

THE SHOFAAR

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Community Candle Lighting and Federation/Hadassah Lunch in December



Happy Hanukkah

Join us at the JCC for the annual Chanukah candle lighting ceremony and dinner, Sunday, December 2nd at 5:30 pm. There will be oven-fried chicken, potato latkes, green beans, and desserts. Bring your own chanukiah or use one of ours. We will supply candles.

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. The per-person cost increases by \$4 at the door, so rsvp early to rsvp@jewishchattanooga.com, or by calling 493-0270.

On Tuesday, December 4th, join us again for a joint Federation/Hadassah Chanukah lunch. We'll be serving up brisket, latkes, green beans, and apple strudel, and there will be a klezmer music celebration with Ed Bergin on accordion and Gordon Iman on clarinet. It's a great time to bring your donations of nonperishable food for the Chattanooga Food Bank, and toiletries for Room in the Inn. Donations accepted from Wednesday, November 21st through Wednesday, December 19th.

Cost is \$10 and you must RSVP for the lunch to 493-0270 or email federation@jewishchattanooga.com.



The State of the 2019 Annual Campaign

by Mike Spector, Campaign Chair



We have reached the month of December. Our Thanksgiving leftovers are long gone, and now we get ready for the eight nights of Chanukah, which begin December 2nd. Students are wrapping up their fall semester, and many people are looking toward end-of-the year vacations.

But here at the Federation, it's crunch time! This is when we reach out to donors we've not yet heard from, to encourage them to help us achieve our annual goal.

The 2019 Annual Campaign is coming along quite well. As of this printing we have just surpassed the \$951,000 amount--so close to breaking \$1,000,000 and beyond! Four-hundred seventy community members have already made a commitment to the Federation and the annual campaign this year, and I continue to be amazed and humbled by the generosity of this Jewish community. It is personally gratifying that so many people have made their gifts. It's equally gratifying that this year's campaign team consists of over forty community volunteer ambassadors who are a central reason for our success. You have heard me say this before, that when the leadership from Chattanooga goes to national events, we are always singled out as one of the smallest Federations with one of the largest per capita campaigns. I don't take for granted any of the donors, volunteers, staff, and/or community members who have made this a reality.

I want to express my undying gratitude to everyone who helped me as campaign ambassadors this year, and to everyone who has already made their pledge. It is our goal to wrap up the campaign by the Federation's annual meeting on Sunday, January 6, 2019. If we haven't reached out to you yet, please reach out to us. Add your name to the growing list of Honor Roll donors with a simple call or email.

Again, thank you for the tremendous support. This community always makes me proud!

Chattanooga Community Comes Together for Vigil for Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue



Approximately 800 Chattanoogaans of all faiths gathered inside and outside the Jewish Cultural Center on October 29th to honor the victims of the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting and to pay tribute to the first responders. In an overwhelming show of support, the community filled the main room and the lobby of the Jewish Cultural Center to capacity, and additional members stood outside where a loudspeaker broadcast the vigil. A large paper banner hung on the brick wall outside, on which people wrote messages of compassion, love and support (above).

"This was an event I wish never had to be planned," said Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik, "but one where the interfaith community convened for a beautiful showing of support. We all felt the warmth and caring nature of Chattanooga. The Jewish community will continue to take an active role in combatting hate in all of its forms. Our Community Relations Committee (CRC) is looking to take action steps while also working with the rest of the Chattanooga faith community in building a more united, understanding and caring community."

Thank you to all who came out and showed their support on this most difficult

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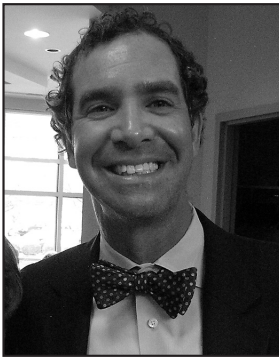
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SAVE THESE DATES

January 6 Federation Annual Meeting
January 9, 16, 23 Jewish Documentary Film Series
January 27 Special Screening of "Who Will Write our History?"

NOTES FROM LEADERSHIP



Our Community's Response to Hate and Violence: Hineni, or "Here I am"

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It was heartwarming to see the interfaith community in Chattanooga unite at the Jewish Cultural Center on October 29th to honor those injured and killed by an anti-Semitic gunman during Shabbat at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. An attack on one of us is an attack on all of us, no matter our differences.

As a Jewish community, we answer the call to unite like Moses and Abraham answered when called upon: with *hineni*, meaning, "Here I am," and I am ready to act. Throughout our history, we have answered attacks not by being complacent, but by coming together to answer the call to action.

In Berlin in 1938, the Nazis yelled, "All Jews must die!"

At Bobi Yar Kiev in 1941, the Nazis yelled "All Jews must die!"

In Poland in 1941, the Nazis yelled, "All Jews must die!"

On the banks of the Danube in Budapest in 1945, the fascists yelled, "All Jews must die!"

In Munich in 1972, a terrorist yelled, "All Jews must die!"

In Paris in 1982, a terrorist yelled, "All Jews must die!"

In Argentina in 1994, a terrorist yelled, "All Jews must die!"

In Tel Aviv in 200, a terrorist yelled, "All Jews must die!"

In Jerusalem in 2014, a terrorist yelled, "All Jews must die!"

In Paris in 2015, a terrorist yelled, "All Jews must die!"

On October 27th, at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, a lone gunman yelled, "All Jews must die!"

In all of these instances, we answered with the call, "Hineni."

What follows are my remarks from the community vigil on Monday October 29th, edited slightly for space.

"Hineni, here I am, and thank you for being here too. On October 27th, a lone gunman yelled, "All Jews must die" at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. "Never forget" are words we have all grown up with, which came out of the lessons we learned from the Holocaust. Today we come together and stand side by side, Jews and non-Jews, Muslims, Baha'i, Christians, and Catholics--a community of different faiths--and say, "Never again."

"*Hineni* is a Jewish value: wherever there is a need, we come together to stand up against hate. We show our unity by being here tonight, to remember those who lost their lives in this senseless act of violence, to pray for a speedy recovery for those injured, and to honor those who put their lives on the line to protect them.

"Too many times in the recent past we have united as a community in places like Columbine, Charleston, San Bernardino, Las Vegas, Sandy Hook, Orlando, Nashville, Parkland, and Chattanooga, because an attack on one is an attack on all of us. Where do we go from here?"

"In Judaism we teach our children about *tikkun olam*, Hebrew for "repair the world." It is our responsibility to act today, to unite as communities around the world, to mourn and to spread love and kindness. As the great Elie Wiesel said, "*Never again*" is more than a slogan: it's a prayer, a promise, a vow. There will never again be hatred, people say. Never again jail and torture. Never again the suffering of innocent people, or the shooting of starving, frightened, children. And never again the glorification of base, ugly, dark violence."

"We as a community answer every attack with *hineni*, and we must act. Currently our Community Relations Committee is looking into creating programs that bring the greater Chattanooga community together, to have a dialogue on these tough issues of today. And we already have a program in the works scheduled for the spring, a panel discussion on hate and violence. We as a community, and as leadership, will act to make sure that our voice is heard, our community is protected, and our world is a better place."

Hineni



Going Home Again

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Last month, I was in Israel for a six-day whirlwind trip for the Federation's annual meeting (General Assembly – GA) and our Partnership2Gether (P2G) Shabbat weekend in Hadera. I loved being "home" with our friends and family. Sara Reiner and her husband Shlomo hosted a delicious

Shabbat dinner in Hadera. The Reiner's have actually hosted me twice before, once when I was travelling through Israel with my daughter Rebecca, and again last summer when Paula and I were touring Israel. Sara was also the chaperone for an Israel teen delegation to Chattanooga six years ago.

There were several other Israelis who also came for dinner, including former consortium Israel chair Tovah Meiner. Other Americans from our P2G consortium in Charleston and Jacksonville were also there. And there was even a surprise Chattanooga at dinner: our previous shlichah, Shiran, who drove up from Tel Aviv!

I was fortunate to connect with many other people as well. Past shlichim Noa Hadad, Raoul Molnar and Einav Cahaner met me for brunch in Jaffa one morning. They are all doing great, and continue to feel the same special connection with the Chattanooga community as when they were here. (By the way, one week after my visit, Einav was married to her boyfriend of the past three years, Asaph. The timing unfortunately didn't work out to see Hadas, but she too got married just this past year!) I'm so proud of each of our shlichim as they have not only made friends with each other, but continue to stay in touch with so many of their Chattanooga family. I know our shlichim go out of their way to see anyone who visits Israel.

I am proud that our community "people" connections spread wide and far throughout our Chattanooga Jewish community, especially through P2G. Earlier this spring, Julie and Rob Cowan went on our Running2Gether mission to Hadera, to eventually run in the Jerusalem Marathon. Numerous teens have gone to Israel on our P2G Tikkun Olam summer program, most recently Kalli Agudo and Carolyn Potts. Jon Cohen is taking advantage of our P2G medical delegation to Israel this January, teaming up with an Israeli doctor in his field. Chattanooga hosted a P2G YL seminar two years ago and now the return conference is in Israel this March. Cara Weiner, Jason Shuman, and Josh Schklar are already signed up

for this Israel leadership event.

And what I know most is not only the impact these experiences have on the participants, but also the shared impact on their friends, family and the entire Jewish community. And remember, by going on a P2G trip you also meet new people from the southeastern United States, as our consortium includes Nashville, Knoxville, Richmond, Charlotte, Charleston, Jacksonville, Pinellas, Ft. Myers, and Daytona Beach.

Everything the Federation does is about community and people. We are run by volunteer boards and committees. Our social services is a resource for everyone in our community. Transportation services help our non-drivers stay independent. Aleph Bet educates our youngest community members and engages our young families. Young Leadership connects our young adults. Our programming brings us all together, to share Jewish life and to share life as Jews. We come together for social time, community service, social service, education, and of course, great meals and discussion. I am extremely proud of what this Jewish community does and continues to do. I feel honored to be able to be one of the guides that connects people. Thank you for the opportunity.

Responding to Evil with Community

On a completely separate note, one of my proudest moments in the Jewish community was an evening I wish had never had to be planned. Much of the world, and the entire Jewish world, was shaken to its core on Saturday, October 27th, when eleven members of the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh were brutally murdered during Shabbat services.

Each person murdered was a beautiful, innocent individual. They each had a story: two were special-needs brothers, one was a Holocaust survivor, two were husband and wife. Our lives have forever been changed because of this tragedy in Pittsburgh.

Shootings have taken place at schools, churches, mosques, concerts, and many other public gathering spaces, and now a Jewish house of worship. We've heard about the rise of anti-Semitism; reported incidents are up 57% in the United States over the past year.

The Jewish community's response was quick, powerful and community-wide. Our local police department, including both Eric Tucker (Deputy Police Chief) and David Roddy (Police Chief) were in touch with the Jewish community within hours of the Pittsburgh event. The Jewish community leadership convened that Sunday morning, with both Deputy Chief Tucker and Chief Roddy also in attendance. After reaffirming our community's security and going over protocol, we recognized that the Jewish

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The Importance of Connecting

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Eye contact. Walking around the room. Sensing space. Lifting barriers. Handshakes. Conversations begun. A confession: I am an introvert. I am uncomfortable in most rooms with most people. I get drained rather than energized.

But I surround myself with those who make friends easily and automatically: extroverts. I have learned that my strength in leadership is to stay in the background, where I can encourage, mentor, and advise those in the foreground.

There is a big note on my refrigerator at home that says, "Life is not about finding yourself or your comfort zone – it is about creating yourself." Connecting *is* creating. I support, promote and fully understand the power of connecting. In fact, I believe that in connecting, we gain the greatest strength.

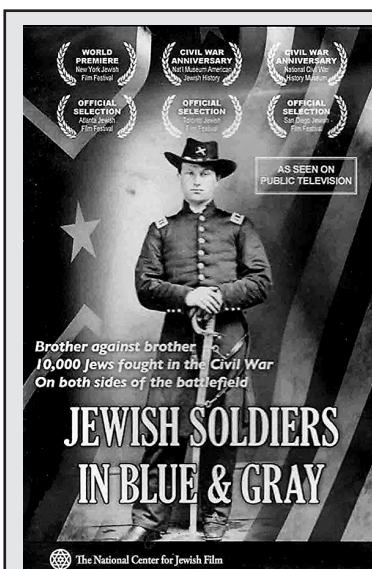
In December and through the early part of 2019, the Federation will be doing a great deal of connecting and reconnecting. Shiran Amir, a former shlichah, will be here December 2-5. Her visit will mean that all of our past shlichim have come back to their second home, Chattanooga, to reconnect. News from past shlichim include the marriages of Hadas Peled and Einav Cahaner this year. Noa Hadad, who visited earlier this year, is part of the Cadets for Civil Service program in Israel and is the founder of the Jerusalem Beit Midrash for shlichim. Raoul Molnar is settling in with a new job, a girlfriend, and perhaps a move to Hadera in our P2G region in Israel. They are all staying connected with us.

And we are connecting with Israel. In December, Lynn Howard, our current shlichah Chen Dahan, and I will go to Charlotte to participate in the Partnership2Gether Educators Conference. Also in December, four of Chattanooga's Young Jewish Leadership participants will be partnered with Israelis of the same age to study together and then meet in Israel in March. This new cohort of partners will meet with past partners to share experiences. But that's not all. In January, Jon Cohen will be going to Israel as part of the Physicians' Delegation. The Federation is helping to make connections. Won't you consider a Federation mission trip or delegation trip to Israel? Connect!

The Federation fosters many types of connecting. For example, we have been fortunate to participate in interfaith activities with Christians United for Israel (CUFI) and other interfaith leaders. The bonds we have built was very evident during the vigil for the Tree of Life Congregation in October and the Night To Honor Israel in November. Additionally, Christian clergy wrote a letter to the editor of the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*, in support of the Jewish community. This is all a part of connecting.

We have begun conversation about topics such as marketing, interfaith programming, Israel programming, and hot topics. These small groups help us determine adaptations to our strategic plan, and helps to focus us on new efforts.

Then there is social connecting and connecting through the sharing of ideas. Whether it's with folks at Tuesday Café, discussing foreign policy, lighting Chanukah candles and eating together, looking at artwork, listening to and responding to oral histories, or speaking with staff, there is something to do here at the Federation. We invite you to connect.



Documentary Film Series Begins in January

January 9 "Jewish Soldiers in the Blue and Gray"

January 16 "Land of Milk and Funny"

January 23 "The Mossad"

January 27 "Who Will Write Our History?"

Federation and Aleph Bet will be closed December 25th.

Tuesday Cafe



Tuesdays, December 4, 11, 18 at noon. Menu will be listed in the community email. \$10. To-go orders may be available after all event attendees are served. Please RSVP.

Hebrew Class

Tuesdays, December 4, 11, 18. Israel@jewishchattanooga.com for info.

Community Chanukah Party and Candlelighting

Sunday, December 2 @ 5:30, JCC. See front page for details. RSVP.

Joint Federation/Hadassah Lunch

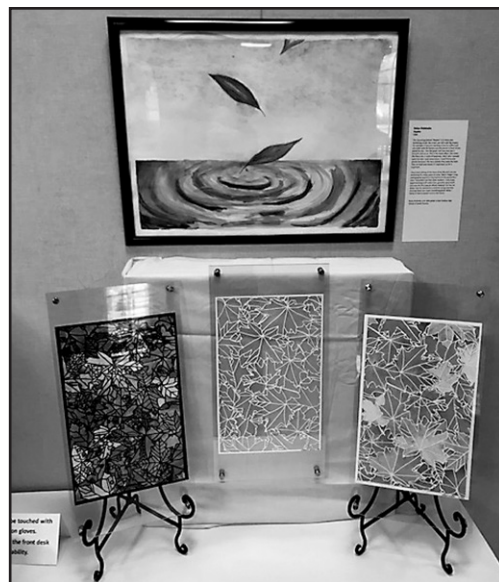
Tuesday, December 4 at noon. Musical guest. See front page for details. RSVP.

Young Jewish Leadership Thirsty Thursday

Thursday, December 6 at 5:30 pm. Place TBD.

"Leaves" Exhibit Extended

By popular request, the Leaves exhibit has been extended to 4pm Friday, December 14th. There is no cost to view. Open during Federation hours, Monday through Thursday, 9-5pm, Friday, 9-4pm.



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

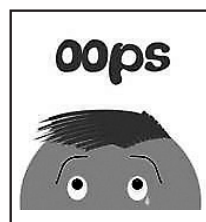
There are three easy ways to RSVP:

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.**

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.

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!

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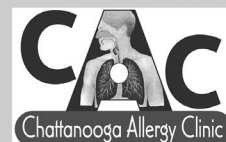
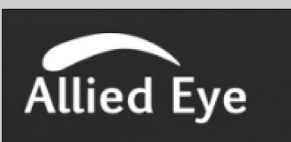


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community and all of Chattanooga needed something to bring us together. A vigil was planned for the next evening at the Jewish Cultural Center.

What happened over the next thirty hours was nothing short of amazing. Rabbis Tendler, Lewis and Perlstein reached out to their clergy contacts. Our Jewish community presidents, Austin Center, Bill Hillner and Alan Richelson, worked as a team to ensure that the event would speak to everyone in the Jewish community. All forms of media were used to spread the word about the vigil, with newspapers, television, and radio all promoting the event. The Federation staff dropped everything they were doing to plan the program, set up chairs, ensure security, review all of the necessary logistics, and add speakers and sound for both inside and outside the JCC, as we expected an overflow crowd.

An hour before the vigil was scheduled to begin, a sea of people began arriving. Our parking lot filled up within minutes, as did our overflow lot at the Church of the Nazarene. I watched as hundreds of people walked through parking lots and grass to get to the JCC. A ten-foot banner was hung outside the JCC so that attendees could write messages of hope and remembrance, which they quickly filled up. I was profoundly moved as I watched the crowds--all here in support of our Jewish community--swell to approximately 800 people. The multi-purpose room was standing room only. The JCC lobby was shoulder to shoulder. And there were hundreds more outside.

Austin Center, Federation Board Chair, set the tone with opening remarks followed by all three rabbis and two local non-Jewish clergy, Reverend Clay Thomas and Bishop Kevin Adams, who spoke about healing, unity and hope. All of their remarks brought us closer together as Jews and as a Chattanooga community. There was a candlelighting ceremony and musical pieces by the Mizpah choir.

As a Jewish community and people, I feel we're quite lucky. Family is always a priority. Learning and eating are part of our culture. And we know that we Jews love a good conversation! But when we drill down to our core, we're all about people. And it showed.

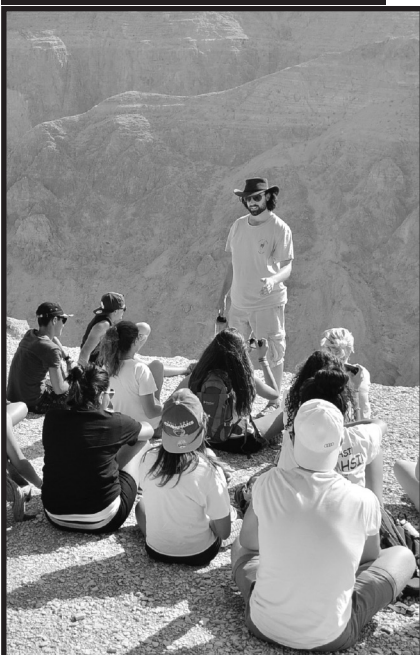
Night to Honor Israel, November 1st



David Bean, volunteer, Speaker Erick Stakelbeck, Federation Executive Director Michael Dzik. Below, candle lighting for Pittsburgh victims.



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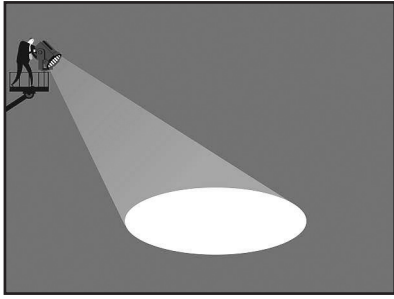
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You can now update your contact information for the 2019 Directory by going to the website! Simply go to <https://www.jewishchattanooga.com> and click on Contact us>Directory Updates.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Searching for a Few Good Directories



The Archives Committee is looking for copies of the Federation directory from 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2011, and 2010. If you have one in good condition, please bring it to Ann Treadwell at the Jewish Cultural Center. Thank you!

Mazel Tov! 2013-14 Federation shlichah Einav married in Israel



Our website is up-to-date and state of the art. Please begin using it if you haven't already!

You can RSVP to events, register to volunteer, read *The Shofar*, and even donate.

<http://www.jewishchattanooga.com>.

You're gonna love it!



Tributes

In Memory of

--Mildred Stein, *Elaine and Sanford Winer.*

--Estelle Silver, *Austin Center*

--the Pittsburgh massacre victims, *Gil and Nancy Travis*

Mazel Tov

--to Jackie Nodell and Jim Carey, who were married October 26th at Mizpah Congregation.

Condolences

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

--B. David Krigelman

--Brent Matthew Sirota, son of Ben and Cindy (Brody) Sirota, brother of Brittany Sirota, grandson of Edward (Sonny) Brody and Helen Brody (deceased).

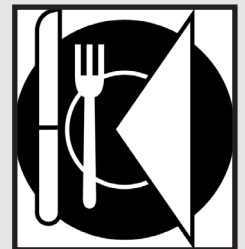
--Dr. Kenneth Bryant Snell, beloved father/father-in-law of Victoria and John Steinberg, Cynthia Hwang - Snell and Martin Hwang, Suzanne and Eric Hanson, and Laura and Steve Murphy.

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.

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.



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Want more information?

Contact Michael Dzik at
493-0270 ext. 15.



COMMUNITY NEWS

B'Nai Zion, Mizpah Team up to Serve Christmas Lunch at Erlanger

B'nai Zion and Mizpah congregations are again joining together to serve lunch at Erlanger Medical Center on Christmas Day. There are three ways to participate in this *chesed*, or act of loving kindness: (1) Sign-up for a volunteer shift using the link provided by your congregation in their weekly email, or by contacting a co-chair below; (2) Cook a dessert, as we bring homemade desserts to serve. Please contact a volunteer below to arrange for pick-up; or (3) Make a donation to Mizpah or B'nai Zion earmarked for the Christmas Luncheon and we will use your donation to purchase desserts. Whatever you do will make a difference to the 800 families and staff members we will serve on Christmas Day. For more information contact Andy Hodes (Mizpah and BZ) at 595-7355; Stephen or Bonnie Black (BZ) at 781-821-6977 (Stephen) or 781-626-0433 (Bonnie); or Richard Zachary (Mizpah) at 322-3332. Thank you.



Carla Nixon, Bonnie Black, Irv Ginsberg at the 2017 Erlanger Luncheon

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ISRAEL UPDATE עֵדוּת בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל

ESCALATION IN THE SOUTHERN BORDER IN ISRAEL

Since mid-November we have watched the situation deteriorate on the southern border of Israel. Air raid sirens have been blaring as terrorists on the Gaza strip have fired more than 400 rockets and mortar rounds in what is considered one of the largest-ever barrages on southern Israel.

Thousand of families have stayed in bomb shelters at night. One officer and one civilian died, and dozens of people have been injured. Eventually, there was a cease-fire mediated by Egypt, after which Israeli defense minister Avigdor Liberman announced his resignation from the government and called for general elections.

ISRAEL HELD THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WITH SURPRISING RESULTS

On October 30, Israeli municipal elections were held in 251 local authorities and cities. In Jerusalem, Orthodox candidate Moshe Leon (below right) was elected after a tight second round against the secular candidate, Ofer Berkovich. In Tel Aviv, the former mayor of twenty years, Ron Huldai (below, left) was re-elected after running against his own protege Asaf Zamir. In Haifa, acting mayor of fifteen years Yona Yahav was replaced by his opponent Dr. Einat Kalisch-Rotem (below, middle).



Halloween is over – it's time to get rid of the gently used costumes!

We are looking for gently used costumes in good shape to give to kids in Israel to use during Purim!

We will be donating the costumes to the "Neve Micahel" children village in our partnership region, Hadera - Eron.

Please drop the costumes at the Jewish Federation during office hours from now through January 10.

5461 North Terrace Rd, Chattanooga, TN 37411

For more information contact Chen at Israel@Jewishchattanooga.com

Conversational Hebrew Class Continues

- December 4th --Getting around
- December 11th--In the news
- December 18th--Holidays with the family
- January 8th--Slang
- January 11th--(Friday, time TBD)--Hebrew celebration and Israeli meal and games



Are you interested in **Israeli dance class**? Will meet 1.5 hours/week, time and day to be determined. Please e-mail Israel@Jewishchattanooga.com and let me know where you stand!

SOCIAL SERVICES



The Season to Help Others

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Some people volunteer to make new friends. Others give back because it just feels good. There are many reasons people volunteer, beyond the simple goodness of their hearts (though that's certainly an important one!). And oftentimes, it's a combination of factors that motivates a person to begin—and continue—volunteering.

At Createthegood.org we've ranked ten of the many motives people have for giving back in their communities and beyond. What's your biggest reason for volunteering?

1. **Make an impact:** Unlike other aspects of life you may not be able to control, volunteering allows you to choose where and how to make a difference. It's easy to get inspired with a cause you truly care about—and it's rewarding to see your direct impact.
2. **Strengthen communities:** From cleaning up a street to reading to kids at the local library, you can enhance your own life by improving the areas where you work, live and play. A strong community with a high quality of life means safer, healthier lives for you and those around you.
3. **Meet others:** Volunteering is a great outlet for meeting others. A local club or organization can put you face-to-face with people right in your community—plus, it's easy to bond over a shared passion. You can create lasting friendships with those you may not have otherwise met in your day-to-day grind.
4. **Improve your health:** Volunteering is actually good for you. Studies have shown that volunteering makes people feel physically healthier, manage chronic health conditions and lower stress!
5. **Take the lead:** Often what a great effort needs most is a great leader. If you see a cause that needs a push or a group that needs a leader—take the lead! Many find leadership rewarding in itself because of the opportunity to share their passion, value and inspiration with others. When you take a leadership role, you also have the ability shape the world around you in the ways you choose.
6. **Share expertise:** Everyone has a skill or experience from which someone else can benefit. If you aren't putting your talents to their best use in your everyday life (or even if you are!), volunteering can be a prime way to share. Get out in your community and put your skills—from teaching to sewing—toward helping others. You may be surprised at how your own abilities sharpen when you share your knowledge.
7. **Improve skills—or learn new ones:** Want to learn basic carpentry, improve your cooking or discover how something works? Classes and courses can come at a cost—but volunteering is free! Why not begin your learning at no charge with an organization or opportunity where you can learn by doing?
8. **Up your resume ante:** Considering a career shift? Want to try out a new field before taking the leap? A volunteering gig can be a perfect way to fill a knowledge or employment gap. It can also be a valuable addition to a resume if you're applying to a new job or graduate school program.
9. **Find new opportunities:** Doors open when you volunteer. You can widen your social network, discover an organization in your community or finally talk to the person you always see on the bus! You may even stumble across your dream job by meeting your future colleague or next job reference.
10. **Because it just feels good!**

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2019 Open Enrollment for ACA, "Affordable Health Care Act" Hamilton County
 November 1st 2018 thru December 15th 2018.
 To make an appointment, call 211 or 423-622-0974.



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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Social Services Program is made possible by your donations to the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign.

Have You Lost Touch?

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

Need a Ride? Tips for Van Travelers



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.

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.)

- 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

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Eddie: 423-298-7169
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Tree of Life Synagogue Vigil



By the Numbers

800

Approximate number of people who attended the Tree of Life Synagogue vigil at the JCC



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