships, 1977



Winner of twelve different audience awards for best documentary, *On The Map* is certainly about sport, basketball specifically. However, it is really about inspiration, courage and sacrifice. Built around the story of college student Tal Brody, a Jewish American not particularly connected to life in Israel until he played in the Maccabiah Games, the movie follows him as he becomes a true Jewish Israeli hero. Tal Brody could have been a first round draft pick and gone on to have a financially lucrative and great career in the NBA; however, his visit to Israel and his encounters with Moshe Dayan inspired him to become the cornerstone of the new Israeli basketball team that would eventually compete in the European Cup against much more experienced teams. In an era of discrimination against Jews by some of their competitors, they went on to win the 1977 championship against a Russian team with Olympic players--on a Belgian court, because the Russians would not play in Israel. A story of perseverance, personal sacrifice, and courage, this story will inspire you. The team's win put Israel "on the map - not only in sport but in everything". **Language: English and Hebrew with English subtitles. Running time 85 minutes.**

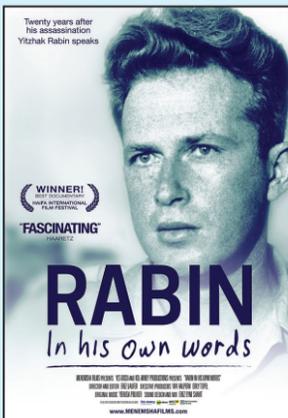
Discussion led by Tal Cohen, Israeli basketball player, follows screening.

THE OUTRAGEOUS SOPHIE TUCKER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

The Outrageous Sophie Tucker is the story of perhaps the most talented, dynamic, brassy, bawdy, risqué, unconventional and brilliant Jewish entertainer of the vaudeville era. Sophie Tucker was an overweight, ordinary-looking Russian Jew from New York who was able to build a unique career despite what others perceived as her shortcomings. She rose to stardom, first singing in clubs made-up with "blackface" (also used by Al Jolson to enable them to perform in the Vaudeville era). She was a Broadway star, a jazz singer, and a comedienne whose routines were often a bit smutty. "Some of These Days", her first and most famous song, was first recorded in 1911 and became the title of her memoir.

Sophie was friends with seven US Presidents, European royalty and such varied prominent figures as Fanny Brice, Al Capone, Frank Sinatra and J. Edgar Hoover, who, she said, once asked to borrow one of her dresses. She had a sense of theater and a presence that was larger than life. Quite simply she was the "roar" in the "Roaring 20s". **Language: English. Running Time: 96 Minutes**



Rabin in His Own Words

MONDAY, DEC. 4

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**

Discussion led by Federation shlichah Chen Dahan follows screening.

Fast Facts about the 2017 Jewish Documentary Film Series

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November 20

November 27

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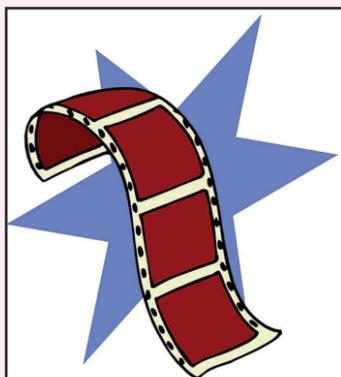
Cost:

\$8 includes screening, popcorn and soda

RSVP:

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Movie descriptions courtesy of Stephen Black



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